



# THE NOTRE DAMIAN

FOR THE ALUMNAE AND FRIENDS OF NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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An aerial photograph of a large group of graduates in white gowns standing on a green field. They are arranged in a formation that spells out the letters "NDA" in a large, stylized font. The field has white and blue lines, and a large white oval is drawn around the "NDA" text.



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Graduates were very grateful to have the opportunity to attend an in-person graduation ceremony.

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### Greetings Alumnae, Parents and Friends of Notre Dame Academy,

As many of you know, it is a special tradition at NDA for each graduate to carry red roses as she walks up to receive her diploma. This is a sign of our love, admiration and respect for her in all she has accomplished as a student at NDA. This issue of the *Notre Damian* pays tribute to the accomplishments of our students as well as our teachers, staff and alumnae. The photos and articles in the pages that follow tell the story of what it means to be a part of the NDA community. It is a story many of us know and love!

As we celebrate the class of 2021, our hearts are filled with hope as our newest alumnae are ready to embrace all the world has waiting for them. This year others share in that experience of leaving as well, including Sr. Paul Ann Hanneken, Sr. Mary Rachel Nerone and Ron and Mary Ann Greife - each a dedicated educator who has served the mission of NDA so well for decades. This issue is dedicated to them for their loving service to our school, to the mission and vision of the SND's and to Catholic education.

I share with each of them in this bittersweet transition as I am moving on from NDA as well. On September 1, I will take on a new role with SND USA as the Executive Director of the National Sponsorship and Network Office (NSNO). It has been such an honor to serve NDA and our school's mission to educate young women to make a difference. I am very grateful for the way NDA has served me - not only in my years as a student, but also the opportunities I have had over the last 15 years as teacher, principal and president. I have learned and gained so much! Along with being a wife and a mother - it has been the most rewarding work of my life. For those of us leaving, students and staff alike, we have all been so blessed to be a part of this NDA community. NDA is in our DNA and always will be!

The search for the next President of NDA is underway. Mr. VonHandorf has graciously agreed to serve as interim president during this time of transition. We are certainly blessed to have his mission-centered leadership. He will serve our community well in this role as he has done as principal for the last 6 years. With the leadership of Mr. VonHandorf and our Associate Principal, Mrs. Amber Grayson, and the dedication of our staff and teachers, our school will continue to grow and thrive as we embrace the many opportunities that lie ahead.

In my letters as president, I often sign off with - "may you know God's goodness today and always". Every day I spent at NDA over the last 15 years - I have truly known God's goodness. I am deeply grateful to my colleagues, my family, our NDA families and the Sisters of Notre Dame for supporting me on this journey. What a source of great hope to know the Notre Dame tradition lives on in each of us who embrace the charm and ministry of the SND's. In my new role at the NSNO, I will have the opportunity to promote and support the SND mission at the core of our 16 sponsored ministries around the U.S.

Over the years I have told our graduating seniors soon to be newest alumnae - you will always be a part of the NDA community. So this is not goodbye, it is welcome to your new role in this community! As the students, teachers, staff, alumnae and parents of NDA - we all journey forth together in mission. God's goodness is alive and well!

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Dickman Koehl '75



# Our Newest Alumnae

We proudly welcome the following graduates to the ranks of the Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Association and wish them success as they enter the next phase of their lives.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Haydon Marie Ahlers</i>         | <i>Kierstin Olivia Haas</i>       | <i>Terese Marie Noll</i>          |
| <i>Isabel Marie Alcorn</i>         | <i>Ava Elizabeth Hassan</i>       | <i>Lilli Clare Nordloh</i>        |
| <i>Ava Marie Alexander</i>         | <i>Riley Mae Hemmer</i>           | <i>Julianne Grace Noyes</i>       |
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| <i>Ella Marie Bailey</i>           | <i>Ava Claire Hering</i>          | <i>Emma Nicole Pohlman</i>        |
| <i>Samantha Claire Bailey</i>      | <i>Evelyn June Huff</i>           | <i>Abigail Grace Powers</i>       |
| <i>Reagan Christine Baker</i>      | <i>Skyllar Payton Jacocks</i>     | <i>Savannah Marie Puglisi</i>     |
| <i>Sarah Marie Barhorst</i>        | <i>Hayley Marie Jansen</i>        | <i>Ava Kathryn Quigley</i>        |
| <i>Isabelle Rose Bennett</i>       | <i>Lauren Noelle Janzaruk</i>     | <i>Megan Rose Raab</i>            |
| <i>Sophia Jean Benson</i>          | <i>Carly Faith Jones</i>          | <i>Hannah Marie Ransom</i>        |
| <i>Catherine Elizabeth Branch</i>  | <i>Riley Sue Jordan</i>           | <i>Sophia Ann Ryan</i>            |
| <i>Emma Ruth Bresser</i>           | <i>Annie Rae Judy</i>             | <i>Abigail Elizabeth Schaller</i> |
| <i>Emelia Dale Campbell</i>        | <i>Maria Christine Judy</i>       | <i>Cate Leigh Scheper</i>         |
| <i>Annashea Josephine Carlisle</i> | <i>Emma Kathryn Kennedy</i>       | <i>Claire Alysse Schmidt</i>      |
| <i>Lauren Alexis Carothers</i>     | <i>Hana Soo Kennedy</i>           | <i>Sydney Elaine Schroder</i>     |
| <i>Haley Samantha Clark</i>        | <i>Sarah Elizabeth Kennedy</i>    | <i>Iris Elizabeth Schuh</i>       |
| <i>Evelyn Maelee Cook</i>          | <i>Anne Elise Kleier</i>          | <i>Natalie Rose Schuh</i>         |
| <i>Amelia Grace Coomes</i>         | <i>Brooke Ava Klosterman</i>      | <i>Adison Elizabeth Schwarber</i> |
| <i>Noelle Elizabeth Cottingham</i> | <i>Alivia Xian Kohus</i>          | <i>Lily Margaret Shay</i>         |
| <i>Taghrid Dabbani</i>             | <i>Camille Andres Laird</i>       | <i>Ava Elizabeth Shields</i>      |
| <i>Jenna Therese Danneman</i>      | <i>Courtney Noel Laudick</i>      | <i>Danielle Grace Shoemake</i>    |
| <i>Lauren Elizabeth Davey</i>      | <i>Marleigh Jane Lawler</i>       | <i>Jenna Belle Shriver</i>        |
| <i>Abbey Elizabeth Dietz</i>       | <i>Josephine Irene Lawrie</i>     | <i>Grace Marie Siemer</i>         |
| <i>Mary Grace Dorning</i>          | <i>Corinne Cecilia Laws</i>       | <i>Stella Marie Skinner</i>       |
| <i>Anna Kaitlyn Dunaway</i>        | <i>Pascalie Wilson Le Roy</i>     | <i>Margaret Lee Smith</i>         |
| <i>Claire Reed Dunham</i>          | <i>Anna Grace Long</i>            | <i>Christine Renee Sova</i>       |
| <i>Caroline Hilary Dunlevy</i>     | <i>Olivia Marie Maschinot</i>     | <i>Kirsten Lynn Spillman</i>      |
| <i>Clara Danielle Dusing</i>       | <i>Laura Elizabeth Masur</i>      | <i>Ava Amelia Rose Stansel</i>    |
| <i>Claire Jenifer Edgington</i>    | <i>Madison Rose Matthews</i>      | <i>Annabelle Barton Stansel</i>   |
| <i>Emily Katherine Eggleston</i>   | <i>Kaley Anne McCarty</i>         | <i>Emma Jane Summe</i>            |
| <i>Margaret Mae Ellis</i>          | <i>Sydney Korin McMMain</i>       | <i>Michaela Therese Summe</i>     |
| <i>Olivia Kathryn Epplen</i>       | <i>Camille Jeannine McMurtry</i>  | <i>Mollie Elizabeth Tagher</i>    |
| <i>Delaney Kathryn Eviston</i>     | <i>Hope Catherine McNickle</i>    | <i>Hailey Michele Taylor</i>      |
| <i>Elizabeth Paige Farwick</i>     | <i>Emma Rosemarie Meyer</i>       | <i>Gwyneth Ann Thomas</i>         |
| <i>Macy Elizabeth Feagan</i>       | <i>Isabella Marie Meyerratken</i> | <i>Shelby Elizabeth Turney</i>    |
| <i>Mara Elizabeth Finn</i>         | <i>Katelyn Josephine Moore</i>    | <i>Emily Maria Ventre</i>         |
| <i>Alaina Marie Flesch</i>         | <i>Lily Catherine Mosser</i>      | <i>Olivia Ann Voelker</i>         |
| <i>Margaret Grady Gartner</i>      | <i>Avery Ireland Munroe</i>       | <i>Emily Anne Wichmann</i>        |
| <i>Megan Marie Gebhart</i>         | <i>Brooke Michael Murphy</i>      | <i>Sarah Lynn Witt</i>            |
| <i>Jordan Elyse Gillum</i>         | <i>Sara Marie Nageleisen</i>      | <i>Anne-Marie Alyce Wright</i>    |
| <i>Alexis Anne Good</i>            | <i>Taylor Nicole Naudin</i>       | <i>Rachel Marie Young</i>         |
| <i>Emma Mae Grace</i>              | <i>Mary Ann Carol Nerswick</i>    |                                   |
| <i>Abigail Lynn Graus</i>          | <i>Paige Carolyn Neuhaus</i>      |                                   |



Where are they headed...



- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Aveda Fredric's Institute
- Belmont University
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College
- Bowling Green State University
- Chowan University
- Clemson University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Emerson College
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida State University
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Indiana University
- John Cabot University
- Kent State University
- Long Island University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Marymount Manhattan College
- McGill University
- Montana State University
- Morehead State University
- Mount Saint Joseph University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Oakland University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio University
- Pepperdine University
- Purdue University
- Robert Morris University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Thomas More University
- Transylvania
- University of Alabama
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Cincinnati Blue Ash
- University of Dayton
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville
- University of Miami
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tennessee
- US Coast Guard Academy
- Western Kentucky University
- Xavier University





*This year's graduates have distinguished themselves by receiving many awards and scholarships. A total of 54 students, 42% of the class, received half tuition or more in scholarships.*

## The Class of 2021 | By the Numbers...

- 130 Graduates in Notre Dame Academy's Class of 2021
- They performed 9,013 hours of service in four years at NDA
- They received \$18 million in the form of direct scholarships and grants
- 125 enrolled in 4-year colleges & universities
- 3 enrolled in a 2-year college
- 55 enrolled in the state of Kentucky colleges or universities
- 71 enrolled in out-of-state US colleges or universities
- 2 enrolled in international colleges or universities
- Average ACT score: 25.2
- 3 AP Scholar Award Recipients
- 6 AP Scholar Award with Honor Recipients
- 1 AP Scholar Award with Distinction Recipient
- 4 Kentucky Governor's Scholar Alumna
- 3 Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts Alumna
- 1 Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Alumna
- 45 Outstanding Behavior Recognition Award
- 43 President's Education Award Outstanding Academic Excellence
- 59 President's Education Award Outstanding Achievement



# THE NOTRE DAME ACADEMY TRADITION



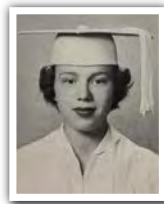
The graduates of Notre Dame Academy span many generations.

The Class of 2021 contains 31 young women whose grandmothers and/or great grandmothers also graduated from Notre Dame Academy.

What a tribute to Notre Dame Academy, its mission, and the fine Catholic education which it offers!



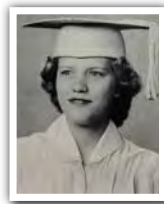
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Nicole Andrew  
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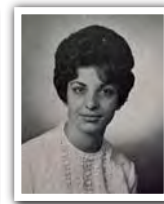
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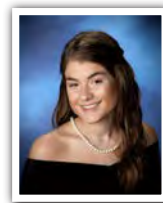
Annashea Carlisle  
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Lauren Carothers  
Mary Jeanne Kerns Neiheisel 1959



Noelle Cottingham  
Betty Kroger Cottingham 1952



Jenna Danneman  
Kathy Franxman Danneman 1969



Lauren Davey  
Virginia Heuer Eilers 1924  
Sue Sommerkamp Eilers 1966



Gracie Dorning  
Doris Beiting Fedders 1941  
Mary Kay Cohen Dorning 1963



Claire Edgington  
Sue Foldy Nie 1958



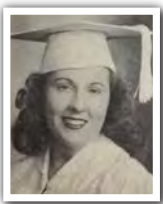
Olivia Epplen  
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Delaney Eviston  
Teri Braun Schaar 1970



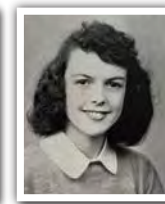
Alexis Good  
Elma Mae Haney Neil 1949  
Kathi Neil Good 1969



Riley Jordan  
Betty Hellmann Bohman 1938  
Sue Bohman Teasley 1965



Annie & Maria Judy  
Ruth Kleier Faragher 1943  
Annie Faragher Bennett 1966



Annie Kleier  
Alma Moorman Finke 1954



Courtney Laudick  
Sharon Maifeld Smith 1968



Josie Lawrie  
Irene Dickman Wachs 1931  
Janet Wachs Albers 1968



Lily Mosser  
Janet Koesters Fredrick 1942



Ceceilagh Pitstick  
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Savannah Puglisi  
Jean Sauter Hartzel 1941  
Sylvia Hartzel Sweeney 1963



Sophia Ryan  
Judy Capoccia Wischer 1962



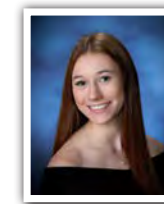
Natalie Schuh  
Joan Hehman Janszen 1952



Adison Schwarber  
Rita Capoccia Schwarber 1961



Lily Shay  
Mary Margaret Hackman Riedinger 1933



Ava Shields  
Blanche Kenney Shields 1932



Grace Siemer  
Therese Bessler Middendorf 1979



Ava Stansel  
Manola Cooper Burchell 1999



Emily Wichmann  
Judy Adick Toebben 1960



Sarah Witt  
Laverne Hanneken Kreke 1948  
Martha Meyers Witt 1954





# Welcome

*Notre Dame Academy acknowledges the importance of family connections and welcomes our Class of 2025 Student Legacies!*

NDA is proud to be an educational institution where generations of members from the same family tree attend. Legacy students make up a sizable population on our campus in part because of the incredible experience NDA has provided to so many young women over the years. The Notre Dame Academy experience tends to be passed from mothers to daughters, from grandmothers to granddaughters and beyond. It is important to know that sisters, mothers, aunts, grandmothers and great-grandmothers all qualify as legacy connections at NDA. We welcome the following Class of 2025 Student Legacies to Notre Dame Academy this fall:

**Sarah Alcorn** - Sister: Isabel Alcorn 2021.

**Chloe Anneken** - Sister: Avery Warner 2015, Aunts: Lisa Anneken Collins 1986, Mary Kay Anneken Laird 1987, Carrie Fischesser Russell 1987, Julie Anneken Quigley 1995, Grandmother: Bev Winterberg Fischesser 1968.

