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“Ave Jesu et Maria”

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Students enjoy spending time in prayer at the Marian shrine within our *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel.

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Greetings Alumnae,
 Families and Friends of NDA,

As we transition from the Easter season to the days of spring, I'm pleased to introduce the latest edition of our Notre Dame Alumnae Magazine, showcasing the enduring spirit of Notre Dame Academy. This issue is dedicated to honoring the strong devotion we hold for Our Blessed Mother Mary, a guiding light in our lives and the cornerstone of our faith.

Within the pages of this magazine, you'll find a wealth of updates on all that is happening at NDA these days. From the launch of exciting initiatives to stories of servant leadership, we're proud to showcase the continued growth and progress of NDA. Moreover, we shine a spotlight on the remarkable achievements of our alumnae, whose inspiring efforts are making a tangible difference in their communities and beyond.

One highlight featured in this edition is our recent Women Making A Difference luncheon, where we celebrated the extraordinary accomplishments of inspiring women within our community. Their stories serve as a powerful testament to the values of determination and service that lie at the heart of Notre Dame Academy.

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, our students demonstrate dedication to academic excellence and personal growth. With each passing day, they embrace the opportunities before them with a spirit of resilience and a commitment to making a positive impact on the world around them.

In this Marian-themed issue, we invite you to reconnect with the timeless traditions and enduring values that unite us as members of the Notre Dame Academy family. May the spirit of Mary continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the journey ahead, bound together in faith and sisterhood.

Lastly, I must share some bittersweet news: our beloved principal, Jack VonHandorf, has announced his resignation and will not be returning next school year. Jack's leadership has been an integral part of our community, making a lasting impression at NDA. We express our deepest gratitude for his dedication, passion and profound commitment to our mission. Please join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to Jack for his exceptional service and in wishing him every success in his future endeavors.

Proclaiming God's goodness and provident care,

Trish Miller



Celebrating Mary

A LONGSTANDING TRADITION AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

BY NANCY STRATMAN, NDA ARCHIVIST

Since its establishment in 1906 as the premier girls' Catholic high school in Northern Kentucky, Notre Dame Academy has been known for its founding principles of excellent academic standards, community service and leadership values. A fourth principle, perhaps most recognized through its rich traditions, is the firm foundation of religious values. Inherent in the fabric of the Sisters of Notre Dame, the strong devotion and dedication to Our Mother, the Virgin Mary, provided the groundwork for years of traditions and celebrations honoring the Virgin Mary as a role model for the students at NDA. As the first high school principal, Sr. Mary Agnetis relied on her own faith and her concern as an educator to form young teenagers into the ideal charming, cultured, Mary-like woman. "Sister has always maintained that her greatest challenge was to so indoctrinate the young mind with the ideals of Mary that a love and admiration for Mary would make them want to imitate her." (Reflections from her Diamond Jubilee). And, so they did. "Every student who attended NDA from 1906 until well into the 1960s has gone away with a part of Sister's personality, for these – the ideal of the Virgin Mary, the spirituality of vigorously living the Mass, the culture of the classics and the refinement of true Christian womanly living – are as much a part of the academy curriculum as they are of Sr. Mary Agnetis's life." (KY Post, Jack Wessling, 1960)

With the move to the new campus on Hilton Dr. in October of 1963, the senior class was tasked with keeping the varied traditions of honoring Mary intact, as well as developing new opportunities for students to remember and honor Mary, Our Mother. "I remember that the focus of my opening day speech was that, as seniors, it was our responsibility to see that the Notre Dame Academy spirit on Fifth Street had to make it to the new school in Park Hills." (Mary Ann Egi Muck, 1964)



Wearing their blue sleeveless jumpers with their St. Julie medal proudly displayed on their bodice, 94 senior class members were the first to venture into this new world, many anxious as to what the school year would be like. Fears were calmed when the familiar statue of Mary, Our Mother stood amidst the spacious lobby and welcomed them as she had always done on 5th Street. Each student quickly stepped into the old tradition of bowing her head respectfully and greeting Our Lady with the familiar prayer of welcome, "O Mary, to Thee I give the lily of my heart. Be thou its guardian forever." At their first Mass together on the new campus, each student stood in solidarity and petitioned Our Lady for her grace and guidance. "O Mary, bless our new school. Let each room be aglow with the spirit of love, so that we who dwell within its walls may become more pleasing to your son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (prayer from opening Mass, 1963)

Since that morning, over 60 years ago, many of the events which venerated and celebrated the Virgin Mother have continued on at Notre Dame Academy. Although a few have changed or are no longer practiced, the current students have a long heritage of these traditions on which to base their current practices.

The daily greeting of Our Lady and her Son with a bow and "Ave Jesu et Maria" is a Notre Dame tradition as old as Notre Dame itself. This statue of Mary, holding the infant Jesus welcomed each student into Notre Dame Academy on 5th Street and was later transferred to a place of honor in Heritage Hall on the new campus.



"We lovingly bowed every time we passed the Blessed Mother's statue in the hallway near the entrance." (Mildred Ziegler Zins, 1937) "One of my fondest memories was saying 'good morning' to the Blessed Mother, who was the first thing we saw as we entered the Academy building. I learned it was an honor and a privilege to be a "Notre Dame Girl", one of Our Lady's". (Mary Huwel Bayless, 1938) "I didn't know that Mary should be so much honored and loved and imitated, until I came to school here". (The Gavel, 1960)



"To this day, I never leave church or a classroom or pass a statue of Mary without turning and bowing slightly. A sign of respect I never forget" (Rosemarie Schwegmann Wessel, 1938)

On the new campus, a statue of Mary can be found at every entrance to the building, and in every classroom so that she still offers the first "Hello" to all who enter.

Mary's statue was always a gathering place for students as they celebrated special events throughout the school year; celebrating new uniforms, admiring their class rings, praying for peace during war times or simply saying thanks for her blessings.

On the last day of semester exams in December, students would gather around Mary's statue, located just inside the main door on 5th Street to celebrate the upcoming holiday. Known as one of the happiest "Mary" traditions at Notre Dame, students from each grade level gathered to sing Christmas carols during the lunch hour. Old familiar favorites and modern songs as well were part of the program.



Continue reading this article at the Academy Archives blog on NDA's website along with several additional photos. The article can be accessed by scanning the QR code to the right.





Women Making A Difference

Congratulations to the following 2024 Women Making A Difference honorees: Betty Baumann Verst (Class of 1951), Sandra Bayless Gleeson (Class of 1962), and Connie Noll (Class of 1985). The annual award luncheon was held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington. This year's event was the largest in recent history, with over 370 guests in attendance.



The Women Making A Difference award program, now in its twenty-third year, recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and 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. The program also honors non-alumnae who exemplify the mission of Notre Dame Academy through their service to the community with the Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus Award.

Sister Mary Shauna Bankemper, SND, Provincial Councilor, SND USA, began this special event with the opening prayer and blessing. NDA President, Mrs. Trish Miller, thanked the Sisters of Notre Dame for developing a culture of embracing God's goodness and servant leadership at NDA. Past honorees, alumnae, faculty and staff, corporate sponsors and other distinguished guests were also recognized. Sister Mary Ethel Parrott, SND, offered a closing prayer. Also during the luncheon, Gabrielle White, an NDA senior, was invited to give a reflection on the importance that service has played in her life.

It is my job to take this foundation that I have gained at Notre Dame Academy and actively live out its mission. It is up to me to take this blessing that I have been given at NDA to work for the betterment of our society and the world, like the women we are here honoring today. It is my job, and the job of every other young woman who has attended NDA before me, with me, and after me to make a difference in the lives of others. That is what, I and thousands of other young women besides me, have been called to do: use our intellectual abilities to make a difference in our world.

If you would like to nominate a Notre Dame Academy alumna who has made significant contributions to her family and community through service, professional, and philanthropic efforts, you can do so on NDA's website at www.ndapandas.org » Support NDA » Major Events » Women Making a Difference or with the nomination form on page 32.



