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# From *our* LEADERSHIP



*To our NDHS families and friends –*

It is with great honor and gratitude that I write to you as the Head of School at Notre Dame High School. It is an absolute honor to return to NDHS in this capacity, and our administrative team has been working tirelessly preparing for the 2024-2025 school year.

On Friday, August 9th, the entire school watched live as Olivia Reeves (Class of 2021) made history by winning a gold medal and setting an Olympic record in powerlifting. Olivia is the first American to win the gold medal in powerlifting in 24 years. The energy and joy we experienced in our theater together will be a moment that the students, faculty, and staff will never forget!

The summer of 2024 was a noisy one in our hallways, with the various sounds of major construction taking place throughout our building. The bulk of our HVAC units and roof were replaced, multiple offices were updated, the concession area had a total facelift, the gym windows were replaced, and Phifer Gym has a brand new floor!

We have tremendous momentum behind NDHS with our newly ordained bishop, Mark Beckman, and newly appointed superintendent of schools, George Valadie (anyone ever heard of him)? Bishop Beckman taught at NDHS during the 1989-1990 school year and understands Catholic schools and the challenges that we face. Superintendent Valadie brings a lifetime of wisdom and knowledge. He loves NDHS as much as any alumnus who has graced our hallways.

As alumni, what can you do? A great deal!. NDHS faces several challenges, but I have no doubt that when engaged and given the opportunity to help our alma mater, the ND alumni will provide tremendous encouragement and assistance. Since I stepped into my role as head of school, the outpouring of support and positivity toward the future of NDHS has been amazing!

I KNOW that great things lie ahead for NDHS and for our students. I hope you are eager to be a part of our future. God has a plan for NDHS, and too many incredible things have happened over the last few months not to believe that it is our time! Many thanks to our wonderful supporters, and we hope to see you at an NDHS event soon!

Eric Schexnaildre '96  
*Head of School*

ON THE COVER

Olivia Reeves medals with a record-breaking Olympic win.

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# Welcoming NEW (and familiar) FACES to Notre Dame

## Ronnie Bradford, Dean of Faculty

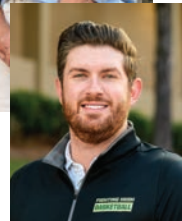
- B.S. Secondary Education, M.S. Social Sciences, UTC
- Ed.S. Educational Administration, University of West Georgia

“I worked in Catoosa County, Georgia, as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and athletic director for 8 years, and I spent 22 years as a principal. During my time in Catoosa County, I opened 2 new schools as principal (Heritage Middle and Heritage High). My wife of 31 years, Amy, is an elementary teacher, and we have 3 daughters: Emma, Abbey and Anna. It is a blessing to have the opportunity to continue my career as a member of the ND faculty. The Notre Dame community is incredibly welcoming and supportive.”



Left to Right – Top Row: Domenic Mariani, Brent Hill, Abe Cates, and Eric Schexnaildre;  
Bottom Row: Ronnie Bradford, Victoria Jones, Katie Reed, Laurie McGinley, and Claudia Iorio;

At Right: Matt Match



## Abe Cates, Assistant Football Coach/Physical Education

- B.S. Sports Management, Florida State

This is my fifth year as a coach and my second year as a weight training and physical education teacher.” Abe is married to Kaeli, who teaches at OLPH. They have two dogs and a baby boy on the way!

## Brent Hill, Head Football Coach/Social Studies

- B.S. History, Minors in English, Geography, Anthropology, University of Memphis.
- M.S. Sports Administration, Western Kentucky University

“I began teaching and coaching in Memphis at ECS, Briarcrest, ECS, St. George’s, Opp High School (Alabama), and at North Florida Christian. My wife Betsy and I have two kids — McKinley, who is a sophomore at Florida State University, and a son, Briggs, who is a freshman at Notre Dame High School.”

