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# LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



**N**otre Dame will celebrate its 25th anniversary next fall, but the history of our campus in Pontiac, Mich., and how we reached this significant milestone goes back generations in southeast Michigan. Our story is a successful one. It's also part of a larger one set against the backdrop of declining enrollment and Catholic school closures here and across the country. We opened our doors on August 29, 1994, with 18 faculty and staff members and fewer than 200 students, and now educate a thousand students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade.

The Archbishop of Detroit proposed our current site in 1994 to Fr. Joseph Hindelang, s.m., who was serving as Provincial Superior of the Marists at the time, based on their work at Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. It was a bold move by The Marist Fathers and Brothers to accept Cardinal Adam Maida's invitation. This 100-acre campus was built as Pontiac Catholic High School in 1968, when two local schools, St. Michael and St. Frederick, merged. In 1988, the school was renamed Oakland Catholic High School, but it closed in 1994.

We are proud to carry on the legacy of our five heritage schools. Each one has played a role in our success during the last quarter century, and, at the same time, we recognize each has had its own rich history distinct from the school we know today. Jesus also teaches his disciples there is strength in numbers, which is why we consider the graduates of our heritage schools members of the Notre Dame Alumni

Association. Today our 11,400 alumni from Notre Dame Preparatory School and our five heritage schools live in all but two states across the country, and 13 countries abroad.

Head of School Andy Guest ND'84 recently announced the March on to Victory campaign has reached a successful finish. We raised \$7.0 million in four short years. Most striking is the enclosed courtyard with a statue of The Blessed Mother standing at its center; it has become the very heart of our campus.

You can read in this issue about the Timothy J. Easterwood Science, Art and Technology Wing, the Melissa Kozyra Greenhouse and Botany Learning Lab, and the other classrooms, labs, and art studios that were made possible by the generosity of hundreds of donors. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the alumni, parents, faculty and friends who made this Notre Dame's most successful fundraising campaign ever.

During this Easter season, let us think and act as Mary did when she joyfully responded to God's call after the Resurrection. Like Mary, we are called to imitate Christ, serve others, and seek wisdom, the three hallmarks of a Notre Dame education. Go Irish!

Mark Roberts  
Vice President for Advancement

## New school schedule features later start time



**W**hen Notre Dame opens in August for the 2019-20 school year, students in the middle and upper schools will immediately notice one big change to their daily routine. That's because their first class will be starting at 7:45 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m., which will match the starting time for NDPMA's lower school.

"The schedule is being finalized, but we do know it will include eight available periods, with five class periods meeting each day and rotating over an eight-day schedule," said Andy Guest, Notre Dame's head of school. "This means that our students in the middle and upper schools will never have more than five academic classes on any given day."

He also said the classes themselves will be 65 minutes each versus the current 45.

"In addition, we built flex time into the schedule each day, including time that students can use to meet with advisors, catch up on homework, and attend presentations as well as time to schedule speakers, Masses, pep rallies or other non-academic activities," Guest said.

The decision to change the schedule was based on Notre Dame's own research and its partnership with Independent Schools Management (ISM) as well as recommendations from faculty and students.

According to middle school principal Brandon Jezdimir, the new schedule offers additional opportunities for more project-based

learning, student-teacher collaboration, and community time.

"Throughout the new rotation, students will see each class at their optimal learning time and the teacher's optimal teaching time," he said. "The schedule will be an adjustment for everyone, but I believe it will provide an aligned schedule that brings our students closer to our mission to form Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars."

Guest said the new schedule will not necessarily reduce the total amount of homework, but it will be spread out over more days. It also potentially will limit the number of tests that a student may have on any certain day.

"We believe the new schedule will give everyone the opportunity for perhaps a few extra minutes of sleep or to get ready in the morning," he said. "But most important, we want our Notre Dame family to know that we are constantly looking for ways to make each day and school year both productive and enjoyable for students and staff, and that we're taking steps to continue to improve this school for them." ■

# IB Diploma Program candidates honored

Notre Dame's second-largest class of IB Diploma Program candidates celebrated in special ceremony



**F**ifty-one International Baccalaureate Diploma Program candidates were honored and introduced April 8, 2019, in a ceremony held in Notre Dame's media center.

According to IB-DP coordinator Kim Anderson, it was a special way to recognize the dedication and talent of the seniors who are heading into the IB examination period in May, and also the NDP juniors in the program who will follow in their footsteps.

"Like the classes that came before them, this group of senior IB-DP candidates were both thoughtful and industrious as they developed and carried out their CAS projects and extended essays," Anderson said. "I am always amazed each year at what our students come up with, and then to see all the hard work they put into their endeavors. I am super proud of all of them!" It was the second-largest group of IB Diploma Program candidates Notre Dame Prep has ever had since inaugurating the IB program in 2007.



Maria Agoytia NDP'19

At the April 8 event, a number of DP candidates had a chance to discuss their Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) experiences and projects as well as their extended essays, which included such titles as "Detroit Riot of 1967: What was the primary cause and effect of the 1967 riots in Detroit?" by Bridgette Joslin; and "The Impact of Louise de Bettignies and the Alice Network During World War I: How successful were the contributions of the Alice Network and its leader, Louise de Bettignies, in helping the



Allies during World War I?" by Alena Manzor.

Also discussing her extended essay was senior Maria Agoytia, whose topic was "The Impact of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment on America."

"I wanted to research how the perception of African-Americans changed after the Civil War by looking into the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, which was the first all-black regiment in the Civil War, and to see if it actually influenced the perception of blacks throughout the U.S. at that time,"

she said after the ceremony. "The

research for this project was at times a tedious-but-still-rewarding process. I had to look at various historical services, some online discovery, but mostly I went to my local public library to find information for my essay. But the main reason I chose this topic is because a while ago I saw a movie about the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, and wanted to figure out the influence they had in the U.S. overall."

NDP senior David Mikkola also talked about his EE.

"My extended essay was about Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and how they established America as a strong economic and political force in the world," he said. "I looked at a lot of different factors from each of their administrations, and how they contributed to the country's newfound position as a global superpower. It was a lot of work, but history is one of my passions, so this topic was something I liked a lot." ■



David Mikkola NDP'19



## NOTRE DAME NAMES NEW TRUSTEES; BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO ANNOUNCED

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy announced that its Board of Trustees approved the nomination of Anne Kennedy and Noel Villajuan as school trustees. The board also announced that Bruce Barron and Michael Genord, M.D., have accepted positions on its advancement committee.

Kennedy has been an active member of the school community since 2015, when she and her husband, John, enrolled daughter Kathryn as a freshman in Notre Dame's upper school, and Jessica as a sixth grader in the middle school. Anne also currently serves as treasurer of the Notre Dame Parents Club.

Stephen V. Pangori, current chair of NDPMA's Board of Trustees, is delighted with Kennedy's appointment to the board. "Anne brings a wealth of business and finance experience to Notre Dame, along with a strong background in nonprofit governance," Pangori said. "As we enter our 25th year of providing the most extraordinary Catholic education to thousands of students in southeast Michigan, Anne will further bolster an already exceptional roster of trustees who are charged with leading Notre Dame into an even more exciting and prosperous future."

Now retired, Kennedy served for many years at Birmingham, Mich.-based Munder Capital Management, a Victory Capital Management Inc. company, in positions of increasing responsibilities, including fixed-income portfolio manager and managing director of institutional marketing and client service as she led Munder's institutional marketing activities and client-servicing professionals. Kennedy currently serves on the investment committee that reports to the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society, and from 2012 to 2017 served on the Michigan Catholic Conference Pension Board, which oversees all MCC pension plans. In addition, Kennedy volunteers at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, located in Pontiac.

Currently a resident of Bloomfield Hills, Kennedy earned a BBA degree from the University of Detroit Mercy, and an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago.

Noel Villajuan and his wife, Emily, have been active members of the Notre Dame community since 2015, when they first enrolled their son Augustin, now in fifth grade, in Notre Dame's lower school. Their daughter, Ellory, also is enrolled as a first grader in Notre Dame's lower school. In addition, Noel has been a member of the board's strategic planning committee since August 2018.

"We are fortunate to have someone like Noel join our board as a trustee," Pangori said. "His business and finance acumen, along with his devotion to the Notre Dame mission, will

serve to be genuine assets for our students, faculty and staff. He joins a board that is totally focused on maintaining NDPMA's reputation as one of the top Catholic schools in southeast Michigan."

With more than 18 years of financial-services experience, Villajuan, who is a Certified Financial Planner professional, currently is a director in the Private Client Services division of Midwest-based Sequoia Financial Group, LLC, a financial services firm providing financial planning, asset management, family wealth and retirement planning services to individual clients, families and institutions. In addition to Sequoia, he has worked with a number of other financial-services companies, including Charles Schwab, Merrill Lynch and Fidelity Investments. A longtime proponent of the arts, Villajuan previously has served on the boards of the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings ensemble and the San Francisco-based Cypress String Quartet.

"I am a strong advocate of the school, and now as a board member I am very excited to do what I can to help the school continue its mission of developing compassionate, inquisitive students on their path to becoming generous and caring citizens to everyone in our society," said Villajuan, who is a member of the Holy Name Catholic Community in Birmingham, Mich.

Currently a resident of Bloomfield Hills, Villajuan earned a BA in English from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and his Juris Doctor from Western Michigan University's Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Bruce Barron, who recently was named to the board's advancement committee, served as a school trustee from 2002 to 2012 and chairman of the Board of Trustees from 2006 to 2012. He previously served on the board's committee on trustees, and advancement and finance committees. Currently, he is president and CEO of Oxford, Mich.-based Barron Industries, a full-service manufacturer of ferrous and non-ferrous precision investment castings, rapid prototypes, machined components, fabrications and assemblies.

Barron earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame and currently serves on the Board of Directors of St. Catherine of Siena Academy, an all-girls Catholic high school located in Wixom, Mich. He also is a member of the Board of Directors for the Catholic Foundation of Michigan. In addition, Barron holds memberships in the National Defense Industries



**Noel Villajuan was named to the NDPMA Board of Trustees in April.**



**Ann Kennedy was named to the NDPMA Board of Trustees in March.**



**Bruce Barron, left, and Michael Genord were named to the NDPMA board's advancement committee.**

Association, Association of the U.S. Army, Investment Casting Institute, Michigan Israel Business Bridge and the Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association.

Barron and his wife, Lissa, are residents of Oakland Township and members of St. Joseph Catholic Church and parish, located in Lake Orion. They have four children: Elizabeth NDP'09, P.J. NDP'10, Sara NDP'12, and Michaela.

Michael Genord, M.D., also named to the board's advancement committee, is a senior vice president and chief medical officer of Health Alliance Plan (HAP), a Michigan-based, nonprofit health plan. He also is president and CEO of HAP Midwest Health Plan, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of HAP. Prior to joining Health Alliance Plan, Genord was the chief medical officer of HealthPlus as well as its president and CEO before merging with HAP in 2016. He is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who worked in private practice for 16 years while holding leadership roles at Beaumont Health System and United Physicians Group.

Genord earned his medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, a master's degree in business administration from MSU's Eli Broad Graduate School of Management, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He has served on the boards of the Greater Flint Health Coalition, Greater Detroit-area Health Council, and the Michigan State Medical Society, and is a past president of the Oakland County Medical Society.

Genord and his wife, Jill, reside in Rochester, where they are members of St. Andrew Catholic Church. They have four children, all graduates of Notre Dame Prep: Alexandra NDP'11, Hannah NDP'13, Ian NDP'16 and Claire NDP'18.

#### CHINN IN THE RUNNING FOR TOP ATHLETE IN THE STATE



Add the nomination as one of the State of Michigan's top student-athletes to Notre Dame Prep senior Maddy Chinn's many accolades. She was so honored on March 20 at the Detroit Athletic Club as potentially the No.-1 female high school athlete in the state. She joined five other female student-athletes and six male student-athletes at the club as nominees for one of Michigan's most prestigious high

school honors.

In November, Chinn, who will be attending Purdue University in the fall, was named Michigan's Miss Volleyball for 2018 in a ceremony in front of her school classmates at Notre Dame. In addition, she was named an All-American by four different organizations; an MIVCA scholarship winner; a Detroit Free Press Sports Awards volleyball finalist; Individual Academic All-State (2018); and was part of Notre Dame's 2017 Class B State championship team.

Chinn was joined by her parents and Wroubel along with her

fellow nominees in attending the DAC Breakfast of Champions at the venerable downtown institution. They will return there on May 13, when the award is announced. Sponsored by the DAC and its DAC Foundation, the Michigan High School Athlete of the Year award holds significant benefits, even for nominees.

According to Shannon Murray, the DAC's athletic development director, Chinn and her fellow nominees were introduced to those in attendance at the DAC; received a banner announcing her as a Michigan High School Athlete of the Year nominee; and was interviewed by Lorne Plant of State Champs.

If Chinn is chosen as the top female High School Athlete of the Year, she will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and further recognition at the May 13 event.



From left, junior Amelia Cumming earned National Gold Key and Silver Key Awards and senior Kevin Cragg earned a National Gold Key Award from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards organization. Sophomore Koi Edwards, at right, earned a National Silver Key Award.

#### THREE FROM NOTRE DAME GET NATIONAL ART HONORS

Two student-artists from Notre Dame Prep, junior Amelia Cumming and senior Kevin Cragg, learned in February that they earned National Gold Key Awards as part of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition, one of the highest awards given by Scholastic. Past winners of the National Gold Key Award include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates.

Cumming won her Gold Key as a result of her painting, "Abby," and Cragg for his colored pencil drawing, "Good and Plenty." Cumming and Cragg will be honored at the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards event planned for June 6, at New York's Carnegie Hall.

In addition, Cumming, for her graphite drawing, "Light Source," and sophomore Koi Edwards, for her graphite drawing, "See No Lies, Caught in a Lie," earned National Silver Key Awards from Scholastic.

In January, Scholastic announced that 19 Notre Dame Prep student-artists earned a total of 40 awards in its regional competition.

#### FOOTBALL COACH ENTERS HALL OF FAME

Notre Dame Prep head football coach Patrick Fox was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association





#### Notre Dame head football coach Patrick Fox

Hall of Fame, which honors and recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the game of football in the state. Fox is the fourth football coach from Notre Dame to be so honored, joining Ed Maloney, Jim MacDougall and Greg Ganfield.

As a member of the MHSFCA for many years, Fox initially found out about the news from one of his association colleagues, who told him to keep it under wraps until the MHSFCA officially released the list of inductees. But Fox had other ideas.

"I found out I was going into the Hall of Fame from a long-time friend, Bob Scheloske," he said. "Bob is a past president of the association and told me I could not say anything to anyone until it was published. But I was so excited, I ended up telling Aaron [Crouse, assistant athletic director], Marty [Simmonds, school administrator] and Betty [Wroubel, athletic director] way ahead of time."

Fox, who holds a master's degree in sports administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Michigan State University, came to Notre Dame in the summer of 2014 with more than 30 years coaching experience from Milford High School in Highland, Mich., where he served as head coach from 2000 to 2007, and again from 2011 through the 2013 season. He began his head-coaching career in 1988 at Ortonville Brandon High School, and in 1989 became varsity coach at Berkley High School in Berkley, Mich., where his teams earned an OAA championship and a spot in the MHSAA round of eight.

Fox coached at Berkley until 1997, when he accepted a position as head coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, where he coached until 2000, earning a record of 16-11. In 2010, Fox served as offensive coordinator on the Northville High School varsity team.

Fox was the winningest head football coach at both Berkley and Milford high schools, and in 1996 and 2002 earned regional coach-of-the-year honors from the MHSAA. He is a nationally sought-after speaker, and is a key contributor to both the Frank Glazier Mega Clinics and Championship Coaching Systems.

#### FRESHMAN SINGS AT CARNEGIE HALL

Since opening in 1891, Carnegie Hall in New York City has been the setting for performances by the world's finest artists, from Tchaikovsky, Dvorák, Mahler and Bartók, to George Gershwin, Billie Holiday, Judy Garland and the Beatles.

You now can add to that list Angela Carraher, a freshman at Notre Dame Prep, who performed in early February at the hal-

lowed venue as part of the 2019 High School Honors Performance Series. Carraher performed in soprano with the Honors High School Choir, one of five Honors Ensembles chosen as the highest-rated high school performers from across the world.

Earlier this year, Carraher auditioned for the Honors Performance Series and was accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board. Acceptance to the elite group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demonstrated in her application and audition recording, according to event organizers. She joined performers from 46 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, several provinces of Canada, Australia, Bermuda, China, Hong Kong, Mexico, Poland, Qatar, and South Korea, for a special performance at the world-famous concert hall, a venue that typically marks the pinnacle of musical achievement.



NDP freshman Angela Carraher

#### FOUR FROM NOTRE DAME PREP SIGN TO PLAY COLLEGE ATHLETICS



In a ceremony held Feb. 7, four senior student-athletes from Notre Dame signed to play athletics at the university level.

Lukas Cusac has committed to attend and play football at Wayne State University; Paige Gollinger will be a member of the cheer team at Adrian College; Stephanie Maniaci will be playing soccer at University of Detroit Mercy; and Michael Winiarski has signed to play football for Siena Heights University.

#### NO. 1 CYBER SLEUTHS

In the latest rounds of the most recent edition of the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, Notre Dame



Prep students Mariana Ortiz Luna ('19), Nolan Kuza ('21), Devin Martin ('19) and Chris Paul ('20) finished as the top team in the state of Michigan.

According to Eden Konja, Notre Dame's director of information and academic technology, the team's total cumulative score from rounds 1 and 2 placed it first

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# Design thinking comes to Notre Dame

New course of study slated to begin next school year incorporates design thinking and Project Invent, an educational concept focused on developing products that directly affect the lives of those in the community with real-world needs. NDPMA will be the first in the U.S. to incorporate Project Invent into curriculum.

**S**am Seidel, who is director of K12 Strategy + Research at the Stanford D.School, known formally as the Hasso Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford University, is charged with rethinking primary and secondary education in the U.S. In an article published in January in *Forbes* magazine, Seidel said a big part of that “rethinking” is what he and the D.School call design thinking.

“The D.School is best known for teaching design thinking and helping build creative confidence in all kinds of different fields,” he said. “While design thinking has been applied to products, including everything from the Apple mouse to better toothbrushes, it can also be used to rethink schools and social systems.”

Seidel went on to say that success in life requires being able to collaboratively solve problems, and what better time to begin that process than when children are in school. He says he’s intensely focused on figuring out what skills “students need to be successful in the 21st century.”

Notre Dame also is addressing those 21st-century skills, most recently with the addition of its stunning new science, art and technology wing, which opened in the fall of 2018, and gives NDPMA students the tools they need to help learn those skills.

Beginning next school year, Notre Dame will be offering a new course as part of its high school science curriculum called Engineering for Social Good, which will feature the pedagogy of Project Invent, a nonprofit organization founded in 2016 to empower high school students to go out into their communities and invent technologies that make a difference.