**Audrey Arentsen** - Mom: Laura Janszen Arentsen 1990, Aunts: Mary Beth Janszen Sheridan 1979, Ann Janszen Bertram 1982, Jenny Janszen 1984, Maria Janszen Schuh 1986, Grandmother: Joan Hehman Janszen 1952.

**Marisa Bloemer** - Aunt: Donna Bloemer 1987, Grandmother: Nancy Due Bloemer 1965.

**Sarah Bowman** - Mom: Kelly Thelen Bowman 1995, Aunt: Kristie Thelen McManus 1990, Grandmother: Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967.

**Josie Bozeman** - Mom: Maria Wilmhoff Bozeman 1997, Aunt: Stephanie Wilmhoff Olson 2001, Great-Great Aunt: Betty Volpenhein Fischer-Gibson 1948, Grandmother: Donna Eschan Wilmhoff 1969, Great-Grandmother: Dorothy "Dottie" Volpenhein Eschan 1944.

**Ryan Burden** - Mom: Michelle Donoghue Burden 1994.

**Abby Burnett** - Aunt: Claire Wurtenberger Campagna 2009, Great-Grandmother: Joan Deye Wurtenberger 1948.

**Hannah Dannenberg** - Mom: Diane Waite Dannenberg 1984.

**Sarah Day** - Mom: Patricia Roenker Day 2000.

**Lucy Dorning** - Mom: Cara Fedders Dorning 1993, Sisters: Lily Dorning 2019, Gracie Dorning 2021, Aunts: Emily Dorning Henry 1983, Valarie Dorning Brandenburg 1987, Grandmother: Mary Kay Cohen Dorning 1963, Great-Grandmother: Doris Beiting Fedders 1941.

**Georgia Drees** - Mom: Jennifer Massman Drees 1987, Aunts: Cindy Massman Bischoff 1985, Barbara Drees Jones 1987, Christy Massman Reap 1989.

**Chloe Dunham** - Mom: Julie Wagner Dunham 1988, Sister: Claire Dunham 2021, Aunts: Shelly Fuller Lerch 1978, Torre Wagner Hinken 1987, Terri Wagner Griffin 1987, Allison Wagner Williams 1996, Ashley Wagner Blackburn 1998.

**Sofia Durstock** - Great-Aunt: Judy Durstock Isler 1967.

**Hannan Dusing** - Mom: Julie Tapke 1994, Aunt: Katie Tapke McNeely 1998.

**Norah Fathman** - Sister: Ellie Fathman 2014.

**Ava and Emma Fillhardt** - Mom: Theresa Hayden Fillhardt 1995, Aunt: Amy Fillhardt McHugh 1996, Grandmother: Judi Meihaus Fillhardt 1972.

**Leah Franzen** - Sisters: Rachel Franzen 2016, Ruth Franzen 2019, Grandmothers: Joyce Feld Greisinger 1949, Janice Ziegler Franzen 1961, Great-Grandmother: Amelia Rademacher Feld 1921.

**Chloe Fullenkamp** - Sister: Hailey Fullenkamp 2023, Aunts: Sarah Fullenkamp 1993, Ashley Fullenkamp 2002.

**Sophia Gibson** - Mom: Jamie Reinhart Gibson 1995, Aunt: Julie Reinhart Turner 1989, Grandmother: Lynn Mueller Ford 1965, Great-Grandmother: Mildred Kendall Mueller 1940.

**Ella Goetz** - Mom: Erin Zalla Goetz 1998, Aunts: Keri Goetz Courtney 1999, Megan Zalla Melton 1999.

**Julia Grace** - Sister: Emma Grace 2021.

**Sarah Harrity** - Mom: Carrie Doepker Harrity 1989, Sister: Anna Harrity 2022, Aunts: Christie Doepker Ott 1989, Kimberly Doepker Alford 1986, Janie Doepker Swartz 1992, Grandmother: Darcy Alerding Doepker 1964.

**Elly Hering** - Sister: Ava Hering 2021.

**Katherine Heuker** - Sisters: Megan Heuker 2015, Nicole Heuker 2019, Anne Heuker 2022.

**Leah Hickey** - Mom: Michelle Hammond Hickey 1996, Aunt: Carrie Hickey 1991.

**Sasha Holbrook** - Aunts: Shannon Deye 1986, Tammie Klosterman Deye 1994, Great-Aunt: Joan Deye Wurtenberger 1948, Grandmother: Carol Paine Deye 1961, Great-Grandmother: Helen Eppler Blank 1937.

**Lacey Hostetler** - Sister: Kayla Hostetler 2023.

**Laila Janah** - Mom: Angela Brooks 1996, Aunt: Suzanne Brooks 1997.

**Blair Kahlig** - Sister: Addison Kahlig 2023.

**Rylee Kleisinger** - Mom: Kerry Shea Kleisinger 1989.

**Ella Kruze** - Mom: Jennifer Reuss Kruze 1995, Great-Aunts: Renee Reuss Knapke 1965, Barbara Reuss Cotter 1967, Julia Graham Mersch 1975, Shelly Reuss Sandfoss 1979, Becky Reuss Salchli 1982, Grandmother: Laura Graham Reuss 1971.

**Emma Lange** - Mom: Jody Rutterer Lange 2000, Aunt: Anne Rutterer Feldman 2003, Grandmother: Elaine "Lana" Schroder Rutterer 1968.

**Adeline Lashua** - Mom: Patricia Grote Lashua 1999, Sister: Briana Baker 2017, Great-Aunts: Anne Bagley Adkins 1978, Carol Bagley Eisner 1984, Grandmother: Jeanne Bagley Grote 1977.

**Maya Lawrie** - Mom: Stephanie Albers Lawrie 1993, Sister: Josie Lawrie 2021, Aunts: Jeannett Albers Hasselbeck 1996, Kathleen Albers Brossart 2004, Great-Aunts: Josephine "Jo Ann" Wachs Hugenberg 1966, Joyce Wachs Albers 1969, Jeanne Wachs Dickman 1970, Great-Great-Aunts: Stella Dickman Zembrod 1926, Dolores Dickman Pfetzer 1933, Evelyn Dickman Glatting 1936, Grandmother: Janet Wachs Albers 1968, Great-Grandmother: Irene Dickman Wachs 1931.

**Alexys Lear** - Sister: Catryna Lear 2020.

**Ella Long** - Mom: Jennifer Summe Long 1989, Sisters: Kylie Long 2018, Anna Long 2021, Aunts: Krista Summe Wilmink 1980, Sheila Summe Cooney 1986, Betsy Summe Greenwell 1987.

**Molly Mast** - Aunts: Amy Mast Burns 1992, Maria Mast Lawrence 1995.

**Anna Mayer** - Mom: Amy Maile Mayer 1988, Sisters: Erin Mayer Stanley 2013, Molly Mayer 2014, Aunt: Lisa Maile Lankheit 1986.

**Reese McGonigal** - Mom: Katie Uthe McGonigal 1997, Aunts: Laura Uthe Kimmins 2001, Mollie Uthe 2007.

**Hope Miller** - Sisters: Hannah Miller 2020, Emaline Miller 2022, Rosemary Miller 2024.

**Samantha Murphy** - Aunts: Tammie Murphy Beckett 1989, Kerrie Murphy 1993.

**Avery Myers** - Mom: Karen Kreutzkamp Myers 1995, Aunts: Debbie Kreutzkamp Schultz 1989, Sarah Kreutzkamp Speed 1997.

**Ashley Neltner** - Mom: Grace Giglio Neltner 1984, Sisters: Cassandra Neltner 2013, Jacquelyn Neltner 2022, Aunts: Terri Smith Giglio 1971, Lyn Giglio Crawford 1976, Marianne Giglio Dammert 1981.

**Elsa Neurohr** - Sister: Annalise Neurohr 2023.

**Carlee Overmann** - Mom: Lauren Remke Overmann 1997, Aunt: Monica Remke Cymerman 1996, Grandmother: Sherrill Vocke Remke 1963.

**Paige Pence** - Grandmother: Cynthia Hillman Pence 1971.

**Abigail Price** - Mom: Bridget Metzger Price 2000, Aunts: Heidi Metzger Morrow 1998, Amanda Metzger Able 2002.

**Kate Resing** - Mom: Julie Purcell Resing 1993, Sister: Anna Resing 2019, Aunts: Jeannie Purcell Hampton 1990, Tricia Purcell 1997, Grandmother: Maryloretto Seifert Resing 1967.

**Riley Robertson** - Mom: Carey Hebbeler Robertson 1999, Sister: Allison Robertson 2018, Aunts: Lara Hebbeler Zimmerman 2005, Emily Hebbeler Hamad 2007, Great-Aunt: Lynn Meyer Wurtz 1968, Taffy Cahill Hebbeler 1979, Grandmother: Cathy Meyer Hebbeler 1971.

**Rachel Rovito** - Mom: Maria Lamping Rovito 1983, Sister: Hannah Rovito 2017, Aunts: Lisa Lamping Simon 1980, Grandmother: Marilyn Fassel Lamping 1955.

**Morgan Russell** - Mom: Rebecca Thomas Russell 1999, Sister: Madison Russell 2023, Aunts: Elizabeth Lange Thomas 1998, Michelle Thomas Joseph 2003, Julie Thomas 2007, Great-Aunt: Sr. Marla Monohan, SND 1967 Grandmother: Frances Monahan Thomas 1970.

**Mikayla Schornack** - Stepmom: Deidra Brown Schornack 2003.

**Julianne Shriver** - Sisters: Josie Shriver 2015, Jenna Shriver 2021.

**Grace Summe** - Aunts: Krista Summe Wilmink 1980, Sheila Summe Cooney 1986, Betsy Summe Greenwell 1987, Jennifer Summe Long 1989.

**Ava Tilden** - Mom: Amanda Groth Tilden 2003, Aunt: Malia Tilden Breitenbach 2003, Grandmother: Lisa Moser Groth 1975, Great-Grandmother: Helen "Mickey" Witte Moser 1945.

**Maya Tully** - Mom: Lisa Schmidt Tully 1995, Aunt: Kerri Schmidt Kraemer 1991.

**Emma White** - Sister: Gabrielle White 2024.

**Leah Young** - Mom: Kelley Burchell Young 1993, Sister: Rachel Young 2021, Aunts: Laurie Burchell Wulfbeck 1995, Stephaney Burchell Theobald 1998, Ashley Burchell Marshall 2001.

**Anna Zumbiel** - Mom: Jennifer Blazejewski Zumbiel 1997, Aunt: Mandy Zumbiel 1995, Great-Aunt: Maria Blazejewski Kanter 1983, Grandmother: Kathy Caudill Blazejewski 1972.

\*This information was to be submitted by May 7, 2021. We apologize for any omissions or inaccuracies. To notify us of any other 2025 Student Legacies, please contact Monica Ginney at [ginneym@ndapandas.org](mailto:ginneym@ndapandas.org).



# Saying GOODBYE Is Never Easy

The conclusion of the 2020-21 school year was filled with many festivities including some very special send-off celebrations. In May, Notre Dame Academy said farewell to Ms. Kelly Burgei, Mrs. Teri Perinno, Mrs. Pat Brennan, Mr. Tom Richmond, Mrs. Mary Ann Greife and Mr. Ron Greife. Sr. Paul Ann Hanneken and Sr. Mary Rachel Nerone were also recognized as they retired from their positions as Work Study Coordinators, and Dr. Laura Koehl was also honored as she will be moving on to serve as Executive Director of the Sisters of Notre Dame National Sponsorship and Network Office at the end of the summer.

Students and fellow faculty and staff paid tribute to each of the departing members of the NDA community at this farewell celebration. Although there were some tears, there were certainly more cheers of appreciation to those who are leaving NDA this year.

"We are grateful to our faculty and staff members who are moving on from Notre Dame Academy," said NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf. "We thank each of these SND educators and staff members for their dedication to Catholic education and wish them well in their future endeavors."

As a graduate of Thomas More College, Mary Ann Tenfelde began her career as a French teacher at NDA in August of 1973. In addition to teaching French during her first decade at NDA, Mary Ann was also the track coach (1978-1984). As a faculty member, Mary Ann has always been a member of the World Languages Department, handling the duties of instructing the French language and culture, French Club Moderator and for many years, the Department Chair for the Language Department. Mary Ann also taught World History for five years during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Ron Greife began his tenure at NDA in August of 1978 teaching World History. Always willing to share his talents, Ron volunteered to coach swimming, freshman basketball, tennis and golf during his first decade at NDA. As a faculty member, Ron has always been a member of the Social Studies faculty, primarily teaching World History, Modern Europe and Global Issues. He has always moderated club activities with World Affairs and also served as Department Chair for over 10 years.

With the number of single faculty members on staff during their early years at NDA, it was easy for Ron and Mary Ann to meet socially. After a few months, they began to seriously date, though keeping it a secret from most of the faculty and especially the students. Even after their official engagement, most students did not realize that they were set to marry each other. During the summer of 1984, they were married and returned that fall as Mr. and Mrs. Greife.

In the fall of 2001, the Greife family expanded at NDA when their daughter Lara entered as a freshman. In the fall of 2018, Lara Greife Heidrich continued the Greife teaching legend at NDA when she joined the faculty as a member of the Social Studies Department.

Throughout their 5 decades of teaching at NDA, Ron and Mary Ann Greife dedicated their careers to providing learning environments in which every student could learn and succeed to the best of their abilities. Both challenged students to reach further, dig deeper, and expand their potential for scholarship, while also offering empathy and compassion when life overwhelmed them.

