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ND BIDS FAREWELL TO THE YEAR AND OUR SENIORS

By The Titan Times Team
Gael Campos & Minh Lai

Q: "What's something you want your mom to know this Mother's Day?"

A: "Happy Mother's Day to my best friend!! I would not be the person I am today without you. Thank you for everything you've done for me. I love you!!!!" - Grace Alosi

A: "Happy Mother's Day to my most amazing mother. You have always been there for me and supporting me since the day I was born. I love you!!!" - Thomas Huelskamp

A: "Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for everything you do, and I love you so much!!" - Sarah Escobar

A: "Happy Mother's Day to my built-in best friend!!" - Aliyah Gonzalez

A: "Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for everything you do. Love you." - Michael Rodriguez



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On May 9th, 2024, the blessed statue of the Virgin Mary at Notre Dame would make her annual journey all the way from campus to the Saint Catherine of Alexandria Church and be placed at the front of the altar as she awaited a swarm of students to enter through the Church's front gate. This was to be a momentous occasion, serving not only as the Catholic tradition of May Crowning, in which a statue of Mary is adorned with a crown of flowers and processed, but also as the seniors' last in-school mass. However, more on May Crowning: it is a celebration of Mary's fulfillment of her designated role as mother of Jesus Christ. She played a vital role in His upbringing, showering Him with the love and care He needed, just like most mothers do. However, at times, it is easy for one to take this motherly affection for granted, which is exactly why there's Mother's Day, an opportunity to take a step back and put all focus on these wonderful beings who have nurtured the world to where it is. Here are some sweet messages from the class of 2024 to their beloved mothers:

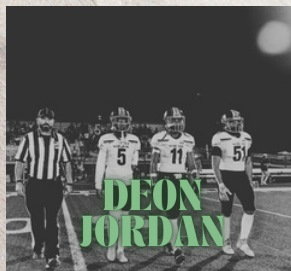
With graduation approaching, the seniors have spent the last few days of school preparing themselves for the journey that awaits. Set to occur on the 24th of May, this spring's graduation ceremony will undoubtedly serve as a great leap forward for the Class of 2024. Throughout their four years of attendance, our seniors have had a chance to grow in character and enhance their education through the support of the Notre Dame community. Sad as their departure may be for many here, the transition from secondary to tertiary education will give the seniors a chance to finally show to the world the results of their years of study, dedication, and hard work.

That being said, Notre Dame is showing its appreciation and gratefulness for the Class of 2024 through various events such as Grad Night, Senior Signing Day, the Freshman-Senior Picnic, and Sadie's—their final dance before the school year concludes.



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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

Magical Portals Connecting Cities

By Lubianca Gaitan

Junior, writer

Two massive circular livestream video "portals" have recently popped up out of the blue, connecting New York City and Dublin, Ireland. These portals, which have been operational since May 8th, are an example of how advancements in technology can go beyond physical barriers to bring people together from all parts of the world.

The Portal project stemmed from the brain of Lithuanian artist, author, and entrepreneur Benedikts Gylys, hoping to create a global network that can put aside geographical differences. The New York City portal, which is located in Manhattan's Flatiron District, and its other half in Dublin near O'Connell Street, create a connection to both places through a 24/7 live video link between the two cities, despite being over 3,000 miles apart.

The concept of the portals themselves is very simple yet also deep: step into one of these portals and you'll be virtually transported to the other side of the world. Through real-time video feeds, people in New York can get a glimpse into life in Dublin, and Dubliners can peer into the busy streets of Manhattan. In a way, it's a visual bridge that can help bring people together. As the project grows, the goal is to rotate among many cities.



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Photo by NBC News

However, like any new development, the Portal Project faces challenges. Recently, the Dublin-New York Portal had to temporarily shut down due to reports of inappropriate behavior. While some people shared heartwarming moments, like dancing and connecting with loved ones, the platform was also misused for less caring reasons. But the project's organizers continue to work on the vision of it and hope to let it grow.

Dublin's Lord Mayor, Daithí de Roiste, saw the awakening of the Portal in his city. His goal with this was clear to see as he shared his commitment to making Dublin more inclusive.

As the Portals continue to develop, we can imagine just how much this will connect people all over the world in a way not seen before.