“Initially, we will offer this class in the fall in the upper school for 11th and 12th grade as a science elective,” said Jocelynn Yaroch, the upper school’s science department co-chair. “We



**The new Engineering for Social Good class will be taught in NDPMA's new robotics center, part of the Timothy J. Easterwood Science, Art and Technology wing.**

also will be offering an abbreviated version as an elective for 8th grade, and it will be called STEM. Louise Palardy, Notre Dame’s STEM specialist and manager of the school’s robotics center, will be teaching both classes.”

According to Palardy, the new class involves creating an impactful technological invention, a business plan, and marketing strategy.

“Each invention has to be created as a result of an individual’s need,” she said. “We will partner with one or more nonprofits in the area and visit them to get an understanding of the problems they are facing. Once we fully understand the problem, we can brainstorm solutions and go through the prototyping phase.”

Palardy said the course also will follow the design cycle with empathy added as the invention created is driven by problems that deeply impact a person’s life in the local community.

“This fits perfectly within our Christian and community service mission, which emphasizes in part that when we know who we are working for, we will go the extra mile,” she said.

Notre Dame initially became aware of Project Invent when ISACS (Independent Schools Association of the Central States) held

its annual conference in Detroit.

“Among many other presentations, Louise and I attended the Project Invent session at the conference at Cobo Center in November,” Yaroch said. “We met Connie Liu, founder and executive director of Project Invent, and we both came away very excited about what this curriculum could mean for our students and how it allows students with design interests beyond robotics to explore those interests. Louise basically took the reins of this initiative and has been communicating regularly with Connie to secure our space as a mentor school.”

Palardy said currently there are only 12 schools across the U.S. using Project Invent, all as an after-school option. She said NDPMA will be the first school to use the program as an integral part of its in-class curriculum.

Palardy, who along with Yaroch, has been certified as an official mentor to teach Project Invent, said there is a minimal annual cost to the school to teach the program. “But included in that cost are one-on-one and cohort support for mentors throughout the year by experts from Stanford D.School, MIT and others, along with four days of intensive design thinking, making, and entrepreneurship training,” she said. “It also will give our students the opportunity to present to top investors and tech leaders in Silicon Valley, and be part of a community of educators who believe that real-world problem-solving means better learning.”

Yaroch noted that solving real-world problems means exactly what it says.

“Louise has already met with Della Lawrence in our school’s campus ministry department to get ideas on community partnerships that we may already have,” Yaroch said. “And after talking to her, it appears that we will have many opportunities in the community for our students to design and make products that will directly address those needs.” ■

in Michigan, beating more than 80 other schools and placing it in the “platinum” tier of teams.

“This year was the first year we made it to the semifinals, as Nolan and Mariana helped lead the charge,” Konja said. “Mariana provided the experience since she competed the last two years. Nolan’s a transfer sophomore and is very knowledgeable. I am very impressed by the talent of these kids. I hope to build a team around them during the next couple of years.”

Sponsored by the Air Force Association, which is based in Arlington, Va., the CyberPatriot competition features teams from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Department of Defense schools in Canada, Australia, Singapore and Hungary.

### NOTRE DAME SENIOR GETS ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN HONORS FROM NSDA

John Kenny, a senior at Notre Dame Preparatory School, earned 2019 Academic All-America honors from the National Speech & Debate Association, a West Des Moines, Iowa-based organization that provides recognition and support for high school and middle school students participating in speech and debate activities.

According to the NSDA, the award recognizes academic rigor, competitive speech and debate success, and personal excellence. Fewer than 1,000 of the more than 141,000 student members of NSDA earn such accolades in a typical year.

“This distinguished award recognizes students who have completed at least five semesters of high school; earned the degree of Superior Distinction in our Honor Society (a total of 750 or more merit points); achieved rigorous criteria for GPA and/or test score requirements; and demonstrated outstanding character and leadership,” said J. Scott Wunn, executive director of NSDA. “This tremendous accomplishment places John among the top 1 percent of all student members across the country.”



NDP senior John Kenny

### NOTRE DAME’S WROUBEL NAMED NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Notre Dame’s Betty Wroubel has been recognized as the national volleyball coach of the year for 2017-18 by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches Association. Wroubel is one of only 23 high school coaches nationwide and the only volleyball coach to earn such an honor from NFHS.

“I am, of course, honored to receive such an award from the NFHS, but for me it’s actually a tribute to all of the great student-athletes I’ve had the opportunity to coach here at Notre Dame,” said Wroubel, who also serves as the school’s athletic director and softball coach. “I’ve also been lucky to be able to coach with awesome assistant coaches during my career who have made it possible for our program to do so well.”

Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, said Wroubel’s

award designates her as among the most elite coaches in the country.

“It specifically recognizes those who are leading their sport, shaping their athletes, and contributing in a positive way to the community,” Niehoff said. “It is our pleasure to recognize Betty as a leader and a role model, and for her many contributions to the youth of the state, community and school.”

Wroubel, whose volleyball teams have earned four Michigan state championships, also was named the state NFHS volleyball coach of the year, which made her eligible for the national award.



NDPMA Athletic Director Betty Wroubel

### TOP 100 NATIONWIDE

Notre Dame’s middle-school debate team was ranked 22nd among the Top 100 School teams nationwide for the 2017-18 school year, a list it shares with 99 high schools. The National Speech & Debate Association says 100 chapters with the largest number of new degrees in the National Forensic League Honor Society receive a Top 100 Schools designation.

“Our Top 100 schools show an incredible commitment to growing speech and debate,” said J. Scott Wunn, executive director of the National Speech & Debate Association. “These programs demonstrate outstanding commitment to the values of integrity, humility, respect, leadership and service that are central to our Code of Honor.”

In addition, LeAnne Schmidt, who teaches the 8th-grade individuals and societies class and 7th-grade writing, and manages debate activities at NDPMA, said the middle school also made the National Speech and Debate Association’s 500 Club, and achieved Pentagon Society designation (top 1 percent of all middle schools) status last year. Club awards are given to schools that meet a certain threshold of strength points.

“Students earn points and degrees in the NSDA honor society based on competitive and service-related activities,” Schmidt said, “ranging from the Degree of Merit with 25 or more points, to the Degree of Premier Distinction with 1,500 or more points.”

### A ‘DISTINGUISHED’ SCHOOL

Notre Dame’s lower school has been recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for its iPad-powered continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment for 2019 to 2021. Only about 400 schools are recognized worldwide by Apple with this designation.

“With the technology integration in the lower school, our students are so much more prepared for their later academic career, as we regularly hear from our middle- and upper-school teachers,” said Eden Konja, director of information and academic technology for NDPMA. “They say the students are creative, can type well, understand file use, and are able to utilize digital tools efficiently.”

The Apple Distinguished School designation is reserved for





Marist Academy lower school principal Diana Atkins, far left, holds a certificate designating her school as an Apple Distinguished School. Joining Atkins are Apple representatives Gabrielle Meyers and Jason Lewandowski, technology teacher Andy Hopkins, and former technology specialist Lin Krankel, who helped spearhead the effort to become an Apple Distinguished School.

programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, and demonstrate a clear vision of exemplary learning environments. NDPMA's lower school went totally one-to-one with iPad use for its students in November of 2013, and upgraded with new devices and an Apple server in 2016.

The school's middle and upper schools became one-to-one with Microsoft Surface tablet use at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

#### FIVE SIGN TO PLAY SPORTS AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL



On the fall National Signing Day, which was November 14, 2018, five senior student-athletes from Notre Dame signed on to play athletics at the college level. Madeline Chinn signed with Purdue University to play volleyball; Maria Famularo will play volleyball at Slippery Rock University; Natalie Risi will play volleyball at Ball State University; Danielle Staskowski will be on the golf team at Central Michigan University; and Morgan Verheyen signed on to play volleyball at the University at Buffalo.

#### TWO FROM NOTRE DAME GET HEISMAN HONORS

In early November, Notre Dame seniors Brad Blakeslee and Sydney Newby were named school winners for the nationally

recognized Wendy's® High School Heisman Award. The two seniors were selected based on their outstanding academic and athletic achievements, and leadership within their communities.

Eligibility for the high school Heisman begins with maintaining a GPA of 3.0 (B average) or better. Applicants also need to be proven leaders and role models within their school and community. And applicants must perform in at least one of the 47 school-sponsored sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games, or the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Newby is a multi-sport athlete at Notre Dame as a member of the bowling, basketball and softball teams. She also was named to the academic all-state team for softball and bowling in 2017-2018.

Blakeslee has played soccer, basketball and baseball each of his four years in the upper division. He also was named to the all-district first team for soccer, and individual academic all-district team for baseball.



Notre Dame seniors Sydney Newby, left, and Brad Blakeslee

#### FIVE NOTRE DAME SENIORS GET SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP



From left, seniors Alejandra Gonzalez, Dixie Lucas, Alena Manzor, Brianna Manzor and Marisol Rodriguez earned 2018 Ric Gonzalez Memorial Foundation scholarships.

In October 2018, Notre Dame seniors Alejandra Gonzalez, Dixie Lucas, Alena Manzor, Brianna Manzor and Marisol Rodriguez were awarded college scholarships sponsored by the Ric Gonzalez Memorial Foundation, marking the 11th consecutive year that Notre Dame students have earned the scholarship.

The Ric Gonzalez Foundation, which since 2004 has been providing college scholarships to students in southeast Michigan, was formed after the passing of Ric Gonzalez, co-founder of automotive- and aerospace-supplier Gonzalez Design Group, based in Madison Heights. So far, according to the foundation, 117 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$407,500.

According to the foundation, the scholarship funds can be used toward whichever college or university the students choose to attend, and can be used for tuition, room and board, or even books and other necessary school supplies.

In 2017, then-seniors Carmen Aranda and Kyle Conroy were awarded the Gonzalez scholarship.

A celebration and awards ceremony for those students receiving the scholarships was held in November at Palazzo Di Bocce in Lake Orion. ■

# Victory is ours

Notre Dame surpasses \$7-million campaign goal, announces victory

**A**t the April 8 meeting of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, the school announced that it had surpassed its goal for the "March on to Victory" campaign, which culminated in a total of \$7 million dedicated to the school's 26,000-square-foot academic wing that opened in August 2018.

The multi-year campaign began in 2015 and was focused on funding for the new science, technology and arts wing that was added to the shared middle- and upper-school campus. The building houses science laboratory facilities, collaborative learning classrooms, a robotics lab, a specially designed greenhouse, and two fine arts studios.

## BEACON OF EXCELLENCE

According to Andy Guest, Notre Dame's head of school, the campaign drew support from 211 community members, including 76 members of the faculty and staff. Initiated in the early stages of the campaign by three staff members, the faculty gift has now exceeded \$150,000. In less than four years, the campaign is the most successful fundraising initiative since the school's founding in 1994.

"We have been a beacon of excellence

**"The decision to contribute to the March on to Victory campaign was really quite an easy one for Lisa and me. We place an incredible value on education; my parents were both educators as are two of my siblings. This project helps make possible the quality of education that parents like us are searching for. The Notre Dame family has helped Lisa and me educate six children and, we were happy to contribute to this endeavor."**

Tom and Lisa Perkins P'13, P'14, P'15, P'20, P'23, P'25



The new Timothy J. Easterwood Science, Art and Technology Wing includes two fine arts studios dedicated solely to the visual arts. The one for students in the upper school, pictured above, features natural lighting, abundant wall and floor space, professional worktables, ample shelving and storage, a kiln room and more. The space also includes a modern gallery to exhibit student-artists' work.

in Catholic education in Oakland County for nearly a quarter century," Guest said. "This addition to our academic campus will give today's students the opportunity to prepare for the college majors and careers of tomorrow in the sciences, botany, robotics, technology and the arts."

Among the contributions received during the campaign were three gifts of \$1 million or more, and 19 additional gifts of \$100,000 or more. Leadership gifts made possible the Melissa Kozyra Greenhouse and Botany Learning Lab, the Timothy J. Easterwood Science, Art and Technology Wing, and several classrooms, fine arts studios, science laboratories, and prayer and meditation spaces in the campus courtyard. Separately, an anonymous gift of \$1 mil-

lion led to new turf and facility upgrades for Notre Dame's softball and baseball fields.

"With the help of our loyal benefactors and the hard work of our campaign staff and volunteers, we truly can say that we've marched on to victory," Guest said.

One of those benefactors is NDPMA board chair emeritus Bill Kozyra and his wife, Melissa, who pledged \$1 million early in the campaign. Their gift facilitated what is now the school's state-of-the-art greenhouse, which already is helping to provide a transformational experience in botany and agriculture education to Notre Dame students.

Kozyra's previous support for the school included a significant gift that helped fund new field turf in the football stadium, since renamed William Kozyra Alumni Field.



## EXCLAMATION POINT

School parent and local businessman Timothy Easterwood's \$1 million gift for the new wing brought the amount raised to \$7 million and effectively brought the campaign to a close.

"Tim's gift is providing a timely exclamation point on our effort to fund the wing, but more importantly, it's giving our students the opportunity to study, collaborate and learn in what I believe to be one of the finest STEM facilities in Michigan," said Guest, Notre Dame's head of school, when the gift was announced last month. "It also allows us to continue to transform our campus into one that provides all of our students, from pre-kindergarten through high school, with an exceptional educational experience rooted in our Catholic faith."

In recognition of Easterwood's contribution to Notre Dame, the school's Board of Trustees voted in March of 2019 to rename the new facility the "Timothy J. Easterwood Science, Art and Technology Wing."

Easterwood, whose daughter, Ella, is a sophomore at Notre Dame, said he was

**"We consider our family blessed to have been a part of the Notre Dame Prep community for many years and wanted to do our small part in the hope that future families can enjoy those same blessings."**

Jesse and Marjorie Lopez P'13, P'19

delighted to be able to help fund the school's new facility.

"I'm pleased to invest in the school's increasing footprint in STEM education," he said. "I'm also confident that current and future students of Notre Dame Prep will be even more prepared and successful in their chosen careers because of this state-of-the-art building."

## RIBBON-CUTTING

The new facility officially was opened on August 17, 2018, when more than 350 individuals attended an official ribbon-cutting along with a number of dignitaries, includ-

The robotics center provides dedicated education, construction, storage and training space; along with mobile work stations that allow for both computer-aided instruction and robot-building space as well as indoor and outdoor work space centrally located between the upper and middle schools. More photos of the new wing begin on page 20.



The new greenhouse provides students with the unique opportunity to explore hydroponic growing systems, which is a new way to develop efficient food sources. Throughout each school year, students studying natural and social science, math, language arts, visual arts and more will benefit from the greenhouse and its garden-like setting.

ing Atlanta Auxiliary Bishop Joel Konzen, s.m., who conducted the blessing ceremony, Pontiac Mayor Dr. Deirdre Waterman, and several members of the Pontiac City Council.

A few of the other attendees at the event had a special appreciation for the continued growth of Notre Dame and its Marist roots. Jim Berch, who is a 1959 alum of Notre Dame in Harper Woods, said then that he was looking forward to touring the new building.

"The word that comes to mind is 'fantastic,'" said Berch, who also taught at

Harper Woods Notre Dame. "I talked with a couple of students here earlier and one, in fact, is going to have four classes in this new wing. I told them to make sure they take advantage of all this. It's got all the latest tech-

**"My experience at NDP provided an incredible foundation for my life. The lessons I learned, both in the classroom and in the robotics team's shop, prepared and inspired me to pursue a career in the robotics field. The new robotics lab funded by the March on to Victory campaign will surely help countless future students to share in those lessons and experiences. I am thrilled to support the school in its efforts to provide more students the opportunity to explore STEM-related fields."**

Andrew Woodcox NDP'08

nology, quite a far cry from when I attended and taught at ND in Harper Woods."

The facility's fine arts studio is dedicated primarily to the visual arts and provides a setting that has been designed to encourage and foster the talent and imagination of Notre



**"I was a student at one of Notre Dame's original 'heritage' schools, St. Frederick of Pontiac. It was a small parish school and provided the best academic education possible with the limited funds at its disposal. I have always been proud of the evolution to its present state as one of the finest schools in our country. I feel that my contribution to the March on to Victory campaign was, in a small way, my salute to the school's ongoing efforts to not only maintain, but to improve, all phases of its curriculum."**

Joe Kleiner SF'50

Dame students. Natural lighting, abundant wall and floor space, proper worktables, ample shelving and storage, a kiln room and more provide a setting that will help Notre Dame's aspiring young student-artists flourish. The space also includes a modern gallery to exhibit student artwork.

## BLOWN AWAY

Fr. Stanley Ulman is a school trustee and pastor of St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Rochester Hills. He also heads up the Pontiac Area Vicariate. After the blessing and ribbon-cutting, he, too, toured the new building and was especially impressed with the robotics lab, but he said the greenhouse and science labs hold a special importance for him.



Tim Easterwood, left, is joined by his daughter, Ella, a sophomore at Notre Dame Prep, and Andy Guest, NDPMA's head of school, in the newly named "Timothy J. Easterwood Science, Art and Technology Wing." Easterwood contributed \$1 million to support STEM education at the preK-12 independent school.



Melissa and Bill Kozyra outside the Melissa Kozyra Greenhouse and Botany Learning Lab in the school's new wing. The Kozyras made a significant gift early in the campaign to encourage other donors to step forward.

"It's truly amazing," he said. "I've been seeing the sketches and architectural drawings, but this is the first time I'm in here and I'm blown away. What an opportunity for the kids. They definitely will want to come back to school with these kinds of facilities. I was in one of the new science labs and I thought, 'Wow, I would have loved to have had a classroom like that when I was in high school.' I believe the kids will want to do even better because they've been given such wonderful tools."

Also on hand at the August ribbon-cutting were campaign co-chairs Daron Gifford and Pat D'Agostini, who were recognized at the April 8 board meeting both for their service to the campaign as well as for their leadership gifts. Special acknowledgments for Gifford and D'Agostini are included in the Mary Courtyard located adjacent to the new wing.

D'Agostini said she couldn't be more pleased with the success of the campaign.

"This project has been a great joy to me, not only as a donor, but also as a former parent and now a grandparent," she said. "We were blessed to have had the faith to move forward with the addition. This beautiful state-of-the-art facility is testament to the generosity and goodwill of the Notre Dame community. I am delighted that our students will be able to benefit from this wing today and well into the future."

To learn more about the new wing and the campaign that led to its construction, visit [ndpma.org/marchontovictory](http://ndpma.org/marchontovictory). ■

# A green



In his "The Teaching of Botany in the High School," published in 1907 in *The School Review* by The University of Chicago Press, author Otis W. Caldwell wrote about the importance of such a subject in secondary school curricula.

"The primary purpose of teaching botany in the high school is found in its relation to the educational and cultural needs of young men and women," Caldwell wrote. "It offers an opportunity for directed experience and a study of the manifestations of life in one of its most important aspects."

And while such words of wisdom came more than 110 years ago, it still is relatively rare to find botany as part of a high school course of study, at least in the U.S. In fact, a study conducted during the 1990s indicated that the percentage of high schools offering botany classes had decreased from over 50 percent in the early 1900s to less than 2 percent by the late 1990s.

