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SUMMER 2020

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can gather
again...*

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From *the* PRESIDENT



To our NDHS families and friends –

Wow! I mean just WOW!!
I got out my Thesaurus and looked for a word, any word that could better express my thoughts about the year we've just concluded. Surely I could do better than "Wow." But quite honestly, it's what comes to mind first and gets quickly and simply to the core of my emotions as I look back on a year that was anything but quick or simple.

It was a year that started out with a real rush – alum Michael Miller '59 stepped up, donated half a million dollars and agreed to give another half-million if we could raise an equal amount.

It was a year that rocked along like so many others before it had. Classes and Masses, retreats and sports and theater. Traditions like our Homecoming, events like our Gala.

And then it was a year that fell off the end of the earth.

Suddenly sent packing, we asked teachers who had never taught remotely to educate kids who had never learned that way. With a singular day of training and no time to explain things to our students, they pulled off the near-miraculous.

In spite of losing Prom, the Spring Musical, an entire season of sports and every other senior experience that accompanies the end of one's four years, the young men and women in our Class of 2020 were remarkable. They did everything we asked and held on to hope they would gather back together.

Finally and joyfully, we wrapped up the year with what for me will forever be three remarkable and memorable days – for the first time in Notre Dame history, and though over a month late, we hosted a late-June Baccalaureate Mass under the lights of Eberle Field and followed that with Graduation the next morning in the same place. Though the weather gods tortured

us with spits and spurts of rain, our Creator God stepped in to blow it all away.

And on the third day, Development Director Kathy Martin informed me that we had indeed all pitched in to reach and exceed the \$500,000 matching gift we had been chasing.

Wow! What a year!

The planning for next year is chaotic but that's next year! I have to pause from that insanity to thank everyone – and I do mean everyone – who helped us do all that we did ... teachers and staff, parents and students, alumni and supporters, parishes, clubs and organizations ... everyone in the Notre Dame Family pulled together to make it quite the year.

I recently read a Facebook quote that seemed so very appropriate, "God is not looking for people to work for Him but people who let Him work mightily in and through them." Thank you for being those people!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Valadie".

George Valadie '71
President



**We joyfully announce
the induction of
the Class of 1970 into the
Golden Graduates!**

Thank You!

Because of your generosity, we exceeded our goal!

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RISE TOGETHER



Knights of Columbus Council 8576 donated \$2,500 to the Annual Fund. Alums and Knights Raleigh Cooper '63(l) and Phil Daniel (r) delivered the check.



(l to r) Bertin Kurtz and Don Meagher '54 from the Knights of Columbus, Queen of Peace Council present a check for \$5,000 to Mr. Valadie.

"So that is my question to you, heroes of this new age: When you leave Notre Dame and get walloped by life's "interesting times", will you remember all that you've learned here and battle to rise again? I have no doubt you will, for you are now and forever a proud member of the fighting Irish."

– Bill Rosemann '89

Dear Alumni and Friends –

Recently, I asked our Alumni community to send words of encouragement and advice to our 2020 Senior Class. The response was heartwarming and enlightening. Our students are hurting due to the cancellation of their prom and year-end events while our alumni are disappointed that reunions and other get-togethers will not be held this summer. Even though we are all experiencing difficult and challenging times, Notre Dame will continue to educate and provide spiritual guidance to our students.

As I was looking through a 1936 yearbook in preparation for an article for this edition, familiar names appeared on several pages... Fillauer, Hubbuch, Stolpman, Dietzen and Nolan to name a few. For many of our current students, the legacy of attending Notre Dame can be traced back to their great-grandparents. These families and so many, many more continue to support our school with their time, talent and treasure.

A year ago Notre Dame was blessed with a sizable donation by Michael Miller '59 and the promise to additionally match all monies donated to Notre Dame up to \$500,000! The excitement and generosity of the Notre Dame community has been unsurpassed and we have reached our goal of raising \$500,000 in one year! In the last twelve months I have made wonderful new friends. From the students who helped me with the Raffle and all the volunteers who worked many hours on the Green & Gold Gala, to every individual who made a monetary donation – my heartfelt thanks to all who champion Notre Dame through "interesting times."



Rise Together,
Kathy A. Martin
Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs

Raising the Curtain on **ACT II**

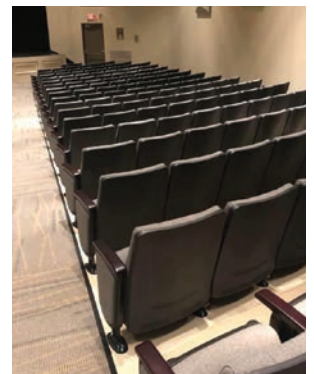
The 2019 -2020 school year saw a “dramatic” change in the multi-use auditorium. After a successful capital campaign, new chairs, flooring, and paint were installed over the 2019 Christmas break. The auditorium was named the “Michael & Eleanor Miller Theater” in honor of the Miller family and their generous donation to Notre Dame. Many of the seats were purchased by members of the Notre Dame community and will be acknowledged with an engraved plaque on the seat.

