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Freshmen Tori Lenihan, Grace Summe, Sarah Day and Didi Jiradamkerng study decomposition by burning sugar in Mr. Stamm's chemistry honors class. (Lindsay Bowman photo)

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## From the Principal/Interim President



Blessings Alumnae,  
Families, and Friends of NDA!

Happy Easter! As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we welcome the joyful season of Easter. This time of rebirth and renewal brings hope, love and the assurance of new life to each of us in different ways. For our school community, we find promise in a return to a semblance of normalcy. As you will see in the pages that follow, our students are enjoying many of the customary NDA traditions this spring which have been canceled the last two years due to COVID-19 protocols. What I find best about this return to the ordinary are the smiles we see once again on the faces of our students.

As an avid gardener, spring is one of my favorite times of year. There is something very exciting about seeing the emergence of seedlings that were carefully planted and nurtured during the winter months. In many respects, that experience is much like what I encounter in my role as Principal/Interim President at NDA. It is a true blessing to witness the development of our students as they grow into transformative leaders who are embracing God's goodness in our world. That is our vision at Notre Dame Academy.

As the only all-female college preparatory school in Northern Kentucky, we are proud of our Catholic identity and we have worked hard to establish our school as one of the leading educational institutions in our region. Our strategic objectives strengthen our vision by increasing our ability to provide students with an exemplary education and empowering them to make a difference in the world. Additionally, the strategic direction we have taken supports our ongoing commitment to SND tradition, mission and educational principles.

One of the challenges we face today is ensuring sustainable financial resources so that we can continue to provide the young women of our region with a Notre Dame Academy education for decades to come. Your support of our *Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund: Serving Our Mission | Securing our Future* is essential in helping us face that challenge. I would like to thank those of you who have already committed your support to this important fund that will ensure excellence in Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy. Your participation will impact the lives of students for years to come.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your family during this holy season of Easter. On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, I wish you a healthy and happy Easter. May the peace and joy of the resurrection fill your heart.

In Notre Dame,

Jack VonHandorf



# Back in the Spotlight: Students Return to “Normal Life” After COVID-19



A great deal has changed since the world first went into COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. For Notre Dame Academy students, one of the most impactful changes has been the significant disruption to school life. For two years, our school community learned to be flexible, adaptable and creative as COVID-19 protocols were implemented within our school building. Our faculty and staff went above and beyond to keep students engaged in meaningful learning and our students were diligent in staying on track. Co-curricular activities were either canceled or drastically modified to keep students safe and healthy. Students often found socializing limited and particularly challenging. Our community paid special attention to taking care of each other and learned to be more attentive to mental health.

Here we are two years later, and although the COVID-19 global pandemic is not over, we are beginning to experience what some might call a “new normal.” Due to lower COVID-19 incidence rates in our region, protocols have been lifted. Students are back in the classroom and once again able to fully participate in theatre, athletics, clubs and social activities. How are we handling this turnabout to normalcy at Notre Dame Academy - with smiling faces and grateful hearts.

The journey to normal life has been short and sweet for most NDA students. Eager to engage in dances, the spring musical, pep rallies and more, our Pandas have adjusted to our “new normal” with ease. That’s not to say that they have forgotten all that they have learned these last two years.

Many students say that they have matured during the pandemic. They feel like they have learned to better manage stress and independence. Some have reported becoming much better at learning independently and developing important life skills. Most interestingly, NDA students note that they are more aware of the impact their actions have on each other and that they have new appreciation for their friends and family, the world in general and for their school life at Notre Dame Academy.

(Kora Hammersmith '22 photo - and cover photo)

## Lots of Smiles Over New Mask-Recommended Policy

By Alexandria Gardner '23 | NDA Publications

In February, for only the second time since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, Notre Dame Academy students were not required to wear masks in the building.

With only two new COVID-19 cases at NDA that week and cases on the decline in the community, NDA moved to a masks-recommended policy rather than masks required. (NDA community members may still be required to wear a mask in the event of testing positive for or being exposed to COVID-19.)

Masks were also optional for four days in November, but when cases in the community spiked, NDA returned to mandatory masks the following week.

Mr. Rory Glynn’s Publications students asked students and staff how they felt about the updated guidance. Here is what they heard:

*“I respect people’s decisions on whether or not they’d like to wear a mask,” senior Erin Stegman said, “and I hope people can respect my decisions on whether or not I’d like to wear a mask.”*

Sophomore Sammie Poulos said not wearing a mask *“makes it easier to talk to people and it makes the school feel more normal.”*

Senior Jillian Martin said she liked the new policy *“because I really enjoy people’s smiles, it makes the class feel more social, and we are talking to each other more. I didn’t know what some of my teachers looked like without their masks, so it is nice to see their full faces.”*

Mrs. Erin Stanley, an NDA counselor, added. *“I love seeing everyone’s faces, but I still understand if people are being cautious, so I am being mindful about people wearing masks. When I see them wearing one, I will wear one.”*

Some students, like senior Kate McBride and sophomore Anna Neubacher, said they would continue wearing masks at school to help ensure the well-being of family members. *“My grandpa recently had a high-risk surgery, and I want to keep him safe and healthy,”* Anna said.

Many took the new policy as a sign of progress

*“I’m so excited to get things back to normal and have a great high school experience under typical circumstances,”* freshman Natalie Collins said.

Said junior Adele France: *“I’ve been at NDA for three years and have only seen some of my classmates’ faces for just over half a year. I like walking past people in the hallway and being able to see them laughing with their friends.”*

*\*Publications classes conducted interviews for this story.*





## NHS Works to End PERIOD POVERTY

This year the NDA chapter of the National Honor Society chose to focus its service on the issue of period poverty. Period poverty stretches beyond the lack of physical menstrual products and ultimately takes a toll on a woman's work, education, health and overall well being. At the center of this global issue is the stigma surrounding periods, which leads the issue to be swept under the rug while young girls and women across the globe continue to menstruate without the necessary products or support.

To help combat this issue, the NHS has been working with a local non-profit organization, Girls Health, Period. Girls Health, Period has a goal of ending period poverty and girls' absenteeism from school as a result. According to the Girls Health, Period website, over 35% of girls miss school due to their menstrual cycle. Girls Health, Period donates menstrual products, underwear and sports bras directly to girls from elementary school to college, as well as supplying schools, group homes, recreational centers and libraries with these products. The ultimate goal of the organization is to create safe places for girls to talk to adults about their menstrual cycle, because the first step to breaking the stigma is to start talking about periods, instead of shying away from the issue.

Brittani Gray, the founder of Girls Health, Period spoke at the January NHS meeting and members of the NHS became passionate about the goal that Girls Health, Period has to end period poverty. Members of NDA's chapter of the NHS worked together to raise a total of \$1,627.22 and 91 boxes of period products that will be donated directly to Girls Health, Period. This money was brought in through a bake sale during Catholic Schools Week and a dress down day on March 23 when menstrual products were collected as well. NHS is proud to be able to support women within the community and grateful to have had the opportunity to support such an empowering and meaningful organization as Girls Health, Period.

*Pictured Above: NHS Executive Team Presents Brittani Gray, Founder & CEO of Girls Health, Period with the NHS's donation. From L to R: Seniors Ella Timmerding, Anna Harrity, Brittani Gray, Founder & CEO of Girls Health, Period, Seniors Martine Hue and Abby Breeze*



## ORANGE & WHITE Returns to NDA

NDA's annual Orange and White Flag Football Game against St. Ursula took place in March at Notre Dame Academy. The game is played each year in honor of Natalie Bradley, a 2009 St. Ursula graduate, who passed away from Leukemia shortly after her high school graduation. The proceeds from the event go to Children's Hospital for Leukemia research. This year, Natalie's mother visited Notre Dame Academy prior to the game to share more about Natalie's story with students.

The game has not taken place for the last two years due to COVID-19 so NDA seniors felt very blessed to have a record crowd as they defeated the St. Ursula Bulldogs 56-7! This year's proceeds bring the total raised to over \$70,000 throughout its history for this important cause.



## THE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE in S.T.E.M. Fields Continues at NDA

Notre Dame Academy Science Research students had an outstanding performance at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK) this year. Ana Kothandram won the "Best of Fair" award and an opportunity to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). Under the direction of Mr. Bill Stamm, all of the NDA students did an excellent job at SEFNK with many of them advancing to the state competition. At the state competition, Chanduni Herath took 2nd Place and Natalie Janzaruk received the Dr. Barbara Ramey Physical Sciences Award.



### Ana Kothandram

*Magnetoreception in Pogonomyrmex (Harvester Ants)*

- Best of Fair - Advances to ISEF
- Life Sciences - Overall
- 1st Place - Environmental Science
- Mu Alpha Theta
- NASA Earth System Science Award

### Chanduni Herath

*Eclipsing Binary Stars*

- 2nd Place - State
- Overall - Third Place
- Physical Sciences - 2nd
- 1st Place - Physics and Astronomy
- Thomas More Scholarship (\$25,000)

### Bella Marita

*The Effects of Simple Sugars on the Growth of Escherichia coli*

- 1st Place - Medicine and Health Science

### Hailey Fullenkamp

*The type of epsom salt that melts ice the fastest*

- 2nd Place - Engineering - Mechanical and Electrical

### Abby Turnpaugh

*The Effects of Four Cinnamon Species on Escherichia coli*

- 2nd Place - Biochemistry

### Rachel Panko

*The Effects of Plastics on Aquatic Plants*

- 3rd Place - Environmental Science

### Natalie Janzaruk

*The Animimic: 5 Animatronic Fingers that Record and Playback Motions from a Control Glove*

- Dr. Barbara Ramey Physical Sciences Award
- Overall - Second Place
- Physical Sciences - Overall
- 1st Place - Engineering - Mechanical and Electrical
- Yale Science and Engineering Association

### Aileen Donnelly

*The Effects of Increasing Salinity Within Shallow Tropical Marine Environments*

- Life Sciences - 2nd
- 2nd Place - Environmental Science
- Thomas More Scholarship (\$25,000)

### Kennedy Clark

*The type of epsom salt that melts ice the fastest*

- 2nd Place - Engineering - Mechanical and Electrical
- US Stockholm Junior Water Prize

### Mary Catherine Kelly

*A comparison of lunar and terra soil and the growth of basil (Ocimum basilicum)*

- 2nd Place - Physics and Astronomy

### Josie Stallard

*The Effects of Four Cinnamon Species on Escherichia coli*

- 2nd Place - Biochemistry

## PANDAVERSITY CLUB Helps Celebrate Diversity at NDA

"Wherever you go, it is very important to promote equality and celebrate diversity. Without them, the world would be bland," says NDA Pandaversity co-president Sydney Allen.

