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Message from the President



Shut your eyes and see. *Ulysses, James Joyce*

My first year teaching, I was assigned a long narrow classroom with white boards at either end. My students arrived on the first day of class and they sat where they wanted as they entered the room. When the bell rang, I asked them to turn their desks 180 degrees and face the opposite side. I knew this instruction would surprise most everyone – my eager students up front were suddenly moved to the back of the room while the students who planned on hiding in the back were now in full view.

I've always been fascinated with space and its effect. When I was a boy, I liked to rearrange my bedroom. While working in restaurants in Ireland, I saw how space can impact the preparation of food. The quality of what we served our patrons had a lot to do with how the space was set up in the kitchen.

Today, I like to live and work in a clean and tidy space. My office here at NDA holds a lot, but it is un-cluttered. I keep notes, reminders, and most of my work on my iPhone.

But without knowing all this about me, I think the community here was surprised when I arrived last summer and had some new ideas on what we could do with NDA's existing space. I started with small things, like painting the faculty/staff lounge and rearranging the furniture. In the business wing of the building, I had the conference room moved and added two new offices. And we have more plans for our student spaces that you'll read about on pages 8 - 15.

I firmly believe that the environment where learning takes place is an important part of grasping new concepts and being open to new challenges. Location and surroundings do contribute to student outcomes. What can we re-purpose here at NDA to enhance the student experience? What spaces are under-utilized and can they be used for student learning? We know that working in teams is an essential part of 21st century learning. What can we do to create more small-group space? We are also a school that values community. How can we create spaces where our community members can gather casually and have a conversation?

If you start with the student learning experience, space planning can take on a bit of a domino effect. One project leads to another and that is why I am thrilled the Board of Directors has taken a new approach with the capital planning budget to open up funding for these projects.

To all our alumnae, please know you are always welcome here at NDA to view these changes taking place – I think you'll be impressed!

Blessings,

Jamie J. Collins
President

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On the Cover: It's all for the girls! Our students are hearing about the planned improvements on campus and they are excited for the changes. Ashley Antico '18 is seen here in one of the renderings for the new classrooms.

MISSION

Notre Dame Academy is a vibrant, Catholic, college-preparatory learning community, sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. The Academy guides young women in their personal faith formation, challenges students to pursue academic excellence, and encourages social responsibility on behalf of global justice.

Girl Power ON STAGE

NDA's Thespian Troupe certainly impressed audiences this year and there was a familiar theme to both performances: Girl Power!

In November, students performed in the fan-favorite *Legally Blonde: The Musical* and in March the Troupe produced *Medea*, an ancient Greek tragedy based upon the myth of the betrayed wife Medea. *Medea* was performed at the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild's annual festival and of the 116 schools competing, NDA was among only 14 schools to advance to the finals. This was NDA's first appearance in the finals since 1992!



Alumna Wins Golden Globe Award

Congratulations to alumna Maura Tierney '83 on her Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Series, Movie, or Limited Series! Maura appears in Showtime's "The Affair."

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www.themedallion.ndahingham.com

SUMMER STEM @ NDA

We are thrilled to be offering a Summer STEM program for girls entering grades 5 – 8 this July. Classes, taught by NDA's science teachers, will explore robotics and crime scene investigation. Registration is still open but seats are limited! Visit www.ndahingham.com/summer to learn more.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISCUSSED

Former Celtics player Chris Herren impressed students and parents with his moving talk on his substance abuse journey. Students in grades 9 – 12 attended an assembly in the Cushing Auditorium and more than 100 parents attended the evening session. **Laura Brooks P'16** told us, "I was struck by how powerful and heartbreaking Chris Herron's story is. I am so glad the school provided the girls and parents an opportunity to hear him speak."



COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

NDA participated in Computer Science Education Week the second week in December with a variety of special events. Students attended Microsoft's Technovation Challenge, the largest and longest-running global technology competition exclusively for girls. Everyone was also encouraged to participate in the "Hour of Code" program, an international event with thousands of schools participating all over the world. Finally, a guest speaker from Google Cambridge spoke to seventh graders about software that combines coding and art.



