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I have always enjoyed playing around with different forms of lighting and in different settings. One of my favorite forms of lighting is fire because it allows me to express different meanings behind my work. In this work, I am reflecting on everything that has led me to this moment in my life. One of the inspirations for this photomontage is Georges de La Tour's "Magdalene and the Smoking Flame."

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# The Great Reflection

One of the outcomes of the pandemic is that it has caused millions of Americans to reflect on their lives. People are searching for more meaning. They want more purpose. The term for this is "The Great Reflection."



This is especially true for an independent Catholic school like Notre Dame. Managing through the pandemic has caused us to reflect on our school. What do we stand for? What do we do well? Where can we improve?

We are currently in our 28th year history at Giddings Road in Pontiac. Like a 28-year-old young adult we have grown through the awkwardness, trials, and tribulations of our adolescence. We have more confidence in who we are and where we want to go in the future. And our heritage schools like Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, Oakland Catholic, Pontiac Catholic, St. Michael and St.

Frederick are like our parents and grandparents that have helped form who we are today.

The school is preparing to update its strategic plan in the winter of 2023. As we reflect on how far we have come and our future ahead, we know that we serve a great purpose and, with the help of our alumni and friends, that we can improve.

## The Future of Notre Dame

### Catholicity

Catholic schools play an immense role in the education of students in America. According to the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), there are currently 1.6 million students in 6,000 Catholic schools across the country. At an average cost to educate a child at \$11,762, Catholic schools save the U.S. government more than \$18 billion per year.

We are working hand-in-hand with our Marist Way committee, led by Fr. Jim Strasz ND '70, director of Marist Way and Fr. Joe Hindelang ND '68, current Marist Provincial to develop a framework to define the characteristics of a Marist school and to develop an evaluation process to ensure that we remain true to our Marist mission.

Notre Dame is committed to our Catholic, Marist mission of working with God to form Christian persons, upright citizens, and academic scholars.

### Safety

Never has school safety been more important than today. We only need to be reminded of the tragedy at Oxford High School last November to understand how quickly life can change at a school.

The school is hiring a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) to complement our current safety team and enhance safety at both our lower school and middle/upper school campuses. The SRO will be a full-time Oakland County Sheriff dedicated to protecting our students. The SRO is in addition to our current Premier Security guards that consist of retired police officers, military personnel, and first responders. Our Premier guards are fully armed and prepared to address any threat on campus.

Notre Dame is one of only two Oakland County schools that employ armed security guards and will be the first private school in Oakland County with a full-time SRO.

We are also evaluating additional layers of security in building layout, technology, surveillance, and communication to further strengthen the schools' safety plan.

### Student Mental Health and Wellness

The mental health and wellness of our student body is our number one priority.

Within the last decade teen suicide has surged by nearly 40 percent and one in five high school students have reported that they have seriously considered suicide. The school has doubled down by hiring additional counselors and restructuring our counseling office to include social counseling in addition to academic and college placement counseling.

Part of our goals are to teach students to be more resilient and to develop coping skills to help them manage through up and downs of being young in a world that seems increasing upside down.

### Social Media Influence

Ninety-five percent of teenagers have a smartphone and 45 percent say they are online constantly. Teenagers aged 13-18 are spending nine hours a day looking at a screen and almost three hours of that is on social media. Instagram did its own study in 2020 and found that one-third of teenage girls reported "feeling worse after using it" and at the same time "unable to stop themselves" from logging on.

Students at Notre Dame are not allowed to use their phone during the school day and never allowed to have their phones on hand during Mass or retreats. It is important to teach students boundaries when it comes to technology and social media. They need to experience true human contact and interact face-to-face with their teachers, coaches, parents and other students.

### Teachers

Excellent teachers make for excellent academic outcomes. With respect to academics, Notre Dame is regarded as one of the strongest independent, Catholic institutions in the Midwest. While knowing that most of our teachers are here because of our Catholic, Marist mission, we are looking carefully at teacher compensation (both salary and benefits) to ensure that we can attract and retain the best teachers possible.

### Buildings and Grounds

The school's campus has grown dramatically over the last 28 years. In 2018, we opened the Timothy Easterwood Science, Art, and Technology wing and the Melissa Kozyra Greenhouse and Botany Learning Lab, but we still have many needs, particularly in athletics, campus ministry, office space, security, and the arts. We need to create a stronger culture of philanthropy among all constituents (alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends) to ensure that we have adequate facilities to deliver our mission.

### Tuition Control and Access

Keeping Catholic education accessible so that future generations can experience Notre Dame is a high priority. Gone are the days where priests and nuns worked for nominal wages. Our lay force of faculty, staff and coaches is comprised of talented individuals who role model the faith, but they need fair wages to provide for their own families. We also want to make sure that Catholic education remains accessible to as many families as possible.

### Diversity and Inclusion

Being situated in the northeast corner of Pontiac gives us a unique opportunity to serve students of all races, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds. We want every student at Notre Dame to feel welcome and every student to feel the love of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Economic circumstances should not stand in the way of children and families seeking a better life for themselves through the academic, arts, and athletic life experiences we offer. As a Catholic institution, we respect the dignity of life, especially the unborn and those marginalized in society.

### Conclusion

Notre Dame has grown quite a bit over the past 28 years, but we still have work to do. While there are many challenges facing Catholic schools today, we know that we will face every challenge with tenacity and confidence and that if we all work together, we can accomplish great things.

As we reflect on our future, we need to imagine the possibilities and strive to achieve them. In a recent visit from Bishop Arturo Cepeda, he encouraged our students to take small steps forward to make the world a better place.

As alumni, parents, students and friends of the school, I want you to know that the faculty, staff, and administration work tirelessly to take small steps forward. And we know that we would not exist without your support.

Blessings and peace!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew J. Guest". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew J. Guest  
Head of School

# REMARKABLE CLASS GRADUATES FROM NDP



*Notre Dame Prep graduates another outstanding senior class that finishes with an overall GPA of 3.8129 and averages more than \$45,000 each in academic, merit-based college scholarships. In addition, the acceptance rate to U-M this year nearly doubled the national rate.*

On May 22, the Class of 2022 graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory School after four most-interesting years at this most prestigious International Baccalaureate school located in Pontiac. These 181 seniors finished with a flourish after successfully negotiating a pandemic-influenced couple of years that featured at times face masks, social distancing, gallons of hand sanitizer, canceled sport seasons and quarantines.

And not only is the school's 28th graduating class leaving behind a very proud faculty and staff and one of the state's top Catholic high schools, they are leaving behind a number of impressive data points as a group.

According to figures released by Notre Dame Prep's counseling department, to date this year's class of graduating seniors earned more

than \$8.2 million — or an average of more than \$45,000 per graduate — in academic merit-based scholarships from colleges and universities.

In addition, the Class of 2022 averaged 25 on the ACT with 41 seniors scoring a 30 or above on the test. Also, Notre Dame's graduating class finished the year with an overall grade-point-average (GPA) of 3.8129.

Twenty-eight graduates fill out this year's valedictory court for the class, which also featured 14 candidates for the prestigious International Baccalaureate diploma. A total of 134 of the finest colleges and universities across the country have accepted Class of 2022 graduates, including the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), the University of Notre Dame, Loyola Chicago, Savannah College of

Art and Design, Purdue, Oakland University and the College for Creative Studies.

This year's class also was highlighted by a 34 percent acceptance rate from the University of Michigan, which far surpasses the national rate of 18 percent.

And finally, perhaps most important, each of this year's graduating seniors spent increasingly significant amounts of time on leadership-level projects as part of their service requirements — once again proving that besides turning out "academic scholars," Notre Dame continues to graduate truly "Christian people" and "upright citizens." «



# Irish News

## SENIOR NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALIST

Notre Dame Preparatory School senior Thomas Belej was named in October as a semi-finalist in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.



Belej now has an opportunity to continue in the competition for more than 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million in total that will be announced next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

More than 90 percent of NMSC semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

NMSC is a not-for-profit organization that was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

The National Merit Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

## THREE FROM NOTRE DAME EARN HONORS FROM NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Kimberly Anderson, the principal of Notre Dame Preparatory School, announced that three seniors have been named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented to these academically talented seniors.

Seniors Luke Hogan, Nicole Spengler and Allison Voto placed among the top 50,000 students out of more than 1.5 million who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



**From left, Luke Hogan, Nicole Spengler and Allison Voto earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship Program.**

"The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," said a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage

them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

## THE MISSION TO HELP



**Michael Dreon, center, executive director of Neighborhood House, is with Erin Delaney NDP'25, left, and Michael Kenny NDP'24 after the Notre Dame Prep students were selected to serve a term on the nonprofit's Executive Youth Board.**

Neighborhood House, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization located in Rochester Hills, Mich., has been providing food, clothing, financial assistance, transportation, counseling and other services for more than 50 years. It annually helps more than 3,000 households on their path to self-sustainability.

The Executive Youth Board of Neighborhood House is comprised of leaders from six local high schools, including Notre Dame Prep. This year, sophomore Erin Delaney and junior Michael Kenny were named to the board after Haley Evans, who graduated in May, finished up her term with the organization.

"Michael and I, along with seven other students from two International Academy campuses and all three Rochester Community high schools, are looking forward to embracing change and making a difference in our community," Delaney said. "The Rochester

Neighborhood House focuses on creating a path of self-sustainability for our neighbors who are currently experiencing hardships. While in this position, Michael and I will be able to take the lead in helping those in the Rochester area who need assistance."

## ABOVE AND BEYOND, LIVING THE MISSION

Notre Dame Head of School Andy Guest, who went "above and beyond" in assistance after a July boating accident in Hillsdale County, was recognized this summer by the Hillsdale County Sheriff's office.

From the Hillsdale County Sheriff's office: "On July 22, 2022, Law Enforcement from the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office, Hillsdale City PD, Hillsdale Fire Department and Reading Emergency were dispatched to Lake Baw Beese for a report of a boating accident near Sandy Beach.

"During the course of this event, an uninvolved witness, Andrew J. Guest, stood out as going above and beyond to assist those involved in the accident. Mr. Guest assisted as soon as the boats were able to make it to the shore by helping boat owner/operator Nick Ciacelli off of his vessel with his injured dog, retrieved Mr. Ciacelli's vehicle, helped to trailer the boat and then carried the injured dog to the car and transported it and Mr.



Ciacelli to Northside Veterinary Hospital. Guest worked with Mr. Ciacelli to ensure that all of his vehicles were taken care of and even offered to pick up the dog from the vet once treatment was completed. Mr. Guest came back out to the scene later in the day to assist Deputy Dan Poole with obtaining the GPS position of the accident. He volunteered several hours of his day assisting not only those involved and their families but law enforcement as well. Deputy Poole stated, "He was very kind to the family and didn't hesitate to step in to help when he saw the need."

"Therefore, it can be attested that Andrew J. Guest's actions provided care and comfort to a family in need under extraordinary circumstances. His actions are hereby recognized as outstanding.

"Respectfully submitted by Sergeant John Gates - Marine Patrol Commander."

### **FUTURE JOURNALISTS**

A new club at Notre Dame Prep is energizing students who have sought their own voice around campus events and experiences. The NDP Podcast Club, which was conditionally approved by the administration this school



year, brings together students who are interested in marketing, journalism, graphic design, and audio engineering.

Students meet weekly during Community Time and Mondays after school to conceptualize, write, tape, edit and promote biweekly episodes of their show "Talk of the Irish." The group is co-advised by NDP teacher Louise Palardy and Daniel Lai, the school's director of communication.

"From the start, I really wanted the students to take ownership of the podcast and make it their own," Palardy said. "I am here to help them brainstorm, make suggestions, and review each episode before it is published, but the kids come up with the ideas."

Senior Priscilla Gasca serves as chief marketer for the club. She said the goal is to share the student perspective on events and clubs around campus.

"What we noticed is unless you are in a particular club or class, you don't know too much about it, so we wanted to be able to give students an insider's perspective from their peers and promote all the good things going on at the school," she said. "We want to focus on students more and give us a voice."

### **NEW FACET FOR ENGINEERING AND EMPATHY**

Late in July, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Office of Education conducted a virtual National Summer Teacher Institute (NSTI) camp on innovation, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and intellectual property.

According to camp participant Louise Palardy, Notre Dame's STEM specialist, science teacher and robotics teams coordinator, it was well worth her time as she learned about patents, trademarks, copyrights and other forms of IP and, most importantly, how to integrate this content into STEM education, a huge part of NDP's academic program.