Summertime Plans!

By Jaslene Elizondo,

Freshman, writer



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As the end of the school year approaches, we can say confidently that many students are looking forward to a well-deserved summer break. People have many plans for the summer like traveling, attending summer programs, or even just enjoying some time at home. We asked students around campus what their summertime plans were and here are some of their responses:

"I'm going to go to Hawaii over the summer. I'll be spending a week in Maui. While I'm there I'm going

to a Lū'au. I'm also going to spend my time surfing and hiking throughout the island. I can't wait to munch on all the yummy food there will be. It's going to be so fun and I really am excited for summer to finally arrive." - Ryan-Emily Kimble, 9

"Currently I am auditioning to be in a theatre production over the summer. We will be performing the musical 'Anastasia'. It will be an intense and immersive theatre program. We will have two weeks to prepare to perform the

musical and we will be working from 8am to 3pm. I am auditioning for the role of Anastasia. I am so excited for this experience and can't wait to hear back about my audition." -Amanda Martinez, 11

"Over the summer I am going to go to New York with my family. We are going to see the typical tourist spots like the Statue of Liberty. Last time I went to NY I didn't get to go inside the statue but maybe this time I can. Either way I am really excited and can't wait to go back and sight see" -Adrian Reyes, 10

"I'm traveling around California with my family and then going back to Germany" - Lasse Jonas, 12



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"This summer I'm going on vacation. I'll be going on a cruise to Mexico, I'm going to Hawaii, and to Oakland. I'll also be hanging out with my friends and spending time with family before I leave to college." - Giselle Garcia, 12

"My summer list: I'm going to Ireland. Going to Getti Villa. Going to the beach, the Orange County Fair, Universal Studios, Disneyland, and a voice competition." - Emma Wooten, 12

"My plans for the summer are to hit the gym, workout, and get ready for sports next season" - Roman Nunez, 9

Enjoy your summer, ND! See you all next year to hear about what else you all did.

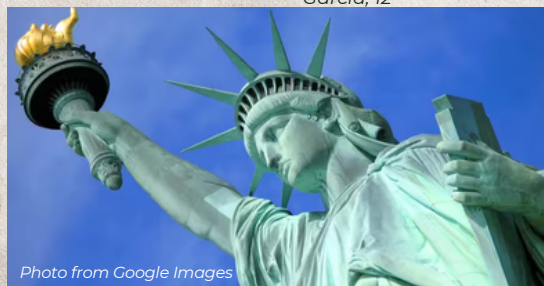


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Wolves Win

By Roman Nuñez

Freshman, Writer

It was a crazy battle between the Denver Nuggets and the Minnesota Timberwolves to move on to the NBA Western Conference Finals. The Timberwolves started off the series hot with winning the first two games, then Denver came back to win the next three games forcing a game seven.

From game one, Anthony Edwards showed off his great athletic abilities by putting up great numbers even through the loses. The Nuggets' star, Nikola Jokić, however showed why he shouldn't be messed with, a testament showing the Nuggets shouldn't have been counted out just yet.



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On the other side of the bracket, the Dallas Mavericks beat the Oklahoma City Thunder in game six. The Western Conference Finals should be interesting to watch bringing together two exciting teams who pushed in their final game to win following a point deficit.



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We cannot forget the Eastern Conference, with the Boston Celtics winning the series with four wins and one loss against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Celtics showed their balanced attack, with no single player dominating the score. Jayson Tatum stood out, dropping an impressive sixty-six points across the two games he played. The team's collaboration and teamwork shut down the Cavalier's hopes of another championship ring.

In another interesting Eastern Conference series, the New York Knicks lost their game seven battle against the Indiana Pacers, ending their playoff run.

The Pacers and Celtics will now face off in the Eastern Conference Finals Game -1 on Tuesday, May 21st. The Western Conference Finals Game-1 is on May 22nd.

No matter the outcome, the NBA Finals continue to bring excitement on the journey for the championship ring for the 2024 season.

