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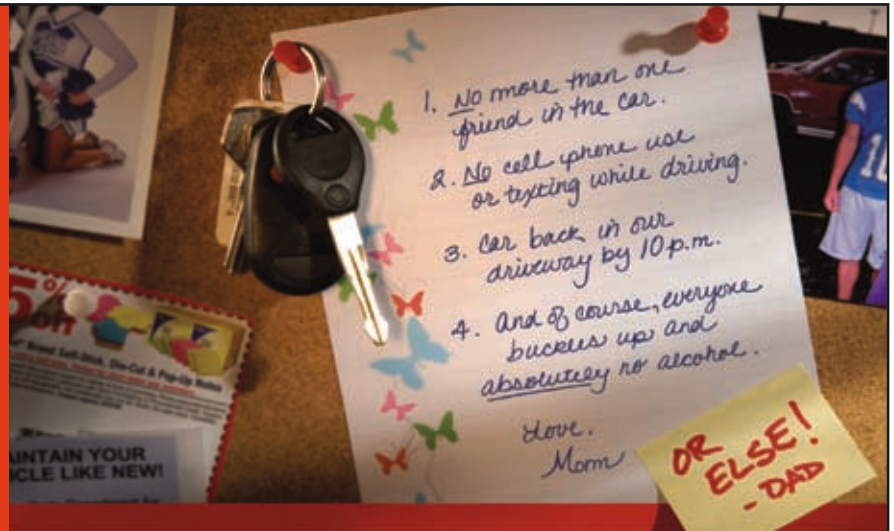
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A WORD FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR



Spring is the season that traditionally reminds us of fresh beginnings, new awakening and growth. These wonderful sentiments are all too appropriate descriptions of the good things happening at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy this spring. It is an exciting time for Notre Dame students and our alumni!

In March we will break ground on the new Notre Dame Marist Academy lower division school building on our Pontiac campus. This move has been long-awaited by our community as it unites our junior-kindergarten-through-fifth-grade students with those of our middle and upper divisions. We pray that the brand new school building will be a happy home to Notre Dame children for years to come, many of whom are and will be the children of our alumni.

Later this spring we will welcome 189 new members into our alumni association as graduates of the Notre Dame Preparatory School class of 2013. This exceptional class includes four National Merit Scholarship finalists, two individual achievers of a perfect "36" ACT score, award-winning athletes—some of whom have signed to play at the college level, acclaimed musicians and vocalists, and a Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient who was nationally recognized for her exemplary acts of volunteerism with the blind. The diversely talented class of 2013 already has shown great love for its alma mater in preparing to make the first senior class gift to the Notre

Dame Annual Fund in school history.

The alumni association surely can take pride in its growing and rejuvenated alumni association board of directors. This group of dedicated alumni volunteers is thriving under the leadership of president Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS), and welcomed in January its newest member, Scott Baumgart '84 (NDHS). The board gathered on February 10 for a day-long planning retreat and discussed overarching plans and goals for the coming year. The board of directors is committed to serving the alumni association in a meaningful way, and hopes to survey all alumni later this year in an effort to evaluate progress on its mission and refresh its objectives for 2014 and beyond.

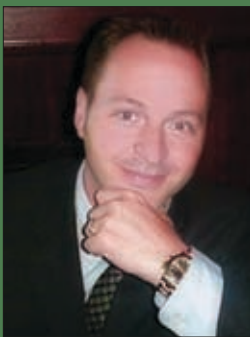
Throughout spring we see the familiar faces of alumni on our campus, popping in while home over the college breaks or in town for family functions. We always look forward to seeing you and wish you a fruitful year.

Irish blessings,

Rachel L. Miller

Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP)
Director of Alumni Relations

A MESSAGE FROM A MEMBER OF YOUR BOARD



Greetings fellow alumni,

My name is Scott Baumgart, NDHS, Class of 1984. I recently became part of the alumni board, was elected chairperson of the marketing committee and will assist with some other alumni committees. I look forward to contributing additional Notre Dame High School alumni representation and my personal business and marketing experience to this group. In addition, I am a parent of a soon-to-be-graduating senior and a Notre Dame middle-school student who will be attending ND Prep in the fall as a freshman. I believe I got involved with this alumni board at a great time. In only its fifth year, this group has quickly become one of the most active Catholic high-school alumni associations in Metro Detroit, and now is ready to ramp up to the next level. Our group has some lofty goals and we have recently laid out a plan to achieve them. This alumni board is absolutely trying to tie together all the alumni from young to old and from all the schools we represent. I envision barriers being brought down and a real sense of effort of trying to unite all the alumni as a cohesive group. There are many new events being planned, fine-tuned and expanded to include and involve all alumni. In the end, the true goal is to assist in the Marist mission of education through creating upstanding citizens with a focus on Christian life. Together this can be accomplished through the active support and participation of all alumni.

As a graduate of NDHS in Harper Woods, I can honestly say, I would not be here today writing this if it wasn't for the Marist lessons that I was taught. The education, experiences and guidance I received early in life led me to make many great choices. This wholesome and valuable education has greatly benefited me, my family, my children and many others. I am very passionate about providing a quality education for the young people of today. Our family made sacrifices in order for my children to benefit from the rich education legacy at NDP. I am glad my children will learn and live by the solid core values, which deserve to be supported by a strong alumni group. As proud alumni, we should all recognize this great Marist education opportunity that will mold and shape leaders of the future.

Again, I am pleased to be part of this budding alumni group. While it is no doubt a challenge to create a bond among alumni of different schools, I believe our alumni association will continue to strengthen by including everyone in our dynamic future plans. In closing, I would like to invite and challenge all alumni to be part of this worthy mission, legacy and success story.

With warm regards,
Scott Baumgart '84 (NDHS)

St. Frederick and St. Michael grads join alumni association

Welcome to our **St. Frederick** and **St. Michael** alumni! This issue of the IRISH Magazine may be the first communication you've received from the Notre Dame alumni office. Your contact information recently was shared with us by your school's alumni body representatives, Patty Dean-Phillip '52 (SF) and Lance Butler '58 (SM). The Notre Dame Alumni Association serves six metro-Detroit, Catholic schools related in heritage: Notre Dame High School, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Oakland Catholic, Pontiac Catholic, St. Frederick and St. Michael.

Through the support of St. Frederick and St. Michael families in the 1960s, as these two Pontiac rival schools were preparing to close, Pontiac Catholic High School was constructed at 1300 Giddings Road. Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy continues to thrive in that location today and remains the only Catholic school in Pontiac. In our school's chapel, Pontiac Catholic's dedication wall is proudly displayed, listing the names of St. Frederick and St. Michael families who generously contributed to the school's founding and growth. We are pleased to connect with you and hope you enjoy receiving communications from the Notre Dame alumni office.

Photos at right are from the St. Frederick and St. Michael all-class reunions held in September 2012.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TRAVELING IRISH DINNERS – ANN ARBOR AND EAST LANSING

Saturday, April 13, 2013 Join the alumni association for a pizza dinner in the town of the Wolverines or the Spartans! Cost is free. Visit www.ndpma.org/irishdinner for more information and to RSVP. Contact Keaton Curran '10 (NDP) with questions at keatoncurran@gmail.com.

BIG BAND DINNER DANCE

Friday, May 17, 2013 At the Lafayette Grande in downtown Pontiac. Featuring performances from the NDP Jazz Band Ensemble and alums. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.ndpma.org or call (248) 373-2171, ext. 3.

17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 3, 2013 1:00 p.m. shotgun at the Wyndgate Country Club in Rochester Hills. For more information and to register, visit www.ndpma.org/golfouting. Sponsored by the NDPMA Booster Club. Proceeds to benefit NDPMA athletics.

DETROIT TIGERS OUTING

Date TBD Join the alumni association for its annual Detroit Tigers outing at Comerica Park! Date to be announced. Visit www.ndpma.org/tigersouting for updates.

NDP student-athletes take two of four state scholarships



Madeline Blocki and Michael Broderick earned MIAAA scholarships.

Notre Dame Prep student-athletes—seniors Madeline Blocki and Michael Broderick—earned two out of the four scholarships awarded this year by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Each school year the MIAAA awards four \$1,000 scholarships honoring top high school male and female student-athletes. Only student-athletes graduating during the current school year and who maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 and earn a varsity letter in at least two sports are eligible.

NDHS alum elected to city council in Grosse Pointe Farms

Joe Ricci '67 (NDHS) won a special election Feb. 26 to fill a vacant city council seat in Grosse Pointe Farms. The long-time Grosse Pointer is a semi-retired auto dealer and says he'd like to give back to the community. "Most importantly, I am not a politician. I am not looking to use this position as a 'spring board' for bigger things. I do not have an agenda. I'm committed to serving our city," Ricci said. His term will run through November 2015, at which time another two-year term will be up for election.



NDHS ('98) grads Andy Dold, left, and Whitney Robinson faced off twice this year in league action.

Battle of NDHS alum coaches ends with Irish win

On January 18, the Notre Dame Prep men's basketball team defeated Dearborn Divine Child, 48-41. The game featured the first-time matchup between Whitney Robinson, in his first year as Notre Dame Prep's head varsity men's basketball coach, and Andy Dold, head coach at Dearborn Divine Child. The two 1998 Harper Woods Notre Dame graduates, who also played basketball together at NDHS, continue to be good friends (off the court).

"Before the game, we were laughing and joking," Robinson said. "We're buddies. Andy is one of my best friends. Then we realized it was two minutes before tip off. I told him I wanted him to do well, but not too well. It was surreal, but fun." (Source: candgnews.com)

Largest group of SPC donors in school history

Sixteen alumni were honored on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at the St. Peter Chanel donor appreciation dinner, which was held at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, Mich. These alumni, along with more than one hundred other friends of the school, are members of the exclusive St. Peter Chanel Society, which honors individuals whose support of NDPMA and enthusiasm for its role in private, Catholic education is exceptional.

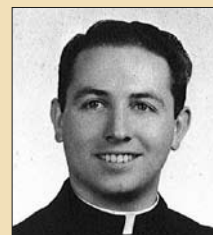
Through their contributions of leadership gifts to the 2011-2012 Notre Dame Annual Fund, these alumni demonstrate a deep and genuine concern for the school and contribute substantially to sup-

port its continued excellence and fiscal soundness. St. Peter Chanel Society members' gifts to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund ranged from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

The following alumni were especially recognized for their contributions: Travis Bronik '00 (NDP), Frank Castronova '89 (NDHS), Paul Gaynor '84 (NDHS), Andy Guest '84 (NDHS), Pat Haddad '81 (NDHS), John Henke '58 (NDHS), Gerard Housey '77 (NDHS), Phil Jeszke '76 (NDHS), Joe Kotzan '70 (NDHS), Peter McCanna '79 (PC), Frank Migliazzo '69 (NDHS), Gerry Nosotti '62 (NDHS), Kris Powell '75 (NDHS), Joseph Sobota '95 (NDHS), Pete Sullivan '82 (NDHS) and Lee Vaughn '84 (NDHS).

Fr. DesRosiers celebrates 50 years as a Marist priest

Join us in congratulating Fr. Ron DesRosiers on the 50th anniversary of his ordination! Fr. DesRosiers was ordained as a Marist priest on February 2, 1963. He taught French and Latin at Notre Dame High School (Harper Woods) 1963-78, 1980-81 and 1986-90, and served on the NDHS board. Currently, DesRosiers is an assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies at Madonna University in Livonia.



Fr. Ron DesRosiers pictured in 1963.

The Marist Fathers of Detroit presented DesRosiers with a papal blessing certificate. If you would like to send congratulations to him, please do so at:

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Four seniors named National Merit Scholarship finalists

Four members of Notre Dame Prep's Class of 2013 were named finalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. NDP seniors Eric LaRose, Joseph Soisson, Connor Verheyen and Larissa Woryk will now compete for 8,300 scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be awarded in the spring. Winners of the 2013 scholarships will be announced beginning in April. LaRose, Soisson, Verheyen and Woryk were named NMS semifinalists in September 2012.

Notre Dame 7th-grader breaks German record in 60-M dash

Bettina Winkler, a seventh grader in Notre Dame's middle division, competed recently in the German Bavarian (Indoor) Championships in Munich and broke both a personal and German record in the 60-meter dash. With a time of 7.94 seconds, Winkler's first-place finish earned her an invitation to an upcoming European meet for 20-and-under competitors.

Winkler has dual citizenship (Germany and USA) and represents Germany in international events. She says her ultimate goal is to try out for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.



Steve Derico '05 (NDP) developing apps in San Francisco



Steve Derico graduated from Notre Dame Prep in 2005. Since then he's earned a computer science degree from Grand Valley State, worked at eBay and now runs a software development company called Bixby Apps that specializes in applications for Apple's iPhone. He also teaches programming and participates in a monthly iOS developer group.

NDP alum sets Vanderbilt record in the mile

Notre Dame Prep graduate Sara Barron ('12) set a Vanderbilt University school record in the mile at the Indiana Relays held in Bloomington on January 26. Barron finished with a 4:44.44 time. Barron is a freshman at Vanderbilt University studying business and pre-law. While at NDP, Barron was a captain of the track and cross country teams.