"The camp actually was held in a virtual reality campus and was run by Dr. Jorge Valdes, who is education program director at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)," Palardy said. "There were a number of great sessions, including one from the keynote speaker, Dr. Steven Newell, from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Executive Office of the President. His message was about turning discovery

into reality and changing the world through innovation."

The camp was centered around the four main categories of intellectual property: patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets, including their use, what they are and how to use them to create a brand.

Last school year, Notre Dame Prep's first-in-the-nation engineering and empathy class worked on developing products to assist quadriplegics and oth-



**Notre Dame Prep teacher Louise Palardy created an avatar as part of her participation in a USPTO National Summer Teacher Institute virtual camp. Here she is in the National Inventors Hall of Fame.**

ers who suffer from limb loss or paralysis.

Palardy noted how well the curriculum on intellectual property fits in with the Project Invent curriculum that the school is currently using in its groundbreaking Engineering and Empathy class.

"Our class currently focuses on community partnership and creating a technological invention. Now, with this new knowledge in hand, I plan on including an intellectual property overview and dedicating more time for creating and protecting brands for each of our team inventions."

### **NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL GETS NATIONAL HONORS FOR ACADEMICS**

The U.S. Marine Corps and the American Volleyball Coaches Association announced this summer that the 2021 Notre Dame Prep volleyball team once again earned the USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award for the season. The award, initiated in the 1992-1993 academic year, honors volleyball teams that maintain a year-long grade-point average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.



**The 2021 Notre Dame Prep volleyball team once again earned the USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award for the season.**

It was the 15th year in a row for the Irish, which ended last season with another state championship, its fourth overall. NDP is one of only two teams in Michigan to earn the "honor roll" award for last season, which means they were in the top 20 percent academically. Harper Creek High School in Battle Creek was the other.

According to the AVCA, college and high school teams that receive its Team Academic Award must display excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. Notre Dame's team scored a cumulative 3.99 GPA during the school year.

In November of 2021, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, NDP put an exclamation point on an incredible season by earning a sweep over North Branch High School in the Division 2 state championship match. It was the team's 64th win of the season as the girls finished the season ranked first in their division.

### **DURABLE AND DEPENDABLE**

Notre Dame fielded two teams in the VEX IQ Challenge Elementary School bracket of the VEX World Robotics competition that was held in Dallas last spring. Then-sixth graders Sofia Arinez and Vanessa Artinian worked together as team 3333M, "The Green Oranges," while classmates Caden Staniszewski, Christopher Artinian and Anthony DiGrande competed as team 3333S, also known as "Gerald."

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# A humble servant

When you mention the name Norm Kotarski, those that knew him best light up. Words like “humble,” “caring,” “genuine,” “classy,” “dedicated” and “faith-filled” roll off their tongues. Kotarski, who dedicated decades of his career as a teacher and administrator at Notre Dame Prep and Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, sadly passed away earlier this year, just one week shy of his 80th birthday.

“In some ways Norm was more Marist than the Marists,” Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m. laughed when recalling his friend. “He was just one of those people who loved the school, dedicated himself to our mission, and went about his work with the quiet, unobtrusive grace of Mary to bring people closer to Jesus.”

The two friends met in 1980 when Olszamowski was finishing his doctorate in Washington, D.C. and Kotarski was dean of academic studies at Notre Dame High School. When Olszamowski returned to Michigan to open the Notre Dame Prep campus in Pontiac, he and Kotarski worked closely together on several occasions.

“Norm was one of those fun-loving guys; very religious. And he was a good confidant,” Olszamowski said. “He, along with Hal Rice, Conrad Vachon and a few others are really the heart and soul of our school.”

With a career spanning more than 50 years in education, beginning as a teacher at Saint Andrew High School in Southwest Detroit, Kotarski touched a lot of lives with a gentle but steady approach to the craft.





"He was always patient and calm with both parents and students," Olszamowski said. "He and Harold (Rice) had a unique way of bonding with the kids and making the material fun. He was a single man who made every child in the school his own child—that's just who he was. Very sympathetic, but always finding opportunities to turn situations into teachable moments."

As a teacher, Kotarski was heavily involved in the arts and theater program, debate and forensics.

John Schwartz NDP'00, senior vice president of Human Resources at Trinity Health, fondly recalls going to the state capital with Kotarski as part of a Students in Government experience.

"Mr. Kotarski was a friend and mentor. I was fortunate to spend time with him in and outside the classroom. Mr. Kotarski taught

many of us how to better appreciate literature, construct winning arguments, draft proposals and bylaws, and also offered life lessons as we traveled throughout the state representing the school on the debate team, student congress, and student council. He was a patient man with a heart of gold who was deeply invested in our futures. I feel forever indebted," he said.

Scott Lockhart NDP'98 credits Kotarski for his focus on student leadership and public speaking traits he tries to impart on his own children.

"He sent a group of us to student council leadership camp the summer before my senior year. It wasn't an option. He told us we were going. And eight years later, I had been a camper, junior counselor and senior counselor finding my own passion for developing student leaders," Lockhart said. "He also worked with me in forensics and during our graduation speeches ensuring I was ready to

speaking to large groups with an emotive, passionate style.

"His attention to detail and focus on delivery is something I still employ regularly in public speaking engagements and with my own kids as they find their voice. They can thank Mr. Kotarski for me asking them for more inflection, change in tone and volume to ensure they hit the mark!"

Meredith Scott NDP'00, a former English and theatre teacher at Notre Dame Middle School, took cues from Kotarski on her approach to stage performance technique.

"Mr. Kotarski had vision for the theatre at NDP. I still remember when they produced the first musical, 'The Music Man,' and the students



were excused from classes for two whole days because it was such a huge undertaking. He saw how important it was that the students have those opportunities," she said.

"Years later, when I worked at the school, he would come to every single show and always said hi to me. And to give me his quick critique, of course. One of my favorite shows, 'The Man Who Came to Dinner,' was a play he recommended to me when I was stuck on what to choose for the spring play. I was sitting next to him at a school concert, and he said it was one that he had done. So, I did it too!"

Outside of school, Kotarski was dedicated to the Catholic church, attending Mass every Sunday and volunteering where he could. He also enjoyed reading and traveling around the world, of which he found a companion with in Olszamowski.

"Norm was very humble, but he also enjoyed the finer things in life ... and he was always so impeccably dressed," Olszamowski recalled, sharing anecdotes of his time traveling on cruises and trips to Europe and Alaska with his friend.

Kotarski's passing has been difficult Olszamowski admits, but he takes comfort knowing Kotarski is in heaven and looking down on the school he loved.

"After his funeral, his family gifted me the plants from Norm's garden and little by little I've been bringing them to place around the school. Norm was an avid gardener, so I feel like even though he's not physically here, his spirit lives on," Olszamowski said. «



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After he retired, Norm Kotarski enjoyed cruises to Europe and Alaska.



Alum returns to her alma mater to talk Juneteenth, America’s “second Independence Day,” and about engaging students more fully in the various cultural and historical milestones of America.

# CELEBRATING HISTORY

**W**hen Dr. Jade Burns NDP’98 was a student at Notre Dame Prep in the late ’90s, she thought it was entirely appropriate to suggest a number of school initiatives or events designed to help her fellow students understand more fully the African-American experience.

Much to her very pleasant surprise, school administrators agreed and Burns began to put together a series of discussions and events during Black History Month that focused on successful Black entrepreneurs and other prominent individuals from the local community.

“I was in student council at the time and I remember bringing three individuals here from the outside world to highlight Black history and the Black experience,” she said. “I brought in a Black millionaire and I brought in the person who managed operations at the Silverdome.”

She also got a local Black minister to talk to the students.

“I wanted especially to show how important the church was to African-Americans in the Pontiac area as well as all

over,” she said. “In addition, a number of Black-owned restaurateurs and food-service professionals also came in with samples of their cuisine for students and faculty to sample.”

Her sole purpose for organizing this event and subsequent others was to educate her fellow Notre Dame Prep students beyond what they already know and more importantly beyond what’s in a typical high school textbook.

Now, nearly 25 years later, Burns still is educating the Notre Dame community as she was on campus June 20 for a special discussion on Juneteenth for an assembly of faculty and staff.

Now that Juneteenth is an official federal and state holiday, it was a good time — perhaps overdue — for someone like Burns to present on such a topic at her alma mater, noted Kala Parker, Notre Dame’s director of diversity and inclusion, who organized the event.

Currently an assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, Burns also is a clinical expert on pediatric

and community-based healthcare, with more than 15 years of experience working as a clinician, consultant and researcher in a variety of clinical, community-based and academic settings.

Her research focuses mainly on innovative approaches using community-engaged research and technology (e.g., social media, messaging, digital spaces) to increase access to preventative health services for adolescents and young adults in community health centers. Burns’ expertise in clinical practice as a pediatric nurse practitioner is in adolescent health care, family planning, health promotion and HIV/STI prevention.

“My actual research really took off in terms of community health care and we put together a community advisory board in a real effort to make health care better especially for our young men in the community,” she said during her presentation on Monday.

Improving nursing practice and training programs in underserved areas also is something Burns is keen to pursue on a regular basis.

She maintains close collaboration with a variety of community partners within Detroit and serves on a myriad of nursing and non-nursing organizations. She is a board member of Detroit Teen H.Y.P. E (Helping Youth by Providing Education), a program that has reached more than 35,000 Detroit-area youth with programming designed to help prepare them for the world, and Connect-2-Protect, a coalition of advocates who care about preventing HIV in youth and beyond.

Burns holds a Bachelor of Science in





**WHETHER IT'S MLK DAY OR VETERAN'S DAY OR JUNETEENTH OR THE VARIOUS HISTORY OR CULTURAL MONTHS THAT DENOTE A SPECIAL THEME, ETC., I BELIEVE THEY ALL NEED TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN A SPECIAL WAY.**



biology and nursing (BS/BSN) from the University of Michigan, a Master of Science degree in nursing (MSN-pediatric nurse practitioner, primary care) from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Michigan. She currently resides in Canton, Mich., with her family: husband Robert Burns and sons Robert II and Cade Burns.

It was clear during her visit to NDP that family is a major focus for Burns. In fact, also in attendance was her mother, Aleta, who Burns said along with her father had a huge influence on her success.

“My mom and dad did a wonderful job raising us,” she said. “They were always promoting the things that we are passionate about. ‘Go for it like 110 percent’ was what my dad used to say to me and my siblings. But he did pass away quite some time ago, and I really wish he was here — but both of them together gave me the foundation that I have as an individual to this very day.”

Burns also presented a number of ideas that Notre Dame as an institution might use going forward to keep “this ever-changing and challenging world” on the minds of its students.

She said that like Juneteenth, portions of our country’s history related to the African-American experience have been

somewhat suppressed, especially when it comes to the teaching of U.S. History. She suggested a number of things the school could do to celebrate Juneteenth, although the timing of the holiday during summer break presents some difficulties, though not insurmountable.

Burns suggested that other underserved constituencies in America also could be celebrated beyond what the school already does.

“Let’s talk about Women’s History Month, for example,” she said. “There are many ways to involve the kids in celebrating all of the contributions made by women throughout the history of the United States.”

Burns noted that activities for the students surrounding special commemorative months or weeks or days are perfect springboards to

learning even more than they might get from textbooks.

“Whether it’s MLK Day or Veteran’s Day or Juneteenth or the various history or cultural months that denote a special

theme, etc., I believe they all need to be acknowledged in a special way.” «

**BELOW**

Dr. Jade Burns NDP’98, center, is with Head of School Andy Guest and Kala Parker, the school’s director of diversity and inclusion, after her special presentation on June 20.



The Michael J. Kotzan Creative Writing Scholarship Award, which debuted this year, honors 2005 Notre Dame Prep alum Kotzan and helps pave the way for future creative writers.



# Winner of Kotzan scholarship named

**A**melia Kayi, a sophomore at Notre Dame Prep, found out this fall that she had earned the first Michael J. Kotzan Creative Writing Scholarship Award based on a creative writing piece she submitted last spring. Titled "M.A.R.S.," Kayi's paper about living in a dystopian world circa 2132 was judged as the top entry out of 18 submitted last June by NDP ninth graders. The selection committee was comprised of faculty and members of the Kotzan family.

Donna Kotzan, Michael's mother and now-retired Notre Dame Prep teacher and administrator, and her family worked with school administrators to initiate the writing award in an effort to "help awaken the creative talents of NDP's youngest students."

Michael J. Kotzan was a Notre Dame Prep graduate who touched many lives during his time at the school, including those of classmates and teachers. According to his mother, Michael epitomized the ideal Marist-educated young man.

"One of my favorite quotes of Fr. Colin, the Marist founder, which is appropriately displayed in the school main hallway, says, 'While doing great things for the Lord, be unknown and even hidden in the world,'" she said. "That would be a great tagline for Mike. He didn't need credit or center stage and always was concerned about and considerate of others."