All of which points to what a real advantage it is for students in Notre Dame's upper school not only to have botany included in the array of science classes it offers, but also to have such an advanced facility—the new greenhouse—available to study it.

## HYDROPONIC HAVEN

Though the school's new Melissa Kozyra Greenhouse and Botany Learning Lab, which was made possible by a gift from longtime NDPMA supporter and former board chair Bill Kozyra, has been in operation only since late August, it has been a hotbed of activity even through the cooler temperatures and shorter daylight of winter.



# er greenhouse

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"The beauty of having a greenhouse like ours is that we can grow year round," said Carolyn Tuski, Notre Dame's botany teacher and greenhouse manager. "We have a controlled environment where I can regulate the temperature, amount of carbon dioxide, the amount of sunlight and more."

She also said she can adjust the greenhouse environment to fit the specific needs of the plants in order to promote a healthy growing environment for them. So far that has paid off, as Tuski and her students have grown lettuce and kale along with multiple varieties of basil, rosemary and spearmint. Hydroponic lettuce also has been grown.

"When we were in the beginning stages of the hydroponic lettuce, it was very exciting to see our kids work on this alternative method of growing plants," said Tuski, who's also a Notre Dame alum (2010). "We have so much technology and equipment in the greenhouse to help make it a controlled growing environment. And this hydroponic system is one of the most exciting pieces of technology in our greenhouse. It's through this system that we can grow plants without soil. Using a specific recipe for our water and the types of plants we want to grow, we can grow lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers using only the nutrients, water and light."

More recently, students are starting to plant seeds for plants that will be transferred eventually to the Oakland Hills Community Garden and Micah 6 in Pontiac, which oversees its own community gardens, pop-up produce markets and food education programs to create access to healthy food within the greater Pontiac community.

Tuski also noted that she hasn't planted a single seed herself in the

greenhouse.

"My botany students have taken on the responsibility of planting seeds, watering the plants, transplanting them into larger pots and monitoring the plant needs," she said. "I am there to oversee and give my input, but they are the ones doing all the work."

Even though



Hannah Travelbee, an ND Prep senior, is with a new crop of collard greens, which will be donated to those in need in the local communities.

A bumper crop of hydroponic lettuce joins a wide variety of new plants going into new greenhouse

Tuski's botany classes so far are limited to high school students, she does have sixth-grade social studies students working in the greenhouse and learning about human/environmental interactions through the use of growing lettuce and kale. She said they came in every day after school to check on their plants and to ensure they're getting enough water.

## ADDRESSING 'PLANT BLINDNESS'

The spring semester has been a very busy one so far for the greenhouse and the middle school and high school students who are working in it. They are growing many different kinds of annuals, including coleus, dahlias, heliotropes, salvias, pansies and geraniums, according to Tuski.

"Though I love seeing all the green in the greenhouse, I am excited to start introducing more color," she said. "We are planting more vegetables and herbs, including sage, oregano, stevia, broccoli, peppers, pumpkins and zucchini. In addition, we've started our hydroponic tomatoes while continuing with the hydroponic lettuce."

Tuski also noted that one of the main reasons for having a greenhouse in the first place is that students were able to start their "outside plants" earlier.

"Soon we will be taking the plants we started in the greenhouse and transplant them into the outdoor garden beds now that they have thawed," she said.

It's not all planting and transplanting for Tuski's students, however. In her botany classes, which are being held in a classroom near the greenhouse, she is teaching her students the important role that plants play in their lives.

"So often we ignore plants or think of them as just healthy foods to eat, but it goes beyond that," she said. "My goal is to address this 'plant blindness,' and show the students that the study of plants is not only a science, but also an art. These plants are living organisms that are relying on us for survival."

Tuski also wants to ensure that students are aware of some of the major issues affecting agriculture in the 21st century.

"We have talked a great deal in class about the agricultural industry and how we are seeing a decline in young adults entering that field," she said. "We also talk about how you don't have to be a farmer to work in this industry. And we've discussed how some of our everyday actions can impact the environment and climate around us, and how working with plants can help us fight against the many environmental challenges we face today." ■

**"My wife and I both understand the need for more education, relative to the sciences. With the advent of more technological advances being made in our world today, it is essential that we support and promote education in the art and science sectors. Our gift for the science, art and technology wing at Notre Dame certainly accomplishes that objective."**

**Bob and Barb Brzustewicz GP'16, GP'21**

# Creative collaborators

Stations of the Cross come to fruition outside new Easterwood wing after unlikely team gets together on concept, design and fabrication



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According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the object of the Stations of the Cross, sometimes called Way of the Cross, is to help the faithful make a spiritual pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. In their physical forms, the Stations typically are represented by a series of pictures or tableaux representing certain scenes in the Passion of Christ, each corresponding to a particular incident in his sorrowful journey.

The Stations have become "one of the most popular of Catholic devotions," reads the Catholic Encyclopedia, "a devotion carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and devout meditation on the various incidents in turn."

For members of the Notre Dame community, the completion of the new science, art and technology wing brought an additional bonus as the courtyard adjacent to the wing now includes stunning representations of those Stations of the Cross, which were installed in early November after a nearly year-long fabrication effort by Detroit artist Scott Berels.

"I had just finished with this other giant metal rebar project, so it seemed very fitting and the timing was right when I met with Mark and Sandy over at the school," recalled Berels, whose metal-work art has won numerous awards over the years, including from the Detroit Artists Market and ArtPrize.

"Sandy" is Notre Dame art department chair Sandy LewAllen, and "Mark" is longtime NDPMA middle-school religion teacher Mark McGreevy ND'76, who provided the original inspiration for the project.

"All three of us really hit it off," Berels said. "And I think we all were sort of on the same mental

track as far as what the end product would look like. Mark, Sandy and I just really got along well through the concept stage and as we were figuring out how we were going to convey each step of the story. We knew we wanted to do it differently than how it was ever done before, but still make it understandable, too."

This unlikely team of a decidedly nonreligious sculptor and two Catholic schoolteachers had its beginnings even before the bricks and mortar were first laid on the new wing's foundation. That's when McGreevy first approached school administrators about his idea to install the Stations near the new facility.

After NDPMA Corporate President Fr. Leon Olszowski, s.m., and Head of School Andy Guest both agreed to explore the project, McGreevy put together a number of sketches to help define what his vision was for each of the Stations. Olszowski and Guest immediately signed off and the project was begun.

## FROM CONCEPT TO COMPLETION

But first they needed to find someone to make those sketches a reality.

"I originally reached out to a group of metal artists I was aware of based in Detroit," LewAllen said. "Scott Berels was highly recommended, so we met with him and knew immediately that he was the right person. His previous work in metal was not only creative, it was inspiring."

For Berels, he said that in the beginning, after receiving the green light for the project, he told McGreevy he initially was going to be in listen-only mode.

"I said to Mark that he's more of the conceptual expert on this project, although I'm also going to do my own homework and chime in where



The eighth Station, "Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem," proved to be more difficult to fabricate than the others and was changed a number of times before arriving at this rendering. All the pieces were designed to eventually take on a weathered, rusted surface finish.



appropriate,” he said. “But you know, at the end of the day, I told him that he was going to be the guy who says yes or no during the entirety of the project.”

Berels said he started with McGreevy’s basic compositional images and then elaborated on them, or simplified them in some cases. He cited the eighth Station of Jesus greeting the women of Jerusalem as a good example of this.

“Mark and I had a really, really interesting time with that one, as we went back and forth with at least four or five different iterations. Mark’s original sketch showed these numerous delicate hands almost touching the face of Jesus. But we totally changed that composition to be more minimal and yet more impactful.”

McGreevy agreed that that particular piece presented some additional challenges.

“It looked really nice on paper, but the reality of doing it in steel posed a huge problem,” he said. “Scott and I got together and we tried to ‘imply’ rather than depict a woman’s touch, a caress, if you will, on Christ’s face. I suggested only one hand versus many reaching and embracing Christ’s face, and Scott did a great job interpreting that idea. He also added strands of hair that ran through the hand, giving it that extra touch.”

## FLOURISHING CAREER

Berels’ “extra touch” has been evident on many projects over the course of a career that began during his last year of high school at Birmingham Seaholm, which is where “this whole art thing first started,” he said.

He would go on to earn degrees from Oakland Community College and Wayne State University, where he studied photography and sculpture. Today, happily ensconced in a studio/workshop near Corktown in Detroit, Berels specializes in sculpture, especially metalwork sculpture, and fabrication and CNC applications. He has earned numerous accolades and scholarships, and has held solo and group exhibitions at Detroit’s 555 Gallery, the College for Creative Studies, MOCAD Detroit, Wayne State University, and the Cass Cafe, among many others.

His work and reputation also have led to many commissions, including a special metalworked sign for the front of Jack White’s Third Man Records store that opened in 2015 in Detroit’s Cass Corridor. Berels’ sculptural style has been compared to “graffiti using recycled metal,” and one of his go-to materials is rebar, or reinforced steel bars, which typically are used to help reinforce concrete roads, bridges and building structures.

## TRIP TO ISRAEL

According to McGreevy, it was Berels’ familiarity with welding and metal pieces like rebar that helped turn the Stations project into such a success.

“My initial reaction after we started on the project back in January was that it was going to take a lot longer than I thought,” McGreevy said. “Some of the Stations were way too complex, and we knew some of them needed to be redefined. It’s a very complicated medium to work with. At the same time, however, I was very excited to see everything get going.”

McGreevy noted that in the case of the Station that depicts Veronica wiping the face of Jesus, a trip he took to Israel in 2018 was



**Middle-school religion teacher Mark McGreevy ND’76 came up with the inspiration and design for the school’s new Stations of the Cross installation.**

instrumental in a redefining of its design.

“I actually learned there that Veronica was not the actual name of the woman, so it placed a bit of a different value on the cloth part of my original sketch,” he said. “That is how we ended up with the final piece, which most people I have talked to like the most. It puts emphasis on the cloth itself rather than the woman. It’s also a good example of how things were changed throughout this process because of the complexity of the original design versus the materials Scott was using. However, I think those redesigns are extremely successful.”

## PERFECT TEAM

Also successful, according to McGreevy, was the rather unique relationship he established with the artist.

“Scott was so easy to work with,” he said. “I think at first he was skeptical and held back a little. He does not have a strong Catholic background, but I actually viewed that as an asset, not a hindrance.”

McGreevy said Berels was like a “tabula rasa,” or blank slate, when it came to religion, which, he said, allowed for a unique perspective of Catholic history.

“From the start I told him that he is the artist and I will rely on his judgement and creativity,” McGreevy said. “I think he felt comfortable with that idea as we built trust in each other.”

It’s a process McGreevy is very familiar with due to his early years as a practicing architect.

“Back then I often had to develop relationships with the tradesmen,” he said. “It is a strange sort of thing because each job I was required to



**Noted Detroit artist Scott Berels collaborated with McGreevy on special Stations of the Cross sculptures installed outside the school’s new science, art and technology wing.**

show that I knew what I was talking about, yet at the same time I was not a threat to them. I think Scott was a little like that in the beginning: ‘Who is this old guy and he’s probably not going to listen to me at all.’ I think in the end the product speaks for itself. It was a great collaboration, and I would do it again the very same way.”

For Berels, he, too, was very happy with the working relationship with McGreevy.

“I think he really kind of broke out of his mold a little bit with me,” he said. “It was funny, when people would observe us working together they would say things like ‘Wow, you guys really are an awesome team.’ And we both would look at each other and laugh. But it’s true, we really were an awesome team.”

Berels noted that despite their obvious differences, no issues ever arose.

“We just kept in really good contact along the way and during every meeting we had,” he said. “Mark was so enthusiastic. I was constantly surprised by his reactions every time he came down here to my studio, which was at least five or six times during the project.”

Now, as the Stations of the Cross are gathering a more pronounced oxidized “patina”—all by design, according to both McGreevy and Berels—Notre Dame’s Sandy LewAllen weighs in with her overall assessment of their collaboration, which she can easily see just outside her new art room.

“The medium of metal itself has many limitations, but Mark and Scott’s way of using it as a way to tell the story of Christ’s Passion is nothing short of remarkable,” she said. “The abstract designs draw us in and encourage us to meditate on the shapes and forms that depict each special Station of the Cross. They are gorgeous and occupy a perfect setting for our students and staff to draw nearer to Christ by contemplating and meditating on each station.” ■









Another key component of the academic expansion in the new wing is a 1,200 square-foot robotics lab and 850 square-foot adjoining classroom that provides dedicated education, construction, storage and training space; mobile work stations that allow for both computer-aided instruction and robot-building space, and indoor and outdoor work spaces that are centrally located between Notre Dame's upper and middle schools.





The Melissa Kozyra Greenhouse and Botany Learning Lab has been designed to be a powerful environmental education tool for Notre Dame students of all ages. The facility also provides students with the unique opportunity to explore hydroponic growing systems, providing a new way to develop efficient food sources.







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# Fields of dreams



Athletic department and student-athletes benefit from philanthropy, technology, hard work and devotion to mission

**O**n April 12, 2018, less than eight months after Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy first announced that it will renovate its softball and baseball fields, the school hosted a special dedication when students, athletes, alumni and school administration officials came together to celebrate the new facilities with a “Bless the Bats” ceremony.

The ceremony included a hospitality tent with food and refreshments, introductions of alumni, former coaches and administrators, remarks by school and athletic administrators, and a formal blessing of the new fields by Notre Dame Corporate President Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m.

The \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor supported the installation of field turf on both diamonds along with an improved drainage system. New backstops were added as were new bullpens and batting cages. In addition, the softball dugouts were replaced and the baseball dugouts were upgraded. A permanent press box is expected to be added at the baseball field.

“This unbelievably generous gift to Notre Dame and its athletic department ensures that our softball and baseball complex will provide the best possible environment for our student-athlete ballplayers,” Betty Wroubel, Notre Dame’s athletic director, assistant principal and head softball and volleyball coach, said when the renovations were first announced. “Coupled with the recent upgrades to our stadium, we believe we have one of the finest high school athletic facilities in southeast Michigan.”

As spring sports now are running at full speed, the athletic department of Notre Dame was again looking forward to finishing another great season of sports for the Fighting Irish. The department also can look back at a school year full of accolades and accomplishments that to date include a team state championship in girls ski and individual state championships for Danielle Staskowski in girls golf and Rhianna Hensler in girls swimming, plus Miss Volleyball honors for Maddy Chinn, who helped her team finish this latest season as the state runner-up.

In January, Wroubel was recognized as the national volleyball coach of the year for 2017-18 by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches Association, one of only 23 high school coaches nationwide and the only volleyball coach to earn such an honor from NFHS. And in March, Pat Fox, Notre Dame’s head football coach, was named to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame.

When it finally wraps up in early June, the 2018-19 school sports season at NDPMA likely will be one for the ages as its athletic department continues to manage one of the busiest school programs in the state.

“The only official MHSAA sport we don’t offer is gymnastics,” said Aaron Crouse, Notre Dame’s assistant athletic director and head hockey coach. “Plus, we offer equestrian, figure skating and dance as non-MHSAA sports. We’re pretty much maxed out. In fact, I believe we offer more than some of the other independent schools in the area, including many of the larger schools.”



Adding up some facts published recently by the department, for the last full year of athletic activities at NDPMA (2017-18), the school oversaw almost 1,000 contests, 318 at home, 680 away.

"This year, it definitely will be more than a thousand," said Maureen Radulski, the school's other assistant athletic director and coach of 5th/6th grade girls basketball. "And again we will host between 300 and 400 contests, including MHSAA games."

The last full year of statistics compiled by the athletic department listed even more eye-popping numbers, including that more than 900 student-athletes and 157 coaches participated on 79 teams during the 2017-18 fall, winter and spring seasons. The department also managed nearly 400 kids during last summer's athletic camps program.

Keeping everything on track in an athletic program as complex as Notre Dame's requires nearly 24/7 dedication by its staff, which, in addition to Wroubel, Radulski and Crouse, includes Sue Emerick, the department's administrative assistant; strength and conditioning coach Jake Siebert; athletic trainer Chris Polsinelli; and game manager Duane Holmes.

In addition to their NDPMA responsibilities, the department is very involved in professional development on both the learning and teaching side. Wroubel, Radulski and Crouse have presented at and presided over the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) conference, and Radulski and Wroubel have taught classes and presented at the MHSAA Women in Sports conference. And all three have served on numerous committees for both the MHSAA and MIAAA.

Even though they manage one of the largest non-university sports programs, the three NDPMA athletic administrators actually slowed down enough to reflect on what makes them proud of their school and its sports program, as well as what they might see as any challenges.

"I am proud of the fact that our school mission is always 100 percent uppermost in our minds when we are making decisions—any decisions—that involve our student-athletes and our coaches," said Radulski, who helps campus ministry and Fr. Ron Nikodem, s.m., in promoting the school's SportsLeader program, which works with the NDPMA coaching staff to incorporate methods and curriculum based on the program's four pillars: virtue, mentoring, ceremony and Catholic identity.

She also said she's proud of the consistent engagement with the coaches on an almost daily basis.

"With 50 to 60 coaches every season, the personal connections that we try to make with them, and how we constantly stress that all we do must revolve around the mission, is critical," she said. "The

professionalism, the connections, the mentoring, the classes and professional development we offer is second to none, I believe. I am just super-proud of our coaches and how they relate to the kids."

Wroubel, who has been on campus since 1979 when the school was known as Pontiac Catholic High School, adds that she also is proud of Notre Dame's coaches education program.

"I'm very happy the school has been able to fund the many coaches development sessions they attend each year," she said. "All of our varsity head coaches are mandated to take classes in CPR and AED, and they have to take one CAP (Coaches Advancement Program) class put on by the MHSAA. Many have taken even more than what's mandated. Like Maureen, I also am proud that our coaches go above and beyond to make sure they are doing right by our kids."

The high-flying athletic program at Notre Dame is not without a few challenges, though, and Wroubel, who's also presided over na-



tional conferences of athletic directors, quickly gets to the heart of one of them.

"The benefits of multi-sport participation are well known," she said. "And we always are encouraging our students to try to play a sport in at least two of the three seasons we host at Notre Dame. But many of our kids decide to specialize in only one sport, which sometimes drives overall athletics participation at the school down. I also know that we hardly are alone in dealing with this issue, as I hear it from many of my colleagues all over the state."

Crouse agrees, and added that the rise of club and travel sports combined with the constantly changing rules and regulations of the MHSAA also is impacting Notre Dame's program.

"The kids are being forced to make choices, which means that maybe a student-athlete who could be a two- or three-sport athlete at our school instead has a private trainer or plays for a club in an effort to get a college scholarship," he said. "If you're a private trainer or coach, your income is derived from getting these kids into your fold. So we have competing forces with us at school on the one hand talking up educational athletics and the benefits of playing multiple sports and playing with your friends versus those outside for-profit entities that are pushing the kids in a different direction. I think that's a big part of why we're seeing overall participation in our teams and in teams from many other schools around the country trending a bit downward."