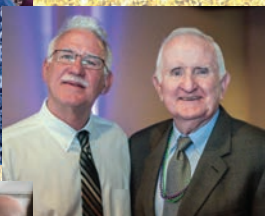
“The theater renovations thus far have not only added cosmetic upgrades, but have increased elements in our production quality as well,” according to Bethany Moody,

Director of Theater at NDHS. “The new seating and curtain have been a tremendous help in sound quality. Our theatre students have been thrilled to perform in the new space! Future upgrades in lighting and sound will add an entirely new group of skill sets for theatre students to learn and explore.”

Notre Dame High School is blessed to have the support of the many donors who made this renovation a success. Every monetary gift and contribution of time and expertise is greatly appreciated by the Irish community.

Following the first all-school Mass in the renovated space, one student remarked, “it was so bizarre when the seats didn’t squeak!”

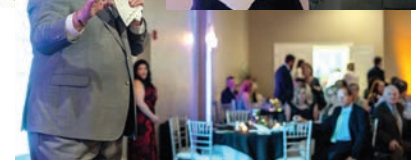




GREEN & GOLD Gala



The Green & Gold Gala event was held at Stratton Hall during the month of February and was a great success. With the help of Julie Edwards (Channel 3 WRCB) as emcee, Marc Gravitt as auctioneer, and chairpersons Beth and Erik McGann, over \$50,000 was raised for computer upgrades and increased WiFi access points at NDHS. Attendees enjoyed an authentic New Orleans style menu of foods while listening to music provided by Terry's DJ Services. After the live auction and "Raise the Paddle," guests enjoyed casino games and dancing. Many thanks to all who attended and made this fundraiser a success!



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In 1986 my graduation was moved up a week due to a scheduling snafu at the Tivoli Theater. When the day came, we donned our ties and heels and covered our dress clothes with our gowns. It took an army of bobby pins before my cap sat just right on my head. I don't know, maybe I had it on backwards!

Ms. Ward had the drill down ... line up from shortest to tallest, wait for the music and walk slowly down the aisle ... girls on the right, boys on the left, teachers in the back. After speeches from the salutatorian, valedictorian and Mr. Phifer, names were called. The lights burned bright and we walked shakily across the stage where we were greeted by Bishop Niedergeses and received our diplomas. Once back in our seats, we moved our tassels left to indicate we were now graduates.

We had become Alumni and joined the ones who had come before us! That tassel hung from our car mirror or the corner of a bulletin board in our college dorm and would one day be found at the bottom of a box of memories.

This year's class did not get the excitement of the end of the year. Without any warning, the halls of Notre Dame High School went silent in March for the longest spring break in history. The students didn't return for labs and homework or even final exams. Classes were carried out in Zoom sessions and President George Valadie '71 gave his weekly announcements on social media. Seniors missed out on the end-of-year experiences most of us took for granted. No prom, no Senior Superlatives and no Senior skip days – although there could be an argument that this is the greatest one ever pulled off.

This year's Alumni Weekend was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic that has brought the world to a near halt. No golf tournament, no Every Class Bash and no Golden Grads induction ceremony. However, we have the memories... memories of friendships made, accolades won, and football games on Friday night.

The high school has seen many changes over the years, and improvements made possible by donations from alumni like you and me. When you recall your days at Notre Dame, what do you remember? What makes you smile? Now is your chance to join the alumni who make change possible.



Peace and love to all,
Anne Wehunt '86
Alumni Council President

Advice & Accolades



Yogi Anderson '68 – Notre Dame is different in many ways from other schools. But the biggest difference is that we are like a family. A family that supports one another... that grows together, cries together, celebrates together, and makes memories together. It is a remarkable place that we all love. Congratulations and cheer cheer for old ND.

Kathy Gribben Mara '68 – Congratulations to the Class of 1970 on your entrance into the Golden Graduates. Seems like just yesterday you graduated, doesn't it? I hope you will get to celebrate together sometime soon. Welcome to the club!



Ray Fox '71 – As you leave the small family of Notre Dame you are going into a larger family called life. Remember your Christian values and success will follow you always.

Donna Bland Gabor '75 – “Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” – Saint John Paul II



Fr. Mike Nolan '78 – Congratulations to the Golden Grads class of 1970 and the shiny new grads of 2020. Where did the years go? What will the years bring? Notre Dame's motto, “Veritas Vincit Omnia – Truth Conquers All,” is a great moral compass to guide us all. Whatever year we graduated, may we have the courage to embrace the One who is “the way, the truth, and the life.” Helping one another as we “march on to victory!”

Lori Bianculli Fox '79 – To the Class of 2020 – the benefit of being on a new journey is that you'll pave your “own” future. Know that we all fail at times, but consider these stepping stones that will make you stronger. Listen to those who are important in your life who have been with you from the beginning. Their wisdom is far more important than you might see right now. Lastly, always keep the God that made you close, as He will always walk beside you! Congratulations to the Golden Grads!



Kari Mara Ingle '89 – To the Class of 2020 I wish you all the best of luck for your future. If it is college or something else, do it with pride. Always remember your time at Notre Dame. Remember to stay connected to us. You are an alumnus now! Come back for reunions, let us know about the milestones of your life, and stay #irishstrong.



