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ON THE COVER



Despite difficult personal circumstances, NDA Director of Technology and Information Services Gina Fredrick helped the school make the sudden transition to online learning in March. She is pictured on the cover with her husband, Chris, and daughters, Maya and Elise.

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A Message from the President

Dear Families and Supporters of NDA,

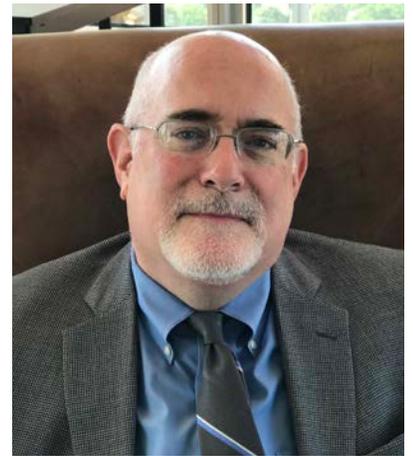
This issue of the Notre Dame Academy Magazine is the first for which I have the privilege of writing a message. In its pages you will find features and commentaries from all corners of the NDA community.

As a school formed from the heritage of its three predecessors (St. Joseph Academy, Abbot Pennings and Our Lady of Premontré), NDA is a collective activity of the people who formed it, the people who are its current stewards and the students who walk its halls. It is, in this respect, a work of the Church: a collective activity of its divine formation, the individuals who have been its shepherds, and those who believe, embody and pass on the living Spirit among us. This magazine tells the story in many voices of those whose spirit and work makes NDA vibrant!

In many ways the disruptions to our lives since March have been the cause of great consternation and deep reflection. On the more reflective side we have had to realign and reimagine our sense of space, our contacts and the extent of our reach. We have been forced and fortunate to draw ourselves into closer alignments with family, and have reached out across cyberspace to learn, engage relationships, be entertained and plan for the future. While confused, we have become creative.

The shades of green, blue and white that adorn NDA's uniforms and logos represent the strands of commitment and creativity from our predecessor schools, and defy the tendency to lock creativity into a fixed, repetitive mold. In 1990, NDA was a new idea. Whether commemorating NDA's 30th anniversary or the Norbertines' 900th, each year students come to NDA from varying family backgrounds, ethnic heritages and communities. The cycle of the academic year hearkens renewal and growth. Our challenge is to draw out the divine spark within each student and align it with God's creative work which shapes our world and beckons us towards creating a just, loving society. From our distress we will build a better, if different, future. This is the promise of our covenant in Christ.

This entrepreneurial sensibility lives in the graduating seniors, the faculty and staff, and the scores of alumni who share their life experiences in these pages. In the words of Thomas Kunkel, former president of St. Norbert College, "The story of the Norbertines' coming to America is a particularly illuminating example of how Norbert's entrepreneurial spirit was never truly extinguished." An entrepreneurial outlook contemplates the horizon. It renews our way of doing things and muses about what is to be done. Going forth into a changed world secured by faith and deep relationships, Tritons learn, engage and change things for the better.



Tom Kiely began as NDA's new president on July 1.

In hope, then, for the time when we shall gather together let us:

“Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.”

– Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

**Blessings and best wishes for
a restful and recreational summer,**

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DON'T TOUCH, DON'T BLINK.

Drawing by Owen Brummel,
NDA Class of 2020

"This is my final piece in my IB exhibition. It marks an unfortunate historical event that suddenly brought my high school career to an end. The sad look in my eyes evokes the struggles during these times in quarantine. It's a message to appreciate what you have, and to 'not blink' because something can be taken from you right in front of your face. You may never be able to get those experiences back. A headband pulls my hair out of my eyes to ensure that I don't blink and take full advantage of every moment as if it were my last."

The Class of 2020: *Sharing a Close Bond*

Growing up, I think all kids dream of the day they are finally a senior in high school. It is like the grand finale to your own 13-part coming-of-age TV show. This is the season that you have the most freedom and privileges and are the “rulers of the school.”

Everyone looks forward to senior traditions, sports seasons, the last prom and a traditional graduation. These are moments that create lasting memories from what is supposed to be one of the best times in our lives. But we were robbed of this.

On Thursday, March 5, students and faculty left the halls of Notre Dame Academy for what we thought was a week-long spring break. In the weeks prior to this, passing comments had been made in classrooms about a “virus in China.” Little did we know that the spread of COVID-19 would result in an extended spring break, a transition to online classes and eventually a full shutdown of seemingly everything we were looking forward to.

The universal Class of 2020 quote this year is “You don’t know what you have until it’s gone.” I’m speaking for all of us when I say that I took a lot of this year for granted. I took for granted assemblies, all-school Mass and sporting events. I took for granted standing in the crowded lunch line at Konop with my friends. I took for granted how comforting a simple hug is. I never thought I would be praying every day to go back to school, or even just to hear that final bell one last time.

Finishing the year with this regret and lack of closure has been a huge challenge. I struggled to find the motivation to get out of bed, let alone complete my assignments on time. Even with extended deadlines and great communication from teachers, I found myself “senior sliding” faster than ever. Many of my friends experienced the same.

However, the NDA community worked very hard to recognize all of the seniors and lift our spirits during this time. Teachers hand-delivered lawn signs, the administration posted a virtual version of the annual Senior Awards ceremony on Facebook and parents even put up a huge banner at the school with individual pictures of all of us. The students are blessed to have so many people going the extra mile for us.

While all of that is amazing and deserves to be recognized, it still doesn’t change the uncertainty the Class of 2020 is feeling. Many colleges have announced that they will be online in the fall, and it is likely that others will follow suit. Some students are also now considering different options than their expected course of action, such as taking a gap year.

The Class of 2020 will share a bond for the rest of our lives. We were born in the wake of 9/11, entered middle school after the Boston Marathon bombing and entered high school when mass shootings became “normal.”

While all of that was difficult enough, now we are ending our high school careers during a worldwide pandemic. Nevertheless, every hardship has made us stronger. We have stayed positive and grown into amazing young adults. From now on, I know we won’t take anything for granted because these few months have proven that whether or not you think it can be taken away, anything can be gone just like that.



GRADUATION

NDA held a special “drive-up” graduation ceremony to distribute diplomas to the Class of 2020 on July 9. Elizabeth Hoeppner and Cassidy Noble delivered their commencement addresses in a video.

About the Author

Mattea Vecera is a 2020 NDA graduate and was a staff writer for the Online Tritonian. In the fall, she plans to attend Syracuse University as a journalism major. In her free time she enjoys writing, listening to music and going out with her friends.



Patrick Browne,
NDA Principal

A Message from the Principal

“The memory of everything is very soon overwhelmed in time.”

– Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

For a moment all things take on importance and then the importance is lost to time. For as long as I can recall, I’ve wondered where stories go once they are no longer remembered. Where do the moments of importance reside once more pressing concerns relegate them to so many yesterdays? Where do the “almosts” of state championships lost, the “beauty” of first high school dances and the “regret” of missed opportunities find themselves when the last person who lived them is no longer here to tell the story?

As I walk the halls of Notre Dame Academy at the end of each academic year, the voices of students echo as if the students never left. The indistinct collection of voices animates the empty space of an unlit hallway. If you listen very hard you might hear a student’s name, the faint laughter or a book dropping on the floor. Cemeteries and schools are alike in that they are repositories of stories which must be felt, for they can no longer be told.

Who remembers that on Oct. 10, 1918 in Des Moines, Iowa, Mayor Thomas Fairweather announced that “in order to prevent the spread of Spanish Influenza and to protect the public health and safety,” he was directing “all public places of amusement, including theaters and dance halls, all schools and outdoor athletic events; all public congregating places subject to unusual congestion, to be closed immediately.”

Who remembers? Who is left to tell the story?

Who remembers the days of Fr. Meehan so warmly leading the boys at Abbot Pennings, the fall trees changing colors as he walked to school?

Who remembers the very first day of St. Joseph Academy, the nervous laughter that must have accompanied the day?

Who remembers the 1970-71 Premontre football championship, the final moment, the joy and celebration? The eventual sadness of the seniors knowing it was over and never to be lived again.

To be principal is to feel this reality. To live the final moments of the boys hockey team’s season at the state championship. To see beauty in the girls volleyball team’s near victory at the sectionals. To celebrate the completion of a



The boys hockey team made a memorable run to the state championship game.

new teacher’s first year at NDA and, for a brief period of time, keep these memories alive knowing they are all too soon overwhelmed in time.

Each of us must work to hang onto our memories. We must fight to keep the moments alive and find ways to weave them into the stories we tell.

As we end this year, let’s remember things like senior Evan Walczyk’s imitation of veteran theology teacher Mr. Shane Lagerman at an all-school assembly, senior Katherine Walch’s leadership on the volleyball court, Goretty Juarez’s acceptance to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Owen Campbell’s crowning as Mr. NDA.

Remember we are blessed to have had the opportunity to be together, that we benefit from those who came before us and that each day is a gift.