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



Betty Baumann Verst
1951



Sandy Bayless Gleeson
1962



Connie Noll 1985

Past Women Making A Difference Recipients

- | | | |
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| 2002
Mary Lee Stegman Aldemeyer '35
Ann McCabe Buenger '44
Judi Webster Gerding '58
Judy Fisk Schneider '63
Trinett Foote '72
Lisa Cooney Henderson '82 | 2010
Lynn Dietz Schworer '74
Carol Steltenkamp, M.D. '79
Amy QuinnDye '90 | 2018
Barbara Fritz '68
Jan Steffen Hanser '76
Amy Wurtenberger Beck '78
Martha Wurtenberger Barnes '78 |
| 2003
Fran Harden Carlisle '58
Virginia "Tep" Witemyre McCafferty '48
Denise Gehring Schickling '65 | 2011
Sister Ann Rene McConn, SND de Namur '56
Marilyn Willenbrink '60
Amy Brake Thomas '92 | 2019
Rosa Hollis-Bird '62
Julie Prewitt Schneider '84
Karen Bieger Finan '77
Julie Mullen Bruns '87 |
| 2004
Sister Mary Laurence Budde, SND '47
Sally McGinnis Monahan '75
Patricia M. Summe '71 | 2012
Sister Mary Sebastien Schmidt, SND '45
Cathy Toebe Ficke '69
Debbie Moore Shaner '79 | 2020
Connie Kaelin Roenker '68
Peggy Murphy Barker '84
Holly Graziani Danneman '92 |
| 2005
Jean Schmidt Longshore '50
Patricia Rust Kovacs '71
Deborah Ann Borchers, M.D. '75 | 2013
Kathy Talbert Thamann '69
Janet VonHandorf Schmidt '81
Kara Middendorf '96 | 2021
Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, SND '50
Sister Mary Rachel Nerone, SND '54
Sister Mary Janet Stamm, SND '58
Annie Faragher Bennett '66
Sharon Bosch Foster '83 |
| 2006
Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf '44
Mary Theis Bunning '50
Sister Jean Marie Hoffman, SND '65 | 2014
Mary Ann Blewett Robinson '55
Marcia Adick Klaene '61
M. Joan Kluemper, D.M.D. '69
Gabrielle Summe, '84 | 2022
Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus '81
Jo Ruwe Terry '81
Kristy Franxman Dailey '01 |
| 2007
Catherine Kay Laske '34
Elizabeth Riche Read '39
Lieutenant Colonel Amy McGrath-Henderson '93 | 2015
Wendy Kohlhepp Vonderhaar '86
Julia B. Meister '87
Meghan Scherder Olson '91 | 2023
Sr. Marie Rose Messingschlager, CDP '62
Emily Melching Michels '88
Erin Kern Timmerding '90 |
| 2008
Carol Schmidt Mullen '53
Janet Annear Chambers '77
Michelle Dixon Eckerle '94 | 2016
Lisa Davis Loudon '97
Sister Mary Ethel Parrott, SND '64
Gina Tuemler Wulfeck '76 | |
| 2009
Sister Georgia Marie Messingschlager, CDP '56
Ruth Appel Averdick '69
Mary Kay Sommerkamp Woodruff '81 | 2017
Penelope Bayless Rogers '60
Linda Scully Bricking '65
Katrina Wagner Brown '86 | |

Past Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus, SND Service Award Recipients

- 2010 Mr. Robert Stevens
- 2013 Mr. Richard and Dr. Jeanne-Marie Tapke
- 2016 Mr. and Mrs. William and Sue Butler
- 2017 Sister Mary Rita Geoppinger, SND
- 2018 Mrs. Mary Brown
- 2020 Mr. & Mrs. Mike and Beth Schuh '77 Dempsey
- 2023 Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Diane Hoffer

From the Principal



Blessings Alumnae, Families, and Friends of NDA!

During this season of Eastertide, we are reminded of the profound significance of faith and renewal in the life of our Catholic school community. As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we are called to reflect on the blessings of hope, redemption and the promise of new beginnings.

As you can imagine, we are embracing the arrival of spring at Notre Dame Academy along with all the blessings it brings. This school year has been filled with growth, achievement and tremendous dedication from our students, faculty and staff. As we approach the end of this academic year, I am filled with pride for all that we have learned and accomplished together.

As you read in a letter from NDA President Mrs. Trish Miller in March, I will be resigning from the position of Principal at Notre Dame Academy at the end of this school year. Serving in this role for the past nine years has been a privilege and an honor beyond measure. I am profoundly grateful for the incredible experiences, support and memories that have defined my tenure at NDA.

I extend my deepest appreciation to the Sisters of Notre Dame, Dr. Laura Koehl, Mrs. Trish Miller, our dedicated faculty, staff, students and the entire NDA faith community for their steadfast commitment to our mission and values. Their partnership and friendship have been instrumental in shaping my journey as an educator and leader.

As I embrace new challenges and growth opportunities, I am filled with excitement for the journey that lies ahead. I am very thankful to the Sisters of Notre Dame and Dr. Laura Koehl for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as the first male principal at NDA. It has been a profound honor, and I am forever grateful for the trust and support bestowed upon me.

In the spirit of transparency and respect for our community, I shared this decision with Mrs. Miller in early March to ensure a smooth transition and to allow ample time for the selection of my successor. I am committed to serving the faculty, staff and students to the best of my ability until the conclusion of my contract on June 30, 2024.

As I prepare for the next chapter of my journey, I carry with me the cherished memories, enduring friendships and invaluable lessons learned at Notre Dame Academy. My time here has been nothing short of transformative and I am forever grateful for the privilege of being part of this extraordinary community. Notre Dame Academy will always hold a special place in my heart.

May the spirit of Easter continue to inspire and guide us in our pursuit of excellence and service to others.

In Notre Dame,

Jack VonHandorf

NDA OFFERS \$33,500 in Scholarships to Future Pandas



Notre Dame Academy has offered academic scholarships totaling \$33,500 to 14 incoming freshmen based on their outstanding performance on NDA's High School Placement Test (HSPT), which they took in December 2023.

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 \$600 to \$9,000. This year, NDA offered four renewable academic excellence scholarships to students who scored in the 97th, 98th, and 99th percentiles 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 available to prospective and current NDA families. Notre Dame Academy provided nearly \$1 million in financial assistance during the 2023-24 school year.

"At Notre Dame Academy, we embrace a culture of continual learning, deeply rooted in our dedication to academic excellence," said Mrs. Trish Miller, President of Notre Dame Academy. "Inspired by the legacy of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide an inclusive education for every young woman. Through scholarships, grants, our distinctive work-study program, and affordable tuition, we strive to make quality education accessible to all."

Notre Dame Academy congratulates the following Class of 2028 Pandas, all of whom accepted academic scholarships for the 2024-25 school year:

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| Caroline Bohman | McKenna Bien |
| Maura Dwyer | Marcella Franxman |
| Kay Mayer | Ava Gruelle |
| Erin Scheuerle | Frances Maier |
| Ava Holocher | Finleigh Anderson |
| Camilla Tranter | Raigan Herald |
| Kierstin Scholz | Isabella Heringer |
| Macie Albers | |



Upcoming Events

April

- 1-5 Easter Break
- 8 Classes Resume
- 11 Alumnae Rosary
- 11 Athletic Signing
- 18 Alumnae Dinner Theatre
- 19-21 The Sound of Music
- 22-24 Girls' Schools Unite Giving Campaign
- 26 Senior Dinner Dance
- 28 Orange and White Game

May

- 3 May Crowning
- 5 Band Concert
- 8-10 Quilt Show
- 9 Alumnae Rosary
- 10 Spring Sports Pep Rally
- 14 Academic Signing
- Academic Awards
- 16 Senior Luncheon
- Senior Send-Off
- 23 Baccalaureate Mass
- Cleaning Day
- 24 Senior Breakfast
- Graduation

June

- 7 Golf Outing
- 13 Alumnae Rosary
- 25 Athletic Dead Period Begins



UNITY IN GENEROSITY: NDA and CCH's Collaborative Effort for the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky

NDA and CCH came together during their annual Catholic Schools Week volleyball game with a shared purpose beyond the competition. Through their spirited rivalry, both schools united in a remarkable display of generosity, raising an impressive \$2,646.43 for the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky. This collaborative effort exemplifies the core values of compassion and community service instilled in the students of NDA and CCH. Their dedication to supporting those in need extends far beyond the volleyball court, leaving a lasting impact on the local community and embodying the spirit of giving central to their Catholic education.



Exploring the Genetic Palette CONFIRMING PHENOTYPE WITH GENOTYPE

Students in Mrs. Proudfit's AP Biology class recently explored how small genetic changes can change our ability to perceive the world around us. In a captivating exploration of genetics and taste perception, students focused on the TAS2R38 taste receptor gene and learned how it can confer the phenotype of the ability to taste the chemical phenylthiocarbamide (PTC) and other bitter flavors. In this hands-on lesson, students had the opportunity to test their own TAS2R38 taste receptor gene to determine whether they possessed taster or non-taster alleles (Version) of the gene. They used the Polymerase Chain Reaction to copy their DNA samples and Gel Electrophoresis to analyze their DNA. Through this lab, students gained insight into the correlation between genotype (DNA) and taste perception. They explored how variations in the TAS2R38 gene can influence a person's ability to taste bitter flavors such as broccoli. Students truly enjoyed learning about genetics and its impact on our everyday lives and they certainly were enthusiastic about using micropipettes as well!

Students Showcase Their ENGINEERING TALENTS

NDA provides numerous STEM opportunities for its students including JETS club. JETS, short for Junior Engineering Technical Society, is a platform where students immerse themselves in hands-on engineering challenges. As part of the Technology Student Association (TSA), JETS members participate in the prestigious annual TEAMS (Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) Competition, a nationwide contest for high school students.

In JETS club, students apply their engineering expertise to tackle various challenges, ranging from solving problems in an 80-question multiple-choice test to engaging in interactive problem-solving sessions where they design and build innovative solutions. Recently, our JETS students undertook the task of creating a collapsible building with a pulley-operated door that opens fully.

Through these experiences, students not only sharpen their problem-solving skills but also apply their STEM knowledge to real-world scenarios, demonstrating their commitment to making a positive impact in our world.