Michael, who tragically died in June 2021, was working as a creative writer, a true passion for him, after a few years as a practicing attorney.

His family felt the scholarship award was both an important part of what Michael stood for as well as a positive way to honor and remember his life.

"In his lifetime, helping others was very important to him," said Donna.

For her part, Kayi, who will be applying the \$5,000 scholarship during her sophomore year, said she was elated to find out she had won the scholarship for something she, too, is passionate about.

"From 'Harry Potter' to 'Hunger Games' and books you have never even heard of, from a young age I have always loved to read," she said in explaining her love of the written word. "I have always been a big reader and constantly thought about

how cool it was to have the ability to come up with such an amazing idea and transform it into such a great story."

She added that when she first learned the book "The Outsiders" was actually written by a high schooler, it gave her the motivation and the goal of publishing a book by the time she graduates high school.

"I also have a passion for creative script writing since I am an actor, too. I took a script writing workshop once and it was so much fun." «

**ABOVE**

Michael J. Kotzan NDP '05

**BELOW**

NDP sophomore Amelia Kayi won the school's first-ever Michael J. Kotzan Creative Writing Scholarship Award.



# 'A KIND YOUNG

Notre Dame senior has been on campus since the second grade. He says the school has had a huge effect on him as a student, musician, actor and athlete. But it's NDPMA's faith-based approach to everything, he adds, that will have "a lasting and significant impact" on his life.

Over this past Labor Day weekend, Notre Dame Prep senior John Milback and the rest of the school's jazz band got the extraordinary chance to play at the 2022 Detroit Jazz Festival, which was live in downtown Detroit for the first time in two years. It's an honor reserved only for the best high school jazz bands in the state and for Milback, it was another opportunity to demonstrate his relative comfort with being on a stage.

"I think that I've always been somewhat of a performer, even when I was a child, to which my parents can certainly attest," he said. "As a kid I don't think I ever really struggled with getting up in front of people to perform."

Which is a good thing since he's been on a stage often inside school and out. Outside of the school community, Milback helped organize a small jazz combo that included Maria VanDieren NDP'22, Josh Reid NDP'22 and George Moussa NDP'24, which in May of this year was named the "Most Outstanding Combo" in the State of Michigan by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

Inside the school community, Milback has been seen a lot as the lead in a number of Notre Dame musicals stretching back to middle school when as an eighth grader he played the title role in "Aladdin Jr." Most recently, he performed as Danny Zuko in NDP's spring production of "Grease." He also spent time as a member of the school's various robotics and athletic teams,

including cross country.

Head of School Andy Guest, who also serves as NDP's cross country coach, said Milback works hard for everything he accomplishes.

"John is a student with incredible talent and leadership skills," said Guest. "He sets goals and does all that he can to achieve them, including being the best runner he can be. The younger athletes look up to him and he was voted an assistant captain this year.

"Most importantly, he is a kind young man," Guest said.

## MOTHER KNOWS BEST

Milback first came to Notre Dame as a second grader after transferring from the Academy of the Sacred Heart. He says that while he was comfortable with performing as a young child, he was not always so appreciative of learning music, specifically the lessons that inevitably come with it.

"My mom enrolled me in piano lessons at the Rochester Conservatory of Music when I was about five years old," he said. "I found the scales, the exercises and the general commitment of it all to be boring, so I actually asked my mom if I could quit."

His mother was rather persistent that he should learn the piano first and then decide whether he should pursue it further when he was older.

"Over time, I grew to love all things music-related and now devote much of my free time to it whether it's learning, listening, writing or performing," he said. "So, naturally, I have my mom to thank for making me stick with it."

Sticking with music has led Milback now to not only study and play piano, but to work on mastering the saxophone, guitar and vocalizing. While his favorite instrument seems to change every now and then, he spends the majority of his time playing the piano for academic, creative, "therapeutic" and business purposes.

Joe Martin, Notre Dame Prep's longtime band director, said Milback has been a big part of the

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Left to right, with their robotics awards earned at a VEX IQ Challenge competition in 2014 are Paolo Fregoli (2nd grade), Jack Bartus (4th grade), John Milback (4th grade) and Aaron Palardy (4th grade).

## OPPOSITE

Milback and the Notre Dame Prep Jazz Band performed at the 2022 Detroit Jazz Festival held Labor Day weekend in Hart Plaza.

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school's music program for many years.

"His leadership as drum major in the marching band and as principal alto saxophone in both the symphony and jazz bands has been wonderful," Martin said. "I am so proud of his accomplishments and I just know he will continue performing and doing well in college and beyond."

Only now just beginning his senior year of high school, college for Milback remains still a bit far off on the horizon, although it's getting a little sharper in focus.

"I'm looking at some schools on the East Coast such as Georgetown, George Washington University, Villanova and a few schools in Boston, but I'd also like to apply to schools closer to home, including the University of Michigan and Loyola-Chicago," he said. "As for my major, it honestly varies from school to school. There are multiple paths to achieve what I want right now career-wise and exactly what that path is varies depending on the school. But at the core, I'd like to study both business and music, and then pursue a career in the music industry. I think that's a realistic way of making a living while still surrounding myself with something I'm extremely passionate about."

**OPPORTUNITIES OF FAITH**

As a long-timer on the NDPMA campus, Milback believes that the institution has become a huge part of who he is today as it has significantly shaped his character and most especially his faith in God.

"The fact that the school mission and academic culture were introduced very early to me in my scholastic career here is important," he said. "Because of that, I've recognized that the school mission extends well beyond the classroom and into athletics and all extracurricular activities. As for my faith, Notre Dame has given me the repeated opportunity to explore my faith and grow as a person. Many aspects of the school's faith-based approach to education, including the Kairos retreat, made both a lasting and significant impact on my life."

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**BELOW**

Milback played the role of Danny Zuko in the 2022 NDP production of "Grease."





# Going mobile

## *New app keeps school news at parents' fingertips*

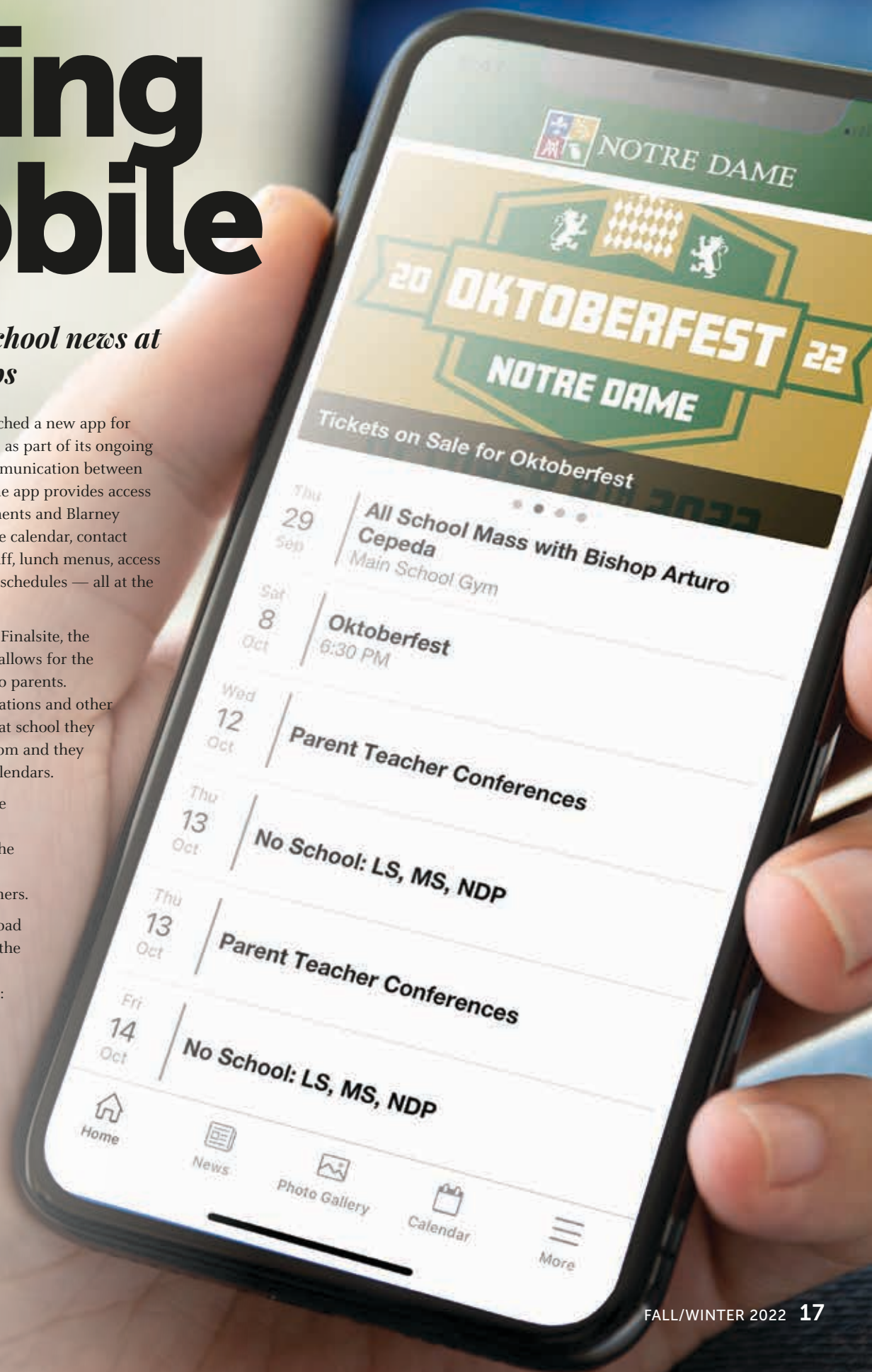
**N**otre Dame recently launched a new app for smartphones and tablets as part of its ongoing strategy to improve communication between administrators and parents. The app provides access to the latest school announcements and Blarney Stone newsletters, a schoolwide calendar, contact information for faculty and staff, lunch menus, access to MyNotreDame, and athletic schedules — all at the touch of one's fingertips.

The platform was designed by Finalsité, the school's website provider, and allows for the fastest way to relay messages to parents. Through enabling push notifications and other features, parents can select what school they want to receive information from and they also have the ability to filter calendars.

The app is not meant to replace but rather complement other communication tools such as the Remind text message platform utilized by principals and teachers.

The app is available for download through both Google Play and the App Store. It is free of charge and can be found by searching: "Notre Dame Prep MI."

A "how-to" guide will be available on the school website soon, or email [mac@ndpma.org](mailto:mac@ndpma.org) with questions.



# MISSION INT

*Notre Dame students join others in Detroit to meet and support Sister Norma Pimentel, M.J., executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley and longtime advocate for immigrants and refugees*

**S**tudents from Notre Dame Prep played a key role June 25 in a special event sponsored by Strangers No Longer, a network of Catholics in Michigan assisting undocumented residents with education, accompaniment and advocacy.

Held at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, located in the Richard-Hubbard neighborhood near the Ambassador Bridge and the Michigan Central Station, the event featured Sister Norma Pimentel, M.J., a leading national advocate for immigration rights and executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, in Brownsville, Texas, who spoke about the effect of U.S. immigration policy at the southern border.

According to sophomore Valentina (Maria) Sedano, who attended with NDP students Allison Voto, a senior, and Kate VanNorwick, a junior, listening to Pimentel was both eye-opening and inspiring.

“Hearing her speak about her journey in helping immigrants and the challenges she’s encountered motivated me to continue to work toward raising awareness in the NDPMA community and beyond,” said Sedano, who spoke at the event on behalf of students at NDP and the 11 other high schools who also were at the presentation.

The Notre Dame Prep students also had raised funds throughout the school year for much-needed provisions to be distributed to the immigrant community in the southern United States.

Pimentel, a member of the Catholic religious order of Missionaries of Jesus (MJ), has been publicly commended by Pope Francis for her inspiring work with immigrants and has been called the pope’s “favorite nun.” In 2020, Time magazine named Sister Norma one of the 100 most influential people of the year. In April, she received the Peace and Freedom Award from the interfaith Pacem in Terris Coalition of Davenport, Iowa. Past recipients of that award have included President John F. Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., R. Sargent Shriver, Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa, Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Cesar Chavez, Daniel Berrigan, S.J., Lech Walesa, Sister Simone Campbell, S.S.S., and Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama.

Bill O’Brien, executive director of Strangers No Longer, a network of Catholics in Michigan assisting undocumented residents with education, accompaniment and advocacy, said Pimentel has been on the front lines of the immigration crisis in the U.S. for decades.