God Bless,

Patrick Browne
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Sarah VanGrunsven,
NDA Director of
Enrollment Management

Grateful at all times

As I began to write this letter, my husband took a business call, my kindergartener needed immediate help with his reading lesson and my preschooler wanted me to play “pay doe.”

Moments ago, everyone was quietly working. I had to smile and laugh at our current reality. Although the office looks a bit different and my co-workers are my husband and children, the love for what I do at Notre Dame Academy hasn’t changed. During these challenging times, I have never been so proud to be a member of the NDA community. The NDA community is strong!

I miss being at school. I miss our students – their energy, zest for learning and contagious laughter. Our diverse student body is filled with curious learners, analytical thinkers and creative minds. I miss seeing them in the classroom, the hallways, onstage and on the field.

During these times we had to learn to think outside the box, be creative and focus on staying connected. Our students quickly said “yes” to recording welcome videos for the incoming students. Our current parents didn’t hesitate when asked to be a resource to incoming parents. Our alumni were honored when asked to share their NDA experience. NDA

has dedicated students, faculty and staff, parents, alumni and donors. I am grateful to be a member of the NDA community.

NDA continues to be a thriving and welcoming community. Our students have a joy for learning inspired by dedicated faculty, coaches and mentors. Students are challenged to reach their highest potential each and every day. Our rigorous curriculum, arts and athletic programs are the foundation upon which excellence is built. Our faculty embraced the new normal right from the start, as NDA was the first high school in the area to move to an online learning platform. While each day has successes and challenging moments, our faculty is dedicated to the craft of teaching both in the classroom and online.

I look forward to the day we are all back together as proud Tritons under one roof, and we have the opportunity to officially welcome the NDA Class of 2024 to our community. Until then, walk in faith. We will get through this together. For now, it’s time to teach reading and play “pay doe.”

Sarah VanGrunsven,
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Geno McKenna,
NDA Director of Events
& Alumni Relations

A Message from the Director of Events & Alumni Relations

A Tribute to our Vietnam Veterans

Dear Alumni,

On May 16, 2010, Notre Dame Academy dedicated the Wall of Honor to recognize and pay tribute to our alumni service members of the U.S. Armed Forces from St. Norbert High School, Central Catholic High School, Abbot Pennings, Premontre and St. Joseph Academy who served in the Vietnam War. The momentum for this memorial was spearheaded by Patrick Rank, APHS 1963, and supported by the Nobel-Straubel Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2037 for the plaque, flags and lighting. The Wall of Honor is located in the school and is a constant reminder of the brave men and women who fought and often sacrificed their lives for our country.

In 2018, NDA hosted the inaugural Triton Academic & Athletic Hall of Fame. Inducted that year was Thomas Przybelski, PHS 1964, who was a Vietnam veteran killed in action (KIA). This year, the Hall of Fame committee would like to induct all of the remaining Vietnam veterans KIA. Our current list of KIA veterans includes: John Gmack, Michael Hermesen, Richard Jackson, James Loy, Timothy Murphy, Timothy Robson and David Schuette.

Please let us know if you are aware of any other KIA veterans so we can honor them and their families at the Hall of Fame banquet. The 3rd annual Triton Academic & Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will take place on Saturday, Oct. 3.

We would like to acknowledge all of our Vietnam veterans on the Wall of Honor. Please contact us to add your name or a name of a veteran who served in the war by filling out the online form at www.notredameacademy.com/alumni/vietnam-wall-of-honor or contact Geno McKenna at 920-429-6114 or gmckenna@notredameacademy.com.



David Schuette
PHS 1966
– Military



James Loy
PHS 1966
– Military



John Gmack
PHS 1969
– Military



Michael Hermesen
APHS 1965
– Military



Richard Jackson
PHS 1965
– Military



Timothy Murphy
PHS 1965
– Military



Timothy Robson
PHS 1966
– Military

Thank you to our Vietnam veterans and all of our U.S. veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice made for our country. Thank you to those who continue to serve. We salute you!

Sincerely,

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#WeAreNDA



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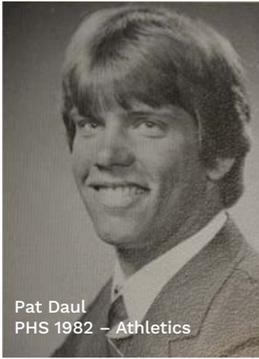


Congratulations!

Triton Academic & Athletic Hall of Fame 2020 Inductees



Ann Dorr (Murphy) Mortell
SJA 1951 – Legendary Coach



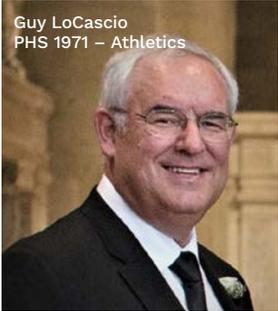
Pat Daul
PHS 1982 – Athletics



NDA Girls Cross Country 1990 - Legendary Team



Molly (Kapalin) French
SJA 1983 – Athletics



Guy LoCascio
PHS 1971 – Athletics



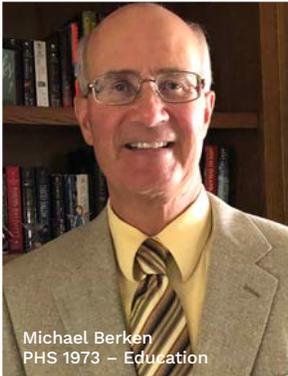
Mary Ellen Leicht
SJA 1979 – Business



APHS Boys Golf 1986-1988
Legendary Team



Joe Mack
SNHS 1956 – Athletics



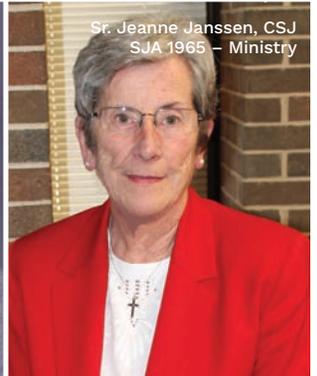
Michael Berken
PHS 1973 – Education



Teresa (McMonagle) Schmidt
SJA 1971 – Arts



Harold Neville
CCHS 1949 – Legendary Coach



Sr. Jeanne Janssen, CSJ
SJA 1965 – Ministry

Hall of Fame Dinner & Program

Saturday, October 3, 2020

More information to follow at www.notredameacademy.com/alumni/alumni-hall-of-fame





Alumni Updates

Bob DeGrave, CCHS 1949, and his wife, Helen, will be celebrating 65 years of marriage on July 16, 2020.

Ron Reynolds, CCHS 1952, retired in 1995 as President, CEO and Chairman of Supply Co., Inc. in Appleton. Ron earned his business administration degree from St. Norbert College and has been married for 65 years.

Kathleen (Kryzanek) Heyrman, SJA 1955, and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26, 2019. Their five sons and grandson helped them with the celebration during Thanksgiving week. The couple renewed their vows in October at the Atlanta Archdiocese Mass for 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries.

Thomas Holmes, CCHS 1955, is still working full time at age 82 as Senior Vice President of Commercial Business Development for Capital Title of Texas.

Mary (Binish Kremer) Danhauer, SJA 1958, had two grandsons attend Aldo Leopold Community School, which was the site of SJA where Mary and her mother went to school. Mary's two grandsons then attended Green Bay East High School, which is where her father went to high school.



Marilyn Piechota, SJA 1960, toured Iran for three weeks in September 2019, visiting the country's UNESCO and historical sights, shopping at the Grand Bazaar, spending a day at Persepolis and joining in Ashura, which is the Islamic holiday celebrated around the world commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Hussein with religious parades and mourning rituals. At a Friday mosque, Marilyn met a family with a young girl wearing a Packers shirt. She said the people were smiling and friendly and loved America.

Mary (McVey) Seabury, SJA 1963, is retired from her career as an Art Educator.

James Vandenberg, PHS 1965, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Marilyn, by renewing their vows and hosting 80 family and friends at a dinner dance. James was presented with the Waymaker Award by the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance for long-term service on the DCPA's Advisory Board of Directors.



Michael Reince, PHS 1966, graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering degree. Michael had a wonderful 33-year career with IBM, primarily in sales/marketing roles, divisional management and corporate roles. He "left the corporate world" in 2006 and transitioned into residential real estate investment, and owns a nice portfolio of single family rental homes and multiple manufactured housing communities. Michael is married to a "very special lady and partner" named Carol. They have three children and eight grandchildren. Michael and Carol live primarily in Fort Worth, Texas, and spend their summers in Ephraim.



Joseph Bray, APHS 1968, was sworn in by the Secretary of the Army on Jan. 8, 2020, to be the Texas (South) Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASAs) are business and community leaders appointed by the Secretary to advise and support Army leaders across the country. CASAs provide individual advice to the Secretary of the Army, the U.S. Army Chief of Staff and commanders at all levels on public sentiments toward the Army. CASAs work closely with Army and installation commanders, Army National Guard and Army Reserve commanders, and other designated personnel within their area of responsibility.