Throughout Black History Month, a culture to create and embrace diversity was established within the Notre Dame Academy community through the work of the Pandaversity Club. Student leaders Lizzie Chun, Megan Chun, Kendall Hemsath and Sydney Allen have worked to spark change and awareness within their community by educating their fellow classmates all month.

Among the club's activities during Black History Month: attending a subsidiary group performance by the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, trying foods from different cultures, visiting the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati and attending Mass in a predominantly African-American community.

Megan Chun, club co-president, says, "Pandaversity isn't just about spreading awareness about the multitude of cultures that surround us; it's about celebrating them. Whether you know it or not, culture affects everyone. I'm blessed that I have the ability to educate myself and others about culture, especially during Black History Month."



# 2021-22 Winter Sports Update

ARCHERY



Led by team captains Megan Paolucci and Ella Weitzel, the Archery Pandas started their season in early November and have competed in 13 tournaments this season. In a typical tournament archers shoot 5 non-scoring arrows and 15 scoring arrows at 10 meters and 5 non-scoring arrows and 15 scoring arrows at 15 meters. A perfect score is 300. At the Dixie High School Tournament, Ella Weitzel shot a 293 and finished first overall, boys and girls. In addition to Ella, Ellie Puglisi, Megan Paolucci and Keira Schneider had top 5 finishes during the season. Senior Megan Paolucci has accepted an Archery Scholarship at Thomas More University and will shoot for the Saints next year. A record 23 Panda Archers qualified for the NASP State Tournament and competed at State in Louisville on March 11.

The Varsity Basketball team completed the season with 23 wins and 4 losses. Despite the heartbreaking loss in the Regional Tournament, the seven Seniors completed their careers with a total of 89 wins. The Junior Varsity won the JV Regional Tournament and finished the season with a record of 18 wins and 3 losses. The Freshman team ended their season with 15 wins and 4 losses after winning the Freshman Regional Tournament.



BASKETBALL

The Notre Dame Academy Swim & Dive team recently ended their season, finishing 7th in the State Meet, tops among Northern Kentucky schools. The AquaPandas were led by junior Lainy Kruger who won two individual titles in the 200 freestyle (1:46.14) and 100 breaststroke (1:01.34), earning automatic All-American status and breaking school records in both events. Lainy was selected to the All-State team. Freshman Sadie Hartig had two Top 8 individual finishes in the 200 freestyle (6th, 1:54.34) and 500 freestyle (3rd, 5:04.43). Junior Riley Quinn had a Top 16 individual finish in the 200 individual medley (10th, 2:10.01). Lainy, Sadie, and Riley were joined by junior Sophie Anderson for two Top 8 relay finishes in the 200 medley relay (6th, 1:49.37) and 400 freestyle relay (8th, 3:37.53). Sophomore diver Brooke Hollenkamp finished 22nd individually with senior teammate Sydney Dierig finishing 24th.

The AquaPandas finished 3rd in the Region 7 Championships. Lainy broke the regional record in the 200 freestyle (1:47.84) and was voted Outstanding Female Swimmer of the meet. Sadie and Riley joined Lainy on the All-Region team. The freshmen finished 5th in the Freshman Regionals and the team finished 2nd in the NKAC Championships.

SWIMMING & DIVING



## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME Welcomes New Members

Notre Dame Academy will induct six former athletes and one former coach into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, April 28, 2022. The induction ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Frances Kathryn Carlisle Performing Arts Center at NDA, followed by a reception in the Ann Buenger Alumnae Hall.

The honorees are: Jennifer Quast Jacobs (1985), Kerry Lewin Schrand-Rawe (1992), Melissa Haarberg Holsinger (1994), Laura Finke (2014), Heidi Thelen (2014), Morgan Hentz (2016) and Jim Parsons (Track and Field Coach). These seven inductees join an elite group of 83 NDA Hall of Fame members.

The 2022 class of inductees has left an amazing and enduring mark on Notre Dame Academy and the NDA Athletic Department is excited to celebrate these former student athletes who have contributed to NDA's rich and storied athletic tradition. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/fan-zone/hall-of-fame>.



## NDA Summer Camps

Whether you are a computer wizard, budding artist, a musician, a theatre buff, an athlete or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! Information regarding summer camps at Notre

Dame Academy is being updated regularly and can be found on our website at [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org) under Academics » Summer Enrichment Programs at NDA.



## 24th Annual GOLF OUTING Tees Up

Join the Notre Dame Academy Athletic Department for their 24th annual Golf Outing on Friday, July 29 at Kenton County Golf Course.

**FORMAT:**  
8 a.m. Shotgun Start  
18 Holes  
\$125 per Golfer

10:30 a.m. Shotgun Start  
Fun 9 Hole Social  
\$90 per Golfer

**Outing Includes:** game package, golf, cart, green fees, refreshments, lunch, and hors d'oeuvres at completion.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to get out on the links and have some fun while supporting NDA's Athletic Program.

Use the QR code below to register for the 2022 Golf Outing:



For more information about the outing, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Myanna Webster at [websterm@ndapandas.org](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org).

# 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:

Margaret Seiler Heyl 1940  
Ruth "Jane" Willenborg O'Donnell 1942  
Ruth Lehmkuhl Schwarte 1943  
Evelyn Kathman Lohr 1944  
Thelma Back Brunson 1945  
Lois Abraham Glindmeyer 1946  
Sr. Henrietta Seiler, OSB 1946  
Jean Bruns Caudill 1949  
Marilyn Goetz Overly 1949  
Lois A. Hemmer Shannon 1950  
Shirley Mueller Carroll 1951  
Catherine Hegener Hellmann 1951  
Joyce Forsting Heiman 1952  
Elizabeth Krallman Lykins 1952  
Esther Toebbe Vogel 1952  
Lois Lux Niederschmidt 1953  
Kate Nerone Schilling 1953  
Mary Jo Wahle Myers 1954  
Cyrilla Mary Fritz Brake 1955  
Elizabeth "Betsy" Egan Brewer 1961  
Teresa Foltz Theobald 1961  
Mary Lou Fabre Guthier 1964  
Cynthia Mason Shaw 1964  
Ann Schoettker Gootee 1970  
Vickie Botts Moffitt 1970  
Judy Hanneken Reicht 1971  
Rebecca Weber 1974  
Julia Carl Harrison 1977  
Olivia Krallman 2009

## Husband of:

Mary Stamm Appel 1946  
Joan Pickett McClanahan 1960  
Sharon Kempheus Cottingham 1961  
Mary Kay Voegtli Wilson 1963  
Sharon Ebel Northcutt 1964  
Jan Hoppenjans Pettibone 1970  
Lisa Reinersman Ketrone 1988

## Mother of:

Mary Ann Brunson Fey 1968  
Pat Lohr Garver 1970  
Kathleen Haacke Maifeld 1970  
Sally Glindmeyer Rust 1970  
Beth Haacke Milam 1971  
Judy Zimmerman Bertke 1973  
Mary Buten Cottrell 1973  
Mary Lee Glindmeyer Reinstatler 1973

Jane Glindmeyer Irwin 1974  
Denise Fischer Richardson 1975  
Sue Haacke Cawood 1976  
Michelle Kleier Rodgers 1976  
Jean Zimmerman Centers 1977  
Ellen Clark Torbeck 1977  
Ann Haacke Haegele 1978  
Cathy Zimmerman Mardis 1978  
Kathleen Overly 1978  
Jeanette Metzger Bolin 1979  
Ruth Kleier 1979  
Jody Haacke Brosey 1980  
Lora Weckenbrock Saylor 1980  
Karen Overly DeJonckheere 1981  
Mary Thomson Krallman 1981  
Mary Visse Turley 1981  
Fran Metzger Urbina 1982  
Aurelia Rice Thiessen 1983  
Lee Ann Metzger Burk 1985  
Diane Gabriel Hayosh 1986  
Aimee Kleier Pelletier 1986  
Julia Meister 1987  
Amy Metzger 1988

## Father of:

Ruth Appel Averdick 1969  
Carol Appel Dickman 1970  
Rita Appel Smith 1971  
Judy Zimmerman Bertke 1973  
Joyce Appel Burwinkel 1976  
Lisa Finke Carter 1977  
Jean Zimmerman Centers 1977  
Carol Tabeling Scheffel 1977  
Cathy Zimmerman Mardis 1978  
Betty Appel Schadler 1978  
Nancy Stoeckle Shibuya 1978  
Mary Beth Darpel Stoppelwerth 1978  
Teresa Doelman Baumann 1979  
Sally Tabeling Feldmann 1979  
Mary Jo Appel Pollitt 1979  
Pamela Geers Ryan 1980  
Maria Paolucci 1982  
Deborah Cottingham Durst 1983  
Jill Guenther Forbes 1984  
Nancy Roland Niehaus 1984  
Gwen Northcutt Case 1985  
Nancy Cottingham Poulos 1985  
Jenny McClanahan Ihrig 1987  
Lynn Guenther DeMoss 1987  
Beth McKinley Bennett 1988  
Tracy Cottingham Todd 1990  
Tracy Krebs Rosenthal 1991  
Allison Baugh Berger 1996  
Tracia Pichotta Colwell 1996  
Jennifer Geers Herrmann 1996  
Michelle Longbons Marhoffer 1997  
Kathryn "Katie" Remondino Wilson 1997  
Lauren Pettibone Brown 2000  
Angie Paolucci 2000  
Megan Scott 2000  
Jennifer Pettibone Gastenveld 2002  
Erin Scott Gonzalez 2008