## Claudia Iorio, Campus Ministry

- B.A. Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Mrs. Iorio previously taught at Notre Dame for 11 years and served as Director of Campus and Music Ministry. She is married to Dan Iorio and has 3 children.

## Victoria Jones, Science

- B.S. Biology, M.Ed. Secondary Education, M.A.Ed. School Administration, USC Upstate

“I have been teaching science for 20 in South Carolina and various schools in Tennessee. My family has lived in Chattanooga since 2005 and we enjoy all the outdoor activities available in our area.”

## Laurie McGinley, Administrative Assistant and Head Volleyball Coach

- B.S. Double Major Psychology & Family Studies, Union University
- M.S. Social Work, UTK

“Prior to moving to Chattanooga and starting a family, I worked in the school system providing mental health services and also served as a mentor to Juniors & Seniors throughout their Capstone Project. I am beyond excited to build relationships with all the faculty, staff, and students here at Notre Dame.”

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# Her best was BETTER THAN GOLD

by Hayden Seay

The stakes never felt higher for Olivia Reeves '21 as she stepped onto the weightlifting platform at the 2024 Paris Olympics. With warmups in the backroom not going as planned, Reeves focused her mind on completing her first lift.

“I was thinking of nothing else other than to make that lift,” says Reeves, who competed in the Women’s 71kg event. “I remember being so incredibly nervous, and people have even mentioned to me how nervous I looked, which is uncharacteristic for my persona on the platform.”

Reeves had six challenges ahead of her: Three snatches weighing 112, 115, and 117 kilograms, and three clean and jerks weighing 140, 145, and 150 kg.

After the 112 and 115 kg snatches, Reeves stepped up for the final lift. In a series of precise movements, Reeves performed the snatch and hoisted 117 kg over her head. After nearly losing her footing and crossing the white line, she regained her composure and held the weights until she got the green light to let go.

Her lift set a new Olympic record for the 117 kg snatch, but she didn’t know the gold medal was hers just yet. Going into the clean and jerks, Reeves just wanted to do her best.

“There was nobody else to take their third attempt except for me,” Reeves says about the 150 kg clean and jerk. “All I knew was that I still have one more attempt and I’m going to go out there and try to make it.”

Although she successfully performed the 150 kg lift when training and competing in the past, she dropped the barbell while striking her final pose. But with the combined total of her 117 and 145 kg lifts, she earned the gold medal.

“After that, you go back to the warm ups, and five minutes later, they’re lining everybody up to be presented with medals,” says Reeves. “It’s very quick, right then and there.”



From knowing people flew halfway across the world to watch her lift to earning the gold medal, the entire experience felt surreal for Reeves from start to finish.

“It feels like every other competition, in the Olympics, you get your three attempts, that adds up to six minutes,” Reeves says. “It’s the same as a competition, except it’s the Olympics, and that word changes the entire atmosphere and perspective.”

Since 2019, Reeves has competed around the world, winning gold, silver, and bronze medals. Over the course of eighteen months, Reeves participated in eight competitions, seven of which were qualifiers for the Olympics. Her win there was the first gold medal for the US Team in 24 years. **#IrishProud**



# Green and Gold GALA

The Green & Gold Gala, hosted at The Chattanooga in February, was a spectacular evening of celebration and philanthropy. We gathered to honor our dedicated Deanery clergy, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to our community. The event proved to be a tremendous success, raising over \$90,000 to support an enhanced school security system, a crucial step in ensuring the safety of our students. Sheriff Austin Garrett delivered an inspiring keynote address, emphasizing the importance of community vigilance and collaboration. Guests enjoyed a delightful night of socializing, dancing, and engaging in a lively mock casino with games. The atmosphere was filled with joy and camaraderie, as everyone came together to support a vital cause. The Green & Gold Gala not only highlighted our commitment to student security but also strengthened the bonds within our community, making it a truly memorable occasion.

Special thanks to Rose Lovelace and the Gala Committee for creating this wonderful and enjoyable event.