Students rally against abortion at March for Life

A large contingent of Notre Dame Prep students and chaperones took a red-eye bus trip to Washington, D.C., on January 24 for the 2013 March for Life. Upon arrival in D.C., the group



joined 40,000 other students for youth rallies, concerts and a Mass for Life concelebrated by hundreds of priests and bishops. "Seeing thousands of young pro-life advocates peacefully uniting against abortion is incredible," said NDP senior Lauren Kaye.



Community service earns national honor for NDP senior

Bailey Baringer, a senior at Notre Dame Preparatory School, has been a force to be reckoned with when it comes to her volunteer work at "Braille Beats," a Michigan-based program designed to address the unique needs of students who are blind or visually impaired. The students who've encountered Baringer over the years at the nine-day music and arts summer

camp in Lapeer certainly know her as an enthusiastic and helpful counselor and leader.

Now, Baringer's volunteerism has made her known nationwide.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, the United States' largest youth recognition program honoring high school students for outstanding volunteer service, named Baringer one of eight "distinguished finalists" for the state of Michigan. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for exemplary acts of volunteerism.

150 Years of Marists in the U.S. celebrated

In the Lent 2013 edition of "Today's Marists," a publication produced and distributed by The Society of Mary, U.S. Province, 150

years of Marist history in the United States was examined and celebrated. The article discussed how the Marists first visited the U.S. during the Civil War, established a presence in Louisiana and then expanded westward and toward the upper Midwest and New England. NDPMA is operated by the Marists.



Notre Dame Seminary, operated by the Marists for the Archdiocese of New Orleans from 1924 to 1967.

Record number of donors highlights big year for school

Contributions to Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy set a number of milestones over the past year, according to the school's most recent annual report, which was mailed to donors in late 2012.

The annual fund was supported by a record 931 donors during the 2011-12 school year, an increase of 22.5% over the previous year. This was the first time the school broke both the 800- and 900-donor marks, with the previous high being 760 donors.

The fiscal-year 2012 annual fund also saw a 13% increase in dollars compared with FY 2011. The school also reported that student enrollment is at a five-year high.

Notre Dame dedicates and renames football field

As part of Notre Dame Prep's homecoming festivities in the fall, the school officially re-named its football field "William Kozyra Alumni Field." William (Bill) Kozyra served the mission of the school as chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2004. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the school's decision to pursue the International Baccalaureate "World School" designation and was a driving force behind the construction of the current athletic field. In addition, his personal benefaction to the Marist Fathers of Detroit and Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy is among the highest of all major donors in the history of the school.



NDPMA head of school Fr. Leon Olszowski, s.m., conducts a blessing and dedication for the William Kozyra Alumni Field September 28, 2012, with Bill Kozyra and family in attendance.

Notre Dame grad to open tapas restaurant in midtown Detroit

Notre Dame High School alum Elias Khalil ('88) is opening a new Spanish tapas restaurant on Cass Ave. in midtown Detroit in April

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Cream of th

Coming up with a name might seem to be one of the easier parts of starting a new business, but for 2005 Notre Dame Prep alum Brooke Wilson, it proved to be quite a chore as she worked to open her new pastry shop. That is until "Love & Buttercream" just popped into her head one morning.

"It's really a cheesy story," she admits. "I had been thinking about a good name for weeks

on end—poring over words and basically living on thesaurus.com. One morning I woke up and the first words on my brain were 'Love and Buttercream.'" She said she laid there half asleep for a while and then jumped up and ran to her computer, sure that she had stolen it from somewhere. Fortunately, she could find no other instance of the name.

Thus, Royal Oak's newest pastry shop was born. Love & Buttercream, on Crooks Rd. just south of 13 Mile Rd., is a full-service bakery that provides its growing customer base with everything from cookies to cupcakes and breads to breakfast pastries. Wilson said they also offer custom cakes, cookies and dessert displays.

"We cater special events, weddings, corporate events and just about anything under the sun," she said. "We bake everything from scratch using as many local products as we can and base our menu on what is taking root each season. Each one of our products is created with the customer in mind. Whether you're looking for a quick cookie and a coffee or a custom cake for your son's first birthday, L&B is there!"

Formally schooled at Michigan State University, where she studied marketing and business, and the prestigious French Pastry School in Chicago, Wilson has always been comfortable in a kitchen. "I baked in my grandmother's kitchen, my mother's kitchen, my college kitchen and eventually my own kitchen before finally deciding that it was a career path for me."

After moving to Chicago, Wilson worked as a creative strategist in the innovations department at a restaurant company called Levy Restaurants. "My work focused around creating restaurant concepts and dreaming up new and unique food offerings, and really studying the relationship that people have with food—the emotional connection that people make with the things they eat." Since she loves to write, Wilson began a baking blog. "So as I continued to blog and learn more about the restaurant world, my life kind of started on a new path," she said.

Now, well into her second year in business, Wilson is having the time of her life. "Seeing a customer light up when they first look at their cake, or watching a guest shake her head and say 'mmmmm' with such excitement—that's what it's all about. The joy and the



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memories that our desserts can bring to people every day—that makes the late nights, early mornings and the rigorous cleaning rituals completely worth the effort."

What she also says was worth the effort was the time she spent at Notre Dame Prep. "I think that NDP prepared me by showing me a lot about structure and routine. I think I was well prepared to handle college and post-high school life because I had been given such structure in my academics throughout my high school years. I had been required to be responsible for my own actions, to be disciplined and focused on my own success, and I think that helped me dramatically in college and beyond."

Going forward, Wilson says she'd like to potentially expand into a second location or to another entirely different platform, though at the moment, she's so busy she can't really focus too much on that.

Running a business is hard, Wilson admits, and there are definitely challenges. "But, what we do here is so rewarding. Each night I look around before shutting off the lights and just smile!" ■

Love & Buttercream is at 3202 Crooks Rd., Royal Oak; 248-850-7207, loveandbuttercream.com. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue.-Fri.; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun.



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Urban optimist

As anyone who has lived in southeast Michigan for more than 30 years can attest, Detroit has been a perfect metaphor for all that has gone wrong with urban America. But perhaps due to how far the city has actually fallen compared with, say, Pittsburgh, Cleveland or Newark, Detroit has nowhere to go but up. And since it is at absolute rock bottom, "saviors" from all over the world have barged into town with plans both wacky and wonderful to turn the city into a post-industrial utopia.

Because Notre Dame High School alum Mark Binelli ('88) grew up in the Detroit area and witnessed some of the city's ups and most of its downs, he is well-positioned to chronicle this story of decline. But because he is such an insightful storyteller and historian as well as an optimist (hey, you have to be an optimist to live in this town!), Binelli is even better positioned to present a sometimes

"...a clever, endlessly inventive, passionate tour through the most down-and-out, yet still plausibly possible of American cities. Like any smart observer, Binelli moves beyond urban decay clichés and has written a searching account of life in a city that embodies all the manic energy and manic failures of a nation that still dismisses its mendicant underside as a sort of character flaw. Which is why the crazed, delinquent, ever-combustible, ever-wondrous city that is Detroit remains the ongoing bad-news, bad-assed dude on the American urban landscape." The book also was named one of Publishers Weekly's Top 10 Best Books of 2012. Locally, the Detroit Free Press named it one of 20 Michigan Notable Books for 2013. Now living in Manhattan, Binelli said he recently got back to Detroit for a book release party at the Pure Detroit store in the Fisher Building.

He just knew

For Binelli, who published his first book "Sacco And Vanzetti Must Die!" in 2006 and is a contributing editor at Rolling Stone and Men's Journal magazines, writing about Detroit was something he just knew he was eventually going to do.

"For the longest time, I assumed it would be a novel, but then I returned to the city in 2009 to cover the auto show," he said. "Detroit had become the poster

city of the recession and reporters from all over the world were flying into town to file stories. I decided I could do a better job and that nonfiction would be the way to go!"

The title of the book comes from the Ted Nugent song Motor City Madhouse, according to Binelli. "But it also refers to this particular moment in Detroit's history when Detroit had really become an

MARK BINELLI PHOTOS BY CORINE VERMEULEN



all-purpose metaphor for the recession and people from all over the world began looking to the city as a laboratory to try out various experiments

on reinventing cities, as a place to write or make movies about, as a place to make art—you name it."

Binelli said it took him four years to write "Detroit City is the Place to Be," but he certainly hasn't been lollygagging. He's written numerous magazine articles over the years, primarily for Rolling Stone, which he says occupies more than 50% of his time. "I have a contract with Rolling Stone, so I have to write a certain number of stories per year," he said. "Which is kind of perfect—I don't have to go into an office and have lots of freedom to do things like write books."

Nuns on a bus

Most recently, this U-M and Columbia University grad wrote an article for the Nov. 22 Rolling Stone, titled "The Sisters Crusade," in which he details how a group of activist nuns—"nuns on a bus"—are pushing a number of progressive causes and, not surprisingly, pushing some wrong buttons at the Vatican.

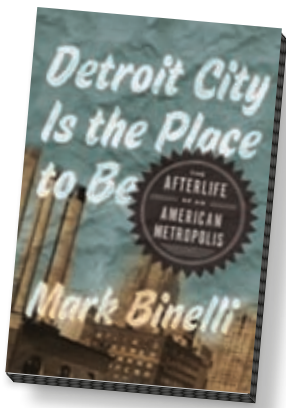
Binelli's work with Rolling Stone also led him to interviews with many celebs and artists. "I interviewed Norman Mailer a few months before he died as well as iconic figures like Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen and Jay-Z. Purely in terms of personality, I'd probably say I got along best with Sean Penn, Conan O'Brien and Bill Maher. These days I tend to enjoy non-celebrity stories the most, though. I did a big story on teenage marijuana smugglers a few years back, another one on global warming where I camped out on the Greenland ice sheet with a group of scientists, and last year I did a couple of long pieces on Occupy Wall Street that I'm very proud of."



Author and Notre Dame High School grad Mark Binelli ('88) has interviewed many in the music and entertainment industry for Rolling Stone magazine, including Jay-Z, Paul McCartney and Sean Penn.

hilarious and often depressing account of the fall and now rise of Detroit from fifty years of ashes.

His new book, "Detroit City Is the Place to Be: The Afterlife of an American Metropolis" (Metropolitan Books), has won all kinds of critical praise worldwide, including this from the Sunday Times in the U.K.:



Binelli also is quite proud to say he went to Notre Dame High School. He says he has very fond memories of the school: "the Irish Games, though I avoided physical activity as much as possible, "Love, Sex and Marriage," as taught by Fr. Strasz—funny what becomes a fond memory—and the cafeteria jukebox. I believe Deep Purple and Run DMC were in particularly heavy rotation back then."

While living in Detroit a few years ago working on his book, Binelli, 42, was able to get on set when the movie "Red Dawn" was filming on the grounds of NDHS. "It was surreal being back in the school during the shoot," he said. "I snuck around a bit and ended up in a classroom where, if memory serves, I took trigonometry with Mr. Johnson."

Bird of prey

He speaks highly of Notre Dame's faculty but reserves a special place for his English teacher, the late Conrad Vachon. "Everything pales before the legend of Vachon," he says. "I remember how he'd refer to Joseph Conrad as 'Joe Conrad,' and how he told us never to leave a movie before the credits ended, and of course, the poems we'd recite at the beginning of every class. Funnily enough, my girlfriend teaches high school English here in New York and I mentioned Vachon's poetry regimen—and she loved the idea and started doing it with her kids! She even used Tennyson's "The Eagle," the very first poem Vachon had us memorize in 12th-grade English class, which I'm sure he chose in part because he knew how much he looked like a balding bird of prey himself. So anyway, because of Vachon, now there are a bunch of tough New York City public school kids who can recite 'He clasps the crag with crooked hands. . .'" ■

"Detroit City Is the Place to Be: The Afterlife of an American Metropolis" is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Indiebound. Watch for more articles by Mark Binelli in upcoming issues of Rolling Stone.

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Mark Binelli '88 (NDHS)





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New lower school building

Notre Dame's head of school, Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m. '65 (NDHS), pens an update on the project to build a new lower-division school a block from the main campus in Pontiac

By Rev Leon Olszamowski, s.m.

Since November 23, when last I wrote an article in *The Blarney Stone*, our school newsletter, pertaining to the new site for the lower division (grades jr.-kindergarten through 5th), motion has been fast and furious. First, AEW of Shelby Township, our engineer and architect for the project, and our builder have submitted plans to the city of Pontiac and to the state of Michigan for approval. The site plan documents were approved by the city of Pontiac planning commission on February 6. The plans now are in the hands of the city engineer for final approval. Those final plans must also be sent to the state fire marshal, who has final say over the building of all school buildings in Michigan.