CELEBRATING Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week at Notre Dame Academy was a wonderful celebration of our school's rich history, faith and community spirit. The week kicked off with *Nunday Monday*, a special day dedicated to honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame, whose dedication and sacrifice have shaped our Catholic education tradition. We began with a Mass attended by the Sisters, expressing our deep gratitude for their pioneering role in Catholic education in the Diocese of Covington. The Sisters were further celebrated during lunch, where they served ice cream sundaes to students, marking a cherished tradition that symbolizes the bond between past and present generations of NDA.

Throughout the week, students celebrated their sisterhood and unity. Tuesday brought cozy pajamas and a movie screening, highlighting the close-knit bonds that define our all-girls' school community. On Wednesday, NDA's Student Council treated our dedicated staff to breakfast before the exciting NDA CCH volleyball game, a tradition that also served as a fundraiser for the Emergency Cold Shelter of Northern Kentucky.

Thursday's *Holiday Hoopla* added a festive touch, with students and staff dressing in holiday-themed attire. One of the favorite days of the week was Friday with *Decades Day*, where students showcased their creativity with costumes from various time periods and enjoyed lunch from Chick-fil-A before showcasing their talents at *PaNDAs Got Talent*. The week concluded with the treasured Father/Daughter night where dads and daughters came dressed as their favorite sport, team or athlete and participated in several athletic activities.

Catholic Schools Week at NDA is a testament to the values of faith, community and sisterhood that define our school, uniting students, faculty and staff in a spirit of gratitude and celebration.



Rolling Into Action: NDA BIKE DRIVE

Notre Dame Academy students embraced the spirit of almsgiving in Lent with their *Rolling Into Action Bike Drive*. Partnering with Catholic Charities, students initiated this drive to provide essential transportation for those in need within our community.

Thanks to the generosity of students, faculty, staff and the wider community, NDA collected an impressive total of 64 bicycles. These bicycles, once refurbished by Catholic Charities' Picket's Corner Ministry, will find new homes, touching the lives of individuals facing transportation challenges.

Through the *Rolling into Action Bike Drive*, NDA students exemplified the school's core values of compassion and service. Students learned that through their servant leadership, they could offer support for individuals facing transportation barriers, offering them a means to access work, medical appointments and social services.

Furthermore, the bike drive emphasized the importance of sustainability and resourcefulness. By repurposing and refurbishing used bicycles, NDA and Catholic Charities demonstrated their commitment to environmental stewardship while also addressing a pressing community need.

"The success of the *Rolling into Action Bike Drive* underscores the power of collective action and the transformative potential of collaboration," said NDA Chief Communications Officer Jane Kleier. "Together, NDA and Catholic Charities have made a tangible difference in the lives of those struggling with transportation insecurity, reaffirming their shared mission to serve others with compassion and dignity."

Special thanks to NDA junior, Josie Bozeman, who led the charge on this project. Josie's dedication not only exemplifies the spirit of giving but also offered a unique opportunity for our students to engage in acts of charity during the Lenten season.

NDA extends its heartfelt appreciation to Catholic Charities, Pickett's Corner Ministry, and former NDA faculty member, Mr. Chris Goddard. Mr. Goddard, now serving as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington, was warmly welcomed back to NDA to collaborate on this project.

NDA students plan to host their bike drive again next Lent. If you have an old bike, please consider contributing to this impactful initiative by donating it next year.

2024 Winter Sports Update



SWIM & DIVE

The Notre Dame Academy Swim & Dive team ended their season, finishing 4th in the State Meet. The AquaPandas were led by junior Sadie Hartig who won an individual title in the 500 freestyle, earning All-American Consideration status in the event. Sadie also finished 4th in the 200 freestyle and was selected to the All-State team. The other Top 8 individual finisher was sophomore Danaka Tucker in the 200 freestyle (8th) and 500 freestyle (6th). Top 16 individual finishers were sophomore Liv Wallace and freshmen Savannah Bien and Abby Carnes. All three relays finished in the Top 16, including the 400 freestyle relay which finished 3rd.

Previously, the AquaPandas won the Region 7 Championship. Sadie won individual titles in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, was named to the All-Region team, and was voted Outstanding Female Swimmer of the meet. The other Top 8 finishers were senior Sammie Poulos, junior Ava Deegan, sophomores Reagan Connelly, Peyton Quinn, Danaka Tucker and Liv Wallace, and freshmen Savannah Bien and Abby Carnes. All three relays finished in the Top 8, including wins in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. The team finished 4th in the NKAC Championships and 6th at the National Catholic Championship in Baltimore, Maryland. Congratulations AquaPandas on a great season!

This is our second year as a KHSAA Varsity sport here at Notre Dame Academy. The head Coach David Hampton along with Assistant Coach Nicole Howe came to bring a winning, dominating bowling program. We are off to a great start to the year. We rostered 11 bowlers: nine sophomores, one freshman and one-eighth grader from St. Agnes. We bowled our weekly matches against other Northern Kentucky high schools at the local bowling centers ending up with a 4-4 conference record. We competed in 6 weekend tournaments in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Our best team finish was in Fairfield Ohio, where we placed 15th of 31 girls teams across Ohio. Freshman Haley Pelstring was our first Panda to bowl to a number one all-tournament team finish in Fairfield Ohio, competing against a field of 170 girl bowlers. The Pandas finished the season at the KHSAA Regional tournament in January, bowling to a second seed in qualifying but losing in the semi finals for the second year in a row. Go PaNDAs!



BOWLING



ARCHERY

Led by team captains Lea Youtsey and Mack Zemter, the Archery Pandas began their season on November 6. This year's team had 32 members and competed in 18 tournaments during the 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. Sophomore Ava Boertlein was 1st Overall High School Female Archer at the Summit View Tournament and 2nd overall at the Ryle Tournament. Sophomore Sarah Beckham was 2nd Overall High School Female at the Dixie Tournament. Morgan Russell finished in the top ten at the Villa Madonna Tournament and Lea Youtsey finished in the top ten at both the Community Christian and Covington Catholic Tournaments. Twenty-three Pandas qualified and competed in the Kentucky NASP State Tournament in Louisville in March. Ava Boertlein won the Cincinnati Enquirer Archer of the Week. Most Panda Archers made significant progress during the season, shooting 50 points and in some cases 100 points higher at the end of the season than at the beginning. 45 grade school students attended our June archery camp and 500 archers from 26 schools competed in the annual NDA Panda Classic in December.

The Varsity girls basketball team ended the 2023-2024 season with a final record of 21-10. While Kendra Collins graduates, an experienced roster returns next season. The Junior Varsity, Champions of the 2024 JV Regional Tournament, finished with a record of 16-2, while the Freshman team ended their season with 14 wins & 3 losses. Maya Lawrie was selected to the All Region Team. Both Maya Lawrie and Sophia Gibson will receive awards at the Northern Kentucky High School Girls Basketball Coaches Association All Division Banquet on March 26.



BASKETBALL



INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

1st Inaugural Indoor Track and Field State Championship!

Our Track and Field team had an outstanding day at the Inaugural Indoor State Championship on Saturday March 2nd. Every Panda in every event had season personal bests on the biggest day of the year including a lifetime best for Brooke Hollenkamp in Pole Vault (10'6"). The team finished top 20 overall out of 77 teams in Class AAA. Congrats to several Pandas who were state medalists: 4x800 - 6th (Alex Burg, Kelsey Weil, Kate Blettner, Cameron Kirtley), Shot Put - 7th (Julia Meyers), High Jump - 7th (Callie Fedders) and 8th (Ava Erpenbeck), Pole Vault - 7th (Brooke Hollenkamp). The team is now primed and ready for the outdoor season with their first meet on March 21!

ORTHO CINCINCY NDA GOLF OUTING

FUN 9 HOLE SOCIAL

JUNE 7TH, 2024
10:30AM
SHOTGUN START
KENTON COUNTY
GOLF COURSE
\$90 GOLFER

GET A GROUP
TOGETHER FOR
SOME FUN WHILE
SUPPORTING NDA
ATHLETICS! ALL
EXPERIENCE
LEVELS WELCOME!

Join the Notre Dame Academy Athletic Department for its 26th Annual Golf Outing! Use the QR code to register!