Dick Pigeon, PHS 1968, has been retired for five years after 42 years in commercial banking. Dick has been married to his wife, Cheryl, for 47 years and both of his children, Gina (1995) and Steven (2000), graduated from NDA.

Nancy Wiltgen, SJA 1971, retired from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and has relocated to Farmington, Minn. Nancy is spending lots of time with her daughter, son-in-law and adorable grandsons while figuring out what comes next in her journey.



Gary DeVillers, PHS 1972, has lived in Greensboro, N.C., since 1995 after a number of company assignments throughout the U.S. and Europe. Gary retired from International Paper Co. in 2009 and in 2012 purchased a locally owned sign company, which he sold in 2018. Gary is still married to his high school sweetheart, Cynthia. They have two grown children, Christopher and Andrea, and six grandchildren, which they enjoy a great deal and are blessed to live close by. Gary and Cynthia enjoy traveling and spending time at their lake house on Badin Lake.

tries to get back to Green Bay at least once a year to take in a Packers game and visit with his brother, Todd, and his wife, Anne Marie. He hopes all of his classmates from the 1972 class are doing well. Go Cadets!

Mark Hogan, PHS 1973, retired last year from his role as Secretary and CEO of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation after serving for four years.

Carol (Ehlinger) Ritter, SJA 1974, is an Obstetrician-Gynecologist.

Brian Vorpahl, PHS 1974, is fully retired from the Chandler Unified School District in Arizona. Brian enjoys spending time in his family's log cabin in the White Mountains, golfing and reading with his wife, Lisa. They have a son, Nick, and daughter, Kristin, and a "grandbaby," Ella.



Steve Wassenberg, APHS 1975, recently retired from the Palm Beach (Fla.) School District after 33 years. Steve and his wife, Maria, now spend their time camping in their 1971 VW bus, catching up on missed concerts and of course traveling.

Mark Adriansen, PHS 1977, is celebrating eight years at Essco, Inc. in Green Bay working in custom components sales and customer service.

Laura (Achter) Burkholder, SJA 1977, is the Vice President of Consumer Marketing for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

Diane (Achter) Stocker, SJA 1977, is the Executive Director of The Matthews Foundation in San Diego.

Tricia (Motiff) Stearns, SJA 1983, is a Senior UX Designer for AccuLynx.



LEFT: Diane (Achter) Stocker - SJA 1977
RIGHT: Tricia (Motiff) Stearns - SJA 1983

Susan (Ceaglske) Clark, SJA 1986, is an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for Milwaukee Public Schools.

Steven Wagner, PHS 1986, retired from the Racine Police Department as a Lieutenant of Police after 29 years of service. Steve was recently appointed Director of the Training and Standards Bureau for law enforcement in the Wisconsin Department of Justice. He resides in Milwaukee with his wife.

Rebecca Haeny, SJA 1987, is an Administrative Support Specialist at the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc.

Loral Arndt, SJA 1989, is working in her dream job as a Floral Designer at The Flower Shoppe in Oconto Falls.

Carrie (Pocquette) Shepherd, NDA 1992, is a Principal in the Green Bay Area Public School District.

Matthew Borowitz, NDA 1996, was elected to the Vestry (Corporate Governing Board) and search committee to find a new rector at St. Anne's Church in De Pere.

Jennifer (Santy) Wiluth, NDA 2001, is a Sr. Retirement Plan Specialist for Associated Bank.

Julie (Eddy) Van de Kamp, NDA 2003, is the Vice President of Customer Experience at U.S. Xpress and was named a 2020 Top Woman to Watch in Transportation by the Trucking Association (WIT). Julie's leadership in successfully uniting U.S. Xpress' asset and brokerage divisions under one roof, creating a new customer experience team to better serve customers.

Steve Meyers, NDA 2007, is a Government Consultant for Deloitte Consulting.

Jennifer Kanikula, NDA 2008, is a Dietitian for Aureus Medical.



Jordan Trgovac, NDA 2012, is a magna cum laude graduate from the College of Charleston (S.C.) and works for the Kansas City Chiefs as a Communications Assistant. Jordan got the opportunity to hoist the Vince Lombardi Trophy at Super Bowl LIV in Miami after the Chiefs' victory and will receive a Super Bowl ring as a member of the team's staff.



Isaac Vineburg, NDA 2013, started a new position as the Digital Media Associate at the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Isaac graduated with his Master of Arts in Communication from Marquette University and will be getting married to Lexie Sittsamer of Farmington Hills.



Ingrid Hirte, NDA 2016, was accepted into her first choice medical school, the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine in Scottsdale, Ariz., and was awarded a full scholarship for four years. Ingrid graduated from the University of Notre Dame in May with a Bachelor of Science in Science Pre-professional Studies and a minor in Compassionate Care in Medicine.

Hannah Vanden Heuvel, NDA 2019, has been working among team of business students and staff at the University of New Hampshire to work on advancing women's leadership and equality in the business industry. The hospitality major is blossoming on the East Coast, and she is blessed by the many opportunities she has received thus far.



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Owen Campbell, NDA 2021

Creativity is Campbell's specialty

If someone at Notre Dame Academy needs a video, the first person contacted is Owen Campbell.

"I remember watching Harry Potter movies and trying to figure out how certain scenes were made," said Campbell, who is part of the Class of 2021. "I tried recreating certain scenes from my favorite movies, and even though they looked horrible, it was the start of something that would change my life."

Campbell has been editing and creating films for NDA since his freshman year. However, his video work began long before high school. In the fourth grade he started making shorts and editing. He advanced to a real camera in fifth grade and completed his first "real" movie for a final in his art class. He praises his Holy Family middle school teacher Renee Zirbel for her encouragement. "She saw movie making as art," he said.

Campbell works on NDA events, such as the Academy Awards, Tritonfest, the musical, the spring play, school masses, preview night, student government and band/choral concerts. He also is a part of NDA's tech crew who are responsible for the lights, sound and any other technical needs in the auditorium or Triton Center.

"While in school, I usually do not have a break that is more than two weeks off. I am always planning ahead, so I am technically always working on something," Campbell said.

This year Campbell won the Academy Awards, originally called Mr. NDA, which is a fun night of competition between juniors and seniors voted into the contest by the student body. Over the years videos have become a dominant part of the show and are often part of a contestant's introduction as well as talent act. In February, Campbell's editing abilities and talented dance coordination earned him the crown of Mr. NDA.

After the show one mother said, "It's rather nice to see Owen win the Academy Awards because he has made so many videos



After playing primarily a behind-the-scenes role, Owen Campbell took center stage at the Academy Awards in being crowned Mr. NDA on Feb. 1.



Owen Campbell creates videos for several NDA events.

for so many of the contestants, including my own son." A quick count by show organizers concluded he had made over a dozen videos for contestants, including the writer of this article.

"I have actually never met anyone like him," Student Government adviser and German teacher Jennie Laaksonen said. "He and I can look at the same thing, and he sees 10 times more than I do. He notices so much more detail. He is a perfectionist when it comes to his work and will rework scenes again and again until he is satisfied.

"I can't begin to tell you how much I will miss working with him after he is gone next year. I am just hoping he gives me a slight mention in one of the awards speeches he will inevitably be giving someday."

Campbell currently plans on going to college for film with an interest in special effects and animation. However, he understands that his future job might not even be created yet because of how the industry is always changing.

"I think that the most important thing is to realize that it takes a lot of practice and patience," Campbell said. "You always want your video to be the best thing ever, but it does not always turn out that way."

By: Max Timmer, NDA 2020

About the Author

Max Timmer is a 2020 NDA graduate and will attend St. Norbert College. He served as the Student Body President in addition to being involved in several activities, including the musical, school play and baseball.





Neeck shows true knack for teaching the faith

Father Jordan Neeck, O. Praem., possesses a unique gift.

“Father is able to explain things in such an articulate way and relate them back to us,” Notre Dame Academy senior Henry Wied said. “We have the best time in his class because he allows the students to discuss as a group the issues that he presents.”

Neeck, a priest and theology teacher at NDA, started a YouTube channel when online learning was implemented in March to continue to engage students and show them different areas of the St. Norbert Abbey.

“My videos are unpolished and goofy,” said Neeck, who recorded videos from places like the Abbey’s kitchen and woodshop in the basement. “But I thought it was an incredible way to capture peoples’ imaginations in showing Norbertine life and different parts of living at St. Norbert Abbey.”

Neeck, who grew up in Philips, Wisconsin, teaches several different theology classes, including Prayer and Spirituality as well as Christian Lifestyles. After graduating from St. Norbert College in 2011 with an accounting degree, Neeck worked two years in corporate finance until joining the Norbertines in August 2013.

“I was not feeling fulfilled in my work,” Neeck recalls, “and upon attending Holy Thursday Mass, during the consecration, as I was kneeling in my pew, I broke down and wept, hearing God speak to my heart, and I knew I needed to pursue a call to the priesthood.”