Students participated in the international event "Hour of Code."



FACULTY VS. STUDENT BASKETBALL GAME

NDA held its second annual Faculty vs. Student basketball game. The rosters boasted students from each grade and faculty and staff from all different departments. Our Student Council also held a bake sale to provide our spectators with tasty treats.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

For the fourth year, students attended the Ignatian Teach-In for Social Justice Conference in Washington, DC, the largest annual Catholic social justice conference in the U.S.

A group of eight students attended workshops and panels on various social justice issues ranging from the environment to racism and migration. They later met with Senator Ed Markey's senior advisors to advocate for environmental justice.



FEBRUARY VACATION TRIPS TO ITALY AND BELIZE.

The Belize group hiked in Mayan ruins and went snorkeling in Caribbean waters, but the highlight of the trip was staying with host families for six days. While in the host village, the group worked at the local elementary school where they constructed a cafeteria, painted a computer room, and taught games to the children.

Another group of students explored Italy and the capital city of Rome. Senior **Maggie DiPesa** summed up the trip well and said, "Audrey Hepburn has nothing on our Roman Holiday! From the coasts of Sorrento and Capri to stepping back in time in Rome, our group had the best time together wandering through Italy with our fantastic tour guide, Marco!"



Students enjoyed exploring Italy this February.



ACCLAIMED AUTHOR AT NDA

We were honored to welcome Yoko Kawashima Watkins, the author of *So Far from the Bamboo Grove*, to NDA. The seventh grade students read Watkins' book this summer. It is the courageous story of how as a young girl she was forced to leave her home in Korea during WWII.

The students asked excellent questions and Watkins told them, "Peace comes from each of us. Show your kindness to everyone. You don't have to be friends, but kindness must be shown to others."

Career Day 2016

What a day! With more than 70 alumnae on campus, Career Day 2016 was a resounding success. Students attended workshops on careers ranging from speech pathology and criminal justice to medicine and engineering. The program began with a keynote address from Joyce Linehan '81, the Chief of Policy for the City of Boston. She shared her advice with the girls and reminded them that your path rarely goes exactly where you'd planned – embrace that! The day concluded with a Career Fair and students took full advantage of speaking personally to our guests and asking great questions.



- 1 Terri Santoro Schaffer '92 believes it's important to encourage young women to pursue careers in engineering. Terri, whose mother also attended NDA, is a Senior Project Manager at Environmental Resources Management (ERM) in the Air Quality Practice.
- 2 Shelagh Foley O'Brien '91, McKenzie Wessen '03, and Katie Sullivan Everett '91 presented a workshop on non-profit organizations.
- 3 Kathryn Slattery '02, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, at Massachusetts General Hospital brought a life-size dummy for a hands on demonstration at the Career Fair.
- 4 Joyce Linehan '81, the Chief of Policy for the City of Boston and Mayor Marty Walsh, gave the opening keynote speech for Career Day 2016.
- 5 Courtney Madden '00, Kirsten Hughes '95, and Jennifer Dunphy Krowchun '02 had a full house in their politics and public policy workshop.
- 6 Heather Stevens Cronin '87 P'17 '19 shared her tips for navigating your career path. Heather is a pharmacist at Target in Hanover a member of the Alumnae Association Board.
- 7 Claire Duffy '98 shared her experience as an officer for the Boston Police Department. She has been awarded a Commissioners Commendation and The department's Medal Of Honor.

We are grateful to the following individuals for participating in Career Day 2016:

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FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP



STUDENT Athletes

Congratulations to all of our fall athletes! Each of our fall sports teams received the **MIAA Gold Academic Excellence Award** for maintaining a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. The team with the highest GPA was the Varsity Cross Country team.