18 Holes Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m. | \$125/golfer
or
9 Hole Social Shotgun Start at 10:30 a.m. | \$90/golfer

For more information about the Golf Outing, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Fallon McAllister at mcallisterf@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:

Claire Bassman Seidenfaden 1940
Ruth Smith Ament 1945
Margie Engelkamp Collins 1946
Betty Holtman Rauen 1946
Rosemary Gerwe Talbert 1946
Mary Carolyn Purcell Kerkhoff 1947
Jo Ann Suchanek Arlinghaus 1948
Jeanne McKinley Dressman 1948
Sr. Marylyn Kathleen Ehrman, SND 1949
Yvonne Schuck Morr Parchman 1949
Jean Schroder Melville 1950
Della Mae Bergfeld Mueller 1950
Ruth Flynn Anthe 1951
Edie Lykins Hegge 1951
Phyllis Hellmann Herbst 1951
Joan Aitken Kaesemeyer 1952
Ruth Sacksteder Small 1952
Susan Kiefer Abner 1955
Judith Schuler Bucher 1957
Margaret Duvall Schrimpf 1957
Sue Overman Rice 1958
Judi Carr 1959
Sr. Mary Judeann Lueken, SND 1960
Susan Wenstrup 1960
Patricia Rawe Schneider 1962
Katherine Bauerle Panko 1964
Jo Ann Fox 1964
Laura Maples 1973
Paula Ratermann 1978
Lisa Comp Salter 1978
Christi Bambeck Midlam 1986
Sandra Hunter Walker 1988

Husband of:

Joan Schmidt Thiem 1949
Mary Ellen Mohr Ries 1954
Barb Ehlman Zimmer 1955
Carol Wischer Harmeling 1958
Judy Wolking McGovern 1958
JoAnn Reinert Lonnemann 1959
Linda Bankemper Scanlon 1966
Susan Arlinghaus Hoffman 1975
Sandy Holmes Gabriel 1980
Kathleen Broomall Milgram 1980
Mary Bezold Erpenbeck 1984

Mother of:

Jana Klaine McElroy 1965
Kristin Seidenfaden Schlichting 1966
Jann Seidenfaden 1969
Kathleen Dressman Summe 1970
Debra Dressman Collett 1972
Margie Bessler Kuhlman 1972
Karen Seidenfaden Wais 1973
Mary Kay Knochelmann Walker 1974
Julie Knochelmann Bowen 1975
Susan Arlinghaus Hoffman 1975
Lisa Knochelmann Connor 1978
Deborah Mueller Holaday 1978
Kim Mueller Hemsath 1979
Therese Bessler Middendorf 1979
Michelle Stephens O'Malley 1980
Lisa Mueller Caudill 1981
Dana Stephens Wall 1982
Lori Mueller Miller 1983
Donna Anthe 1986
Jill Stephens Sutkus 1988
Terri Mueller Horton 1989
Gina Luster 1989
Diane Schewe 1994
Joy Stephens Suwinski 1994

Father of:

Donna Droege Soward 1968
Peggy Brueggeman Gamble 1972
Gayle Thiem 1973
Mary Kay Droege Young 1973
Caryl Thiem Schawe 1975
Beth Schuh Dempsey 1977
Barb Hellmann Weckenbrock 1977
Susan Hellmann O'Donnell 1978
Katy Schilling Landau 1979
Lynn Hellmann Becker 1980
Peggy Schuh Hayes 1980
Ann Schilling Bradford 1981
Jenny DeGregory Nachazel 1982
Sharon Hellmann Wessels 1982
Mary DeGregory Kinman 1983
Ann DeGregory Ashi 1984
Cheryl Ralenkotter Ralph 1984
Jan Harmeling Hall 1985
Krista Wilson Keller 1986
Susan Schuh Leonardi 1986
Colleen Finley Menkhaus 1986
Jackie Hellmann Schuler 1986
Sandy Scheper Wessels 1986
Theresa DeGregory 1987
Maureen Schuh Eckert 1987
Elaine Ralenkotter 1987
Jennifer Peeno VonLehman 1987
Catherine Ann Zimmer 1987
Amy L. Russell 1989
Barbara DeGregory Connolly 1991
Theresa Schuh Finlay 1991
Karen Ralenkotter Dirst 1992
Jamie Lynn Lokesak 1996

Natalie Hoffman 1997
Angela Ammon 1999 (step-father)
Alicia Hoffman 2004
Jessica Gabriel Henderson 2005
Sarah Talbert 2006

Sister of:

Nancy Schroder Mallery 1955
Arlene Bergfeld Sullivan 1955
Barbara Schuler Gilmore 1959
Audrey Bauerle Whittaker 1961
Kathleen Duvall Vacek 1962
Mary Lou Duvall Vetter 1964
Mary Schuler Monson 1968
Virginia Schuler Clark 1973
Patricia Ratermann Lambert 1975
Kimberly Ratermann Schmidt 1976
Beth Maples 1977
Elizabeth Bambeck Fryman 1981
Shari Hunter Martinac 1981
Kim Hunter Thomas 1982
Pam Hunter Erpenbeck 1984
Lori Bambeck Stanton 1984
Cindy Hunter Schultz 1988
Jessica Bambeck 1993

Brother of:

Ruth Scheve Schnurr 1946
Alice Scheper Moeller 1955
Sue Daly Neumark 1965
Barb Steltenkamp Nieporte 1966
Kathy McGovern Menne 1967
Maureen Daly 1968
Pam Steltenkamp Summe 1968
Shelly McGovern Bear 1970
Jane Steltenkamp Mahan 1974
Mary Gene Heeb Bengel 1977
Connie Wolfe Riddle 1978
Lisa Heringer Donmez 1980
Sue Heringer Sparks 1982
Sandy Erpenbeck Arnzen 1984
Sherry Henderson Grady 1985
Joyce Wolfe Unkraut 1985
Jennifer "Sahara" Heringer Vires 1992
Emily Emerson Blunt 1999
Megan Farrell Heitker 2004

Daughter of:

Joan Buescher Wright 1962
Sharon Schwarberg Bertsch 1963
Diana Seibert Murray 1982

Son of:

Barbara Buescher Erpenbeck 1958
Marilee Meyers Cooney 1976
Tina Fitzpatrick Farrell 1976
Cynthia Hunter Schultz 1988
Shannon Robbins Ponder 1990

Special Intentions

Beth and Todd Hoyt
Bill and Judy Willer Schummer 1957

Honorariums

In Honor of **Deceased Members of the Class of 1955**
by: Mary Estelle Roesel 1955

In Honor of **Mike McKeown**
by: Amy Quinn Dye 1990

In Honor of **Joanne Brungs Schuler 1946's birthday**
by: Mae and the Metzger Family

In Honor of **Bridgette Stark Spaeth 1984**
by: Brandon Spaeth

In Honor of **Hannah Bradley Spaeth 2016**
by: Brandon Spaeth

In Celebration of **Tom and Hazel Stamm's 70th Wedding Anniversary**
by: Rita Smith 1971 and David Smith
Carol Dickman 1970 and John Dickman
Betty Jane Schadler 1978 and William Schadler

In Memoriam

In Memory of **Deceased Member of the Class of 1946**
by: Jeanne Bitter 1946

In Memory of **Sue Kiefer Abner 1955**
by: Carol Vogt Dragan 1955
Jackie Drummey Bising 1955
Arlene Bergfeld Sullivan 1955

In Memory of **Ruth Flynn Anthe 1951**
by: Judy Wiechman 1951

In Memory of **Joseph Bamberger**
by: John and Patricia Ann Geller 1963

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

In Memory of **Pat Fox Berlage 1957**
by: Pamela Kentrup Jones 1957

In Memory of **Joan Schmeing Boehmer 1947**
by: Bill and Cindy Bessler Biecker 1983
Doc and Joyce Hils Blanchet 1957
Gretchen Hils 1977
Pilot Contracting Corporation

In Memory of **Beverly Foltz Clingan 1972**
by: The 1972 Wild Gals
Cindy Kling Burke 1972
Mary Lynn Rolfes Cropper 1972
Cookie Cahill Flower 1972
Dotty Funke Hayes 1972
Terri Naber Isetti 1972
Margie Bessler Kuhlman 1972
Peg Cannon Landwehr 1972
Donna Schaber McCarthy 1972
Peggy McCord Maggio 1972

In Memory of **Sister Mary Virginia Ann Cleves, SND**
by: Alvera Tipton

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

In Memory of **Margie Engelkamp Collins 1946**
by: Ruth Scheve Schnurr 1946
Joanne Brungs Schuler 1946

In Memory of **Dawn Dorning 1989**
by: Debbie Dorning 1982 and Family

In Memory of **Ruth Keating Durstock 1947**
by: Lynn Durstock Beck 1971

In Memory of **Margaret Stricker Eismann 1956**
by: Janet Eismann Lentz 1979

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

In Memory of **Julie Farmer 1986**
by: Jennifer Wainscott Murray 1986

In Memory of **David Farrell**
by: Tina Fitzpatrick Farrell 1976

In Memory of **Jo Ann Fox 1964**
by: Mary Ann Egi Muck 1964
Donald Joseph Elfers

In Memory of **the Haverbusch graduates**
by: Dorothy Haverbusch 1956

In Memory of **Edie Lykins Hegge 1951**
by: Judy Wiechman 1951

In Memory of **Don Hellmann**
by: Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler 1979

In Memory of **Phyllis Hellman Herbst 1951**
by: Judy Wiechman 1951

In Memory of **Ralph Hoffer**
by: Bob Hoffer

In Memory of **Sara Fischer Kennedy 1959**
by: Thomas Kennedy

In Memory of **Carolyn Purcell Kerkhoff 1947**
by: Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947

In Memory of **Stella Schuette Konerman 1949**
by: Mary Ann Baute Mueller 1948
Kevin and Sue Spahn
Patricia Simon 1968

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

In Memory of **Judy Morrison Kramer 1958**
by: Patricia Morrison Gellar 1963

In Memory of **Evelyn Lohr 1944**
by: Patricia Rose Garver 1970

In Memory of **Jean Schroder Melville 1950**
by: Elaine Bauereis 1950

In Memory of **Christi Bambeck Midlam 1986**
by: Melissa Leising Becker 1986
Jennifer Wainscott Murray 1986

In Memory of **Ruth Morrison**
by: Patricia Morrison Gellar 1963

In Memory of **Della Mae Bergfeld Mueller 1950**
by: Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus 1981
Steve and Ruth Appel Averdick 1969
Elaine Bauereis 1950
Lynn Case Brown 1979
Jean Caudill
Kevin and Lisa Mueller Caudill 1981
John and Carol Appel Dickman 1970
Marian Schneider Hoffman 1950
John and Carol Kirn
Carol Cleves Martini 1955
Arlene Bergfeld Sullivan 1955
Donna Schwartz Wessels 1979
Judy Wiechman 1951

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

In Memory of **Earl Schuh**
by: Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler 1979

In Memory of **John Schupp**
by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Joe and Doris Chappie Trimpe 1944**
by: Alice Trimpe 1974
Jack and Carol Trimpe Bogaczyk 1969

In Memory of **John Yeager**
by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Clare Theony and Mary Alice Budde**
by: Jerome and Mary Lou Schneider 1952

In Memory of **Sister Mary Lynn**
by: Carol R. Smith 1958

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Please note that this compilation is from October 14, 2023 - March 1, 2024. We apologize for any omissions or inaccuracies. Our expression of sympathies relies on notification from family and friends. To send information to the Advancement Office, visit the Alumnae section of the website: www.ndapandas.org or email notredamian@ndapandas.org.