Mary Rachel Nerone attended Notre Dame Academy from September of 1951 through May of 1954. As a student, Rachel was very involved in a variety of activities including Chorus Club and intramural volleyball which she led to a school championship. She was a member of Student Council and elected to leadership roles as homeroom representative and school treasurer. Mary Rachel had the honor of crowning Mary at the school's annual May Crowning ceremony. She was the first sophomore to ever achieve this honor.

Mary Rachel's senior superlative was "POPULAR" and her senior yearbook post described her as a "girl with a sense of responsibility." Upon graduation, Mary Rachel planned on attending Villa Madonna College (TMU).

On September 8, 1954, Mary Rachel and seven of her fellow NDA classmates answered the call of Christ to forsake all and follow Him, as they were welcomed as first year postulants with the Sisters of Notre Dame. Mary Rachel eventually took the name of Sr. Mary Marlene.

Beginning in August, 1963, Sr. Mary Marlene joined the NDA community as a member of the Math Department, teaching Math I and II. In 1981, she changed her name back to her original and became known as Sr. Mary Rachel. Since 1963 Sr. Mary Rachel has taken on many roles at NDA including Math faculty and Department Chair, Computer and Chorus teacher, Assistant Principal, Scheduling coordinator, Admissions Counselor, and Work Study Coordinator.

Helen Margaret Hanneken attended Notre Dame Academy from September, 1946 through May, 1950. As a student, Helen Margaret was involved in many different activities including membership on the Eucharistic Committee and Eucharistic Vigil, Traffic Committee, Good Counsel Committee, First Aid Committee, Red Cross Representatives and the German Club. She was also a contestant in the "Voice of America" contest.

During her senior year, Helen Margaret and six of her classmates made the decision to enter the novitiate and took their first steps to becoming Sisters of Notre Dame. After two years of prayer and study, Helen Margaret received her black veil on August 16, 1952, and took the name of Sr. Paul Ann.

Before returning to NDA as a member of the staff, Sr. Paul Ann received her BA in Education with a Concentration in Guidance from Thomas More College and then her MAT in Education from Xavier University. Beginning in August of 1977, Sr. Paul Ann joined the Guidance Office as the primary counselor for freshmen and sophomores. Since then, she has held a variety of jobs including academic counselor, disciplinarian, admissions director/counselor, Student Ambassador coordinator and Work Study Coordinator.

Sr. Paul Ann knew what God had planned for her at a very early age. Upon graduating from NDA she wrote this for her senior memory quote, "Notre Dame Academy has made me appreciate the most important thing in the world - the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For many graduates, NDA will be a thing of the past; but for me, it is a thing of the future. Every day I will strive to come closer to Notre Dame Academy by asking our Lord at Holy Mass to make me more Mary like, then I shall become a good Sister of Notre Dame."

Laura Dickman Koehl is a 1975 graduate of Notre Dame Academy. During her time at NDA, she was involved in the Thespians Club and served as president of the club her senior year. After graduating from NDA, Laura went on to receive her B.A. in Biology from Thomas More College, M.S. in Plant Ecology from Illinois State University and Ed.D. in Educational Foundations from the University of Cincinnati with a focus on science education for women.

In 2006, after 7 years in college admissions, 6 years as Vice President for Student Development and 3 years as Vice President for Enrollment and Strategic Planning, all at Thomas More College, Dr. Koehl returned to NDA as a science teacher. In 2010, Dr. Koehl became the first lay principal for the school and then in 2014, she became the first lay president of NDA.

Dr. Koehl is committed to Catholic education. She has spent her 32-year career providing educational opportunities - especially for young women.







**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**  
*Educating Women to Make a Difference*

Dear Alumnae, Parents and Friends of Notre Dame Academy,

With the recent announcement of NDA President Dr. Laura Koehl's new role as Executive Director of the Sisters of Notre Dame National Sponsorship and Network Office, Notre Dame Academy's Board of Directors has begun the process of searching for NDA's next president. In order to provide adequate time for a successful search, NDA's Board of Directors made the decision to move forward with an interim president for the 2021-22 school year. The Board of Directors is happy to announce that NDA's current principal, Mr. Jack VonHandorf, has graciously agreed to serve as interim president for the upcoming academic year. The Sisters of Notre Dame have approved his appointment which will be effective August 15, 2021. We have every confidence that Mr. VonHandorf, along with NDA's administrative leadership team, will effectively manage operations at Notre Dame Academy until a new president is named.

The Board of Directors has moved forward with the search for a permanent president of NDA who will assume the position of president sometime prior to July 2022. We recognize that the selection of the new president is one of the most important responsibilities of the Board of Directors. We realize that, in order to continue the outstanding work that Dr. Koehl has accomplished, we will need to search for an exceptional individual who is passionate about our mission and shares a love for our students.

The first action in the process was to identify and engage a search firm to assist us in this all-important task. In April, we selected Educational Directions of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, as our partner. Educational Directions was founded in 1987 and is a highly respected national firm. NDA's presidential search will be led by Mathew Heersche and Risa Oganessoff Heersche. Mr. Heersche and Mrs. Oganessoff Heersche are both leaders in Catholic education and as search professionals they bring deep experience, expertise and enthusiasm to our presidential search process. In addition, they have assisted a number of Sisters of Notre Dame educational institutions in the search for new leadership and are very familiar with the Sisters' charisma, governance and leadership structures.

The Notre Dame Academy Board of Directors has established a Presidential Search Committee composed of representation from the Sisters of Notre Dame, NDA Board of Directors, faculty, staff and administration. Additionally, the Board of Directors invited Mr. Heersche and Mrs. Oganessoff Heersche to visit Notre Dame Academy in May to interview members of all stakeholder groups within the school (students, faculty/staff, parents, administrators, alumnae, board members). Members of the NDA community who were unable to attend one of the in-person sessions with Mr. Heersche and Mrs. Oganessoff Heersche were asked to share their thoughts through an online Presidential Search Survey.

We thank all those who took the time to participate in the interview sessions and/or the online survey. Your input is very valuable to the presidential search process and will be given much consideration. We will continue to keep all members of our school community informed on the progress of the presidential search via regular updates and all information pertaining to the search will be posted on the president search page on our website.

Sincerely,

Amy Quinn Dye  
Notre Dame Academy Board Chair  
Presidential Search Committee Member

Jeanne-Marie Tapke  
Notre Dame Academy Board Member  
Chair of the Presidential Search Committee



It is an exciting time for the Sisters of Notre Dame! One year ago, the Sisters of Notre Dame (SND) unified their four North American provinces to form SND USA. The new national province includes sisters from Covington, Kentucky; Chardon, Ohio; Toledo, Ohio and Thousands Oaks, California. Chardon serves as the national headquarters for SND USA.

In July of 2020, as the world was faced with the emergence of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), plans were altered, objectives were adjusted and the lives of many were completely rearranged; however, the Sisters of Notre Dame held steadfast to their goal to combine their four provinces to form SND USA. The forward thinking SNDs began developing the transformation of their congregation in 2014 when they realized that their SND-sponsored institutions and ministries could be strengthened if they combined their efforts and resources nationwide into one SND USA province. After several years of careful planning, the Sisters of Notre Dame set the transition date for July 5, 2020. Little did they know at the time what the world would be experiencing in 2020; however, that did not prevent the SNDs from executing their plans.

The congregation's 500-plus sisters nationwide have combined resources and personnel to focus on three broad ministry initiatives:

- The education and healthcare institutions founded by the sisters in each geographic area
- Ministries serving new needs of people on margins
- Young adult and vocation ministries

The SND USA leadership team includes Sister Margaret Gorman, provincial, from Chardon; Sister Mary Shauna Bankemper, assistant provincial, from Covington; Sister Regina Marie Fisher, council member, from Toledo; Sister Patricia Mary Garrahan, council member, from Chardon; and Sister Mary Rebekah Kennedy, council member, from Thousand Oaks.

SND USA is part of the Sisters of Notre Dame international community spanning five continents, 14 time zones and 17 countries. Sisters of Notre Dame come from all walks of life, at various times of their lives, from different careers, cultures and collective experiences. Along with ministry expansions in the United States, SND-founded international missions continue to provide services in India, East Africa and Papua New Guinea.



# From the Principal



## Blessings Alumnae, Families, and Friends of NDA!

As the principal of Notre Dame Academy, I have the privilege of sharing a few thoughts with our seniors on their graduation day. This year, I focused my thoughts on change. As I told our graduating seniors, there are times when change can be invigorating, and then there are times when it is unsettling. I reminded them that they have been well prepared academically, they have been empowered spiritually and they are equipped with a strong set of core values and beliefs. I asked them to use their Notre Dame Academy education to change the world. That is a challenge that is both invigorating and unsettling and I know it is one that they are well prepared to accept.

Speaking of taking on challenges, as you read in a letter from our Board of Directors on page 12, I have agreed to serve as interim president for the upcoming academic year until a new president is named. Please note that I will continue to serve as principal of Notre Dame Academy throughout this time as well. While the prospect of filling both of these two positions at the same time may seem like a formidable task, I am confident that it is possible with the strong and collaborative community we have at NDA. Our faculty and staff are incredibly dedicated to our school and our administrative leadership team operates very effectively. With the support of the NDA community, I am confident that together we can be successful in fulfilling our mission until a new school president is named.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our students and faculty for the way they handled the challenges of COVID-19 throughout the 2020-21 school year. Last August, I asked everyone in our NDA community to focus on our theme of *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love*. I challenged our students, faculty and staff to be flexible, adaptable and creative. I am very appreciative to our community for taking my requests so seriously. As a principal it has been very rewarding to see how they have stepped up and approached this school year with unselfish generosity and a cooperative spirit in the face of the difficult tasks and trials presented to us this school year. It made a huge difference and resulted in much success.

As alumnae, parents, students and friends of NDA, you are a very important part of our community. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to also thank you for your support of our mission at Notre Dame Academy. We are very grateful for your commitment to our school and truly appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in the good work of Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Jack VonHandorf



# Campus Notes



## CLASS OF 2021 TOP HONORS

Each year at NDA's Senior Breakfast, a graduate is honored by the Sisters of Notre Dame with the Distinguished Graduate Award. This year, Margaret Gartner was the recipient of this special award.

The Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes graduates in schools sponsored by or affiliated with the Sisters of Notre Dame National Education Partnership as being outstanding witnesses to Notre Dame education.

The names of the award recipients are recorded each year in a book kept in the Motherhouse (international headquarters) of the Sisters in Rome, Italy. Its place is on the altar dedicated to Sr. Maria Aloysia, the founder of the Coesfeld SNDs and an outstanding educator.



Ceceilagh Pitstick



Gwyneth Thomas

Congratulations to Ceceilagh Pitstick and Gwyneth Thomas. Ceceilagh was named valedictorian of the Class of 2021 and Gwyneth was named salutatorian.

Ceceilagh is the daughter of Lori and the late Jon Pitstick of Villa Hills, Kentucky. She will be attending Clemson University this fall.

Gwyneth is the daughter of Stephanie and Lytle Thomas of Ft. Wright, Kentucky. She will be studying at the University of Cincinnati this fall.

## NDA Honors Patroness At May Crowning



As a school dedicated to Mary, our annual May Crowning Mass is a very special day for us to honor our patroness, the Blessed Mother, and to reflect on our educational mission. On May 13, our community came together for this important celebration.

Each year the honor of crowning Mary goes to a senior. All seniors are invited to submit a reflection about the Blessed Mother and how they have viewed her as a role model. This year the honor of crowning Mary went to Jenna Danneman with the honor of carrying Mary's crown in procession going to Rachel Young and the honor of carrying flowers for Mary going to Margaret Gartner.

As part of the May Crowning celebration, the Sisters of Notre Dame gave the freshmen, new students and new staff members a Miraculous Medal as they do each year.







## PANDAS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

While the Future Business Leaders of America State Competition was once again virtual this year, the success of our Pandas remained the same. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the FBLA State Conference, usually held at Louisville's Galt House Hotel, was once again moved online.

The following students placed in the top four of their respective events and will be moving on to the National Conference, which was originally scheduled to be in Anaheim, California, June 29 – July 2, but was also moved online.

- Noelle Cottingham & Isabelle Cottingham – 1st Place – International Business
- Molly Hayduk – 2nd Place – Management Decision Making
- Liz Duffy & Nicolette Cottingham – 2nd Place - Entrepreneurship
- Dinithi Fernando – 3rd Place – Social Media Strategies
- Clara Heberling – 3rd Place – Business Law



Freshman, Gabrielle White placed 5th in the Introduction to Financial Math event, narrowly missing out on the National competition. Sisters, Isabella and Noelle Cottingham placed 1st in the State Conference in their event, making it their third year in a row qualifying for the National Competition, a feat that no other Panda has accomplished before. We would also like to express a big congratulations to the following FBLA members, Cathrine Ghazala, Sara Nageleisen, Maddie Thomas, Kaitlyn Eberhart, Caroline Joyce, Ellie Joyce, Lexi Foust and Anna Neubacher on a fabulous year as well.

## CLASS OF 2021 HONORED AT ACADEMIC SIGNING

On May 13, Notre Dame Academy held an Academic Signing in honor of the Class of 2021 for their outstanding academic achievements. NDA's Class of 2021 earned \$18 million in scholarship offers. A total of 54 seniors (42% of the class) received at least half the cost of tuition through scholarships and grants at the institutions they plan to attend this fall. This is a true testimony to the education and preparation young women receive at Notre Dame Academy!



## 2020-21 ACADEMIC AWARDS

In May, the NDA community celebrated the school's long-standing tradition of academic excellence at the 44th NDA Academic Awards Ceremony. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and incoming freshmen were recognized at the event. The large number of students present at this year's awards ceremony is a testament to the diligence of NDA students and the dedication and caliber of our faculty. NDA congratulates the young women recognized at this event and thank them for using their God-given talents. These students have learned that achievement is measured not only by grades, scores and trophies; but also in the degree of commitment, service and hard work!



## NDA FACULTY RECEIVE SND NETWORK AWARDS

Congratulations to NDA faculty members Mr. Ron Greife and Mr. Tom Richmond on receiving SND Network Awards this school year. Mr. Greife was the recipient of the Bernard Overberg "Teacher of Teachers" Award and Mr. Richmond received the Gospel Witness Award. Both of these educators are very deserving of these prestigious awards.