Prepping for Next Year

By Gael Campos

Sophomore, Writer

Titans athletes! Just because summer vacation is on the horizon does not mean you can let your guard down! Be sure to refer to the official NDHS website for more information regarding Sports Physical Day in preparation for the fall sports season of the 2024-2025 school year. It is also required that all attendees complete an online application, so don't let it slip your mind! In terms of recent events, the Notre Dame Cheer and Song Tryouts took place from May 6th - 8th, and results have been posted. Congrats to all who made it! Moving away from sports, Notre Dame recently saw their amazing Mock Trial Team participate in an invigorating competition in which they coached a number of students, divided between schools, from NDHS sister schools and held a tournament to see who would come out victorious. Lo and behold, it was none other than OLPH!

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

SPORTS PHYSICAL DAY

WHEN: Tuesday, May 28th
 Returners 12-2PM | NEW Students 2-3PM
 WHERE: ND Gymnasium
 WHAT to BRING:
 Hard Copy of Physical w/ History Portion Completed

Optional: Donation of \$20 to the Athletic Training Club
 Food will be provided by the Athletic Association

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TITANS

Prior to physical day, all student/athletes need to complete an athletic application online. For instructions, see Band App or visit <https://www.notredameriverside.org/athletics/athletic-clearance>

GET YOUR PHYSICAL ON THIS DATE AND BE CLEARED FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR!!

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He's a Runner and a Track Star

By Shea McCann

Sophomore, writer

The 2024 athlete of the year is everyone's favorite, Deon Jordan! He is a senior at ND who is a two-sport athlete, playing both football in the fall and running track and field in the spring. We all know how hard he works, so who better to ask about this accomplishment, chosen by our Athletic director Mr. Kimble, than Deon Jordan himself.

How does it feel to be chosen for athlete of the year?

"It feels amazing to be chosen as Athlete of the Year. This shows the hard work I put into all my athletics and how far I got didn't go unnoticed"

What sports do you play?

"This year, I ran Track and Field and played Football. Last year, I also played baseball, but it was hard balancing out track and baseball since they are played in the same season."

Favorite sport to play?

"Choosing a favorite sport is a hard pick, but I think I'm going to go with track. It's just so fun"

Favorite sport (any sport) memory?

"My favorite sports memory is getting to experience playing against Aquinas in our Holy War



Photo collage by Ljubianca Gaitan

football game with some of the best athletes at ND this past Senior Year."

Advice for people who want to join or are in the sports you've done?

Just put in the work and do everything your coach says. It's [gonna] benefit you in the long run of lowering your chances of getting hurt."

Any last comments?

"ND will always be my 2nd home."

Given the responses that Deon gave, it's pretty clear to see why Deon was chosen for athlete of the year. He is going to be greatly missed here at Notre Dame, but we wish him all the best in his future years.

Top Snack Bar Picks

By Doug Cube
Freshman, Writer

As the school year comes to an end, people begin to reflect on what helped them the most throughout the year. One thing that was always here for the Notre Dame student body, is the Snack Bar. Always there to serve as food when we needed it, the snack bar can be considered the backbone for the student body. When talking to the voice behind our snack bar, Miss Bri, she told us some of the fan favorite foods this year, that helped us get through the year.



Photo by ApplesandOranges

Cookies:

A sweet treat that almost everyone enjoys. Picking up a cookie during break, can help lighten anyone's mood, even if you just failed a test. This sweet treat is added on to many peoples lunches, and allows them to add a bit of happiness to their meal, and their mouths.

Teriyaki Chicken Bowl:

Quite similar to the prep meal of an athlete, the teriyaki chicken bowl is a meal that everyone at Notre Dame is familiar with. Consisting of protein, carbs, and different greens, it is a healthy meal that many different students eat, on the daily. One of these students, Jaslene Elizondo shared her opinion on the meal, saying "The chicken tastes really good, and the rice complements the flavor."

Candy:

Earlier this year, vending machines made their way into the ND campus. Settled within the B building, they provide an easy way for us to get snacks during the day, while also not having to wait in the long lines. These vending machines also have a lot more than candy, hosting a variety of different chips.



However, in the end, foods can vary from person to person. And that is what makes it so great. The individuality of food is truly what brings it to life, with its different flavors, it's brings people together, just as the snack bar brings all of Notre Dame together.