## Sister of:

Sr. Mary Rachel Nerone, SND 1954  
Judy Toebbe Schulte 1957  
Kathy Toebbe Mongenas 1961  
Sr. Mary Jana Foltz, SND 1962  
Mary Foltz Quitter 1962  
Mary Ann Gongola Wolfram 1964  
Rose Marie Foltz Burch 1966  
Mary Jo Carl Dean 1967  
Sandy Botts Sorg 1967  
Pat Hanneken Carter 1969  
Patty Haas Dawn 1972  
Donna Botts Johnson 1972  
Mary Lynn Brink Bittlinger 1973  
Sue Hanneken Bowling 1973  
Patty Fabre Meek 1975  
Michele Carl Lay 1981  
Courtney Krallman 2007

## Brother of:

Millicent Northcutt Arlinghaus 1952  
Joan Paolucci Ensminger 1954  
Shirley Beck Hoffman 1954  
Donna Northcutt Hitter 1956  
Jean Babb Krebs 1958  
Donna Scherder Flick 1959  
Mary Jo Fry Hafendorfer 1965  
Kathleen Scherder Hutchison 1966  
Cheryl Chisenhall Riffle 1966  
Connie Fry 1968  
Diane Martin Wuerth 1968  
Jennifer Northcutt Stratman 1969  
Marilyn Scherder Russell 1971  
Karen Scherder 1972  
Deborah Scherder Broughton 1973  
Amy Wagner Lampona 1982  
Jenny Wagner Zumdieck 1983  
Angie Wagner Burns 1984  
Jenny Fry Topmiller 1984  
Pam Studer 1988

## Daughter of:

Jo Ann Nassano Lutkenhoff 1949  
Mary Thomson Krallman 1981

## Son of:

Maria Haas Enzweiler 2008

## Special Intentions

Doug and Cindy Bramlage  
Eileen McCormack Callis 1961  
Barbara Carnahan Meadors 1956  
Ken and Cindy Williamson

## Honorariums

In Honor of **Class of 1966**  
by: Paulette Schopmeyer Boden 1966

In Honor of **Class of 1972: 50 years in 2022**  
by: Marsha Bacovcin Blythe 1972

In Honor of **Sauter, Hartzel, Sweeney and Puglisi alumnae**  
by: Sylvia Hartzel Sweeney 1963

In Honor of **Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947**  
by: Rick and Kim Brungs

In Honor of **Chelsea Collins 2023**  
by: Jean Boneau Collins 1961

In Honor of **4 daughters, 8 granddaughters - all NDA graduates**  
by: Judy Miller Fischer 1953

In Honor of **Mark and Betsy Melching Hausfeld 1976's 40th Wedding Anniversary**  
by: John and Chris Bain  
John and Diane Beiersdorfer  
Robert and Victoria Daly  
Steven and Bonnie Hausfeld  
Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler 1979  
Jeannette Rauf Melching 1951  
Ed and Maria Melching Meyer 1978  
Timothy and Nancy Tolle  
Verna Tuttle  
Mike and Mary Woeste  
Gary and Gina Tuemler Wulfeck 1976

In Honor of **Sr. Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, SND 1950**  
by: Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Brien

In Honor of **Sr. Jean Marie Hoffman, SND 1965's Golden Jubilee**  
by: Tom and Sharon Kempheus Cottingham 1961  
Steve and Debbie Cottingham Durst 1983  
Betty Jo Ginn Janszen 1965  
The Poulos Family: Ron, Nancy Cottingham 1985, Ellie 2016, Maggie 2023  
The Todd Family: Brian, Tracy Cottingham 1990, Joey

In Honor of **Janie 1987, Matt, Amy 1993 McGrath, Madeline Sora 2023**  
by: Marianne McGrath, MD

In Honor of **Lauri 1983 and Kara 1985 Read**  
by: Rick and Charlotte Read

In Honor of **Rose Mary Hanneken O'Brien 1946**  
by: Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Brien

In Honor of **Colleen 2019, Sara 2020, Sam 2024 Spellman**  
by: Paul and Julie Spellman

In Honor of **Mr. VonHandorf - wonderful leader**  
by: Sherry Edelbroich Himmler 1966

In Honor of **Sr. Mary Josette Wager, SND 1934**  
by: Patrick and Patty Feldman Raverty 1969

## In Memoriam

In Memory of **Deceased Members of the Class of 1956**  
by: Anita NeCamp Reckley 1956

In Memory of **Samantha Brooke Adams**  
by: Betsy Kaiser Adams 1971

In Memory of **Steve Amann**  
by: John and Pat Morrison Geller 1963

In Memory of **Marita Terlaus Arlinghaus 1979**  
by: Mark Arlinghaus

In Memory of **Esther Sommerkamp Averdick 1943**  
by: Mike Averdick

In Memory of **Dave Barth**  
by: Molly McGinnis Barth 1973

In Memory of **Carolyn Glockner Bessler 1982**  
by: Therese Bessler Middendorf 1979

In Memory of **Judy Blank 1967**  
by: Patti Blank Baker 1971

In Memory of **Anna Marie Hudson Boehmer 1949**  
by: Margaret Boehmer Kovarik 1977

In Memory of **Mary Ann Ringo Breetz 1973**  
by: Debbie Mullen Small 1974

In Memory of **Betsy Egan Brewer 1961**  
by: Libby Haupt Grause 1961

In Memory of **Tom Bricking**  
by: Kim Gunning

In Memory of **Steve Brooks**  
by: Anonymous

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

In Memory of **Anna Mae Burkhardt**  
by: Diane Burkhardt Rizzo 1963

In Memory of **William and Loretta Burkhardt**  
by: Ann Burkhardt Adams 1974  
Theresa Burkhardt Brugger 1977

In Memory of **Kevin Cahill**  
by: Rosie Guethlein

In Memory of **Denise Hinkel Cenedella 1979**  
by: Martha Hinkel

In Memory of **Paul Coleman**  
by: Virginia Yates Goetz 1951

In Memory of **Tom Cottingham**  
by: Nancy Cottingham Poulos 1985  
In Memory of **Robert Deitschle**  
by: Debbie Deitschle Jones 1978

In Memory of **Beatrice Edelbroich**  
by: Sherry Edelbroich Himmler 1966

In Memory of **Jerald Joseph Edgington**  
by: Alicia Webb Edgington

In Memory of **Nanci Kleier Eiting 1988**  
by: Ruth Kleier 1979

In Memory of **Deborah Ann Thelen Ellis 1968**  
by: Ron Ellis

In Memory of **Carole Moser Foltz 1957**  
by: Andrea Foltz 1980  
Stefanie Foltz Reid 1985

In Memory of **Mr. and Mrs. H. Fornash**  
by: H. Marie Fornash Kress 1959

In Memory of **Lee Fuller**  
by: Joyce Kendle Fuller 1956

In Memory of **Lois Abraham Glindemeyer 1946**  
by: Sally Glindemeyer Rust 1970  
Ruth Scheve Schnurr 1946  
Joanne Brungs Schuler 1946

In Memory of **Anna Mary Wolfzorn Gugel 1942**  
by: Barbara Gugel 1967

In Memory of **Paul Hackman**  
by: Joyce Kendle Fuller 1956

In Memory of **Kathy Isphording Hanneken 1949**  
by: Jim and Lisa Luebbe  
Dave and Kim Robben

In Memory of **Evelyn Schrand Hebbeler 1934**  
by: Taffy Cahill Hebbeler 1979

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

In Memory of **Jane Hellman**  
by: Anonymous

In Memory of **Mary M. Hemmer**  
by: Michael and Rae Maier  
Dave and Nancy Rosing Pugliano 1980

In Memory of **Sr. Mary Caroline Hemmerle, SND**  
by: Carol Wulfeck Ruwe 1957

In Memory of **John Hensley**  
by: Donna Bresser 1967

In Memory of **Kathleen Finneran Hodge 1958**  
by: Mary Ellen Moore and Mimi Tagher

In Memory of **Mary Riley Jones**  
by: Isabell Wobbekind  
Ava Jones' cousins, Erin and Carrie  
George and Barbara Geoghegan

In Memory of **All Our Deceased Family Members**  
by: Mary Jane Steffen Kelly 1958

In Memory of **Keller Family**  
by: Ruth Ann Keller Neltner 1951

In Memory of **Sara Fischer Kennedy 1959**  
by: Anne Hackman Krallman 1965

## In Memoriam cont.

In Memory of **Edward Kerkhoff**  
by: Mary Carolyn (Peachee) Purcell Kerkhoff 1947

In Memory of **Mary Jeanne Kleier**  
by: Tom and Nancy Zumbiel Goeke 1970  
Joe and Nancy Stratman

In Memory of **Robert Knapp**  
by: Patricia Trenkamp Knapp 1961

In Memory of **Susan Soden Korfhagen 1953**  
by: Michelle Litzler 1981  
Thomas and Pat Litzler  
Jack and Charlotte Lokesak  
Marcia McAtee 1971  
Linda Bayless Ochs 1964  
Connie McAtee Sorg 1967  
Lee and Martha Weibel Stauber 1952

In Memory of **Marcia Hepp Kramer 1947**  
by: Peggy Kramer Niehoff 1978

In Memory of **Elizabeth Vonderheide Kuebbing**  
by: Joseph and Angela Knipper McCarthy 1968

In Memory of **Norma Bohman Lankheit 1946**  
by: Terri Lankheit Haas 1972

In Memory of **Mildred Sauter Lonneman 1932**  
by: Andrea Lonneman 1964

In Memory of **Clara Betty Volpenhein McMannon 1948**  
by: Barbara Fritz 1968  
Matt and Paula Mayleben Fritz 1974  
Joe and Sheila Fritz Topmiller 1969

In Memory of **JoAnn Metzger**  
by: Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler 1979  
Lee and Martha Weibel Stauber 1952