“Sister Norma has been witnessing first-hand the effect of U.S. immigration policy at our southern border, including the 2020 Title 42 order barring individuals without documentation from entering the U.S. As our nation contemplates ending Title 42, anti-immigration public sentiment is growing.”

Della Lawrence, from Notre Dame’s campus ministry department, who brought the NDP students to the event along with NDP religion teacher Heather Stiverson, said the students presented Pimentel with desperately needed underwear and toiletries for immigrants — such as toothpaste and soap — which will be sent to her ministry in Brownsville, Texas.

“Allison Voto assisted with the money collection from the evening and brought the basket up to Sr. Norma to be blessed by Monsignor Chuck Kosanke, who is pastor of Ste. Anne de Detroit,” said Lawrence. “All of the students from the various schools at the end stood around Sr. Norma and prayed over her and for the men, women and children she cares for.”

Lawrence also said Notre Dame’s students spoke to Adam Perry, the director of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), who was at the event. She said they will be meeting with him over the summer to plan a community walk in Pontiac in the fall to bring more awareness to the needs of immigrants and refugees.

VanNorwick said Pimentel gave a truly inspiring talk at the basilica.

“Sister Norma offered a new perspective about a very real issue,” said VanNorwick. “She said something that especially stuck with me: ‘I’m not helping immigrants, I’m helping people,’ which is what we are trying to do as a Circle of Support group. We hope to bring awareness to all of the things happening at the border and all of the struggles that they face. We also hope to help through fundraising and possibly even a mission trip. It was truly a wonderful opportunity that I was glad to have.”

## OPPOSITE

Members of the student delegation at the June 25th Strangers No Longer event are blessing Sister Norma Pimentel, M.J., along with others present at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit.

# O PRACTICE



NDP sophomore Sedano added that Pimentel's talk detailed her experiences visiting detention centers that were full of young immigrant children.

"She walked into a detention center and saw young children inconsolably crying with their eyes filled with tears," Sedano said. "Sister Norma mentioned that the children would tell her 'Sácame de aquí,' which translates to 'get me out of here.'"

Sedano added that Pimentel motivated her to continue working toward spreading awareness in the local community and continue to work for immigrants rights.

"Toward the end of her talk, she said something that really, really stayed with me. She said 'I don't help immigrants, I help people.' As I heard Sister Norma say this, I thought about the difference that is often made between immigrants and non-immigrants. I thought about the injustices and difficulties that immigrant families navigate on a day-to-day basis. Her visit was a one-of-a-kind experience that left Allison, Kate and me motivated and prepared to help immigrants and to continue to work toward equality and spread more awareness of the situation at the border." «



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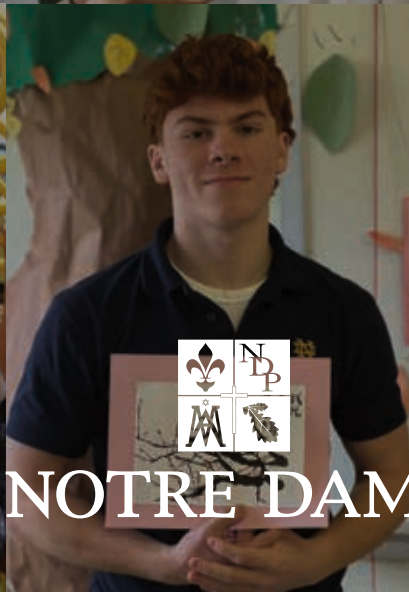
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Ryan and Angie Renne P'26  
Mike Ricci ND'65  
Christine Ritchie GP'25, GP'28  
Ronald Ritchie GP'25, GP'28  
Mark Roberts S'18  
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## KEY

F	Faculty + year hired
GP	Grandparent + year of grandchild's graduation
ND	Notre Dame High School graduate + year of graduation
NDP	Notre Dame Preparatory School graduate + year of graduation
P	Parent of a student or graduate + year of child's graduation
PC	Pontiac Catholic High School graduate + year of graduation
R	Retired Faculty/Staff + year retired
S	Staff + year started
SF	St. Frederick High School graduate + year of graduation
SM	St. Michael High School graduate + year of graduation



# Valued valedictory

Two alums separated by five decades gave the valedictory address at their graduation ceremonies. Their paths after graduation also have U-M in common as well as a mutual and profound appreciation for their Notre Dame/Marist education.

Imagine being asked to give the valedictory address at your high school graduation. Might be a bit nerve-racking, perhaps even downright frightening for you and likely for most everyone else. For two Notre Dame alumni separated by 53 years?

Not so much.

At graduation ceremonies held May 22, Notre Dame Prep senior Jaimie Krankel wasn't at all nervous about giving her speech unless you count the few brief moments as she walked up to the podium. In fact, she only found out she'd be giving the speech a few days before commencement.

"[At first] I actually had no idea I'd be giving the valedictory speech," she said. "It was a huge surprise but I was super excited and honored to represent my class."

For 1969 Notre Dame High School valedictorian Siegfried Schweighofer, other than a few guests in the gym, he pretty much knew everyone else at commencement and that was enough reassurance for him, he said, to diminish any nervousness.

"And then my brief address basically just reflected on past pleasant school experiences and regrets, and the anticipation of future challenges," he recalled.

## BURGHAUSEN TO DETROIT

Schweighofer's no-big-deal recounting of his big moment on the graduation stage stood in stark contrast to his rather unconventional journey to NDHS in the first place. That journey actually began in Germany when he was a toddler after his parents decided to move to America from Burghausen in the southern State of Bavaria.

"After a seven-day passage across the North Atlantic in February 1954 when I was three years old, my parents and I arrived at the Port of New York," said the now retired pediatrician. "We took the train to downtown Detroit and began our new lives, initially living with my great-aunt in the city."

He said his parents at first were completely unaware of the educational hierarchy in the U.S. But once they moved to East Detroit (now Eastpointe) and attended St. Basil Parish, the concept of a parochial education began to trickle in.

"But that concept takes money," he said, "money that my parents did not have, which is why I was one of the few and perhaps the only one in my NDHS class who did not attend a Catholic grade school."

That didn't slow Schweighofer down at all, however, and his assimilation once inside the halls of NDHS was very soon complete.

## THE MOST POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN HIS LIFE

"My experience at NDHS, including the firm but always supportive faculty



and staff, and my classmates, all of whom were new to me since I came from a public school, was the most positive, pivotal influence in my entire life," he said. "Thanks to the guidance from my teachers, I was able to attend the University of Michigan, where I met my wonderful wife of 48 years who blessed us with four wonderful daughters who eventually blessed us with eight wonderful grandchildren."

Like Schweighofer, Krankel also headed to U-M after graduation. She's studying engineering at U-M, and says her unique experience at NDP blending IB Art and math has helped her see the creative side of math and the scientific side of art.

"I want to combine these passions through engineering aesthetics and also with my experience in robotics since I've already seen in high school how engineering and art blend together," she said.

## 'LOVE AS JESUS WOULD LOVE'

Krankel acknowledges that her successful launch into post-secondary education in Ann Arbor is due to the outstanding preparation she received in Pontiac.

"Notre Dame has been such a positive community for me," she said. "The students and faculty here have always looked out for each other and want the best for each other. My class especially has bonded together as a family, as we are understanding and supportive of one another in school, sports and life. The advanced classes and dedicated teachers always push us to do the most we can in preparation for college."

Faith also has been a critical part of Krankel's NDP experience.

"NDP provided an environment that helps us grow in our faith," she said. "Faculty and students are openly driven by faith, which allows us to easily discuss it with one another through our high school years."

Schweighofer too appreciated the special combination of academics and faith at Notre Dame.

"The Marist Fathers and Brothers and the lay staff taught us vast volumes of knowledge with the critical thinking that accompanies it," said the current Oakland Township resident. "But most importantly, they taught us to be kind, which means to love as Jesus would love." «



## TOP

Notre Dame Prep valedictorian Jaimie Krankel NDP'22 and NDHS valedictorian Siegfried Schweighofer ND'69 are

shown giving the valedictory address at their respective commencement ceremonies.

## ABOVE RIGHT

Schweighofer is a retired pediatrician living in Oakland Township, Mich.



### HEALTH/ WELLNESS IN STUDENT-ATHLETES

In addition to their spiritual wellness, Notre Dame is committed to supporting the mental health and wellness of its student-athletes and coaches. We are dedicated to increasing awareness of mental health issues, reducing the stigma of mental illness, and making appropriate referrals when necessary. The Notre Dame athletic department supports the idea of assisting student-athletes and coaches both on and off the playing field with mental wellness.

Mental health affects the way we make decisions, form relationships with others and handle stress. According to MentalHealth.gov, mental health includes our emotional, psychological and social well-being. Many factors can increase and influence mental health within adolescents. A child's stressors could affect the way they think and act. Stressors could include a fight with a best friend, losing a starting spot on the basketball team, parents going through a divorce, or even worrying about money.

The iGeneration, or those born in 1995 or later, have experienced far more traumatizing and distressing events than any other generation. They do not remember a time without internet. The ability for information to become viral is normal - with permission or not. iGen's are at the forefront of the worst mental health crisis in decades, according to the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). Students have lived through school shootings, witnessed a polarizing election, observed racial and social injustice and are experiencing mental wellness breakdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. Individually, these are all life-altering events for young people to live through and collectively, can wear on a person's mental health. Early intervention is key.

Everyone is going through something. The CDC reports that at least 1 in 5 children are diagnosed with a mental health disorder and the World Health Organization (WHO) writes that suicide is the third leading cause in death among teenagers. According to the NCAA, the athletics arena can assist in providing an atmosphere in which student-athletes and coaches can normalize mental health. We want to reduce the stigma of having a mental health disorder by communicating our feelings. Administration and coaches help this by becoming a trusted adult to a child. Coaches should not judge about the way someone is feeling and should show support through responsible communication. We know that athletics can promote self-confidence in people and help form relationships. Sport paves the way for an inclusive environment for all student-athletes and coaches.

All Notre Dame coaches go through a basic training on early prevention of mental health situations and they learn the warning signs of adolescents at risk of a mental disorder.

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Jason Whalen, a social-emotional/academic (SEA) counselor in the upper school, also helps coach football and basketball for the Irish.

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# THROUGH COACHING

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*Notre Dame coaches play a critical role in shaping the school's mission among athletes*

**B**efore every varsity football game, players attend Mass in the school chapel. Prior to taking the court, basketball players recite a favorite prayer. And at the start of cross country season, athletes attend an overnight faith retreat. In an activity easily dominated by aggressive parents and fans, sports at a Catholic school remain highly competitive. But behind the scenes, those who enjoy it most—the athletes and those that coach them—form a special bond that cuts through the noise of winners and losers. It is a bond rooted in faith and fellowship.

Athletics at Notre Dame has always been more than teaching hand-eye coordination or helping an individual realize his or her star potential on the court or the field. It is about showing students that they are capable individuals, regardless of skill, who have the benefit of participating and being part of a collective team. It is also about showing student-athletes through example how to emotionally respond and behave in a way that leads to virtue formation in the Marist way while preparing them for leadership in the 21st century.

The men and women who coach these young athletes are the secret sauce to the school's success in that regard.

"When we hire coaches, our primary concern is, 'are they mission-centric?'" said Betty Wroubel, the school's longtime athletic director and varsity volleyball coach. "We challenge our coaches to move beyond the X's and O's of their sport and to infuse our faith in all that they do. It is our goal not to miss the opportunity to help form good Christians, upright citizens, and academic scholars in our practices, contests, and other team events."

Wroubel said that philosophy "goes against the grain" of a typical school athletics program, where winning at any cost can sometimes be the norm.

"It may be counter-cultural, but it is our belief that we should and do have a highly competitive athletic program in our Catholic, Marist setting and still practice good ethical (fair) play, teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship," she said.

Aaron Crouse, assistant athletic director, said whether it be at the lower, middle, or upper school, there is an expectation that coaches create an environment that is an extension of the classroom that focuses on the same morals, values and positive character traits that are taught during the school day.

"Coaches are essential in helping to reinforce the Notre Dame mission to athletes and families. Above everything else, people build programs. We are incredibly fortunate to have a coaching staff that is comprised of individuals that are both highly regarded within their own sports for their accomplishments and also committed to living our mission," he said. "Each season we specifically challenge our coaches to answer the questions of 'what does the mission statement mean to you as a coach and what does it look like within your program?'"

First grade teacher Kimberly Kriesel has coached the NDP cross country team for three years alongside Head of School Andy Guest. She



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Betty Wroubel, the school's longtime athletic director and varsity volleyball coach, says the first thing she looks for in a coach is whether he or she is mission-centric.