NDA Families Honor Their Legacy and Impact Students BY CREATING SCHOLARSHIPS

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

“We were very worried about how we were going to be able to afford to further my Catholic education...your donation was an amazing gift to not just me, but my whole family.” - scholarship recipient

A named scholarship may be established with a minimum gift of \$20,000. These monies become part of the Endowment Fund, which is invested to generate income. A total of 4.25 % of the scholarship fund is disbursed annually through scholarships and grants, or is applied to programming, as determined by the donor at the time of the gift. For further information regarding the establishment of perpetual scholarships and endowments, please contact Myanna Webster, Associate Director of Advancement, at webstem@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1851.



The Dorothy A. and Franklin S. Kling, Sr. Endowed Scholarship Fund

In a testament to the power of generosity and legacy, Notre Dame Academy proudly announces the establishment of the Dorothy A. and Franklin S. Kling, Sr. Endowed Scholarship Fund. This scholarship, generously funded by benefactors, aims to provide crucial financial support to deserving students from “River Cities” who aspire to pursue an education at NDA.

The Dorothy A. and Franklin S. Kling, Sr. Scholarship is not just about financial assistance; it’s a testament to the values cherished by the Kling family. It honors their legacy of compassion, commitment to education and dedication to community service. Through this scholarship, their impact will be felt for generations to come.

This endowed scholarship will be awarded annually to students from Bromley, Ludlow, Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton, Ft. Thomas, Silver Grove and Melbourne – the vibrant “River Cities” of Kentucky. Recipients of this scholarship are not only chosen for their academic achievements but also for their embodiment of the Christian spirit and commitment to NDA’s mission.

The benefactors of this scholarship believe in nurturing well-rounded individuals, and thus, the student(s) selected for this scholarship will participate in NDA’s Work/Study program. While academic excellence is valued, a strong work ethic towards studies and a genuine need for financial assistance are the primary criteria for selection.

The Dorothy A. and Franklin S. Kling, Sr. Endowed Scholarship Fund embodies NDA’s commitment to providing opportunities to deserving students, regardless of financial circumstances by offering a pathway to education for talented and motivated students from “River Cities.”

The Dorothy A. and Franklin S. Kling, Sr. Endowed Scholarship Fund will empower students to pursue their dreams and make a positive impact in their communities.

Ruth and Charles Dahlenburg Scholarship

As World War II finally ended, the world was brimming with hope and visions of a peaceful, prosperous world. Ruth and Charles Dahlenburg married in May of 1947 with big dreams of their own.

As the family grew, Ruth and Charles wove tenacity, faith, and a touch of humor into life. Education was paramount. With a large family, money was tight, but Ruth, an NDA alumna herself, and Charles were determined that all 10 girls would receive the treasured gift of an NDA education, and they did.

Fast forward to 2024, and that dream of an NDA education continues through the Ruth and Charles Dahlenburg Scholarship, recently established by their daughters Diane Geiger ('68), Clare Reiss ('74) and Fran Hemmer ('77). The scholarship honors the lives of Ruth and Charles who taught them to work hard, laugh often, give back, and never stop learning.

Finally, it serves as support for deserving students who demonstrate financial need, academic dedication, and alignment with NDA’s mission.

While education was important, so was living one’s faith through action. Despite her obligations at home, Ruth managed to carve out time to give back. Her volunteer roles included Parish Kitchen worker (for the hungry), St. Agnes Newspaper editor and NDA Alumnae Board member. Charles served as a long-term St. Vincent de Paul volunteer. Their parental wisdom offered invaluable guidance through life’s ups and downs. They recall their dad’s often-told story of the value of forgiveness. As an eight-year-old, he wrongly accused a classmate of stealing his bike. When he discovered his error, he reluctantly apologized. While Charles never found his bike, he gained so much more: the two boys became lifelong friends.

As the scholarship grows, it’s a lasting reminder of how much love and sacrifice Ruth and Charles devoted to their children. Their story serves as a testament to the remarkable power of perseverance and selflessness, inspiring us all to leave a lasting legacy of love and compassion in the world.

As Ruth often quoted: “To whom much is given, much will be required.” (Luke 12:48).



Herman “Boots” and Rosemary VonHandorf Boemker Scholarship

Boots and Rosemary (VonHandorf '34) Boemker lived a life demonstrating being of service to others and were strong supporters of Catholic education. Their five children, RoseMarie ('68), Martha ('69), Larry (CCH '70), Pauline ('74) and Bill (CCH '78) saw their parents act as trusted servants at their parish, St. Augustine’s in Covington, and to the many organizations to which they belonged. They exemplified the importance of civic and parish responsibility, and how even a small act of kindness can make a difference in someone’s life. In addition, they lived a life where their faith gave them both comfort and a personal relationship with God. By establishing the Herman “Boots” and

Rosemary VonHandorf Boemker Scholarship, we honor their legacy.

Our hope is that this scholarship helps the recipient use her NDA education to strengthen her Catholic faith and be of service to others.

Forever NDA

A LEGACY SOCIETY FOR NOTRE DAME ACADEMY



In a testament to the enduring spirit of Notre Dame Academy, a generous gift from an NDA grandmother was recently received through the Catholic Order of Foresters, Fraternal legacy rider. Carolyn Ann Rennekamp, the grandmother of Danielle '16 and Tara '19 Rennekamp, was very impressed with the education her granddaughters received at Notre Dame Academy and fondly remembered NDA upon her passing. The thoughtful bequest will significantly benefit the Textiles Department at NDA, leaving a lasting legacy of support and inspiration for future generations of students.

(Pictured L-R: Mark Hehman, Trish Miller, James Rennekamp)

Making A Difference for Generations

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.

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

Leaving A Legacy for Notre Dame Academy

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. On behalf of the students of today and the students of tomorrow, we say, "Thank You."



Become a Notre Dame Academy CORPORATE PARTNER

We invite all businesses to explore partnering with NDA as a Corporate Partner. Our Corporate Partner Program is a great way to support and align with the mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. Your corporate partnership supports the growth of the next generation of female leaders in our community.

Our corporate program works alongside you to customize a partnership that fits your goals while supporting NDA. We showcase your company for the calendar year at our three fundraising events: Women Making a Difference Luncheon, Annual Golf Outing and Light the Night for NDA.

We would love to have a conversation about how your business can engage with us as we strive for excellence in all we teach and do. Please reach out to Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1851.

Diamond Corporate Partner



Platinum Corporate Partners



Trey Tapke
Julie M. Tapke
Justin Dammal
tapkegroup.com



Gold Corporate Partners



Silver Corporate Partners



CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT

We extend a warm welcome to Sturm Electric as they become a valued member of our Corporate Partner Program at NDA!

After serving his country in World War I, Joseph E. Sturm started his career as an electrician working for his uncle under Kling Electric, Co. after which he worked as chief electrician at Seagram's Distillery and at Modern Electric as an electrician and estimator. Joseph had an approximately 62 year career in the electrical construction industry. As a whole, the Sturm family (Sturm Electric) has been serving customers in the electrical construction industry for four generations and over 100 years. Sturm Electric has provided "safe and reliable" electrical construction and service for thousands of successful projects. Sturm Electric will provide professionalism and dedication on your next project.

Striving for excellence in all we teach and do...



To ensure that an NDA education is accessible to all young women, tuition is set at only 80% of the true cost of education. We rely on the partnership and generosity of our alumnae and others to help fill this gap. Filling this financial gap makes a direct impact on students, programs, projects and teachers.

85%
of Goal Reached

We invite you to help us provide a rigorous Catholic education to all those seeking it by donating to our Annual Fund. Give now and your gift also counts towards our Girls Schools Unite competition!

Scan the QR code to donate or use the remittance envelope provided in the centerfold of this issue.



Our generous donors have made it possible for

125 students to receive a Notre Dame Academy education this year by filling their gap.

Our alumnae know the impact and importance of an NDA education!

58% of the annual fund comes from alumnae support.

Our past parents also see what NDA provides and the transformation it offers.