In Memory of **Bettie Tuemler Moser 1934**  
by: Dan and Therese Moser

In Memory of **Neltner Family**  
by: Ruth Ann Keller Neltner 1951

In Memory of **Sr. Mary Renee Nienaber, SND 1964**  
by: Sr. Susan Kilb, SCN 1964

In Memory of **LaVerne Schneider Ober 1948**  
by: Marian Schneider Hoffman 1950

In Memory of **Sr. Mary Joann Pitstick, SND 1936**  
by: Carol Wulfeck Ruwe 1957

In Memory of **Sr. Rosemarie Pohlman, SND deNamur 1971**  
by: Jean Pohlman Kramer 1969

In Memory of **Joan Schreiber Pompilio 1961**  
by: Libby Haupt Grause 1961

In Memory of **Anna Bauereis Pulsfort 1942**  
by: Mark Pulsfort

In Memory of **Judy Hanneken Rechten 1971**  
by: Class of 1971 GNO Group  
Michele Revell Johnson 1971

In Memory of **Michael Remondino**  
by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Diane Wolnitzek Russell 1974**  
by: Carly Wolnitzek Family 2015

In Memory of **Marianne Scheper**  
by: Stephen and Jane Meier

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

In Memory of **Kate Nerone Schilling 1953**  
by: Joe and Nancy Stratman

In Memory of **Julie O'Brien Schmidt**  
by: Anonymous

In Memory of **Sr. Mary Carmella Schneider, SND 1943**  
by: Marian Schneider Hoffman 1950

In Memory of **Rachel Schroeder 1991**  
by: Eileen Wiegand Schroeder 1970

In Memory of **Ruth Finke Schulte 1942**  
by: Linda Schulte Haskins 1966

In Memory of **Earl Schultz**  
by: Tim and Bev Frommeyer

In Memory of **Rita Capoccia Schwarber 1961**  
by: Lois McClure

In Memory of **Patrick Seggerson**  
by: Kim Gunning

In Memory of **Sr. Henrietta Seiler, OSB 1946**  
by: Ruth Scheve Schnurr 1946  
Joanne Brungs Schuler 1946

In Memory of **Lois Ann Hemmer Shannon 1950**  
by: Pat Wolf Hemmer 1952

In Memory of **Kelsey Ann Sorrell 2007**  
by: Steve and Terri Dreyer Sorrell 1979

In Memory of **Gena Spaulding 1999**  
by: Jane Lockhorn Spaulding 1971

In Memory of **Carolyn Wolnitzek Stein 1980**  
by: Carly Wolnitzek Family 2015

In Memory of **Al Stoeckle**  
by: Adam and Sherri Feinauer  
Andrea Foltz 1980  
Mark and Barb Mertes Hehman 1980  
Nita Blackburn Hergott 1958  
Paula Tipton Meihaus 1975  
Leonard and Carol Quinn  
Roger Schwartz

In Memory of **Joyce Buhr Staverman 1955**  
by: Norma Kohl Frede 1955

In Memory of **Katie Stewart 2012**  
by: Anna Schuh '12

In Memory of **Paul Tipton**  
by: Jonathan Averdick  
Kevin and Lisa Mueller Caudill 1981  
Doris Emmert  
Staff at The Enquirer  
Adam and Sherri Feinauer  
Karen Bieger Finan 1977  
Doug and Linda VonHandorf Fussinger 1974  
Corey and Courtney Grace  
The Hodge Family  
Chris Jacober 1982  
Thomas Jacober  
Pat Mai  
Edward Miles  
Betty Morris  
Mark and Jenny Andrew O'Connell 1988  
Dave and Judy Hanneken Rechten 1971  
Jan Schneider  
Gary and Mary Schuman  
Gary and Mary Beth Jacober Scott 1976  
Judy Adick Toebben 1960  
Agnes Wessels

In Memory of **Joe and Doris Chappie Trimpe 1944**  
by: Alice Trimpe 1974

In Memory of **Margie Schroder Urlage 1951**  
by: Jim and Helen Caldwell  
Betty Grote Engelman 1951  
David and Carol Hentz  
Mary Kay Widrig Kenning 1951  
Sue Rose  
Mark and Joan Schabell  
Judy Wiechman 1951  
Mike and Melissa Williams

In Memory of **Anne Roebker Van Kirk 1984**  
by: Ron Ellis

In Memory of **Sr. Mary Josette Wager, SND 1934**  
by: Gretchen Young

In Memory of **Michele Sterling Williams 1968**  
by: Dr. J. D. Williams

In Memory of **Tom Wilson**  
by: Patricia Morrison Geller 1963

In Memory of **Laura Woeste 1996**  
by: Brian and Emily Halpin Woeste 1994

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*Please note that this compilation is from October 2, 2021 – February 28, 2022. We apologize for any omissions or inaccuracies. Our expressions of sympathy rely on notifications from family and friends. To send information to the Advancement Office, please visit the alumnae section of the website: [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org) or email [notredamian@ndapandas.org](mailto:notredamian@ndapandas.org).*

## NDA OFFERS \$40,500 in Scholarships to Future Pandas



Notre Dame Academy has offered academic scholarships totaling \$40,500 to 22 incoming freshmen based on their outstanding performance on NDA's High-School Placement Test (HSPT), which they took in December 2021.

Due to the generosity of the Sisters of Notre Dame and other benefactors, Notre Dame Academy awards several academic scholarships to the top HSPT performers each year. The scholarships range from \$750 to \$2,500. This year, NDA offered 6 renewable academic excellence scholarships to students who scored in the 97-, 98-, and 99-percentile on the HSPT and 16 benefactor scholarships based on academic performance.

Notre Dame Academy is committed to its mission of educating women to make a difference in the world and offers a comprehensive tuition-assistance program that is available to prospective and current NDA families. Notre Dame Academy provided nearly \$1 million in financial assistance during the 2020-21 school year.

"At Notre Dame Academy, we are a community of lifelong learners with a strong commitment to academic excellence," said Mr. Jack VonHandorf, Notre Dame Academy Principal/Interim President. "In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we are dedicated to ensuring an education that is accessible to all young women. We do this through scholarships and grants, our unique work-study program, and by maintaining an affordable tuition."

Notre Dame Academy congratulates the following future Class of 2026 Pandas, all of whom were offered academic scholarships during the 2022-23 school year:

Greta Hansbauer	Camryn Peery
Jane Schuh	Elizabeth Larkins
Jacie Hail	Grace Portwood
Linda France	Riley Puglisi
Kamryn Hopkins	Lily Deters
Brigid Zekl	Norah Pilgram
Marisa Kent	Ava Gerwe
Kate Davey	Kaitlyn Ahern
Abbey Hollenkamp	Megan Fedor
Mary Harris	Ella Gunning
Maria Dusing	Olivia Wallace



## Upcoming Events

### April

13	Holy Week Prayer Service
14	Holy Thursday - No School
15	Good Friday - No School
17	Easter
18-22	Spring Break
25	Classes Resume
27	Athletic Signing
28	NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
29	Panda Prowl Senior Prom

### May

1	Band Concert
3	AP Exams Begin
6	May Crowning Choral Concert
10	Academic Signing
17	Academic Awards
18	Senior Luncheon/Senior Sendoff
19	Welcome Home Event
19,20,23	Senior Exams
23-25	Exams
26	Cleaning Day Baccalaureate Mass
27	Senior Breakfast Graduation

### June

20-23	Student Leadership Summit
25-July 9	Athletic Dead Period Begins

# Advancing the Mission

## Become an NDA Corporate Sponsor

The Notre Dame Academy Development Office serves to build and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with the Greater Cincinnati corporate community. In doing so, we look to advance priority initiatives and generate financial support to sustain the mission and vision of Notre Dame Academy.

Our corporate sponsors play an important role in supporting and advancing NDA's mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. As a community partner with Notre Dame Academy, you will benefit from increased brand visibility and reach at our 3 major annual fundraising events: the *Women Making A Difference Luncheon*, the Annual Golf Outing and the Autumn Gala. More than 1000 individuals, including current parents, past parents, alumnae, friends and community members, attended these events in 2021.

Each level of sponsorship also includes marketing and promotional opportunities such as event signage and program recognition, website recognition, digital advertising opportunities as well as parent newsletter and social media recognition. As a partner with NDA, you will gain advertising opportunities to those who directly impact your business and networking opportunities with other professionals like yourself.

Below you can find the standards levels at which you can enter into a philanthropic partnership with Notre Dame Academy. For more information about how you or your company can become an NDA corporate sponsor in 2022, please contact Denise Bowman, Director of Development, at 859.292.1849 or bowmand@ndapandas.org.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY CORPORATE SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES				
	Diamond \$10,000	Platinum \$5,000	Gold \$3,000	Silver \$1,500
<b>Women Making A Difference</b>				
• Banner at event	✓			
• Preferred Seating	✓	✓		
• Logo in Video Scroll	✓	✓	✓	
• Website Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Program Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Event Tickets	16	8	6	4
<b>Golf Outing</b>				
• Banner at event	✓			
• Custom Flag	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Name in Program	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Participation	(2) Foursomes of Golf	(1) Foursome of Golf	(1) Twosome of Golf	
<b>Autumn Gala</b>				
• Banner at event	✓			
• Preferred Seating	✓	✓		
• Logo in Video Scroll	✓	✓	✓	
• Website Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Program Ad	Full Page Ad	Full Page Ad	Half Page Ad	Quarter Page Ad
• Event Tickets	10	4	2	2
<b>**NEW FOR 2022**</b>				
<b>Digital Advertising at Sporting Events</b>				
• Digital Advertising at Sporting Events	✓	✓		
• Outdoor Concession Stand	✓	✓		

## 2022 Corporate Sponsors

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SISTER MARY PAUL ANN HANNEKEN AND SISTER MARY RACHEL NERONE FUND

## SERVING OUR MISSION SECURING OUR FUTURE



We are excited to announce the relaunch of the

### Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund: Serving Our Mission | Securing our Future

The **Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund: Serving Our Mission | Securing our Future** continues NDA's legacy of responding to the needs of the time and planning for the future which the Sisters of Notre Dame initiated in 1906 when they founded Notre Dame Academy. This building fund includes an endowment which will protect tuition dollars and revenues in the future by enabling NDA to avoid deferred maintenance and capitalize on cost saving efficiencies.