### Upcoming Events

#### July

- 26 Golf Outing
- 26-30 Bridge Program

#### August

- 2-6 FR iPad set up
- 10 FR/New Student Orientation
- FR Parent Night
- 11 SO/JR/SR Parent Night
- 16 No School: Feast of the Assumption
- 17 First Day of School
- 28 Opening School Mass

#### September

- 3 Picture Day
- 6 No School: Labor Day
- 8 Parent Mini Night

#### October

- 1 Foundation Day
- 3 Golden Girls Celebration
- 8 No School: PD Day
- 16 Autumn Gala



# 2021 Spring Sports Update

TRACK & FIELD



The Track and Field program has had a successful season with first place finishes at the Harrison County Invitational, Villa Madonna Field Meet and Assumption Dual Meet. They have had numerous top five finishes at many other meets. The team has continued to improve throughout the season and is running their best just in time for the postseason. The Regional Meet was held Tuesday, June 1, at Campbell County High School, and the State Meet was held on Saturday, June 12, at the University of Kentucky.

The Varsity Tennis team has had a great season with a 10-0 record regionally and a 15-3 overall statewide record! The Pandas were 2021 Team Sectional Champions, upsetting Lexington Catholic in the finals after losing to them in the regular season. The Pandas also were 2021 Regional Team Champions with 5 of the 6 Varsity starters qualifying for the State tournament. Lauren Janzaruk and Taylor Meenach were doubles regional champions, defeating teammates Samantha Bailey and Hailey Fullenkamp in a very close match in the finals! Janzaruk, Meenach, Fullenkamp, Bailey and Martine Hue all competed at the state tournament held at UK June 1-3. This team has a lot of heart, grit and team spirit!



TENNIS

LACROSSE



Lacrosse fell in the Quarterfinals of the State Tournament to a strong Eastern Louisville team after finishing as the Region Runner Up. They end the season with a 13-8 overall record against some tough competition. Goalie Ceceilagh Pitstick, Attacker Ellie Joyce and Defender Josie Tranter were all named to the All Region Tournament Team.

The NDA softball team has been working hard coming back after graduating a strong senior class and a year layoff due to Covid. The senior class of Josie Lawrie, Claire Schmidt, and Adi Schwarber are providing the leadership for a young team. Also, the juniors lead by Morgan Huston, Addy Mack, and Cam Steinbrunner are adding key pitching and offense for this year's team. Due to injuries and sickness the Pandas are just getting healthy for upcoming tournament play. While they have secured the #1 seed for the 35th district the Pandas are sitting at 11-11 on the season while playing some strong opponents thus far. The Panda Softball team is looking to secure its 8th consecutive District title in 2021.



SOFTBALL

BASS FISHING



Despite an unusually cold and rainy spring that caused some tournament cancellations, the NDA Bass Fishing team was able to compete in 3 tournaments in 2021.

Seniors Kierstin Haas and Hannah Ransom closed out their distinguished 4-year careers by weighing in 3 fish totaling 7lbs. 14oz. at the KHSAA Region 2 tournament, finishing just a few fish shy of the chance to advance to the KHSAA State Championship.



## CLASS of 2021 ATHLETIC SIGNING

Notre Dame Academy hosted its 2021 Athletic Signing for nine outstanding senior athletes on Monday, May 17. The NDA athletes made their college decisions final by signing letters of intent to continue their sports careers at college in front of their families, friends, former and future coaches and school staff.

Signing a letter of intent was an exciting next step in life that each of the NDA athletes was prepared to take. Congratulations to the following student athletes:

**Pictured:**  
 Emma Grace - Volleyball, Xavier University  
 Iris Schuh - Soccer, University of Cincinnati  
 Sydney Schroder - Beach Volleyball, Florida Atlantic University  
 Alivia Kohus - Equestrian, Auburn University

**Not pictured:**  
 Haydon Ahlers - Volleyball, Chowan University  
 Anna Long - Volleyball, Florida State University  
 Abigail Powers - Volleyball, Robert Morris University  
 Cate Scheper - Volleyball, Transylvania University  
 Emily Wichman - Volleyball, Oakland University



## 23rd Annual Golf Outing Tees Up

The 23rd annual NDA Golf Outing will be held at Summit Hills Country Club on Monday, July 26 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. All profits from the outing go directly to the Athletic Department and allow us to continue to provide a competitive athletic program that complements our quality educational program for young women in Northern Kentucky.

We are proud of Notre Dame Academy's tradition of rich and successful programs. Over the years, NDA has won 30 State Team Championship titles, has secured 39 State Runner-up titles and 73 individual state titles. This year we brought home the State Title in Volleyball and we had an individual swimming State Winner as well! NDA offers fourteen sports in which over half of NDA students participate. Your support makes this all possible!

To play, sponsor or for more information please visit our website at: <https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/golf-outing.aspx>



# In Loving Memory

The Notre Dame Academy community extends its deepest sympathy to the families of our alumnae on the death of their loved ones. These individuals will be remembered by the NDA students and faculty during their monthly masses throughout the school year. We are grateful for your continued support of Notre Dame in the form of memorials, honorariums, and special intentions.

## Alumnae:

Ruth Simon Kramer 1942  
 Ruth Finke Schulte 1942  
 Ruth Kleier Faragher 1943  
 Jean Ann Glen VonHandorf 1944  
 Dorothy Raabe Huning 1945  
 Alice Ruth Burke Helmer 1950  
 Elaine Sendelbeck Klosterman 1950  
 Mary Lou Blank Wilde 1954  
 Gertrude "Trudy" Ruedebusch Bezold 1955  
 Janice Kuntz Gastright 1955  
 Colette Stratman Sharp 1956  
 Janice Terry Wenstrup 1957  
 Kathleen Finneran Hodge 1958  
 Suzanne Czirr McDannold 1965  
 Marlene Darpel Miller 1966  
 Robin Steffen Kayiatos 1967  
 M. Kathi Neil Good 1969  
 Kathee Boyle Lemker 1983  
 Nanci Kleier Eiting 1988

## Husband of:

Shirley Scheitz Schulte 1948  
 Judith Schulte Miller 1960  
 Sharon Lehmkulh Hudson 1968  
 Diane Hinkel Comp 1978  
 Mary Diane Rademacher Payne 1970

## Mother of:

Annie Faragher Bennett 1966  
 Linda Schulte Haskins 1966  
 Teri Faragher Alexander 1968  
 Kathleen Schulte Bernius 1968  
 Karen VonHandorf Donath 1968  
 Margaret Huth Peters 1968  
 Patty Arstingstahl Burns 1971  
 Linda VonHandorf Fussinger 1974  
 Debbie Arstingstahl Chilelli 1975  
 Regina Huth Rosemire 1975  
 Rita Dickhaus Hallman 1976  
 Karen McPherson Chell 1981  
 Cathie Eten Arnold 1983

Geralyn Beatrice Isler 1983  
 Mary Ann "Missy" VonHandorf Jencks 1983  
 Denise Wilde Mikula 1983  
 Mary Kramer Brueggemeyer 1984  
 Krista McPherson Thorburn 1984  
 Teresa Beatrice Jacobson 1985  
 Cindie Eten Lonneman 1985  
 Tammi Good Mrazik 1989  
 Pamela Hodge Stich 1989  
 Connie Eten Rolf 1990  
 Laura Eisenmenger Ziesmann 1994  
 Mandi Good Cantrill 2001  
 Szofia Komaromy-Hiller 2014  
 Taylor Eiting 2018

## Father of:

Margaret "Peggy" Tenkotte Engelman 1969  
 Barbara Stein Kaelin 1974  
 Donna Stein Schaffer 1976  
 Lynn Drees Hemmer 1979  
 Lisa Schulte 1980  
 Susan Drees Panoushek 1982  
 Sandra Sassin Baggett 1984  
 Michelle Kilmer Kreutzjans 1984  
 Donna Schulte 1985  
 Shannon Deye 1986  
 Tamara Rhodes Elmlinger 1987  
 Barbara Drees Jones 1987  
 Paula Minning 1990  
 Lauren Holzderber Dressman 1991  
 Stacy Russell Nolting 1991  
 Andrea Rhodes Scully 1991  
 Sharon Minning Gronotte 1993  
 Colleen Collins Thomas 1996  
 Sommer Kidwell 1999  
 Mary Elmlinger 2022

## Sister of:

Judith Ruedebusch Rolfsen 1953  
 Cassandra Darpel Borchers 1962  
 Colleen Neil Collins 1971  
 Deborah Czirr Warchol 1974  
 Michelle Kleier Rodgers 1976  
 Ruth Kleier 1979  
 Aimee Kleier Pelletier 1986

## Brother of:

Joan Deye Wurtenberger 1948  
 Mary Jane Adick Lucas 1954  
 Georgina Lushek Lewin 1956  
 Dorothy Deters 1957  
 Judy Adick Toebben 1960  
 Germaine Silbersack Zimmerman 1962

Cathy Silbersack Erpenbeck 1964  
 Mary Lou Fabre Guthier 1964  
 Danielle Lushek Marx 1965  
 Joan Guenther Jasper 1969  
 Cindy Bedel Dusing 1970  
 Martha Fielding Cicci 1973  
 Patty Fabre Meek 1975  
 Lisa Comp Salter 1978  
 Rosina Ciafardini Haas 1982  
 Lauren Herring 2009  
 Imani Herring 2019

## Son of:

Karen Sullivan Braun 1978  
 Maria Haas Enzweiler 2008

## Special Intentions

Linda Schulte Haskins 1966  
 Susan Watters Von Hoene 1967

## Honorariums

In Honor of **Our Blessed Mother**  
 by: Bill and Kathy Franxman Danneman 1969

In Honor of **Class of 2010**  
 by: Leslie Schellhaas Litmer 2010

In Honor of **Sharon Bosch Foster 1983, Women Making a Difference 2021**  
 by: Anonymous

In Honor of **Dr. Laura Koehl's Service to NDA**  
 by: Mary H. Brown

In Honor of **Sr. Mary Rachel Nerone, SND 1954**  
 by: Connie Kaelin Roenker 1968

In Honor of **Sr. Mary Magdelyn Strittholt, SND 1952**  
 by: Mike and Sharon Petit

## In Memoriam

In Memory of **Deceased Classmates of 1967**  
 by: Colleen Read 1967

In Memory of **Deceased Classmates of 1969**  
 by: Barbara Brueggeman Berwanger 1969

In Memory of **Deceased Friends and Family**  
 by: Martha Fielding Cicci 1973

In Memory of **Vincent and Ruth Bowman**  
 by: Kate Droege Terrien 2004

In Memory of **Benjamin C. Brewer**  
 by: Sue Denny

In Memory of **Charles Brungs**  
 by: Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947

In Memory of **Angelo Bruno**  
 by: Sylvia Beiting Bruno 1955

In Memory of **Dawn Kristin Dorning 1989**  
 by: Debbie Dorning 1982

In Memory of **Lori Toebbe Doughty 1988**  
 by: Susan Niewahner 1988

In Memory of **Ralph Drees**  
 by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Anne Pauly Droege 1939**  
 by: Margaret Droege Kuhlman 1964

In Memory of **Fred Fischer**  
 by: Judy Miller Fischer 1953

In Memory of **M. Kathi Neil Good 1969**  
 by: Shelley Wills Goetz 1969

In Memory of **Mr. Grey**  
 by: Sally Burke 1965

In Memory of **Linda Gerding Grome 1981**  
 by: Tara Ellis Fley 1981

In Memory of **Rosemary Haas**  
 by: Patty Haas Dawn 1972

In Memory of **Eileen Vogelpohl Hebbeler 1950**  
 by: Virginia Vogelpohl Adams 1949

In Memory of **Kathy Cleves Hegge 1975**  
 by: Debbie Cleves Jansen 1972

In Memory of **Sally Rymarquis Hobbs 1966**  
 by: Robyn Heister Guidi 1966

In Memory of **Joan Hock**  
 by: Debbie Dorning 1982

In Memory of **Kathleen Finneran Hodge 1958**  
 by: Anonymous

Peg Ackerman  
 Steve and Ruth Appel Averdick 1969  
 Don and Susie Benzinger  
 Jim and Nancy Bradley  
 Judith Fedders Brennan 1964  
 Wade and Theresa Bridge  
 Mary Brotherton  
 Carl and Carol Brueggemann  
 Margaret Butler  
 Ralph and Marianne Carr  
 BJ and Michelle David  
 Norbert DeJaco  
 Jack and Maureen Fassel  
 Adam and Sherri Feinauer  
 Joseph and Mary Ann Fischer  
 Diane Foldy 1971  
 Tom and Sandy Bayless Gleeson 1962  
 Maury and Peg Halpin  
 Sue Loebker Higgins 1958

Mary Carol Hodge  
 Louis Hodge  
 Janice Eibel Isler 1958  
 Dick and Judy Kabitsch  
 The Kendig Family  
 Bill and Elaine Kohlhepp  
 Mike and Jane Legeay  
 Michelle Litzler 1981  
 Thomas and Patricia Litzler  
 Dr. Ron and Alice Lubbe  
 Joan Halpin McClure 1958  
 Lois McClure  
 Loretta Scherder McKinley 1945  
 Gay Faigle Middendorf 1958  
 Sue Foldy Nie 1958  
 Don Oehler  
 Paul Sommerkamp Golf League  
 Bill Rolf  
 Bob and Chris Ruschman  
 Paul and Carol Wulfeck Ruwe 1957  
 JoAnn "Jan" Schneider  
 Marcia Kremer Smith 1958  
 Carol Schneider Smith 1958  
 Lee and Martha Weibel Stauber 1952  
 Jim and Anita Stautberg  
 Sons and daughters-in-law of the Stich family  
 and their families  
 Joe and Nancy Stratman  
 John and Peggy Suetholz  
 Rose Sweeney  
 Charles and Ruth Weston  
 Kay Willenbrink  
 Walter and Martha Meyers Witt 1954  
 Tony and Gerry Schneider Zembrodt 1962

In Memory of **Jennifer Edith Janszen 1984**  
 by: Anonymous  
 Barbara Bishop  
 Doug and Julie Hill Boschert 1988  
 Maria Hemmer Doyle 1986  
 Jeff and Barb Klare  
 M. Jennifer Wainscott Murray 1986