Mental Health Awareness Month

By Ana Sofia Ramirez
Sophomore, Writer

One of the most important aspects of our health as high school students is our mental health. It is something that everyone could probably tell you that they have struggled with at some point in their life. While many take their mental health very lightly, it is a very important aspect of one's health and something that should be addressed. This month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which gives us the perfect opportunity to shed light on the importance of taking care of one's mental health. Mental Health is something that should be openly discussed because it is very important. It is often easy to neglect our mental health and to keep pushing ourself past our limits. It is important to know those limits and seek help when is needed. Not only this, but it is importante to have access to professional care in order

to avoid causing harm to oneself. One of the best ways to avoid detriment to your mental health is by practicing self-care. Self-care can look very different people. For some it can be going out for a run and for others it can be nestling up at home while reading a good book. These are only two examples but there are so many ways one can practice self-care. The ultimate goal is to do something that you enjoy and is beneficial to you. Take a moment to breathe and find something that works for you! Meditation is a great way to deal with how one is feeling and to better connect with our bodies. It is important to develop these good habits in order to take off some of that stress we all experience as students. It's important to remember that it is ok to make mistakes, just be kind to yourself and it will all work out!! There is nothing wrong with needing a little help and it is important to seek mental health treatment when needed!

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Award's Night!

By Lubianca Gaitan

Junior, Writer, Editor-in-chief

As many of you know, our school holds an awards night every year where many students are recognized for not only their efforts and hard work during this school year, but also throughout their entire high school career as seen with the awards that many seniors received. Everyone who received an award that night deserved to be receive the recognition they deserve and worked hard to get. If you didn't get an email or didn't even know we had this special event, now you do. If you want to be recognized next year,

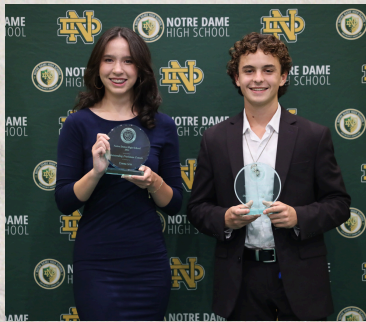


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make sure to put in the work next year and try to go above and beyond.

Drawing away from our usual scholar spotlight theme of recognizing students in certain classes, we will recognize the students who received the award for Outstanding student on Awards night on the evening of May 8th, 2024. Starting off with our youngest students, Freshmen



Photo by Lubianca Gaitan

Luke Webster and Emma Senn (Bottom left) were awarded the Outstanding Female and Male Freshman Awards and I think their hard work and determination is as clear to see by anyone, from teachers to students of all grades. Barely in their first year of high school and already achieving so much, that is a great example of what it means to be a titan.

Moving on, our sophomores, AKA future juniors, were none other than Ana Sofia Ramirez and Adrien Reyes (above)! Both of these students are involved in so much around campus like Mock Trial and ASB.

They can be seen hard at work in basically all of their classes and it's no surprise that they were chosen. What an inspiration these young kiddos are!

Now onto our upperclassmen who grow closer to finishing high school with each year. This year, Outstanding female and male juniors were recognized as none other than Gian De la Cruz and Amanda Ortiz (top right), both members of ASB that can always be seen bringing school spirit during activities like assemblies or spirit weeks. Can't wait to see what more they do for our school.



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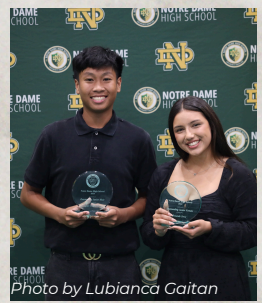


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And finally, seniors Lilly Webster and Zachary Crochet were also awarded. Both members of peer ministry and various other activities, they always set the example of what it is to be a superb student and put others first, as God says. Congrats to everyone!

Recognizing Our Guidance

By Lubianca Gaitan & Sydney Cramer

Junior & Freshman writers

Throughout the year, there are many members of faculty that help us through our journey in high school, but some that stand out are our counselors and members of student services. They oversee everything about our academic preparation from scheduling our classes to helping us prepare for our college applications. They do it all.

As soon as you enter student services, you can be sure to be welcomed by Mrs. Van Wagenen. She is always there to help students with exam payments, printing, or helping students pick a lollipop flavor.