Charles Jabaley '15 – Congrats graduates! If you guys can handle graduating in 2020, you can handle anything. Stay positive and good luck to all. I know you will achieve great things!

The Secret to Her Success

Hard work and perseverance have certainly paid off for Martha Davies Leiper. As a member of the Class of 1980, Martha has risen to executive positions within not one, but two national corporations. While her work life keeps her extremely busy, she still finds time to help out with charitable causes and support her high school alma mater.

After graduating from Notre Dame, Martha attended Auburn University for 3 ½ years and transferred back to UTC after becoming engaged to Mike Leiper (former Director of Advancement at Notre Dame). She began as a Statistical Analyst at UNUM in May of 1985 and graduated a week later from UTC. During her four years in this position, she worked on her MBA – graduating from UTC a month before having her first child, Ben '06. In 1990, Martha took a job in the Investment Department in the Commercial Real Estate area. Over the course of the next 20 years, she rose through the ranks in the Investment and Finance areas of UNUM, working in Commercial Mortgage Loans, Securities and then in Portfolio Strategy. While working her way toward the position of Senior Vice President and Deputy Chief Investment Officer, her family continued to grow with the addition of Carey '10 and Ryan.

After 25 years at UNUM, Martha was recruited by USAA as a Senior VP and CIO. In 2010, the family moved to San Antonio, Texas to begin a new chapter. After four years, her role at USAA was expanded to include oversight of Treasury, Accounting and Enterprise Money Movement.

In the fall of 2019, UNUM recruited Martha back to Chattanooga in the role of Executive VP and CIO. She is a CPA, CFA and holds a Series 27 securities license. She has several insurance designations, an FLMI (Fellow, Life Management Institute) ALHC (Associate, Life and Health Claims), and is also certified by the NACD (National Association of Corporate Directors). Outside of work, Martha enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, tennis and a new hobby ... boating on the Tennessee River.



ND – *How did ND prepare you for your future career?*

Martha – I was prepared both academically and spiritually by Notre Dame. Along with my parents influence, Notre Dame prepared me to have a strong value system and to be independent and accountable for my choices.

ND – *What are some of your ND memories?*

Martha – I have so many great memories from Notre Dame. Attending Search was one that had profound impact. It was where the spiritual aspect of my education connected with the academic aspect to make me a more well-rounded adult.

ND – *Who were some of your favorite teachers while at Notre Dame and what do you miss most about high school?*

Martha – I had so many great teachers at Notre Dame. Some of my favorite's included George Valadie, Ann Ward and Karen Camp. Of my 12 siblings, I was the only Davies not to have Ms. Nevins as a teacher!

ND – *What advice or insight would you give the current students or recent graduates of Notre Dame?*

Martha – While in high school I was not particularly popular or part of the "in" crowd. I did not make the

Homecoming Court or receive any superlatives; but I did learn critical life skills and was well prepared for college. I believe the Catholic influence made me a better person. So I would say to focus on what you can get from Notre Dame and know that it will prepare you for the future. My time at Notre Dame also made me realize the importance of giving back. I have been very involved with charitable organizations in Chattanooga and San Antonio. Wherever you are, you need to get involved and make a difference in the lives of others!

ND – *What do you miss most about high school?*

Martha – I miss the innocence of high school. I also miss the close friends at Notre Dame and the small community. However, I can't lie....I was so ready to leave high school! 🍀

ALUMNI NEWS

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Meagan Eislestein '17 interned this past Spring with the Disney College Program as a Disney Photographer at Epcot.

Alex Darras '16

graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Sewanee – The University of the South. Alex was awarded the James Young Perry Sr. Award for the football player exhibiting exemplary character and sportsmanship.



Hunter Finnegan '16 and Madison Hall got married at St. Jude Catholic Church on April 18, 2020.



Nick Coronis '16

was accepted into the MBA program

at UTC, **Jake Coronis '15** earned his bachelor's degree in Engineering Management, and **Jonah Coronis '14** earned his masters degree in Public Administration.



Blair Barker '13 graduated in May 2020 from Washington and Lee University School of Law with her Juris Doctorate.

Laura Champion '13

graduated from Union University with a BSN in December 2019 and started at Texas Health Hospital in Dallas as an ER nurse.



Abbie Dobson '13 and Nathan Shinn were married on April 5, 2020. Both Abbie and Nathan are nurses at CHI Memorial Hospital.

Cecilia Young '13

is engaged to Parker Garrett (Father Ryan class of 2011) and will be married in April 2021. Both recently graduated from Belmont Law School and plan to move back to Chattanooga.



Ashley Henry '12 is working as a Senior Program Associate at non-profit World Learning in Washington, DC. She conducted a seminar in November 2019 in Almaty, Kazakhstan focusing on exchange alumni in South and Central Asia with a theme on women in media creating

networks for social change.

Lauren Philpott '10

and Levi Clemons were married on October 12, 2019 at Covey Creek Farm.



Troy Tillman '10 has been accepted into the Graduate School of Business at the University of Notre Dame. He will start in January 2021 and will major in Business Analytics.