In Memory of **Margaret Frommeyer Kaufman 1958**  
 by: Joe and Kim Kaufman

In Memory of **Edward Kerkhoff**  
 by: Carolyn Purcell Kerkhoff 1947

In Memory of **Tim Koehler**  
 by: Roberta Koehler Williamson 1955

In Memory of **Ruth Simon Kramer 1942**  
 by: Mary Jane Steffen Kelly 1958

In Memory of **Kathee Boyle Lemker 1983**  
 by: Anonymous

In Memory of **Linus, Michael and Becky Neltner**  
 by: Ruth Ann Keller Neltner 1951

In Memory of **Pamela Sue Pilger 1962**  
 by: Patricia A. Morrison Geller 1963

In Memory of **J. Christopher Pitstick**  
 by: Jenny Hadorn  
 Catherine J. O'Neill

In Memory of **George and Betty Riche Read 1939**  
 by: Colleen Read 1967

In Memory of **Pat, Don and Gary Robbins**  
 by: Suzanne Robbins Tegge 1964

In Memory of **Betty Lantz Scherrer 1941**  
 by: John and Sherri Wenderfer

In Memory of **Gene Schnurr, Sr. & Gene Schnurr, Jr.**  
 by: Ruth Scheve Schnurr 1946

In Memory of **Dr. Joseph W. Suetholz**  
 by: The Thomas R. Berger Family

In Memory of **Carol Wenstrup Thelen**  
 by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Ann Roebker VanKirk 1984**  
 by: Ginny (Virginia) Roebker Yancey 1946

In Memory of **Mary Carol Vogelpohl 1952**  
 by: Virginia Vogelpohl Adams 1949

In Memory of **Stan and Nell Vogelpohl**  
 by: Virginia Vogelpohl Adams 1949

In Memory of **Thomas Vogt**  
 by: Norma Kohl Frede 1955

In Memory of **Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf 1944**  
 by: Ron and Rosemarie Boemker Heideman 1968  
 Loretta Scherder McKinley 1945  
 Lee and Martha Weibel Stauber 1952  
 The Walsh Family

In Memory of **Sr. Mary Josette Wager, SND 1934**  
 by: Judith A. Bland 1960

In Memory of **R. Barry Wehrman**  
 by: Phil E. Wehrman

In Memory of **Janice Terry Wenstrup 1957**  
 by: Carol Wulfeck Ruwe 1957

In Memory of **Lori Bruno Winter**  
 by: Sylvia Beiting Bruno 1955

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 Please note that this compilation is from March 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021. We apologize for any omissions or inaccuracies. Our expression of sympathies relies on notification from family and friends. To send information to the Advancement Office, visit the Alumnae section of the website: [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org) or email [notredamian@ndapandas.org](mailto:notredamian@ndapandas.org).



# Advancing the Mission

## Annual Fund Exceeds Goal

Thank you to our alumnae, parents, past parents and friends who contributed to the 2020-21 Annual Fund. The success of this fund would not have been possible without you and the support of the entire Notre Dame Academy community. This year we surpassed our goal raising more than \$350,000!

Your generosity to the Annual Fund has enabled us to supplement the tuition, as well as to provide scholarship and work study opportunities for students who otherwise might not be able to attend Notre Dame Academy. You have made a difference in the lives of the students of today and your support will continue to benefit the students of tomorrow.

The Notre Dame Academy financial Annual Report and complete listing of all benefactors will be published and distributed later in the fall of 2021. Donations made on or after July 1, 2021 will be credited to the 2021-2022 Annual Fund and can be mailed to NDA or made online at <https://www.ndapandas.org/giving/make-a-donation.aspx>.

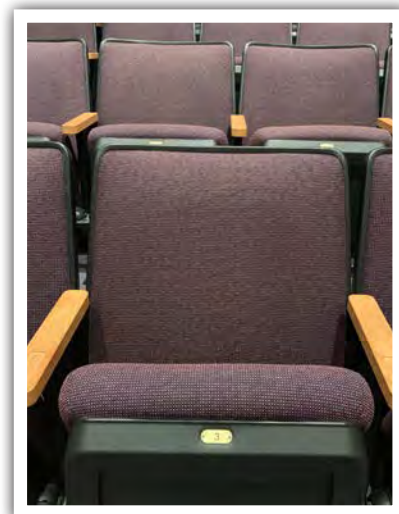
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## Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Service Grant Opportunity

The Women Making A Difference Service Grant was created in 2018 to further the mission of Notre Dame Academy: educating women to make a difference in the world. The purpose of this grant is to enable each NDA alumna recipient to continue the ethic of service as she actively engages in seeding and developing an innovative outreach project that addresses an imminent societal need. As such, the project should also stimulate the personal growth of the recipient, whose involvement goes beyond a leadership role.

To apply for the Women Making A Difference Service Grant, please visit <https://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/alumnae-grants.aspx>. The deadline for applications to be received is May 15, 2022.

## Marian Circle Commemorative Bricks and Theatre Seats



We are currently offering a special price of \$150 per brick and theatre seat to our NDA alumnae including our 2021 graduates. If you are not an alumna, bricks can be purchased for \$300.

All of the proceeds from this program will be designated for the Sister Mary Agnetis Scholarship Fund. If you are interested, fill out the form on page 45 and return it to NDA. Please know that we are so grateful for your support of Notre Dame Academy and look forward to our continued relationship in the future.



## The Return of the PANDA PROWL

Gone are the days of selling chocolate bars and raffle tickets! This year the student fundraiser looked a little different as we resurfaced and reinvented NDA's Panda Prowl. This year's Panda Prowl was a 5K walk around NDA's campus, a quick loop through Ft. Wright and St. Joseph Heights and back onto NDA's campus. Students were tasked with bringing in \$100 in personal donations and were rewarded with some pretty sweet incentives!

The Panda Prowl committee was comprised of Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Grayson, Ms. Hilbert, Mrs. Kirn and students from NDA's Uganda Pandas club, Student Council and the 2020 Summer Leadership Summit. They worked very hard to create a fun and exciting day for our Pandas.

This year's Panda Prowl had everything from a surprise appearance by the faculty band to the talented DJ Brody, to Kona Ice and the most beautiful weather. It truly was a day of laughter, entertainment, and sisterhood!

The Panda Prowl raised an amazing \$34,205 and as promised, Notre Dame Academy donated 10% of the proceeds after expenses to our sister school in Uganda.



## NDA's Family Tree Honors Generations of Graduates

Notre Dame Academy is grateful for the sacrifice and commitment many families have made over the years in order to provide their daughters with a Catholic education rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. These young women have grown into generations of women making a difference.

To honor the generations of families who have attend Notre Dame Academy, there is a family tree display in Heritage Hall. On this tree there are leaves recognizing families who have had four or more sisters graduate from NDA. Surrounding the tree are clouds recognizing families who have had four or more generations of graduates from Notre Dame Academy.

All leaves and clouds are provided on a request basis. If you and your family qualify for either a leaf or cloud but you are not sure if one already exists, you can check the NDA website or contact Leanne Kirn at [kirn1@ndapandas.org](mailto:kirn1@ndapandas.org) or 859-292-1827.





# NDA Families Honor Their Legacy and Impact Students By Creating Scholarships

Have you ever thought of setting up a family scholarship? This year, through the generosity of several benefactors, Notre Dame Academy has been able to establish seven new family scholarships. Not only do these scholarships provide support and much-needed tuition assistance to students at NDA, these scholarships also honor a loved one or family into perpetuity.

A named scholarship may be established with a minimum gift of \$20,000. These monies become part of the Endowment Fund, which is invested to generate income. A total of 4.25 % of the scholarship fund is disbursed annually through scholarships and grants, or is applied to programming, as determined by the donor at the time of the gift. For further information regarding the establishment of perpetual scholarships and endowments, please contact Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, at 859.292.1851 or goeken@ndapandas.org. Below is a list of all current family and individual scholarships in existence at NDA. The \* indicates those scholarships that were created in 2020-2021.

## Current Family and Individual Scholarships at NDA:

Ruby E. Afterkirk Scholarship  
 Art and Rita Arlinghaus Scholarship  
 Sr. Mary Agnetis Scholarship  
 Sr. Mary Reina Arlinghaus Scholarship  
 Sr. Shauna Bankemper Leadership for Excellence Scholarship  
 Srs. Mary Ethel and Judith Research Fund  
 Thomas and Maydie Berger Scholarship  
 Dr. Carl and Carol Brueggemann Scholarship  
 Clem and Ann McCabe Buenger Scholarship  
 Mary Burroughs Scholarship  
 Butler Family Scholarship  
 Emily Sin Man Chun Scholarship \*  
 Sr. Mary Claretta Memorial Scholarship  
 Elmer B. and Ruth C. Maschinot Cleves Scholarship  
 The Sr. Mary Virginia Ann Cleves Scholarship  
 Cindy Foltz Culbertson Scholarship Grant  
 Sara Tepe and Celia Deters Scholarship  
 The Ruth B. Earle "Elan" Scholarship \*  
 Gamel Otto Scholarship  
 The Doyle Mother of God Scholarship  
 Eva G. Farris Scholarship  
 John and Eva Goeke Scholarship  
 Annie Gregory Scholarship \*  
 Molly Brennan Grosser Memorial Scholarship  
 John Paul II Gospel of Life Scholarship  
 Sue Gunkel Scholarship  
 The Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler Family Scholarship \*  
 Guy Hollenkamp Scholarship

Rosemary Kahmann Scholarship  
 Kerl Family Scholarship \*  
 Dr. Robert T. and Jean Schmidt Longshore Scholarship  
 Annette T. Lucas Urban Education Scholarship  
 The Vivian C. and Laverne Patsy Maschinot Scholarship  
 Katherine Lukey Melillo Scholarship  
 Charles and Anna Bauereis Pulsfort Scholarship  
 Cheryl Rickey Scholarship  
 Dr. and Mrs. Michael Robinson Scholarship  
 Marlene and Ted Robinson Scholarship \*  
 Brent and Judith Flick Rouse Scholarship  
 St. Paul School/Parish Scholarship  
 St. Vincent de Paul Scholarship  
 Maria Schaffstein Scholarship  
 The Ed and Nancy Schellhaas Family Scholarship  
 Joe and Ginnie Schmidt Scholarship  
 Ruth Wehage Schroer Scholarship  
 Edward and Martha Cleves Schuh Scholarship  
 Kelsey Ann Sorrell Scholarship  
 Catherine Northcutt Stratman Scholarship  
 George and Maureen Thelen Scholarship  
 Lori Toebbe Scholarship  
 Martha Mayer Tonnies Scholarship  
 Anne Van Kirk Scholarship \*  
 Jean and Joe VonHandorf Scholarship  
 Robert and Loraine VonHandorf Scholarship  
 Richard A. and Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf Scholarship  
 The VonLehman Family Scholarship

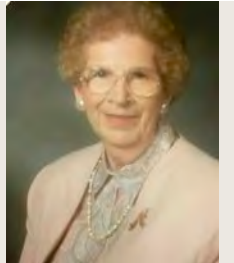
### Ruth B. Earle "Elan" Scholarship

At Notre Dame Academy, I found a community of caring and of encouragement to learn and develop a meaningful life. This was especially important to me as a young immigrant. My other anchor was my mother, who inspired me through her example of courage, enthusiasm and belief in fairness. It is my hope that, with the support of the scholarship, she can also inspire other NDA students embarking on their futures.



### Annie Gregory Scholarship

In starting a scholarship in Annie Gregory's name, we hope to carry forward her legacy of fierce devotion to Catholic education. Growing up in Ireland with limited schooling and resources, Annie experienced firsthand the frustration of unrealized dreams. She urged all of her children (including four daughters) to study hard and seek a better life for themselves through education. Her commitment to sending her children to Catholic schools never wavered, despite the financial challenges this posed. In honor of Annie Gregory and all the beauty bestowed by an education at NDA, we hope to share that blessing with another generation of young women. - Kevin and Beth Gregory



### Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler Family Scholarship

Both sets of our parents stressed the importance of a Catholic education. In fact, besides myself and my daughter Amy, we have 11 NDA Alumnae and 7 potential future Pandas in our families. While at Notre Dame Academy, service was part of the curriculum and planted the seed of giving back. This scholarship is our hope of making a small difference in a future Panda's life by helping her to embrace the NDA experience. - Taffy and Gary Hebbeler



### Kerl Family Scholarship

The 243 leaves on the NDA Family Tree in Alumnae Hall recognize families that have had four or more sisters who have graduated from the Academy. One of those leaves bears our names. That's because our mother, Marcella Ziegler Kerl '39, made us an NDA family and each of us benefits from that every day. We can think of no better way to honor her on what would have been her centennial birthday than to establish a scholarship that helps support an NDA student who follows in our - and our mother's - footsteps.



### Emily Sin Man Chun Scholarship

About 10 years ago, I went downstairs to find my mother upset. She had just gotten off the phone with a relative in Hong Kong and found out her sister had died in a hospital after falling and breaking a hip. She and her husband were instrumental in taking my mother in after Communist China had devastated the family and dispersed them. I found myself also tearing up as my mother cried that night. I felt more for her loss than the aunt I never met.

God gave us the Fourth Commandment to honor thy mother and father. It ranks above not killing someone and just under keeping holy the Sabbath day. Unfortunately, weekly mass attendance and our treatment of the elderly are a reflection of the times. Theologians would elaborate on the value of family and respect for others in the Commandment, yet in its simplest sense, to me the commandment is just that - respect for the ones that brought you into this world. Everyone has a story to tell. Our Creator granted us all a unique experience. Whether that story is told and known to others is irrelevant. He knows. I just wanted people to know my mom's story. It's a story my children could only imagine in this day and age of technology and conveniences. It's a story of faith in hardship, a story of perseverance.

When the opportunity presented itself to benefit others and share my mom's story as an inspiration, I welcomed it. As I currently deal with my mom suffering from dementia and all that comes with it, there is much to reflect upon. It is quite a blessing that the tragic memories that haunted her are forgotten, but then slowly, so are the good ones. The days she looks through me and doesn't recognize me remind me that life is as fleeting as memories. I am thankful for the opportunity to honor her in this way.