Neeck studied at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago for four years, earning his Masters of Divinity and ministering at Old St. Pat’s in Chicago’s West Loop. In March 2019, Abbot Dane and the Abbey’s Personnel Committee determined that Neeck would serve at NDA for three years to share his gift of teaching the faith.

“One of my favorite parts of teaching,” Neeck said, “is when a whole class is engaged in discussion offering personal reflections or asking a lot of genuine questions about the Catholic faith.”

Neeck’s videos helped continue those conversations as he adapted his classes for online learning. NDA senior Mariah Michalski said, “The YouTube videos are very interesting and teach us a lot about St. Norbert Abbey and the lives of the priests there.”

Wied added, “My favorite part of Father’s class is going to adoration with him. I also really like the great videos that he shares with us which help us young people stay connected with the Church.”



Father Jordan Neeck, O. Praem., joined the Norbertines after working in corporate finance.

Neeck’s favorite part about the NDA community is the faith and the openness to talk about God. NDA Principal Patrick Browne said, “Notre Dame benefits greatly from having Fr. Jordan with us. Having a Norbertine on staff reminds us that our school is rooted in our faith.”

Neeck, who attended public school as a child, appreciates that students and staff are willing to ask deeper questions about their faith.

“I especially love experiencing this when helping out with NDA’s cross-country program,” he said. “I love how Coach (John) Gard celebrates the love of God and faith through the sport of running.”

Outside of the classroom, Neeck enjoys running and has competed in marathons, including the 123rd Boston Marathon in 2019. He also likes camping, archery, waterskiing, cross-country skiing and studying scripture.

The most influential people in his life are his parents. “I am extremely thankful for my parents who have shown me love, support, and examples of how to grow as a disciple of Christ.

“Advice I would give to my younger self is trust God, love life and pursue greatness. I would also make the point that excellence or greatness is more than just excelling in academics: greatness comes from being open to learn from all life’s experiences through conversations with others, manual labor, and failures — the world is one giant classroom in which we are called to experience and learn.”

By: Lauren Van Gheem, NDA 2020



About the Author

Lauren Van Gheem is a 2020 NDA graduate who plans to study education at St. Norbert College with the hopes of becoming a first-grade teacher. She loves coaching and participating in gymnastics.



A TIME TO SHINE

How can I help?

Anybody who knows Gina Fredrick will tell you how selfless she is. It's just her nature to always be there for others, and she never fails to extend that offer.

As the Director of Technology and Information Services, Fredrick is an often unseen but integral part of everything that happens at Notre Dame Academy. In many ways she is responsible for helping to keep her alma mater connected.

Whether it's assisting a student who is having computer issues, running cable, developing budgets or listening to the struggles of a colleague who is having a rough day, Fredrick possesses an amazing ability to process complex issues and uplift someone's spirits with kindness and her calm presence and her easy smile. She's never too busy to help anyone, and no task is ever too big or too small for her.

That's why it was probably no surprise that just a day after having a major surgery, she was the one reaching out to faculty and staff with emails asking, "How can I help?"

"Notre Dame has always been where people are there no matter what," said Fredrick, a 1997 NDA graduate who has worked at the school for 16 years. "It's a caring community and you want to be helpful."

Although she was scheduled to be on leave for four weeks following a mastectomy, Fredrick selflessly wasted little time in logging onto her computer when she got home on March 18 and started helping students and faculty whose worlds had been turned upside-down to brave a new reality on the first full day of distance learning during the coronavirus pandemic.

“It was really difficult for me to not be on at all,” she said. “That just really wasn’t an option.

“The technology field is very behind the scenes. I don’t mind that. But when this (pandemic) had come, in my mind this was my time to step forward and shine for those that need it.”

Digital Duo

Jen Laaksonen has taught German at NDA for 23 years, ironically, starting at the school just one year after Fredrick had graduated from it.

Possessing a natural curiosity for all things tech and a willingness to pitch-in wherever she can lend a hand, Laaksonen’s skills and interest led to her adopting IT hours to her role in addition to teaching.

“When Gina brought me on a few years ago, it was fantastic,” Laaksonen said. “It spurred me even more to stay current and learn more. We bounce things off each other constantly. It’s a real back and forth.”

Fredrick joins Laaksonen as an adviser for student government. Their energy and technical knowledge coupled with having a strong sense of what teachers and students need or want in the classroom has been a true asset for NDA’s digital efforts.

“Jen is one of those people that just gets it done,” NDA Director of Events and Alumni Relations Geno McKenna said. “Gina works with that same motto. There is not a lot of fuss and they know what the end goal is.”

In one of their most recent efforts, Laaksonen and Fredrick started implementing an online system where teachers could make and receive assignments or post documents relating to a class. It was intended to be used in the event of a snow day or to help a substitute teacher if a faculty member needed to take an extended leave.



Jen Laaksonen (left) and Gina Fredrick handle the IT needs for students, faculty and staff at Notre Dame Academy. Laaksonen was instrumental in implementing a plan for distance learning.

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The system ultimately ended up being a saving grace when the coronavirus outbreak happened.

“We didn’t think in any shape or form that this would be used as an online learning platform for distance learning for weeks on end,” Laaksonen said.

Prior to when the pandemic hit, Laaksonen was preparing to take on the challenge of filling in for Fredrick during her medical leave. The two of them couldn’t have anticipated they would also have to rapidly put together elements and direction of what distance learning would be for teachers, students and parents.

“She amazes me all the time with her involvement in the school and the hours she puts in,” Fredrick said. “There wasn’t even a question that she would be at school for those initial virtual meetings for all faculty and staff and taking every tech question possible that she could have. She did an amazing job, and I can’t say enough about her taking the lead on it while I was going through surgery and after.”

In some ways her work was therapeutic for Laaksonen, whose mother passed away in January. She wanted to do her best to help her school, but also be there for her friend.

“You don’t have any words,” Laaksonen said about hearing Fredrick’s breast cancer diagnosis.

“Sometimes it’s just your presence that matters. I gave her a hug, and I said we start to fight now. There were so many emotions this past year for me, but you do your best to be the rock.”

Support System

Katie Sullivan was hoping to find someone to co-chair the St. Bernard Auction for Education with her, and Fredrick was looking for a way to get involved at her daughters’ school. It was the perfect match.

Sullivan and Fredrick have become close friends in co-chairing the event the last four years. Fredrick’s ability to balance the big picture with the details has been instrumental in organizing and improving the event, including introducing online bidding this past year.

“She’s that quiet hero,” Sullivan said. “She doesn’t ever expect to receive praise, but she is always willing to tell other people that they did a great job.”

Fredrick spearheaded the Herculean effort to make NDA a wireless campus in recent years. The success of that effort is apparent in the school-wide access and dependability of the network throughout the building, most importantly in the classroom. Her humble demeanor won’t allow her to take much credit for it as she’ll speak about it as if she only played a small role in the project.

“I think she puts her heart into everything,” said McKenna, whose office at NDA is across the hall from Fredrick’s. “She’s one of those people that just cares for others.”

Even before the past few challenging months, her mastery of assisting others and troubleshooting online systems wouldn’t be possible without her amazing support system – her family.

Her husband, Chris, took off work for a few weeks to help take care of her following her surgery. Little did he know he would also end up becoming a homeschool teacher for their daughters, Maya and Elise.

“I feel like she hasn’t skipped a beat, which is really remarkable considering the type of extensive surgery she had,” Sullivan said.

“She was able to catch this cancer very, very early and everything turned out amazing, but there is still a certain amount of fear associated with that and she handled it with such grace and has been an awesome friend in staying connected with people as she has been working on her own healing.”

Thankful

While those who love her could only pray, Fredrick underwent surgery. Then everyone waited.

On March 24, Fredrick emailed colleagues the news that her pathology showed “they got it all” and she wouldn’t have to undergo chemo for an invasive cancer.

“Thank God,” she wrote. “Finally a good piece of news that was very few and far between the last 3 weeks! So onward I go as an official breast cancer survivor :)”

NDA was already a tight-knit community before the coronavirus pandemic, and Fredrick’s news was the answer to the collective prayers of everyone who knows her.

“It really makes you grateful for what you have and not take it for granted,” Laaksonen said.

Social distancing measures only make the school closer as students, faculty and staff gain a greater appreciation for each other and what they may be going through.

The great strength and friendship that Laaksonen and Fredrick maintain through the toughest of circumstances not only helped NDA survive a pandemic, but to face it with courage and grow from it.

“We haven’t really been able to look back yet,” Fredrick said. “We’re more about looking forward to the fall.

“It’s definitely a unique situation in life. I wish I would have journaled more about it instead of just getting through day by day because it would have been a really good reflection.”

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St. Bernard auction
Gina Fredrick (left) and Katie Sullivan at the St. Bernard Auction for Education in 2018. Fredrick and Sullivan have co-chaired the auction the last four years.