## OPPOSITE

Mark McGreevy ND'76, middle school religion teacher, has a long history of coaching for Notre Dame, dating back to 1978 when he was assistant swim coach for Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods.

said faith and the school's mission is evident in everything the team does.

"Prayer is very big among our team. We begin each practice with prayer. This year we have student chaplains. It's a great way for us to come together, bring God and those we are praying for front and center as we begin practice," she said. "We also pray before each race. Each team will huddle before the race and say a 'Runner's Prayer' ending with imparting Mary Seat of Wisdom and St. Sebastian, patron saint of athletes, to pray for us. It's a powerful moment amidst the race anxiety and commotion prior to the start."

Kriesel said bringing Christ on the field or the court is a game-changer for Notre Dame athletes, and it translates into everything students do—from respecting other competitors to cheering on teammates and striving to maintain high grades while balancing homework, extracurriculars and day-to-day responsibilities.

At the beginning of the season, the cross country team participates in an overnight retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, Mich. On Friday night, the entire team assembles in the chapel. Head Coach Andy Guest leads the team in prayer and then provides students with an opportunity to share their feelings, prayers, experiences, and words of encouragement.

"Being in the chapel with the Holy Spirit very present is so powerful. Whether the students are Catholic or non-Catholic, they share and learn their commonalities and differences which are appreciated. The open and genuine dialogue that comes from this moment creates a trust and incredible team bond. Many student-athletes tell us this is a highlight of their entire season," she said.

Beyond the faith aspect, Kriesel said coaches try to teach confidence building, time management, and leadership skills that can be translated into life beyond Notre Dame.

"As a coach, I try to teach students confidence and self-belief not only as a runner but as a person. It's common to doubt yourself as a runner, especially a new runner, but reminding them that they are strong and capable and helping them to recognize their improvements whether

it's accomplishing a 5-minute mile or 11-minute mile. Every gain is a victory, on and off the course and worth celebrating," she said.

"Fr. Ron Nikodem, s.m., also a sports enthusiast, has deeply rooted Philippians 4:13 into our school community: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' I think of this often, personally but also with the student-athletes I coach. God has plans for each of us, and gives us this strength and ability to overcome hurdles and achieve great things."

## GOD, FAMILY AND NOTRE DAME

P. Jason Whalen, one of Notre Dame Prep's social, emotional, and academic counselors, has been coaching high school athletics in some fashion for over two decades, nine of those for Notre Dame. A varsity football assistant coach, assistant freshmen basketball coach, and head middle school basketball coach, Whalen has seen firsthand the impact of the school's mission-based coaching on its athletes.

"On multiple occasions over the last eight seasons, we have invited our opponent to join us in prayer after a game, both after wins and losses and both parochial and non-parochial schools," he said. "After a hard-fought battle in competition, we set aside those differences and come together to give thanks for our blessings and opportunities. We pray for the health of our teammates and our families, and we pray for strength and courage throughout our seasons. It is one of the most inspiring events I have been a part of as a coach. Our faith helps us to keep things in perspective."

It is a culture, he said, that permeates through the Marist teachings: to think, judge, feel and act as Mary in all things.

"The term 'culture' is a hot topic in the coaching world. It's standard belief that team culture is directly connected to success. Coaching at a Catholic school gives us an opportunity to center the way our teams think, feel, act, and perform around our identity as Christian people, upright citizens, and academic scholars. It gives us a standard to hold student-athletes accountable towards, a benchmark to be disciplined towards," he said.

As a coach and a father of two upper school students, Whalen said it is personally important to emulate what he teaches at home and on the field.

"First and foremost, I believe that we as coaches must model the school mission. We must put our faith at the center of our work with student-athletes. They might be teenagers, but they can be very perceptive. They know hypocrisy when they see it," he said.

"I try to put my faith and my identity as a Christian person at the heart of my work with all students; I try to make it prevalent in how I treat others. Additionally, I want our student-athletes to understand that anything worth having in life is worth working for. That goes for success academically and athletically. It also goes for success in our relationships with others, and it is especially the case in our growth as Christian people. It takes hard work, resilience,



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and fifth years respectively as boys' varsity swim coach and girls' varsity swim at NDP. He said whether it's in the pool or in the classroom, the school's mission is "not just something that happens."

"I was once told by a former principal that I bleed green. Being an alumnus of Notre Dame High School, I guess I picked up the mission and how can I not pass it along!" he said.

As a coach and a teacher, McGreevy takes a unique approach to those under his care.

"I see the kids anywhere between four and six hours a week approximately. I see my athletes Monday through Saturday two hours a day and meets can sometimes be six hours or more. My goal is simple. Athletics is a tool," he said.

and discipline to accomplish meaningful goals."

Like Kriesel, Whalen said a key characteristic of the athletics program at Notre Dame is the lifelong bonds created through positive role models and faith-based coaching.

"In my opinion, athletics at NDP are truly co-curricular activities. Meaning, they are truly tied into the curriculum. While no grades are issued, or credit awarded, the desire to fulfill our mission as a school is absolutely woven into the way we teach and coach," he said.

Some of the traditions he is most proud of are the pre-game Mass with football players and the Caveman Cookout.

"Every game day the team gathers in the chapel for service immediately after school. It's the perfect way to set aside the stressors of the school day and to re-center us on the good stuff – God, family, and Notre Dame. We also have a unique tradition we call the 'Caveman Cookout.' Prior to our first scrimmage, the boys and their dads get together to grill some meats. Our dads get the opportunity to talk about their sons and present them with their game jersey. It's a tremendous bonding experience for our football community."

#### TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Mark McGreevy ND'76, middle school religion teacher, has a long history of coaching for the school, dating back to 1978 as assistant swim coach for Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. Since that time, he has served as a soccer coach for the middle school, developed an intramural basketball program at the lower school, and is in his sixth

"I tell my athletes every year at the outset of the season, in five years you will return to NDP and visit the team and swimmers will say, 'I heard of you! You were really good!' In 10 years when you return, they will say, 'You swam at NDP? Cool!' In 15 years they will say, 'You swam in high school?' In 20 years they will say, 'You were an athlete?' No matter what you achieve in athletics, it will not be the thing you are remembered for. You will be remembered for who and what you become."

His advice to students: "Learn to help your teammates, learn to be responsible for yourself, learn to compete in a healthy manner. Learn to succeed, learn to fail, learn to know what is truly important. Learn to be humble. Know your place and your purpose. Being an athlete is a small part of a whole life, but it is a great tool to learn valuable lessons. We achieve this by creating opportunities for leadership, making upperclassmen responsible for underclassmen."

When asked how the school's mission impacts his coaching style, McGreevy said, "Christianity is not something I can turn on because I coach, it is interwoven into the fabric of my being. Being aware of what I do on the deck is key."

For students, McGreevy said he tries to show them understanding that God gives us all gifts.

"For the high schooler this mean their job is to take that gift and do it as best as they can. For a coach who had that gift, it is to hand it off and by example, teach the high schooler that they too should one day hand off their gifts to someone else whatever those gifts are. And when you look at what is handed off by a coach, it is not just a sport but rather many

more tangible skills. I can't turn my religion off and on, it is permanently on display."

Living the school mission is also important. In the past, he said, the swim teams participated in one service project together annually prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, whether it was working with Forgotten Harvest or the Wounded Warriors Project. It is something he wants to get back to doing.

"We try to find something that puts others first," McGreevy said. "We have had team and family dinners which we will be returning to. I especially enjoy the family dinners as it puts a perspective on our priorities. It also creates a strong bond among the swimmers."

Students also pick a Saturday and spend a few hours on a physical interactive activity rather than collecting money for a cause.

"I believe that young people really benefit from talking, listening and working with others. They see the satisfaction others gain from their work and they realize a sense of joy in helping them," McGreevy said. "The early Christians were known for their charitable work. It was their greatest means of conversion and conversion was not the intention. That says something very important. We can't 'try' to be Catholic; we simply are Catholic. We also pray as a team at the end of each practice. I give ownership of that to the teams meaning they do it on their own without coach prompting. The team asks for intentions and prays for others. Many times its their schoolmates and teammates who are struggling."

Entering her 14th season of coaching girls' basketball at the junior varsity and varsity level, Kathleen Offer, director of enrollment management, said athletics is an important part of a student's day at school. Students learn some important lessons that can positively influence the rest of their lives, including how to work with others toward shared goals, how to be responsible and accountable, and



how to keep trying when things get tough.

As a graduate of Yale University on an athletic scholarship, Offer leans heavily both on her Catholic upbringing and athletic prowess.

"I count my blessings every day that I was able to attend Catholic schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. As a coach, I've been blessed to work in a program that emphasizes faith and expects us to impart it. Outwardly being able to pray, to talk about our faith and to lean on God in times of trouble is something I hope I'll never take for granted," she said.

Offer agrees with McGreevy that coaches don't necessarily teach athletes what it means to be Catholic on the court. Rather, the teachings of the church and the Marists come through the individual coach's compassion and how coaches try to live their own lives as positive role models.

"At the start of every week I have a player pick a virtue she'd like our team to focus on, like resilience, bravery, trust, or perseverance. We'll start practice by defining the virtue, reflecting on it with a prayer, and thinking about how we can embody it like Jesus or Mary did. Throughout the week I'll reference the virtue on an ongoing basis and compliment the girls when they exhibit it," she said.

On the court, Offer said her goal is to teach kids how to play the game the right way, including fundamentals and "nuances" of the sport.

"I'm very diligent about making practice plans that start with foundational skills, work up to competitive drills, and ultimately scrimmaging. As much as I want my players to learn, have fun and win, the most important thing to me is that they truly give their best and strive to improve," she said.

Offer said while teaching basketball skills and preparing for competition is important, focusing on faith formation and virtues adds a valuable dimension to the experience.

"Incorporating those things into our daily lives helps the girls understand that the school mission doesn't stop when they get to the gym," Offer said. «



## ABOVE

Whitney Robinson runs the basketball program at Notre Dame Prep. He also is an alumnus of Notre Dame High School.

## LOWER LEFT

Kathleen Offer, director of enrollment management, is entering her 14th season of coaching girls' basketball at the junior varsity and varsity level.

## OPPOSITE

First grade teacher Kimberly Kriesel has coached the NDP cross-country team for three years alongside Head of School Andy Guest.



# Journey from Boston

After 130 years, the history and “spiritual life” of an iconic Marist church in Boston has been preserved as many of its essential assets were rescued by a Notre Dame Prep priest for potential reuse.

**W**hen the decision was made to close and sell Our Lady of Victories Church, a.k.a., Notre Dame des Victoires, located in Boston’s South End, the administrations of the Society of Mary and the Archdiocese of Boston were able to put together a plan that would preserve the essential architecture of the building and rectory even though they would eventually become condominiums.

In addition, the massive Casavant pipe organ and some of the iconic carved statues of angels inside the church were to be removed and preserved until such time that they could be installed at a new chapel at Notre Dame when funding becomes available. The enormous and stunning stained-glass windows in the Romanesque Revival-style church also needed to be removed since most condo dwellers prefer clear glazing over colored glass despite its inherent beauty.

But what to do with the windows? And how were they going to get the desperately needed refurbishment done in the meantime? And where would they be stored?

Notre Dame Prep founder and current NDPMA corporate president seemingly had all the answers.

“When I found out the church was to be closed and sold, one of the first things to come to mind for me was that we’ve got to preserve the beautiful pipe organ and those stunning windows for a future chapel in Pontiac,” said Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m., who grew up in Southeast Michigan, but spent a lot of time in the Boston church as a seminarian.

## REPURPOSED IN PONTIAC?

Olszamowski’s plan was to get the windows removed as soon as possible and sent to a firm that specializes in stained-glass reconditioning, and to find safe storage for the church’s Casavant organ and 12 alabaster angels until such time the necessary funds were secured for refurbishment. His goal for the eventual repurposing of the OLV assets was to install them in a new chapel on the NDPMA property as part of the school’s long-range master plan.

After Marist administrators in the provincial office in Washington, DC, agreed to gift the items to the school in Pontiac, it was now up to Olszamowski to facilitate

### ABOVE

A small transom stained-glass window above a door in Our Lady of Victories church in Boston is expected to be repurposed.

### OPPOSITE

The level of detail in the church’s large windows was extraordinary according to Lyn Hovey, a world-renowned designer of stained-glass windows based in the Boston area.





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**ABOVE**

Most of the stained glass windows in the Boston church were removed and refurbished.

the moving, storage and, in the case of the windows, their immediate refurbishment.