# Women Making A Difference

AWARD LUNCHEON 2021



## Annual Luncheon Inspires RECORD CROWD

Notre Dame Academy women continue to make a difference to their families, their communities, and the world in which they live. This fact was clearly brought to light once again as Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken '50, Sister Mary Rachel Nerone '54, Sister Mary Janet Stamm '58, Annie Faragher Bennett '66, and Sharon Bosch Foster '83 were honored at the twentieth annual Women Making a Difference luncheon. Over four hundred alumnae, community and business leaders, family, and friends gathered on June 3 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center to pay tribute to these Notre Dame Academy graduates for their significant contributions and achievements.

Mr. Jack VonHandorf, principal of Notre Dame Academy, began the luncheon with a prayer. Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, recognized the Diamond, Platinum, and Gold Corporate Sponsors, and Dr. Laura Koehl and Mr. Jack VonHandorf then introduced each of the award honorees. The honorees were escorted to the stage by past WMAD honorees, Janet VonHandorf Schmidt, Connie Kaelin Roenker, Jan Steffen Hanser, Ruth Appel Averdick and Holly Graziani Danneman.

Attendees at the luncheon came away with the renewed conviction that a Notre Dame education provides a strong ethic of service and dedication to others. The recipients consistently credited their dedication to serve to the education they received from the Sisters of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Academy.

# Past Women Making A Difference Recipients

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| 2002<br>Mary Lee Stegman Aldemeyer '35<br>Ann McCabe Buenger '44<br>Judi Webster Gerding '58<br>Judy Fisk Schneider '63<br>Trinett Foote '72<br>Lisa Cooney Henderson '82 | 2008<br>Carol Schmidt Mullen '53<br>Janet Annear Chambers '77<br>Michelle Dixon Eckerle '94                              | 2015<br>Wendy Kohlhepp Vonderhaar '86<br>Julia B. Meister '87<br>Meghan Scherder Olson '91                                |
| 2003<br>Fran Harden Carlisle '58<br>Virginia "Tep" Witemyre McCafferty '48<br>Denise Gehring Schickling '65   | 2009<br>Sister Georgia Marie Messingschlager, CDP '56<br>Ruth Appel Averdick '69<br>Mary Kay Sommerkamp Woodruff '81     | 2016<br>Lisa Davis Louden '97<br>Sister Mary Ethel Parrott, SND '64<br>Gina Tuemler Wulfeck '76                           |
| 2004<br>Sister Mary Laurence Budde, SND '47<br>Sally McGinnis Monahan '75<br>Patricia M. Summe '71  | 2010<br>Lynn Dietz Schworer '74<br>Carol Steltenkamp, M.D. '79   | 2017<br>Penelope Bayless Rogers '60<br>Linda Scully Bricking '65<br>Katrina Wagner Brown '86                              |
| 2005<br>Jean Schmidt Longshore '50<br>Patricia Rust Kovacs '71<br>Deborah Ann Borchers, M.D. '75  | 2011<br>Sister Ann Rene McConn, SND de Namur '56<br>Marilyn Willenbrink '60<br>Amy Brake Barnes '92<br>Amy Quinn '90     | 2018<br>Barbara Fritz '68<br>Jan Steffen Hanser '76<br>Amy Wurtenberger Beck '78<br>Martha Wurtenberger Barnes '78        |
| 2006<br>Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf '44<br>Mary Theis Bunning '50<br>Sister Jean Marie Hoffman, SND '65   | 2012<br>Sister Mary Sebastien Schmidt, SND '45<br>Cathy Toebbe Ficke '69<br>Debbie Moore Shaner '79                      | 2019<br>Rosa Hollis-Bird '62<br>Karen Bieger Finan '77<br>Julie Prewitt Schneider '84<br>Julie Mullen-Bruns '87           |
| 2007<br>Catherine Kay Laske '34<br>Elizabeth Riche Read '39<br>Lieutenant Colonel Amy McGrath-Henderson '93   | 2013<br>Kathy Talbert Thamann '69<br>Janet VonHandorf Schmidt '81<br>Kara Middendorf '96                                 | 2020<br>Connie Kaelin Roenker, Class of '68<br>Peggy Murphy Barker, Class of '84<br>Holly Graziani Danneman, Class of '92 |
|   | 2014<br>Mary Ann Blewett Robinson '55<br>Marcia Adick Klaene '61<br>M. Joan Kluemper, D.M.D. '69<br>Gabrielle Summe, '84 |   |

# Past Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus, SND Service Award Recipients

- 2010 - Mr. Robert Stevens
- 2013 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Jeanne-Marie Tapke
- 2016 - Mr. and Mrs. William and Sue Butler
- 2017 - Sister Mary Rita Geoppinger, SND
- 2018 - Mary Brown
- 2020 - Mike and Beth Schuh '77 Dempsey





# NDA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE



After 14 months of planning, design and construction, Notre Dame Academy launched its new website in June of 2021. This marks the first major redesign of the school's website since 2012.

Notre Dame Academy is excited to announce the launch of the school's new website at [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org). The upgrade is much more than a simple redesign. Providing a similar user experiences on desktop, iPad and cell phone, the mobile responsive new website provides the ultimate online experience for the Notre Dame Academy community and prospective students.

"The fresh and vibrant look and feel of the new site utilizes NDA's brand guidelines to create a more modern and visually appealing website," said NDA Chief Communications Officer Jane Kleier. "Through simplifying the number of pages and the navigation of the website, prospective students, current students, parents, alumnae and our board of directors will find this website even more user friendly than the previous one."

Kleier added that the website is a culmination of efforts between Notre Dame Academy, Systems Insight, Inc. and Intrinzc Brand Collaborative - a division of Graphic Village. This is not the first time NDA has partnered with Systems Insight and Intrinzc. In 2012, NDA reached out to Chris Fischer, an NDA parent and one of the owners of Systems Insight, to build a new website for the school. NDA also engaged NDA alumna Wendy Vonderhaar in the process to provide a new design for the school's website through the marketing company she founded, Intrinzc Design. The collaboration in 2012 was very successful and the website built by Systems Insight and designed by Intrinzc stood the test of time.

The website redesign tells the story of NDA in a visually compelling and dynamic way, helping to spread the mission of Notre Dame Academy. The new design also showcases the school's best features and improves the website experience for individuals both inside and outside of the NDA community.

"We hope that through [ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org), prospective students will better understand what makes Notre Dame Academy unique and the opportunities available to them at NDA," said Kleier. "Visitors to the new website will experience the real impact of our Catholic identity woven throughout and come to understand what it means for NDA to be a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame."

#### Overall Content Objectives:

- To showcase what makes NDA unique and different - excellence in education.
- To highlight the key differentiators that set NDA apart from other schools.
- To share recent/upcoming news and events.

#### Visuals:

- The new website is fresh, light and modern
- A simple design and pops of color make the website user friendly and content easily digestible
- Photography is showcased throughout the website
- Important information is prominent and visually interesting

#### Features and Functions:

- Floating call to action follows users around the site.
- Desktop and mobile menus are simple and intuitive and do not have interior pages listed.
- A secondary sub menu allows users to easily browse through the website content. appealing website design

#### Layouts:

- Main navigation pages are visual and offer a high level of overview of each section
- Interior pages have a simpler design and offer more robust information.



SISTER MARY PAUL ANN HANNEKEN AND SISTER MARY RACHEL NERONE FUND

## SERVING OUR MISSION SECURING OUR FUTURE

The goal of the *Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund: Serving Our Mission | Securing our Future* is \$3 million.

The *Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund* will address the following:

- Learning environments: technology, lighting, temperature control, furniture
- Safety and security: cameras, door locks, fire alarm system
- Facility Structure and Mechanicals: HVAC, roofs
- Athletic facility upgrades: field lights, restrooms, storage
- Building Endowment in perpetuity

This building fund honors Sister Mary Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel and their legacy that is defined by their ongoing commitment to a clean, safe and attractive campus through NDA's very successful Work Study Program. This important program was established in 1965 and has enabled countless young women to receive a Notre Dame Academy education who might not otherwise have been able to afford it. Sister Mary Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel have devoted 25 years to managing NDA's Work Study Program which continues to assist 25% of our students each school year. They have personally, and through the ongoing commitment of students and their families, made sure NDA's building was well prepared for school each day. Through their efforts the school has been able to mitigate some of the challenges of outdated technology and an aging building, but even their efforts have limits.



"Sister Mary Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel are near and dear to the hearts of everyone in the NDA community. This building fund is an excellent opportunity for NDA alumnae, parents, past parents and friends to say 'thank you' to these two very deserving women," said NDA President Dr. Laura Koehl. "Through the *Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund* we will be able to ensure that Notre Dame Academy will continue to be in existence and to provide an excellent education for many generations of young women to come. This building fund powerfully supports NDA's commitment to academic excellence and its mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world."

If you would like to say "Thank You" with a donation to the *Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Building Fund: Serving Our Mission | Securing our Future*, you can do so with the remittance envelope in the centerfold of this issue of the *Notre Damian* or by contacting Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events at 859.292.1851 or [goeken@ndapandas.org](mailto:goeken@ndapandas.org).



# Forever NDA

A LEGACY SOCIETY  
FOR  
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY



*"Our planned giving is being directed to institutions that we believe were most influential in our lives. We decided to plan and provide for a bequest to Notre Dame Academy because we believe the institution represents an important opportunity for the education of young girls in a strong spiritual and academic environment with multiple high quality ancillary activities in athletics, performance arts and other such outlets that will result in high achieving and independent young women."*

- Ted and Marlene Geiman '61 Robinson

## Leaving A Legacy for Notre Dame Academy

The Notre Dame Academy *Forever NDA Legacy Society* was established to recognize individuals who have included NDA in their estate plans. Ensuring that the Academy receives a gift is a wonderful way to leave a legacy and is as simple as contacting NDA or having a discussion with your counsel as to the most effective way to participate in our planned giving program. As a member of the Forever NDA Legacy Society, you can be assured that your gift will help secure quality education for future generations of NDA students.

If you have already made plans to include Notre Dame Academy in your will, or once you have done so, please notify us so we may include you in our Forever NDA Legacy Society. For more information about including Notre Dame Academy in your estate plan or to begin the conversation, please contact Nancy Goeke at 859.292.1851 or goeken@ndapandas.org. On behalf of the students of today and the students of tomorrow, we say, "Thank You."

*Is Notre Dame Academy currently in your will or estate plans?  
Would you like more information regarding the Forever NDA Legacy Society?*

**Please fill out this form and mail it to:**  
**Notre Dame Academy**  
**Nancy Goeke**  
**1699 Hilton Drive**  
**Park Hills, KY 41011**

- I have remembered Notre Dame Academy in my estate plans.  
 I am interested in receiving more information as to how Notre Dame Academy can become part of my estate plans.



## Save the Date for the 2021 Autumn Gala

Planning for the 2021 Autumn Gala is in full swing, and the committees are working hard to provide an even greater experience for all. The 2021 Autumn Gala will be held on Saturday, October 16, at Summit Hills Country Club and will feature an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet sit-down dinner, specialty games, raffles and silent and live auctions.

Because last year's event was a virtual event, we anticipate a sell-out crowd this year. Invitations will be mailed in early September, but we wanted to give you this "Save the Date" information for your advance planning. You'll be receiving much more information about the Gala in the weeks and months ahead.

### The following is just a sampling of some of the items that will be offered in the Live and Silent Auctions:

Pappy Wan Winkle - 20 Year!!	University Tuition Grants
Charleston Condo for a Week	Party at the Gardens for 100
Greenbrier Resort Escape	Ultimate Air Ticket Vouchers
North Carolina Mountain Getaway	Bonefish Restaurant Excursion for 8
Emperor's Dinner for 12 at the Oriental Wok	Bourbon-Bourbon-Bourbon
Senior Graduation Package	And so much more!
Fighting Irish Football Tickets	

### Here's just a glimpse of what is happening at the Gala:

Golden Ticket  
Signature Cocktails  
First Choice  
Heads or Tails  
Panda Payout Major Raffle  
Basket Boutique  
Bourbon and Wine Cellar  
And new this year: Let's Make A Deal

### Special thanks to our 2021 Autumn Gala Executive Committee:

Laura Koehl	Cara Dorning	Rob Jetter	Beth Schwebler
Jack VonHandorf	Gina - Dan Fries	Mary Ann Kelly	Marilyn Slaughter
Nancy Goeke	Monica Ginney	Leanne Kirn	Beth Smith
Taffy Hebbeler	Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken	Jane Kleier	Julie Spellman
Jennifer Bailey	Jan Hanser	Karen Kleman	Tracie Stacy
Jennifer Batshoun	Kathleen Hardig	Suzanne Koester	Sue Sturgeon
Dawn Bloemer	Betsy Hausfeld	Stephanie Lawrie	Annette Theissen
Donna Bloemer	Cindy Hemsath	Sherry Muck	
Denise Bowman	Megan Herald	Sister Mary Rachel Nerone	
Holly Danneman	CoCo James	Becky Quigley	

We are confident that the 2021 Autumn Gala will again provide an exciting evening of friendship and fellowship for the parents, alumnae, and supporters of Notre Dame Academy. We're hoping we can count on your attendance and generosity again this year.

Don't miss out on this very special evening! Questions regarding the Gala can be directed to Nancy Goeke goeken@ndapandas.org, Taffy Hebbeler taffheb@fuse.net, or the NDA Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.



## 2021 Golden Girls Celebration

Our Golden Girls celebration is an event to honor our alumnae who graduated fifty years ago or more from Notre Dame Academy. The Classes of 1970 and 1971 will be celebrated at this year's Golden Girls Mass and Brunch. The event will take place on Sunday, October 3, 2021 beginning with mass at St. Joseph Heights with the Sisters of Notre Dame, followed by brunch in NDA's Alumnae Hall.

The event is free of charge and a registration form can be found on page 44.

## More Selfies!

Last year, the Notre Dame Academy Class of 1970 created a special Facebook page to honor their 50th Reunion. They posted selfies with NDA ornaments. The photos were shared in the Spring 2021 Notre Damian and here are a few more!



## SENIOR LUNCHEON Welcomes New Alumnae

On May 19, Notre Dame Academy welcomed its newest alumnae, the Class of 2021, at the annual Senior Luncheon. Students were grateful to have the opportunity to attend this traditional NDA event, which was held in NDA's gymnasium to allow for social distancing and COVID-19 safety protocols.