With the **Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund**, Notre Dame Academy will continue to serve as a premier Catholic high school, providing excellent academic and co-curricular programs that prepare graduates to be outstanding female leaders serving the world.

Thanks to a strong steering committee, Notre Dame Academy is well on its way to reaching the \$5 million goal of this building fund, having already raised \$1.7 million (over 30% of the goal) in the initial phase of the fund. NDA's goal is to secure the remaining \$3.3 million before December 31, 2022.

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. 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 mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world.

We invite you to join us in ensuring excellence in Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy. Your participation in the **Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund: Serving Our Mission | Securing our Future** will impact the lives of students for years to come.

For more information about contributing to Notre Dame Academy's **Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund**, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.



# Forever NDA

A LEGACY SOCIETY  
FOR  
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

## Leaving A Legacy for Notre Dame Academy

While so many people generously invest in Notre Dame Academy during their lives, a planned gift to Notre Dame Academy helps secure quality Catholic education for future Pandas. Leaving a financial gift to NDA will ensure an investment beyond one's lifetime. A few of the strategies available through which you can leave your legacy to NDA include Bequests, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Life Insurance Policies, and Retirement Plans.

If you have already made plans to include Notre Dame Academy in your will, we sincerely thank you. However, if you would like additional information about any of the above-mentioned strategies, a team of NDA alumnae professionals is willing and ready to assist you and provide any support you may need.

## Making A Difference for Generations

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 a discussion with the donor's counsel as to the most effective way to participate in a 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 the names of those in our Marian Legacy Society. For more information about including Notre Dame Academy in your estate plan or how to set up one of the planned giving avenues outlined above, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.



## 2021-22 Annual Fund Update

The Notre Dame Academy community has been blessed with generous donations to this year's Annual Fund. To date we have received \$311,524 of our \$320,000 goal. The Annual Fund is made up of unrestricted gifts that are used to bridge the gap (\$2420) between the actual cost of an NDA education and tuition costs.

If you have not done so already, we ask that you consider making a difference in the lives of our students and their families by making a donation in one of the following ways:

- Using the envelope bound in this issue's centerfold
- By making a secure online donation



**Secure Online Donation (QR CODE)**  
[www.ndapandas.org/support-nda/make-a-donation](http://www.ndapandas.org/support-nda/make-a-donation)

- Using Venmo



**VENMO (QR CODE)**  
@NotreDame-Academy  
Please indicate "NDA Annual Fund"



Your gift will help to ensure that the tradition of excellence continues for our NDA students today and the future generations of tomorrow.

We are grateful for your support, and we thank you in advance for supporting the mission of Notre Dame Academy!



# EXCITING NEW PROGRAM AT NDA

## Have you considered a Family Scholarship?

NDA is currently in the process of working with alumnae families to create scholarships in honor of their parents or family members. Having a scholarship named in their honor is wonderful way to continue your own family's legacy at NDA. Scholarship donors are highly valued members of the Notre Dame Academy community. Not only do they provide scholarships to extend educational opportunities to students at NDA; they also create a legacy to preserve their names in grateful memory. A family scholarship is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or family name into perpetuity.

As a scholarship family, you will have the opportunity to choose the name of the scholarship in honor of your family or loved ones. You will also have the opportunity to determine the criteria of the recipients: students who need tuition assistance, represent diversity, excel academically or live a life of service. As benefactors, you decide.

A named scholarship may be established with a minimum gift of \$20,000. This can be a one-time donation or through multiple donations from various family members. Stock transfers and cash donations are the most widely used forms of payment. These monies for your family fund are tracked separately, but are housed and invested within the Notre Dame Academy Endowment Fund. Each year, 4.25 % of the scholarship fund is disbursed as scholarships and grants or is applied to programming, as determined by the donor at the time of the gift. The remaining interest and future donations are kept in the fund, thus allowing it to grow.

The process to establish the scholarship is simple, and we're ready to help. For further information regarding the establishment of perpetual scholarships and endowments, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.

### The following is a list of current Scholarships at Notre Dame Academy:

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| Ruby E. Afterkirk Scholarship                            | John Paul II Gospel of Life Scholarship              |
| Sister Mary Agnetis Scholarship Fund                     | Rosemary Kahmann Scholarship                         |
| Art and Rita Arlinghaus Scholarship                      | Kerl Family Scholarship                              |
| Sr. Mary Reina Arlinghaus Scholarship                    | Dr. Robert T. and Jean Schmidt Longshore Scholarship |
| Sr. Mary Shauna Bankemper Leadership Scholarship Fund    | Annette T. Lucas Urban Education Scholarship         |
| Baumgartner / St. Paul Scholarship                       | Melvin and Mary Lueke Family Scholarship             |
| Thomas & Maydie Berger Scholarship                       | Richard F. and Joan E. Maier Scholarship             |
| Dr. Carl and Carol Brueggemann Scholarship               | Katherine Lukey Melillo Scholarship                  |
| Clem and Ann McCabe Buenger Scholarship                  | Gamel Otto Scholarship                               |
| Mary Burroughs Scholarship                               | Charles and Anna Bauereis Pulsfort Scholarship       |
| Butler Family Scholarship                                | Cheryl Rickey Scholarship                            |
| Catholic Leadership Scholarship                          | Dr. and Mrs. Michael Robinson Scholarship            |
| Emily Sin Man Chun Scholarship                           | Brent and Judith Flick Rouse Scholarship             |
| Sr. Mary Claretta Memorial Scholarship                   | Maria Schaffstein Scholarship                        |
| Class of 1981 Empowerment of Women Scholarship           | Ed and Nancy Schellhaas Family Scholarship           |
| Elmer B. and Ruth C. Maschinot Cleves Scholarship        | Joseph and Virginia Schmidt Scholarship              |
| Sr. Mary Virginia Ann Cleves Scholarship                 | Ruth Wehage Schroer Scholarship                      |
| Vivian C. and Laverne Patsy Maschinot Cleves Scholarship | Edward E. and Martha Cleves Schuh Scholarship        |
| Cindy Foltz Culbertson Scholarship                       | Sisters Mary Ethel and Judith Science Research Fund  |
| Sara Tepe and Celia Deters Scholarship                   | Kelsey Ann Sorrell Scholarship                       |
| Lori Toebbe Doughty '88 Scholarship                      | St. Vincent DePaul Scholarship                       |
| Doyle Mother of God Scholarship                          | Catherine Northcutt Stratman Scholarship             |
| Ruth B. Earle Elan Scholarship                           | George and Maureen Thelen Scholarship                |
| Eva G. Farris Scholarship Fund                           | Martha Mayer Tonnies Scholarship                     |
| Gilbert and Dorothy Foltz Family Scholarship             | Anne Roebker Van Kirk Scholarship                    |
| John and Eva Goeke Scholarship                           | Joe and Jean VonHandorf Scholarship                  |
| The Annie Gregory Family Scholarship                     | Richard A. and Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf Scholarship |
| Molly Brennan Grosser Memorial Scholarship               | Robert and Loraine VonHandorf Scholarship            |
| Sue Gunkel Scholarship                                   | VonLehman Family Scholarship                         |
| I Have Wings Scholarship                                 | Michele Sterling Williams Scholarship                |
| Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler Family Scholarship        | Zalla Scholarship Fund                               |
| Guy Hollenkamp Scholarship                               |  |

# News for Alumnae



## ALUMNAE Wine Tasting



Twenty-six alumnae gathered for a wonderful "Alumnae Wine Tasting" on February 10 where they learned about some wine regions and tasted 6 different wines including sparkling, whites and reds. The event was sponsored by alumna Jody Rutterer Lange 1999 and her businesses of Jim's Fine Wine and Spirits and Summit Meats. The sommeliers for the evening, Dennis Daugherty and Andrew Lange, truly helped make this a unique and memorable experience for our alumnae. The alumnae walked away with special handouts including how to pair the wines they tasted with appropriate dinner entrees.



## COLLEGE Welcome Back Night



The Class of 2020 was finally able to gather for their postponed "College Welcome Back Night" along with the Class of 2021's normal event date on Wednesday, November 24 while most were home on their college Thanksgiving breaks. They enjoyed being able to see each other again, reminisced with a few previous teachers and visited some old classrooms and gathering spots.



## SIPS & STEMS

Alumna Emily Ryan 2013 taught a group of 25 alumnae how to put together special holiday floral centerpieces during the "Alumnae Sips and Stems" event on December 1, 2021.



## 2022 Golden Girls

### SAVE the DATE

Notre Dame Academy will be celebrating the Class of 1972 as the newest Golden Girls. Our Golden Girls event is to celebrate and honor NDA alumnae who graduated fifty years ago or more.

This year the event will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2022. The celebration will begin with Mass, followed by brunch in NDA's Alumnae Hall. The event is free of charge and a reservation form will be available in the summer edition of The Notre Damian.

For more information, please contact Monica Ginney at 859.292.1852 or ginneym@ndapandas.org.



Be sure to visit the Bambootique Spirit Shop for alumnae and other Panda items and apparel. Sale items are included online and in-store at NDA which you can visit in-person Monday-Friday, 7:15-8:00 a.m. or 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Feel free to access the online Bambootique Spirit Shop 24 hours a day:  
<https://bambootique.ndapandas.org/>

# ALUMNAE MENTORING

The Alumnae Mentoring Program continues to be in full swing with in-person visits between Alumnae Mentors and their Student Mentees, as well as a second Group Mentoring Session which was held on February 9.

Nine of our Alumnae Mentors served as panelists for the Group Mentoring Session and fielded questions from students who attended the session. The students learned how the alumnae chose their colleges and careers, and asked various job-specific questions. The panelists represented industries such as business, education, fine arts, medicine, and public service.



Pictured are Alumnae Mentor panelists (l to r): Liz Burriss Neal 1981, Amy Foltz Chapman 1988, Emily Halpin Woeste 1994, Kelly Kleier Ahern 2011, Jamie Kuehne Hignite 1988, Jamie Eggemeyer Holtzapfel 1992, Carey Bromwell Sanders 1999, and Teri Meyer VonHandorf 1988 (missing Hope Pauly 2014).