Assuming that our plans are approved as drawn, we will begin the renovations of the former church building almost immediately. Plans include a new roof and new external brick and siding. The inside will house a media/computer center and offices. The multi-purpose room will also serve as a lunchroom, assembly space for weekly masses, meetings and afterschool play area. We are planning on a small-sized basketball court as part of the multi-purpose room. CYO games will be played at one of our two main campus gyms until we have sufficient funds to build a full-size gym at the lower-division campus.

Forty percent of the new 12-classroom building is already in production in Goshen, Indiana. Sixty percent of the classroom building will be constructed on-site as soon as the necessary components arrive. Two houses, the small brick building (1405 Giddings) just to the south of the church property (1425 Giddings), and the blue house, the old Giddings family farm house and horse barn (1397 Giddings), will be demolished and the entire property will be reworked to accommodate our new structures, parking lot and playfield. The occupants of the old Giddings family farmhouse were scheduled to leave the property by February 28. Just after July 1, we will have purchased the property at 1389 Giddings Rd. which I call the "Tan House." This house will be kept for office space, and the remaining property will be used for additional storage or play space. The entire area will be fenced in similar to the upper/middle division campus.

We intend to close the Walton Blvd. entrance to the property and use two of the existing driveways on Giddings for student drop-off and pick-up. Start and end times will be staggered between the two

campuses, and entrance to the lower division property is scheduled to be from the south end of the property, i.e., the entrance closest to the upper/middle division building. We expect to have the entire project completed for the start of school in August. I think you will be delighted with the final product.

Our lease with St. Benedict Parish ends on June 30, 2013. We have already met with the pastor, Fr. Larry Siroskey, and have met with archdiocesan officers regarding the transfer of property, i.e., computers, desks, etc., to the new Pontiac site. Mrs. Diana Atkins, the lower division principal, and I expect to have a general town hall meeting in the spring to discuss logistics as we come closer to our summertime move. We plan to celebrate a closing mass at St. Benedict Church and an opening blessing ceremony at the new site on the same day. This will serve as part of our 10th-anniversary celebration of the lower division.

We are currently offering an opportunity for families to make a donation to the lower-division project and to procure naming rights for any of the eleven remaining classrooms, media center, offices, multi-purpose room and playground area. One family has already secured naming rights to a classroom. If you are interested, kindly contact Andy Guest, our vice president for advancement. Just call 248-373-2171 or contact Andy at his email address: aguest@ndpma.org.

Timing and logistics will be worked out to ensure a seamless move from Waterford to Pontiac, but, as you are aware, hardly anything at any time goes forward without some hitch. So we ask the cooperation of all three divisions of the Notre Dame community to help make this lower division dream happen as smoothly as possible. ■

NDPMA RECEIVES RE-ACCREDITATION FROM ISACS

Keith Shahan, president of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), announced in February that NDPMA has fully complied with all of the ISACS standards for membership and is re-accredited as a member in good standing. He said the ISACS visiting team report on NDPMA "was reviewed thoroughly by the ISACS evaluation review committee" after which the executive committee of the association's board of trustees recommended full accreditation. ISACS is a membership organization of more than 230 independent schools from 13 states in the U.S. Midwest region. Notre Dame has been ISACS-accredited since the school began in 1994-95 and shares such accreditation with Cranbrook, Country Day, Grosse Pointe Academy and The Roeper School. ■

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Ena Patterson graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory School in 2010. Since then she's been studying illustration at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids and looking forward to a career as a fashion illustrator. She says her time at NDP helped her think outside the box. Read on for some of her thoughts on a career, her college and Notre Dame.

On college: Kendall is a welcoming place and more importantly, Kendall is diverse. People come from all walks of life and they all have creativity in common—something I really grasped as soon as I arrived. I felt welcomed and understood, which is really important to succeed creatively. I mostly enjoy the classes that allow me to learn and experiment in ways that I normally would not have. I used to hate oil painting, but using that medium in classes has changed my mind quite a bit. I plan to graduate in spring 2014 with a BFA in illustration.

On taking art at NDP: I always knew I wanted to pursue the arts even before I got to NDP. Also, being in the International Baccalaureate (IB) art program allowed me to do what I wanted to do and think more about the meaning of my work.

On post-graduate plans or a career: When I graduate my ultimate career goal is to work as a fashion illustrator. A lot of people hear fashion and think of designing but I want to be thought of as an illustrator first. I love fashion and always thought of

some type of career in fashion so the two just naturally came together. My work is diverse and can go in any direction, but fashion illustration is what I enjoy the most. In five years I see myself with a very large fan base and with a recognizable name in my field. I want to be able to freelance and travel the world to illustrate at fashion shows.

On current artists who inspire: David Downton is someone who is legendary in fashion illustration. He inspires me to simplify and find my own style. Sandra Suy is also one of my favorite fashion illustrators. She incorporates a realistic quality that is very similar to what I do.

On memories of NDP and/or teachers: One of my favorite teachers was Mrs. (Sharon) Derico (English teacher and IB coordinator). She was the first person I met there and through my time at Notre Dame, she was a kind and motherly figure for every IB student. She was the teacher at Notre Dame who mostly influenced how my thinking is today. She is very special! ■

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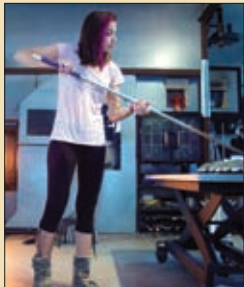


Art & IB

Art major says International Baccalaureate at ND Prep helps with her work in college

2013. He recently won top prize in Comerica Bank's Hatch Detroit contest, which pitted Khalil's restaurant business plan against 250 other retail-oriented entries. His plan for La Feria restaurant earned Khalil and his sister, Naomi, \$50,000 from Comerica and other business sources. Andy Dold '98 (NDHS) was a finalist in the Hatch Detroit competition.

Notre Dame alum creating glass art in Pontiac



Nicole Housey, who graduated from Notre Dame Prep in 2006, is using an ancient technique of glass blowing to create nature-inspired forms that mimic glass in its molten form. As an assistant to April Wagner, the founder of Epiphany Studios (Orchard Lake Rd.) in Pontiac, Housey uses a process known as "fazzoletto" (which means the glass is blown in free form) in the making and installation of sculptural

and functional pieces for the three main product lines of glass art available at the studio. Fazzoletto was developed and mastered by Italian glass blowers over many hundreds of years.

Notre Dame High School honored at Bishop Gallagher dinner

Notre Dame High School was one of three now-closed schools entered into the Bishop Michael J. Gallagher Society Honor Roll at a ceremony in late 2012. The Bishop Michael J. Gallagher Society is a group dedicated to the collection and preservation of Detroit Catholic school history. The Society hosted its second-annual awards dinner on November 8 at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

Frank Castronova '89 (NDHS) spoke about the history of Marist education in the Detroit area, including Notre Dame High School. Keynote speakers at the event included U.S. District Court Judge Gershwin Drain (Detroit St. Gregory '66), and Mike Duggan (Detroit Catholic Central '76), at that time the CEO of the Detroit Medical Center and now a candidate for mayor of Detroit.



Frank Castronova '89 (NDHS), NDPMA's annual find director, presents at the 2012 Bishop Michael J. Gallagher Society event in November.

ND alumni assoc. makes \$200 donation to 'JumpStart Costa Rica'



Anna Mott '07 (NDP), in blue dress, with her students in Costa Rica.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association made a generous \$100 donation to JumpStart Costa Rica, a project consisting of intensive, month-long English camps geared towards students from rural communities in Costa Rica about to enter seventh-grade. NDP grad Anna Mott ('07) is in Costa Rica with the Peace Corps teaching

English to elementary school students. In January, Anna began to run a JumpStart camp for 20 students in her town.

In addition, Frank Coppola '73 (NDHS), who is on the alumni board, personally matched the contribution.

Weddings and Engagements

Nicholas Trentacost '06 (NDP) and **Kaitlin Cooper '07 (NDP)** on May 19, 2012.

Christina McKee '05 (NDP) and Nicholas Threlhoff on July 21, 2012.

Brynne Najarian '04 (NDP) and Shawn Lewis on September 8, 2012.
Mike Roberts '03 (NDP) and Eveonne Ignash on November 24, 2012.
Mike Durkin '01 (NDP) and Kristy Ziech on December 1, 2012, in Kansas City.

Christopher Havrilla '97 (NDHS) engaged to Elisabete Carlesimo on Christmas day 2012. A fall 2013 wedding is planned.

Mark Fazi '95 (NDHS) and Alyssa Starkey on November 3, 2012.

Births

Arabella Lucy Lambert, born November 11, 2012. Proud parents: Jessica (Stouffer) Lambert '05 (NDP) and husband Keaton Lambert. Proud uncle is Andrew Stouffer '09 (NDP).

Alison Grace Burgett, born in July 2012. Proud parents: Lauren (Cooper) Burgett '03 (NDP) and husband Bill Burgett. Proud aunts are Kaitlin (Cooper) Trentacost '07 (NDP) and Jennifer (Cooper) Bohne '01 (NDP). Proud uncles are Nicholas Trentacost '06 (NDP) and Michael Bohne '01 (NDP).

Luke Charles Marchese and **Noah Samuel Marchese**, identical twin sons born December 27, 2012. Proud parents: Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS) and wife Anna Marchese.

Emma Belle Sturgill, born February 13, 2013. Proud parents: Sarah (Lesnau) Sturgill '01 (NDP) and husband Norman Sturgill. Proud grandpa is Michael Lesnau '72 (NDHS). Proud uncles are Bob Lesnau '98 (NDP) and Michael Lesnau '06 (NDP).

Austin Richard Hall, born February 14, 2013. Proud parents: Bobbie (Bieszki) Hall '00 (NDP) and husband Jeff Hall. Joins big brother Logan. Proud aunt is Mandy Bieszki '01 (NDP). Proud uncle is Richard Bieszki '05 (NDP).

James Alexander Miller, born October 26, 2012. Proud parents: Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP) and husband Tommy Miller. Proud uncle is Brian Alexander '02 (NDP).

Kaylee Jordan Paul, born December 18, 2012. Proud parents: Kathy (Kotzan) Paul '98 (NDP) and husband Sean Paul. Proud grandparents are Joe Kotzan '70 (NDHS) and Donna Kotzan, vice principal of NDP. Proud aunt is Karen (Kotzan) DeWitt '01 (NDP). Proud uncle is Michael Kotzan '05 (NDP).

Brayden Dold, born January 17, 2013. Proud parents: Andy Dold '98 (NDHS) and wife Kyle Dold.

Angela Teresa Daher, born October 12, 2012. Proud parents: Andre Daher '89 (NDHS) and wife Teresa Daher. She joins big sister Casandra.

Alumni/staff/faculty rest in peace

Russell Greenlees '61 (SM), brother of the late David Greenlees '64 (SM) and brother-in-law of Patricia (Duross) Greenlees '65 (SM). Uncle of David Greenlees '88 (PC) and Marilyn (Greenlees) Drake '93 (OC). 1-21-2013

Laurna (Hoover) Burns '32 (SF). 1-19-2013

Eric Fournier '77 (NDHS), brother of Scott Fournier '75 (NDHS) and Dean Fournier '78 (NDHS). 1-11-2013

Richard A. Clark Jr. '58 (NDHS). 1-1-2013

Thomas Berch '64 (NDHS). Brother of Deacon James Berch '59 (NDHS), Larry Berch '60 (NDHS) and Bob Berch '63 (NDHS). Uncle of Mike Berch '84 (NDHS) and John Berch '92 (NDHS). 12-20-2012

Andrew Gojkov '71 (NDHS). 12-15-2012

Ronald Richard Koppsch '64 (NDHS), brother of Richard Koppsch '69 (NDHS). 12-15-2012

Peter V. Tenuta '49 (SM), brother of Carl Tenuta '46 (SM), John Tenuta '49 (SM), Rose (Tenuta) Landry '59 (SM), Joanne (Tenuta) Hadden '62 (SM) and the late Louis Tenuta '51 (SM). 12-2-2012

Anthony B. Salfi '50 (SM), brother of the late Alfred Salfi '46 (SM), Joseph Salfi '47 (SM), Mary (Salfi) Allard '50 (SM) and James Salfi '53 (SM). 11-19-2012

Marvin J. Boyle, '58 (SF). 11-1-2012
J. Greg Adamo '78 (NDHS). 10-25-2012
Steven J. Trupiano '60 (NDHS). 10-19-12
LeVerne Raymond Coleman '50 (SM). 10-14-2012
Russell Malone '42 (SF). 10-14-2012
Harold Beaubien '50 (SF). 9-27-2012
Edward Goralewski '59 (NDHS). 9-18-2012
Michael P. O'Neil '72 (NDHS), brother of Jim O'Neil '70 (NDHS)
 and John O'Neil '75 (NDHS). 9-1-2012
Robert Woods (SF). 9-1-2012
Fr. Armand Thibault, s.m., taught religion and French at NDHS in
 1982-1983. 8-13-2012
Paul Wancor '70 (NDHS), cousin of Richard J. Wancour '67 (NDHS).
 7-19-2012
Ashleigh Paige Iserman '04 (NDP) was a proud graduate of Notre
 Dame Prep and passed away in a boating accident on June 5, 2004.
 Ashleigh's parents and siblings appreciate continued prayers for Ashleigh
 and their family.