# Congratulations

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Here we highlight the successes this special group was awarded at Senior Night and Graduation and celebrated at the Baccalaureate Mass.



Congratulations to the Class of '24's Valedictorian, Vylynh Jensen, and Salutatorian, Ayden Dant.



## Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Parker Babb  
Ayden Dant  
Katherine DeLeon  
Paul Hoang  
Vylynh Jensen  
Larry Johnson  
Alex Loyd  
Megan McNamara  
Hannah Morais  
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## Scholar-Athlete Awards

Hannah Widerkehr  
Paul Hoang

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Megan McNamara  
Keegan Schafftuetzel

## Bubba Byrne Award

Cole McCormick

## General Excellence

Vylynh Jensen  
Larry Johnson

## National Merit Commended Students

Larry Johnson  
Hannah Morais  
National Merit Finalist  
Ayden Dant

## Serra Club of Chattanooga Scholarship

Hannah Morais



## CLASS OF '24 STATS

100% Graduation Rate

106 college & university acceptances

3.72 average weighted GPA

93% of students earned an academic or athletic scholarship

2.7 million in combined scholarship dollars

90% of Tennessee residents eligible for HOPE Scholarship

32 different colleges & universities enrollments

## Mock Trial Wins Collier Spirit of Civility Award

Congratulations to our Mock Trial teams on their win for the Collier Spirit of Civility Award for exhibiting the ideals of civility and sportsmanship during the competition. The teams are coached by Lix Ciabattone Little '15, Cecilia Young Garrett '13, Parker Garrett, Theresa Critchfield, and Leigh Broxton.

The Honorable Curtis L. Collier serves as the Chair for the Chattanooga Bar Association's Civility & Professionalism Committee, which reports to the Board of Governors on ethics issues and is responsible for developing programs to maintain the highest professional standards and practices.



**Congratulations to our most recent  
Mr. and Ms. Notre Dame  
Patrick Osborne and Kennedie Smith.**



## Day of Service

One of the newest traditions at Notre Dame is having the entire student body spend part of a school day serving our community in different ways. Students served at the Chattanooga Food Bank, St. Jude Church and other places in need of a helping hand. If your organization would like to host Notre Dame students in the spring, please contact Mr. Mariani at [marianid@myndhs365.com](mailto:marianid@myndhs365.com)



# ATHLETICS ACCOLADES

## Fall '23 Sports

Notre Dame Volleyball had an outstanding season in 2023. The team came away with both the District and Region Tournament titles. They competed in the TSSAA DII, Class A, State Tournament and fell in the quarterfinal round at home to Middle Tennessee Christian School.



## Winter '23-'24 Sports

The Boys' Basketball team ended up finishing as the third-place team in the Region, however they got a huge win in the State Tournament at Kings Academy in the first round to earn a quarterfinal home game in Phifer Gym. In the quarterfinal game, the Fighting Irish came up just short with a tough loss to Columbia Academy at home. Cole McCormick (senior), and Gace Herman (junior) were named All-State players for the Irish.



## Spring '24 Sports

The Fighting Irish Boys' Soccer team made it all the way to the TSSAA Spring Fling and State Title game during the 2024 season. They had wins in the State playoffs over Webb School of Bell Buckle, Northpoint Christian, and then over University School of Nashville. They ended up as the State runner-up with a loss to Boyd Buchanan in the title game. Josh Bonk and Derek Perez were both named All-State for the Boys' Soccer team in 2024.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS *in the* **ARTS**



Gianna Costello in *Suessical*



AJ Parten in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*



Students creating art pieces in Mrs. Devillier's class.



L-R: Libby Woolford & McClain Holmes display mosaics they created in Mrs. Devillier's art class.



L-R: Lander Smith & Miles Gilbert were named to All State East Band. Lander was also named to All State Band.