Crouse, however, looks at the future of NDPMA athletics as a

- Average cumulative GPA for a Notre Dame Prep student-athlete: 3.65
- Average ACT score for a NDP student-athlete: 26.8 (class of 2018)
- 70% of NDP students play at least one sport
- 69% of NDPMA middle school students play at least one sport
- 998 contests were completed (318 home, 680 away)
- Sponsored an intramural program that included 45 participants

The most recent statistics (2018) compiled by Notre Dame's athletic department show a vibrant and healthy program.



Notre Dame's new Pixellot system will be similar to those installed across the country, including this one at Dartmouth College's Memorial Field.

positive one despite the few challenges.

"I'm especially proud of what we've done with our facilities that I believe will continue to pay dividends for us," he said. "Since I came here five years ago, we pretty much upgraded everything, including the turf and structural upgrades to our football, baseball and softball facilities. Also, we do a lot of things on a regular basis that other schools simply do not do, period. For sure, it's a big process to put all these construction projects together, but it's worth it. I will put up our great facilities against most any school in the area."

Crouse also announced that the school soon will be installing innovative and unique technology to broadcast its games in NDPMA's main gymnasium and stadium on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA) NFHS Network.

"The games will be broadcast using a Pixellot camera system mounted in the school's main gymnasium and at Kozyra Alumni Field," Crouse said. "We'll be able to live-stream games on the NFHS network without any manpower. This system will use computer-vision technology to seamlessly follow the actions and capture and produce games without the need for a video crew. Game footage is automatically streamed to the portal, where it can be watched live or on demand."

He said the system's software tracks the action, pans and zooms, and automatically captures audio from the gym or field, and even puts the score on the screen.

"This Pixellot system's hardware and software are being funded through the NDPMA Booster Club, and installation has been generously donated by a school parent," Crouse said. "We'll have more details as we get closer to installation, but it's expected to be fully operational before we open the upcoming fall sport season. We're very excited about this, as we'll be one of only a few schools in the area with this cool, new technology." ■

# 'Kindness a

Senior Brad Blakeslee started his Notre Dame career in pre-kindergarten. Now, as he heads into the busy homestretch of his 14-year journey through NDPMA—which will formally end May 19 at graduation—Blakeslee finds a little time to reflect on what the school has meant to him as well as what he might tell younger versions of himself who may be considering a Notre Dame education.

"I would tell any prospective student that Notre Dame, first of all, is a very welcoming community," he said. "I also would say that everyone at the school wants what's best for you and they'll do whatever is possible to help you achieve your goals."

He'd say that the opportunities at NDPMA for students are endless because one can be a part of so many different clubs or activities. And he'd say the faculty is very determined to help.

"Once you step on campus, I can't stress it enough, you will always feel welcomed," he said.



With coach Whitney Robinson ND'98, senior Brad Blakeslee's been a fixture in the basketball program since he was a freshman. He also plays soccer for Notre Dame.

"Personally, I feel that after my time at Notre Dame, I am going to be totally prepared for the next years ahead of me," said Blakeslee, who plans on attending Michigan State University in the fall. "And I've formed so many great friendships over these years that I believe most if not all will last a lifetime."

One of those long-lasting friendships likely will be with Tina McLaughlin, who teaches fifth grade at Notre Dame's lower school. She remembers Blakeslee as a kind and considerate young man.

"He was a very focused student and even then an exceptional



# nd determination'

Current senior, who's had a blast playing sports at Notre Dame, began school in pre-kindergarten and says the school mission drives him to be the very best version of himself.

athlete," she said. "Brad was one of those students you will always remember; he just stood out with his kindness and determination. He was that one student who all the teachers enjoyed having in class."

Another former teacher, Kelly Patterson, who now is vice principal of the middle division, also recalls Blakeslee.

"I taught Brad seventh-grade language and literature, and he was just a great all-around person," Patterson said. "He embodies the mission of our school because he's balanced academically, socially and spiritually. In my classroom, he always put forth effort and care in his work, and above all was polite. Brad will look you in the eye and shake your hand or say 'hello' in a very genuine way."

Blakeslee as well refers to the school mission when defining his tenure on campus at NDPMA.

"I feel that the school mission has helped me try to be the best version of myself every single day, when I'm at school or when I'm not," he said. "Whether it's saying hello to someone in the hallway, holding the door open for a fellow classmate, or helping out those in the community, the school mission shapes the way I try to live my life every day."

That attention to serving others actually led to the nomination of Blakeslee for this year's High School Heisman Award, which goes to student-athletes who are proven leaders and role models within their school and community.

A soccer, basketball and baseball player each of his four years at Notre Dame Prep, Blakeslee was named to the all-district first team for soccer, and to the individual academic all-district team for



Blakeslee began school at Notre Dame in pre-kindergarten. He plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall and is considering business or journalism as a major.

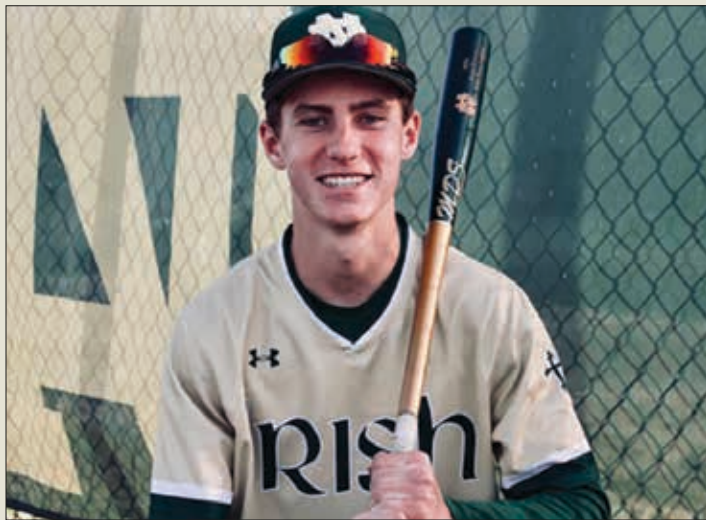
baseball. In addition, he has been involved in the NDP Peer Leader program, which helps incoming freshmen make smooth transitions into high school. And he's on the Varsity Club board, which helps promote athletics throughout the student body. Moreover, he's a member of the National Honor Society (NHS).

Blakeslee, who's brother, Brian, graduated NDP last May and sister Bree, a seventh grader in Notre Dame's middle school, also includes Irish Week among the special memories at Notre Dame that he will hold dear for many years, if not forever.

"Irish Week is simply an awesome way to spend a fun time with your classmates," he said. "But the most fulfilling part of my time at Notre Dame by far is all of the connections that I have established. Whether those are from the sports that I've played or the classes that I've taken, the relationships I've made here I think truly will last a lifetime."

He said that besides Irish Week, probably the most fun for him at NDPMA has been athletics.

"Playing three sports has given me lots of amazing memories, and attending football games on Friday nights is always a blast as well," said Blakeslee, who is considering business or journalism as a major at MSU. "I also will not forget my experience at Kairos, which was incredibly special." ■



Blakeslee currently is in his fourth straight year of playing high school baseball for the Irish.

# A WORD FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR



Spring has sprung! An early sign of spring around campus comes with Irish Week each year. Once again the senior class dominated the games and brought home the trophy. Thanks to all of you who participated in the Irish Week Challenge. More than \$13,000 was raised in one week!

As the school year winds down, summer planning for the alumni association is in full swing. We hope you will find a way to stay connected through one of our events or other alumni programming.

We are excited to reignite our class captain program! The rebranded Alumni Ambassador program will help keep classes connected. We are looking for two or three volunteers per class from all our heritage schools to serve on behalf of their class. The ambassadors will be responsible for:

- Attending one annual meeting
- Helping update class information
- Helping recruit classmates for alumni event engagement
- Planning reunions
- Serving as a direct communication line to their class

Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering and representing your class.

Last fall, many of our Notre Dame Preparatory School alumni completed a survey about their student experience. Our national consulting firm for independent schools, ISM, compared what you told us with feedback from current students and parents. Some of your highlights include feeling well-prepared for college, having the positive influence

of faculty in your lives, and receiving a well-rounded education. Check out the article to the right for more details. A big thank you to the alumni who participated in this survey!

### Looking ahead

- We are excited to develop a more robust alumni career network to create a place where you can connect with other alumni from all our schools, possibly to find a job, post a job, partner, mentor or sell.
- Look for a traveling Irish reception in your area! Petoskey and Chicago up next!
- Homecoming is set for September 20, 2019. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

I always look forward to seeing our alumni return to campus and to get a chance to meet more and more of you each year. If you are stopping by to see a teacher or visit a team or activity you were once part of, do not hesitate to stop by the Fr. Colin House and introduce yourself. I would love to meet you!

Beth Campbell  
Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

## NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

The Notre Dame Alumni Association is more than 11,400 members strong with graduates from five different high schools, including Notre Dame Preparatory School and its four heritage schools.

|  | Alumni members | Mascot         | Colors        |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Notre Dame Preparatory School (1994-present)     | 3,310          | Fighting Irish | green/gold    |
| Notre Dame High School (1954-2005)               | 6,315          | Fightin' Irish | green/white   |
| Pontiac/Oakland Catholic High School (1967-1994) | 438*           | Titans         | green/white   |
| St. Michael High School (1921-1967)              | 724            | Shamrocks      | blue/gray     |
| St. Frederick High School (1897-1967)            | 638            | Rams           | crimson/cream |

\* We actively are searching for the names and addresses of graduates from Pontiac/Oakland Catholic.



# Alumni told us, ‘We were well prepared’

Latest alumni survey bears out what we’ve known for years: a Notre Dame Prep education is a tremendous springboard into college, career, life

Last fall we surveyed Notre Dame Preparatory School alumni about their student experience and how it prepared them for college. ISM, a national consulting firm for independent schools, which conducted the survey, compared what alumni told us with feedback from current students and parents. More than 300 alumni responded with accolades as well as recommendations to improve our academic community.

More than half the members of the Notre Dame Alumni Association are very satisfied or extremely satisfied with the content and frequency of communications from the school. Six-out-of-10 said they are pleased with invitations to alumni events, including a growing interest in hosting reunions. A few gave high marks for how Notre Dame helps its alumni with professional networking.

The results were clear that an Irish education prepares its graduates for college. When the Marist Fathers and Brothers founded the school in 1994, they intended for Notre Dame to be “the school of choice in Oakland County,” and that’s true today. You can see some highlights from the survey in the graphic at the bottom of this page.

The comments we received ranged from praise to constructive criticism. One of the themes we read from alumni—and current students in another survey—was how to strike the balance between academic excellence and opportunities for personal growth outside the classroom. Head of School Andy Guest has made the health and wellbeing of students as

well as sustaining a diverse and inclusive learning environment among his top priorities. The new schedule announced for the 2019-2020 academic year is a good example of the changes we are making to benefit students and families. ■



## ALUMNI SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

### Why did you choose Notre Dame?

1. Academic preparation
2. Class size
3. Size of school
4. Faculty expertise
5. Faculty care and concern

### How did Notre Dame prepare you for college and beyond?

1. Write effectively
2. Think and solve problems logically and analytically
3. Pursue excellence
4. Communicate orally
5. Independently manage time and responsibilities
6. Think and solve problems creatively and originally

### The majority of respondents strongly agreed with these statements:

- In general, I was well prepared by the school for the academic challenges of my further education. (62%)
- Faculty were a positive influence in my life while attending the school. (59%)
- Overall, I received a well-rounded education at the school. (55%)

Source: Independent Schools Management (ISM), alumni survey, 319 responses, fall 2018.



# Notre Dame homecoming

Notre Dame Alumni Association announces that September 20 is the date for homecoming tailgate, football game



Last year on homecoming weekend, Notre Dame Prep football played Portland High School.

**T**he Notre Dame Alumni Association announced in early April that the 2019 Homecoming game for Notre Dame Prep is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 20, when the Fighting Irish football team battles Berkley High School at Kozyra Alumni Field.

A Friday evening full of activities will be hosted across campus beginning with a pre-game tailgate for alumni at the Fr. Colin House at 5 p.m. followed by the game at 7 p.m.

"We always look forward to welcoming our extended alumni family to homecoming," said Beth Campbell, Notre Dame's director of alumni relations. "It's a wonderful opportunity for alumni from Notre Dame Prep, along with our heritage schools Notre Dame High School, Pontiac/Oakland Catholic, St. Michael and St. Frederick, to get together, exchange great memories and make new ones."

ND Prep's homecoming opponent, the Berkley Bears, finished their 2018 campaign at 2-7. The Irish posted a 4-5 record in 2018, but look forward to an improved 2019 season.

"We were young in 2018, and will bring back eight starters on offense and six on defense," said Irish head coach Patrick Fox. "And we will still be quite young considering that last year we started five 10th graders. I am also very excited about playing Berkley at homecoming, and one of our longtime rivals, Divine Child, during the season. Plus, our schedule includes a really talented Linden club as well."

More details on homecoming will be announced by the ND Alumni Association when the next issue of IRISH magazine is published and as events are finalized. For more information, contact the Notre Dame Alumni Association at 248-373-2171, ext. 3, or [bcampbell@ndpma.org](mailto:bcampbell@ndpma.org). Check out the NDAA web page at [ndpma.org/alumni](http://ndpma.org/alumni). ■





# game set for Sept. 20, 2019





# Medical matters

Medicine was the topic of conversation between Notre Dame students and alumni working in the healthcare field at latest alumni career event



Mike Kastler ND'75, left, a member of NDAA's board, introduces the panel speakers to students at a February career event.

**A**n eager group of Notre Dame Prep students were on hand Feb. 1, 2019, in the school's media center for the latest edition of the Alumni Career Speaker Series, which is sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association. This session, the 10th such event, revolved around careers in medicine.

Mike Kastler, a Notre Dame alum from the Class of 1975 and a member of the association's board of directors, moderated the discussion between students and two alums who have become successful

in the field of medicine: Dr. John Putnam NDP'03, owner, founder and physical therapist at Back To You Osteopracitic Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation in Royal Oak, Mich.; and David Knesek, D.O., NDP'99, an orthopedic surgeon at Detroit Medical Center (DMC) Medical Group. Knesek also is a clinical faculty member at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Alumni Career Speaker Series, which was first initiated with an engineering event in September of 2015 by Beth Campbell, director of alumni and donor relations, is an effort to match current NDP students with alumni professionals across a range of disciplines.

"These events prove time after time that students at Notre Dame are very interested in what their next steps could be in terms of college majors and careers," Campbell said. "We're very happy that we can continue to host these types of events. We also encourage all our alumni to consider participating in future career events, which we hope to begin planning after our association board meeting in May."

"Please give me a call or email to find out more about the series or to sign up for an upcoming session," she added.

Campbell's email is [bcampbell@ndpma.org](mailto:bcampbell@ndpma.org) and phone number is 248-373-2171, ext. 3. ■



The first Alumni Speaker Series event was held in September of 2015 at Notre Dame Prep and featured alumni working in the engineering fields.



**W**hen we last spoke with alum Jermaine Johnson II NDP'15, he had just returned to the campus of Loyola Marymount University, a private Jesuit school located in Los Angeles, Calif., after a long Christmas break in Michigan, where he caught up with many friends and family members. He was in the homestretch of a college career that began—like many new college students—with a major that eventually got switched to a different one.

"I came into college as an accounting major primarily because of the accounting class I took at NDP with Ms. [Joanne] Beauchamp," he said. "But I've also always been passionate about sports and writing, and one of my closest friends

passion, I also have a high interest in other news and entertainment. Hopefully I can overlap all those interests into one job in the future."

He is, in fact, already overlapping those interests. That's because he's a staff writer and sports video producer for the Los Angeles Loyolan, an LMU student-run newspaper published weekly for the greater university community.

"I started at The Loyolan as a sports intern," said Johnson, who also spent a semester studying abroad at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. "I used to cover the various sports teams at LMU for The Loyolan's print and digital platforms."

Currently, Johnson's primary responsibili-



**Ever the optimist, Johnson still is a Detroit Lions fan even though he currently lives and attends school in California. However, LMU's mascot also is a lion, so we're not quite sure which lion he's promoting in the photo. Maybe both?**

# Major marketer

Notre Dame alum makes a u-turn with university major and soon will graduate with a degree in marketing

was taking steps to become a broadcaster. I saw everything he was doing, and that inspired me to change my career path."

Johnson promptly "readjusted" his major to marketing, and picked up minors in journalism and African-American studies.

"I knew I would be more passionate about a career in sports than accounting," he said. "I eventually want to be on camera, but I also love writing and will do that as I work my way to the front of the camera. Although sports is my true

ties revolve around producing content for a show he developed himself called End 2 End. During each episode, he interviews different LMU athletes and highlights their lives with a focus on what they do outside of sports.

In addition to his job at The Loyolan, Johnson serves as a resident advisor and student assistant in admissions, and has worked as a new student orientation leader. He's also been very active in a number of other student-led organizations, including serv-

ing as the president of a club called "Brothers of Consciousness," a group of black males at LMU dedicated to serving their community. In addition, he's currently vice president of LMU's chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and is a member of the Black Student Union, which helps facilitate unity within the black community on and off campus by means of cultural awareness, spiritual enrichment, community service, social avenues, and academic and professional development.

Obviously a busy student, Johnson credits Notre Dame Prep with helping to get him ready for university academics and the sometimes hectic life on campus.

"NDP vastly prepared me for the rigor of college," he said. "I made the Dean's List during my freshman year, and I owe a lot of that to the strong foundation established in high school. While occasionally there were times when I struggled because LMU is such a super-challenging school, I always felt, thanks to NDP, that I always had the right tools necessary to succeed."

Johnson also noted that he was a bit unprepared at first for Los Angeles and the scene there that initially was kind of a culture shock for him. "In LA," he said, "I am constantly surrounded by a diverse array of looks, lifestyles and beliefs, which is fantastic."

But he also believes that the way Notre Dame interwove its mission into just about everything he encountered in high school gave him a great head start in working and helping those in the Los Angeles community who need a helping hand.

"I think NDP's focus on its mission played a huge role in my current passion for serving others," he said. "A lot of the extracurriculars during my time at LMU require me to be a resource for others, and NDP definitely helped me learn the importance of being that resource." ■



Jermaine Johnson II NDP'15 is shown recording a segment for a show he developed called End 2 End. During each episode of the show, he interviews different LMU athletes and highlights their lives with a focus on what they do outside of sports.



# Road scholar

Decades of civil engineering work on behalf of the citizens of Wayne County initially were inspired by alum's drafting classes in high school

**I**t is no secret that roads, highways and bridges in Michigan are generally in rough shape. It's also not a secret that funding the repair and replacement of Michigan roads is a subject of great debate for residents and for politicians in Lansing and other seats of government in the state who make those funding decisions.

For one Notre Dame alum, aside from those funding woes, there never is any debate on what it takes to get some of those projects done, especially those in Wayne County.

That's because Ron Agacinski, a 1974 graduate of Notre Dame, is director of engineering for the county's road commission, and he's been working behind the scenes on many road and public works projects in Wayne County for 39 years. He also says the seeds of that engineering expertise were planted at his high school.

"Our office designs and oversees construction projects on roads and bridges," said Agacinski, who holds bachelor and master's degrees from Wayne State University's College of Engineering. "We are the 'orange barrel engineers,' so to speak."