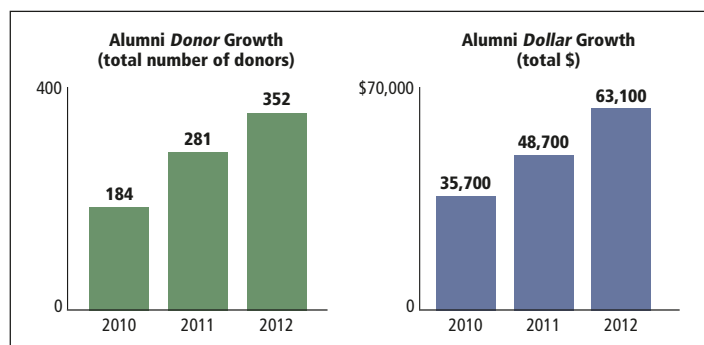
NOTE: For a complete list, see ndpma.org/prayers.

May their souls, and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through
 the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ALUMNI GIVING CONTINUES TO GROW

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy is grateful for the support of its alumni and the alumni of its predecessor and its Marist-affiliated schools. Last year, for the third year in a row, giving to the Notre Dame Annual Fund by alumni has increased, in terms of the dollars received, number of donors, and percentage of overall giving. And this year, we are forecasting yet another record year in terms of alumni giving. Each year, we ask for financial support from alumni of Notre Dame Preparatory School, Notre Dame High School, and their predecessor schools. And each year, more and more alumni show their confidence in the Catholic, Marist, college-preparatory education we offer to children in junior kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

Gifts to the Notre Dame Annual Fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. These gifts are unrestricted in that they allow the school to spend where it's needed most in program areas throughout the school, ranging from financial aid, classroom technology and faculty support, to the arts and athletics. You may use the envelope enclosed in this magazine to join your fellow alumni in supporting Notre Dame today. If you have any questions about the Notre Dame Annual Fund, please contact Annual Fund Director Frank Castronova '89 (NDHS) at 248-373-2171, ext. 5, or fcastronova@ndpma.org.



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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Send your new mailing address, e-mail and phone number to the alumni office to ensure you receive communications about reunions and the alumni association. Visit www.ndpma.org/update.

ALUMNI BUSINESS DIRECTORY

In response to alumni requests for networking opportunities, the Alumni web site offers an Alumni Business Directory. This directory of companies and businesses owned by members of the Notre Dame Alumni Association (graduates of Notre Dame Prep, Notre Dame, Pontiac Catholic, Oakland Catholic, St. Michael, St. Frederick high schools) is intended to provide information to other Notre Dame alums seeking products or services, and who wish to consider doing business with a fellow graduate. The Notre Dame Alumni Association encourages networking and the support of alumni businesses. If you are interested in adding your name and company or organization to the alumni business directory, please complete the on-line submission form in the alumni section of ndpma.org.

FUTURE NOTRE DAMERS

Alumni are invited to consider NDPMA for their child's education. Students and families interested in learning about the school are invited to see it "in action." Contact Dean of Admissions and Diversity Gregory Simon '89 (NDHS) at 248-373-5300 or gsimon@ndpma.org. Children of alumni receive a \$1,000 discount on annual tuition.

CLASS CAPTAINS

The Notre Dame Alumni Association Class Captain Network is a dynamic group of alumni volunteers who serve as a far-reaching extension of the alumni office. Class captains represent their graduating class years, were leaders of their class and are committed to helping serve and engage the alumni of the school. If you are interesting in becoming a class captain and have questions, please contact Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP), Director of Alumni Relations by emailing miller@ndpma.org or calling 248-373-2171 ext. 3.

HELP NOTRE DAME BUILD ITS SCHOOL ARCHIVES

In recognizing the rich history of NDPMA and its predecessor schools, the school is in the process of building a school archives. While it's not fully known what the collection will comprise, we'd like to begin by filling in the parts of the yearbook collection that are lacking. If you have any copies of the following yearbooks that you'd be willing to donate to the school, please mail them or bring them to Frank Castronova '89 (NDHS), 1300 Giddings Road, Pontiac, MI 48340-2108:

- St. Frederick High School (Pontiac): all years
- St. Michael High School (Pontiac): all years
- Pontiac Catholic High School: '68, '70, '71, '73, '74, '84
- Oakland Catholic High School: '91, '92, '93, '94

If you have any questions, please contact fcastronova@ndpma.org or 248-373-2171, ext. 5.

“What a blessing...”

Long-time NDHS staffer is a big part of Notre Dame Prep's athletic department

Now into his seventh year at Notre Dame Prep, a former NDHS “enforcer” is loving life and once again helping out Notre Dame and the Marists, this time by making sure the athletic program runs like a top. Duane Holmes, who spent 28 years at Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods—teaching and “disciplining”—as the dean of students, is NDP’s athletic assistant. That means he sets up (and takes down) for all home games and athletic events, pays officials and on occasion supervises the students and crowd.

“Because of all my years at Notre Dame as the dean of students, it’s not a problem to keep things under control at the games when and where needed,” he says. “I also work with the booster club if needed.”

Without any hesitation, Holmes says he really enjoys working at Notre Dame’s Pontiac campus. “I love it! Absolutely love it! The transition between NDHS and NDP was seamless.” A lot of the people who were at NDHS also moved to NDP, including Fr. Hindelang, Fr. Leon, Kirby Smith, Sylvia Mulrenin and others,” he said. “And of course, the Marist connection made the move over here just plain common sense.

“They treat me very well here. I owe a lot mainly to Fr. Joe and Betty Wrroubel who helped get me here. I was very close to retirement when NDHS closed, and I didn’t really want to teach again, so this opportunity was perfect.”

It has worked out perfectly for Notre Dame Prep as well. “What a blessing he has been,” said NDP athletic director Betty Wrroubel. “Duane has been a tremendous asset to not only our athletic staff but to our entire community. He is a tireless worker who is always looking for a way to help out. As one of the people who visitors meet when they come to an event, he is a great ambassador for all of us. As a former teacher and administrator at Notre Dame in Harper Woods, he was familiar with the Marist education and mission, so it was a natural fit for us.”

Holmes began his Notre Dame career in 1978 when NDHS principal Conrad Vachon hired him to teach at the Harper Woods campus. (He had been at Detroit Austin High School for two years before that school closed.)

“I thought Conrad was a very interesting individual, to say the least, when I first met him at my interview,” Holmes said. “But a wonderful, wonderful man.” Holmes initially taught accounting and typing [and later, word processing] at Notre Dame, and then picked up advanced accounting after teacher Bob Stark ’58 (NDHS) left the school to teach at Macomb College.

In 1995, Notre Dame High School principal Rick Kuhn ’66 (NDHS) appointed Holmes dean of students, taking over from Ken Parent. This new responsibility put him in charge of discipline for a very large student body full of sometimes rowdy boys. “But I loved it,” he said, “although it was not without challenges, as you can imagine. Luckily I had a wonderfully helpful assistant, Mrs. Kelly, who made the job much easier.” Holmes’ ten-year tenure as the dean of students [he was in the position when NDHS closed in 2005] was by far longer than any previous NDHS dean of students.

He says he was crushed when he found out Harper Woods

Notre Dame was closing. “Really devastated, as everyone else was at the time,” he said. “I remember that after the announcement came out from the archdiocese, I accompanied and supervised a group of students from our school who went downtown to protest along with students from other schools that were also closing.”

He said they all were perfect gentlemen, despite some very strong feelings and “a lot of anger.”

Holmes recently visited the former NDHS school, now occupied by Chandler Park Academy, a charter school, and says he was very impressed and happy that it’s a school again.

Always a man about town, especially on the east side, Holmes

PHOTO BY NANCY MALONE, FORMER STAFF MEMBER, NDHS



At a basketball game in January between Brother Rice and Notre Dame Prep, Duane Holmes, center, talks with 1987 NDHS alum Gerald Nikoriuk.

says that even though he was in charge of school discipline at ND, almost without fail, whenever he sees former grads at local establishments, they always come up to say hi. “Many have even thanked me for helping them through a rough patch or two. That always make me happy to hear those things. It’s good to hear you’ve made a difference in someone’s life.”

One year in particular at NDHS stands out for him. “Whitney Robinson’s class, the class of 1998,” he recalls. “It was good class and now it’s just awesome that Whitney’s coaching varsity men’s basketball here at Notre Dame Prep.”

Holmes, who grew up in Owosso, Mich., and graduated from Owosso High School in 1970 (and then Central Michigan University in 1974), also had a few coaching assignments while at NDHS where he headed JV baseball and freshman basketball in the late 70s and early 80s.

Back at Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac, Holmes is characteristically very busy setting up for a basketball game between NDP and Brother Rice, which the Fighting Irish won in overtime. And, when he’s not running around the school, he says he’s dotting on “my two beautiful daughters and five grandkids. Life is good!” ■



Transformed

2010 graduate says he's ready for college, career thanks to Notre Dame

Notre Dame Prep graduate Yunjae Cho ('10), now in his junior year at the University of California, Berkeley, says he decided on the school because it is known for its prestigious, leading-edge programs in electrical engineering and computer science (EECS). "EECS is a broad area of the study of semiconductors, circuit design, signal processing, communication, computer architecture and artificial intelligence," he said. "I'm focused specifically on hardware designs in the field of electrical engineering.

Cho, who also works as a teaching assistant at Cal, said that his time at Notre Dame Prep was instrumental in his success at Cal-Berkeley. In his first few semesters at college, he felt better prepared in his introductory classes than many of his peers.

After completing his studies at Cal, Cho plans on attending graduate school. After that he hopes to work on research projects in the robotics area.

A couple of months ago, he took time out of his active schedule to discuss his experience in college as well as his time at Notre Dame Prep.

IRISH: Over the summer you had the opportunity to work at a research lab. What was that like?

CHO: I was involved in a research project at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. I worked under the supervision of a senior electrical engineer in the 88-inch Cyclotron Building and was responsible for examining design flaws or limitations and coming up with potential solutions and implementation. I realized how different it was to work in a lab with real-world constraints than to study the theory in the classroom. It gave me different insights about real-world problems and made me realize what I liked and disliked about being in a research laboratory.

IRISH: When you are not in class or assistant-teaching is there anything else at UC Berkeley you do for extracurricular activity?

CHO: Yes, I have been involved in EECS Honor Society in which we strive for excellence and serve our department and community by

providing peer tutoring for students and community services to the surrounding area—just as we did in NHS at Notre Dame Prep.

I'm also involved in a few different choral groups on campus. I love singing after rough days at school because it really refreshes my soul and helps me forget about daily hardship. I also enjoy praising God through music because I believe it's one of the best ways to proclaim His glory and express our gratitude toward Him.

IRISH: Do you feel Notre Dame Prep prepared you for life after high school?

CHO: I believe the Catholic education at NDP helped me form and solidify my values and conscience. At NDP, I was constantly reminded that we are all brothers and sisters of Jesus. It wasn't until I came to college that I actually started to appreciate my faith. Arriving at a public, very liberal university, a lot of my new friends were atheists, agnostics and people who were unsure about their faith. That's when I realized how my Catholic education helped me make moral judgments and keep my faith safe from big turmoil throughout my college years.

Also, my experience as president of NHS in my senior year at NDP had transformed my life tremendously. Being a leader of an organization of a few hundred people was a stressful but very rewarding experience. The organization, communication and leadership skills that I learned during my last year at NDP have been serving me well in college and life in general.

IRISH: Do you have any favorite memories of NDP?

CHO: Although I have so many good memories from NDP that simply make me smile, my favorite memory from NDP is definitely the Kairos retreat. It was a truly life-transforming experience when, in addition to forming strong, everlasting bonds with friends, I had a great opportunity to reflect on and experience God's wonders in my life. I still go on church retreats regularly, but none of them comes close to the Kairos experience. ■

NDP alum Emmalilly Hoxsie '08 takes a long bike ride to benefit housing ministry. The following is her account of the trip, which she began last May.

By Emmalilly Hoxsie

When most students think about the summer after college graduation they think about the stress of finding a job or the magnificent vacation they are taking. This was not on my mind. When I graduated from Michigan State University in May of 2012, I had already found a 'big girl' job, was accepted in a graduate program, and was preparing for a 2,000-mile philanthropic bike ride. On May 27, I started the Fuller Center for Housing Bike Adventure, an adventure that would change my life and hopefully the world around me.

The Fuller Center for Housing is a non-profit organization founded by Millard and Linda Fuller in 2005. This organization is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. It is estimated by the United Nations that over one billion people live in substandard housing across the world. This included millions in the United States. This grassroots ministry is unashamedly Christian in all that it does. The Fuller Center follows the teachings from the Bible and therefore does not charge interest when working with a family or individual to repair, renovate or rebuild a home.