The Green Machine won 1st place Band, Drumline, and Color Guard at the Bradley Classic



Our Concert Band, directed by Marcie Smith '97, won Superior Ratings at the Concert Performance Assessment



The Fighting Irish Marching Band

# COMING HOME **Former Students Return as Staff**

by Hayden Seay

If you told students that one day, you'll work for Notre Dame, you would be met with a multitude of responses: A few "cools," a handful of "mehs," and at least one "no way." Throughout the school's history, countless students have found their way back to Notre Dame's green-and-white halls.

## Jay Adamson '07

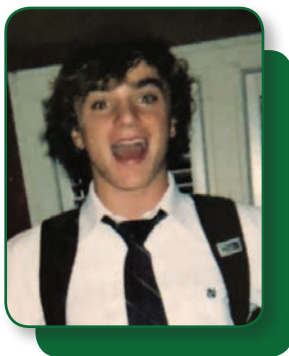
A shy freshman at first, Jay Adamson found his home in Notre Dame's wrestling program. "Our program in Dalton at the time had kind of gone by the wayside, so it was a big shift for me to come to a private school," says Adamson, who transferred to Notre Dame to wrestle.

As Jay adjusted to wearing a tie and penny loafers, his coaches, teachers, and teammates helped him break out of his comfort zone. "At Notre Dame, I think people believe in you before you know to believe in yourself," he says.

After working in sales in Charlotte, N.C., he knew wanted to do something more. With Chattanooga beckoning his name, he returned to the wrestling room at Notre Dame and eventually the classroom as a teacher.

Jay started in the Learning Center, which teaches students new strategies to help them thrive in the classroom. "There was a need for some more business-oriented classes, and coming from sales, I proposed that we start teaching marketing classes," he says.

When designing his curriculum, Jay aims to lead engaging lessons with a focus on fostering a love for life outside of high school. "Notre Dame's so great, it's sometimes a hard transition out of there, so we do a lot of prep for job interviews and resumes and cover letters and so on," he says.



## Deacon Hicks Armor '70

In September 1965, Deacon Hicks Armor arrived in the first class of students at Notre Dame's new location on Vermont Avenue. "I was very young when I went to school, so when I got into the eleventh and twelfth grade, they said you're really not mature enough to go to college, so I actually spent five years at Notre Dame versus four," recalls Armor.

In 2016, the Diocese of Knoxville ordained Armor and granted him the title of Deacon. Around the same time, former Bishop Richard Stika informed him that Notre Dame found itself struggling with financial woes. After holding listening sessions with teachers, administrators, and parents, Armor reluctantly accepted the chance to become the Interim Head of School for Notre Dame and unify the three Catholic schools spread across Chattanooga.

"I questioned why they wanted me to do it, and looking back, I see God's hand in it," explains Hicks, who had never worked in education before. "It was [a decision] out of obedience to the Diocese, the Bishop, and the Chancellor. I agreed to do it, but with trepidation."



After his arrival, Armor quickly learned the inner workings of the school were quite different from his past experiences as an executive. But Jamie Goodhard stepped in as the Assistant Head of School and with her background in education, served as the perfect counterweight to his administrative skills. "Being able to spend time with students [was] truly a blessing," Hicks says. "I don't go into the classroom, but I'd see them in the cafeteria in the morning and at lunch and the chapel and at sports events, and I saw the love they have for the school."

## Patrick Healy '09

Patrick Healy always looked forward to those crisp, early mornings at Notre Dame. "Going back to my time as a student, I never had a morning [where] I dreaded coming to school," says Healy, who relished in seeing his friends.

After college, Patrick sold insurance for a living, and as time dragged on, he began to feel miserable in this career. Around the same time, he found a new passion in life: Coaching football, first at OLPH and St. Jude and then Notre Dame.

“So I realized I enjoyed being around the kids more and it got me thinking, ‘You know what, you need to continue your education, go back to school,’” says Healy, who decided to finish his marketing degree and apply at Notre Dame. “But God’s got a plan for everything and He felt like admissions was where my fit was.”