Past parents make up

21% of our annual fund support.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY Joins Forces WITH ALL-GIRLS SCHOOLS

Girls' Schools Unite!



Notre Dame Academy proudly joins forces once more with our all-girls schools in the region for Girls Schools Unite! It's an exciting opportunity to champion all-girls Catholic education and showcase the incredible strength of our sisterhood.

For the second consecutive year, we're gearing up to compete against Mercy McAuley, Mount Notre Dame, Seton, Saint Ursula Academy and Ursuline in a spirited battle to rally alumnae support for our Annual Fund. From April 22 to April 24, our alumnae will have the chance to show their pride and support their alma mater in this fun campaign.

The school with the highest percentage of alumnae participation will claim the coveted trophy and earn bragging rights as the most spirited school. It's not just about winning though, it's about coming together as a community to make a meaningful difference in the lives of future generations of young women.

Please join us as we unite in our mission to empower and uplift young women through Catholic education!

How can you be part of the fun?

It's easy - simply make a gift to the Annual Fund at Notre Dame Academy before midnight on Wednesday, April 24. Gifts can be made via the QR code to the right, online, via the remittance envelope provided in the centerfold of this issue or at our Panda Perk event advertised below.



Kickstart your morning with a dose of Panda camaraderie and caffeine! Swing by Notre Dame Academy's Alumnae Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on April 22, 23 and 24 for our first Panda Perk. Connect with your fellow alumnae over a free cup of joe, and while you're at it, keep the good vibes going by supporting the Annual Fund by contributing your tips. It's all about community, sisterhood and keeping that NDA spirit alive! Can't wait to see you there! Here's an added perk - your donation will count towards our Girls Schools Unite participation competition!

News for Alumnae



Save the Date

Notre Dame Academy will celebrate the Class of 1974 as the new Golden Girls this October. Our Golden Girls event celebrates and honors NDA alumnae who graduated fifty years ago or more.

The Golden Girls celebration will take place on Sunday, October 6, 2024. The celebration will begin with Mass, followed by brunch at Notre Dame Academy. More information including a reservation form will be available in the summer edition of the Notre Damian.

Please contact the Director of Alumnae Relations, Lisa Willenbrink Mosley '95 at MosleyL@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1852 with any questions.

Alumnae PLEASE NOTE:

All mailings and recognition for alumnae will be addressed to the alumna only. If you are an alumna and a past or current parent, you will be addressed with your spouse unless you notify the Advancement Department of your preference.

If you have any questions, please contact the Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.



REVIVING TRADITION: New Capes for NDA's May Crowning

In anticipation of Notre Dame Academy's upcoming May Crowning event, the school's Textiles teacher, Tina Nugent Conradi '82 has breathed new life into a cherished tradition. Two beautiful capes, reminiscent of those worn in years past, have been meticulously crafted to honor the occasion. These capes will be worn by the student chosen to crown Mary and the crown bearer.

May Crowning holds special significance at NDA, as it is a day dedicated to Notre Dame, "Our Lady," the patroness of our school. Each year, the honor of crowning Mary is bestowed upon a senior, symbolizing the culmination of their journey at NDA and their devotion to the Blessed Mother.

In preparation for this solemn ceremony, seniors who aspire to participate in the crowning or serve as part of the honor guard are invited to submit a 1-2 page reflection on their connection to Mary and why they feel deserving of this honor.

This year's May Crowning will take place on Friday, May 3, and the new capes will add an extra touch of elegance and reverence to the event. As we gather to honor Our Blessed Mother, let us embrace the spirit of tradition and devotion that defines the Notre Dame Academy community.



RESTORING BEAUTY Alumna Preserves Legacy of NDA Relic

Among the treasures preserved from Notre Dame Academy's former Fifth Street location in Covington is a statue of the Blessed Mother cradling the infant Jesus. This cherished piece, made in 1927, has served as a symbol of faith and guidance for generations of students at NDA. The statue welcomed students at the school's Fifth Street location each day, and when Notre Dame Academy relocated to its new campus on Hilton Drive in 1964, the statue made the journey with it. Over the years, however, the statue showed signs of wear and tear, with chipped paint and faded colors, marring its original beauty.

Recognizing the need for restoration, Sister Paul Ann Hanneken, SND, initiated efforts to refurbish the statue. To complete the task, she enlisted the expertise of Marlene Von Handorf Steele, a renowned local artist and alumna of Notre Dame Academy's Class of 1968.

With reverence for the statue's history and significance, Marlene embraced the restoration project with passion and determination. Working diligently in her Cincinnati studio for three months, she carefully repaired the statue, breathing new life into its weathered features. Each brushstroke was a testament to Marlene's commitment to preserving the statue's legacy. This statue, which depicts Mary presenting the Child Jesus to the world, regained its original vibrancy under Marlene's artistry. Reflecting on her work, Marlene remarked, "Restoring this statue was not just about fixing its physical appearance, but also about honoring its history and the memories it holds for the Notre Dame Academy community, as well as unveiling the timeless grace and inner beauty it embodies."

The successful restoration was made possible by the generous support of the Von Handorf family, who understood the statue's importance to Notre Dame Academy's heritage. Months later, the refurbished statue returned to NDA in a place of honor in Heritage Hall, restored to its original beauty.

The statue serves as a testament to the enduring spirit of Notre Dame Academy and its commitment to preserving its legacy for future generations.



Refurbished by
Marlene Von Handorf Steele 1968
Through the Generosity of the Daughters of
Rosemary Von Handorf Boemker 1934
Jean Stratman Von Handorf 1942
Lorraine Abeln Von Handorf 1942
Jean Glenn Von Handorf 1944
Mary Helen Schilling Von Handorf 1949
Vera Bresser Von Handorf



A NIGHT OF SISTERHOOD AT Sips & Stems

In February, our alumnae and friends came together for a delightful evening of fun and creativity at the Sips & Stems event. Leading the way was Emily Ryan, a shining example of our NDA legacy, having graduated in 2013 and now the proud owner of Petal & Stem. With her expertise and passion, Emily guided this wonderful group of women through the art of creating charming Galentine's flower arrangements. It was a heartwarming reunion filled with laughter, reminiscing, and the joy of crafting something beautiful together. These cherished moments exemplify the enduring bonds and spirit of sisterhood that define our NDA community. We're already looking forward to our next gathering!



A MERRY CELEBRATION AT Cookies with Santa

In December, our NDA alumnae and their families gathered for our first-ever Cookies with Santa event at Notre Dame Academy! It was the perfect holiday evening as everyone came together to make ornaments, indulge in some delicious cookies and candy canes and share plenty of smiles.

The highlight of the night...Santa and Mrs. Claus paying us a visit! Santa even declared that our beloved Panda is officially on the nice list, adding an extra dose of fun to the festivities. Another special treat of the evening was the Sisters from the fourth floor, who joined in the fun and snapped a few pictures with Santa. Our alumnae were thrilled to spend time with them.

Cookies with Santa marked yet another delightful event hosted by NDA's Alumnae Department, bringing our younger alumnae back to campus. Here's to many more memorable NDA alumnae gatherings in the future!



WELCOME BACK Class of 2023

We were so excited to welcome back the Class of 2023 in December for their first official alumnae event! They had a great time catching up with classmates after their semester of college and receiving their senior yearbooks!





Get your ALUMNAE GEAR at the Online Bambootique

Check out the NDA and alumnae spirit wear items in the online Bambootique!

You can shop on the website at: <https://bambootique.ndapandas.org/>.

Please note: the items are not shipped but may be picked up at NDA.

Important Correction

We extend our sincerest apologies to the Leo Grosser Estate for unintentionally overlooking their recognition in the annual report within the President's Circle section of the Notre Damian magazine. We deeply regret this oversight. The generous contribution made by the Leo Grosser Estate has been instrumental in upholding the accessibility of a Notre Dame Academy education to every young woman who desires to join our NDA community.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ESTABLISHES Young Professionals Group

We are excited to announce the launch of a new young professionals group for NDA alumnae! By joining, members will have the chance to network with fellow alumnae, attend various professional development events, engage in community service opportunities and empower one another. Whether just starting a career or making strides in your chosen field, all alumnae who have graduated in the past 20 years are encouraged to sign up for this dynamic group. Together, members can learn, grow, and connect as they navigate the professional world and continue the NDA legacy of making a difference in this world.

If you are interested in learning more about NDA's Young Professionals Group, scan the QR code to the right to access the YP Interest Form.



Panda Professional Connection spotlights alumnae businesses and connects Alumnae Pandas in their professional roles. Please visit www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/alumnae-spotlight/panda-professional-connection

If you are an alumna and are interested in having your business included, please email your business card to Director of Alumnae Relations, Lisa Willenbrink Mosley, at MosleyL@ndapandas.org and reference "Panda Connection." The Panda Professional Connection is provided for professionals who are NDA Alumna.

*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.

ALUMNAE MENTORING



Alumnae Mentor Program kicked off the new year with our alumnae mentors and students. It was a great morning sharing information and helpful tips to make the most out of the mentor relationship. A special thank you to our mentor and student speakers.

If you are an NDA alumna interested in becoming a mentor in our program or have any questions, please contact the Director of Alumnae Relations at MosleyL@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1852.