To raise funds for this amazing organization, the Fuller Center for Housing started Bike Adventure in 2008. Five years ago, they ran an ad on Facebook and it caught my eye. Isn't it great how Facebook knows so much about us?! The premise of the Bike Adventure is a long-distance bike ride, which brings cyclists of all ages together to fundraise and build houses along the way. In order to participate in the ride, each rider needs to fundraise their share. In my case, I needed to raise \$3,500 to ride the entire ride, which was 2,000 miles over five weeks. I was blown away by the positive response I received from my family, friends and church community. By May, my supporters had donated \$4,500, which exceeded my expectations by miles!

On May 27, I arrived in Saco, Maine, the starting point of the ride and on May 29, I departed for Key West, Fla., on my bike. From then until June 30, a group of 15 riders left each morning for a 75-mile bike ride south along the east coast. Having only been to the east coast a couple times and the Atlantic Ocean even fewer, I was constantly surprised by the beautiful landscape and ocean views.

Each day also brought hills (the uphill kind!), dangerous roads, hours in the sun, fatigue and the occasional downhill; however my body quickly adjusted. During the first week we rode six days in a row for a total of 453 miles. During the second week we stopped in Tabernacle, N.J., and helped renovate a house for a boy with a rare debilitating disease. The build brought out 30 people from the community and we got an extra bedroom and handicap-accessible bathroom totally framed!

During the second week we rode through Brooklyn, N.Y., and went over the Brooklyn Bridge. That is one day of the ride that I would not like to repeat; talk about crazy cars, people, buses, trains and other bikes!

During week three we stopped in Kinston, N.C., to help ready a house for an insurance inspection. That build was extra fun and productive because we were so ready for a break in riding!

Week four brought us through Savannah, Ga., and I spent one afternoon on the beach! Finally, week five started as we entered Florida

and got caught in tropical storm Debbie, but the ride went on! After two days of torrential downpour we escaped and started to enjoy the sunshine of eastern Florida. Many people had warned me about the string of bridges heading out to Key West. I was apprehensive for that section of road. But it turns out that there were many bike lanes along the bridges and not much traffic!

Riding into Key West and to the southernmost point of the Keys made me cry with joy and excitement! After a short and sweet award ceremony, it was time to pack up my bike and fly north.

So all in all, I had a fabulous time and learned a lot about what the body and mind can handle. Each morning the team did devotion, and this brought us closer as a group and helped me focus my attitude on the task ahead and the reason for the ride. I met amazing people along the way and became great friends with my fellow cyclists. The steady drumbeat of news we get every day shows a grim picture of the world, but I found that this is not necessarily correct. Every person deserves a place to call home and it is our duty as citizens and Christians to help the cause. ■

Photo: Emmalilly Hoxsie '08 (NDP) stops for a photo in New Hampshire on the fourth day of the Fuller Center Bike Adventure.



2008 alum recounts the 2,000-mile bike trip she took to help eliminate poverty housing

Farming for the needy

Member of NDHS Class of 1995 is helping his community in a new and innovative way

Rising global food prices, low food production and an increasing demand for staple foods—expected to double by 2020—are leaving nearly 870 million people suffering from hunger in Africa and other continents at risk. Closer to home, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 15 percent of Americans—including one in five children—are living in poverty, often going hungry.

Even closer to home, Detroit Meals on Wheels, which serves more than one million meals a year to people 60 and older, has a waiting list of nearly 700 hungry seniors, according to the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. But perhaps what makes all of this even more exasperating is a recent report that found that as much as half of the food produced worldwide ends up being thrown away every year because shoppers are too choosy about its "appearance."

Enter Notre Dame High School alum Ryan Rowinski. This 1995 NDHS graduate saw the need locally and has been working with area farmers since last year to rescue food already harvested but not quite "presentable enough" for grocery stores and fruit markets. And he's also doing some of the farming himself on acreage that is not currently in use by landowners, but still ideal for farming.

A do-it-yourself guy

Rowinski, who is officially called "farm produce agent," has been on staff with Forgotten Harvest, a charity organization based in Oak Park, Mich., for more than two years. He says that after his first year of working with the agricultural community to identify where surplus food could be donated, he recognized that one of the best ways to ensure that Forgotten Harvest had fresh, quality produce to distribute to neighbors in need was to grow it themselves.

"In 2012, I established four pilot farm sites (37 acres total) to determine if farming for food banks was a viable idea," he said. "I manage the FH Farms from cultivation to harvest with volunteer labor. The food is harvested and distributed through our network to more than 250 local support agencies."

The Forgotten Harvest farms are currently located in Shelby Township, Casco and Oakland Township.

Rowinski also takes in produce that is grown by other farmers but may not be store-shelf worthy—even though it's perfectly fine. "We call this program 'Harvest for Hunger,' which is essentially a farm food rescue program. I work with local farmers to identify produce (at farm stands or in the field) that may potentially go to waste due to unexpectedly high yields, overly picky consumers or simply harvest timing. We then gather volunteers to harvest at these partner farm sites."

The four farm sites already have produced more than 450,000 lbs. of food (exceeding expectations of 260,000 lbs.). "Altogether, Forgotten Harvest Farms, the Harvest for Hunger program and farm-to-market donations topped 1.5 million pounds of fresh produce in 2012," he said.

One with the earth

Rowinski, whose two brothers (Tom '93 and Kyle '98) also attended NDHS, graduated from Michigan State University, receiving a B.S. degree in crop and soil science, and plant breeding and biotechnology. After college he worked for a national wholesale horticultural supply company and lived and worked just outside Nashville, Tenn., for six years.

He returned to Michigan in 2008 and started his own businesses: Innovative Urban Agriculture (IUA) and Great Lakes Garden Supply (GLGS). "IUA developed and marketed specialty Plant Nutrient Formulations and also started the first indoor farm in Michigan," Rowinski said. "We grew wheatgrass, sunflower sprouts and pea shoots for the specialty health-food market in a building on the east side of Detroit. We also did many custom 'sustainable garden' installations for state, county and private entities."

If you would like to volunteer your time or if you have any information on donatable farm equipment, contact Rowinski at:

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He says that GLGS was a garden retail store, also on the east side of Detroit. But after a meeting with Forgotten Harvest in 2011 he knew he found a new home. "I recognized that I could use the knowledge and experience I have gained to help my community in a new and innovative way."

Calling all tractors

During the pilot year of Forgotten Harvest Farms, Rowinski borrowed or rented the necessary equipment—

or simply did it all by hand. He says he's received some donations of tools and funds in support of the FH Farms initiative. "But," he says, "as we grow the farm program in 2013, we are eagerly seeking donations of equipment and funds to maximize production on a new 100+ acre farm site. A production farm is very reliant on equipment, so we're hoping that some large corporations, such as John Deere, Ford, GM, Chrysler and/or local donors will step up to support this new initiative with equipment and funds."

He also said there is a huge need for volunteers, and not just at harvest time. "There are many opportunities to help at the farms throughout the season. Forgotten Harvest's entire operation is based on volunteer support. There are lots of opportunities throughout the year at our warehouse and distribution center in Oak Park."

Notre Dame roots

Recalling his NDHS years, Rowinski, who turned 36 in January, said he still keeps in touch with many of his friends and a few teachers from the school, including Father Kiselica, "who was always a great, influential mentor. And I will never forget Irish Week, and football and hockey games. And of course the great Mr. Vachon!" ■



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“They sacrificed a lot so that I could attend a school like NDP and I’m seeing the value of that every day of my life.”

Patrick Foxworthy '04 (NDP)
on his parents and his high school

PHOTO PROVIDED BY PATRICK FOXWORTHY

Home-field

2004 ND Prep grad works with the Department of Homeland Security to develop systems to



An early desire to "make things better" led 2004 Notre Dame Prep grad to Washington, D.C., and into a crucial role in helping to make America safer. Patrick Foxworthy is currently managing the development of new technology as a systems engineer with The MITRE Corporation, a McLean, Va.-based not-for-profit organization that provides systems engineering, research and development and information-technology support to the government to help address issues of critical national importance.

Foxworthy says he always knew—even back in the 7th grade—that he wanted to be an engineer. He just didn't know what kind of engineer.

"Science, technology, engineering and math always seemed to mesh well with how my brain operated," he said. "I settled on industrial engineering (IE) after exploring several different engineering fields my senior year at NDI." He settled on IE because it focuses on "making things better."

"You can define 'things' as production lines, package delivery or even a theme park," he says. "In the end, it is the industrial engineer's job to improve how they all operate through the application of engineering principles."

Keeping America safe

Now Foxworthy is improving the way the nation protects its citizens. "I'm part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) systems engineering Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), and the folks I get to work with at MITRE are very intelligent, thoughtful and driven," he said. "It's reassuring to know that people like that are working on the large, complex challenges that face our nation."

He's been supporting Homeland Security since he started at MITRE, primarily on two programs. When he first got to D.C., Foxwor-

thy was supporting information technology (IT) systems that the government deployed to support the nation's critical infrastructure (roads, electrical grids, monuments, chemical factories, dams, etc.). MITRE's job was to ensure that the system testing was objective and as thorough as possible.

Then, in 2011, he was given the responsibility of managing the overall execution of several technology pilots for a federal law enforcement agency within DHS. He said the implementation and results of these pilots are helping to shape and strengthen the DHS acquisition strategy and process while informing the department of best practices for the interaction of science and technology at R&D organizations with end-user components.

"I know that all sounds complicated, but basically I manage the development of new technology used within DHS," he said. "By doing so today, I can help shape how the department integrates technology in the future for other components, such as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)."

Notre Dame paves the way

Foxworthy's educational preparation for his career took him to Kettering University in Flint, but he says he realized later in life that even after Kettering, Notre Dame Prep also played a big role in his success in college and ultimately in his success in the workplace.

"At NDP, once I had chosen industrial engineering as college focus, I began searching for the very best schools that offered an IE degree" he said. "At the time I remember thinking that I shouldn't be worried about getting into my school of choice—that I had already been prepared for that. Looking back, I have to say it was more due to NDP's preparation than to my ego."

His engineering program at Kettering required him to participate in a co-op program right off the bat. "That experience was phenomenal—I even got to work as an IE at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts in both Anaheim and Orlando. Just don't ask me which one was my favorite!"

Foxworthy is effusive when it comes to advice for high-schoolers considering a career in engineering. "My advice here is very simple: Do it!!! Our nation is in desperate need of high-quality engineers and it can be a very rewarding career. Being an engineer is a commitment to lifelong learning. I don't mean that you will be in class your whole life, but rather that there is always something new and different to learn with the engineering mentality. Also, I would encourage students to become involved with professional societies early on. [Foxworthy is a long-time member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers.] They generally offer great benefits for student members and can more easily springboard your career from student to professional."

Looking back a few more years to his time in high school, Foxworthy says that Notre Dame Prep absolutely prepared him well for his career and for life. "One thing my parents always told me is that fundamental, lifelong knowledge is gained during K-12 education," he said. "They sacrificed a lot so that I could attend a school like NDP and I'm seeing the value of that every day of my life. When I was in school, it was only Notre Dame Prep and what is now called Notre Dame Marist – Middle Division. Now with the lower division, I think many young people at Notre Dame are going to be very well-positioned for wherever their lives take them."

He said the abundance of opportunities available to NDPMA students was endless when he was there and continues to grow. "Partner that with the academic rigor of advanced placement classes—and now an IB program—and all ND students have an excellent ability to build outstanding résumés."

But it isn't just academics and rigor that Foxworthy recalls from his Notre Dame days. He says he remembers watching the soccer team play Plainwell HS for the state title back in 2000. "And I also recall German class in C1, lots of exciting calculus lessons with intuitive noises, Pontiac Northern track practice, late-night tech rehearsals for drama productions, early morning band camps and lots of time spent walking or driving to 7-11 and the Stuffed Bun." ■

advantage

improve America's security

What does someone with a double major in journalism and Chinese studies do after graduating from college? In Derrick Sobodash's case, he moves to China and works for a major Beijing newspaper, that's what!

Sobodash, who graduated from Notre Dame Prep in 2000, is in his sixth year living in China and is now working at "Beijing Today" as senior copy editor, responsible for making sure the text of the English-language publication follows appropriate formatting, style and accuracy. He says he's not in the field as a reporter too much in his position, but he sees most of what gets published in the weekly paper, which is more like an arts and cultural publication than general news or business paper.

"We don't cover business, for example, because frankly, 'Financial Times' does an exceptional job at that and it's really popular in China. Political news is covered elsewhere, so we focus on local cultural events, music, art gallery openings, interesting new stores, etc."

Sobodash's journalism career began at Oakland University after graduating from NDP. While taking classes there, he worked on the student newspaper, The Oakland Post, and says it was a very interesting time to be on staff at the Post.

"I was there for the big scandal in 2003 where the Post filed a lawsuit against the university's own board of trustees for violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act," he recalls. The paper sued the board after student journalists were not informed about or allowed into a January board meeting in which trustees discussed state budget cuts.

"Unfortunately, the state district court disagreed with us. We thought it was an open-and-shut case, but the court disagreed."