Leslie Burns Dye '09 received her Nurse Practitioner (MSN) degree from UTC in May. She also received the Anne P. Y. Chein Award. Leslie is the daughter of Ed '82 and Frances Burns.

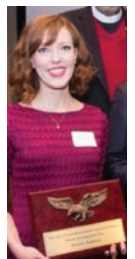
Joanna Poinsett '09 was made part of the Ring of Names at the University of Notre Dame. Her inscribed name is part of a tradition that celebrates the storied legacy of Notre Dame Athletics, where she graduated with honors in 2013 and was a four-year member of the rowing team.



Michael Large '07 and **Corrie Martin Large '06** welcomed James Bowman Large on October 31, 2019

Frances Anderson '06

was recognized as the year's Rising Advocate for Human Rights in Nashville. She is currently the state refugee health coordinator for the Catholic Charities of Nashville.



Betsy Beckham '04

welcomed Augusta Elizabeth in May 2019 and recently celebrated her 1st birthday.



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Bettina O'Neal Benson '02 was named one of 12 Tastemakers by *Southern Living* magazine. Ms. Benson is the Founder and Creative Director of Chloe Kristyn and was chosen by the magazine as a business leader and entrepreneur who is shaping the South. She is featured in the August 2020 edition.



Justin '00 and Mary LeGrand welcomed son William on May 13th. He joins big brothers Nicholas (3 1/2 years) and David (18 months) and is keeping everyone on their toes!

Chris Mullin '85 was featured in the *City Scope* Magazine article "Glory Days." It highlighted local sports stand-outs and the positive impact of sports in their lives.



Greg Dennis '81 was inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Area Sports Hall of Fame in November 2019.

Joe Sawyer '80 was recently named Vice-President of the Chattanooga engineering firm Barge Design Solutions.

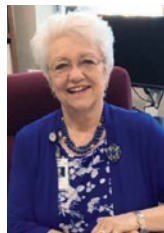


Ken Mara '68 was recognized by the TSSAA for his dedicated service to the sport of wrestling. He has more than 25 years' experience as an NCAA Division 1 wrestling official and presides as the TSSAA's Director of Education for the state of Tennessee wrestling officials.

Sandra Nell Capley Stewart '64 retired in

December 2019. She spent 42 years in education and 25 years in public school administration. She stated

"I had a long and very gratifying career, the roots of which started at Notre Dame. The nuns and priests at NDHS would be amazed and proud of my accomplishments."



REMEMBERING

The faculty, staff and students of Notre Dame offer our most sincere condolences to all those families who have lost loved ones. We remember them and all our dearly beloved in our daily prayers and Masses.

Robert Armstrong '80

Robert "Kae" King '77

"Mardi" Jernigan Boone '81

Betty Chamberlain

Ilien Rose Farley Causby '50

Rawn Kuhn '44

Elizabeth Ellen Conway '71

Marty Landis '60

Michael Darras '69

Rudy Landry '89

John Marcus Davis '91

Lynda Marinello,
former NDHD teacher

Reginaldo "Heggie"
Ferreira '65

Joan L. Clark-Mayes '56

Charles Franer '52

Kenneth Allan Naylor '68

John Patrick "Moose" Harris '45

Marcia Cate Overstreet '52

Ralph Edward Herman '75

Frank Robbins, IV '88

Ben Allen Hornsby '82

Charles Albert Stolz '62

David Hunter '11

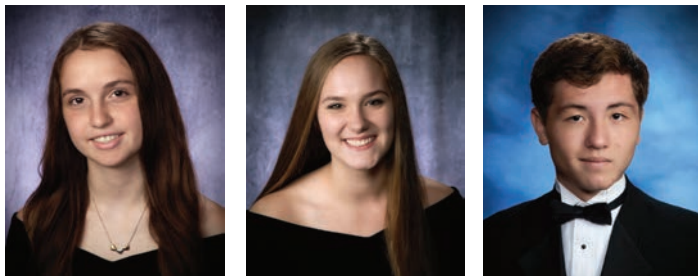
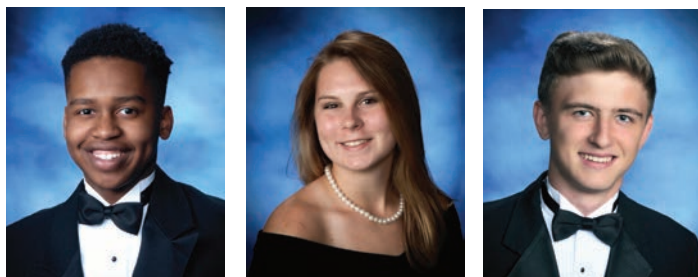
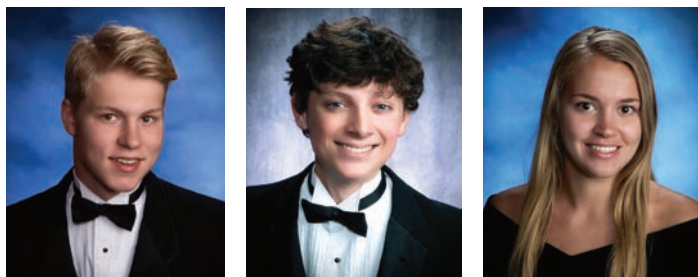
Thomas William White '59

Moving? Be sure to let the Alumni Office know your new address! Send to martink@myndhs.com

SCHOOL NEWS

Academic Signing Day

Academic Signing Day was held virtually this Spring to honor students who have been offered academic scholarships, covering all tuition and fees, at the college where they plan to attend next fall. Congratulations to all these deserving students!