State Champs Volleyball



Congratulations to Volleyball on winning the Division II State Championship! The team ended the season with an astonishing 22-1 record. Senior **Corinne Cox** was named the Gatorade Player of Year for the second year in a row. Cox also captained the team along with **Avery Spaziani**. Both players earned *Patriot Ledger*, *Boston Globe*, and *Boston Herald* All Scholastic honors.

Cheerleading

Cheerleading placed third out of 12 teams at the Mass. South Regional Championship, qualifying for the State Championship for the second consecutive year. The team posted a high score of 181.5, one of the highest scores in Division II. The team competed in the State Championship, scoring a 180.9 and placing eighth overall.



Cross Country

Cross Country and its 44 participants went 4-2 this fall. Seven runners were named to the MSTCA All-Academic Team. The team competed in the Amherst Invitational at Hampshire College, placing tenth out of 22 teams. They also competed at the Brown Invitational, placing 12th out of 30 teams. NDA finished in second place in the Catholic Conference League Meet. Finally, NDA placed 12th out of 23 teams at the Division III Championship Meet.



Dance

The Dance team placed fourth in the High School Novice Division at the New England Cheer and Dance Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center. Seniors **Jasmine Chan**, **Emma Cho**, and **Olivia Lohe** were captains.

Due to copy deadlines, our winter teams and our **State Champion Ice Hockey Team** will be featured in the summer issue.



Field Hockey

Field Hockey finished the season with a 10-5-3 record and beat Hopkinton in the preliminary round of the Division I MIAA South Sectional tournament 1-0. The team was on the road for the first round of the tournament, battling #3 seed Sandwich. The Cougars lost 1-0 to Sandwich after a hard-fought game in the rain. Seniors **Emily Brooks**, **Colleen McGowan** and **Julia Neelon** captained the team.



Soccer

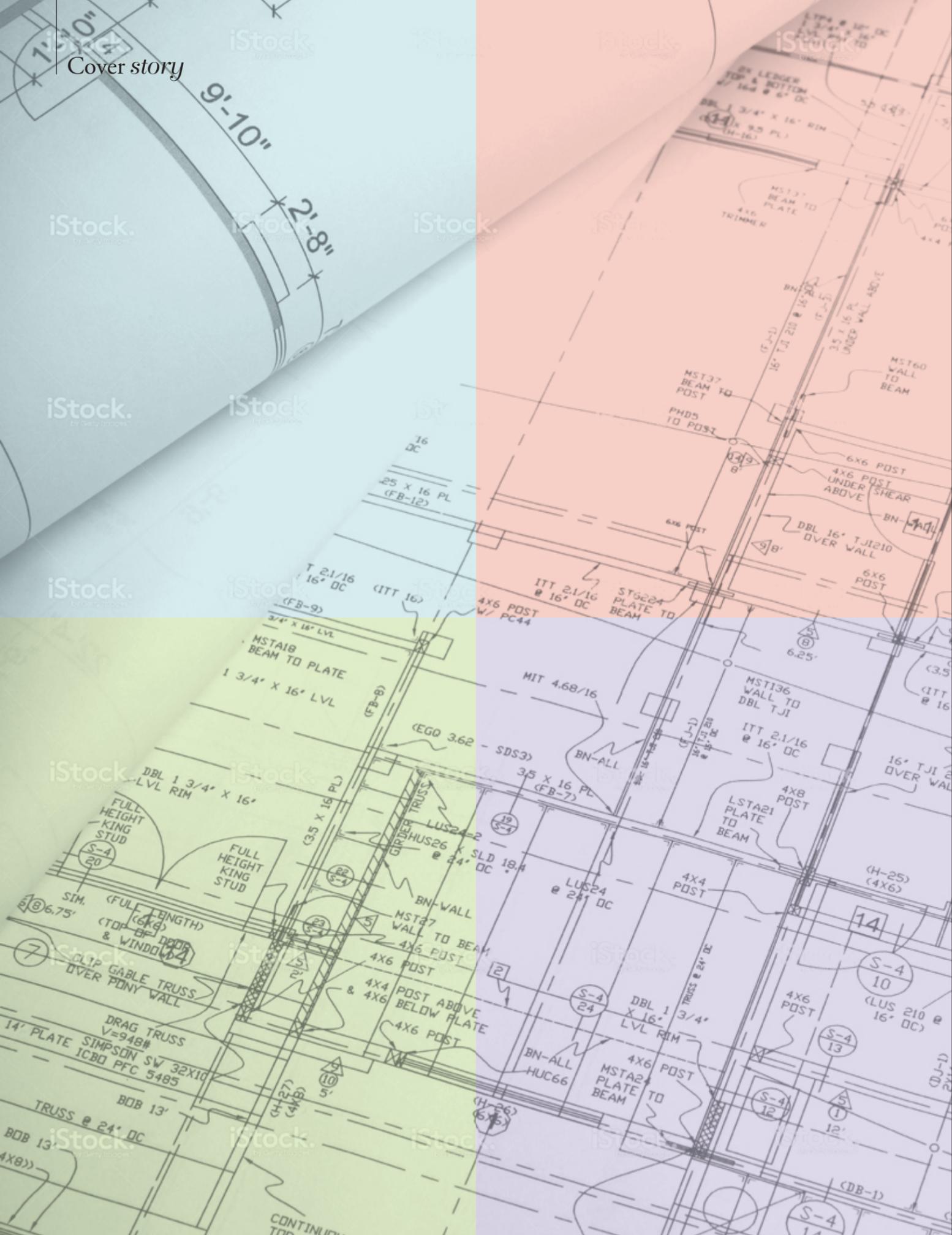
Soccer earned a spot in the Division II South Sectional Finals after boasting an 11-6 regular season record. Most notably, the Cougars defeated Medfield in the Sectional Semifinals after two overtime periods and 17 penalty kicks. Senior **Kristen McCrea** received *Patriot Ledger* and *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic honors. The team faced Hingham in the Finals, losing 2-1 in overtime.