He says all in all, he really liked the journalism program at OU even though while on the news desk he would typically work from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. "Really insane hours, but everyone there was really nice—enjoyed myself—it was a good program."

After OU he did an internship for a couple of months at the Oakland Press, which was during his last semester in college. "I graduated in '05 with a double major in Chinese Studies and journalism. Everyone thought I was crazy for combining those two majors because there's really no overlap at all, which is why it took me five years instead of four to finish up."

So after securing a job teaching at China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing, Sobodash moved to China in 2005. He worked at the school for a year when he found out the university was going to be audited by the Chinese government.

"Those working in our office who were nationals and had been there awhile had nothing to worry about," he said. But the officials at the university didn't want to risk us foreigners saying anything bad to the auditors, so they fired the entire foreign staff that year."

He was fortunate enough, though, to land on his feet at "Beijing Today," and today, Sobodash is one of two Americans working at the paper, the other being a native of Kansas. He enjoys his job, but doesn't think he'll finish his career there. As far as censorship, he says his paper runs into occasional issues, but the government doesn't really get involved with BT. "The publisher will function sometimes as the last reviewer, and he may decide that a story or article shouldn't get

published. Sometimes I'm surprised, though, with what gets published or not published!"

What also surprised him a bit after moving to Beijing, was the fact that he can go somewhere in town faster on his bicycle than if he drove a car or took public transit.

He rides his bike to work everyday and people really think he's crazy to do such a thing. You might think it's because there are millions of others on bikes and you need to fight for space. But Sobodash says it's because of all the cars on the road. "You've got four million people driving 20 million cars and for the most part driving badly," he said. He rides about nine miles each way. There is a subway line he could take, but there are three changes and countless footsteps along the way, which makes it impractical.

"It takes about 50 minutes on the subway to get to my office, an hour and a half by taxi, and 30 minutes by bike," which he rides rain, snow or shine. "And it's free," he adds. "I've never had a car in China. I'd be afraid to!"

He says even though he's had some close calls on the bike with cars and buses ("There are bike lanes, but the buses drive on them!"), he still prefers his two wheels to any other wheels.

When Sobodash first got to China, he had more difficulty with local navigation than with language or cultural issues. "But now I know the area better than my wife, and she grew up here!"

Even though he's been extremely busy with his work, he's had some time to travel in that part of the world, including trips to Shanghai and Mongolia. "And sometimes I'll just get on my bike and go 100 kilometers (about 62 miles), just to see what's going on."

While on a rare trip back to Michigan in December, Sobodash visited his high school alma mater and spent an afternoon speaking to Joanne Liu's Mandarin Chinese class and visiting with some former teachers.

He remembers Gregory Simon and Mark McCaskey, two of the teachers or staff at NDP today who were teaching back when he was in school. "It was a long time ago!"

He says he really enjoyed his law class with Simon. "It was good preparation because I went to OU, and had a really tough media law class that was taught like a graduate class. Mr. Simon's class was good preparation for it. Also, during my senior year I was really into the art program at NDP. I think I took every art course available to seniors. In general, when asked about his experience at Notre Dame, he said after Notre Dame Prep, "my first two years of college weren't really that tough."

Long-term, Sobodash says that his parents [in Michigan] are getting older and he'd like to spend more time with them, but the job market for news people in the states "being what it is currently, I can't imagine getting something here that would allow me the extra time for my wife and I to start a family." But, still, he IS looking!

Ten years from now, he'd like to get more into fiction writing, and he's made some forays into it, but he's been so terribly busy, it's proven real difficult. "However, I do find time to garden. My wife and I have a pretty good garden going where we live." ■

Derrick Sobodash '00 (NDP) and his wife, Liu Chenlu, in front of the Lingxiao Pagoda in Zhengding, Hebei Province, China.

Editor abroad

NDP alum took his double major to China and now edits a major newspaper in Beijing



PHOTO PROVIDED BY GARY CASTANEDA

From Notre Dame to the Music Hall

NDHS 1994 grad is Pilate in upcoming performance at Music Hall Center

NDHS alum Gerard "Gary" Castaneda ('94) is playing the role of Pontius Pilate in the upcoming production of "The Cross and the Light," a musical that follows the Passion of Christ, and His death and resurrection. The show runs March 24 - 31 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

"It's the most difficult role in the show for an actor," said Kelly Nieto, the show's executive producer, creator and songwriter. "Imagine, condemning Jesus to death every performance. You have to go to a very dark place every rehearsal and every performance."

A veteran of the stage, Castaneda was in the national tour of "Miss Saigon" (North American Company), "Sesame Street Live" (U.S. National/Japan International Company) and has been a featured cabaret performer on several cruise lines across the Caribbean. He also has been seen on the Discovery Channel highlighting Cedar Point Live Entertainment.

After graduating from Notre Dame High School in 1994, Castaneda completed a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan's School of Nursing in Ann Arbor. He says he wasn't compelled to work as a nurse at the time and felt that he had other talents to explore. So he decided to go back to school to study music.

"I finished one year at Oakland University when I was called to work on my first professional job as a singer at Cedar Point," he said. "It was a musical theater bootcamp that I grew accustomed to love and it was there where I learned to hone my skills and pace myself as a performer."

He was fortunate enough to catch the eye of a cruise ship show producer and a few months later found himself performing on a seven-day Caribbean tour with Commodore Cruise Line. A few months after that, he was invited to perform his own cabaret show with an 11-piece orchestra. "I found myself getting an intense education on carrying a show that I really enjoyed."

Following those few years of cruise ship and theme park work, Castaneda found himself back in Michigan but preparing to move to New York City. But he received an open call for performers for "Sesame Street Live," which was being held at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Due to a performer leaving the show and a good audition, Castaneda got the job and transitioned quickly to life on the road with Bert, Ernie and Elmo. "I traveled across the country, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Japan with Sesame Street as a dancer and actor." But it was during the Sesame tour when he received the call that changed his life.

"I received a call from the production company casting director who was producing 'Miss Saigon,'" Castaneda said. "A few weeks after this phone call, I was on a flight to Los Angeles to begin rehearsals for 'Miss Saigon.' I was thrilled to meet the composer, Claude-Michel Schönberg, and travel the country with such a compelling production. The experience was amazing and I was very humbled to be part of such an epic show."

Castaneda has since returned to Michigan and has been performing in select shows in the Detroit area, including the upcoming run of "The Cross and the Light." "I am very excited to take on such an intense character within the story," he said. "I think the music is beautiful and the content of the show lends itself to really transport the audience to another time. In many ways, I find this is a show that will not only entertain but touch people's hearts as well." ■

SHOW INFORMATION: "The Cross and the Light"

www.crossandlight.com/

March 24, 2013 (Palm Sunday) 7:30 p.m.

March 26, 2013 (Student Day) 10 a.m.

March 27, 2013 (Senior Day) 10 a.m.

March 28, 2013 (Family Day) 3 p.m.

March 29, 2013 (Good Friday) 12 p.m. and 8 p.m.

March 30, 2013 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

March 31, 2013 (Easter Sunday) 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

NOTRE DAME PREP ALUMNI

Jacqueline Joy '98 (NDP) and professional performers from her entertainment company, Knotty Bits, LLC., auditioned for a new reality show on AMC, *The Road Show*. The show organizes competitions in small towns across the country, featuring local talent who get the chance of a lifetime to be in the spotlight.

Scott Lockhart '98 (NDP) continues to serve on the alumni association board of directors. He was an honored alumni guest speaker to eighth grade students at Notre Dame Prep's scholars reception in February. Scott plans to spend some time working in London this spring.

Gabrielle Burns '00 (NDP) lives in Munich, Germany, where she is a nurse. Gabe was home in Michigan over the Christmas holiday.

Trent Thiry '00 (NDP) continues to serve on the alumni association board of directors, of which he is the treasurer and chair of the finance committee. Trent works for Takata in Auburn Hills. He and wife, Kristen, recently moved to West Bloomfield.

Mike Durkin '01 (NDP) "I left Ford Motor Co. to take a position with the Woodhouse Automotive group in October. I'm working at the Ford dealership, which is the second-largest-volume Ford store in the country. I moved up (to Bennington, Neb.) from Kansas City after having lived there for seven years after graduation. I got married in Kansas City on December 1 to my wife, Kristy."

David Krease '01 (NDP) is living in Boulder, Colo., and is the director of retail for Campus Street Industries.

Ryan Doski '02 (NDP) is a supervisor for Superior Excavating. He and wife, Jaime, live in Oxford, Mich.

Jennifer (Armbruster) Flack '02 (NDP) and husband, Ryan, live in Fenton and have two daughters: Emma, 6 months, and Madysen, 3 years. Jennifer is a psychologist and owns her own practice.

Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP) serves on the alumni association board of directors as secretary. Meredith is the director of Notre Dame Prep's spring play, *All In The Timing*, running March 22-24.

Bill Kropf '02 (NDP) lives in Chicago where he is a business development manager for Coyote Logistics.

Gerry Mattei '02 (NDP) is the post-production coordinator for the television show, *America Now* with Leeza Gibbons, which began airing in September twice daily on WADL.

James Render '02 (NDP) is a graduate of the University of Illinois Chicago and the University of North Dakota. He lives in Maryland and has a career with the James Andrew Group.

Ann Stefaniszyn '02 (NDP) is a fourth-year teacher to twenty-four kindergarten students at Joy Preparatory Academy in Detroit, a Title-1 school that educates many children of impoverished families. Over the holiday season, Ann chose to pay it forward on behalf of all of the teachers that have touched her life at NDP and throughout her education, most notably Bev Williams. She adopted two families from her classroom and provided them with household necessities and gifts they otherwise would not have received.

We'd love to hear from you!

Send a note to let us know what you're up to: e-mail Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP) at rmiller@ndpma.org, or visit ndpma.org/update.

Alumni Notes & Info

Notre Dame Prep: (NDP); Notre Dame High School: (NDHS); Pontiac Catholic: (PC); Oakland Catholic: (OC); St. Frederick: (SF); St. Michael: (SM)

Katie Vitale '02 (NDP) is an instructional lead teacher for the New York City Department of Education. Katie and her wife, Theresa, have a 2-year-old son, Jackson Antonio.

Katherine (Szarama) Isaac '04 (NDP) is married to Andrew Isaac and lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Amanda Buszek '06 (NDP) graduated from Michigan State University in September 2012. She is a forensic scientist for Michigan State Police, Forensic Science Division.

Chris Dondanville '06 (NDP) lives in Madison, WI, and works for Epic, a medical software company.

Marisa Sochacki '06 (NDP) is a pharmacist at the Battle Creek Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She writes, "I am very passionate about international mission trips. I've traveled to Guatemala, Honduras and Haiti. My friends and I recently founded a non-profit organization called Hearts and Hands of Heroes. We partner with an orphanage in Haiti to sponsor children for school and food. In addition, we've been blessed enough to sponsor construction projects. We are praying and hoping to expand our ministry throughout both Haiti and the world."

Dennis Strach '06 (NDP) made his first profession of vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States Province of Priests and Brothers in Notre Dame, Ind. Strach will continue as a temporarily professed seminarian at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame as he works toward priesthood.

Matthew Fountain '07 (NDP) works in a research lab at Michigan State University. The lab recently was renovated and Matt generously donated the lab's previous equipment to NDPMA.

Annie Mott '07 (NDP) serves as a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica. She is working with two Costa Rican English teachers to improve their levels of English and their teaching techniques. Annie also has been planning and organizing activities and camps to keep community children active and learning. Her camp, JumpStart, ran in January and taught twenty high-school-age students about life skills, goals and motivation.

Shannon Bartlett '08 (NDP) is a program manager for Pulse220, an experiential agency. Shannon is working with Katie Berlin on planning the class of 2008 10-year reunion.

Katherine Berlin '08 (NDP) did student teaching in Portage, Mich., for a semester last fall, and will be graduating from Western Michigan University this year.

Shayla Curran '08 (NDP) starred in *Young Frankenstein the Musical*, on stage in February at the Starlight Theater in Waterford, Mich. Curran was cast in the role of Inga, Dr. Frankenstein's lab assistant.

Caroline Drolet '08 (NDP) graduated from Albion College and is pursuing a master's degree while living in Canada.

Matthew Dondanville '09 (NDP) works for Cloudpoint Geographics as a geomatic engineer.

Victoria Thompson '09 (NDP) graduated from Saint Mary's College in 2012 and is attending Michigan State University College of Law. Victoria looks forward to helping plan the class of 2009 5-year reunion.

Molly Batchik '10 (NDP) attends Grand Valley State University where she is majoring in Liberal Studies.

Chris Burns '10 (NDP) is in his second year at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., where he is majoring in naval architecture. He competes on the varsity cross country and indoor/outdoor track teams; is a member of the Marine Technology Society, the German Club and is a volunteer with the Special Olympics.

Mark Evans '10 (NDP) attends Aquinas College where he is captain of the lacrosse team.