Photo by Lubianca Gaitan

One of the most outstanding and powerful ladies on this campus is Mrs. Arguelles, the assistant principal of our student services. She is a hard-working young woman that sets the example of what it means to be amazing. During AP exam season, she was there during most, if not all, of the AP exams, ensuring that students were able to have smooth and organized testing sessions. In case many don't know, she is also the moderator that oversees the Titan Times. She has also been working here at Notre Dame for a whopping 10 years this upcoming fall. Talk about dedication for what she loves. When asked, Mrs. A shared that her favorite thing about working at Notre Dame is "helping students recognize the greatness within them and seeing it grow from when they're younger to when they're getting ready to leave as seniors." We appreciate everything she does for us not only in the Titan Times, but also as a wonderful role model at school.



Photo by Lubianca Gaitan

Another kind lady here at Notre Dame is Mrs. Serrato, one of our counselors. She has been working here at Notre Dame since covid back in 2020-2021, which means she has been working here for about three and a half years now, and prior to working here, she was a marriage and family therapist, mainly working with kids. We also asked her what her favorite thing about working here at Notre Dame is, and she shared "Getting to know the students and getting to see you guys grow and helping you with your goals. Watching the drama is also fun." What a wonderful woman.

Moving on, Mr. Nessmen, like Mrs. Serrato, also started working here at Notre Dame during covid, making his time here turn out to be about 3.5 years. When asked about his favorite thing about working here, he shared "Having the smaller environment and access to students; getting to know you guys, that really allows us to help you as counselors. As we get to know you guys, we also know how to help push, guide, and develop those pathways for you. Also, the element of how much you guys get involved, it helps challenge us with how to be better for you."

Art Exhibit

By Elyza Lansang
Junior, Writer

As the school year comes to a close, Ms. Stemmann held an end of the year Art Exhibit to present various art pieces from her students from their respective art classes. The Art Exhibit is a portrayal of hard work, perseverance through art block, and the boundless creativity



Photos by Elyza Lansang



of our Titans here at Notre Dame. The gift to use one's imagination for the creation of beautiful and unique pieces is truly a blessing from God, and this Art Exhibit is proof of that. We wish our Senior Titans a bittersweet farewell and that their art journey continues as they move on to their next chapter in life. An art piece holds the precious memories of the artist forever.

The Fall Guy

By Lubianca Gaitan
Junior, Writer, Editor-in-chief

Unfortunately, it does not seem to be one of those movie seasons where many come out. Despite this, those few that have been released in the past couple of weeks shouldn't be discarded. One of these films is *The Fall Guy*, starring Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt. The story follows a stunt man that falls in love with a director but gets into a tragic accident, causing him to leave behind his job. Time passes and he is tricked into coming back into the job, having to deal with the director he ghosted and is still in love with. Besides the romance, he has been asked by the producer to look for the leading actor because he has gone missing due to getting into business with some shady people. As events unfold, we see just how many layers the whole mystery has. The movie itself is an action comedy, perfect for



watching it with your family or friends. Any fan of Ryan Gosling will love this film, seeing his natural charisma shine in this character that loves danger.

The experience in the theaters goes unmatched and I recommend anyone to watch a new movie that way. Next time you see the trailer to a new movie, give it a shot because you'll never know if it could end up being one of your favorite films.

Graduation Vibes

By Matthew Baculo
Junior, writer

Well Titans, its finally the end of the school year again and with the end of the year comes the end of high school for the Senior class. This year, we will be saying goodbye to the Senior class of 2024 as they move on from high school to college or are pursuing something else outside of college. We are going to miss you, Seniors! You guys are destined for greatness which is why I found it fitting for this edition's music

recommendation is "High Hopes" by Panic at the Disco! Surely if you listened to the music on the radio back in 2018-19, you would frequently hear this song as it won multiple award such as Top Rock Song from the Billboard Music Awards. "High Hopes" is an upbeat song that uses a variety of instruments such as trumpets and violins to give a sense of achievement and fulfillment. Now the song isn't only good for its musical notes but for its vocals as well.

Panic at the Disco's main vocalist, Brendon Urie, did a fantastic job, as a strong voice and good lyrics make for good songs. From the "High hopes for a living" to the "I was gonna be that one in a million", the song inspires success for the future in which the class of 2024 is going to achieve! Again, we are going to miss you so much, Seniors, we wish you the best as you take the next step in your journey called life. Until we meet again! We have High Hopes for you!