(Left to Right):

Nora Bauer – UTK, Physics & Math

Lucy Bruce – UTC, Nursing

Freddie Ellis – UAH, Aerospace

Engineering

Caleb Harrigan – Vanderbilt,
Human Organizational Development
& Computer Science

Grace Hill – UTC, Business

Bernard Lisy – UAB, Industrial Distribution

Reeve Mullinax – UTC, Accounting

Trey Patterson – UAB, Genetics

Anna Qualey – UTC, Exercise Science

Bradley Summitt – JAX State, Sports Management



Musical Accomplishments

(l to r) Levi Brown, Nicholas Carreon and Charlotte Mahn were selected to attend the All-East Band Clinic. Levi also made the All-State Jazz Band.



Art Awards

Three Notre Dame art students placed in the 2020 Chattanooga Youth Gallery.

Sohee Myung won 2nd place for her piece titled "Dementia." Lucy Bruce and Dru Schenk both won awards in the Photography division. Lucy's photo titled "Anna" was awarded 2nd place and "Roots" a photo by Dru received the 3rd place award. Congratulations to these talented students.



By the Numbers CLASS OF 2020

25 Average ACT Score

3.7 Average GPA

17 students scored 30 or above on ACT

Over \$6.5 million in scholarship award offers

Acceptance to 258 Colleges

Olivia Reeves

Olivia Reeves '21 is breaking all kinds of records! She started to weightlift in her parents' Crossfit gym back in 2015 and won Silver in the 2016 Youth Nationals. Fast forward, she has broken 12 American records and currently holds four Youth National Championships! Her fellow classmates gave her a surprise sendoff as she was set to compete in Junior World competition in Romania which was then canceled due to the pandemic. Her next competition is scheduled for November in Lima, Peru where she will attempt to break the "clean and jerk" and "snatch" weightlifting records!



Savannah Carrin (left) entertained the audience at the talent show with her rendition of "Last Dance" by Donna Summer.



Zack Naessig sporting Irish Pride on pajama day!



(l to r) Luke Beach and Bill Rosemann '89

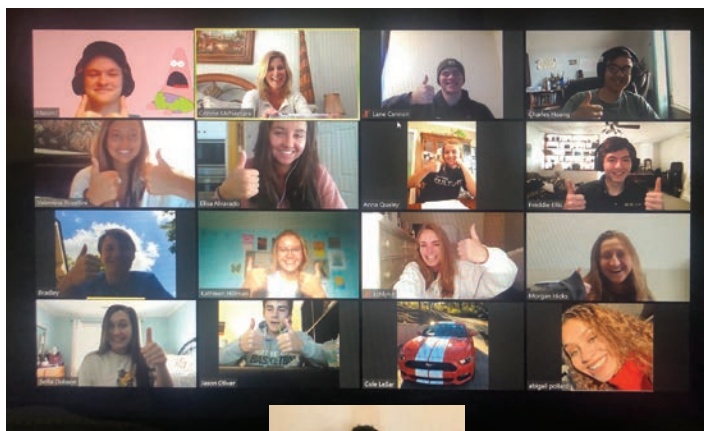
Catholic Schools Week

John Angotti started the week for the students at NDHS. Mr. Angotti is a music missionary and his message of faith set the tone for Catholic Schools Week. Many activities were planned during the week ranging from a pajama dress up day and Talent Show, to the highly anticipated dodgeball tournament! Alum Bill Rosemann '89, VP & Creative Director at Marvel Games, finished out the week and spoke to the student body about heroes in the modern age and how a Catholic education at OLP and NDHS impacted his life. After the general assembly, Mr. Rosemann met with smaller groups of students and talked with them about creative writing.

SCHOOL NEWS

Remote Learning

Zoom ... one of many buzz words this past Spring! Students and teachers all over the world had to quickly adapt to teaching and learning using the Zoom app and other online educational tools. Some liked it, some learned to live with it, but most will agree, the physical classroom is the best setting!



Service & Mission

Notre Dame students participated in several fundraisers and service projects throughout the school year. Over \$3,500 was raised from the No Shave November fundraiser and the money given to the Chattanooga Food Bank. Leaders of the House of Rex delivered almost 700 pairs of socks to the Chattanooga Rescue Mission. The socks were collected by the students as part of a House competition. In March, the annual Spring Break Mission Trip to Cincinnati was attended by students who participated in charitable works with the Franciscan Ministries, Inc. In addition to these projects, several sports teams volunteered at The Community Kitchen.