Through his experience with coaching, Patrick realized there are students who need someone to talk to. With mentoring or offering guidance on his mind, he felt driven to accept the role of Director of Admissions at the school.

“I know there are kids in this building that I could possibly help that might need a mentor or some guidance or just someone to talk to,” Healy says. “So I’ve told all these kids since I’ve started here, ‘My door’s open, you’re more than welcome to come talk to me if you need someone to talk to.’”



## Michael McCutcheon ‘11

Before he even left elementary school, Michael McCutcheon always knew he’d end up at Notre Dame. “My mom [Connie McCutcheon] has worked there for about thirty years,” says Michael. “My time there started even before I was a student.”

While there, McCutcheon dreamed of attending law school due to his love of reading English literature and constructing arguments. But after persuasion from several professors, he pivoted to working as a graduate assistant while he studied for a masters in criminology.

“But that’s when I first taught,” Michael recalls. “I was teaching collegiately, but it was a lot of fun and I enjoyed it. I finished that, and I wasn’t one-hundred percent sure what I wanted to do.”



After graduation, basketball coach J.P. Nerbun asked McCutcheon if he would help as an assistant coach. “I was like alright, I got nothing else going, I needed to figure something out, so I started coaching,” he says

The following spring, Nerbun departed the school and Michael took over his freshman English and wellness classes. “I never saw myself being in education until it kind of happened,” he says.

## Pepita Nolan ‘84

A former mischievous student herself, Pepita Nolan knows how to relate to all of her students. “When I tell the kids, “Look, I get it, cause I sat in that room, I can see what you did,” so that’s kind of fun,” says Pepita. “I have fun relating to the mischievous ones.”



After graduation, Pepita studied economics and eventually moved to Memphis with her husband. While there, she arrived at St. Benedict at Auburndale around the same time George Valadie departed the school. But the Nolans always dreamed of coming back to Chattanooga, and in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, they returned.

“It’s a feeling of coming back home, really,” Nolan says, who started teaching at Notre Dame in 2021. “I see the same kind of daily life I had at Notre Dame when I was in high school, I see that being played out today.”

With her last visit to the school occurring in 2007, the green lockers and beige-peppered floors remained the same, but the expanded library and the John Varallo Athletic Center and Classroom Annex blew her mind. “It’s really special to me to think that I’ve come back to where it started, where that little catalyst was ignited,” Pepita says.

## Eric Schexnaildre ‘96



Descending from a business-oriented family, Eric Schexnaildre originally planned on entering sales. After reflecting on his days at Notre Dame and the inspiration he felt from his teachers and Principal Jim Phifer, he knew he wanted to become an educator.

As a student, he enjoyed participating in athletics and other activities around campus, but one event changed his life: Search. “You talk about spiritual growth, like it was the first time I learned to connect with God,” says Eric. “I could not imagine having a better high school experience than what I had.”

While studying at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Schexnaildre honed in on two goals: To coach football and teach at Notre Dame. Although he served as an assistant coach, Eric ultimately followed former head coach Lamar Brown to Ringgold High School, a move that would last for twenty-three years.

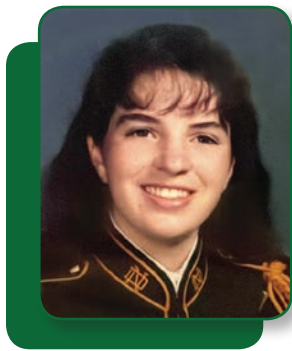
Later on, he joined Heritage High School, where he served as the assistant principal alongside Ronnie Bradford, who built the school from the ground up. In a twist of fate, Notre Dame needed a new principal, and Schexnaildre thought his former boss would be the perfect fit for the job.

“Through the process of possibly getting him here, I called Dickie Somprayac up at Knox Catholic, kind of picked his brain a little bit,” says Eric. “Next thing you know, Dickie is like, ‘Man, I was hoping you were calling to express an interest in the head of school position.’”