He noted that while the tools of his trade now are much more sophisticated than when he started, it was his drafting classes at Notre Dame that sparked his interest in civil engineering.

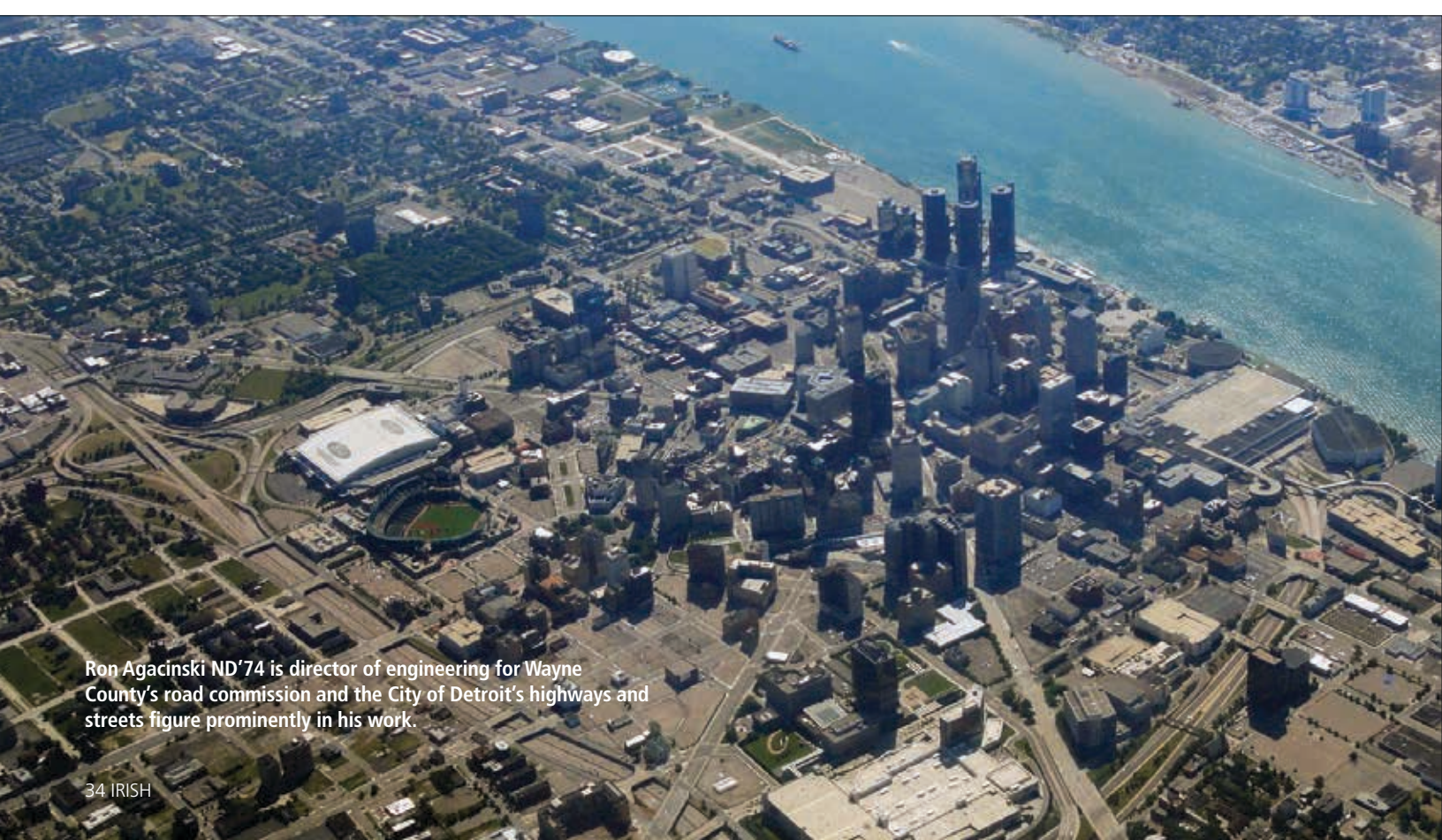
"When I began as an Engineer 1 for the county, I was doing hand drafting of construction plans," he said. "And I have to thank drafting

teachers Fr. [Raymond] Ouellette and Mr. [George] Geck at NDHS for giving me that head start. I eventually advanced up to Engineer 7, deputy director and then director of engineering. I also work as the county's planning engineer and schedule major road- and bridge-improvement projects."

One of those projects began with a freak accident in River Rouge in 2015 when a bascule bridge accidentally was lowered by an operator—later found out to be drunk—as a freighter was passing on the Rouge River. The bridge was heavily damaged and remained in the upright position blocking traffic in both directions on Jefferson Avenue for nearly three years due to the complexity of the work involved in its eventual repair.

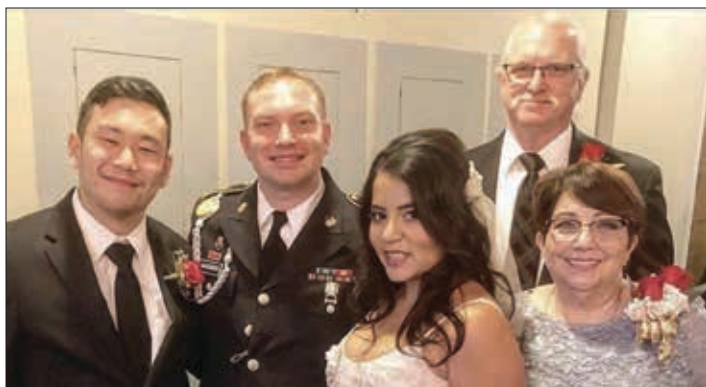
"It was a very technical engineering process to get it designed and bid out," said Agacinski in a news article published by the Southgate News-Herald. He cited the amount of force that severed steel parts during the accident and the workload involved in rebuilding it. "Bridges in Florida and Illinois have experienced similar high-impact accidents in the past, too," he said.

Agacinski was a member of the design team for the bridge carrying the runway and taxiway over John D. Dingell Drive at Metro Airport. He's also performed design work on several railroad bridges over roadways, and designed rehabilitation work on many movable span (draw-bridge and swing span) bridges in the county. And in 1985, he initiated the computer-aided-drafting (CAD) office for the county's engineering



Ron Agacinski ND'74 is director of engineering for Wayne County's road commission and the City of Detroit's highways and streets figure prominently in his work.





**Ron Agacinski ND'74, upper right, is with his family at the recent wedding of his daughter. From left, sons Brian and Joseph ND'03, daughter, Katherine, and wife, Patricia.**

division.

A longtime member of the Grosse Pointe community, Agacinski and his wife, Patricia, a retired pediatric nurse, have been married for 35 years. He's also proud to talk about his children.

"Joseph ND'03 is my oldest at 34 years old," he said. "Joe is a sergeant in the United States Army as well as a professional bassoonist with the Army's orchestra. He is currently posted in Anchorage, Alaska, after being in Germany for the past five years. Katherine, our middle child, is currently working at Grosse Pointe South High School as a paraprofessional in special education. She was born in El Salvador, and was adopted by us at 9 months of age. She was just married and lives with her husband in Grosse Pointe Woods. Finally, Brian, who is our youngest, is a chef, specializing in sushi along with Japanese and Korean cuisine. He was born in Seoul, South Korea, and was adopted by us at 6 months of age. He also lives in Grosse Pointe Woods."

Meanwhile, back to discussing NDHS, Agacinski, whose three brothers also attended Notre Dame (Robert ND'65, Thomas ND'72 and David ND'79), had more props for his high school and for a couple of other teachers he had there.

"From ND, I learned that hard work and perseverance is required to succeed and, most importantly, that math is fun, thanks to Mr. [Mark] Recor and Mr. [Roy] Johnson," he said.

Asked if he had any specific memories about legendary NDHS English teacher Conrad Vachon, Agacinski responded: "Am I the only NDHS alum who did not take a course from Mr. Vachon?!" ■



PHOTO: THE DETROIT NEWS

A relatively recent project that Agacinski worked on began with a freak accident in River Rouge in 2015, when a drawbridge was accidentally lowered by an operator (later found out to be drunk) and damaged by a freighter that was passing on the Rouge River.

## NOTRE DAME FAMILY LOSES LONGTIME TEACHER AND STAFFER

It was with tremendous sadness that we learned that longtime Notre Dame High School alum and teacher Dennis Lynch ND'60 and his wife, Dolores, who worked in Notre Dame's business office for many years, died in a car crash on Feb. 3, 2019.

"The entire Notre Dame community mourns the loss of two incredibly special people who were dedicated to Catholic education," said Andy Guest, head of school for Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy. "They were loved by students, colleagues and friends, and had kept in touch with many alums over the years."



Guest also said that Dennis Lynch was a nice, easy-going person who loved life and his family and was a true gentleman.

"Both Dennis and Dolores were supportive of the Marist Fathers and were particularly close with Brother Louis Plourde, s.m., who held a special place in their hearts," Guest added.

Dennis, who taught math at NDHS for more than 35 years, and Dolores, who worked in the business office at NDHS for more than 20 years, were parents of Kathleen (Mark) Dickey, Lori (Jim) Wenzel, Russell ND'86 (Rebecca) and Jennifer (Steve) Rachocki. They were grandparents of Catie (Tyler Staruch), Michael, Charlie, Danielle, Hailey, Sarah, Nolan, Adam, Ethan and Sam. Dolores is survived by her sister, Kathy. Dennis is survived by his siblings, Margaret, Tom and the late Aileen. ■

## NOTRE DAME PREP ALUMNI CLASS OF 1996

**Sean Macom NDP'96** Owner of Detroit Over Everything Kicks and Old Detroit Burger Bar. Married with two children.

**Phyllis Lynne Schacht NDP'96** Business owner of Leash Love LA in Los Angeles, Calif. Currently resides in Beverly Hills, Calif.

## CLASS OF 1997

### Alexis (Burns) Bonucchi NDP'97

Graduated from Michigan State University in 2001 with a BS in biology, then completed a doctorate in optometry at the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State in 2005. Working as an optometrist part time in Lake Orion, Mich. Married almost 14 years, with three boys aged 9, 7 and 4.

**Jennifer (Cole) Cichy NDP'97** Graduated from Oakland University in 2003. Currently a stay-at-home mom. Married for almost 13 years with four kids: Ella 10, Sophie 9, Grace 7 and Stephen 5. Currently resides in Lapeer, Mich.

### Kathleen Fabian-Gaytan NDP'97

Graduated with a BS in psychology from University of Detroit Mercy in 2001. Went to medical school in Glendale, Ariz. (AZCOM). Residency in obstetrics and gynecologic surgery at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. Moved to the Port Huron area in 2009 and joined a private practice. Married for almost 11 years to Roberto. Proud mom of two daughters, aged 7 and 3.

### Patricia (Knauss) Gogala NDP'97

Graduated from Saint Mary's College with a BA in English writing. Received a master's in nonprofit management from Bay Path College. Currently the executive director and co-founder of a nonprofit animal rescue that works out of the Oakland County Animal shelter. Married with two kids, aged 12 and 5.

**Mandisa Russell-Gosa NDP'97** Graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a BS in interior design. Designs corporate, mixed-use and educational environments. Currently living in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, with three sons: Grant 10, Elijah 8 and Isaac 5.

**James Haddrill NDP'97** Received an art and art history BA from Oakland University, and an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. Working as a creative director producing

# Alumni Notes & Info

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

advertising events and pop-up stores for brands like Adidas, Dream Machine, Jeff Koons and Samsung. Passion project is the ongoing development of a creative space in Detroit. Splits time between New York City, LA and Miami.

### Jessica (Jenkins) Meerschaert NDP'97

Graduated from Michigan State University as a veterinary technician. Lived in Arkansas for nine years, working with large animals and have been back in Michigan for six years, working with small ones. Happily married for two years.

### Julie (Fedewa) Shereda NDP'97

Graduated from University of Detroit Mercy with bachelor's degree in nursing in 2001 and Madonna University in 2010 with a master's degree as an acute care nurse practitioner. Working as a nurse practitioner with a cardiology practice. Mother of three children: a 4-year-old son, 2-year-old daughter and another girl on the way. Married for six years and live in Quad Cities, Iowa.

**Joseph Szyzkiewicz NDP'97** Working as a lieutenant with the Rochester Hills Fire Department and a paramedic since 1998. Started a company, Make It Happen Properties, that offers high-end rental properties, and residential redevelopment in Michigan. Married with three boys, aged 4, 8 10. Living in Oxford, Mich.

## CLASS OF 1998

**Jason Dodge NDP'98** Welcomed daughter Hailey Marie Dodge on March 14, 2019, weighing 7 pounds-14 ounces.

**Bradford Leon NDP'98** Currently working at DHL Supply Chain as senior director of transportation solutions. Responsible for four transportation control towers and more than 200 associates. Clients are Fortune 50 companies. Married to wife, Dana, for 10 years and living in Farmington, Mich., with two children.

**Kathleen (Kotzan) Paul NDP'98** Working at XPO logistics as a senior manager of solutions and engineering. Living in West

Bloomfield with husband of eight years and two daughters: Kaylee 6 and Brooklyn 2.

**Eric Reesman NDP'98** Works for management at UPS. Married high school sweetheart, Jenny Heithaus NDP'98. Living in Lawrenceville, Ga., with three children.

**Julia (Skok) Stevens NDP'98** Registered dietitian and owner of Active Nutrition, offering virtual nutrition and wellness counseling for weight management, sports and family nutrition. Married with three kids. Living in Farmington Hills, Mich.

### Cheryl (Bowman) Van Drie NDP'98

Received a BS in management information systems and an MS in information technology from Kettering University. Currently managing Canyonero Consulting, a computer repair company focusing on residential and small business technology needs., for the past 10 years. Married for 12 years and living in Rochester Hills with 7-year-old daughter.

**Luis Vasquez NDP'98** Earned bachelor's degree from Oakland University and master's at Marygrove. Currently a high school teacher for Walled Lake schools. Married for 10 years with three beautiful children.

## CLASS OF 1999

### Angela (Redpath) Atchinson NDP'99

Graduated from CMU in 2005 with an apparel and textile merchandising and design degree. Received a second degree in 2012 in early childhood education. Currently a lead teacher for preschool at St. Mary Catholic School, and also teach elementary art and computer class. Happily married with two children. Currently living in Alma, Mich.

**Anthony Bartolone NDP'99** Currently working in sales. Married for two-plus years to wife, Adrienne. Living in Macomb Twp., Mich.

**Erin (Suminski) Bragg NDP'99** Working as a certified nurse midwife for DMC. Living in Novi with two daughters: Keegan 11 and Paige 10.

**Carmen Medina NDP'99** Graduated from the University of Michigan. Marketing consultant and account executive at

iHeartMedia West Michigan. Living in Grand Rapids, Mich.

### Andrea (Thomas) Churna NDP'99

Graduated from Vanderbilt with a BS in organizational development: concentration in leadership and organizational effectiveness. Recently started own LLC and is completing first book. Mother of a 5-year-old boy. Currently residing in Orange County, Calif.

**James Gammicchia NDP'99** Graduate of OU with bachelor's degree in general management and a master's in public administration. Currently serving as the coordinator of the Burgess-Shadbrush Nature Center and River Bends Park for the Charter Township of Shelby for 18 years.

**Nikia (Jennings) Johnson NDP'99** Works as a senior technology support for a top tax, consulting and auditing firm. Married three years, with one child.

**Dawn (Revin) Joo NDP'99** Graduated from CMU in 2003 with a bachelor's degree from the University of Akron in 2005, and a master's degree in marriage and family therapy. Regional director for a nonprofit that houses homeless veterans in Detroit. Mother of three children, aged 6, 3, and 2.

**Alison (Poole) Leon NDP'99** MSU grad. Joined Americorps VISTA program in 2005 and moved to North Carolina. Working on master's in school counseling and currently works as a school counselor at SanLee Middle School. Married to husband, Brent, for 11 years and have two beautiful children: Aiden 10 and Addison 7.

### Kristin (Patrona) Meitzner NDP'99

Received BA from Albion College and MA in educational leadership from Marygrove College. Sixteen years working as an educator, currently as a middle school principal. Living in Oakland Township with husband.

**Katherine (Staniszewski) Ortiz NDP'99** Working as a clinical manager and pediatric speech language pathologist. Living in the San Francisco Bay area with husband, Francisco.

### Stefanie (Solano) Shimomura NDP'99

Working for Disneyland Broadcast Production Team. Happily married with a stepson, 18, and a daughter, 5. Living in Orange County, Calif.

**Amy (Florka) Tanner NDP'99** Graduated from the University of Michigan and works in cardiovascular medical sales. Recently moved

## Prayers

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

**Sylvia "Sherry" Apley SF'64**

**Joe Clements ND'76**, Sept. 4, 2018

**David Curcuru ND'69**, father of Mark ND'98, March 28, 2019

**David Garza SF'61**

**Mark Gijsbers ND'72**, brother of Thomas ND'80 and Brian ND'77, Feb. 18, 2019

**John Lenzen ND'84**, Oct. 10, 2018

**Dennis Lynch ND'60** and **Dolores Lynch**, Feb. 3, 2019

**Therese (Spadafore) Mazza SF'46**, Nov. 11, 2018

**Brian P. Payette SF'58**, Aug. 20, 2018

**June (Payette) Ritchie SF'58**, Oct. 30, 2018

**Ferdinand Sechanski SF'57**, Sept. 28, 2018

**Ron Slank ND'67**, Oct. 19, 2018

For a complete list, please visit [www.ndpma.org/prayers](http://www.ndpma.org/prayers).



back to Michigan from Chicago with husband, Rob and three boys: Ben 7, Zac 4 and Sam 3. Now living in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

**Rosina (D'Agostini) Thom NDP'99**

Stay-at-home mom, living in Rochester Hills with husband of almost 10 years and three boys, aged 7, 5, and 19 months. The older boys attend Marist Academy.

**Scott Woodcox NDP'99** General manager at Colasanti's Market and Snooks Butcher Shoppe in Highland, Mich. Married for 14 years to wife, Autumn. Currently living in Rose Twp., Mich.

**CLASS OF 2000**

**Kathleen (Kolinski) Davis NDP'00**

Working in medical device sales as a district sales manager in spinal cord stimulation for chronic pain patients. Living in Macomb, Mich.

**Thomas Durkin NDP'00** Graduated from Notre Dame with a BSME and has an MSE from Purdue. Business planning manager for Global Product Programs at GM for 15-plus years. Married to Lauren for five years, with two boys: TJ 3 and Jack 1. Living in Oxford, Mich.

**Emily (Kesek) Hindelang NDP'00** BS in microbiology from U-M in 2004 and doctorate in pharmacy from Wayne State in 2008.

Clinical pharmacist for more than 10 years, most recently at St John Hospital in Detroit. Currently working part-time while raising three kids, ages 7, 5 and 3. Married almost 10 years to Matthew Hindelang ND'00.

**Dan Hoban NDP'00** Graduated from Eli Broad College of Business at MSU. While there worked as an intern at a local cyber-security company, Nuspire, and was hired full-time after graduation. Recently promoted to chief strategy officer. Working towards becoming a certified ethical hacker.