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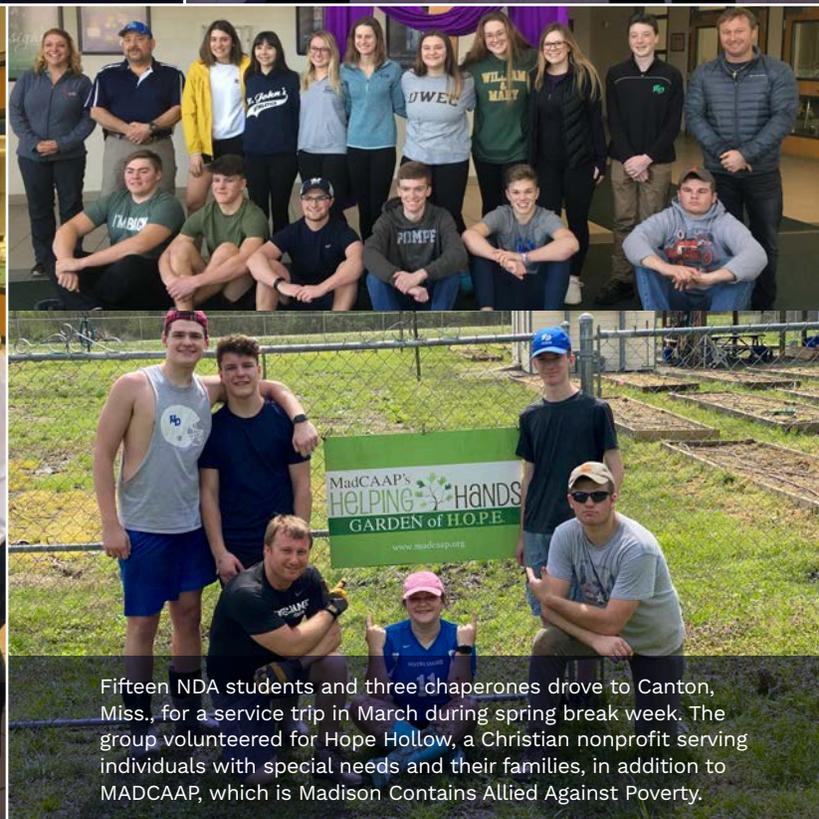
Fourteen contestants showcased their talents and personality to wear the crown at the Academy Awards on Feb. 1.



Elaine Chosa (NDA 2021) and Ellese Martin (NDA 2020) helped organize the Campus Ministry Blood Drive, which was held at the Broadview YMCA on April 29.



The dance team competed at state on Feb. 1 at the La Crosse Center. The dance team's Jazz and Pom routines both advanced to state, while Katie Crane, Yana Williams and Anna Zimmerman also advanced for individual routines.



Fifteen NDA students and three chaperones drove to Canton, Miss., for a service trip in March during spring break week. The group volunteered for Hope Hollow, a Christian nonprofit serving individuals with special needs and their families, in addition to MADCAAP, which is Madison Contains Allied Against Poverty.

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The NDA boys basketball team collected over 150 items for St. John's Homeless Shelter on Feb. 18 during its Youth Night.



In only its second year, NDA's FBLA chapter produced state qualifiers in five events on Feb. 1 at the Seymour regional. Julia Linzmeier (Impromptu Speaking) and Sam Peterman (Cyber Security) both placed first in their respective events.



The boys hockey team finished as the WIAA Division 1 state runner-up in its seventh state appearance since 2010. The team advanced to the state championship game for the first time since 2012 with a 5-3 victory over University School on March 6 before falling in overtime to Verona in the championship on March 7 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.





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Anna Schueller, Abby Heyroth and Lydia Sladek get set to perform in Solo & Ensemble regionals at Green Bay Preble. Several NDA students qualified for state, which was held virtually this year.



NDA Science Teacher Joy Mayer was named a recipient of a 2020 Teacher of Distinction award. Mayer just completed her 17th year at NDA.



The girls basketball team presented Make-A-Wish Wisconsin with a \$5,000 donation on Jan. 31 during Youth Night. The funds were raised through the annual Free-Throw-A-Thon in coordination with the Future Tritons.

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The NDA band at the Crosstown Concourse in Memphis on March 7.



Band Director Steve Johnson (left) along with NDA band members Thomas Coyle, Jack Salzwedel, Trent Jankowski and Connor Seidl at the Rock 'n' Soul Museum in Memphis on March 7.



NDA students experienced great success during the performance of Matilda the Musical from Jan. 23-26.



ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Buechner showcases her passion in the pool

Age is merely a number to Marilyn (Jorgensen) Buechner.

She is 88-years-*young* and has her sights set on swimming at the Senior Olympics in 2021.

“It seems like it enables me to stay active,” said Buechner, a 1950 Saint Joseph Academy alumna, about her passion for swimming.

The great-grandmother returned to competitive swimming in her early 70s and has amassed over 70 medals since by placing highly and winning many of her races.

“I have national medals,” said Buechner, who swam at nationals in Cleveland, Ohio. “That is neat. Those I saved for my grandchildren or great grandchildren who swim. I have a whole bucket of medals.”

Buechner has 27 grandchildren and a dozen great-grandchildren that she has dispersed swimming medals to. Her kindness and giving spirit even led her to sharing medals with individuals in her Al-Anon group, which is a support program for families and friends of alcoholics.

“I wrote on the back, ‘You became a winner the day you joined Al-Anon,’” Buechner said. “I was concerned they would think it was kind of dippy, but some of them got all choked up that I would give them a medal, and they put them on and wore them proudly. They just appreciated receiving them.”



Buechner learned how to swim when she was 7 and started swimming competitively as a teenager for the YMCA. She swam at nationals in Florida during her senior year at SJA.

The Green Bay native taught life-saving and also was a lifeguard at the YMCA, where she met her first husband.

Buechner has resided in Madison for most of her life and embraced the challenge of returning to the pool for competition after reading a local newspaper article about races.

“After all of the children were raised and gone from home, I read somewhere that it was time to take care of myself,” said Buechner, who has eight children and four stepchildren. “I had



Marilyn Buechner will swim at the Senior Olympics in 2021.

technically done my job, and so I went back to swimming as a be-good-to-myself thing.”

She’s overcome a laundry list of ailments in order to swim, including bronchitis, a fractured pelvis, a hernia, a shoulder injury and a tumor in her lower leg. She also has leukemia, but thankfully is symptom-free.

“I’ve had some serious surgeries,” she said. “I just bounce back, though. ... When I was in the hospital once I said to the doctor, ‘If my name was Aaron Rodgers would you just go in there and glue that up a little bit so I could compete?’ He said, ‘Not even if you were Aaron Rodgers.’”

One of her injuries prevented her from competing at the Senior Olympics last summer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. However, the setback only fueled her competitive fire.

The Senior Olympics are held in odd-numbered years. She is looking forward to competing at next year’s event in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, especially since it has become tougher to find other swimmers in her age group at the local level.

“I don’t have any competitors left at the city level,” she said. “When I swim (locally), I swim only in my age category, which at this moment is 85-90. ... But the thing is you don’t get a medal if you don’t show up.”

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PREMONTRE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Liebmann remains fixture for CP Telethon

CP has undergone numerous transformations since first opening its doors nearly 70 years ago in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Arguably no one has experienced these changes quite like 1960 Premontre alum, Bert Liebmann.

“I had actually been introduced to the CP Telethon when I was in Boy Scouts,” said Liebmann, who works as an attorney. “They were providing nighttime security at the WBAY building. In those days, the telethon actually ran 24 hours from beginning to end. ... I got introduced to the telethon early on, and when I came back as a young professional, it was something that interested me.

“Probably if you named (a position), I held it, as a volunteer.”

Liebmann has served on CP’s board of directors, telethon chair and executive committee. Over that time CP has grown into an organization serving more than 2,000 families from their three locations in Green Bay-Allouez, the Fox Cities and the surrounding communities of Northeastern Wisconsin.

Liebmann recalls when he provided security for the telethon in its early years that CP at the time was part of a national organization, United Cerebral Palsy.

“(They) helped to arrange for out-of-town talent, people like movie stars and TV stars, to come in,” Liebmann said. “They would also send in a producer, who was some guy from New York, who would chain-smoke and lay out the show.”

Leonard Goldenson was the president of United Cerebral Palsy at the time and also the chairman of ABC. He wanted to broadcast a national telethon on his network.

“Some of the locals were resisting,” Liebmann said. “Green Bay had a more serious reason for resisting than probably any others. Partly because we were running a very successful show here, and partly because Goldenson had blocked the time for his national telethon, and it was either the week of the final playoff game before the Super Bowl. Or it was the Super Bowl, and we in Green Bay, during the Lombardi years, certainly thought we were going to be a part of (the Super Bowl), and the chance that something was going to be on TV with that and be successful was next to none.”

CP separated from the national organization at that point and continued to produce its own local telethon each year with WBAY at the helm.