After telling Somprayac he wasn’t aware of or even anticipated such an opening, he applied and the Diocese hired him as the new Head of School. “I certainly think it was definitely God’s hand kind of pushing me and guiding me in this direction,” he says.

As the new Head of School, Schexnaildre has ambitious goals for Notre Dame’s future. But as with anything, these new objectives will take time to achieve. “We have some pretty bold goals, [we] have a lot of accomplishments we want to strive for, but it’s gonna take a little time to kind of make sure that I truly get the lay of the land and try to figure out where we are.”

## Marcie Smith ‘97



As a swimmer, joining Notre Dame’s band seemed like a far-fetched idea to Marcie Smith. But after encouragement from her two best friends, she decided to take that first step. “I was on the swim team and all that, but I didn’t play anything,” says Marcie. “We became friends and they were like ‘You need to join band,’ but I don’t know how to play anything.”

Remembering her mom once played in her high school band, Smith rummaged through a closet and found her old flute. “One day, I got her flute and her fingering chart and I just kind of learned it,” Marcie recalls.

Since graduation, Marcie always set her sights on becoming Notre Dame’s Band Director. After studying the french horn at college, she led the band at Red Bank High School for seventeen years, something which prepared her to take up the mantle at Notre Dame. “I was very, very happy there, I loved that school so much,” says Smith, who reminisced upon the wonderful relationships she developed within the community at Red Bank.

Although the two had never talked much, then-Band Director Jeff McIntosh told Marcie – while both were at the 2020 Jazz Clinic – that he had two years left in him before he retired. “He was like, ‘I’ve got two years left,’ and I was like ‘is he talking to me?’”

Two years later, McIntosh retired and Marcie became the new Band Director. Since her return, she revived the school’s marching band, which last practiced in 2003. Additionally, the band created a new slogan to signify their devotion: “For me, for us, for Notre Dame.”

## Heather Wilson ‘92

Heather Wilson has a simple saying: “Jesus needed a good marketing director.” With her background in journalism and marketing, Wilson combines her love of the two fields with her strong Catholic faith to teach students about the Church and its doctrines.



As a student, Heather participated in the theater program and worked on both *The Marian* newspaper and yearbook. While working on these projects, she caught the writing bug. “I was going to be a newspaper reporter and I was going to save the world,” she says. After interning with the *Chattanooga Times* until it merged with the *Free Press* in 1999, Wilson pivoted to marketing before stepping away to start a family.

“When I was going back to work, [St. Augustine Church on Signal Mountain] asked me to come work for them as the director of religious education,” says Heather, who worked at her church for eight years. “I felt like [it] was almost full circle because my experience with my Catholic faith really blossomed at Notre Dame.”

At her church, Wilson found a passion for sharing her faith with others, especially teenagers. Through word of mouth, Notre Dame caught wind of Heather’s name and asked if she could teach religion classes. “I was excited when they called me and asked if I could come teach religion classes. Of course I told them I’d never been a teacher before,” she says with a laugh. After returning to the school, Heather felt the same sense of camaraderie she experienced back when she was a student in the late 80s and early 90s.

Although non-Catholic freshmen might find Heather’s classes terrifying at first, she aims to make the faith accessible for everyone, regardless of their background. “This is for everybody. It’s not my job to convert you, but it is my job to share this faith with you, and there are so many beautiful things everybody can take out of it.” 🍀

# Notre Dame Donor Honor Roll

**Every Gift makes a difference and ensures the future of Catholic education in our community.** On behalf of the entire Notre Dame High School family, thank you to each and every one of the donors in the following listings. These donations were made between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 by alumni, parents, faculty, and other friends for both specified and unspecified uses.