A number of generous donors within the Notre Dame Prep community were able to fund the removal and storage of the organ and statues, as well as the refurbishment of the windows, which were sent directly to Lyn Hovey Studio, Inc., a firm in Dorchester, Mass., specializing in stained glass.

Lyn Hovey, the company founder, president and artistic director of the studio, said the windows from the Boston church were of a special quality.

"The glazing process for this type of

window is at an exceptional level artistically and spiritually," he said, recalling the project. "The German windows are created in the famous Bavarian style and are excellent examples of that marvelous style. The Bavarian Neo Romantic style is famous for exceptional glass painting and its treatment of figures. The French windows, which were originally done by the Loire Studio, are characteristically a delight in color, detail and concept."

Hovey said that typically, refurbishment in stained glass means partial restoration, but nearly all of the OLV windows were completely restored with 100 percent re-leading.

"Overall, their condition was poor," he said. "Without intervention, their reuse in any new setting would have been problematic."

Olszamowski said it was important to use a company in or around Boston to work on the windows.

"I was concerned that any long-distance travel might cause further damage to the windows," he said. "I also wanted to use somebody local who understands the importance and essence of the Marists in the United States and their longtime flagship church in Boston."

**DEEP FRENCH AND AMERICAN ROOTS**

Originating in Lyons, France, the Marists first established a presence in North America in New Orleans during the Civil War. They quickly expanded north in the United States, including in New England.



“From their Boston provincial center, the Marists reached into other New England states and extended to Michigan and New York,” he added. “Ministries based in the former Boston Province (the American provinces unified in 2009) included work in parishes, hospitals, schools, prisons, orphanages and at the Boston harbor waterfront. In hospital ministries alone, a total of 90 Marist priests have answered the call to serve as chaplains at New England’s largest hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.”

**LEFT**

An undated photo of Our Lady of Victories shows the church in Boston in the early 20th century.

**ABOVE**

An early rendering by the developer of the condominiums shows that many of the features of the church exterior will be preserved.

**BELOW**

Our Lady of Victories church in Boston after it was closed by the archdiocese.

Boston’s archbishop at that time, John Williams, had heard of the French-speaking Marists’ work in the south and thought they would be a good fit in helping to serve a growing population of French-speaking Canadians who were arriving primarily from Quebec.

Father Paul Frechette, s.m., who led the Society of Mary’s U.S. province before Fr. Joe Hindelang, s.m., took over last year, wrote about that early history of the Marists in New England in a February 2015 edition of *The Boston Pilot*, a Catholic news publication affiliated with the Archdiocese of Boston.

“In 1882, the Marists took St. Anne Parish in Lawrence, Mass., and within a short period established missions in Merrimack Valley that would become four parishes,” Frechette wrote.





#### ABOVE

Nearly all of the OLV windows have been completely restored with 100 percent re-leading.

#### BELOW

The massive pipe organ originally designed by Casavant Frères, a Canadian firm, is currently in storage awaiting refurbishment.

#### OPPOSITE

The refurbished windows currently are safely in storage at a local Southeast Michigan facility owned by a longtime NDPMA family member and friend.

#### SPIRITUAL CENTER IN SOUTH BOSTON

Frechette also said that at the time, the Our Lady of Victories church, the oldest Marist establishment in New England, began as a chapel near the State House on Beacon Hill and was run by a diocesan priest.

“The Marist Boston Province began officially in 1885 and in September of that year, the Province purchased land on Isabella Street in Boston and developed the site for the forthcoming new building after taking over from the diocesan priest when he became a monsignor.”

Frechette said that the parish and the newly built church opened its doors in 1892 to serve the mostly French-speaking faithful in the immediate area as well as those living in nearby Brookline, Dorchester and Roxbury. Since then, he wrote, the church had become a center of worship for parishioners as well as for many tourists and local commuters making their daily trips into town for work or recreation.

#### PRESERVING A RICH LEGACY

Hindelang, who is now based in Washington, DC, also recognizes the importance of the Marists in Boston and especially the church’s role there.

“From the time the Marists built Our Lady of Victories Church on Isabella Street, it has been the center of a lot of Marist life, celebrations and activities,” he said. “From the time I entered the seminary right after graduating from Harper Woods Notre Dame High School in 1968, OLV was an important center of the (Boston) province.”

Hindelang lived on Isabella Street as a seminarian and then again when he was provincial superior of the Boston Province in the 1990s. He said that by preserving the stained glass windows from OLV and refurbishing them for use in another Marist ministry, the spiritual life of those who prayed in that church will live on in a new worship space.

“It will be a great way for a rich legacy to be preserved,” he said.





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Frechette added that over the many years, the church and its beautiful windows, organ and statuary stood as a place for people who brought a "variety of native tongues and traditions into the church, yet shared their devotion to God and an appreciation for the parish's splendid history, architecture, stained-glass and glorious music, each of which transcends all languages."

Sadly, those traditions, activities and "glorious music" came to a halt in 2016 when the Marists determined that with ever-dwindling numbers of priests and brothers, they couldn't administer the parish anymore, which led to the archdiocese's decision ultimately to close it down.

**SAFELY STORED**

The Marists eventually sold the church and rectory in 2017 to locally based New Boston Ventures for \$11.4 million. New Boston planned to convert the property into an 18-unit condo building that would include one-, two- and three-bedroom units, as well as duplexes, ranging in size from 800 to 1,200 square feet. It would also house 21 on-site parking spaces and could include private roof decks and private balconies, according to a project review filed a few years ago with the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

Brother Leonard Haley, s.m., who served many years at Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, grew up in the Boston area. He was disappointed when

the church closed down and was sold, but is pleased that it was not demolished. Now retired, Haley still lives nearby the property on Isabella Street.

"The neighborhood has certainly changed a lot over the past several years," he said. "Many young professionals have moved into all the newly repurposed condos and townhouses in the area, which is nice to see. But parking now is so bad that I finally gave up on owning my own car."

Still undergoing construction, the latest estimate for completion of the project was put at the summer of 2023.

Olszamowski said the refurbished windows currently are safely in storage at a local Metro Detroit facility owned by Robert Brzustewicz, a longtime NDPMA family member and friend. The organ remains with Casavant Frères, a company in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, and the angel sculptures are currently stored at the W.E. Scholl Company in Billerica, Mass.

"They, too," Olszamowski adds, "await eventual restoration and placement in a new 'Our Lady of Victories Chapel,' an essential part of NDPMA's master plan when funds ultimately become available." «



# Lifelong



Award-winning alumnus says Notre Dame Prep truly is a caring, Catholic community that looks after students long after they graduate

# support



It's always similar and familiar refrains we hear from Notre Dame graduates. "I would not be where I am today without my Notre Dame education." "Notre Dame taught me the value of hard work." "The high academics at Notre Dame made college so much easier for me." And on and on we hear virtually the same thing from nearly every grad.

Add 2000 Notre Dame Prep alumnus and artist and film/video producer Bill Holland to that list.

"As much as the workload at Notre Dame often seemed overwhelming, it totally prepared me for tackling the seemingly impossible tasks I was faced with in college," said Holland. "I found that as a college student, Prep had prepared me well for the reading workload and extensive projects that every class would demand. There were times, as a high school student, that the amount of reading almost seemed impossible to tackle, but when I got to college the reason became clear."

College for Holland was Northern Michigan University, where he received a bachelor's degree in digital cinema. Since then he's been plying his trade in

and around the Chicago area working for himself and for a number of high-end creative agencies doing video work and computer animation.

He and his wife, Kelly, currently live in Milwaukee, which keeps the bills affordable and Chicago's culture, nightlife and business climate close enough.

He's a busy guy and even though he's not in metro Detroit anymore and many miles from Pontiac, Holland says his ties to Notre Dame Prep and its Catholic community remain strong. He recently agreed to an interview from his high school alma mater and discussed his career, his award-winning work and why he holds a special place in his heart for NDP.

The interview has been edited for

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## OPPOSITE

Notre Dame Prep alum Bill Holland NDP'00 is with two of his Communicator Awards from the Academy of Interactive & Visual Arts earned for work on social media PSAs for the American Dental Association.

length and clarity.

**NOTRE DAME PREP: Which company/ies have you been working for or with since 2018 when we last spoke?**

**BILL HOLLAND:** I was with the American Dental Association for four years after a long run as a freelance motion designer/videographer/and editor running my own company. The

had a pretty large layoff at ADA that saw our creative team lose some people, and unfortunately, I was one of them. Graciously, I had a period of many months before I was officially let go, so I had time to start a new LLC and get some client work lined up. After I left the ADA, I worked with Rusty Dog Productions on several really cool projects (which I can't talk about here), worked on some motion graphics for

the Home Depot online catalog and storyboarded and animated some social media videos for Xfinity Gaming through GMR Marketing in Wisconsin. I also jumped onboard, at the last minute, to help design and create motion graphics for political ads during the historic Georgia runoff election.

**NDP: I heard you also worked for a San Francisco firm. Still with them?**

**HOLLAND:** Yep. In September of 2021 I was up in Marquette, Michigan, for a wedding, and I got to talking to a few of the guests there. One of the groom's good friends worked for a company in San Francisco, and she mentioned that they were looking for motion graphics designers. I submitted my resume and reel, did an interview, and suddenly I had a full-time job again. We're about to hit the one-year mark, but I've worked on some really interesting architecture films in that brief timespan. These are essentially sales and pitch videos that present a dynamic overview of proposed architecture projects. I've worked on architectural visualization for projects primarily in the Bay Area,

but our company also has offices in New York, Chicago and Boston. We also occasionally step away from architecture and into film and TV work, most recognizably for "America's Test Kitchen." More recently, I did concept designs that were used by our 3D team to create a very cool futuristic cityscape for the company Verses. I also helped develop the storyboards for a new project from Lane Partners called Berkeley Commons, located in Berkeley, Calif., as well as creating motion graphics for their B Street South project.

**NDP: Separately, have you exhibited any of your work?**

**HOLLAND:** In November 2021, my illustration work was featured in an exhibition at the Design Museum of Chicago, titled "All Together Now." The show included works revolving around sound, music and music marketing. I submitted several poster designs that I had been commissioned to create for a local immersive performance and music night in Chicago. To my surprise, they accepted all four. It was quite the experience to have my first gallery show in years at a large, downtown museum.

**NDP: You said you live in Wisconsin now. Where specifically?**

**HOLLAND:** I currently live in Milwaukee. Shortly before I was let go from the ADA, we decided to make the move from the south side of Chicago, as the cost of living was lower in Wisconsin, and the quality of life better in a lot of ways, given our circumstances, goals and needs. My wife, Kelly, is from the area, and we could also be close to her mom this way. In Wisconsin, you get quite a deal more for your money than in Chicago, and we were admittedly over the traffic. I do, however, miss the public transit system, the concerts, the food scene and cultural events. There's



## ABOVE

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ADA made me a surprise offer I really could not refuse, and so I went on to be their lead motion designer. I was their first in-house motion designer, so there was a lot to do in terms of building a motion and animation workflow. While I was there, our team won numerous awards for our video production work. This summer, I got news that I was awarded two Silver Telly Awards for my work on social media PSAs for the ADA Seal, which you are probably familiar with from your toothpaste, floss, mouthwash and the iconic "Home Alone" drug store scene.

**NDP: What was your work experience like during COVID?**

**HOLLAND:** During the pandemic, we





## AT LEAST IN MY EXPERIENCE, NOTRE DAME WAS A GREAT SCHOOL

### FOR KIDS WHO DIDN'T EASILY FIT INTO A BOX.



so much to do and see in Milwaukee, but you do realize what a unique cultural hub Chicago is when you no longer live there, so we often go down to visit. I am definitely grateful for the years I spent there, and how that city has informed and impacted my life.

**NDP: What do you do when you're not working?**

**HOLLAND:** Aside from motion graphics and video production, I have been a musician and professional club DJ and event promoter for the past 15-plus years. Before the pandemic, I had started a talent-booking and event company with my two long-time business partners, Pete Augusta and Joseph Rovner. Joe and I had a long-running monthly music and performance event in Chicago called Rouge!, which was known for bringing a style of music called Electro Swing from Europe to Chicago. Electro Swing is a kind of fusion of early hot jazz, swing, bebop, soul and other vintage genres with contemporary beats, house, bass music and other forms of electronic dance music. That platform allowed us to tour the country DJing with various neo-vaudeville and variety performers, and

led to my club residency at Untitled Supper Club and regular gigs at House of Blues' Foundation Room in Chicago. My last gig before the pandemic was opening for German Techno Marching Band "Meute" and one of my favorite groups from France, Caravan Palace. Recently, I reconnected with an old college collaborator, Joe Rayome (Brooklyn, NY), to mixdown and master a new song he was commissioned to write for Northern Michigan University. We had won an award from the Kennedy Center in college for a score we wrote for a theatre production of "The Laramie Project," and it was great to get back in the studio with Joe (albeit remotely) and throw some ideas around.