Bert Liebmann (right) has been involved with the CP Telethon since its inception. Photo courtesy of CP Telethon.

Now, 66 years later, the telethon continues to bring in a steady supply of donor revenue to fund CP’s essential services, with the organization bringing in close to \$1.5 million through this year’s telethon in March.

CP works with individuals who are anywhere from a few weeks old to senior citizens, building upon the organization’s humble beginnings to continue to provide therapy services that make a difference.

“It was formed by a group of parents,” Liebmann said. “They found several physicians, a couple of them were pediatricians and a couple were orthopedists, and they were doing what they could, fitting kids with braces and helping kids learn to walk the best they could. They had clinics where the physicians would come in and the parents would come in and they would do whatever they could to make these youngsters’ lives easier.”

By: Nick Bumgardner, NDA 2022



About the Author

Nick Bumgardner will be a junior at NDA. He is a staff writer with the Tritonian. He loves studying history and politics and is an active member of the student senate, Model UN, Jazz ensemble and the baseball team. In his future, he hopes to pursue a career in law.



ABBOT PENNING'S ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Hutjens turns accident into business venture

People say that during a close-call, your life flashes before your eyes. This was no exception for 1970 Abbot Pennings alum, Dale Hutjens.

In 2011, Hutjens was involved in a cycling accident off Riverside Drive. He said, "It's true what people tell you...everything becomes very slow. I remember getting launched in the air and coming down with full force on my head. Luckily, I had a helmet on, but it stays with you forever."

Attempting to avoid future accidents, Hutjens began looking into clothing to make himself more visible. He saw an ad in Adventure Cyclist magazine for "See Me Wear," a company selling high visibility cycling jerseys. In order to keep the clothing line going, Hutjens bought "See Me Wear" from the retiring former owner last September.

"The reason I bought it was not because it looked like something I was going to make a lot of money on, but simply I had a real passion for making sure that cyclists are seen."

"See Me Wear" was in a lapsed state when Hutjens took over. He has made it his mission to make sure that fewer cyclists lose their lives to cars. His company does most of its business through its website, SeeMeWear.com.

"People are being hit because cars are moving faster," he said. "People have a lot on their minds and they're just not looking out for cyclists. The struggle for me right now is to get it out there and visible."

"A faithful man and a deacon at an Episcopal church in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, Hutjens has had a passion for service ever since his high school days. His faith influence came from the fact that he was schooled by Norbertines "who taught us that we give back — and that's what a deacon does. A deacon is a servant.

"A lot of things that I draw on now came back from my high school days," said Hutjens, who had 85 individuals in his graduating class. "You don't realize that until much later in life, but I think the people you're surrounded with shape you. I would not want to have gone through high school with any other group of people."

The influence of the Norbertines extends beyond Abbot Pennings. Hutjens completed a degree from St. Norbert College in 1976, where "once again there were Norbertines who were very, very influential" in his life.

Hutjens said that he isn't what you would call an outdoorsman, but he enjoys riding 20 miles on the Fox River Trail to decompress after work. Yes, despite his close call in 2011, Hutjens got right back on the horse, saying, "You can't have a fear of riding — you just need to get out there."

In 2015, Hutjens participated in a 4,800-mile bicycle tour across the U.S. through Adventure Cyclist. He recalls, "We left Yorktown, Virginia, on May 2, 2015, and we dipped our tires in the water on the Pacific in Florence, Oregon, on Aug 3, 2015, 93 days later."

Hutjens has also hiked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route in Spain.

"Once again in that frame of being a deacon, I've also trained to become a hospitalero, which are the people who take care of the pilgrims on the route. In 2019, I worked in El Verde as a hospitalero for two and a half weeks. I guess part of this comes from your upbringing from your parents, but the Norbertines had a very strong influence on my servant ministry throughout my life."

While we may not appreciate what we have in the present moment, Mr. Hutjens is proof that our experiences will greatly impact us later on in life.

By: Emerson Dycus, NDA 2020



Dale Hutjens (left) acquired See Me Wear Cycling Jerseys from Earle Bower (right).



About the Author

Emerson Dycus is a 2020 NDA graduate. She is a student pilot and will be pursuing a degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Notre Dame while also being a part of the Air Force ROTC. She hopes to work for NASA one day.



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- Genevieve (Courchaine) Beno, SJA 1941
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- Lorraine Camper, SJA 1944
- Loretta Duggan, SJA 1944
- Regina (Lancelle) Renier, SJA 1944
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- Norbert Kalinosky, CCHS 1946
- Raymond Sauvey, CCHS 1946
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- Donald Jicha, PHS 1956
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- Kathleen (Powers) Baierl, SJA 1973
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- Thomas Cashman, PHS 1979
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Reunions and Gatherings

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REUNIONS

CCHS Class of 1950 – 70th Reunion

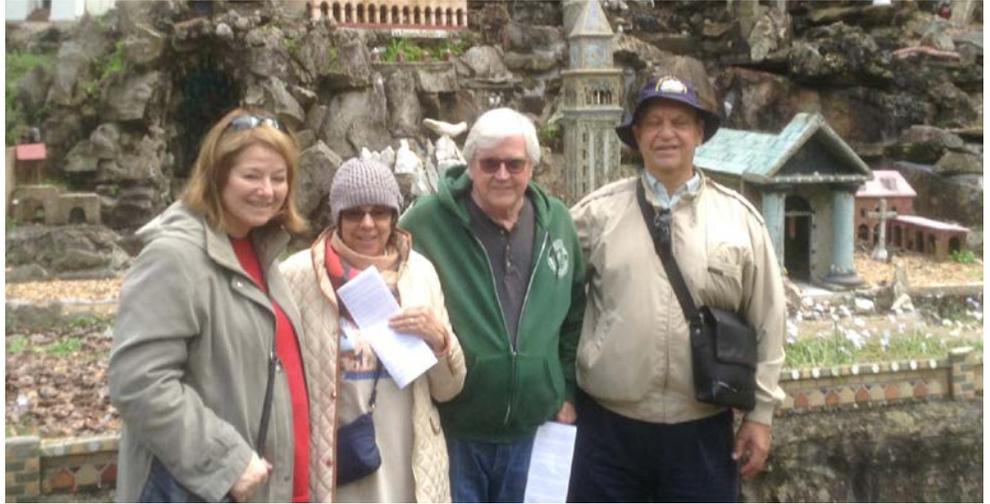
The reunion event previously scheduled for June 4, 2020 was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The event will be held at a future date when conditions allow. Contact James F. Prosser (920) 465-9935 or jamesprosser@compuserve.com for more information.

SJA Class of 1960 – 60th Reunion

Date: Friday, July 17, 2020
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: Village Grille, 801 Hoffman Rd., Green Bay
Details: The reunion will be held unless coronavirus precautions make it impossible to do so safely. If that becomes the case, classmates will be notified by email or postcard in advance. The Premontre Class of 1960 has postponed their reunion to 2021, so the SJA reunion will be just the luncheon. Food will be ordered off the menu at Village Grille as previous summer luncheons. Contact Betsy Willems Biebel, (920) 983-6997 ebiebel@new.rr.com or Mary Jo Janssen Cook, (920) 321-0379 mjcook42@att.net with any questions.

PHS Class of 1960 – 60th Reunion

Date: Postponed to 2021
Locations: The Automobile Gallery, 400 S Adams St., Green Bay St. Brendan's Irish Inn, 234 S Washington St., Green Bay
Details: The 60th reunion scheduled for July 18, 2020 has been postponed to 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The plan will be the same with a social at The Automobile Gallery and dinner at St Brendan's Irish Inn. The exact date for next year is to be determined.



While visiting the Catholic TV station, EWTN, in Alabama, Gene Nelson (PHS 1965) and wife, Rosa, crossed paths with Rob Hayes (PHS 1967) and his wife, Marie (SJA 1968). Marie (Schmitt) is a second-grade teacher at St. Francis X. School in Birmingham. Pictured from left to right are Marie, Rosa, Rob and Gene.

APHS Class of 1968

Date: July 31, 2020
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Village Grille and Doug's Take 5
Details: The evening starts with a fish fry at Village Grille and then moves to Doug's Take 5 for dice games. This reunion takes place the night before the annual APHS golf outing. Contact Robert Reis (920) 265-7001 or robolddbuddy@gmail.com for more information.

SJA Class of 1970 – 50th Reunion

Date: Aug. 1, 2020 (Canceled)
Details: More details to follow via mail at a later about the cancellation due to conditions relating to the coronavirus. Contact Cindy Vogel Johnson at sja1970class@gmail.com with any questions.

PHS Class of 1970 – 50th Reunion

Date: Aug. 1, 2020
Location: The Pazaza Club, 2717 E Shore Dr., Green Bay
Details: John is planning a pig roast and beef brisket.