Graduation

Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation were held on Eberle Field for the first time at Notre Dame High School. Immediate family was allowed to attend both events and the weather cooperated! Michael McCutcheon '11 received The Heart of Notre Dame Award and The Heart of the Irish Award was presented to George Valadie '71.



(l to r) Nora Bauer, Salutatorian and Lauren Stevens, Valedictorian



ATHLETICS NEWS

The Spring season was cut short by the Covid -19 pandemic and many of our Seniors did not get to play their final season in the sport they loved. Even though the season ended much too soon, there were some exciting developments regarding athletics at Notre Dame.

The boys bowling team won the State Championship and C.J. Petrin was named Mr. Bowling in the state of Tennessee.



The sport of lacrosse made its debut and won the opening game against Karns High School from Knoxville. The team is coached by alum Patrick Wagner '10.

Kate Ford '20 broke school record in January for career points in girls basketball (previously held by Alicia Ransom '00).



The Fighting Irish swim team had eight swimmers qualify for the state meet held in Knoxville. Several wrestlers qualified for the State Tournament with Jacob Brigman placing 3rd, Francisco Palacios, 6th and Bob Deitch, 4th. The coaches for the boys and girls basketball teams were both named "Coach of the Year" in District 2.



Four stellar basketball athletes had their jerseys retired in January. Stan Sumrell '66, Rhessa Sumrell '67, Alicia Ransom '00 and Tommy Fox '94 were honored prior to the basketball game against Baylor. Family, friends, and many former teammates came to honor these great Irish athletes.



Dusty Gunn
Athletic Director



SIGNING DAY!

Jeffrey and Jazzyme Watkins both signed athletic scholarships. Jeffrey will be playing football at Emory & Henry and Jazzyme is playing volleyball at Millsaps College.



Brendan Greene received a lacrosse scholarship from Benedictine College.



Jacob Brigman received "Preferred Walk-on" status from University of Tennessee.

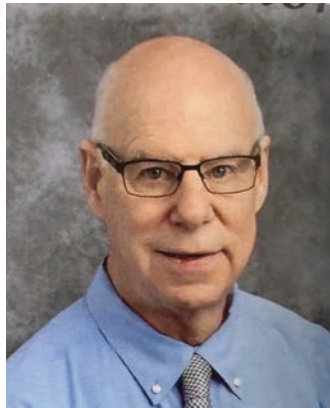
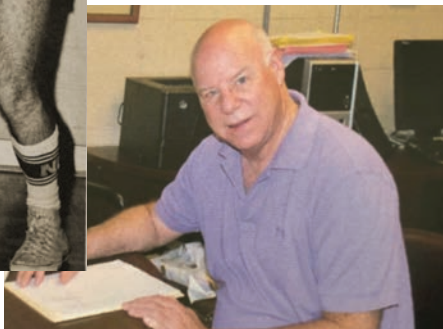


Hunter Hill and Averie Sheperd signed letters of intent to play football at West Texas A&M University and softball at Thomas University.

SAYING GOODBYE

The 2019-2020 school year ended with the retirements and departure of several long serving faculty and staff of Notre Dame High School. Combined, they served Notre Dame for almost 80 years! Countless students have benefitted from their expertise and guidance in and out of the classroom.

Pat Landry (below) was involved in the field of education for 44 years, 24 of which were at Notre Dame. He taught English for grades 9-12 as well as coached swimming at Dalton High School. His favorite memory was actually outside the classroom when the Dalton High boys swim team won the State Championship. When asked how teaching students has changed since he began his career, he stated students are more passive learners today, in part due to technology. They learn differently than at the start of his teaching career. In addition to serving as a Notre Dame faculty member, Pat is also an alumni member, graduating in 1969. While at Notre Dame, he played basketball and was a member of the Math Club. Pat plans to travel during his retirement years.



Kathy Fischer (at left & below) began teaching at Notre Dame in 2001 and previously taught at the Lutheran School (now known as Belvoir Christian Academy). She taught all levels of geometry as well as some algebra classes on an as-needed basis.



Teaching at Notre Dame was a family affair, as her husband, Jeff, also taught here for many years. Both of her children

are graduates of Notre Dame and some of her most cherished memories include seeing her daughter, Jennifer, crowned Homecoming Queen in 2002, and hearing her son Jimmy deliver his valedictory speech in 2005. Kathy and her husband also led a group of students on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

In the course of 43 years as a teacher, Kathy agrees with Pat Landry that students have changed, but one thing remains the same: you will always have students who want to learn and work hard, and students who do not. "As a teacher," she said, "it was more gratifying to work with a student who wanted to learn but may not have been as capable as someone who was smart but not motivated." While teaching her students was gratifying, Kathy enjoyed watching sports, plays and other activities they were involved in. She stated how special it is to follow former students as they graduate from college and start their careers and/or families. In retirement, she plans to read plenty of books, participate in the Cowboy Action Shooting, and enjoy time with her husband of 43 years, Jeff.