Nick Garrappa '10 (NDP) was named a pre-season All Conference MAAC selection by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine for the upcoming 2013 D1 NCAA Lacrosse season.

Morgan Hoxsie '10 (NDP) "This past summer, I studied abroad in Valencia, Spain, for two months. Upon returning back to MSU campus this fall, I was invited to join Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering Honor Society. I was elected to serve on the executive board after being initiated. I have still been active around campus by serving as the secretary of MSU chapter of Habitat for Humanity, community service chair of Society of Women Engineers and historian of Alpha Omicron Pi."

Jordan Mejaly '10 (NDP) attends Hope College and is minoring in studio art. Last year for a class assignment, Jordan designed a cover for a poetry book and out of more than 40 entries, Jordan's design was chosen for the cover.

Grace Wood '10 (NDP) attends Loyola University where she is on a pre-med track and interested in neonatology. Grace spent the summer of 2012 volunteering in pediatric research at Beaumont Hospital. Over the holiday season, she participated in a medical mission trip to Honduras, where she assisted with the medical care of children and adults in remote villages.

Peter Dondanville '12 (NDP) is a freshman at the University of Dayton, where he is studying engineering.

Christa Guest '12 (NDP) is at the University of Michigan and plans on getting a bio-psych major. When she isn't studying, she plays volleyball, hangs out with friends and works at the Blue Apple Cafe making smoothies. In the summer, Christa plans on returning to Black River Farm and Ranch as a camp counselor where she will be teaching western horseback-riding classes.

Sierra Leske '12 (NDP) is at Michigan State University. Sierra says "Hi" to Mrs. Bembas.

Candice Mack '12 (NDP) attends Oakland University where she runs track. She misses her NDP friends and occasionally wears her NDP uniform sweater.

Emma Martin '12 (NDP) is at Ava Maria College in Florida. She misses her NDP Chinese class. Emma works for the marketing department at school writing a blog and updating the university's Facebook page. Check out Emma's blog at <http://www.avemaria.edu>.

Ruairi McGreevy '12 (NDP), while home from the United States Air Force Academy, stopped by the NDPMA campus to visit teachers and see the new athletic hall of fame wall, which includes his photo. **Jacob Romeo '12 (NDP)** earned his first collegiate varsity letter in football at the University of Chicago.

Kaitlyn Rose '12 (NDP) attends Gannon University in Pennsylvania. She is playing college softball and is a member of the Gannon student government. Kaitlyn says "Hi" to Mr. Smith and Coach Wrubel.

Elizabeth Simon '12 (NDP) attends Loyola

University where she is on the dance team.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Thomas Novak '58 (NDHS) says of his recently released third novel, *Alley Justice*: "It's about a Detroit cop during the 70s, and yes, Notre Dame is mentioned in it. One of the closing scenes does take place at Eastland Mall after a drive around the old campus." The book's dedication reads, "This book is dedicated to the Marist Fathers and to Conrad Vachon who tried their best to teach me something at Notre Dame High in Harper Woods, Michigan." *Alley Justice* is available in print through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other retailers as well as in eBook format. Tom's first two books are titled: *Among the Tin Cans and Broken Glass*; and *Good Ones and Scallywags*. Tom donated signed copies of all three of his books to the NDPMA library.

John Ureel '58 (NDHS) and his wife, Joan, ask for prayers for their 16-year-old grandson, Nicholas Ureel, who is undergoing treatment and surgery for cancer.

Jim Duda '61 (NDHS) is living in Connecticut not far from the former Marist residence in Framingham, Mass. Jim wrote to the alumni office sharing fond memories of Fr. Joseph Chasse, who served at NDHS from 1956 to 1971 and was dean of discipline while Jim was a student.

Dennis Ertzbischoff '64 (NDHS) is retired and enjoys continuous learning. He recently contacted Notre Dame Prep about its newly acquired Dassault Systemes engineering technology, as Dennis looks forward to considering Dassault Systemes as a viable skill to learn in retirement.

Gary Popiel '64 (NDHS) "Alive and well and living in The Villages, Fla., during the winter and living in Tobermory, Ontario, in the middle of a National Park during the summer. All three of our kids are married and making grandchildren. Our oldest son, Paul, will be conducting at Carnegie Hall in March of this year."

Chester Szerlag '66 (NDHS) has lived in Chicago since 1980, working at the University of Chicago. In October, Chet began working at the University of Illinois Medical Center at the UIC campus. Chet would like to connect with other (NDHS) alumni in the area. For any classmates who'd like to reconnect, contact the alumni office.

Stephen Kosmalski '69 (NDHS) "I've recently moved from Chicago to the Memphis area with my wife, Laura (Regina '69), and my son, Logan. My other four children are all married and living in different states. We have three grandchildren now. Currently CEO of a consumer products company called SteinWorld. It's tough being a Michigan fan down here in SEC country. All the best to my fellow ND Alumni!"

Dennis Embo '70 (NDHS) retired in November 2012 after 25 years of service to the City of Raleigh (N.C.) as a paralegal. He and his wife, Rosemary, recently moved home to Michigan.

Kenneth Moir '70 (NDHS) reminisced with the alumni office about the times when he assisted Fr. Bryson with the ND sock hops as a DJ and helped introduce guest bands like the Temptations and Bob Seger. Ken owns an auto repair shop at 9 Mile Rd. and Gratiot.

Bob Bury '71 (NDHS) is the CEO and executive director of the Detroit Historical Society.

Frank Rimi '71 (NDHS), along with his wife, Cathy, and their three sons, owns and operates Addison Oaks Christmas Tree Farm in Oakland, Mich. The 20-acre site was first planted as a tree farm in 1988.

Edward Zobeck '72 (NDHS) is the chief

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Making the shot

Notre Dame High School grad ('72) runs basketball school in Sterling Heights

Dave Guinane '72 (NDHS) has always been intrigued with finding the best way to do everything on a basketball court. But the president and owner of The Basketball Workshop, which operates out of the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse in Shelby Township, is not just doing it himself on the court. Recognized as one of the premier basketball shooting coaches in the nation, Guinane, a former Wayne State University varsity player, has worked with thousands of high school and college players over the years to help them become better all-around players and gain confidence in their skills. As a result, numerous "graduates" of his workshop have gone on to play college basketball and professional basketball.

NDP health and PE teacher (and NDP grad) Bobbie (Bieszki) Hall ('00), who is assistant coach for NDP women's basketball, is one of Guinane's graduates. "Yes, I worked with Dave and he is awesome! I have known him since 7th grade," Hall said. "My dad brought him in to teach our church team how to shoot free throws. I did some individual training with him throughout high school and definitely learned a lot to help my game."

Guinane is fond of telling his students that it's pretty tough to do something wrong and expect great results against great players. "You might get away with it if you are bigger or stronger or quicker," he said. "But if you go against a 'like' athlete, you must perform the skill properly and most efficiently to win. In essence, I am teaching my students all about the economy of motion."

Guinane first got into this business when he coached in high school. "I would have kids stopping in before practice from other schools," he said. "Of the first 19 kids I taught, all eventually became a captain or made all-league. After three or four years of this kind of success, I figure there was a real need to fill, so I started my training business in 1997." He says no one in the country at that time was doing personal skill training for every facet of the game of basketball. And thus, The Basketball Workshop was born.

Guinane, who is married with three children and living in St. Clair Shores, got off the

court long enough to answer a few questions from IRISH magazine:

IRISH: Is The Basketball Workshop your full-time job/occupation?

GUINANE: Well, I derive a full-time income from this full-time effort, but I also work at the Chrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills.

IRISH: When does it get the busiest for the basketball school? Is it during high school season?

GUINANE: The college kids and professionals typically come in the summer. The high school students come year-round.

During their season, they will come on their off day. We get someone once a week for an hour to train and get 50% to 100% improvement, guaranteed! (in four weeks)

IRISH: Who or what have been the biggest inspirations and influences for your career thus far?

GUINANE: Biggest inspirations are all of the athletes we were able to help get what they wanted. They are the ones who excite me and make me want to do more and be better so they can achieve something that may have seemed impossible. We've had around 20 county MVPs from The Basketball Workshop. It has been said that TBW is to basketball what Kronk is to boxing.

IRISH: What are some of your proudest accomplishments and favorite projects and why?

GUINANE: Starting the basketball workshop and now celebrating our 15th anniversary this year. Favorite project would be helping student-athletes

or professionals realize their dreams, whether it's making a team,

becoming an all-star, getting a four-year scholarship or even making a pro team — helping them become the best they can be.

IRISH: Who was your basketball coach at Notre Dame High School and generally, in your opinion, how was the program during the time you were at the school?

GUINANE: Gunars Vitolins was the varsity coach at ND. We won a district title my junior year and were competitive my senior year. It was a great experience and ND was my second home. One summer night back then, a couple of friends and I played until 2:00 a.m.—then locked up ourselves!

IRISH: What were some memorable moments during your time at NDHS?

GUINANE: Football games—I never missed any. Sunday afternoon at ND. It was great! I miss going there. Winning a basketball district championship in 1971 also was big, especially beating Lakeview, which was 18-0 at the time.

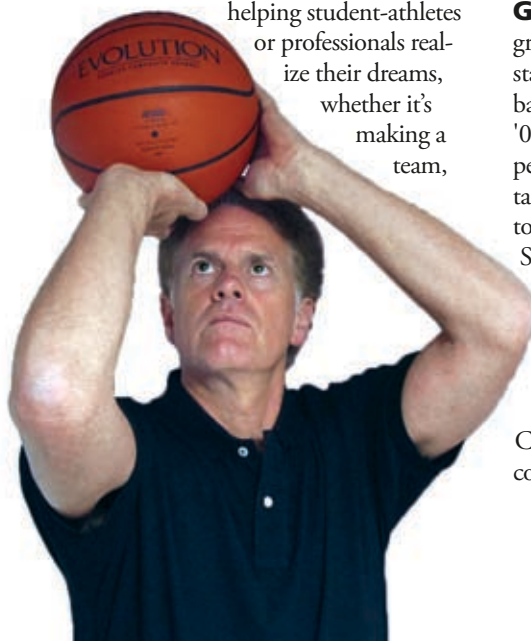
IRISH: Any faculty or staff while you were at NDHS who stand out for you?

GUINANE: The entire staff at ND was fabulous. Teachers, administrators and athletic staff. Everyone had your best interest in mind. It was one big family that even extends into the business world. There is a bond between all ND grads. I practically lived at ND for four years. I usually shot in the gym in the dark until Tom Kelly would turn on the lights if he walked by. Conrad Vachon also stands out—his eye for detail, teaching technique and his ability to get done whatever needed to get done.

IRISH: Any memories of specific players that you've taught over the years?

GUINANE: Bobbie (Bieszki) Hall was a great player at ND Prep and a multi-sport star. She went to Oakland University on a basketball scholarship as did her brother Ricky '05 (NDP). I worked with both players. Great people from a great family! [Guinane also taught Brian Biggs, '02 (NDHS), who went on to play at Siena Heights University, and Greg Stempin '97 (NDHS), who played college ball at Toledo and is now playing professionally in Europe.] ■

The Basketball Workshop can be found online at www.basketballworkshop.com. Contact Guinane at 586-731-3557 or e-mail: coachdave@basketballworkshop.com.



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administrative officer for Delta Dental. He and his wife, Rosemary, live in Haslett, Mich. They have three children: Jacob, Ariana and Mikayla.

Jerome Drenzek '75 (NDHS) "I'm a retired VP, product manager of Campbell-Ewald Advertising who worked on the Chevy account for many years, but my advertising career included time at agencies working on Ford and Chrysler accounts as well. My lifelong hobby of classic cars has been enjoyable and rewarding." Jerry was interviewed and published by Old Cars Weekly magazine about his '48 Ford F-1 Pickup.

Stephen Dueweke '76 (NDHS) is pursuing a BFA, and eventually an MFA and MA in art education at Wayne State University.

Chris Giannetti '77 (NDHS) is a senior project engineer at General Motors. He and his wife, Yvonne, live in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Gary Mahoney '80 (NDHS) retired in December after 26-1/2 years of employment with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. He retired as a patrol sergeant.

Bryan Ureel '82 (NDHS) is an artist and partner in Flying Fish Studios in Royal Oak. Bryan produced an illustration of the new Notre Dame

Marist Academy campus being constructed in Pontiac. Check it out on page 12.

Scott Baumgart '84 (NDHS) became a member of the alumni association board of directors in January 2013. Scott's children, Savannah and Remington, attend NDPMA.

Mark Chmura '88 (NDHS) "I have been living in Chandler, Ariz., for the past 6-1/2 years and have three wonderful children (Emily, age 16, Stephen, age 13, and Lillian, age 7) along with my beautiful bride, Angela. I work in the wireless telecommunications industry for a company called Crown Castle USA, Inc., and enjoy a very rewarding career."

Frank Castronova '89 (NDHS) recently joined the board of the Bishop Michael J. Gallagher Society. The society's mission is to preserve the rich history, tradition and heritage of the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit, past and present. The former Notre Dame High School was honored by the society at its annual dinner last November.