Alumnae Rosary



All are welcome to join us for our next Alumnae Rosary on Thursday, May 9 at 12:50 p.m. in the Marian Circle at NDA. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us in prayer wherever you may be.

Our monthly rosary is typically held on the 2nd Thursday of each month and is planned for the following upcoming dates in the Marian Circle at NDA:

- Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

In the event of inclement weather, we will pray the rosary together in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel at Notre Dame Academy.

Engagements

- Aimee Vogt Dickhaus 1992 to Joe Retherford
- Katherine Kopyay 2013 and Dylan Klee
- Jessica Vogt 2014 to Andrew Branch

Marriages

- Lindsey Staten 2009 to Tyler Folkman on September 9, 2023
- Dr. Jessica Nelms 2012 to Dr. Arayo B. Sokan on November 4, 2023
- Savannah Hemmer 2014 to Dane Taylor on October 14, 2023
- Hannah Bradley 2016 to Brandon Spaeth on November 11, 2023

Births

- Macie Rose Montgomery to Heather Bellow Montgomery 2006
- Madelyn to Arielle Milner Harp 2009
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PANDA

Entrepreneurial Corner



We are proud to present this Q&A feature which focuses on NDA alumnae who are current business owners.

Abbey Cummins Class of 2006 - Founder/Owner: Everything Cincy

What is Everything Cincy?

Everything Cincy is a ONE STOP SHOP to provide promotions for businesses and deals and information for consumers! This platform gives you access to learn about Everything Cincy & NKY have to offer. From local restaurants to family fun things to do to retail businesses and everything in between, Everything Cincy is sure to provide all the information you need while living in or visiting the Queen City. It is our mission to showcase and connect you with trusted local businesses and customers! LOCAL EVENTS. LOCAL DEALS. LOCAL JOBS.

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

I grew up in an entrepreneurial family and always had the drive and passion to own my own business one day but was never quite sure how it would look. During COVID, I decided to take a leap of faith and launch Everything Cincy. I had been in the media/marketing world for quite some time and felt we were lacking a platform that was devoted to everything local. The mom and pop shops that didn't have huge budgets. The businesses that had a bunch going on that you didn't always know about. The goal of Everything Cincy was to create an inclusive, digital platform that made it very easy for our businesses to promote themselves and for our community to have access at their fingertips all in one place. My theory is if it is easy to learn about and access, it is more likely for one to support it! I am proud to say the concept grew quickly and to date I am working with over 250 local businesses! Stay tuned for all the concepts that will be launched in the near future under the "Everything" brand! :)

What are the best parts of business ownership/entrepreneurship? What are your biggest challenges?

There are definitely great times and very hard times as a business owner. I enjoy the freedom I have to create new concepts and ideas and bring them to life. I love the opportunity to learn about and work with so many local businesses! I truly have enjoyed the entire process of launching and growing a business as I please...for the most part!

One of the most challenging parts of being a business owner for me is managing my schedule and trying to fit so much in one day. There are a lot of late nights and early mornings which can be exhausting. I constantly have to remind myself to turn my brain off and stop work mode because it feels like I am always going. I also have to remind myself that it is not a sprint it's a marathon and just because you came up with a great idea, it doesn't have to be developed that week, month or even year! Great things take time and I have come to appreciate that the more I grow as an entrepreneur. I wouldn't trade the ups and downs or late nights and early mornings for the world!

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

I really valued my entire time and experience at Notre Dame Academy. One teacher that comes to mind is Mrs. Timmerding, my English teacher. She was very passionate about her role as a teacher and I learned so much from her that I have applied along my journey. I will say the overall education I received at NDA set me up for a successful future. I am grateful to my parents for giving me the opportunity to go to NDA and all the teachers and staff that made my time there unforgettable!

What is the best advice you received throughout your business ownership journey?

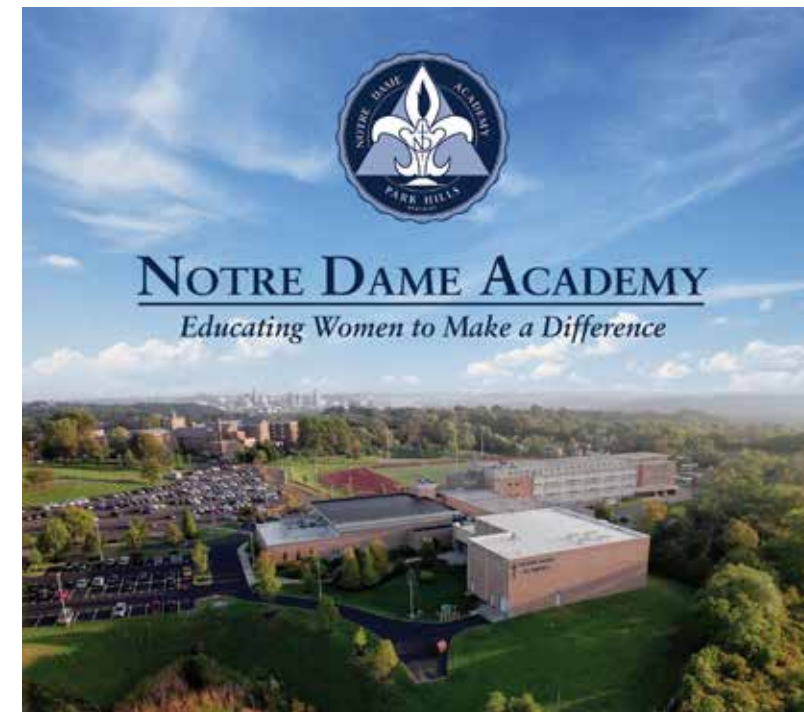
There have been so many but some of my favorites are...

Not every day is going to be a walk in the park. There are definitely times you feel defeated but never give up on your dreams! If you never take the risk you will never know the reward. Starting a business is far from easy but what in life is?! If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish more than you realize! Detail brings retail! Pay attention to the small components of your business and focus on building great relationships. Having great relationships with your employees and with your clients goes such a long way. Networking is EVERYTHING and you'll never know if you don't ask. Don't be afraid of getting told no. No's happen often in the business world, let them fuel you! And ALWAYS collaboration > competition.

Other information you would like to share regarding your entrepreneurial endeavors!

Never give up on your dreams and don't doubt yourself. No one thinks they can do something until they try. Trying is one of the most important aspects of entrepreneurship. I am so happy I took the leap that I did and can't wait to see what the future holds!

Go out and live your dream but always remember to make a difference while doing so!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY: Finalist for NKY Chamber of Commerce's Business Impact Awards

Notre Dame Academy has been selected as a finalist for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Business Impact Awards in the large business category. Being recognized as an impactful business in the Northern Kentucky region with such a prestigious accolade is truly an honor for NDA.

Notre Dame Academy's legacy spans over 118 years during which over 10,000 young women have graduated from NDA and have gone on to become catalysts for positive change in our region, our country and around the globe. A Notre Dame Academy education equips students with the skills and values needed to excel not only academically but also as leaders and advocates for justice and innovation. NDA graduates make up a large portion of the workforce in the Greater Cincinnati region and this honor affirms the school's commitment to graduating future generations of empowered individuals who will continue to shape our community and make it a better place for all.

"At Notre Dame Academy, our dedication extends beyond providing a transformative education to our students; we are deeply committed to graduating young women who have learned to use their God given talents to make a difference in the world," said NDA President Mrs. Trish Miller. "There are several ways in which NDA exemplifies this commitment, from our community outreach initiatives to our efforts in promoting critical thinking and innovation."

The Business Impact Awards will be held on May 2 at Drees Pavilion. NDA extends its heartfelt congratulations to all our fellow finalists. Together, let's continue to make Northern Kentucky a thriving and vibrant community for all!

2024 REUNIONS

The following class years are celebrating their reunions this year. More information will be provided in the summer edition of the Notre Damian and updated online at: www.ndapandas.org/alumnae

Class of 1964 - 60th Year
Date: Friday, September 27, 2024
NDA Alumnae Hall
Contact: Mary Ann Muck 859.653.3007 (text)
More details will be provided.

Class of 1974 - 50th Year
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024
Contact: Facebook Group "NDA Class of 1974"
or Reunion Committee Chairperson, Carrie Hills
Hanscom (carriehanscom1@gmail.com)
More details will be provided.

Class of 1979 - 45th Year
Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Band at 8:00 p.m.
JerZees Pub, 708 Monmouth St., Newport, KY
More details will be provided.

Class of 1984 - 40th Year
Date: Saturday, November 2, 2024
Pee Wee's, Crescent Springs, KY
More details will be provided.

The following classes will also be celebrating their reunions this year:

- Class of 1949 - 75th Year
- Class of 1954 - 70th Year
- Class of 1959 - 65th Year
- Class of 1969 - 55th Year
- Class of 1989 - 35th Year
- Class of 1994 - 30th Year
- Class of 1999 - 25th Year
- Class of 2004 - 20th Year
- Class of 2009 - 15th Year
- Class of 2014 - 10th Year
- Class of 2019 - 5th Year

For more information regarding NDA reunions, please visit www.ndapandas.org/alumnae or contact the Alumnae Relations Office at 859.292.1852 or [MosleyL@ndapandas.org](mailto:mosleyl@ndapandas.org).