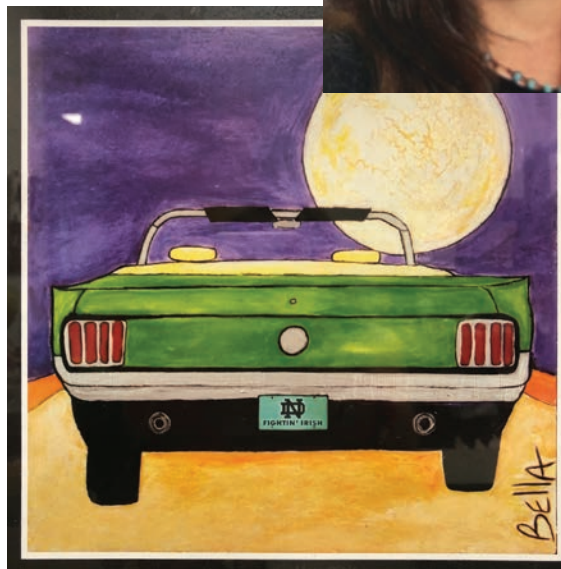


Vivian Stone (above) and **Dianne Bruce** (at right) were both significant members of Notre Dame's Guidance Department. Like Pat Landry, Vivian is a graduate of Notre Dame. She was voted Most Popular in the Class of 1978 and received the Bishop Niedergeses Award. While at Notre Dame, she made numerous lifelong friends both as a student and an employee. Her love of Notre Dame was all encompassing from watching her brothers play football and having Yogi Anderson as an English teacher to having her daughters attend the same school where she attended and worked. She had numerous student aides – Melissa Blazek, Kerstin Leffew, Joey Grzybowski, Lauren Simpson, Taylor Green, and her nieces, Janey Esquivel, Hannah Dearing, Allie Dearing and Macy Dearing to name a few ... her office was named "The Place to Be"!

The opportunity to attend daily Mass and practice her Catholic faith were powerful reasons Notre Dame is a special place for Vivian. "The Notre Dame family has been with us through it all, including my breast cancer diagnosis and my daughter Jillian's tragic car accident. My ND family has been by my side and has been my place to be."

While not retiring from the working life, Dianne Bruce is leaving Notre Dame to dedicate more time to her business, River City Workshops. She worked at Notre Dame on and off for the last 18 years as a Junior/Senior counselor and test prep coordinator. Her connection with the students and helping them realize their college dreams brought much enjoyment to Dianne. The 30 Plus Club will be one of her favorite memories as it gets students excited about testing. While building up her business, Dianne also plans to spend more time with family and painting – for which she has a unique talent!

It has been said "to teach is to touch lives forever." Each of these individuals has left an indelible stamp of mentorship and education on the students they served. We wish them all good times as they begin the next chapter of their lives. 🍀



FAITHFUL LEGACIES

Fighting Irish Families

By Hayden Seay '12

Throughout the entirety of Notre Dame High School's history, many families have built a legacy of attendance. To these families, the tradition of attending Notre Dame and joining its community leads parents to send their children there and creates a domino effect that sometimes lasts over several generations.

The Shencks and Stones

Spanning five generations spread over the past 110 years, members of the Schenk family still attend Notre Dame today.

The first member, Hannah Tiernan, graduated around 1910. A total of fifteen members of the family have walked the halls at three of Notre Dame's locations.

Nora Caldwell, Tiernan's daughter, married her classmate and fellow 1933 graduate, John Stone.

Caldwell served as the vice president of her class, and Stone served as the class treasurer, the business manager of the yearbook, and played the leading man in the senior year play, "The Dear Boy Graduates."

The two married in 1939, six years after their graduation. To honor their nuptials, Monsignor Sullivan of Saints Peter and Paul's Basilica allowed the entirety of Notre Dame to have a day off.

"Even though they've been out of school for years, when they got married in the church at Saints Peter and Paul's, Monsignor Sullivan let the school out to go to their wedding," says Mary Ann Schenk, one of the couple's children and 1961 graduate.



Nora Caldwell '33
and John Stone '33



Mary Anne Stone '61



(l to r) George, Anna Mae, Jack '22, Mary Ann '61 holding Nora, Millie, Dru '20

Five of Nora's daughters attended Notre Dame, including Kathleen, '58; Mary Ann, '61; Martha, '64; Ginny, '68; and Agnes, '69. The five had another sister, Jeanette, who did not attend the school due to disabilities.

While recalling memories of her time at Notre Dame, Mary Ann reminisced about the Dominican Sisters, their tidy habits, and failed science experiments.

"My whole life I heard how great the Dominican Sisters were, my mother and father just loved them," says Mary Ann. "I'll say this, when you were around one of the Dominican Sisters, their habits [had] the cleanest smell of anything on the earth."

Although the Sisters were absent from Notre Dame for a few decades, they led classes while Mary Ann attended.

"I had Sister Mary James for chemistry," says Mary Ann with a laugh. "And one day, I blew up my fire extinguisher."

Throughout the late 80s and early 90s, she and her husband, Kenneth "Dru" Schenk, sent all five of their children to her alma mater: John, '87; David, '89; Amy, '90; Ann, '92; and Katie, '93. Kathleen's daughter, Judy Wilkins, graduated in 1980.