SJA Class of 1980 – 40th Reunion

Date: Aug. 1, 2020. (Postponed)
Location: Green Bay Botanical Gardens, 2600 Larson Road
Details: This reunion has been postponed.
Contact: Debbie (Pilot) Schwab at debbie.schwab@yahoo.com for rescheduling information.

APHS, PHS, SJA Class of 1990 – 30th Reunion

Date: July 25, 2020
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Green Bay Distillery, 835 Mike McCarthy Way, Ashwaubenon
Details: A Facebook group named "Get Together: APHS/PHS/SJA Class of 1990: 30-Year Reunion" will have updates as the date gets closer.

GATHERINGS

CCHS 1945

Class meets: Third Thursday of June and October
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: Bay Family Restaurant

SJA 1950

Class meets: Third Tuesday of month
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Village Grille
Details: Contact Marion Rentmeester Ripp at (920) 468-6354.

CCHS 1950

Class meets: First Thursday of March, June, September and December
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Perkins Restaurant (East Town Mall) in December and March; Tiletown Brewing Company in June and September
Details: Spouses and friends are welcome to join.
Contact: James Prosser at (920) 465-9935.

SJA 1951

Class meets: Third Tuesday of month
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Village Grille
Details: Please contact Janet Janquart Lenss at (920) 544-8035 or Dolores Heimerl Eisch at (920) 336-4262.

CCHS 1952

Class meets: First and third Monday of month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Perkins Restaurant (East Town Mall)

SJA 1953

Class meets: Third Thursday of month
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Bay Family Restaurant

CCHS 1953

Class meets: First Monday of month
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Bay Family Restaurant

SJA 1954

Class meets: First Thursday of month
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Village Grille, 801 Hoffman Road, Green Bay
Details: Contact Rosalyn Herlik Simonar at (920) 676-5952

SJA 1955

The SJA 1955 classmates will no longer meet as previously. For further information on reunions etc. Contact Carol Jones at (920) 680-1871

CCHS 1955

Class meets: First Thursday of month
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Bay Family Restaurant

PHS 1956

Class meets: Third Thursday of January, May and September
Mass: Resurrection Church at 8:05 a.m.
Breakfast: The Village Grille on Hoffman Road at 9 a.m.
Contact: Jerry Ziefle (920) 660-0969

SJA 1956

Class meets: First Tuesday of month
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: 1951 West

SJA 1957

Class meets: Mass at St. Willebrord on first Friday of month December-March. Mass at the Cathedral April-November. Breakfast follows Mass.
Details: Mary Funk Melum at (920) 425-4293

SJA 1958

Class meets: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Nicolet Restaurant-West De Pere
Details: Judeann Danen Maslinski at (920) 499-5472.

PHS 1958

Class meets: First Wednesday of month
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Allouez Cafe
Details: John Brosteau at (920) 494-9284 or Gary Goodmanson at (920) 499-7801.

SJA 1959

Class meets: Second Tuesday of month
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Village Grille
Details: The class also meets for monthly lunches at 12:20 p.m.
Contact: Mary Van Ess Froelich at 59academyreunion@gmail.com.

PHS 1959

Class meets: Second Tuesday of month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Perkins Restaurant (East Town Mall)

SJA 1961

Class meets: First Monday of month
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Allouez Village Grille
Contact: Bonnie (Katers) Granius at bgranius@gmail.com

SJA 1962

Class meets: First Friday of January, April, and October
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Village Grille
Details: Di Willard Barrett at (920) 494-5574 or willygrin62@yahoo.com

APHS 1962

Class meets: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Oak Street Cafe in West De Pere

SJA 1963

Class meets: Third Tuesday of month September-May
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Bay Family Restaurant

PHS 1963

Class meets: First Friday of month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Golden Basket Restaurant
Contact: Maurey Steffel at (920) 497-7737

SJA 1964

Class meets: Second Tuesday of month
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Village Grille
Contact: Mary Hitchcock at (941) 740-2261

PHS 1964

Class meets: Every Tuesday
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Allouez Café

SJA 1965

Class meets: Third Tuesday of May and September
Details: Barb Brunette Katz at bkatz1231@gmail.com or (920) 682-7124 or LeeAnne Riopelle Scovell at (920) 468-4460 or lascovell@new.rr.com

PHS, APHS, SJA 1965

Details: Fellow alumni of the Class of 1965 are welcome to this annual "mini-reunion." A date and location will be set in the spring. Please contact Pat (Moudry) Miller (SJA) at miller1510@gmail.com or (520) 269-7878, Don Babler (PHS) at capbabs@aol.com (920) 499-1256 or Gene Nelson (PHS) rosanelson@hotmail.com or (858) 715-8454 to find out the date of the gathering.

SJA 1968

Class meets: Third Saturday of month
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Village Grille
Details: Colleen LeMieux Gaertig at granmainthewoods@yahoo.com or (920) 826-2066

PHS 1968

Class meets: First Wednesday of month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Village Grille
Details: All classmates are welcome. If you would like to be part of the email list for this group, send your email to Dave Thompson at davidtindat123@yahoo.com. Please call him at (920) 680-2815 with further questions.

SJA Class of 1971

Class meets: (4-5 times per year)
Location: Sammy's Pizza
Details: Mary Morgan Gauthier at (920) 246-6185

SJA Class of 1979

Class meets: Every three months (most recent gathering was October 18)
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: The Ravine
Details: Kathryn Kohn at hcorRc5@aol.com

Submit Your Reunion/Gathering

To submit a reunion or gathering, please email the details to communications@notredameacademy.com. Your update will be published on the NDA website and in the next magazine.



Congratulations on Your Retirement!

Mrs. Hollenback's lessons of life

Biology is the natural science that studies life and living organisms.

Ann Hollenback has certainly made a difference in the lives of the countless students she has taught the subject to.

“As a biologist, I feel teaching is like planting seeds,” she said. “You give students as much as you can and hope that within their life it develops into something that helps make them better people.”

That has been Mrs. Hollenback's mission during her decorated career as an educator. This past school year marked her 60th and final year of teaching students the lessons of life through biology.

There was so much more than science that emanated from Room 208 for the past 30 years at Notre Dame Academy. The stories she shared and made were ultimately what resonated most with her legion of pupils, many of whom went on to become doctors, nurses and other professionals in various fields. Most importantly, they all walked out of Mrs. Hollenback's classroom prepared to face the challenges life presents.

“The older I got, the more stories I got,” she said. “I found I had to delete some stories along the way in order to get in all the information I needed to. That's how I teach. I picked it up from Father (Anselm) Kief, who was my mentor at St. Norbert (College). He wove in a lot of stories in teaching biology.”

Mrs. Hollenback's own story is a pioneer's tale. She grew up in Bear Creek as the oldest of six children. Her father was the village doctor and her mother was a nurse.

After seeing the challenges the medical profession presents first-hand, Mrs. Hollenback set out to carve her own path in becoming one of the first females to enroll at St. Norbert College in 1952. She went on to obtain her Master's degree at UW-Madison before returning to the area to teach at St. Norbert and UW-Green Bay.

Following eight years of teaching seventh and eighth grade at St. Boniface in De Pere, Mrs. Hollenback landed at St. Joseph Academy in 1980 to begin a 40-year tenure as a high school biology teacher. She loved every minute of it.

At SJA, she took photos of the school's sports teams and kept the scorebook for the basketball team. She would continue to keep the scorebook for the NDA girls basketball team up until a few years ago. Mrs. Hollenback also enjoys cooking. She made a meal

60 YEARS OF SERVICE THEN & NOW



Ann Hollenback is retiring following 60 years as an educator.

for new teachers before the school year and was known for her famous scotcharoos, which she made for a class that received all A's and B's on a test.

The difficulty of her classes was by design. It became commonplace for Mrs. Hollenback to regularly hear from recent graduates that their college courses were a breeze thanks to her. She said, “Those are the things I like to hear,” she said. “That was a definite plan on my part to try to do that for them.”

No matter where she was in the building, Mrs. Hollenback's smile and laugh was infectious to students and colleagues alike. Words can't begin to describe how much her presence will be missed at NDA.

However, a great teacher never stops teaching. The lessons they taught will continue to get passed down by the people they impacted for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

Given how deep the roots are, and how many branches her teaching tree has produced, Mrs. Hollenback's stories will continue to inspire and help plant the seeds somewhere in the world for the next group of young professionals.

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Congratulations on Your Retirement!

The Greatness of 'HVG'

Thousands of Premontre and Notre Dame Academy graduates recognize the initials, like a secret kind of Roman numeral signed on tens of thousands of library (and, yes, bathroom) passes written over seven decades in which Harry Geiser has taught.

I won't minimize it; Harry's leaving is hard. One of the brightest lights to shine in the school is going to be shining somewhere else.

If the high school gods smiled, and you were lucky enough to have him as teacher or coach, there are plenty of memories. Nothing can be said that you don't already know about the wonders he works with students and athletes. Besides, I promised him this would not read like an obituary. Instead, let's unwrap some of his gifts and start to imagine what will be wrought as he continues to do what he does best: being Harry.