**NDP: Can you comment on your time at Notre Dame Prep?**

**HOLLAND:** NDP was a great experience for me, looking back on it. I'm the kind of person who doesn't do well if I'm not being challenged, and NDP really gave me that, while encouraging me to be my own person. The option for independent study in my senior year was invaluable, as I had to learn to be self-sufficient in working with Joe Martin to create a documentary about the band program. It was also

the first time I really learned about client feedback and revisions, as I got called into Fr. Leon's office AFTER I graduated, to talk about editing certain material out of the video. At least in my experience, Notre Dame was a great school for kids who didn't easily fit into a box, and I was able to tailor my education in a way that really benefited me in college and beyond.

**NDP: What especially stands out to you about your former high school?**

**HOLLAND:** During the height of the pandemic, in 2021, I lost my grandfather and my dad within a week of each other. I knew that the Notre Dame Prep community was important to my parents, but I was floored by the amount of familiar faces I saw at both funerals, but especially for my dad. The Marists (including Brother Louis) came to lead the evening rosary at the wake for my father, and it made me realize that Notre Dame wasn't just a school, it was a Catholic community that followed our family over the years. You don't hear stories like that from the high school experiences of others. I cannot overemphasize how much that meant, while our family was trying to process that grief, during the middle of a worldwide health crisis. I definitely

still feel like we are healing from the stress and trauma of the past few years, but moments like that, while they may seem like small gestures to the people making them, got me through some of the darkest times. «



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Holland's illustration work was featured in an exhibition at the Design Museum of Chicago, titled "All Together Now."



*John McCabe forged friendships through his mutual love of baseball and Notre Dame*

# For the love of the game

**W**hen friends of John McCabe reflect on his life, all agree the Notre Dame High School alumnus had an unsurpassed devotion to the school he called home and a furious passion for baseball. Those two loves were evident in everything he talked about, even up until his untimely passing at the age of 76 in June of this year. McCabe, who graduated from Harper Woods Notre Dame High School in 1963, was a kind and familiar face at the school for decades, serving as a junior varsity baseball coach and assistant varsity coach from 1972 through 2001 under fellow alumnus Joe Spada.

“John was extremely well liked as an assistant baseball coach and totally devoted to teaching and mentoring the

youth league.

Spada said baseball was life for McCabe, a U.S. postal worker by trade, devoted partner and father.

“His relentless ‘fiery’ personality reflected how he coached, always ready to hit more ground balls to infielders and pitch ‘extra’ batting practice to anyone who wanted to stay,” he said.

Two of Spada’s favorite memories were during the early days of coaching at Notre Dame High School.

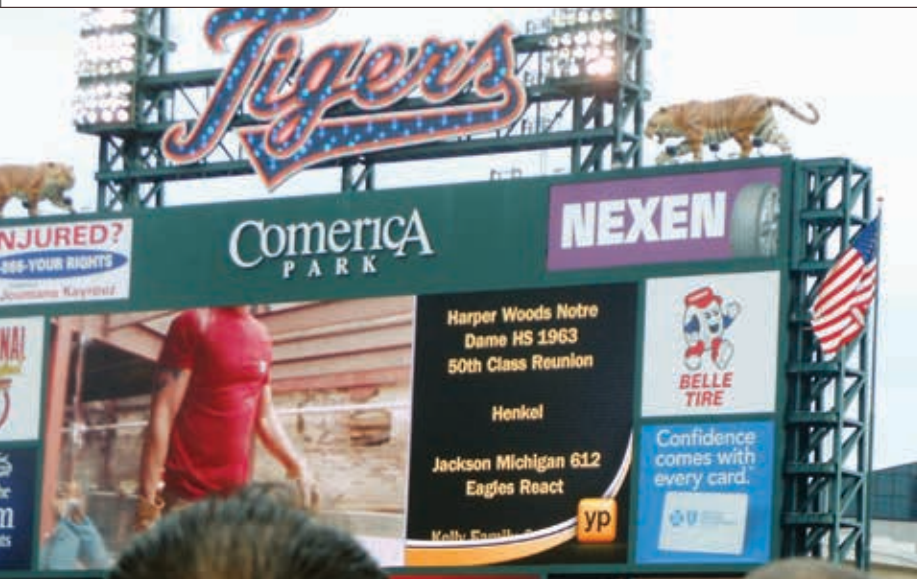
“John had a ‘bread truck’ route. He would come to practice with his truck and many of the players enjoyed the fresh baked surplus products from the back of his truck, especially the cinnamon rolls and frosted doughnuts,” Spada said.

Another memorable event was the team’s spring trip to the Marist School in Atlanta, Georgia, where, after touring the school’s pristine baseball facilities, players had a run in with a cosmetology convention at the same hotel the team was staying at.

“One night some of the players made friends with a group of cosmetologists. John was in charge of bed checks for the team. He kept me occupied in my room, while he supervised the boys having a little recreation time with the beauty school girls. Many years later, I found out about this and how our team was recognized as the Notre Dame University baseball team in Atlanta for spring break ... needless to say, that was a good time for the guys and John remained close to many of those players for years after!”

That is the kind of guy McCabe was, always the first to forge friendships, volunteer, and teach others about baseball.

“John’s passion was second to none. Our friendship lasted beyond the 25 years we coached together. He was a perfect complement to me as a coach and kept me focused (and



young men in our program,” Spada said.

The two friends met in 1963, when they played together on the Beaudry American Legion baseball team for two years. McCabe was a second baseman from Notre Dame High School, and Spada was a pitcher and third baseman from St. Ambrose High School. After high school, the two lost contact until 1968, when Spada became a teacher at St. Joan of Arc school in St. Clair Shores and Spada was a member of the parish, where he also coached a summer

**ABOVE**

The NDHS Class of 1963 was honored at Comerica Park in Detroit during their 50th class reunion weekend in September 2013.

loose) during the games. Always joking around to keep it fun to play,” Spada said.

Another friend, Lynn von Hatten ND’63, recalls McCabe’s devotion to his alma mater.

“John always found time for his classmates. He was instrumental in planning our 50th reunion,” von Hatten said. “We had a football game, dinner, mass in Latin and attended a Detroit Tigers baseball game, where John arranged for his classmates to be admitted to the Tigers club house. John also provided copies of the school shield, commencement address, and gifted us with engraved mugs. He stood tall when we sang the Notre Dame Fight Song at the dinner!”

Spada added, “John’s blood ran green, and he was always willing to do anything he could to promote the Marist mission at Notre Dame. He will be missed, but his legacy will live on.”

David Bonior ND’63, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 through 2002, was friends with McCabe in high school.

“John was always very enthusiastic about Notre Dame. He was loyal to the school and to his friends,” Bonior said. “I remember him for his great ball-playing skills. Years later he always supported me when I ran for office, and I am forever grateful to him for his support.”

Bonior admitted that he lost contact with McCabe over the years, but any time he did run into him at a high school



homecoming game or political event, McCabe was always genuine and took time to talk to him about current events shaping politics in the country, or trading stories of their time at Notre Dame High School.

“He was a good man, and I will miss him dearly,” Bonior said. “He had a spark about him that was contagious whenever you were around him. He cared very deeply for Notre Dame; that says a lot about the quality and caliber of the Marist priests and brothers, as well as the teachers, who played a big part in shaping our lives.” «

**ABOVE**

McCabe, far right, is with other NDHS alumni at Comerica Park in Detroit.

**BELOW**

McCabe, second from right, is with Head of School Andy Guest and fellow 1963 NDHS alums after being honored before a Notre Dame Prep football game in September of 2013.



**IRISH NEWS FROM PAGE 7**

The May 10-12 VEX-IQ ES competition was for students 12 and younger who build robots out of plastic parts. Students design, build and program their robots, then compete against local teams with the possibility of advancing to face teams from



all around the world. In Dallas this year, there were teams from Australia, China, Germany, Ghana and, of course, Pontiac, Mich. VEX Worlds is an enormous competition, with over 500 teams in the 12 and under bracket alone.

"Our students started on their first robot back in September, and since then have been testing, refining and practicing, and have even completely rebuilt their robots at least three times during that period," said Jerry Palardy, who mentors the Notre Dame robotics program and accompanied the students to Dallas along with their parents. "They spent a lot of time on these robots, and their hard work and STEM academics paid off."

Palardy noted that qualifying for VEX Worlds is an accomplishment in itself. He reports that team 3333S (Gerald) finished 25th in their division, just barely missing the cut-off to advance to the playoffs. He said team 3333M (The Green Oranges) were able to advance to their division finals and in seventh place.

"To top it off, 3333M also won the 'Build Award' for having a well-constructed and durable robot," he said. "Until this year, Notre Dame had never won the

Build Award. But this year, we received it for Vex IQ (12 and under) and VRC (15 and under). The judges must really like how we build our robots."

All things considered, Palardy said it was another highly successful robotics event for the school and the students had fun and learned a lot, which is the whole point of these events.

**NOTRE DAME NAMES NEW BOARD DEI COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy announced last spring that Glenn McIntosh has accepted a position on the Board of Trustees' diversity, equity and inclusion committee.

McIntosh currently serves as senior vice president for student affairs and chief diversity officer at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., where he provides strategic leadership for one of the largest divisions on campus with more than 24 departments. In addition, he is the founding director of the Academic Advising Resource Center and served as the founding director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives (formerly the Office of Equity). He also established the Trustee Academic Success Scholarship program.



Andrew Guest, head of school at NDPMA, is delighted to have someone with McIntosh's experience join the board's DEI committee.

"Not only is Glenn an expert in the field, he also understands the Catholic nature of our school and how important our religious beliefs are to our mission," Guest said. "True diversity comes out of respect for the dignity of all humans, who we know were

created in the image and likeness of God. Glenn's background as a minister gives him a unique perspective that matches our school well. We are very happy to have him on our team!"

McIntosh has successfully directed many OU campus capital projects, including the construction of two residence halls, an outdoor recreation and athletic facility, and a major renovation and expansion of the student union. Previously, McIntosh worked as the assistant vice president and dean of student life at Oakland University. Before Oakland, he held a number of administrative positions at Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University and Bowling Green State University.

McIntosh, who resides in Macomb, Mich., with his wife, Lia, serves as an active member of many professional and community-based organizations, including the Metro Detroit Youth Clubs Board of Trustees, Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP) Board of Directors, Renaissance Unity Spiritual Center Ministerial Team, Southeast Michigan Omega Foundation Incorporated Board of Directors, and Sacred Heart of Michigan. He is also co-chair of the Oakland University and City of Pontiac Partnership Initiative.

A native Detroit, McIntosh earned his master's degree in community and agency counseling from Wayne State University and bachelor's degrees in sociology and business administration from Central Michigan University. In addition, he is a licensed professional mental health counselor, minister and certified strength and conditioning trainer.

**NDP JOINS WITH OTHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AT IMMIGRATION/FAITH CONFERENCE**

Strangers No Longer is a network of parishes and congregations in the Detroit area that is creating "Circles of Support" to provide assistance to immigrants in

the area and to advocate for a comprehensive and humane immigration policy.

On April 27, the organization hosted a special Immigration and Faith Conference at Detroit's Cristo Rey High School for students from 10 area Catholic high schools, including Notre Dame Prep. It's the second conference of its type after one held in 2020.

That conference's attendees included young people from



Mexico and El Salvador who facilitated discussions about why people migrate and how climate change affects migration, according to Strangers No Longer. Students also learned how those guests build community with people who are deported back to their home countries after living most of their lives in the United States.

Strangers No Longer said campus ministers, theology teachers and some student leaders from 10 area Catholic high schools had been meeting regularly with SNL staff to prepare for this year's immigration conference. Brother Rice, Marian, Mercy, UD-Jesuit, Cristo Rey, Notre Dame Prep, Shrine, Divine Child, Loyola, Catholic Central – and the youth ministry team at Christ the Good Shepherd in Lincoln Park – were all engaged in the planning.

According to NDP Campus Minister Della Lawrence, who attended the April 27 conference with fellow campus minister, Alayna Manos, and NDP students Allison Voto, Maria Sedano, Grace Simon, Kate VanNorwick, Carmen Thomas and Selena Kalasho, all those in attendance

left with a deep and profound understanding of the issues facing immigrants coming to the United States.

"At this conference, students were able to hear stories of local immigrant leaders through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching (see), explore causes and effects of migration (judge), and learn about and plan action steps to create awareness to bring back to school (act)," she said.