High Hopes by Panic at the Disco

Tech Talk

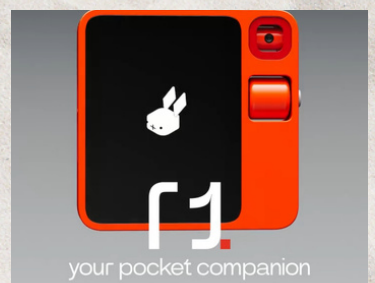
By Sebastian Bou Harb
Junior, Writer

Although the school year may be coming to an end, we are only halfway through 2024, which means that the tech scene is starting to ramp up with upcoming conferences from tech giants like Apple, and announcements for new tech coming our way. In this issue, I want to talk about an up-and-coming company, Rabbit Inc. that has really caught the eyes of tech geeks, like me, and companies from the big leagues. Rabbit Inc. recently joined the tech game with the announcement of their first product, at the Consumer Electronics Show, one of the

biggest tech conferences, which happened back in early January in Las Vegas. Their product, the Rabbit R1, is marketed as an AI powered companion that is designed to make everyday tasks easier through a virtual assistant. Imagine Siri, Google, or Alexa, but on steroids. The device is packaged in a retro, toy-like,



bright, orange square that incorporates a touch screen, camera, microphone, scroll wheel, and button to interpret text, image, and voice commands. From doing things like ordering food from your favorite restaurant to learning more about that cool car that you saw the other day, the R1 is like a genie, because your wish is literally its command. Now this all sounds great, but you are probably wondering, how this will help you with school and being a better student. To that, I say the possibilities are endless. Having trouble on that one math problem that you can't seem to solve? Use the camera and voice function to ask Rabbit to help you out.

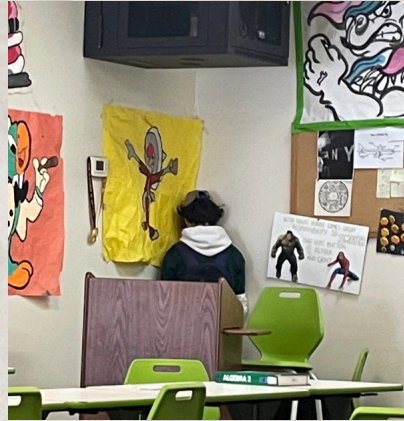


Have an upcoming, meeting for a club or sport? Ask Rabbit to remind you to attend. There are hundreds of other things that the R1 can do, and at a price of \$199 and no other fees, it's hard to turn down a device that can make your school and personal life that much easier and organized.

Submit your tech questions!

Behind the Scenes

By The Titan Times Team



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Submit your own pictures!

FRESHMEN FOCUS

"Ima see you in the gym, Colton. #Crashoutszn" - Carter Jones



"Ayyy let's go!! Majoring in a major you can actually pronounce!! Congrats France!! You will be missed!!" - Sydney Cramer



"Oh yeah buddy" - Samuel Olivier



"You want big rewards? You need to take big risks" - Sonny Dominguez



"Don't procrastinate for finals" - Mark Cadena

"It's cool to be nice, maybe you should try it sometime" - Doug Cube



"What I've learned so far is don't let people tell you what you can and can't do. Whatever achievements you've made, YOU have earned it, you've put in the hours and did the work. If people get mad, let them stay mad because they just don't know" - Emma Senn



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT



"Just don't fail" - Xavier Felix



"Bad decisions make great stories" - Joseph Sonsoma

"Her new man was never a new man, you just never knew man. Stay with me now" - Tristan Rojas



"Shout out to my boy, Mr. Heron. He will be missed. I'm cooked next year for AP bio" - Tawny Haluskey



"If she treats you like Gray loot, don't treat her like a scar" - Aiden Santana



"You only live once so make it worth it" - Kenna Cosme

"Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone, changes have to happen, but they can't happen on their own" - Kip Castillo