Harry and June (together the names sound poetic, don't they?) have lived on a farm for many years, and on date night each week, they share pizza and gimlets. Those of us who have been around the building long enough have seen their five children grow into extraordinary people. Harry would give June most of the credit. I'm pretty sure they played equal roles. Two of the children work with numbers like their father, analyzing data and managing finances. Three are teachers, like Harry and June. Now those children have children, among them another Harry.

As a young, earnest teacher, I was confused by him. Some afternoons, a thunderous crash would echo from directly above my room. It took me some time to figure out the source - Harry, dropping a bowling ball, laughing with his students at the 30 seconds of chaos caused in the classroom below. I understand the ball would occasionally be rolled across the hall into the chemistry classroom, too. He taught me to laugh both with students and at myself: the most important lessons I have ever learned as a teacher.

One day I visited the farm. He raised Black Angus beef cattle and grew alfalfa, corn and soybeans. Sometimes sunflowers. For years, he supplied his colleagues with the best beef to be found in the state of Wisconsin. He kept Durham, a terrifying, massive bull, and that day he instilled in me the courage to scratch Durham's head. Harry's like that: helping people find strengths in themselves they didn't know existed.

Year after year, I caught legions of students doing math homework during English classes. They explained, truthfully, that Mr. Geiser encouraged it. What not many of them realized was his motive:



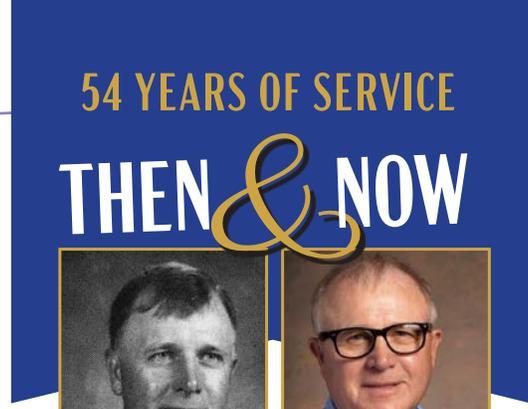
Harry Geiser is retiring following 54 years of teaching. He started at Premontre High School in 1966 and has been a part of the NDA faculty since its inception in 1990.

challenging students to navigate the false disconnect we often perpetuate between math and other subjects. I wonder if those students appreciated how he subtly connected mathematics to theology, if they sensed how much Harry loves words and stories. His vivid, poetic stories of life on the Killsnake River would appear periodically in my inbox and move me to tears.

Along with the stories, breathtaking photos have arrived, many taken by June while walking the dogs she and Harry rescue, photos of sunrises and frost on the fields. Others of progress being made on various additions to their old farmhouse. Most often there are photos of grandchildren, eyes twinkling like their grandfather's.

May God bless you abundantly, Harry, and fill your days with good health, stories, date nights, and humor, with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, with lingering dog walks and sunrises. Please send pictures, and shine on, my friend. Shine on.

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Mr. & Mrs. Dory couple teaching with travel

Everybody knows a Dory. Though the general populace is much more acquainted with the fish from a Disney movie, Notre Dame Academy is lucky to be home to a couple of characters that are equally interesting.

Recent alums are very familiar with Mrs. Crystal Dory and her work at the school, teaching Spanish for 14 years, leading student government and directing the spring play. However, a new face joined the team last year: her husband of 15 years, Mr. Christian Dory. In joining the Social Studies department, he dove in headfirst.

“We are both involved in such different parts of the school community,” Mrs. Dory said, “so sometimes we barely see each other during the school day. It has been fun to both be Tritons!”

The pair got to know each other while attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Mrs. Dory said, “Christian was in the Navy for three years, so he came back to finish his degree in history with a teaching degree and minor in English. I was working on my major in Spanish.



Christian Dory joined the NDA faculty last year as a Social Studies teacher after his wife, Crystal, has been a Spanish teacher at NDA for 14 years.

Christian and Crystal have dotted the globe, visiting 39 and 32 countries, respectively. Soon they’ll be embarking on a new adventure and taking up to 30 lucky NDA students with them.

“We have 24 students signed up to go to Peru in June 2021,” Mrs. Dory said. “It’s a nine-day trip, and the enthusiasm for it has been so exciting. We will visit a few cities, Machu Picchu and there will be a service component during the trip.”



Christian and Crystal Dory are planning a trip to Peru in June 2021 with 30 NDA students.

“It is an educational trip,” Mr. Dory said, “with a service to the community component. We’ll work closely with area nonprofits and community members to better understand local challenges, while mixing in language lessons to foster authentic interactions with locals. Past projects have included planting community gardens and building pathways.”

This isn’t the pair’s first rodeo with educational adventures. Mrs. Dory recalls, “We took a trip with 13 students from Mr. Dory’s former school in 2012. It was a World War II History trip through Europe, following the path of paratroopers that landed in Normandy on D-Day.

“Traveling with students was an amazing, unique adventure. We have stayed in touch with many of them, as they’re now getting into their adult lives. It’s amazing that we all shared an experience that definitely helped shape their lives.”

Now, it’s the Tritons’ turn.

“Students can still sign up,” Mrs. Dory pointed out. “We’re going through a tour company called EF (Education First). We used them in 2012 and had an excellent experience. We have nothing but good things to say about them. They’re professional and handle everything with great care. If a student would still like to sign up, EF makes it very easy to do.

“There are many uncertainties right now,” Mrs. Dory said about coronavirus concerns lingering into next year. “However ... I’m fairly confident that this trip will happen.

“I think it will be a very fulfilling experience for the students, which is the number one goal. Travel is important, and something we can’t wait to share.”

By: Skylar Schultz, NDA 2022



About the Author

Skylar Schultz will be a junior at NDA and writes for the Tritonian staff on an independent study basis. She’s involved in several other extracurricular activities, including softball, basketball and having a leading role in the school musical last year.

VOICES FROM THE VAULT

Richard. H. - Graduated St Norbert High School, June 5, 1955: a "very worldly boy - literature, companions, ideals"

James. G. Left St. Norbert High School, June 2, 1944 after his 11th grade year due to the "illness of mother - must work"

Gerald J. - Left St. Norbert High School, June 6, 1955: "Said he could flunk Latin at home school as well as here and not so expensive."

John M. - Left St. Norbert High School, June 5, 1954 due his "father's accident and costly hospital bills." He was "a good boy - among the best, as boys go."

Thomas W. - Left St. Norbert High School June 5, 1957 "of his own accord - one of the gang of dreadful sophomores 1955-57."

Mervin J. Graduated Central Catholic High School June 4, 1948. Senior Class President.

Ruth G. - Graduated St. Joseph Academy June 3, 1962 assessed as "AVERAGE" in accuracy, cooperation, industry, leadership, personal appearance, reliability and punctuality and aspired to attend the Art Institute of Chicago.

Kathrine M. - Graduated St. Joseph Academy June 3, 1971 ranked 4th in her class and applied to attend the University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College of Notre Dame and Northwestern University.

Lonny R. - Graduated Abbot Pennings High School June 2, 1962. His father was a farmer; his mother a housewife. He participated in Band, Talent Show, and the "Handicapped" Contest. He was extremely conscientious but fairly well groomed.

Richard T. - Graduated Premontre High School May 27, 1965. He was a Homeroom Representative and killed in Vietnam on January 10, 1968.

Notre Dame Academy stands in the center of Green Bay at the top of the hill where Ridge Road intersects West Mason Street. It's a model of post-World War II architecture, and over the past 65 years, with the thoughtful care that is so characteristic of Catholic school staff, the building retains its charms.

As a well-equipped school of the day, the main office is located in the center of the school and outfitted with an impressive and immovable vault that any bank might envy. A nine-inch thick reinforced combination-lock door that requires both feet firmly planted to move and steel reinforced concrete walls keep its contents safe from water, fire and anything short of an act of God.

Nothing of monetary value is stored in the vault. It houses something even more valuable. Much of the space is packed, the walls lined, floor-to-ceiling, with academic records: St. Norbert High School, St. Joseph Academy, Central Catholic High School, Abbot Pennings High School, Premontre High School.

When NDA was founded, the records of all the learning of 100 years came to rest in the security of the vault. The voices of

students and staff, many of whom were both fierce competitors and friends, wait silently, year after year, to be heard again.

As caretakers of the records of great achievement and, to be fair, more than a few missed opportunities, we occasionally take time to call forth the long silent voices of the past, to wonder about these lives, to acknowledge and honor those who came before us.

The exquisite and flowing penmanship of the early record keepers, the faded school pictures, the teacher comments, the notes that accompany student withdrawals and triumphs abide in the vault to remind us we are blessed to follow these bright, courageous, faithful, imperfect, dedicated women and men.*

Each June, the newly printed transcripts of NDA's seniors are added to these, new voices joining those that came before to form an ever-increasing chorus, blending into a single voice coming from the center of the school and singing the story of us all.

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*Names have been changed.



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