## NDA ALUMNAE MAKE A DIFFERENCE for Adults Living with IDD

Dr. Lauren Simendinger Wang (Class of 2002) is the Medical Director for the Timothy Freeman, MD Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at UC Health and an Assistant Professor for University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Margaret Saladin Lunsford (Class of 1984) is a physical therapist but also the parent of an older teenager with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), now preparing to transition into adulthood and changing health systems from pediatrics to adult care.

Lauren recalls an NDA student trip to El Salvador as one that helped her realize she wanted to live a life of service but needed patience when Sr. Maria Francine told her "Vocation is like a flower, you need to let it bloom in its own time... let it unfold in God's timing." Lauren knew Sister was right. During college as a theology major at the University of Notre Dame pursuing campus ministry, Lauren decided to explore medicine and took some pre-med courses to meet the prerequisites for medical school. "My interest is in people and relationships. Medicine is just the vehicle for me to show love and live a life of service," she said.

In the 1980s, Margaret Saladin Lunsford knew that her NDA education had prepared her for her life and career. "I am grateful for my education at NDA, it was a solid foundation upon which my physical therapy (master's) degree and experience definitely helped me navigate the unknown with this child," she says. She also credits her gift of faith as one of the most important resources for raising her son, "The more I study the Scriptures and connect with the Almighty, the more blessed I have been throughout this journey."

Lauren previously worked with Dr. Tim Freeman at UC Health during her medical school residency years. She recalls, "The relationships he had with his patients with IDD, and their families and caregivers, were beautiful and life-giving. I felt joy when I was working with him and seeing his patients. I quickly realized THIS is what I want to do with my life!" Margaret, in turn, learned of Dr. Wang after a friend of hers who has triplets in the IDD program being treated by Lauren "recommended her with enthusiasm. I learned more and reached out to meet Lauren after my friend set up a meet and greet phone call for us." It was during that conversation in which they both shared their experiences in the special needs community and their faith, that they discovered they were both NDA alumnae.

Dr. Wang reveals that the IDD program at UC Health was created in the summer of 2021 and named to honor Dr. Freeman after his untimely death from cancer. Many children with IDD remain in the pediatric health system rather than transitioning to the adult system because "it is very difficult to find the degree of care coordination and specialized, patient-centered care our Center provides," says Dr. Wang. She explains that a collaborative primary care/behavioral health program which includes access to psychiatrists, therapists and behavioral support can help make visits more comfortable and less anxiety-provoking for their patients who have difficulty tolerating vaccines, blood draws or other medical procedures.



Margaret Saladin Lunsford '84 and Dr. Lauren Simendinger Wang '02

Innovations with this IDD transitioning population are exactly why Margaret reached out to Lauren. Margaret likens her son's transition phase to being "a fish in an aquarium suddenly released into a large lake. The transition team coordinates care and bridges the gaps between the different aspects of each patient's care. People with special needs often have overlapping disorders and sensitivities that make medications, appointments, side effects, and even a change of scenery challenging." Margaret gives credit to God for working things out beyond their ability and looks forward to UC Health's IDD program benefitting her and her son which will hopefully help him and others thrive during this transition phase with Dr. Wang's help.

Lauren's explanation of the delight she feels as a doctor knowing how her entire team at the Timothy Freeman, MD Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities are able to help patients, families and caregivers serves as its own reward. "Many family members cry tears of relief and joy when they come to our office for the first time. They become family and start experiencing that level of care coordination and patient-centeredness that we strive to provide. Patients who have had previous difficulty accessing the system for a myriad of reasons are able to be welcomed into the adult healthcare system and have their unique needs met which brings a lot of joy to our team."



Attention all Notre Dame Academy alumnae!  
You're Invited to...



Thursday, May 19, 2022 | 6-8 PM  
@Notre Dame Academy

**Get your Panda friends together for a fun and relaxing celebration of the sisterhood at Notre Dame Academy!**

Registration is required for this event. You can register online at <https://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae> or with the registration form below.

**PANDAS NIGHT OUT REGISTRATION FORM**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NDA Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**BLESSINGS**  
in our Community



Donna Bloemer has been devoting her life to service since she was first introduced to Notre Dame Academy's service program during her junior year in 1985. She recalls, "Sr. Margene said NDA needed girls to volunteer to help with aqua therapy with the clients and I was lucky enough to get to swim with four-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday mornings."

Donna's youngest daughter, Gabby Baker, is a current NDA sophomore and will also be participating in the Junior Service Program next year. Donna is very proud to have her daughter follow in her footsteps, "I hope that it brings her as many blessings as it has me."

Much of Donna's volunteerism over the decades has been for Redwood in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, which has also proven to be wonderfully beneficial for her oldest daughter. She has also served on several other Boards in the Northern Kentucky community for many years including the Family Nurturing Center, the DCCH Center for Families and Children, and the Notre Dame Urban Education Center.

Redwood has always kept up with modern times and technology for their clients and families. Donna is thrilled about new and recent innovations. "The use of assistive technology has really helped clients reach their fullest potential. Communication devices are amazing," she attests. She further proclaims that "watching barriers being shattered has been the best aspect of my volunteering." She truly enjoys when fellow NDA alumnae join her in the same service organizations, "I am always surprised by how many Notre Dame Academy alumnae are on the Boards that I serve, but I shouldn't be."

Sharing wisdom and advice with current NDA students is something that comes easily for our alumnae. Donna is happy to tell them, "The phrase 'Women Making a Difference' really is true! Find something that you are passionate about and dig in. Sometimes it is best to choose something outside your comfort zone." Any organization in which Donna has served has always welcomed women who wish to volunteer. She imparts that volunteering "can range from working directly with clients to offering your expertise on a committee, to serving on a Board of Directors."

Congratulations Donna on your recent 2022 Pillar Award for Community Service in the category of Nonprofit Executive of the Year. We are proud that your decades of volunteer service have been recognized and that your love for service began when you were an NDA student.



The Panda Professional Connection spotlights alumnae-owned businesses while working to connect past Pandas in the professional world. Please feel free to view the web page here: <https://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/alumnae-spotlight/panda-professional-connection>.

If you are interested in having your business included on our web page, please email your business card to Monica Ginney at [ginneym@ndapandas.org](mailto:ginneym@ndapandas.org) and reference "Panda Connection."

\*Please note that publication of any business materials is not a direct endorsement from NDA. All material submitted is subject to review by the NDA Alumnae Relations Office, and with the reserved right to withhold any publication that is not in line with the NDA mission statement or values.



**Recent Reunion**

The Class of 2015 was the final class reunion to be held during the 2021 reunion year. They waited until most classmates were in town for the Thanksgiving weekend to get together at Bircus Brewing in Ludlow, Kentucky on Saturday, November 27. They were more than happy to finally celebrate their 5-year class reunion previously postponed due to the pandemic.

# PANDAS ARE BETTER WHEN WORKING TOGETHER

When Kim Gearding Roberts, Class of 1985, got the call from her daughter that she was helping those in need after devastating tornadoes ripped through Western Kentucky, Kim knew who to call on for back up - her fellow NDA alumnae.

Kim's daughter, Morgan, is an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher of all ages at Bowling Green Independent Schools in Western Kentucky, as well as a high school volleyball coach. Morgan began her teaching career as soon as she graduated from WKU and remains in that area she loves. Many of Morgan's students are refugees who typically do not have much of anything, much less any food other than what they are fed during school. Kim recalls being introduced to very similar students when she first did her volunteer service at a preschool in Covington during her junior year at Notre Dame Academy. She remembers being sad and heartbroken to see and hear how many of these students were living with nothing.

In December after hearing about tornadoes spreading throughout western Kentucky, Kim was on the phone with her daughter. "Morgan said she and her dog went into her closet when the electricity went out and said she was never so scared in her entire life," says Kim. Bowling Green Independent Schools thankfully sustained minimal damage which was immediately fixed while students remained out of school from December 11 through January 3.

"The next morning my daughter called and said that one of her volleyball players and many of her own students had lost everything and several were now homeless. Morgan said she was going to use her own money to purchase food and clothing for several of her students. This is when I knew I had to do something for Morgan and her students because now it hit so close to her heart," recalls Kim. Many NDA classmates reached out to Kim the next morning to find out if her daughter was okay and asked what they could do to help Morgan and her students. "I cannot even begin to tell you how many Pandas reached out. I believe it was Peggy Collins Curry who told me to post it on our 1985 NDA page on Facebook and someone else asked if they could post it on their 1984 NDA Facebook page."

One of the most significant things that stood out to Kim was how quick her classmates and other NDA alumnae were to respond asking what they could do before she even asked for help, "They were actually the ones that made me think to myself that maybe I should collect my own donations for them." Kim thought she might be able to collect a few thousand dollars in cash and perhaps \$1,000 in gift cards, however, "I never dreamed in almost 6 days that over \$25,000 was raised, gift cards totaling \$8,015 and even a check for \$16,922! In addition to these donations, we also filled a U-Haul with clothing, toys, toiletries, and food." There was a drop-off site at Bowling Green Junior High School, so Kim and her husband Rick set up a table of donations where families could come by and get anything they needed.

Kim said she let everyone know these donations were going directly to Morgan and that she would be personally handing out the donations to her students and their families who needed it most. "I could not believe the response - it was completely overwhelming. I remember the first donation was \$100 from someone I don't even know. All everyone kept saying was "Thank you for doing this, we wanted to donate, but didn't know where they money was going." Rest assured, the students and their families in Bowling Green are beyond grateful for the generosity of Morgan and Kim, the Roberts family, and Kim's NDA classmates who knew how to make a difference in these young people's lives.



## 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.



Weston Joseph, son of Kristen Geiger Curry 2005, wore Panda footies to match his new Alum Cub bib.

James Frassati, son of Allie Kelly Rossler 2011, is extremely happy to be wearing his Alum Cub bib!