Lawrence also said the students at the conference were encouraged to form Circles of Support at their own high schools.

According to Strangers No More, their current Circles "serve immigrant families on a daily basis and collect funds for shelters and way-stations in Mexico that provide rest and food to traveling migrants."

### PROGRAMMING POWER

GHI Electronics, LLC, in Madison Heights, Mich., is a world leader in providing embedded hardware-software core modules to help companies in reducing cost, complexity, and time to market. The company also understands the importance of a quality education, which is where Notre Dame comes in.

The company says it knows firsthand about the increased opportunity its engineers and technicians were afforded because of their own education.

"We are passionate about providing a glimpse of the same educational opportunities to students so they are most likely to find a fulfilling career they are passionate about," it notes on its website. "As part of this pursuit, we give frequent tours of our facility and created the BrainPad to provide an intuitive STEM/STEAM learning experience for students of all ages."

On April 29, nearly 30 students from Notre Dame's middle and upper schools got a chance to experience that learning at GHI

as Eden Konja, Notre Dame's director of information and academic technology, and Technology Integration Specialist Melissa York transported the students for about a half day of rather intense demonstrations and hands-on activities.



York said basically the reason for the trip was for students to gain more experience with coding and other STEM activities.

But it ended up as much more.

"It was a really cool experience for the students," she said. "We opened the field trip up to

anyone who was interested in attending from the middle and upper schools, and it may be just a coincidence, but most of the students who attended also are in our robotics program."

For the first activity of the morning, the students created a game with code using the site [makecode.brainpad.com](http://makecode.brainpad.com). They then applied what they coded to the BrainPad, a special coding platform designed to help students understand the intricacies of computing hardware and software. The students also were able to play the games they designed on the BrainPad.

"After that, the kids worked with coding for circuits and light sensors and, finally, students coded a real car and actually made it move," York said. "At the end of the field trip, the company took us through their warehouse and walked us through the entire process of how their microchips are built and made."

It was another fascinating field

trip for the kids, said Konja, who discovered BrainPad and GHI Electronics at a previous Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning conference.

"It's really refreshing to be able to take advantage of companies in our area such as GHI, which as part of their own mission, regularly volunteers both time and materials to organizations and schools like ours," he said. «



## PRAYERS

Notre Dame mourns the loss of our dear brothers and sisters and invites our community to join with us in prayer.

**Michael Carry SF'56**

**Margaret Erb SF'52**, May 24, 2022

**Richard Jackolow SF'47**, April 27, 2022

**David Jaworski ND'83**, June 22, 2022

**Jack Kudray SF'51**, July 27, 2022

**Phil Lauwers ND'67**

**James McMahon SF'48**, Feb. 1, 2022

**Marilyn (Kraft) McMurray SM'60**, Dec. 26, 2021

**Betty Morici**, former NDP religion teacher, June 5, 2022

**Shaun Penzien NDP'98**, Sept. 7, 2022

**John M Powers ND'62**, brother-in-law to John Parthum ND'63 and uncle to Brian Parthum ND'96, Sept. 27, 2022

**David Sagert ND'99**, Aug. 7, 2022

**Roger Schlack ND'62**, Sept. 1, 2022

**David Skell ND'67**, Jan. 17, 2022

**Louie Szymanski ND'65**, July 9, 2022

**Carlton Turner ND'95**, Aug. 16, 2022

**Marian Verrille-Shields SF'54**

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

If you would like our community to remember a loved one in prayer, please email [prayers@ndpma.org](mailto:prayers@ndpma.org).

# ALUMNI NOTES

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

## NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

**Kenneth Balazovich ND'73** retired from the University of Michigan in May 2020 after 36 years of research plus teaching biochemistry and immunology. He became a technical director for a theater in Brighton, and recently moved to Lake Lansing to enjoy retirement. "Notre Dame gave me a solid start and I am extremely grateful to that great institution!"

**Mike Balow ND'90** lives in Plymouth and recently decided to run for trustee of Michigan State University. Visit [www.MikeBalowForMSU.org](http://www.MikeBalowForMSU.org). You can reach him via email at [mikebalow@gmail.com](mailto:mikebalow@gmail.com). "I'm always in the mood to grab a beer with some ND guys."

**Brian Barney ND'83:** "A big shout out to the Class of 1983. I miss all you guys. We had some great years together and created some great memories. I wish we could do it all over again. God bless. Go Irish!"

**John Berra ND'72** is in the planning stages for the Class of 1972's 50th reunion. Please email [jmberra2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jmberra2003@yahoo.com) for information and help planning the reunion.

**Steve Bielak ND'68** is enjoying retirement in Three Rivers, Mich., where he spends time with his wife and three grandchildren.

**Thomas Blomquist ND'63** lives in Charlotte and rode the 24 miles of the 2023 Tour de Troit on Sept. 17.

**Calvin Gaskins ND'91** is celebrating the birth of his granddaughter, his fourth grandchild. His son Kyle is body building and earned pro status in wrestling. His youngest son is in college and working.

**Thomas Gladysz ND'79** moved to Sacramento, Calif. with his wife. He continues to write and is the author of numerous articles and three books of film history, and the editor of another. His area of focus is the silent film star Louise Brooks. He

is also the founding director of the Louise Brooks Society.

**Ken Karaczewski ND'76** retired and is living with his wife, Heidi. They celebrated their 32nd anniversary on Sept. 22, 2022. Heidi works for Holy Cross Hospital. His daughter Marlo works in the IT field and lives in Chicago, Ill.

**Gary Klueck ND'68** is mourning the death of his wife, Cheri, after 40 years of marriage. After graduating from Notre Dame High School, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University, a juris doctor degree in law from the University of San Diego, and three master's degrees. He wears a variety of professional hats including, lawyer, law professor, mediator, therapist, published author, and consultant.

**Gerald Lane ND'68** and his wife, Sylvia, are celebrating the birth of their ninth grandchild, Elliott, born in August. They are expecting a 10th grandchild in October. The couple's 50th wedding anniversary will take place in January 2023.

**Hank Luks ND'58** recently retired and sold his security company.

**Patrick McGuire ND'78** retired after a long career at Ascension Health as Michigan CFO. He'll spend retirement between Michigan and Florida.

**John Melnik ND'68** retired from AT&T in 2012 after 38 years. He and his wife became proud grandparents of twin grandchildren (Lily Rose and Anthony John) on April 12, 2022.

**Timothy Nawrocki ND'67** retired from the U.S. Navy Dental Corps Reserves with the rank of captain (O-6) after 23 years of service. He is living with his wife in Grosse Ile and is retired from civilian dental practice. They were recently blessed to welcome a baby boy grandchild and are enjoying grandparenthood.

**Chris Palm ND'00** was recently promoted to sergeant in the Detroit Fire Department.

**Joseph Palm ND'97** was recently promoted to lieutenant in the Detroit Fire Department.

**Fr. Bill Promesso ND'76** is the pastor at Christ the Redeemer in Lake Orion and vicar for the Pontiac Area Vicariate.

**Dean Ricci ND'76** retired from the information technology profession in February 2007. He still has his collection of cars and works on website development to stay busy. He and his wife, Judy live on Bass Lake in Commerce Township. "Hope everyone from the Class of 1976 is happy and well. Long live the Class of '76!"

**David Sorbo ND'68** retired from dentistry and is enjoying life, travel, golf, his grandchildren, and his wife Janet of 45 years.

**Jeff Schwartzberg ND'88** recently concluded his first year as head groundskeeper at Hodgetown Park in Amarillo, TX. Hodgetown is home to the MLB Amarillo Sod Poodles, the MLB AA affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

**Francis Vallejo ND'04** was promoted to associate professor of Illustration at The College for Creative Studies in Detroit in October. Previously, he illustrated "Anansi Boys," written by Neil Gaiman for The Folio Society.

**Dennis Wahl ND'62** has been in a nursing home in Florida for two years. He is asking for prayers from his classmates.

## NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL ALUMNI

**Rudy Aguilar NDP'17** will serve as a volunteer assistant coach for the University of Alabama swim team. Rudy will be working with 2021 Olympic silver medalist Rhyen White and other athletes. His career goal is to become a Division 1 college coach for swimming in a power 5 conference. While at Oakland University, he became a 15-time Horizon League Conference champion and the 3rd fastest Golden Grizzly in school history in the 200 freestyle and 200 butterfly.



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## IRISH E-NEWSLETTER

Receive news and information, emailed monthly. Update your email address at [ndpma.org/update](https://ndpma.org/update).

**Chase Glasser NDP'17** recently accepted a position as a legislative policy staff member for the Michigan Senate.

**Ashley (Ouellette) McMahon NDP'05** welcomed her first baby, Avery Ann, on Sept. 14, 2022 with her husband Brett.

**Brad Mitchell NDP'02** was recently hired as the director of information technology at Hollywood Casino at Greektown.

**Sarah (Yahrmatter) Schlunegger NDP'09** and her husband, Neil, welcomed a baby boy, Eugene Samuel Schlunegger, in April 2022.

**Christina (Ruggeri) Shkulaku NDP'09** and her husband Kenny welcomed a baby girl, Vera Rose, on Feb. 5, 2022.

## UPCOMING REUNIONS

### INTERESTED IN PLANNING A CLASS REUNION?

Contact **Beth Lockhart, Executive Director of Alumni Relations**, at [blockhart@ndpma.org](mailto:blockhart@ndpma.org) or 248-630-7722.

#### NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

##### Class of 1958

Planning is underway for the Class of 1958's 65th reunion in 2023. Please contact William Vallee through the alumni office at [alumni@ndpma.org](mailto:alumni@ndpma.org) if you would like to join the planning committee or if you have questions.

##### Class of 1971

The Class of 1971's 50th +1 reunion will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, at Club Venetian in Madison Heights from 3 to 8 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Cost is \$90 per couple or \$45 for a single. Please contact Mike Scharl at [notredame71@att.net](mailto:notredame71@att.net) for more details.

##### Class of 1973

Planning is underway for the 50th year class reunion. Please contact Robert Mollicone at 313- 808-4545 to join the planning committee.

#### NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL

##### Class of 1997

Planning is just getting started for a fall 2022 reunion. Please contact Patricia Knauss if you are interested in helping with the planning at [patriciaknauss@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciaknauss@hotmail.com).

##### Class of 2002

Join us Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Fountains (6060 Maybee Road, Clarkston, MI 48346) to celebrate 20 years. Cost is \$25 per person. Register at <https://www.ndpma.org/ndp2002>. If you have any questions, please contact Kim (Murphy) Munro at 248-881-4843.

##### Class of 2012

If you are interested in celebrating the Class of 2012's 10-year reunion, please contact alumni director Beth Lockhart at [blockhart@ndpma.org](mailto:blockhart@ndpma.org).

##### Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 will celebrate its five-year reunion at the Rochester Mills Taproom on Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. RSVP at [EVITE.ME/1SaVS6q31F](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1SaVS6q31F). Tickets are \$30. For questions call 248-977-8698.

#### ST. MICHAEL

##### Class of 1952

The St. Michael Class of 1952's 70th reunion planning is underway. Please contact Leroy Bressler at 734-756-1206 for more information about the reunion and to update your contact information. Please call him either way if you are interested in attending or not.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Turkey Trot Race – Detroit

##### November 24

Come run a fun race with alumni and our Head of School Andy Guest. Contact [alumni@ndpma.org](mailto:alumni@ndpma.org) to register to ride the bus from NDP. Registration for the run can be done at [theparade.org](http://theparade.org).

#### Alumni Board Meeting

##### November 29

The alumni board is looking for new members! Join us at 6 p.m. at the Fr. Colin House, located at 1389 Giddings Road in Pontiac, Mich.

#### Alumni Career Network – Social Event

##### December 1

Join us on Dec. 1 at the Farmington Hills Manor for a fun young professionals social event. We will be making three different types of drinks. Please register at [ndpma.org/ACNSOCIAL](http://ndpma.org/ACNSOCIAL).

#### Young Alum Welcome Home Event

##### December 9

NDP alumni, stop by school to visit your favorite teachers before they head home for the holidays. The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in the NDP library.

#### Speaker Series Panels

##### January/February, 2023

If you are interested in sharing your career with our current students, please email [acn@ndpma.org](mailto:acn@ndpma.org) to volunteer. We will be setting up a few different sessions this winter.

#### Alumni Board Meeting

##### February 21

The alumni board is looking for new members! Join us at 6 p.m. at the Fr. Colin House, located at 1389 Giddings Road in Pontiac, Mich.

#### Irish Week Challenge

##### March 13-17

Save the date for our favorite time of the year, Irish Week!



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