**William Holland NDP'00** Motion designer for the American Dental Association as well as a DJ and music producer out of Chicago. Engaged to be married in the fall.

**Elizabeth Kenny NDP'00** Graduated MSU in 2004 followed by 13 years in retail management. Currently a customer success manager for Shoppertrak, supporting retailers in leveraging technology and data analytics to evolve with the changing retail landscape. Living in Chicago since 2006.

**Rebekah Beyer-Lin NDP'00** Graduated from MSU and received degrees in child development and elementary education. Served as director of a preschool for many years before starting a family. Currently a stay-at-home mom with two sets of twins. Resides in Spartanburg, S.C.

**Courtney (Alderson) Lozen NDP'00** Working part time as an office manager for Jatca, Inc. Living in Shelby Twp. with husband Nick, and three daughters: Alexandra 5, Caroline 3 and Grace, nearly 2.

**Megan (Karchon) Lyons NDP'00**

Graduated Alma College 2004. Living on 40 acres, raising turkeys, chickens, and running a subsistence farm. Married for 12 years. Four kids, aged 11, 9, 6 and 2. Stay-at-home mom, homeschooling four children. Living in Buffalo, N.Y.

**Christina Maraone NDP'00** Graduated from Oakland University with a BS in marketing and a BA in Spanish. Graduated from University of Colorado Denver with an MBA (11-month MBA program) and an MS in marketing. Completed three study-abroad programs to Israel, Spain and Scotland. Currently work as the director of marketing, public relations and communications at HealthONE's Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, one of the largest and oldest hospitals in Colo. Living in Colo. since 2005.

**Stephanie (Vitale) Menon NDP'00**

Graduated with a BS in biopsychology from the University of Michigan, MA in medical sciences from Boston University and completed my MD at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine. Did residency at Rush University in Chicago, and now practice obstetrics and gynecology in Ann Arbor. Married for nine years with two daughters, ages 4 and 16 months.

**Crystal Nassouri NDP'00** Software controls engineer at General Motors (12 years) and currently back in Michigan after world tour. MSEE from the University of Southern California, married in 2013, lived in Torino, Italy, for two years.

**John Schwartz NDP'00** Currently serving at Trinity Health as vice president of colleague relations and colleague safety, and associate counsel for labor relations. Getting married this May in Italy. Moved from Grand Haven, Mich., to Clarkston, Mich., in 2018.

**Elissa (Myers) Valentine NDP'00** Graduated from the University of Michigan with a BS in biology and a master's in public health (toxicology). Currently working at NSF International as a senior business analyst. Married for six years and has a beautiful 4-year-old boy, Atticus. Currently lives in Novi, Mich.

**CLASS OF 2001**

**Kimberly Banguil NDP'01** Graduated with a BS in business administration - management. MBA from Walsh College. Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. More than 10 years human resources experience. Currently a talent acquisition specialist for Ford Motor Company.

**Jami (Buechler) Biliboaca NDP'01** Graduated from Michigan State University. Started professional career as a technical recruiter in Southern California. Currently in NYC as the head of HR for a real estate development firm by day. Traveling enthusiast with husband and friends on the weekends.



**Mike Bohne NDP'01 and Jennifer**

**(Cooper) Bohne NDP'01** Mike currently is serving as the chief nurse anesthetist (CRNA) at McLaren Port Huron Hospital, and gigs with a local big band in his spare time. Jennifer has an MS in mental health counseling and an MBA in healthcare management. Currently employed as director of health care services at Molina Health Care. Live in Romeo, Mich., with a three-year-old son.

**Alexander Calhoun NDP'01** Working for Vintage King Audio and DJ-ing at the Woodward Avenue Soul Club. Living the Midwest dream in Ferndale, Mich.

**Jennifer (Grusling) Caruso NDP'01** Working at Ascension as a maternal fetal medicine subspecialist at four office locations. Lives in Troy with husband (married in 2011) and kids: Sophia 3 and Luca 1.

**Robert Cynowa NDP'01** Graduated Michigan State Univ., then doctorate from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Iowa. Moved to Tega Cay, S.C., and started Complete Wellness Chiropractic 10 years ago, focusing on pregnant moms, children and family wellness/lifestyle care. (CWChiro.com) Married to Megan, and has a 2-year-old son, Jade.

**Michael Durkin NDP'01** Graduated from MSU with a degree in marketing in 2005. Completed MBA at Rockhurst in Kansas City in 2012. Worked for Ford Motor Co. for seven years after graduation, before taking a job with The Woodhouse Auto Family. Currently working on the retail side for the last six years. Currently the GSM at Woodhouse Chevy-Buick. Married (Kristy) with two kids: Samantha and Quinn. Living in Omaha, Neb.

**Andrew Ferrara NDP'01** Graduated from Michigan State. Owner of landscape architectural company, "ADLA," based in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Victoria (Sidor) Ford NDP'01** Married Daniel Wayne Ford on April 28, 2018, with a baby due April 28, 2019.

**Lauren (Shell) Fowler NDP'01** Currently working in supply chain and purchasing at General Motors as a senior buyer. Living in Rochester, Mich.

**Matthew Horan NDP'01** Graduated with a BS from Syracuse University in 2005 with a degree in environmental design interiors. Currently serving as a member of the ADG and working as an art director in TV and film. Living in Los Angeles, Calif., since 2008.

**Stephanie Ketty NDP'01** Graduated from Western Michigan University. Working in New York City as an abstract expressionist painter. Preparing for first painting show in NYC.

Currently vice president, business development at BFA, a global digital content creation agency with headquarters in New York and LA. Leading the agency expansion into London, Milan and Paris. Responsible for creating long-lasting partnerships with leading fashion, art, entertainment and technology brands across the globe. Engaged to Ariel Grey Watson. Wedding planned for 2020. Love traveling the world, seeing amazing art, and meeting new people.

**Colleen McFawn NDP'01** Graduated with a BA in film production from the University of British Columbia. Worked in film/tv/media in Vancouver, BC, NYC, and Portland, Ore., as production assistant, then finally, development coordinator, associate producer and producer. Changed careers and has now been an occupational therapist for three years. Currently working in a chronic pain clinic as well as with children in Holland, Mich., and the greater Grand Rapids area.

**Kathryn Reimann NDP'01** Earned a BA from Saint Mary's College and a master's in education from ASU. Currently writing and running a boutique firm, Two20 Consulting, providing services to purpose-driven clients (govt. agencies, politicians, nonprofits, etc.). Also started Rogue Wave, an eco-minded business making products sustainable. Currently prototyping compostable beach toys made from bio-based (plants) plastics, petroleum-free. Two kids, two rescue dogs, five rescue bunnies. Living in Hawaii.

**Steven Sonnenberg NDP'01** Graduated from WMU with a BBA in marketing in 2006. Working as a strategic marketing consultant for Marketo/Adobe. Living in Boulder, Colo., for the

past seven years.

**Lynsey (Bramstedt) Worthen NDP'01**

Working from home as a Pampered Chef consultant. Living in St. Jacob, Ill. Married for seven years, now with three kids.

**CLASS OF 2002**

**Jennifer (Petty) Adams NDP'02**

Graduated Notre Dame Law School in 2010 and spent five years working as an assistant state attorney in Tampa, Fla. Now living in Lakeland, Fla., with husband, Charles (married Sept. 8, 2017), and working as a planning coordinator with park event operations at Walt Disney World.

**Ryan Alderson NDP'02** Graduated from Michigan State University in 2006 with a BS in zoology as well as an MBA from the Broad College of Business in 2014. Received an MS in biological sciences from Western Michigan University in 2012. Currently works for a top-ranked Fortune 500 company in Columbus, Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Rachel Catherine, and 1-year old son, Thomas.

**Andrea (Shanahan) Blanchard NDP'02**

Earned bachelor's degree from Miami University studying accountancy. Currently

serves as a senior tax manager and CPA for a public firm in Atlanta, Ga. Married to Brandon, and has one son, Beckett (born Feb. 2019).

**Jodee (Ciszewski) Bowness NDP'02**

Currently working for the Colorado Avalanche as the senior director of membership services and inside sales. Married for two years, residing in Denver, Colo.

**Jennifer (Gammicchia) Corr NDP'02**

Graduated from MSU with a BS in hospitality business. Switched careers to work as a COTA in the inpatient rehab department at Sparrow Hospital. Currently living in DeWitt, Mich., with daughter, Palmer, who arrived Nov. 14, 2018.

**Christelle (Penkala) David NDP'02**

Graduated from WMU with an MS in 2007. Currently an occupational therapy clinical therapist at U-M, specializing in oncology rehabilitation, lymphedema, and facial paralysis/reanimation. Currently living in Brighton, Mich., with husband, Bertalan David III, and son, Bertalan IV, age 1.

**Ryan Doski NDP'02** Graduated from Michigan State University. Project manager/estimator at Superior Excavating. Currently living in Lake Orion, Mich., with wife, Jaime Doski, and children Wyatt and Willa.

**Kyle Fabris NDP'02** Received BSEE from Tri-State (Trine). Currently working for Analog Devices as an automotive functional safety engineering manager. Married to Jennifer Ackroyd-Fabris NDP'02, who currently is an attorney with practices in Lapeer and Oxford. Living in Metamora, Mich., with two children: Landon 5 and Eleanor 1. Landon attends Marist Academy.

**Lauren (Kohler) Fender NDP'02** Received a BA from Albion College and an MA from The Chicago School in clinical psychology. Served on the Army's first embedded behavioral health team at Ft. Carson, and as an adjunct professor of psychology for UMUC in Germany. Singer with the Oahu Chorale Society and Girl Scouts volunteer. Married to MAJ Josh Fender, U.S. Army. Has two daughters: Cecelia 7 and Scarlett 3. Currently living in Hawaii.

**Katie Gerst NDP'02** Graduated from MSU in 2006 with a BA and BS. Earned an MS from Northern Illinois in 2009 and a PhD from Texas Tech in 2017. Currently an assistant professor at Colorado State University in the human development and family studies department. Married to Jake for 10 years. Has two kids: Isabel 6 and Hazel 2.

**Amanda (Sweeney) Lawson NDP'02**

Graduated from MSU with a master's in hospitality business management in 2009. Special events manager at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, planning weddings and social events. Living in Clarkston and married with two children: Kaiden 8 and Annabelle 3.

**Lindsay Lezotte NDP'02** Graduated OU in 2007 with a BSN/RN. ICU RN for four-plus years. Graduated from the University of Miami in 2013 with an MSN. Living and working in Port St. Lucie, Fla., as a CRNA. Married to a Marine for three years, with a little one, joining the family this July.

**Angela (Arroy) McKenney NDP'02** Went to New York to complete a BSN. Stayed for a few years and worked as a trauma ICU nurse for many years across multiple states. After moving back to Michigan, started a position as a cosmetic nurse. Working on pursuing a master's degree. Currently living in Rochester, Mich., with two children, aged 15 and 6.

**Bradley Mitchell NDP'02** Property manager with MGM National Harbor (Maryland/DC area), managing IT operations. Travels to assist with projects and opening new MGM properties. Married with two kids.

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**Alicia (Bodary) Phillips NDP'02** Master's in reading and literacy. Teaches 2nd grade in the area. Married to high school sweetheart, Michael Phillips. Living in Pinckney, Mich., with two daughters: Mia 5 and Maxwell 3.

**Diana (DeCausin) Pierscinski NDP'02** Earned a master's degree from Oakland University in 2011 in reading and language arts (reading specialist endorsement). Working at Avondale Middle School. Currently living in Troy with husband of 12 years, and two sons: Andrew 7 and Henry 2.

**Trip Reimann NDP'02** Graduated from Niagara University. Commissioned as an officer in the Army. Spent eight years with the Michigan Army National Guard, including a deployment to Iraq in 2008. Currently living in Rochester, Mich., and working as an Army civilian for TARDEC at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, Mich.

**Meredith (Gifford) Scott NDP'02** Received master's degree in theatre education from Emerson College in 2014. Currently working at Notre Dame as the theatre program director and drama teacher. Married Mark Scott on July 20, 2018.

**Christopher Clayton NDP'02** Graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in English. Currently working as a project manager/engineer for the advanced engineering solutions group at Applied Manufacturing Technologies in Orion, Mich. Live in Oxford with Mary, wife of two years, and 1-year-old son, Huxley. Expecting second child in July.

**Candace (Kanka) Shields NDP'02** Graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in history and political science. Received JD from the Catholic University of America. Currently working as an assistant counsel at the Department of Navy in San Diego, Calif. Married to Scott Shields since 2011, and has a daughter, 6, and a son, 4.

**Steve Skok NDP'02** Graduated from MSU in 2006 with a BA in accounting from Walsh College and in 2011 with an MS in taxation. Currently a shareholder at Doeren Mayhew, serving as a leader in the firm's health-care group. Married to Megan (Welsh) Skok NDP'07. Has a 3-month-old son, Bennett. Currently resides in Beverly Hills, Mich.

**Melissa (LaLonde) Sreckovic NDP'02** Graduated from University of North Carolina with PhD in education. Currently an assistant professor at U-M Flint in special education, and coordinator of the MA in Inclusive Education program. Married to husband, Tom, since 2010. Has two children: son Luka 4, and daughter, Mila 1. Currently living in Oakland Twp., Mich.

**David Weyh NDP'02** Working as an endodontist and a major in the United States Air Force. Currently living in Okinawa, Japan, for the next three years, practicing dentistry with wife, Mia.

**Paul Wezner NDP'02** Graduated from



U-M in '06 with a BA, and again in 2013 with an MBA. Currently works as director of product for a tech startup in Royal Oak called Powerley, focused on energy management and innovation. Married to Amanda (Schmitz) Wezner NDP'02, who graduated from Michigan State in 2006 with a bachelor's in special education. Both live in Royal Oak with two kids: Brady 5 and Morgan 2.

#### CLASS OF 2003

**Lauren (Cooper) Burgett NDP'03** Earned an MSN and currently serves as the director of nursing for heart and vascular services at Beaumont Health, Royal Oak. Married for eight years and has three little girls.

**Frank Cardone NDP'03** Graduated from University of Michigan with a degree in environmental economics. Data science program leader at Domino's Pizza in Ann Arbor.

**Katy (Klueck) Carter NDP'03** Working the last 10 years for the DOD, Department of the Army, supporting the readiness and resiliency of military families through recreation and support services. Married to Army veteran Luke Carter. Has two girls: ages 4 and one 2 months. Just moved from Okinawa, Japan, to Missouri.

**Moses Fram NDP'03** Graduated from MSU. Started doing real estate investments and property management after graduating, and currently owns/operates a portfolio of industrial, office and residential real estate. Married for four years and expecting third child this summer.

**Ashley Gonias-Young NDP'03** Currently a senior manager at global PR agency. Lives in Walnut Creek, Calif., with husband and daughter.

**Daniel Hollenkamp NDP'03** Graduated from Michigan Tech with a BS in electrical engineering. COO at Toggled, a subsidiary of Altair Engineering. Married to Paria, and has a son, Isaac. Enjoys being a dad and looks forward to becoming an uncle.

**Michael Johns NDP'03** Graduated from the College for Creative Studies with a degree

in graphic design. Started working right out of college for Trent Creative for nine years. In 2011, started a non-profit theatre company called the Detroit Actor's Theatre Company. Now working at Quicken Loans as a senior designer on the marketing team concentrating on recruiting and internships. Currently living in downtown Detroit.

**Bridget Maher NDP'03** Graduated from University of Michigan with a PhD in educational studies and public policy, focusing on literacy and teaching. Currently a postdoctoral fellow with the Institute for Social Research and School of Education at U-M, working on social justice efforts and school reform. Married in 2016 and loving everything about this stage of life.

**Laura Mungoli NDP'03** Moved to Nashville, Tenn., after graduating from MSU. Started own PEMF business and works with manufacturers to train people all over the world on the use of the technology and as a sales rep. Engaged to be married.

**Brad Murphree NDP'03** Graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in audio engineering. Earned two gold records and several Grammy nominations. Currently running own company called www.mizzenmedia.com in Hollywood, Calif., with clients that include Netflix, Dolby, Spotify and NBC/Universal.

**Carolyn (Beyer) Noble NDP'03** Teaching English at an alternative high school in Indianapolis. Mentoring robotics team 1024 and volunteering for FIRST Robotics. Married.

**John Putnam NDP'03** Started own company, Back To You Osteopracic Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation. Currently the only Osteopracic PT in metro Detroit, with locations in Royal Oak and Flint. Completing fellowship training through the American Academy of Manipulative Therapy. Engaged to Laurie Lysak.

**Michael Roberts NDP'03** Employed by GM for nearly 11 years, and currently working at the Tech Center as global subsystem lead engineer in brake electronics. Living in Auburn

Hills, Mich., with wife of six years and 3-year-old son.

**Brenna (Courter) Smith NDP'03**

Graduated with a BS in human resources management from Oakland University. Human resource business partner for Sysco Kansas City. Currently in the process of relocating from Canton, Mich., to Olathe, Kan. Married with two girls: Kai and Lennick.

**Sean Stringer NDP'03** Completing residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery in Pittsburgh this summer. Moving to Petoskey with wife, Chelsea, and three kids.

**Caryn (Naborczyk) Strzalka NDP'03** Currently a nurse anesthetist (CRNA). Married to Greg Strzalka NDP'03, together since high school. Living locally with two children and one on the way.

**Cheryl (Niemczycki) Wagner NDP'03**

Working as an HR specialist for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Married with a toddler daughter, Keira.

#### CLASS OF 2004

**Paul Bonenberger NDP'04** Supply chain Risk Management specialist at General Motors. Currently studying for a master's in supply chain management through the MITx program. Owner of M1 Craft Co., a local woodworking company. New dad and resides in Royal Oak.

**Gina Cannon NDP'04** Graduated from the University of Michigan in 2018 with a BS in nursing. Currently working as an RN at Royal Oak Beaumont's cardiovascular surgical ICU.

**Kaitlin (Donoughe) Cischke NDP'04** Michigan State University: BA international business, BS mechanical engineering. University of South Carolina: master's in engineering, mechanical engineering. University of Michigan, Ross School of Business: MBA candidate. Married with two boys.

**Charles Kirby NDP'04** Graduated from Miami University in 2008 with a BA in chemistry. Graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a doctorate in dental medicine. Dentist in Atlanta. Married to wife, Robin, for eight years, and has a 1-year-old daughter.

**Maegan (Licht) Istok NDP'04** Graduated as a doctor of chiropractic in 2010. Opened practice three-1/2 years ago specializing in prenatal and pediatric chiropractic. Living in Arizona. Married with two kids and one more due any day now.

#### CLASS OF 2005

**Ryan Corcoran NDP'05** Graduated in 2010 from GVSU with BS in statistics. Ten Years into career as a data analyst in the credit/payments industry. Worked with notable clients, such as Meijer, Target and Victoria Secret. Currently lives in Columbus, Ohio, with wife, Stephanie, and 3-year-old son Ethan.