Evelyn Grace, daughter of Molly Schmidt Fritz 2007, has been enjoying her Alum Cub bib!



Leo Edward, son of Stefanie Arlinghaus Oberschlake 2009, gave us a special smile when he wore his Alum Cub bib for the very first time!



Graham Michael, son of Hailey Fleury Kees 2010, knew how to pose for his Alum Cub photo.

*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*

### Births

Weston Joseph to Kristen Geiger Curry 2005

Evelyn Grace to Molly Schmidt Fritz 2007

Luke Allen to Elaina Stoeckle Jacobs 2008

Leo Edward to Stefanie Arlinghaus Oberschlake 2009

Graham Michael to Hailey Fleury Kees 2010

James Frassati to Allison Kelly Roessler 2011

Sawyer Banks to Caitlyn Forman Owens 2012

### Engagements

Alyssa Kennedy 2012 to Austin Taylor

Stephanie Hacker 2014 to Tyler Regan

### Marriages

Andrea Schmidt 2009 to Mark McPhillips

Josephine Staron 2010 to Laurent Giannesini

Michaela Terry 2013 to Samuel Snead

Emily Bautista 2014 to Scott Friedman

Maddie Rose 2014 to Johnny Thiel

# ALUMNAE STORYBOARD



Mary Kathryn "Katy" Brewer - Class 2009

College Attended: *University of Kentucky*  
 College Graduation Year: *2013*  
 Graduate School: *University of Kentucky College of Medicine*  
 Grad School Graduation Year: *2019*  
 Job/Career: *Postdoctoral researcher in molecular neurobiology*

How has NDA helped shape you to be where you are today?

I believe that my parents' decision to send me to private school and my decision to attend NDA set me on a course for success and happiness, and I am not exaggerating. First, attending Catholic schools from a young age meant that Christian values have always permeated my life, guiding my beliefs and decisions. Second, I know that the exceptional education I received at NDA set me up for success in college and post-graduation. I earned a full scholarship to the University of Kentucky and did very well in my college classes because NDA prepared me for it. I graduated debt-free with a plan for my future. Third, I loved going to an all-girls school with uniforms. I was pretty insecure in high school, and I never had much interest in fashion. I learned to be independent and focused on things that matter, habits which I carried into my college career and adult life.

How have you made a difference in your community through professional, family, or community service?

Professionally, my research helps the wider scientific community and also benefits patients with rare childhood epilepsies. My thesis work on Lafora disease turned out to be very important because of its direct impact on patients. I also trained and mentored other undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Kentucky and in Barcelona. In addition to sharing my knowledge and giving professional support, I try to offer friendship and kindness to my colleagues. While in grad school, I was the first chair of the outreach committee in the Biomedical Graduate Student Organization. I participated in science fairs and coordinated scientific outreach events to help kids at local elementary and high schools learn more about neuroscience and basic research. At UC Berkeley, I have gotten involved in the Green Labs initiative to promote sustainability in laboratories.



Joan Arnold - Class of 1985

College Attended: *Northern Kentucky University*  
 College Graduation Year: *1989*  
 Graduate School: *University of Cincinnati*  
 Grad School Graduation Year: *1992*  
 Job/Career: *Veterinary Technician*

Is your current occupation what you have always wanted to do?

During my student days at NDA and when I started college, I knew I wanted to become a veterinarian. I began volunteering while in college at a local veterinary hospital which ultimately led to being hired there after receiving my degree. It was during my time at that veterinary hospital that I eventually decided that the technician profession was the better fit for me. I had worked strictly in the small animal hospital environment for almost 30 years, then decided to make a switch into the animal shelter environment. I am now the Veterinary Technician at the Kenton County Animal Shelter.

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!

Amanda Dropic - Class of 1997

College Attended: *University of Kentucky*  
 College Graduation Year: *2001*  
 Graduate School: *University of Louisville Medical School*  
 Grad School Graduation Year: *2005*  
 Job/Career: *Pediatrician at Primary Pediatrics*

How has NDA helped shape you to be where you are today?

NDA helped to shape me through feminism. Knowing that women were just as good and smart as men, demanding equal respect and professionalism, expecting equal pay in my medical career has come from my roots at NDA. Believing that I can have it all - a wonderful career in medicine, an amazing marriage, and 4 phenomenal children has been thanks to my time at NDA.

What advice do you have for the current students of NDA?

Be happy. Find passion and joy. Try lots of new things. Surround yourself with good people. Don't be afraid to reach out and ask for help.





# Women Making A Difference

Congratulations to the following 2022 Women Making A Difference honorees: Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus '81, Jo Ruwe Terry '81 and Kristy Franxman Dailey '01. The annual award luncheon honored these women on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington. There were approximately 340 guests in attendance.

The Women Making A Difference award program, now in its twenty-first year, recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional, and philanthropic efforts. It honors these women for living out NDA's proud heritage and for the difference they continue to make in the world.

During the luncheon, Father Conor Kunath, Chaplain of Notre Dame Academy, welcomed the guests and led the opening prayer and blessing. NDA Principal/Interim President Mr. Jack VonHandorf thanked the Sisters of Notre Dame for being trailblazers and visionaries. Past honorees, alumnae, faculty and staff, corporate sponsors and other distinguished guests were also recognized. Sister Mary Dennise Wagenlander SND gave the closing remarks. Also during the luncheon, Kira Kent, an NDA junior, was invited to give a reflection on the importance that service has played in her life. In her reflection Kira remarked:

*Since I was young, my parents instilled the necessity of service into my siblings and me. Once I got to Notre Dame, that service became a choice, and not an obligation. It became just as much of a responsibility as a privilege to use what I have been given for the good of others.*

*My freshman year at Notre Dame Academy, I was introduced to the St. Elizabeth Healthcare volunteering program. I have been there for the past three years and have worked on floors like Orthopedics, Cardiac TCU and Labor and Delivery. The service that we do there is not glamorous nor necessarily recognized, but it matters.*

*Selflessly giving is hard, but when you learn to serve with an open heart, you can do so much more good than you initially realized. When we are involved in service, our actions don't have to be big. It's the little, personal acts of service where we selflessly give and show kindness to others that truly and genuinely go on to make a difference in the world.*

If you would like to nominate a Notre Dame Academy alumna who has made significant contributions to her family and her community through service, professional, and philanthropic effort, you can do so at [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org) » Support NDA » Major Events » Women Making a Difference or with the nomination form on page 33.

## Women Making A Difference Service Grant

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 30, 2022.



Pictured above are the current and past Women Making A Difference and Sr. Mary Reina honorees in attendance at this year's luncheon.



Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus  
1981



Jo Ruwe Terry  
1981



Kristy Franxman Dailey  
2001



## SHAPING STUDENT SUCCESS

When Peg Smith Adams, Class of 1981, recalls how her own education played an important role in her career, little did she know just how much it would shape her and her future. She is currently the director of Northern Kentucky University's UCAP (University Connect and Persist) program. During her days as a student at Notre Dame Academy, she remembers feeling academically, socially and spiritually prepared for her future, crediting all three aspects as her foundation. "I learned to meet high expectations, work hard, contribute to class, the school and society. I learned how support and guidance from a teacher or staff member could make a difference in increasing confidence and achievement. I learned teamwork and what it means to have someone depend on me," said Peg. She believes all these values provided her with the motivation and skills to move forward to successfully navigate college, graduate, start a professional job and discover her life's work.

While she was in college at NKU, Peg worked as a psychology and writing tutor which gave her that first chance to make a difference in other students' lives. She says that she looks back fondly on her own "interactions with faculty and staff who helped and guided me as a student" and now she enjoys that same interaction with students "to guide and help them move through the challenges of writing a paper or learning material so they could pass an exam. I definitely think it was those experiences that served as a foundation for what I would ultimately do for my career."

Peg always wanted to help people so while she focused on her majors in English and Psychology at NKU, she thought about becoming a high school English teacher, school counselor, clinical psychologist or social worker. Less than a year after graduation, NKU hired her in TRiO Student Support Services as a Tutor Coordinator. She eventually earned her master's degree in education from Western Kentucky University while continuing to work with students at NKU as an advisor/academic coach. It was during this time she first began teaching Orientation to College which she still enjoys doing today. She advanced in her career to eventually become Director of First-Year Programs. Pegs says "it is very rewarding to be able to meet 1:1 with students daily AND be involved in administrative work that impacts the student experience on a broad scale. I didn't really plan my career; rather, I was fortunate to find majors which I loved, understand how those majors provided a solid foundation for anything I wanted to do in life, and have people encourage me to participate in activities and work that helped me grow personally and professionally."

NKU's UCAP program was created in 2009 and Peg explains its purpose is to "engage campus in providing wrap-around support for students to help them experience a seamless transition to, and through, NKU. It's a place where any student can stop in and get a question answered. We want students to know where to go and who to see on campus with little effort. Students can connect with us and others on campus to strategize solutions to challenges, enjoy campus activities, experience student success, and persist to graduation."

UCAP does have new innovations being provided for NKU students. For example, students who are struggling financially can now benefit from some 'last dollar' tuition support and UCAP helps align their academic goals with a financial plan to help overcome the immediate challenge that could hinder or even halt their progress to obtaining a degree. "We are working with our campus partners on providing a coordinated care approach to student service. Like in healthcare, NKU is committed to serving students holistically and working in a coordinated way to ensure students are receiving the guidance, support, and services necessary to make their NKU experience the best it can be," describes Peg.

When asked about the most exciting aspect or best success story of her educational career, Peg says it is not just one story or student. She learns about many of them every day, both good times and bad, sad stories and difficult situations. Peg proudly tells us, "Students inspire me to be a better person through their resilience and hard work. I see students every day who "on paper" should not have gotten this far, who had had so much go against them that graduating seems impossible. Yet they walk across the stage, shake the president's hand, and leave holding that diploma – the piece of paper that will often change their lives. To know that I may play a small, and hopefully positive, part in a student's life story, means everything to me."