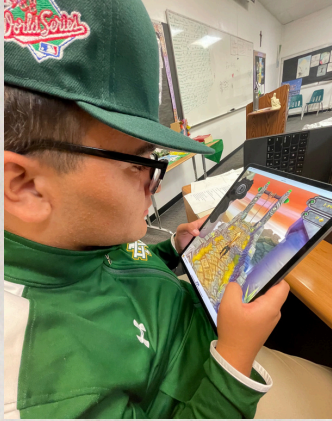
"You don't have to be the bad guy. You are the most talented, most interesting, and most extraordinary person in the universe. And you are capable of amazing things because you are special" - Micheala Rodriguez



"Free Mr. Reed, wherever he is" - Flor Castañon



JUNIOR JOURNEY



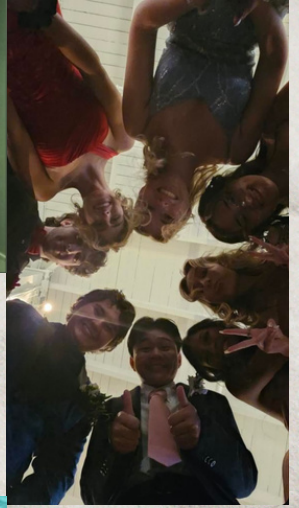
"Look at Gian man, so inspirational!" - Gian de la Cruz



"Justice for Joostklein" - Katarina Vestal



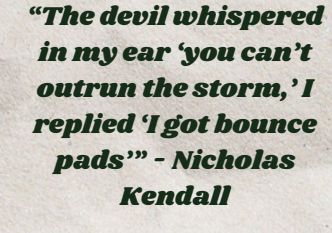
"The seniors may be gone, but we'll never forget the impact that they left at the ND campus" - Nathan Hott



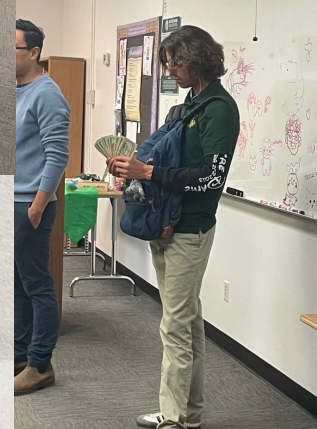
"Time flies, but enjoy every part the ride" - Sebastian Bou Harb



"If you can't handle the heat, get out of the fire" - Brandon Sanchez



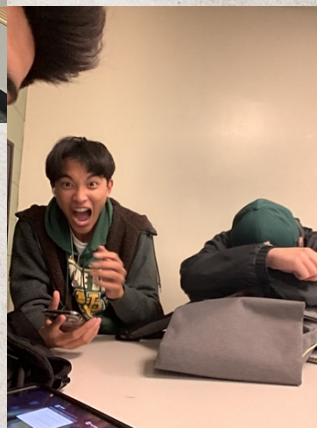
"The devil whispered in my ear 'you can't outrun the storm,' I replied 'I got bounce pads'" - Nicholas Kendall



"I love my galentines, Amanda and Lauren, who have made high school so memorable" - Allie Ramirez



"A life with love is a life that's been lived" - Ellison Tolentino



"I'm afraid for the school year to end. This was the best year for me. I don't want to be a senior, I don't want to worry about college. High school truly goes by quickly" - Kaden Rodriguez

"Croatia was robbed from Eurovision" - Josephine Schmidt



"I didn't watch enough movies this year ;(- Lubianca Gaitan



SENIOR SAGA



"You just had to be there, gang. NVME FLICKS OUT"
- Hector Rodriguez



"meow"-
Sophia Gomez

"Let your experiences shape you, but don't let them define you" -
Denise Herrera



"See y'all in therapy!" -
Carter Worthington

"Live, Laugh, SZA"
- Deon Jordan



"This wasn't like high school musical" -
Aaliyah Mitchell



"I'm here for a good time, not a long time" -
Lasse Jonas



"This is Cisse and you're watching Disney channel" -
Narcisse Batantu



"See you on Broadway!"
- Emma Wooten



"Thanks for the memories bakas!!!" -
Lilly Webster



Advice Archives

Q: How can I tell if a girl is annoyed by me texting her and if she is then should I just stop texting her?