**Vera (Fram) Dabish NDP'05** Graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor

of science degree in packaging. Married in 2012, and has three children.

**Kaitlin (Dye) Dickinson NDP'05**

Completed a PhD in Genetics in 2017. Currently working as a medical science liaison for Actelion Pharmaceuticals, a Janssen Pharmaceutical Company of Johnson & Johnson. Responsible for field-based education and engagement of physician thought leaders across Wis., Ill., and Mich.; global clinical trial management and support for the Actelion product portfolio. Living in Chicago with husband and 2-year-old son.

**Samantha Montgomery NDP'05**

Working as a criminal defense attorney in Birmingham, Mich. Recently opened solo practice.

**Nicholas Morelli NDP'05** Graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine and did a residency in emergency medicine. Living in Petoskey, Mich., with wife, Lauren, and was expecting first child in March.

**Megan (Shafto) Murphy NDP'05**

Graduated from Central Michigan University. Currently working as a digital marketing specialist for General RV Center. Married with two daughters.

**Sara Oles NDP'05** University of Michigan undergrad degree in nursing, graduate degree from Georgetown. Married for one and a half years to Kevin. Currently living and working in Scottsdale, Ariz., as a nurse anesthetist (CRNA).

**Andrew Pauwels NDP'05** Graduated from Notre Dame with a BA in American studies and international peace studies. After teaching for two years, went back to school and earned a JD at the University of Notre Dame Law School. Currently a partner at Honigman LLP in Detroit, focusing on commercial litigation,

intellectual property litigation, and media law. Living in Ferndale with wife, Jennifer, and son, Anthony 1.

**Ashley (Reece) Raleigh NDP'05** Graduate of MSU with bachelor's degree in nursing. Now a pediatric nurse at Beaumont Children's Hospital. Married with three boys.

**Timothy Reimann NDP'05** Graduated from TCU with a BA in English/education. Currently living in Fort Worth, Tex., and teaches high school English. Also serves as the head volleyball coach.

**Jeffrey Schuele NDP'05** Graduated in 2009 from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Served for nearly 10 years in the Marines. Currently stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C. Married with two girls and a third baby on the way.

**Jacqueline (Recchia) Thunberg NDP'05** Michigan State Univ. undergrad degree in supply chain management and an MBA from DePaul in 2017. Currently working as a senior retail operations business advisor at True Value Company where she has been for 10 years. Married Ryan last fall and living in Chicago.

**Brianne Wells NDP'05** Working at Maserati North America as the experiential marketing manager. Living in Birmingham, Mich.

**Lisa (Kurajian) Whipple NDP'05** Working as family physician in Ypsilanti. Married last year and living in Ann Arbor.

**CLASS OF 2006**

**Kristin Cangemi NDP'06** Sixth year teaching at St. Lawrence. Living in Washington Twp., Mich.

**Matthew Croft NDP'06** Conducting and playing keyboard 1 for the national tour of the Broadway musical "Something Rotten." Living



in Bayonne, N.J., with fiancée, Aubrey.

**Kathryn Durkin NDP'06** Teaching special education in a self-contained K-2 room in Bellbrook, Ohio, for nine years. Also coaching JV girls high school soccer. Living in Xenia, Ohio.

**Douglas Everhart NDP'06** Working at MRM/McCann Detroit as a senior art director. Living in Madison Heights, Mich., with wife, Ashton.

**Brendan Fortinberry NDP'06** Working in sales management for a wheelchair van manufacturer based in Phoenix, Ariz. Also a part-time firefighter and paramedic rank of lieutenant. Currently living in Holly, Mich.

**Erin Hauswirth NDP'06** Director of strategy at ad agency, Giant Spoon. Drum 50 under 30. Married.

**Caitlin Henry NDP'06** Graduated from Loyola University Chicago with a degree in elementary education and Concordia University

with a master's in literacy with reading specialist emphasis. Living in Commerce Township, Mich.

**Haley Noonan NDP'06** Regional sales manager (domestic and Latin America) for Graceland Fruit, Inc. Living in Frankfort, Mich.

**Ashley (Hall) Pierce NDP'06** Working for Alcon since 2011, now as a Senior Project Manager. Married with two children: Elizabeth Anne and older brother, Wyatt.

**Bert Williams NDP'06** Graduated from University of Notre Dame in 2010, and continued on to MSU for medical school. Currently in the fifth (of six) year of residency in cardiothoracic surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Married with wife expecting first child later this year.

**CLASS OF 2007**

**Kolin Karchon NDP'07** Graduated from Michigan State University. Created several startups in the outdoor industry. Married, and living in Seattle, Wash.

**Mark McCausland NDP'07** Graduated with a double major in finance and entrepreneurship from the University of Dayton in 2011. Worked in finance, marketing and operations, and currently a consultant with a startup that works with SAP Analytics Cloud. Married with one child, Nolan, almost a year old.

**Chelsea Estes NDP'08** Currently working as a marketing coordinator at Acme Manufacturing Company. Also working as a sideline reporter and in-game host for Oakland University basketball games. Living in Royal Oak, Mich.

**Malinda Killu NDP'08** Graduated University of Detroit Mercy with a BS in 2012. Graduated UDM in 2014 in the accelerated nursing program. Now a neonatal ICU nurse at Kanas Orthodontics in Rochester, Mich. Married and living in Oakland Township, Mich.

**Phillip Kukawinski NDP'08** Graduated from Oakland University with a communication degree. Currently working in Scranton, Penn.,





for the alternative radio station, ALT 92.1, as program director and afternoon-drive DJ.

**Desiree Messina NDP'08** Heading into 11th season of coaching lacrosse, third year at Eisenhower after founding its program. Working as a psychiatric care specialist at Havenwyck Hospital in the child and adolescent unit, and as a lead coach at Brain Balance Achievement Center, working with children who have social, behavioral and learning challenges. Currently pursuing a master's degree in social work in hopes of becoming a therapist working with women who struggle with eating disorders.

**Alex Meyers NDP'08** Graduated with a BS in theatre from Central Michigan University, followed by a JD from UD Mercy Law. Married in September 2018.

**Ashley Morin NDP'08** Working in Troy as an attorney, and living with my partner, Chad, of six years and our children. Moved back to Michigan last year after living in Chicago for nine years.

**Chase Rogowski NDP'08** Graduated from MSU in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in athletic training. Graduated from the University of Illinois in 2014 with a master's degree in kinesiology. Completed a one-year athletic training fellowship at The Steadman Clinic and Steadman Philippon Research Institute. Currently working as an athletic trainer at The Steadman Clinic for Dr. Thos Evans, specializing in regenerative medicine and interventional pain management. Living in Vail, Colo.

**Rachel Sennett NDP'08** Studied equestrian science and business administration at William Woods Mo. Moved to Texas for six years and trained horses on a cutting ranch. Moved back to Michigan two years ago and now a national sales manager for Stahls.

**Brogan Wells NDP'08** Working as a pharmaceutical sales representative at Horizon Pharma. Living in Niceville, Fla., with 1-year old daughter, Poppy, and husband, Cody, who currently is serving his 7th year in the Army.

#### CLASS OF 2009

**Sarah (Dulapa) Chandonnet NDP'09** Graduated from Michigan State University. Senior underwriter at Burns & Wilcox private client division. Lives in Rochester Hills, Mich., with husband and 16-month-old son, Cameron.

**Lani (Duffy) Domagalski NDP'09** Graduated from Wake Forest University in 2012 with a BA in political science and philosophy. Graduated from Wayne State University Law in 2016. Practices as a consumer finance lawyer at Ford Motor Company (specifically working at Ford Credit). Selected to participate in Ford's 2018 "30 Under 30" class, and worked with Habitat for Humanity Macomb County. Reside in Sterling Heights, Mich., with husband, Joe Duffy, who is a lawyer at Dykema in Detroit.

**Francesca Garippa NDP'09** Account

manager at Detroit-based staffing firm, Synergy Solutions and assistant artistic director of a dance studio called Spotlight Dance Works. Living in Royal Oak, Mich.

**Molly Hall NDP'09** Currently an account executive for Cambridge Global Advisors, specializing in communications consulting, public affairs, and project management for a variety of clients, while also managing interns. Previously spent three-and-a-half years as support staff to the Michigan legislature from 2011 to 2014.

**Rebecca (Racz) Hernandez NDP'09** Currently a computational pharmacologist at the Food and Drug Administration, leading multiple drug safety research projects. Living in Olney, Md., with husband, Francisco.

**Emily (Gray) Hicks NDP'09** Pediatric speech-language pathologist at U-M. Currently living in Ann Arbor with husband.

**Sarah Morelli NDP'09** Graduated from MSU Veterinary School in 2018. Currently working as a veterinarian, and finishing an internship with Veterinary Specialty Hospital of the Carolinas. Recently accepted a position at Dallas Veterinary Surgical Center in Texas to continue training for a surgical residency. Living in Raleigh, N.C.

#### CLASS OF 2010

**Yunjae Cho NDP'10** Graduated with a BS from UC Berkeley, and an MS from U-M, both in electrical engineering and computer science (EECS). Working as a software engineer at Bosch, bringing autonomous vehicles into reality.

**Laura (Elwood) Clawson NDP'10** Graduated from Loyola University with a bachelor's in biology. Master's degree in secondary education, also from Loyola. Currently teaching high school freshman biology and AP biology. Also running a natural lifestyle and wellness company. Married to high school sweetheart, Justin, and living in Sterling Heights, Mich.

**Adrianna Drake NDP'10** Impact manager at City Year Detroit. Living in Redford, Mich., with partner, Jon, and 2-year-old son, Adrian-Jon.

**Maria Lograsso-Gaitens NDP'10**

Currently teaching general music and choir for Dearborn Public Schools, and sing professionally in metro Detroit. Living in Ferndale with husband, Andy.

**Morgan Hoxsie NDP'10** Working in transportation engineering at Kimley-Horn in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Christina Kaub NDP'10** Mechanical and electrical engineer working on robotics and other automated systems for projects ranging from Amazon to Tesla and Frito-Lay. Looking at getting an MBA in the next two to three years. Currently in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Clare Lilek NDP'10** Received a BA from University of Michigan in women's studies and

Spanish. Lived in Peru for a year, then returned to Detroit for two years before ultimately moving to Chicago. Currently in my 2L year of law school in Chicago, and plan to stay in the city after graduation.

**Maureen Moynihan NDP'10** Graduated in 2016 from Ohio Northern University with a PharmD, and completed a community pharmacy residency with a focus on ambulatory care in 2017. Currently living and working in the Cleveland, Ohio, area as a pharmacist in a federally-qualified health center.

**Kendall (Hendler) Powers NDP'10** Undergrad at MSU in psychology and Spanish in 2013; Psy.S (specialist degree) in school psychology from U-D Mercy in 2016. Works from home for an online charter school as a school psychologist. Living in Marshall, Mich., with husband, Jon, and 20-month-old daughter, Elaine.

#### CLASS OF 2011

**Brooke (Borowski) Corbin NDP'11** Working as a registered nurse at Royal Oak Beaumont, transitioning into ICU role. Living in Northville, Mich., with husband and a chocolate lab.

**Talal Fram NDP'11** Graduated from Oakland University in 2016 with a bachelor's in accounting. Completed CPA exam and became officially licensed in 2018. Currently own an accounting firm in Troy.

**Stephanie Karlewski NDP'11** Graduated Michigan State University in 2015. Currently live in Chicago, Ill., and serve as an implementation lead for Coyote Logistics.

**Alexandra (Fedorak) Lesia NDP'11** Graduated from DePaul University in Chicago with a BA in economics. Moved back to Michigan and earned a JD from the University of Michigan Law School. Currently working as a special assistant attorney general on the Flint Water Crisis investigation and prosecutions.

**Nina Lucido NDP'11** Received BA from the University of Michigan and a JD summa cum laude from MSU College of Law. Returned home to Macomb County to begin career as an associate attorney at Warner Norcross +

Judd, focusing in estate planning, business succession planning, and general business law.

**Abigail Lyng NDP'11** Working in downtown Detroit (and across Wayne County) as a home-based clinician, providing child and family therapy through The Children's Center. Also facilitating dialectical behavior therapy skills groups for teens and younger children. Currently living in Royal Oak, Mich.

**Nicole Roser NDP'11** Received bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Currently working as an art teacher in Canton, Mich., and living in Ann Arbor.

**Shannon Staeb NDP'11** Working as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital for four years. Graduating in May with a master's degree and will become a family nurse practitioner.

**Leslie Theisen NDP'11** Member of the NURSE Corps and works as a family nurse practitioner at American Indian Health & Family Services, a nonprofit community health center in Detroit.

**Jessica Thomas NDP'11** Graduated with a BM in flute performance and a BA in Spanish from Michigan State in 2015, and an MM in flute performance in 2017 from Wright State University. Made Carnegie Hall debut in November 2018. Currently working at a Steinway gallery in Cincinnati, while teaching flute lessons and taking auditions.

**Dalton Tolliver NDP'11** Recently moved to Nashville after graduating from Logan College of Chiropractic last spring. Working as a chiropractor in a practice north of Nashville, Tenn.

**Karley (Wayne) Wells NDP'11** Working as a senior marketing manager for Hilton Denver. Living in Denver, Colo., with husband, Tyler.

**Mary Kathryn Zinn NDP'11** Graduated from Central Michigan University with a BS in child development and family studies. Currently living in Troy, and working as an oncology research assistant at Wayne State University on the largest study of African-American cancer survivors in the U.S.

**Paige Zohoury NDP'11** Graduated Mizzou with a degree in business communication with a minor in hospitality. Previously worked



at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Mich. Currently working at the Beverly Hills Marriott in California. Just purchased first home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

## CLASS OF 2012

**Mackenzie Aaron NDP'12** Graduated from GVSU with a double major in elementary education and special education with a minor in psychology. Currently teaching kindergarten and 1st grade to students with special needs in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Mary Bellinger NDP'12** Graduated from DePaul University with a degree in public relations/advertising and a minor in graphic design. Currently living in Chicago, and working in business development/sales for Flex Power Control Inc.

**Shannon Clark NDP'12** Received a bachelor's degree in social work from Loyola University Chicago. Earned a master's in social work at Michigan State. Now an LMSW working at a resource center for individuals with disabilities in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Micaela Colonna NDP'12** Living and working in Washington, DC, as an associate producer for NBC Nightly News.

**Gabrielle Fazio NDP'12** Labor and delivery RN at Troy Beaumont. Living in Clarkston, Mich., and enjoying traveling.

**Michael Kurowski NDP'12** Starred as Jerry Lee Lewis in the Theatre at the Center's production of "Million Dollar Quarter." Living in Chicago.

**Whitney Lorenz NDP'12** Graduated from Michigan State University. Currently working in the insurance industry. Will be attending graduate school for an MPA degree in the Fall of 2019.

**Angela Munaco NDP'12** Working as a realtor at Dobi Real Estate in downtown Birmingham. Coaching varsity dance at NDP. Getting married May 30, 2020.

**Cara Stewart NDP'12** Graduated from MSU with a kinesiology degree and a Spanish minor. Currently working on a doctor of physical therapy degree from CMU.

**Laura West NDP'12** Currently working towards Ph.D in school psychology at Penn State Univ. Living in State College, Pa.

**James Tyler Yanik NDP'12** Currently running a family restaurant/bar. Substitute teaching at NDPMA. Also, currently the JV defensive coordinator for football, head varsity wrestling coach, and head JV lacrosse coach at NDP.

## CLASS OF 2013

**Lauren Blanck NDP'13** Graduated with a BS in biomedical science from GVSU. Currently in Grand Rapids, Mich., to attend medical school at the MSU College of Human Medicine.

**Ann Marie Calvanese NDP'13** Founder of Strength for Singers and the Fit and Fabulous Formula, a private and group health coaching



service. Working one-on-one with high-level professional opera singers (most notably from the Metropolitan Opera in NYC) to help them transform their bodies and minds to perform their best. Also, singing operas and putting on recitals and concerts in the area. Living in Ann Arbor.

**Mary Grace Calvanese NDP'13** Started a business teaching voice lessons and proper singing techniques to professional musicians. Works with performing musicians in Nashville, and teaches them how to sing properly without damaging their vocal cords. Also, a singer/songwriter who performs all over Nashville.

**Jacqueline Carson NDP'13** Receiving master's degree in social work in May. Currently interning at Children's Hospital of Mich.

**Erik Egner NDP'13** Graduated from U.S. Army flight school and received his wings as a medevac pilot.

**Aaron Haley NDP'13** Welded/fabricated for the medical radioisotope industry and artistically for five years. Currently working as a commercial diver at a nuclear power plant

shutdown on Lake Michigan.

**Payton Hoff NDP'13** Attending law school at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, and will be interning at a firm in Thailand this summer. Engaged in January.

**Georgia Madison NDP'13** Graduated with a BA in advertising/public relations from GVSU. Getting married to 1LT Erik Egner NDP'13 on May 25, 2019. Living in Enterprise, Ala.

**Katelyn Obear NDP'13** Graduated in 2017 from the University of Dayton. Finishing up second year in the Lalanee program, which is a teacher, faith based-service program. Graduated in August with a master's degree in literacy from Dayton. Currently teaching 7th grade ELA, but looking to move into the high school level in the future.

**Christina O'Neil NDP'13** Obtaining master's degree in music therapy at Eastern Michigan University.

**Gabrielle Phillips NDP'13** Working in academic health care consulting to accredit and operationalize residency and fellowship programs all over the U.S. Living in Nashville, Tenn.

**Fadi Sadik NDP'13** Graduated with a BS in mechanical engineering in 2016 from Oakland University. Graduating later this year with an MBA from Walsh College, then pursuing a Ph.D. Working at General Motors Tech Center as a resident engineer since 2016.

**Julia Spitak NDP'13** Kinesiology graduate from Michigan State University in 2017. Currently working at Beaumont Royal Oak in Ophthalmology. Attending PA school in the near future.

**Megan Schulte NDP'13** Graduated from the University of Michigan in 2017. Currently working as a neonatal ICU nurse at Children's Hospital of Detroit.

## CLASS OF 2014

**Francesca Accurso NDP'14** Graduated from Central Michigan University in 2018. Currently a content creation specialist in Atlanta, Ga.

**Elizabeth Allard NDP'14** Teaching religion and social studies at St. Isaac Jogues Catholics School in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

**Meg Bauer NDP'14** Graduated from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business with a BBA. Working at a market research company in Royal Oak, while also studying for the GMAT. Hopes to earn an MBA in the next several years.

**Jacob Conroy NDP'14** Hope College, Class of 2017. Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2022.

**James Durkin NDP'14** Graduated from MSU and was named Academic All-Big Ten for the track and field team. Currently works at the RenCen as a district digital manager supporting Chevrolet.

**Caroline Grubbs NDP'14** Graduated from St. Olaf College in May 2018. Living in Minneapolis, Minn., and working as a direct care professional at a group home for people





with disabilities. Applying to medical school.

**Lindsey Klei NDP'14** Graduated from Michigan State University in 2018. Working at HealthQuest Physical Therapy and going to physical therapy school at Oakland University starting this fall.