Class Updates

1972

Peggy Brueggeman Lamb Gamble was proud to visit NDA's Open House this past fall with her daughters and her granddaughters who will be attending NDA! Ellie Fesmire 2028, Laurie Lamb Fesmire 1996, Molly Carnohan 2028, Amy Lamb Carnohan 1998 and Emilee Fesmire 2030.



1973

Carolyn Zembrodt has had her own tax/accounting business operated out of her home since 1987. She has enjoyed helping clients with their needs but has decided it is time to retire. She is spending her retirement with her 5-year-old rottweiler Ilse, a certified therapy dog and they visit grade schools, high schools, colleges, libraries and nursing homes together. Carolyn states, "she has blessed my life and made retirement fun!"



1987

Cheryl Jones Darpel purchased and is running her family business at Ronald B Jones Funeral Home, after the passing of her father in January. Her nephew Josh Parton and longtime funeral director Jessica Nienaber continue to help her serve the families. She is very excited about the future and the opportunity to serve our community when they need it the most!

1991

Jenny Rogers Becknell would like to share an update on her family! "I have been married for 28 years to Matt. We adopted our son Davon in March of 2023 to join our family including: Anna - 31, Austin - 28, Blake - 25, Colin - 22, Davon - 17 and Donavon - 17. We have also been blessed with five beautiful grandchildren, four granddaughters and one grandson. We live in Savannah, GA where I am a Deputy City Marshall working for the City of Savannah in the Code Compliance Department. I was the Employee of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter in 2023 and graduated from the City Managers Emerging Leaders Academy in 2023 as well, where I received the MVP award from my class."



2006

Heather Bellow Montgomery and her husband Kevin welcomed their baby girl Macie Rose in September 2023.

2009

Arielle Milner Harp and her husband Graham are excited to share the birth of their first child, Madelyn Harp, born in November 2023.



2009

Andrea Schmidt McPhillips and her husband Mark welcomed baby Charlotte in July 2023.

2010

Dr. Megan Good is finishing her residency in psychiatry at the University of Louisville this spring, and has accepted a one year fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School in Boston. She will work in first break and high risk for psychosis clinics as well as conducting research.

2012

Dr. Jessica Nelms married Dr. Arayo B. Sokan on November 4, 2023 at St. Rose of Lima in Cincinnati, OH. They will continue to live in the Louisville area where she will finish her last year of Pediatric Residency at the University of Louisville and Arayo will continue his practice in Internal Medicine at Baptist Health.



2013

Katherine Kopyay and Dylan Klee recently got engaged.



2014

Emily Bautista Friedman and her husband Scott welcomed their son Jonah Cole in June 2023.



2014

Savannah Hemmer married Dane Taylor on October 14, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.



2015

Hannah Good was promoted from multi platform editor/features to designer for comics and illustrated reporting at the Washington Post in Washington, D.C.

2016

Hannah Bradley married Brandon Spaeth, son of Bridgette Stark Spaeth 1984, on November 11, 2023.



Would you like to see your picture in *The Notre Damian*? Take *The Notre Damian* with you on your next vacation, and have someone take your photo with it. Simply e-mail your .jpg formatted photos to *The Notre Damian* at nredamian@ndapandas.org or send prints (they will not be returned) to NDA Advancement at 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY, 41011. The photos will be published in the order in which they are received. If you don't see your photo immediately, keep looking in future issues.

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Last July, Meg Teipel Menne 1975, Linda Dermody Schilling 1978 and Anita Jacobs Beck 1983 spent two weeks exploring Alaska with their husbands and three other couples! It was an amazing trip!



Kelly Gammon 1981 and her sister, Kathy Gammon Guider 1982 traveled to Ireland in November and posed for a photo with the Derry Girls!



Class of 1972 Wild Gals on their annual trip to the mountains. Morning Mass was in memory of classmate Beverly Foltz Clingan. Top row: Cookie Cahill Flower, Cindy Kling Burke, Peggy McCord Maggio - Middle: Donna Schaber McCarthy, Mary Lynn Rolfes Cropper, Margie Bessler Kuhlman, Dotty Funke Hayes - Front: Peg Cannon Landwehr, Terri Naber Isetti



Classmates and friends from the class of 1979 went on a trip recently to the Bahamas to celebrate their many years of friendship! Pictured bottom left to right Moira Kelly Dietz, Lisa Coslett Schneider, Kathy Reynolds Walz, Kelly Dempsey Elam. Middle row left to right: Julie Zembrod Kapur, Therese Bessler Middendorf, Tammy Sweeney Merten, Abby Byland. Top row, Julie, Riesenberg Parton, deceased, Jenny Krebs Erpenbeck, Shelly, Reuss, Sandfoss, Brenda, Durrett, Pauly, Sally Tabeing Feldmann



In February, a group of friends from the Class of 1970 reminisced about their senior class play while attending the performance of "Hello Dolly" at the Carnegie Theatre in Covington, KY.

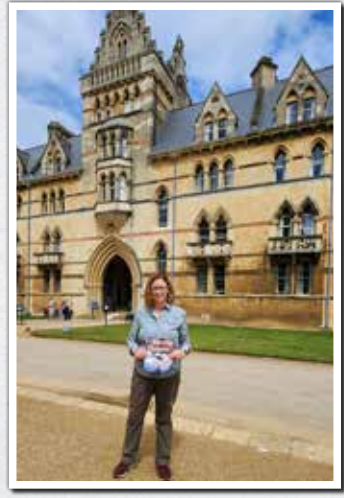
Seated left to right: Peggy Dietrich Wilkerson, Sandy Twadell Flanagan, Sue Beihl Schroeder, Nancy Riley Saalfeld, Joan Wind Rakel, Eileen Weigand Schroeder, Margie VonHandorf Cross and Jean Fasse Merz



Several NDA Alumnae gathered to attend the Love Life Rally in Frankfort, KY in January. Front Row: Kristi Korfphagen Goins 1986 and JoAnn Marie Roth 1985 Top: Terri Perrino (former NDA faculty), Therese Lalley Bose 1977, Julie Moster Gallenstein 1984, Sarah Hughes 2010



Terri Loebker Schierberg 1972 visited Amsterdam in late November as part of a river cruise to the Christmas Markets along the Rhine. An afternoon spent at the Anne Frank Museum was profoundly moving. The annihilation of six million Jews and an estimated half-million deemed as "others" during the Holocaust was humanity's darkest chapter and remains a call for all to advocate for peace, social justice and tolerance. #Never Again



Beth Burris Neal 1981 taught a London Urban Sketching course through Thomas More University and the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad last summer. She said it was a fantastic experience with a great group of students. Beth is pictured here near Christ Church, Oxford University.



We were blessed and grateful to all be gathered from Alabama, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky to celebrate Thanksgiving! Morgan Wall Schuyler 2012, Joy Stephens Suwinski 1994, Dana Stephens Wall 1982, Isabella Suwinski 2027, Jill Stephens Sutkus 1988, Michelle Stephens O'Malley 1980, Bridget Wall 2018



Sisters Connie Noll 1985, Debbie Noll Pastura 1981 and Sharon Noll 1993 had a great time seeing the incredible sights during a trip to Iceland in February. Jenny Meyers Stefani 1983 also joined them on the trip!



Sue Daly Neumark 1965 having the time of her life on her trip to the Galapagos Islands. It was like going back to prehistoric times.



Mary K. Kathman Cooper 1972 and her husband Steve were blessed to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary in Italy! Their visit to the Vatican was the grand finale of their amazing trip!



Paige Heimbrock 2019 (left) and Patty Heimbrock 1985 (right) recently spent two weeks exploring various areas in France. While in the Loire Valley, they spent time with Ellen Krueger (center), who was an exchange student at NDA from Vechta, Germany for the Fall 2018 semester.



An amazing camping trip at Steamboat Springs, Colorado in September 2023 with Mary Beth Schulte 1986, Linda Schulte Phelps 1984, Erika Gerdes Redder 1988, Abby Phelps 2019 and Aspen the adorable dog.



Connie Kaelin Roenker, Diane Dahlenburg Geiger, Kathy Hebbeler, Kay Kelly Bradshaw, friends from the Class of 1968 celebrated their 55th year class reunion weekend with a staycation in Cincinnati and included a visit to the Cincinnati Art Museum in October.

Please complete this form to nominate an NDA alumna for the Women Making A Difference award. The nominee should be someone who has made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional and philanthropic efforts.

In order for the nomination to be evaluated, please include at least three letters of support to give the selection committee a better understanding of who the nominee is and how she lives her life making a difference in the world. The letters can be from non-profits/charities, families and friends, in which she is involved and from others whose lives have been significantly impacted by the nominee's actions.

All nominations must be received no later than September 6, 2024 and can be submitted by mail to the NDA Advancement Department, Attn: Women Making A Difference at 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011.

Nominee Information:

Name: _____
 Company/Position: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State: _____
 Email: _____ Phone Number (Home and/or Mobile): _____

Please describe why the individual nominated should be considered for this award.

List any significant contributions to the service of others and philanthropic efforts.

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____
 Phone Number (Home and/or Mobile): _____
 Email: _____

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Submitted by: _____ NDA Graduation Year: _____
 Current or New Address: _____
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 Please print names and graduation date clearly:
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