Each graduate received a senior gift which included an alumna sticker and a special charm featuring the geographical coordinates for Notre Dame Academy. "Our hope is that each charm will serve as a reminder of where their journey toward a bright future began," said NDA Alumnae Coordinator Monica Ginney. The Class of 2021 now joins the ranks of more than 13,000 alumnae who have made a difference as graduates of Notre Dame Academy.

One of the wonderful highlights of the Senior Luncheon is always the featured alumna speaker. This year's speaker was Julia James, Class of 2017, who recently celebrated her graduation from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in history. Julia was accepted into graduate school at the University of South Wales in Sydney, Australia, where she will continue her educational journey toward a master's degree in Indonesian Translation Studies. Julia's remarks gave much insight and hope for the Class of 2021.



*Being successful academically, in your career, or in your personal goals are all important, but never forget that being kind to others is one of the most rewarding aspects in life.*

*Do not strive solely for academic or capitalistic gains, do not limit yourself to what you can monetarily accomplish. You hold such a capacity for love, kindness, laughter, grief, and so many undefinable things. Never limit yourself to a degree or a career. Never believe that the boundaries are flesh or college years or a 9-5 job. You are undefinable, you contain multitudes.*

The following letter was submitted by an alumna from the Class of 1946 who graciously wrote a heartfelt message to the Class of 2021 congratulating them on a successful but challenging year.

## Dear Class of 2021,

*As I paged through the Fall/Winter 2020 edition of The Notre Damian, I was struck by the vast difference between my days at the Academy and today. It is because of the event over the past week that I felt compelled to send you my thoughts. I am sorry for the world you enter today. It is a far cry from the one that welcomed us, the Class of 1946, some 75 years ago. You are facing challenges that never existed in those years. We gave little thought or concern to things such as pollution of land, sea, and air or other nations and their leaders playing an integral part in our governing considerations. A pandemic, masks, home-schooling, children locked in cages at our borders and wildlife on the brink of extinction... just to mention a few things that are in desperate need of attention.*

*I never thought that I, nor any of you, would witness our Capitol being stormed, not by the British, but by our own countrymen. You have many challenges to meet, many major decisions to make. I am convinced that through your efforts, the city, state, country and world will become a better place. The future is in your hands. Could it be possible that, one day, one of you is greeted as Madame President? Of course, with the Notre Dame Academy influence, nothing is impossible.*

*Congratulations Graduates!*

*A 92-year-old member of the Class of '46 wishing you well, courage, and above all, integrity.*

## ALUMNAE MENTORING

The 2020-2021 Alumnae Mentoring program was full of uncertainty and innovation. Our incredible alumnae mentors and student mentees rose above many challenges and embraced a partnership that will last for many years to come. They were able to easily adhere to NDA's COVID-19 mitigation strategies by communicating in various ways throughout the year such as virtual, email or phone calls. Most communicated once or twice monthly and some did so on a weekly basis.

Mentees attended two large group sessions this year led by our mentors which covered different topics. The 2020-21 group sessions were held virtually and many mentees were able to put what they learned to good use from each session.

Feedback from the mentors and mentees obtained throughout the year revealed some of the mentees' favorite communication aspects with their mentor were the ease, frequency and comfort of asking questions about college, careers and life in general. The more their communication occurred, the better the mentor-mentee relationship became.

If you are interested in becoming an alumnae mentor or would like more information please contact Monica Ginney at [ginneym@ndapan-das.org](mailto:ginneym@ndapan-das.org). The 2021-2022 program will kick off in mid-October.



# Class Updates

**1963**

The Class of 1963 is once again enjoying their monthly lunches at Greyhound Tavern in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, where they have been gathering for the past 16 years (except during the pandemic). Pictured left to right are **Kay Voegtli Wilson, Carol Haskell Barton, Pat Morrison Geller, Sylvia Hartzel Sweeney, Rosie Rolfes Wormald, and Sue Miller Rauf.**



**1968**

**Marlene VonHandorf Steele** maintains her own studio practice as Steele Studios in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she continues to paint portraits. She currently serves as Portrait Society of America's Arts Ambassador to Ohio and as Vice President and Trustee for the Cincinnati Art Club.

**1969**

**Dr. Rosmarie Morwessel** recently retired after 38 years as an orthopedic surgeon. She is interested in pursuing another venture as well as living each day to the fullest. She was glad to recently see information about another NDA alumna who also chose a career in orthopedics (medical front line alumnae previously highlighted during the pandemic on the Alumnae FB page). She and her son love playing golf together, so they drove to Florida to play several golf courses including Nicholas Ocean, TPC Sawgrass, and Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill. They plan to take at least one golf trip a year for as long as possible.

**1970**

**Margaret Dressman Caldon** is a retired pediatric RN. She has 4 children and 9 grandchildren. She now loves spending her time helping with her grandchildren and assisting her husband and son's dental practice in New York.

**1971**

Several Class of 1971 members enjoyed a recent Girls Night Out on May 20 at Oriental Wok in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. Everyone was very happy to be able to get together again.



**1971**

**Patty Arstingstall Burns** was recently featured in a St. Elizabeth Healthcare video honoring their nurses as she discussed coming out of her retirement to help administer COVID-19 vaccines at the St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center (SETEC). She was previously a nurse manager of St. Elizabeth's Infection Control program.

**1974**

**Janet Klaene Coleman** retired after 40 years as a Clinical Pharmacist for the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs. She is hoping to soon visit her son in Ireland who is obtaining his Master's degree in Science through a Government of Ireland Education program via the University College Dublin International Excellence Scholarship (GOI-IES). Janet loves seeing all of the NDA alumnae in STEM careers!

**1981**

**Mary Riesenber Keller** recently retired after 33 years of owning Mary Riesenber's Studio of Dance in Edgewood, Kentucky. Mary sold her studio to fellow NDA alumnae **Amy Maile Mayer 1988** and Amy's daughter and longtime Riesenber dance student and teacher **Molly Mayer 2014**. The studio is now Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance which held its first dance recital under the new studio ownership and name on May 22 and 23 at The Syndicate in Newport, Kentucky.



**1981**

**Cathy Snider Rosing** will wrap up her 8 years as a school counselor in rural bush Alaska. She recently retired after 29 years in education. She and her husband are planning to purchase a home this summer in the warmer climate of Lakeland, Florida.

**1984**

**Joanne Collins Nesmith**, Principal of St. Paul Elementary School in Florence, Kentucky, gathered with faculty members and fellow NDA alumnae to celebrate two of their 8th grade graduates **Ryan Burden** and **Sophia Desch** who will now follow in their footsteps to become NDA Pandas in the Class of 2025! NDA alumnae and St. Paul faculty include **Dawn Angel Leedom '74, Terri Millay Swikert '80, Shelly Hughes Lemmond '94, Colleen Collins Thomas '96, Karen Annear Poulos '97, Sara Boots Chalfant '99** and **Tara Kelly '99**. They love their NDA Pandas masks!



**1987**

The Class of 1987 recently proved "once a Panda, always a Panda." After hearing there were a couple of their fellow Pandas who needed some support, they did what Pandas do and showed up. After the sad and disturbing news that NKY restaurant Oriental Wok was dealing with threats and racial issues, the Class of 1987 showed support for fellow classmate and former class president **Susanna Wong Burgess** and her family. They decided to gather at the Oriental Wok for dinner and drinks. Class Captain **Jennie Gubser King** said they collected over \$1k for the Wong family to donate as they see fit. Following dinner, they continued their love and support in a drive-by parade with horns, signs, balloons, flowers and cookies for classmate **Amy Dacey Domina** who couldn't join them at dinner due to cancer treatments. Thanks to the Class of '87 for continuing to live the NDA mission and making a difference!



**1980**

Congratulations to **Lee Ann Ernst** who is this year's Henrietta Cleveland recipient in the 2021 Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards presented virtually on June 8.



**1990**

The Class of 1990 showed their support for classmate **Angela Wong Miller** and her family recently at Oriental Wok in Fort Mitchell. Congratulations on making a difference!



**1993**

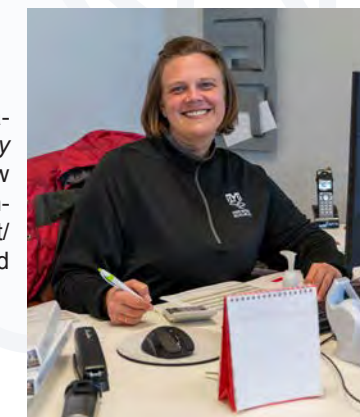
**JoAnne Rigney** recently retired after 20 years of service with the Covington Police Department in Kentucky. She is now enjoying some time to herself and with her dogs.

**1998**

**Melissa Engelman Foltz** and her family are thrilled to announce the newest addition of daughter Allie Anne.

**2000**

**Jan Gilliam** was recently featured in a *Northern Kentucky Tribune* article describing how she cares for her staff as General Manager for The Point/Arc Apparel – Embroidery and Screen Print Company.





# Class Updates Continued

**2003**  
**Katie Raverty-Evans** and her husband Steve welcomed son Joseph Stephen on October 31, 2020.

**2003**  
**Melissa Hudson Stamates, MD** and her husband decided to relocate after 9 years in Chicago to a busy hospital in North Carolina where she is a neurosurgeon. They love the southern hospitality and the chance to help their community.

**2003**  
**Malia Tilden** married John Breitenbach on September 18, 2020.



**2004**  
**Bridgette Lottman Bickel** and her husband Tony welcomed their new daughter Alyssa Brooke in March 2021. She joins big sisters Isabella (born January 2020) and Elaina.

**Mary Soltys Heulskamp** and her husband Derrick announce the birth of their daughter Penelope Elizabeth.

**2007**  
**Brittany Adair** became engaged to Brandon Brooks-Patton on February 27, 2021.

**2007**  
 The wedding of **Jilian Brake** to Deric Grooms took place on May 8, 2021, at St. Agnes Church in Ft. Wright, Kentucky, with a reception following at Anderson Pavilion in Cincinnati, Ohio. The couple honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta and will reside in Dallas, Texas.



**2010**  
**Jaimie Wulfbeck Schmitz** and her husband are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Gianna Elizabeth in November 2020.

**2011**  
**Heather Duncan** has been living in Spain the past 5 years. She met with the NDA Spanish Club virtually in February to share some of her experiences and offered our students advice for studying and traveling abroad. Heather had a great "charla" (chat) with the students who left the meeting feeling excited and motivated to travel and experience the Spanish speaking world.



**2011**  
**Hannah Gronotte** married Patrick Ciuccio on February 13, 2021.



**2011**  
**Molly Flanagan Wheeler** is proud to announce the birth of her daughter Anne Eloise earlier this year.

**2012**  
**Shannon Keene** married Blake Martin on November 6, 2020.



**2013**  
**Erin Mayer** married Sam Stanley on January 20, 2021.



**2015**  
**Hannah Good** recently accepted a position as a multiplatform editor of *The Lily* a new millennial publication of *The Washington Post*. She was a previous social media producer at *Washingtonian Magazine*.

**2015**  
**Annalise Stegman** was recently engaged to Luke Tobergte. They are extremely happy and excited for their wedding on April 2, 2022.



**2019**  
**Claire James** addressed NDA's Spanish classes virtually in April telling them about her volunteer work with the immigrant community in Cincinnati.





## Engagements

Brittany Adair 2007 to Brandon Brooks-Patton

Katie Russo 2010 to Jonce Tackett

Claire Reinert 2012 to Kyle Robinson

Annalise Stegman 2015 to Luke Tobergte

## Marriages

Malia Tilden 2003 to John Breitenbach

Jilian Brake 2007 to Deric Grooms

Hannah Gronotte 2011 to Patrick Ciuccio

Shannon Keene 2012 to Blake Martin

Erin Mayer 2013 to Sam Stanley

## Births

Allie Anne to Melissa Engelman Foltz 1998

Joseph Stephen to Katie Raverty-Evans 2003

Alyssa Brooke to Bridgette Lottman Bickel 2004

Penelope Elizabeth to Mary Soltys Huelskamp 2006

Ainsley Elizabeth to Megan Kaiser Schneider 2008

Gianna Elizabeth to Jaimie Wulfeck Schmitz 2010

Anne Eloise to Molly Flanagan Wheeler 2011

# ALUM CUBS, Show Your Panda Pride!

Alumnae moms, would you like to see your baby's photo in the Notre Damian? If so, just send a picture of your baby mugging for the camera in his or her Panda Alum Cub bib and email it to [notredamian@ndapandas.org](mailto:notredamian@ndapandas.org). Please send a jpeg or eps file.



Allie Anne daughter of Melissa Engelman Foltz 1998 loves wearing her Alum Cub bib!



Isabella and Alyssa Bickel, daughters of Bridgette Lottman Bickel 2004, loved posing with their new bibs and big sister Elaina.



Anne Eloise daughter of Molly Flanagan Wheeler 2011 is so excited to be a future Panda and is already showing her Panda pride!



Penelope Elizabeth daughter of Mary Soltys Huelskamp 2006 happily sports her new bib.



Gianna Elizabeth daughter of Jaimie Wulfeck Schmitz 2010 is very happy modeling her Alum Cub bib.

The NDA Alumnae Office sends Alum Cub baby bibs to alumnae moms soon after the office is notified of the births of the new babies.

### Class of 2011 - 10th Year

Planning is underway. More information to follow.

**Contact:** Class Captains Heather Duncan at [hdunc123@gmail.com](mailto:hdunc123@gmail.com) or Julie Finan Capeci at [Finanjm@gmail.com](mailto:Finanjm@gmail.com) or 859- 620-5812.

### Class of 1986 - 35th Year

**Date:** Saturday, September 11

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m. Mass at NDA's *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel, 11:00 a.m. Lunch at Greyhound Tavern (2500 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017), 7:00 p.m. Class Reunion at The Standard (434 Main St., Covington, KY 41011).

**Contact:** Jenny Riesenbergt Bent at [bentjenr@gmail.com](mailto:bentjenr@gmail.com) or Laura Boekley Esposito at [laurabespo@gmail.com](mailto:laurabespo@gmail.com).

### Class of 1981 - 40th Year

Planning is underway for Fall 2021. More information to follow.

**Contact:** Class Captain Seana Dahlenburg Hue at [seanahue@me.com](mailto:seanahue@me.com) or your 1981 Pandas page on Facebook.