**Mary Lund NDP'14** Graduated from University of Michigan in December. Now working at Walt Disney World at Animal Kingdom through the Disney College Program.

**Ryan McConaghy NDP'14** Graduated from Central Michigan University with a BSBA in 2018. Currently working as an account executive at United Wholesale Mortgage in Pontiac.

**Jessica (Green) Miles NDP'14** Graduated in 2016 with a BS in psychology/human biology from Eastern Michigan University. Spent two summers working for the Ann Arbor YMCA as an inclusion specialist. Currently in a full-time weekend grad program for occupational therapy at the University of Findlay. Working during the week with college students on the autism spectrum at EMU. Happily married and living in Ypsilanti.

**Jere Neill NDP'14** Graduated last year from the University of Miami with a BS in psychology. Will be at Michigan State's medical school starting in August.

**Lauren Sadowski NDP'14** Working as a case manager at a nonprofit. Living in Denver, Colo.

**Ben Sutkiewicz NDP'14** Working as a marketer at L'Oréal. Living in Brooklyn, NY.

#### CLASS OF 2015

**Hailey Atkins NDP'15** Graduating from Michigan State in May with a BA in supply chain management and minor in international business. Accepted a two-year supply chain rotational program at Newell Brands.

**Joe Greene NDP'15** Graduated in 2018 from Michigan State University with a BA in political science. Currently the constituent relations Director for State Representative Andrea Schroeder in Lansing.

**Reagan Kazzyak NDP'15** Graduating in May from the College of Wooster with a studio art degree. Will be attending graduate school for a masters in prosthetics and orthotics.

**Jacqueline Lau NDP'15** Will be graduating from Michigan State University spring of 2019 with a BA in political science. Interned at the White House during the summer of 2018. Will be attending Notre Dame law school this upcoming fall.

**Alison Lyijynen NDP'15** Will be graduating from Michigan State University with a BS in neuroscience in May. Worked at Mayo Clinic last summer, and will be returning this summer before starting medical school at American University of the Caribbean in August.

**Nina Michielutti NDP'15** Will graduate in May from University of Notre Dame with a BBA in marketing. Will be an assistant merchant

for Abercrombie & Fitch in Columbus, Ohio, starting this summer.

**Tyler Obear NDP'15** Will graduate from the University of Dayton with a BS in exercise science/occupational therapy attribute. Will be attending Huntington University to pursue a doctorate in occupational therapy

**Kennedy Quirk NDP'15** Graduated from the University of Toledo with honors in three years with an SLP degree. Played lacrosse and cheerleading at UT while holding a leadership position in my sorority. Currently in grad school.

**Jenna Sassack NDP'15** Graduating in May 2020 with a master's degree in physician assistant studies from Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa.

**Madison Scheessele NDP'15** Graduated from Purdue University, class of 2020. Majoring in industrial engineering, minoring in business Spanish. Joyfully leading a few ministries within Purdue Catholic Students. Looking forward to working in logistics or manufacturing.

**Katherine Swartz NDP'15** Graduating in May from the University of Michigan with a BSN. Interned at Georgetown University Hospital's maternity unit last summer. Aspiring to become a labor and delivery nurse after graduation and taking the RN licensure exam. Living in Ann Arbor with sister Liz Swartz NDP'16 who is also pursuing a nursing degree at UM.

**Luke Shilling NDP'15** Currently playing professional baseball in the Chicago White Sox organization. Pursuing my BA in marketing from the University of Illinois in the offseason. Hoping to graduate in December.

**Olivia Riley NDP'15** Graduating from Central Michigan University this spring with a BS in exercise science, will be starting MS in exercise physiology this fall at Central Michigan University.

#### CLASS OF 2016

**Sarah Chick NDP'16** Currently at Hope College. Plans on graduating from nursing school in May 2020.

**Chanel Dore NDP'16** Currently a junior at Case Western Reserve University studying nursing. Accepted for a nurse externship this summer at the Cleveland Clinic, working in the cardiovascular ICU.

**Andy Durkin NDP'16** Currently a junior at the University of Dayton, majoring in middle childhood education/intervention specialist with concentration areas in Math and ELA. Freshmen boys basketball coach at Bellbrook High School.

**Matt Durkin NDP'16** Made the University of Dayton Pioneer Football League academic honor role.

**Nicole Gebara NDP'16** Currently attending the University of Detroit Mercy in a five-year accelerated program. Graduating in 2020 with a BS in business administration and in 2021



will graduate with MBA. Double minoring in psychology and leadership. Currently the president of sorority, and serving on the Greek council. Involved in many other organizations and leading the way to positive changes on my campus.

**Jordan Jewell NDP'16** Double majoring in journalism and communications at Oakland University. Currently the engagement editor at the Oakland Post, and will be a communications intern with The Boys and Girls Club of America this summer.

**Katherine Kauffman NDP'16** Studying for a BS degree in marine biology, intending to graduate by 2020. Attending Michigan State University, but may transfer to the University of Central Florida this fall. Also applying for summer internships at aquariums across the country.

**Katarina Kovac NDP'16** Attending the University of Michigan and will be graduating in 2020 with a degree in English and gender, race and nation minor.

**Marisa Meyer NDP'16** Currently a junior at the University of Michigan, studying psychology. Serving as a research assistant at the medical school, working under the mentorship of Dr. Jenny Radesky. Presented research at the 2018 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting as one of the youngest presenters. Also a lead author on a manuscript, that recently was published in the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics.

**Lauren Powell NDP'16** Graduating in the spring of 2020 with a BS in neuroscience from Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University.

**Alexia Prizgint NDP'16** Currently attending the University of Alabama, studying nursing. Graduating in 2020, and hoping to land a job in a CVICU. Planning to attend CRNA school after.

#### CLASS OF 2018

**Riley Simmonds NDP'18** Studying animal science at the University of Findlay. Learning simple surgical procedures like castration and

tail docking of livestock.

#### NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

**Paul Kuntzler ND'60** Graduated from Northern Virginia Center of the University of Virginia, and later from George Mason University. Currently a member of the John F. Kennedy research community and work as a researcher, consultant and lecturer on the JFK assassination. Serving as the Chairman of the Board of Advisers for Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets. In September 2018, completed 21st trip to Europe, and 12th voyage on Cunard ships. This coming August, will return to Europe on an AARP tour of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland and Wales. Retired from the senior staff of the National Science Teachers Association in May 2005, having been on the staff as assistant executive director for advertising, exhibits and exhibitor workshop sales for nearly 32 years.

**Jim VanSlambrook ND'66** Thirty years as a sales engineer and sales manager for Hewlett-Packard electronic test systems in Pittsburgh and Indianapolis. Turned lifelong musician and tennis hobbies into second and third careers. Currently play the sax, trumpet, vibes, trombone and flute in a band called, "Slammer Jazz." Also a professional tennis umpire for pro tennis tournaments such as the US Open as well as Horizon League (UD) college tennis matches. Currently living in Carmel, Ind., with wife, Holly, three children, and six grandchildren.

**Stephen Kirouac ND'68** Retired from public accounting after 46 years.

**Steve Kosmalski ND'69** Taking the first step toward retirement, having recently resigned his position as CEO to assume a Board role with the company. Still living in a cabin in the woods on the company campus in southwest Missouri.

**Maynard Buszek ND'72** Still practicing medicine, specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation, working with a small neurology group in Southfield (affiliated with Beaumont). Managing to squeeze in more time now for family, home/yard activities and fishing.



Enjoying playing competitive outdoor soccer, and plays against NDHS alum Armand Lecomte a few times a year.

**John Prosser II ND'79** President of Neuro Trauma Association, co-author of ACCIDENT: Michigan's insurance model for America, Partner at Health Providers Choice. Board member of coalition protecting auto no fault, chairman of Corporate Development Michigan Brain Injury Association legacy society and proud father of two young men.

**David Pomeroy ND'83** After retiring from the Detroit Police Department in 2015, entered the private sector and opened a private investigation and security company in 2016. Currently living in St. Clair Shores with wife of 30 years, and our youngest daughter. Oldest daughter is married and lives in the Kalamazoo area with her husband.

**Eric Beale ND'89** Graduated from GVSU in 1994. Worked in many fields, including commercial salmon fishing, landscaping, security and investigations, law enforcement and information technology. Currently a senior technical business/systems analyst. Moved to Colorado in 1996. Still an avid reader, bike rider, hiker and camper. Proud father of a freshman at the University of Northern Colorado, who is a member of the United

States Air Force ROTC program.

**Matthew Cole ND'89** Moved to Southeast Asia for 14-and-a-half years and now reside in Ohio.

**Keith Gawron ND'89** BS from CMU and master's from MSU. Work for General Motors in the Design organization as a creative sculpting manager. Two boys: one a freshman at GVSU and the youngest, a junior a Dakota High School.

**Jonathan McGrail ND'89** Graduated from CMU in 1993 BS with a BS in computer tech. Graduated again from CMU in 2015 and 2016 with an MSA in information resource management and cyber-security grad certificate. Working at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit since 1995. Macomb County reserve deputy commander for the computer crimes unit since 2000. Married with two children.

**Ryan Reeves ND'89** Bachelor's degree in biology (94) from Wayne State University and Wayne State School of Medicine MD (99). Residency of Ohio State University physical medicine and Rehabilitation (03) Interventional Spine Fellowship (04) Founder of Spine Team Texas. Helped to grow our multidisciplinary spine practice from one spine center to four centers, several locations and 21 doctors. In

addition, for fun, I started the ska band, The Exceptions, with three other ND alum (Gene Cyranski, John John Bileebob Williams and Jim Hofer, releasing 2 albums with international distribution (1989-1999). Currently playing guitar in Boss Riot and wish Larry Egan could hear me play now.

**Scott Titus ND'89** Retired from the Army in 2011 as a marine engineering officer. Now working in Norfolk, Va, as the port engineer for the Norfolk District, U.S Army Corps of Engineers.

**Chris Minnick ND'90** Currently working at a private business (WatzThis, Inc.) doing technical training and writing how-to books for computer programmers. Also has written over a dozen books, including several in the "For Dummies" series. Published first novel, "Ferment," in 2017. Ferment is the story of a circus kid who gets mixed up in a secret clown underworld. Just finished writing my second novel, and I'm looking for a publisher for it. Moved from Sacramento, Calif., to Astoria, Ore.

**Lucas McGrail ND'93** Graduated U-D Mercy, bachelor's degree in architecture, 1998. Graduated Lawrence Tech with a master's degree in architecture, 2019. Also, LEED AP, Associate AIA, member of NCARB. Worked for one of the 50 largest general contractors in the world, Walbridge-Aldinger. Also worked for the 25th largest architecture firm in the world, Cannon Design. Currently employed as an Act 54-certified building inspector and plan reviewer for the City of Detroit. Founder and operator of the Detroit Artifacts Museum. Traveling lecturer on Detroit architecture and history.

**Timothy Slowik ND'94** Graduated from Siena Heights University in 1998 (with honors) with a BA in criminal justice. Then headed to the University of Detroit Mercy, graduating at the top of the class with an MS

in security administration. Received a graduate certification in criminal justice management from Saint Leo University, fulfilling a doctoral cognate at Saint Thomas University (STU), Miami, Fla. Currently working at SGS Security, L.C.

**Joseph Sobota ND'95** Currently working as the city manager/city clerk/personnel director of the City of Eastpointe.

**Matt Buszek ND'02** Attending The Catholic University of America on a fully funded scholarship. Working on a doctor of theology/church and Polish history and recently passed comprehensives. Currently working on his thesis and intends to teach full-time and write once completed. In the meantime, taught two classes at Sacred Heart Seminary and one at Orchard Lake Seminary last term. This term, teaching two classes at Sacred Heart.

### PONTIAC CATHOLIC

**Gregory Hoenstine PC'75** Auto industry professional in production control and logistics management. Currently with Delphi/Aptiv, previously with Kostal, VDO-Yazaki. Leader of Detroit band, "The Sugar Clouds" (formerly "The Hosts") with two records and music placed in films, and played on radio and podcasts in Detroit and around the world. ■

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A reunion-planning informational packet is available to you, and the alumni office can offer you help in getting started and throughout your planning process. We can provide you a class list with classmates' contact information, and can print and mail your invitations, covering the postage.

## NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL

### Class of 1999

Twenty-year reunion, Saturday, September 14, at Top Golf in Auburn Hills. Join Facebook group, "NDPMA Class of 1999," for details. Planning committee: Jim Gammicchia [jvgammic@gmail.com](mailto:jvgammic@gmail.com), Rosina D'Agostini [ThomZina0323@gmail.com](mailto:ThomZina0323@gmail.com), Brad Burton [burtonb@custom-it.com](mailto:burtonb@custom-it.com), Julia Flajole Thomas [juliathomas1@att.net](mailto:juliathomas1@att.net), Kristin Patrona Meitzner [kmp10@albion.edu](mailto:kmp10@albion.edu), Kelly Cole Patterson [kpatterson@ndpma.org](mailto:kpatterson@ndpma.org), Corey Porterfield [cporterfield@ndpma.org](mailto:cporterfield@ndpma.org).

### Class of 2009

Alayna (Lekosiotis) Schraffenberger and Tori Remus are joining forces again to plan another reunion for the Class of 2009. Please contact Alayna at [lekosiot@gmail.com](mailto:lekosiot@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out. Check the [ndpma.org/reunions](http://ndpma.org/reunions) page for date and location.

### Class of 2014

Plans are under way for a five-year class union on November 27. Please contact Jere Neill for more information or if you would like to join the planning committee: [jere344@gmail.com](mailto:jere344@gmail.com).

## NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

### Class of 1969

Fifty-year reunion will be held on Saturday, October 19, at Andiamo's (6676 Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Twp., MI 48301). Please contact Paul McGrath to update contact information or to join the planning committee: [cfomeister@gmail.com](mailto:cfomeister@gmail.com), 734-417-5614.

### Class of 1979

The Class of 1979 will be hosting two reunion events: Friday night, May 31, at Whiskey Six in Grosse Pointe, and Saturday, June 1, at the home of Tim Smith. More details coming soon. Please contact Marty Rosenau for more information: [marty@xfiregroup.com](mailto:marty@xfiregroup.com).

### Class of 1994

Planning is underway for the 25-year class reunion. Please contact Tim Slowik at [tims928@live.com](mailto:tims928@live.com) if you are interested in joining the planning committee.

## PONTIAC CATHOLIC

### Class of 1969

Reunion scheduled for September 21 at the Lafayette Grande in Pontiac. Please contact Jerry Ball for more information or to purchase tickets: 248-229-5687.

### Class of 1979

The Class of 1979 reunion is set for August 3, 2019, at the Sylvan Lake Community Center beginning at 4 p.m. For more information and to register, please contact Ed Chenhalls at [echenhalls@comcast.net](mailto:echenhalls@comcast.net).

## OAKLAND CATHOLIC

None scheduled at this time.

## ST. FREDERICK

St. Frederick all-school reunion is scheduled for September 8, 2019. Mass will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow at 1 p.m. at the Santia Banquet Center, 1985 Cass Lake Road. Keego Harbor. Tickets can be purchased at Kennedy's Irish Pub. Please contact Patty Phillips for more information: 248-439-6060.

## ST. MICHAEL

Alumni of St. Michael are invited to join the St. Frederick all-school reunion. St. Frederick's all-school reunion is scheduled for September 8, 2019. Mass will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow at 1 p.m. at the Santia Banquet Center, 1985 Cass Lake Road. Keego Harbor. Tickets can be purchased at Kennedy's Irish Pub. Please contact Patty Phillips for more information: 248-439-6060.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## BIG BAND DINNER DANCE

Saturday, May 18

LaFayette Grand, 1 Lafayette, Pontiac, Mich.

Featuring performances from NDP jazz band alums. Ticket information will be available soon. Please contact Joe Martin for more information: [jmartin@ndpma.org](mailto:jmartin@ndpma.org).

## 23RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 3, 2019

Pine Knob Golf Course in Clarkston. To register or to become a sponsor, log onto [www.ndpma.org/golfouting](http://www.ndpma.org/golfouting). New discounted alumni prices available. Sponsored by the NDPMA Booster Club. Proceeds to benefit NDPMA athletics.

## PONTIAC CATHOLIC ALUMNI MEET UP

Friday, June 7, 2019

Join us on June 7, at Kennedy's Bar for an evening of fellowship and fun! Please contact alumni relations for more information: [alumni@ndpma.org](mailto:alumni@ndpma.org).

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN ALUMNI RECEPTION

August TBD

Join us in August for an alumni reception in Petoskey! Details to come. Please contact alumni relations for more information: [alumni@ndpma.org](mailto:alumni@ndpma.org).

## HOMECOMING 2019

Friday, September 20

Mark your calendar for September 20 for this year's alumni tailgate and homecoming game.

**1958**

Nearly 30 ND Class of 1958 alumni met on June 9, 2018, to celebrate their 60-year reunion at the Capital Banquet Center in Washington, Mich. The guys enjoyed a Mass followed by dinner and dancing. Thank you to Vic Battani for planning a wonderful event!

**1968**

When the ND Class of 1968 didn't show much enthusiasm for a 50-year reunion, Gary Corte took matters into his own hands and planned a get-together in the sun! Tom Imbrunone's sister is his travel agent and so she came up with Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, as the place to go. The wives loved the sun, spa treatments and the beach while the guys enjoyed the all-inclusive food and drinks as well as the casino! And unbeknownst to them, John and Mary Ladensack would celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary while at the reunion! All in all, a great time was had by all. Bob Silveri and and Corte had been going to school together since the second grade, while Tom Imbrunone joined in the fourth grade. High school together and college roommates, they have maintained a close bond for 60 years!

**1983**

The ND Class of 1983 gathered on October 5, 2018, to celebrate their 35-year reunion at Hamlin Pub in Shelby, Twp., Mich. Nearly 50 alumni were in attendance. The planning committee included Tom Salerno, Mark Gaynor, Tom Barr and Rob Zeweke.

**1988**

On December 28, 2018, about 20 ND Class of 1988 grads met up to celebrate 30 years. The event was held at the Ferndale Elks Club and was organized by Paul Barker.



# Reunions



**1993**

On November 24, 2018, around 30 ND alums met at Fishbones in St. Clair Shores to celebrate 25 years! A wonderful buffet was set up and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Paul Nahra and Jeff Pierce for organizing a wonderful event.



**1998**

The NDP Class of 1998 celebrated 20 years at The Meeting House in Rochester. Attendees enjoyed tasty food and drinks and spent the evening reminiscing about their time at ND Prep. Alumni were excited to reconnect and to a number of faculty members, including, Brother Louis Plourde, s.m. The event was planned by Lisa Healy and Gino D'Agostini.



**2004**

Ricky Winowiecki and alums from the ND Class of 2004 celebrated 20 years at the Shores Inn in St. Clair Shores on December 22, 2018.



**2013**

Nearly 50 alumni from the NDP Class of 2013 stopped by the Red Ox Tavern in Auburn Hills on November 21, 2018, to celebrate their 5-year reunion. Thank you to Francesco Munaco for planning a fantastic event.



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