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## Capital Campaign Update

Phase I of the "Mind, Body, Soul" Capital Campaign is now complete! Phifer gymnasium enhancements include air conditioning allowing NDHS to offer year round programming, a new wood floor, clerestory windows providing weather-tight illumination and improved visual appeal, and new sound system. Rick Botto was integral in securing funding and donating labor to this project. Thank you, Rick! Renovations to the boys locker room are in the process of being complete. Academic building renovations include replacing leaking roof systems over the academic building and gym. The girls locker room and Phase II are next on the list of improvements at Notre Dame.



## Jim Phifer Service Award and Distinguished Alumni Awards



Left to Right: Karl Fillauer '66, Rev. Msgr. Al Humbrecht (Jim Phifer Service Award recipient), Linda Neuhoff accepting on behalf of Tony Neuhoff '74, and Col. Larry Skelly '64.

The recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Jim Phifer Service Award were honored at an all-school Mass on November 16, 2023. Karl Fillauer '66, Col. Larry Skelly '64, and Tony Neuhoff '74 were honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Your contributions and achievements inspire us all! Congratulations to Rev. Msgr. Al Humbrecht, who was awarded the Jim Phifer Service Award for his exemplary dedication and service to Notre Dame. Msgr. Al's former students, Fr. Mike Nolan and Fr. Peter Iorio, joined him to celebrate Mass.

# ALUMNI UPDATES

**Lanna Turner Edwards '14** married Ryan Edwards on November 19, 2022 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their reception was hosted at the Hunter Museum of American Art. Her alumni bridesmaids were Kendall Paolucci '14, Caroline Thomas'14, Christa Edwards Kunkel '15, and Austin Nelson Copeland '15.



**Madison '13** and **Timothy Barnes '13** welcomed their first child, Eileen Marie Barnes, on February 6, 2023. She was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fayetteville, Ark., on June 3, 2023.



**Kate Linehart Trundle '10** and husband, Michael, welcomed a daughter, Charlotte Grace on January 10, 2024. Charlotte joins her proud big brothers, Thomas and Henry.



**John West '08**, wife Erin, and big sister Hailey Ruth welcomed baby Thomas in September 2023.



**James Kee '06** moved to Nashville at the end of 2016 and started a nationally-touring bluegrass band called East Nash Grass. They have played at the Ryman Auditorium and made their Grand Ole Opry debut on October 31st, 2023.



**Robert Hughes '05** has been working as an artist in the animation industry for the last six years. Since October of 2022, he has been as background/environment artist for comedian Chris Rock on his upcoming animated show that will begin streaming on Paramount Plus this year or in 2025. Read more about his story and see his artwork at [roberthughesart.com](http://roberthughesart.com)

**Amy Area Maxwell '89** has made it one of her top priorities to make sure the citizens of Hamilton County have a NOAA weather radio to receive emergency notifications. Mrs. Maxwell, Public Relations Manager for the Hamilton County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, has partnered with Local 3 News, Academy Sports, Lowe's, and Elder's Ace Hardware with programming weather radios. Currently, Maxwell and her staff have programmed over 5,000 new weather radios and reprogrammed over 10,000 older weather radios. Maxwell says everyone should have three sources of emergency notifications: a weather radio, weather apps on mobile devices, and a television or basic radio.



**Ronald Williams '84** published his first novel, *War of the Millennium: Peace to Peril*, on March 1, 2024. A lifelong resident of Chattanooga, he utilized his teaching background, along with his travels in Europe, to craft a novel about the origins of a global conflict. The first in a series, Williams plans on expanding his universe with more novels packed with tension and the chaos of war.

## NEW FACES *continued from page 3*

### Dominic Mariani '20, Religion

- *B.S. Political Science, Concentration in Legal Studies, Minors in Education & History, Tennessee Tech University, Summa Cum Laude '23*

"I graduated from both St. Jude and Notre Dame High School. I decided to return to ND after substitute teaching last year. Besides serving this year as our Freshman Theology Instructor and one of our Campus Ministers, I've enjoyed being a longtime volunteer with the SEARCH Program, St. Jude Youth Ministry program, and an Assistant Scoutmaster of Scouts BSA Troop 172."