"The student experience prepared me in so many good ways for life," says Mary Ann,

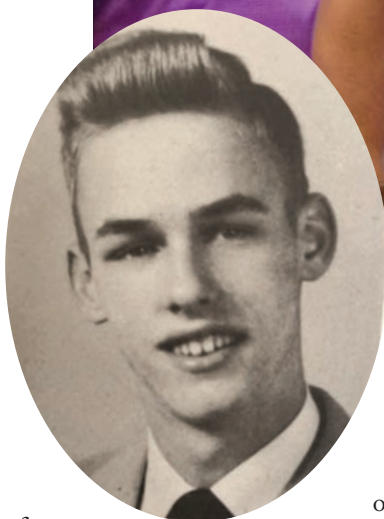
who also talked about the faith and value system the school instills in its students: Family, kindness and compassion, and of course, sports.

"Notre Dame High School taught us all to be accepting and inclusive of all people that joined us in our matriculation through the hallowed halls," says Mary Ann.

Today, two of her grandchildren attend Notre Dame, Dru and Jack. Dru graduated this spring, and Jack will graduate in 2022.



(l to r) Dan '84, Cammie '90, Joe '80, Clare '56, Burt '54, Beth '82, Andy '86



Burt Sawyer '54

The Sawyers

Since the 1940s, the Sawyer family has built a legacy of attending Notre Dame.

Carolyn, the family's first graduate, earned her diploma in 1941. Her brothers, Del and Burt, graduated in '47 and '54, respectively.

Burt married Clare McReynolds, '56, and all five of their children, Joe, '80; Beth, '82; Dan and Andy, '86; and Cammie, '90, attended Notre Dame.

"It was never a question," says Clare about why she and Burt chose Notre Dame for their children. "We wanted the same small school, faith-based experience we had experienced for our five children."

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Burt and Clare with entire Sawyer family

Clare says some of her favorite memories of attending Notre Dame are her friends, football games, open houses, proms, plays, classes and teachers, including Sisters Dominica, Thomas Aquinas, Agnes, and Father Driscoll.

“Notre Dame was small then, so everyone knew everyone,” says Clare. “There is a bond that reaches over the years with people and the building that is always felt.”

One of Clare’s sons, Andy, says some of his favorite memories of his time at Notre Dame include going to sporting events with his classmates, Catholic Youth Organization shows, SEARCH, and the senior picture day exodus of ‘86.

“We knew that our kids would get a great education and be well prepared for college, but it is also the strong sense of community that you get at Catholic Schools that we wanted our kids to experience,” says Andy. “Not only do students form close bonds, but the parents also form a community that takes an interest in all Notre Dame students.”

“We have been happy to see our grandchildren follow our

children,” says Clare. “Four have graduated, one is there now, and one to come.”

Joe’s two children, Hayley and Ben, graduated in 2012 and 2015, respectively. Andy’s children, Ellen and Colin, graduated in 2013 and 2016, respectively.

Cammie’s daughter, Amelia, currently attends the school and will graduate in 2023.

The Fillauers

Another family, the Fillauers, have a history with Notre Dame stretching back to the 1930s.

Their ties to the school started with two brothers, Carlton and George, who both graduated in 1936.

After serving in the military during World War II, Carlton built a legendary career in orthotics and prosthetics and lived and worked in San Francisco and Brigham City, Utah.

But Carlton ultimately returned to Chattanooga with his family to work at his father's business, and their story with Notre Dame renewed.

Three of his children attended the school: Karl, '66; Kathy, '71; and Terry, '74.

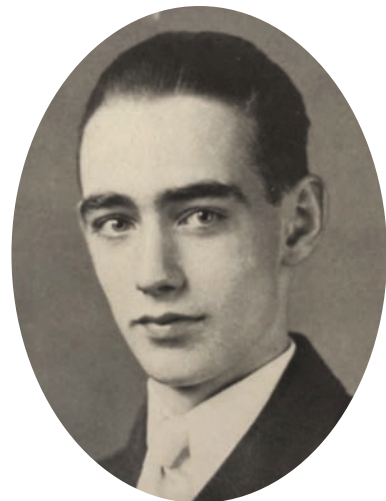
Karl, who reminisced that he wasn't a particularly stellar student, graduated in 1966 and became a successful businessman and entrepreneur. After rallying investors, Karl purchased the orthotics and prosthetics division of Durr-Fillauer and reestablished the family's business in Chattanooga. Today, he serves as the Chairman of the Board for Fillauer LLC, a worldwide company.

According to Karl, religious identity makes Notre Dame immensely important to the Fillauer family.

Although his children attended Knox Catholic High School while the family lived in Knoxville, four of his grandchildren attend Notre Dame today: George, '21; Mary, '22; Andrew, '23; and Maggie, '24. All four participate in sports including football, basketball, and volleyball. 🍀



Carlton Fillauer '36
and George Fillauer '36



(l to r) Kathy '71, Karl '66
and Terry '74



(l to r) Karl Fillauer with his son Michael and grandchildren
Ben, Andrew, George, Ryan, Maggie, and Mary



Karl Fillauer '66



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