## Advice for Current NDA Students from Peg...

"Each year in high school prepares you for your next step and senior year is where your experiences and knowledge come together. Really engage with your teachers and classmates as you prepare to move on to college. Be open to new opportunities and give each college you visit a chance. Research the institution, visit, ask lots of questions, talk to a college's current students, faculty, and staff. Be aware of your surroundings and get the 'feel' of the university. When you decide on your college/university, know how you are going to pay for it. College is expensive, it is an investment in yourself. Talk with people in the financial aid office about your eligible student loans and apply for lots of scholarships. If you can, find someone at the institution you feel comfortable calling or emailing with questions. It could be an admissions counselor or a friend's parent who works there."

# Class Updates

**1962**

**Sr. Marie Rose Messingschlager, CDP** returned to South Dakota to continue her ministry to the Native Americans which she has done since 1974. She was on the Pine Ridge Reservation 28 years ago, but this time she is on the Rosebud Reservation as Pastoral Associate at St. Thomas Church in Mission, South Dakota.

**1975**

**Debbi Borchers** worked for 34 years in primary care pediatrics. She recently turned her career into a more pivotal role working in the NICU follow-up clinic at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She cares for infants who have spent time in the NICU and/or have been exposed to opiates. She loves working with an amazing team at CCHMC and Good Samaritan Hospital caring for these infants focusing on their growth and development.

**1978**

Classmates have been getting together for dinners in small groups since 2019 thanks to **Donna Anderson Wood**. They held a Christmas party in December 2021 during which they collected hats, gloves, and personal items for the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, and also had a fun gift exchange. They look forward to more classmates joining them for dinners and outings. Classmates should check the "NDA Class of 1978, Park Hills KY" Facebook page for more information.



**1983**

**Karen Smiley Ewing** recently decided to make a career change after 35 years in the dental field. She is now a flight attendant with a regional airline.

**2003**

**Katie Raverty Evans** recently accepted the position of Vice President of Chapter Management and Member Relations for the National Waste & Recycling Association and has responsibility for chapters Kentucky, Ohio, and the Carolinas. She previously helped manage government affairs for Best Way Disposal in Northern Kentucky for 10 years.



**2005**

**Kristen Geiger Curry** and her husband Cory welcomed their second son Weston Joseph born on October 12, 2021.



**2007**

**Molly Schmidt Fritz** and her husband Tom welcomed their daughter Evelyn Grace on September 13, 2021. Big brother was part of the welcoming crew too!



**2008**

**Elaina Stoeckle Jacobs** and her husband welcomed their son Luke Allen on October 12, 2021.



**2009**

**Stefanie Arlinghaus Oberschlake** and her husband Curtis welcomed their baby boy Leo Edward on December 20, 2021 just in time for Christmas!

**Andrea Schmidt** married Mark McPhillips on September 4, 2021 at St. Augustine Church in Covington, followed by the reception at Longworth Hall in Cincinnati. Many of her attendees were NDA alumnae!



**2010**

**Hailey Fleury Kees** and her husband Matthew welcomed their second child Graham Michael on August 7, 2021. His big sister Grace is truly enjoying having a little brother!

**Josephine Staron** married Laurent Giannesini on September 4 in Paris, France. Josephine was a foreign exchange student who was hosted by the Voorhees family when she was an NDA student. They attended her wedding, along with her NDA classmates Kristi Witemyre Jowsey and Jen Bakes. Josephine remains grateful for the opportunity to attend NDA and the lifelong friends she made while here.



**2011**

**Allison Kelly Roessler** and her husband Michael are excited to announce the birth of her son, James Frassati Roessler, born on November 9, 2021.

**2012**

**Caitlyn Forman Owens** and her husband Jace announce the birth of their son, Sawyer Banks, born on November 8, 2021.

**2013**

**Michaela Terry** married Samuel Snead on December 18, 2021 and enjoyed outdoor wedding photos during the mild weather.



**2014**

**Emily Bautista** married Scott Friedman on October 3, 2021. Classmates Emma Jacobs and Alexa Schulte were two of her bridesmaids.



**Maddie Rose** married Johnny Thiel on October 9, 2021 at St. Pius X Church in Edgewood, Kentucky.



**Molly Talkers** married Nick Wessels in October 2021.





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Amanda Meagher 2014 enjoys the beautiful Grand Canyon during her 2021 Thanksgiving break.



Holly Graziani Danneman 1992 enjoyed some vacation time with her family, including daughters Maria 2018, Jenna 2021 and Caroline 2026 in Destin, Florida during their 2021 holiday season.



Jenna Danneman 2018 got to enjoy her graduation present last year - a trip to Los Angeles, California with her mom Holly Graziani Danneman 1992.



Holly Graziani Danneman 1992 took her youngest incoming Panda, Caroline Danneman 2026, to visit Glacier National Park in Montana last year.



Kate Moser Marx 1998 and her sister Bridget Moser 2000 celebrating a milestone birthday in Bridget's new home of Nice, France!



Several 1986 classmates tried to escape the Northern Kentucky cold weather by traveling to Litchfield, South Carolina, but cold temperatures followed them! Pictured are Janet Petroze Fowler, Colleen Finley Menkhaus, Mary Lauer Mitchell, Jen Wainscott Murray, Maria Janszen Schuh and Wendy Kohlhepp Vonderhaar.



Shannon Winn Berry 1999 took 2 excursions last year to Iceland and to Bethlehem where she visited the Church of the Nativity!



Amanda Groth Tilden 2003 took her family, including freshman daughter Ava 2025, to enjoy the sun and warmth of Hawaii during Thanksgiving break last year.



Some Class of 1992 besties took a trip to Coyote Moon Ranch in Corbin, Kentucky and Cumberland. Pictured are Cecilia Noll Baker, Amy Brake Barnes, Holly Graziani Danneman and Amy Erion Roberson.

# PANDA

## Entrepreneurial Corner



We are proud to present this new Q&A feature which focuses on NDA alumnae who are current business owners. If you know an NDA alumna who owns a business, please feel free to let us know by emailing [notredamian@ndapandas.org](mailto:notredamian@ndapandas.org). Our goal is to maintain a list of alumnae business owners to highlight in future issues of The Notre Damian.

### Traci Menne Punch-Alexander, Class of 1984, Owner, Bunches of Bows

#### When did you first have the idea to open your own business?

*It originally started because I wanted a hairbow to match all of my daughter Maddie's (NDA Class of 2007) outfits and I couldn't find what I wanted, so I started making them 30 years ago. People asked if they could buy them, so I would sell a few here and there. When Maddie was in kindergarten, a fellow mom hosted the first ever Bow Party and things really started growing. I continued to host a Bow Open House several times a year at my home. People eventually lined up early for the specialty bows because they sold out so fast. My first physical store space only happened because of Lisa Berger Pilger (Class of 1981). After hosting open houses together, she came up with the idea to open a store for the holidays. I truthfully owe the actual store completely to Lisa because I never would have done it on my own and she found our first location. She had her own business and I had mine, so we combined and opened in October 2009. The thought was to always close after December, but it went so well that I decided to keep going. Lisa was too busy with her children's activities at that time to continue.*

#### What was the first location of the store, and how did you end up in your current location?

*Our first location was in Ft. Wright by what is now Club Pilates and Studio Dee. We stayed there for 5 years, but I really wanted more visibility. Our current location in Ft. Mitchell on the corner of Orphanage Road and Dixie Highway required a rather large renovation so my husband and each of our children helped. We absolutely love it!*

#### Do you have any thoughts or plans to expand the size of the store or open additional locations?

*I think about it, but I worry but running more than one store. I'm inspired by the Kirn sisters (fellow NDA alumnae Melyssa 2007, Michelle 2008, and Christine 2009) who own "Grainwell." They just opened their second store in the Cincinnati suburb of Hyde Park. So, never say never.*

#### Have other NDA alumnae helped you along the way? If so, how?

*Jenny Corken (Class of 1981) set up our whole POS system for me and worked for a couple months helping me get all the actual business parts together. Our Bunches of Bows crew has always consisted of many NDA alumnae. Currently Judy Berger Collins 1968, Gina Meirose Best 1986, and Jan Steffen Hanser 1976. The many alumnae who shop in the store, share posts, and talk about it are so valuable to a small business! My family are the best cheerleaders including Mary Lynne Menne Koch 1979, Krista Menne Ross 1986, Meg Teipel Menne 1975 and all of my nieces. Peggy Collins Curry 1985 was a life saver because our youngest son was in 2nd grade at Blessed Sacrament with her oldest son when the store opened, so Peggy graciously took my son to her house during really busy times!*

#### What are the best parts of business ownership and what are your biggest challenges?

*The best part is being able to put family first - mine and everyone who works at the store. We love that we can be part of the community and being part of many celebrations large and small. My favorite is watching people grow up, hairbows, first communion dresses, graduation gifts, engagement gifts, wedding gifts, then baby gifts. The hardest part for me is to take time off. I'm always making things, ordering, planning, and trying to learn new things... I never sleep. The best advice given to me was to stick with it.*

#### Can you tell us a story about how your store has helped someone who couldn't find what they needed anywhere else?

*It truly happens all the time, and more often, it's just a matter of rushing the delivery of the item for us. We recently had someone who had a miscarriage and the baby's funeral was the next day. We were able to monogram two blankets in time, one for the baby and one for the grieving mother. It's a privilege for us that people feel they can come to our store during those difficult times, too.*

#### What NDA classes and/or teachers do you feel helped you as you began to realize that your business ownership was becoming a reality?

*It is definitely due to Mrs. Patty Raverty (Class of 1969). The store's many Facebook Live moments would be terrible without her! Speech class, drama class and more than anything, the speech team. It instilled a confidence in me back then so that I now feel quite comfortable in front of an audience, all due to Mrs. Raverty. I also credit my religion classes as I think daily about how we are treating people, what we are giving back, and whether or not we are making a difference. Granted we are only a retail store, but we can all do small things every single day. That's what we constantly saw from the Sisters at NDA.*

#### What do you like best about having NDA's "Panda Perks" events at your store?

*I love seeing all the people with whom I went to school, and those who also went to school with my daughter Maddie.*

## 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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## 2023 Women Making A Difference

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