A: I'm pretty sure you'll be able to tell if a girl is annoyed with you texting her because she will make it clear. She might lag like crazy, leave you on seen, or simply just be dry. If that's the case, probably talk to her about it if it's really bothering you so that way you won't feel confused on how she feels. She could also be going through some personal issues and might not be in the best texting mood. Either way, you can simply ask to find out and if you don't receive a clear answer, then maybe take that as a hint and stop texting. It might suck at first but this way you won't be confused and stressing about whether she is annoyed with you or not.

Q: I'm in love with my best friend's sister and I've known both since kindergarten. My best friend is also shipping me with some other girl that I don't actually like, but I pretended so he would stop pushing it. Should I keep quiet to avoid wrecking years of friendship with both my best friend and his sister? Or do I finally confess to her that all these years I've loved her more than just a friend?

A: Wow, that's a lot. I think my best advice to you is to evaluate what you care about more, your friendship with your best friend or his sister? Once you figure that out, I think it should be pretty clear what you can do. If you care about both, that shows you care about the friendship, so its probably not the best idea to ruin that. If you want, though, if you feel like your best friend might not care that much, you can go for it. Take a risk. Or if not, then don't, and slowly try and get over those feelings through distance and time. Whatever you choose to do, just be aware of the consequences and don't go based solely on your emotions. Good luck on everything!

Q: I'm scared of being a senior next year because I know I'm [gonna] be an adult and have to deal with important things. I'm also scared of leaving behind all my friends and having to go on my own. What do I do to not feel this way or feel less scared?

A: Being scared for the future as a soon-to-be senior is a valid feeling! The transition from being a teenager to being an adult is something we are all warned about but not always prepared for. Since each of our experiences is different, there's no real guide on handling the fears of the unknown. But it's important to remember that you deal with important things every day. Yes, they may not be "adult important" things, but they still matter, and you work through them. As far as your friendships are concerned, going to college doesn't have to mean leaving them behind. Use your senior year to tighten those bonds and explore ways to ensure you all keep in touch once college arrives. If your bonds are strong enough, the friendships will follow you as you move on to your individual journeys. To feel less scared, focus on the now, enjoy your senior year, and don't let the fear of the unknown get you down because it can change without you ever knowing the difference <3

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Editor's Note

If any of you have been keeping up with the Titan Times since the beginning back in September 2023, I'm sure that by now you have journeyed with us as it continues to grow and improve over time. I recently decided to read all of our issues from this year and the growth is as clear as glass. It brings me pure joy seeing all the hard work everyone on the team has put into the Titan Times. This year, our team grew as the newspaper grew, and I feel that they deserve recognition for all the effort and time they put into each issue, despite having busy schedules. Starting off with our senior members, the Carter Worthington started off with writing for the Dish Diaries (which I personally loved reading), and then he became one of our main writers for our feature stories. Next, Christian Campbell took Carter's place in writing for Dish Diaries, which did not lose its spark, with occasionally making memes for Laughology. Thomas Huelskamp joined in as well, writing for sections like Teacher Feature and Sports. In charge of one of my personal favorite sections, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Tran was our main writer for the Scholar Spotlight section, where she went out to eachers for their pick and get some insight on these superb students.

I also want to recognize our social media manager Makenna Corea, who would make the posts on Instagram that let everyone know when a new issue was up or set up polls for students to participate in upcoming articles. Finally, our last senior that I want to recognize is Frances Cramer, who wrote for various different sections, demonstrating her flexible writing abilities. She wrote in things like the Advice Archives, Features, and Music. She was always active and brought a cheerful atmosphere to our team. We will miss all our seniors that helped us this year. Now moving onto all the underclassmen. First up, we have Junior Elyza Lansang who wrote for the art section, sharing beautiful pieces from students. Junior Sara Sanchez wrote for

the health section and did a great job doing so. Junior Valerie Arredondo kept us up to date with everything related to music. Sophomores Ana Sofia Ramirez and Jude Cramer also helped out with so much, being flexible writers that did multiple sections like features, advice archives, shoutouts, music, and sports. Our last member is freshman Anthony Elias, who wrote mostly for school sports events with the occasional parts in features. That makes up the team for the 2023-2024 school year.

Although next year not all of them will be returning, I can't wait for what's to come in the new school year and how our new team will grow and share new stories, exemplifying the true point of the Titan Times: To create a voice for campus that is inclusive and diverse, sharing everything ND!



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