### Class of 1971 - 50th Year

**Date:** Friday, October 1

**Location:** Summit Hills Country Club (236 Dudley Rd, Crestview Hills, KY 41017)

**Contact:** Class Captain Lynn Frisch Haney at [HaneyL@fuse.net](mailto:HaneyL@fuse.net) or 859-240-5603.

### Golden Girls Celebration

**Date:** Sunday, October 3, 2021

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Heights Chapel, 11:30 a.m. Brunch in Alumnae Hall at Notre Dame Academy.

Look for the reply form on page 40.

### Class of 1961 - 60th Year

Planning is underway. More information to follow.

**Contact:** Class Captain Pat DeVore Augur at [patriciaaugur@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaaugur@gmail.com) or 727-492-5690.

### Class of 1956 - 65th Year

Planning is underway. More information to follow.

**Contact:** Class Captain Sr. Georgia Marie Messingschlager, CDP at [georgiacdp@outlook.com](mailto:georgiacdp@outlook.com) or 859-291-5065.

### Reunion information needed for the following years:

**Class of 2016 - 5th Year**

**Class of 2006 - 15th Year**

**Class of 2001 - 20th Year**

**Class of 1996 - 25th Year**

**Class of 1991 - 30th Year**

**Class of 1976 - 45th Year**

**Class of 1966 - 55th Year**

**Class of 1951 - 70th Year**

If you have not already done so, please email your class reunion date, time and location along with the name(s) and email(s) of your reunion coordinators and/or Class Captains to Monica Ginney, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, at [ginneym@ndapandas.org](mailto:ginneym@ndapandas.org).

# 2021 Class Reunions

## RESCHEDULED 2020

### CLASS REUNIONS

(previously postponed from last year):

#### Class of 2005 - 15th Year

Planning is underway for this year.

**Contact:** Class Captains Julie Duncan Garcia at [julieduncangarcia@gmail.com](mailto:julieduncangarcia@gmail.com) and Katie Kubala Brown at [katie.kubala@gmail.com](mailto:katie.kubala@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.

#### Class of 2000 - 20th Year

Planning underway for this year. More information to follow.

**Contact:** Class Captain Meghan McGee Schneeman at [meghanmschneeman@gmail.com](mailto:meghanmschneeman@gmail.com) or your NDA Class of 2000 page on Facebook.

#### Class of 1995 - 25th Year

**Date:** Saturday, September 4

**Time and Location:** 7:00 p.m., Bircus Brewing Company (322 Elm St., Ludlow, KY 41016)

**Contact:** Class Captain Katie Kruer Linich at [kmlinich@gmail.com](mailto:kmlinich@gmail.com) or your NDA Class of 1995 page on Facebook to RSVP by August 3.

#### Class of 1990 - 30th Year

**Date:** Friday, October 15

**Location:** Jerzee's Pub (708 Monmouth, Newport, KY 41071).

**Contact:** Reunion coordinator Laura Janszen Arentsen at [LauraArentsen4@gmail.com](mailto:LauraArentsen4@gmail.com)

#### Class of 1970 - 50th Year

Golden Girls Celebration

**Date:** Sunday, October 3, 2021

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Heights Chapel, 11:30 a.m. Brunch in Alumnae Hall at Notre Dame Academy. Look for the reply form on page 40.

If your class previously postponed its 2020 reunion and plans are being resumed but are not yet mentioned above, please notify Monica Ginney, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, at [ginneym@ndapandas.org](mailto:ginneym@ndapandas.org).



# ALUMNAE STORYBOARD

Notre Dame Academy has played a big role in helping me to become the person I am today as well as where I am in my career. NDA provided me a wonderful education and taught me the importance of having a great work ethic. NDA also helped me to learn how important it is to give back and to make a difference, which are two very important life lessons that I work hard to live by every day!



The advice I have for current students of NDA is to work hard and believe in yourself. Do not let any failures or setbacks stop you from working to accomplish what you have your mind set on doing. You are blessed to be receiving the education that you are, so do not take it for granted! You will look back at your time at NDA and realize the impact it had on you. The time is never too early to work at turning your dreams into reality. Go out and make a difference!

Abbey Cummins  
Class of 2006

The Alumnae Storyboard is a feature which captures the everyday happenings of our alumnae. Each story is posted in the main hallway just outside the cafeteria so that students can see how our alumnae are truly continuing to make a difference in the world!

I love being a nurse and cannot imagine anything else for my life. It is the perfect career because a nurse has the opportunity to help others in so many ways. I have been blessed to work in several areas during my time as a Registered Nurse (RN) which keeps me growing, learning and evolving. I knew from the time I was in elementary school at St. Agnes that I wanted to do something in the medical profession but did not know what exactly.

While at NDA, my Biology class was taught by Sister Mary Merita and I loved it. I remember taking a test on the Ears, Nose and Throat (ENT) system. There was a question that few students in the class answered correctly: "what is the function of the sinuses?" Sister called on me to give the answer. I was happy I had gotten it right and remember answering "to warm, cleanse and moisten the air." Sister loudly announced, "that's right!" She called me to her desk after class and told me she thought I would be a good nurse and should think about going to school for it. Sister Merita was known to be "strict" but well-respected for her wisdom and insights. I really liked her and the words she said mattered greatly to me!



The education and moral instruction I received while at NDA gave me priceless tools for use in this world. The environment at NDA was amazing and solidified the difference between right and wrong during an age where things can become cloudy. The modeling by the faculty that lived the lives they were teaching was the most effective instruction to have had. I had the blessings of a solid home and a solid education.

Since graduating in 1980, I have often reflected on the value my Catholic high school education has had on my life. I learned how to study and write papers, how to type (yes, on an actual typewriter), and how to assess situations. I learned about loving and perseverance. I came to understand that the road less traveled is sometimes more difficult but is worth the effort. All these values and more are part of me that were fostered at NDA and have sustained me throughout my life voyage.

Lee Ann Ernst  
Class of 1980

Sr. Maria Francine, my Spanish Teacher at Notre Dame Academy, gave me the most genuine and honest understanding of compassion and the desire to give to others. I was fortunate enough to spend some time with her on a trip to Mexico. We stayed with different host families, but we met with our group each day. She helped me tap into a side of myself that I didn't know was there... the side of service to others.

The best advice I can give you is to go after that big, unreachable dream. I went after mine and stopped, fearing I wasn't good enough, and it's still a big regret today.

Serve others. When you are truly serving at the hands and feet of Christ, you realize what is truly important in life.

Lastly, travel the world! Traveling not only gives us insight into the social differences and injustices of the world, but also leaves you with a stronger sense of how you can make an impact right where you are locally. You learn so much through travel!

Shannon Berry  
Class of 1999





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Dr. Judith Bland 1960 enjoyed traveling to Barcelona where she visited the Sagrada Familia a few months before the pandemic hit.



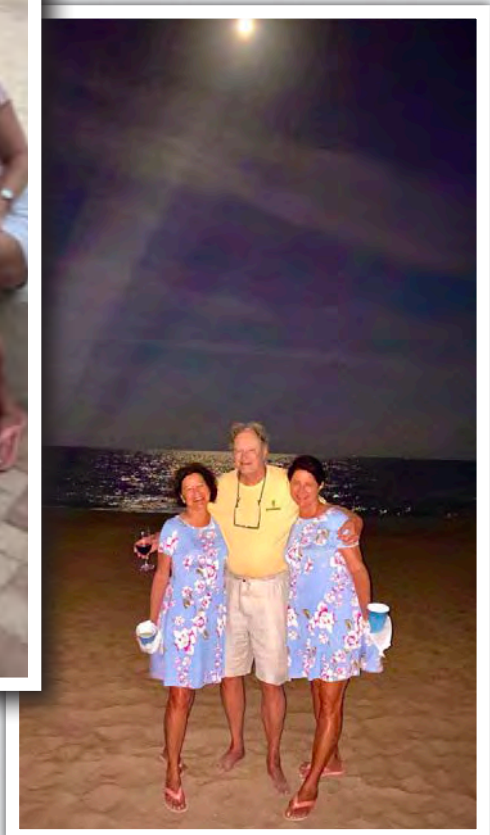
Katie Kruer Linich 1995 and her family enjoyed a snowmobile trip in Yellowstone National Park in February 2021.



Cookie Cahill Flower 1972 and some of her NDA classmates celebrated the 2021 Kentucky Derby with each other and their wonderful hats at Cookie's home in Cincinnati. Pictured (l to r) are Mary Lynn Rolfes Cropper, Peg Cannon Landwehr, Margie Bessler Kuhlman, Cookie Cahill Flower, Cindy Kling Burke, Donna Schaber McCarthy, Dotty Funke Hayes, and Peggy McCord Maggio.



Patty Haas Dawn 1972 and her husband Ron on Boca Grande Island, Florida.



Jane Kathman Busald 1965, husband Andy, daughter Jacquie Busald Kuykendall 1985, and granddaughter Olivia Kuykendall 2014 enjoyed the beach at Ft. Lauderdale during a recent visit.



# Do you have any news to share?

Share your news with the Notre Dame Academy community! We rely on you to supply information about happenings, updates and news. Please send your general news, announcements of engagements, marriages, births, and deaths for inclusion in *The Notre Damian*. Please email [notredamian@ndapandas.org](mailto:notredamian@ndapandas.org) or send your news to Notre Dame Academy Advancement Department, 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011.

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Recent Death of Alumna, Husband, Parent, Child: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Golden Girls Mass and Brunch October 3, 2021

### REGISTRATION FORM

Mass will be held in the chapel at St. Joseph Heights with the Sisters of Notre Dame at 10:00 a.m. Brunch will follow in Alumnae Hall on NDA's campus at 11:30 a.m.

Name(s) (first, maiden, last) and year(s)

Contact Address, Phone & E-Mail

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## MARIAN CIRCLE COMMEMORATIVE BRICK and THEATRE SEAT FORM

We are currently offering NDA alumnae including our 2021 graduates a special price of \$150 per brick and theatre seat. If you are not an alumna, bricks can be purchased for \$300.

To purchase a brick or theatre seat, please fill out the form below and return it to the NDA Advancement Department along with payment by **August 28, 2021**.

**Theatre Seat:** Inscriptions on the theatre seat should be limited to name and class year. Other personal messages, quotes, and/or titles such as class president are not recommended. Please PRINT the name you would like to be inscribed.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF 2021

**Brick:** Inscriptions on the bricks should be limited to the names of individuals, dates, and phrases such as "in memory of" or "in honor of." Other personal messages, quotes and/or titles such as class president are not recommended.

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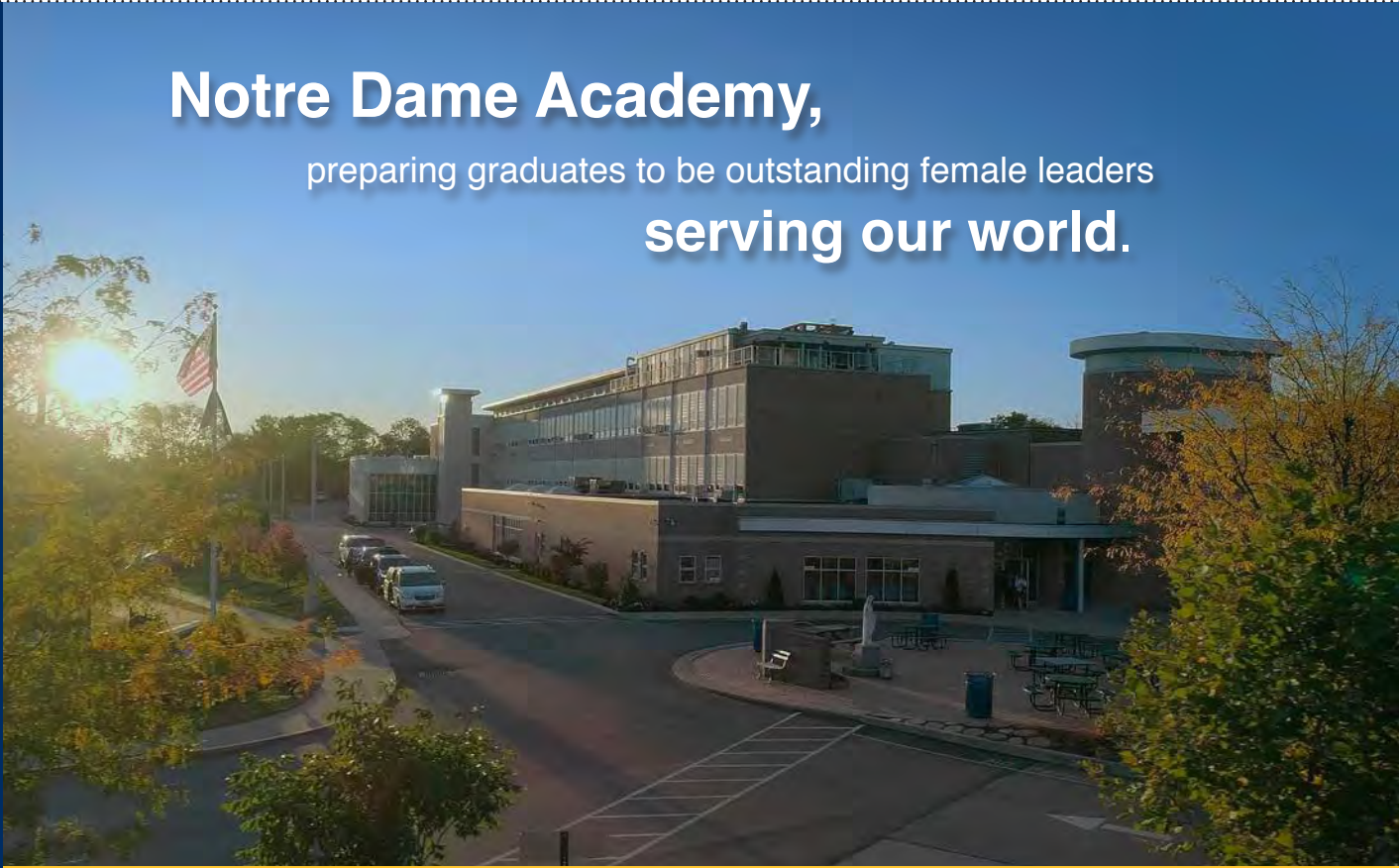
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