Thomas Thompson '93 (NDHS) and his wife, Delores, have two sons, Anthony (age 13) and Thomas (age 10). The family lives in Clinton Twp., Mich. Tom is a designer for Proper Tooling.

Christopher Havrilla '97 (NDHS) completed

his Bachelor of Science Degree in December from Central Michigan University. Chris will be departing with the United States Coast Guard in November 2013. He currently lives in Shelby Twp., Mich. Christopher and his fiancée, Elisabeth, plan to marry in the fall of 2013.

Andrew Dold '98 (NDHS) is director of technology at Divine Child, where he has coached men's basketball for the past six years. In January, he coached against NDHS classmate Whitney Robinson, coach of the Notre Dame Prep men's basketball team. Andy and his wife, Kyle, welcomed their first son, Brayden, in January.

Whitney Robinson '98 (NDHS) is in his first year of coaching the men's basketball team at ND Prep. He is a financial planner and lives with his wife, Zoey, in West Bloomfield.

Nicholas Pelachyk '04 (NDHS) is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and the UCLA Dental School. He is a captain in the United States Air Force and he is stationed in Washington, D.C. He is completing an advanced education degree in the general dentistry (AEGD) program at Bolling Air Force Base.

PONTIAC CATHOLIC ALUMNI

Patty Atchison '73 (PC) is working alongside Nancy Mazza and Karen Pease to plan the class of

1973 40-year reunion.

Karen Pease '73 (PC) and her husband, Robin, live in Kalamazoo, Mich., and have a son, Mark Henry. Karen is an enforcement supervisor for Kalamazoo County. She is working with Nancy Mazza and Patty Atchison to plan the PC 40-year reunion.

Colleen O'Brien '75 (PC) serves as Oakland County Circuit Judge and was a Republican Supreme Court nominee in the Nov. 6 election.

Gregg Morris '78 (PC) lives in Battle Creek, Mich., and writes a newspaper column, Ask Dr. Isaac. He says, "Salut Titan!" to his fellow alumni.

ST. FREDERICK ALUMNI

Patty Dean-Phillips '52 (SF) recently earned a master's degree in social justice from Marygrove College, finishing 60 years of education and all done without owning a computer! Patty is happy to have completed this personal goal from her "bucket list." She continues to work part time at Lourdes Nursing Home in Waterford, Mich., where she handles receptionist duties and gives tours. She has enjoyed working with the center's senior residents for the past 11 years and still can't believe she gets paid for the work she feels blessed to do. ■

CLASS REUNIONS

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Class of 1998, 15-year. Classmates are discussing plans for a reunion gathering via Facebook. If you would like to volunteer to help plan the reunion, please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org or Scott Lockhart at scottielockhart@hotmail.com

Class of 2003, 10-year. Date TBA for 2013 reunion. Reunion contacts: John Putnam, jmputnam07@gmail.com; Bridget Maher, bridget.leigh.maher@gmail.com; Aaron Bozicevich, abozicevich@gmail.com; Erin O'Brien, Emobrien8525@gmail.com; Cindy (Kraus) Morrill, c.e.kraus@gmail.com; Kristi Lewandowski, kristi.lewandowski@gmail.com; Nick Giacona, nickgiacona@hotmail.com.

Class of 2008, 5-year. Date TBA for summer 2013. Check for updates at www.facebook.com/NDPClass08. Reunion contacts: Shannon Bartlett, SBartlett@pulse220.com; Katie Berlin, katherine.l.berlin@wmich.edu.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1963, 50-year. Reunion weekend will be Sept. 14 and 15, 2013. Plans include a Saturday night dinner at Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights, Mich., a Sunday morning mass at St. Mary's, downtown Detroit and a Tigers game. Reunion contacts: John McCabe, (586) 822-5153; Don Herman, (586) 781-0220.

Class of 1965, 50-year. Reunion being planned for 2015. Details TBA. The committee is looking to update e-mail addresses and contact information. Reunion contacts: Dennis Berger, dennisaberger@aol.com, (909) 223-4483; Fr. Leon Olszamowski, lolszamowski@ndpma.org.

Class of 1973, 40-year. Reunion weekend will be June 21, 22, 23, 2013. Friday, June 21 - Afternoon golf scramble and 19th hole meet and greet. Saturday, June 22 - Evening dinner dance. Sunday, June 23 - Detroit Tigers game. Reunion contacts: Frank Coppola, (586) 295-9375, fcoppola@frankcoppola.com; Gerry Mattei, (248) 881-9836; or Scott Spicuzzi, spicuzz@comcast.net.

Class of 1978, 35-year. Reunion being planned for 2013. Class volunteers needed to help on the planning committee. If you are willing to help, please contact Ron Yanik at ronald0812@aol.com.

Class of 1986, 30-year. Reunion being planned for 2016. Details TBA. Reunion committee: John Kaminski, jkaminski1700@yahoo.com, (952) 261-5546; Dan O'Brien, (248) 840-8391, dobrien734@comcast.net; Paul Arnone, paul.c.arnone@gm.com; Stephen Schultz, stephen2000_fl@yahoo.com; Jonathan Zaidan, jkmzc@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1989, 25-year. Reunion is being planned for 2014. Reunion committee in formation. If you would like to help, contact Gregory Simon at gsimon@ndpma.org or Frank Castronova at fcastronova@ndpma.org.

PONTIAC CATHOLIC

Class of 1973, 40-year. Reunion being planned for 2013. Contact Nancy Mazza '73 (PC) at nancylmazza@yahoo.com.

ST. FREDERICK

2013 All Class Reunion will be held on Sun., Sept. 8, 2013. St. Frederick school building open for touring at 9:30 a.m. Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Pontiac. Luncheon at 1:00 p.m. at Santia Hall, Keego Harbor. Tickets available at Kennedy's Irish Pub, Waterford. For more information, contact st_freds_alumni@yahoo.com.

ST. MICHAEL

24th Annual All School Reunion will be held on Sun., Sept. 15, 2013. For more information, contact John Martin '51 (SM) at martinjd@wowway.com.

Is your class due to have a reunion? Volunteers needed to help plan reunions in 2013 and 2014. Contact the alumni office at 248-373-2171, ext. 3, or miller@ndpma.org for more info. We can help get you started and offer assistance with your event plans.

CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2013 REUNIONS:

NDHS Class of 1958, 55-year
NDHS Class of 1968, 45-year
NDHS Class of 1983, 30-year
NDHS Class of 1988, 25-year
NDHS Class of 1993, 20-year
NDHS Class of 1998, 15-year
NDP Class of 1998, 15-year
NDHS Class of 2003, 10-year
PC/OC, all class years ending in 3 and 8

CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2014 REUNIONS:

NDP Class of 1999, 15-year
NDP Class of 2004, 10-year
NDP Class of 2009, 5-year
NDHS Class of 1959, 55-year
NDHS Class of 1964, 50-year
NDHS Class of 1969, 45-year
NDHS Class of 1974, 40-year
NDHS Class of 1979, 35-year
NDHS Class of 1984, 30-year
NDHS Class of 1994, 20-year
NDHS Class of 1999, 15-year
NDHS Class of 2004, 10-year
PC/OC, all class years ending in 4 and 9

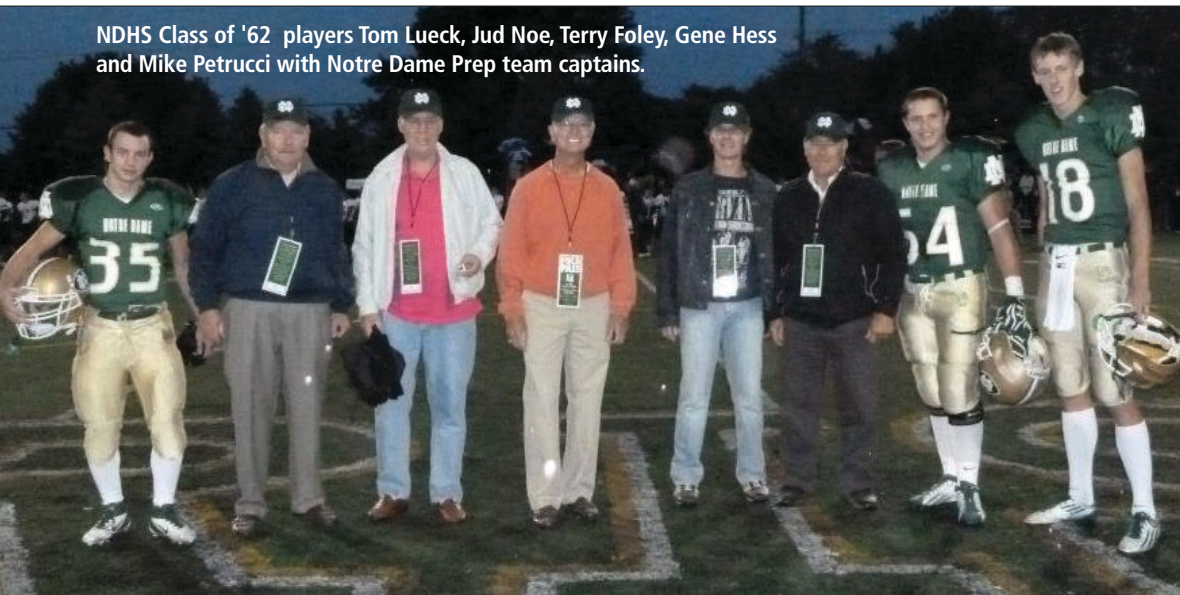


Doug Brown '70 (NDHS), right, presents his Notre Dame letter sweater to NDPMA Head of School Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m. '65 (NDHS) at homecoming 2012.

On September 28, nearly 400 alumni and guests from Notre Dame High School, Notre Dame Prep and Pontiac Catholic attended the 2012 homecoming celebration. All watched as special guest alumnus and three-time Olympian, **Doug Brown '70 (NDHS)**, was honored on the field. Brown wore his decorated NDHS letter sweater to the varsity football game, and he later presented it to **Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m. '65 (NDHS)**, president of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy, for permanent display on the campus. Earlier in the day, Brown participated in the student pep rally, telling Coach Zimmerman and the varsity football players that he didn't come all the way from Atlanta, Ga., to see the end of ND Prep's winning streak. His pep talk must have inspired, as ND Prep beat Dearborn Divine Child 29-7.

Alumni football players from Notre Dame High School's Class of 1962 were honored on September 21, 2012, at Notre Dame Prep's home varsity football game against Bloomfield Hills Lahser. All in attendance watched as the alumni players were recognized on the field and presented with special mementos celebrating 50 years. Photos and video available for view on the NDAA Facebook page. Members of NDHS Class of 1962 football team in attendance included **Gene Hess** - #60 guard, **Judson Noe** - #20 wide receiver, **Mike Petrucci** - #12 wide receiver, **Terry Foley** - #11 quarterback and **Tom Lueck** - #62 center.

NDHS Class of '62 players Tom Lueck, Jud Noe, Terry Foley, Gene Hess and Mike Petrucci with Notre Dame Prep team captains.



Kirby Smith, retired NDHS and NDP art faculty member, will present a lifetime of his personal artwork in an exhibit titled, "A Retrospective of Kirby Smith." Ceramics, paintings and photography, which Smith created over a 45-year career, will be on display June 4 – 29 at Studio 1219, located at 1219 Military Street, Port Huron, Mich. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. An opening night reception will be Friday, June 7, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Smith is inviting his former students, colleagues and all alumni and friends of Notre Dame to come out and share in this special celebration! For more information, please contact the alumni office at 248.373.2171, ext. 3, or alumni@ndpma.org.



The Lunch Bunch is a group of retired Notre Dame High School, Notre Dame Prep and Oakland Catholic faculty and staff, along with their spouses, who meet for lunch throughout the year. Their gatherings began in 2008 after the suggestion of retired math teacher, **Kathy Downs**. Then, in 2009, retired NDHS teacher **Roy Johnson's** wife, **Madryn**, underwent hip surgery and was feeling blue, so she decided to schedule more Lunch Bunch gatherings so she could see her ND friends to lift her spirits. Madryn continues to schedule the Lunch Bunch gatherings, setting dates and locations and collecting RSVPs. She has unofficially become the Bunch's secretary. The group continues to gather every 5-6 weeks. Current membership includes Roy Johnson and wife, Madryn; Kathy Downs and husband, **Richard**; **Tony Borton**; **Norm Kolarski**; **Hal Rice**; **Ken Parent**; **Kathy Bembas**; **Dolores Connors Elbode** and husband, John; **Kirby Smith** and wife, Christine; **Deacon William Kessler**; **Larry Sigel** and wife, Nanci; **John Parthum** and wife, Marianne; **Dennis Lynch** and wife, **Dolores** (who was NDHS secretary); **Deacon Anthony Morici** and wife, **Elizabeth**.

FOR MORE PHOTOS OF THE LUNCH BUNCH, VISIT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S FACEBOOK PAGE at www.facebook.com/NotreDameAlumniAssociation.

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