### Matt Match, Head Basketball Coach/Physical Education

- *B.S. and M.S. Journalism & Sport Administration, Belmont University*

"Prior to Notre Dame, I worked for six years at Baylor School teaching and coaching boys' basketball. I also worked for 4 years coaching at the collegiate level at both Belmont University and Cedarville University outside of Dayton, OH. My wife, Suzie and I were married on October 8th in Napa Valley."

### Katie Reed '00, Counseling/Math

- *B.A. Liberal Studies, Minor in German, University of Notre Dame '04*
- *M.E. Secondary Education, UTC '12*

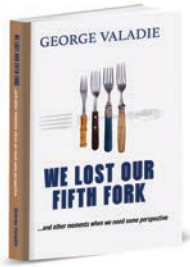
"I'm a proud NDHS alum and am excited to be back with my Irish community, and particularly now as a teacher mom; Xavier and Ethan are with me at ND and Theo is a current SJS 5th grader. I truly love helping students learn, and I hope to cultivate in them a positive, growth mindset toward learning, especially when it comes to math."

### Eric Schexnaildre '96, President

- *B.S., UTC*
- *M.S. and E.D.S., Tennessee Tech*
- *E.D.D., Georgia Southern*

Dr. Schexnaildre previously spent 23 years as a teacher, coach, administrator, and athletic director prior to taking this role at NDHS. Dr. Schexnaildre is married to Ashley and they have two daughters, Annabell — who is a sophomore at ND, and Ella, who is a 7th grader at OLPH.

**George Valadie '71** released his first book in 2023, *We Lost Our Fifth Fork ... And Other Moments When We Need Some Perspective*. He traveled to book signings at Vicksburg Catholic in Mississippi and St. Benedict at Auburndale in Memphis, both schools where he formerly served as principal.



## REMEMBERING

In Loving Remembrance of our Alumni, Faculty, and Staff who left us July, 2023 through June, 2024

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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Margaret O'Grady Dill '63	Toni Tocco Strauss '61
Charles Erickson '74	Diana Moore Tierney '65
Peter Galletta '97	Isabella Wade '21
Toni Cofrancesco Grant '67	Mikey Watkins '86
Maurice Hernandez '65	Theodore "Teddy" Wheeler '79
Sr. Luke Hollerbach, O.P. '60	John Wolfe, Jr. '72
	Raymond "Fred" Zuker '63

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## ALUMNI Weekend '24

Alumni Weekend, a highlight of the year for Irish alumni, was a grand success, drawing hundreds of former students back to campus for a series of memorable events. The festivities kicked off on Thursday evening with our **Inaugural Green & White Football Scrimmage**, a lively affair complete with a variety of concessions and treats. This event not only showcased our current team's talents but also set the tone for a weekend filled with camaraderie and celebration.

The 39th Annual **Irish Classic Golf Tournament** was held on Friday at WindStone Golf Course. Golf enthusiasts enjoyed a day on the greens, catching up with old friends and relishing the sport they love. The day continued with the **All Class Bash** in Varallo Hall, where alumni from different

eras mingled and reminisced about their shared experiences, creating new memories to cherish.



# Graduates!



Saturday morning featured the **All Alumni Mass**, a heartfelt gathering where alumni and their families came together in a spirit of gratitude and reflection. The weekend culminated with the **Golden Grads Brunch**, honoring the Class of 1974 and earlier graduates, celebrating their achievements and long-standing connections to Notre Dame.

A **special thanks** goes to Ken Mara '68, Kari Ingle '89, and Kathy Mara '68 for their exceptional leadership in chairing these events with wonderful hospitality. Their dedication ensured the success of Alumni Weekend, making it an unforgettable experience for all who attended. **#IrishForever**



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