Swim & Dive

The Swim and Dive Team had an overall record of 5-3. Juniors **Lauren Zawacki** and **Luisa Teixeira** were named Conference All-Stars. Lauren also earned *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* honors. Diver **Gabby Hebert '19** placed fourth at the Conference Championships and 12th at the Sectional Finals. NDA placed ninth at the Sectional Meet and placed eighth at the State Meet.



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Space Matters

Planned Improvements Enhance the Learning Environment at NDA

How can we use this space better? Can we make this energy efficient? What about the flow? Home improvement is hot. HGTV personalities are celebrities and many of us have spent at least a little time fantasizing about moving a wall or repurposing a piece of furniture in a way that utterly changes our lives. Even if we haven't caught the DIY-bug, most would agree that our physical spaces need periodic modifications to reflect changes in how we live.

Over its first half century, the building at 1073 Main Street saw its share of changes. From evolving purposes – a movie room became a dance studio and is now a ceramics room; to significant expansion with the demolition of the convent and construction of the science wing; and renovations in the dining hall and auditorium, the building itself is a combination of old and new. But the variety of contractor vehicles making recent visits suggest something new is afoot.

“At NDA, we talk a lot about Saint Julie’s teachings,” says Director of Institutional Advancement Lynn Page Flaherty. “Whatever is necessary to equip the students for life, is at the heart of all the planning done by our administrators and faculty. You can see that philosophy in action wherever you look on our campus.”

“When we talk about the learning environment, we generally focus on people and programs, but the space is important, too. How we can make fairly modest changes that will make a big impact for our students and our faculty.”

“This isn’t another chapter in the ‘amenities race’ that you hear about at colleges and universities,” explains President Jamie Collins. “We aren’t looking to make improvements for improvement’s sake. Most of the interior changes are modest in scope, but we think the impact

will be significant. This is about making certain that our students have the spaces and resources that support true 21st century learning.”

Cost is a major consideration in renovations, whether a homeowner or a 163-year-old school. Tuition revenue supports the Academy’s operating budget, accounting for the bulk of the cost of faculty, classroom resources, and the school’s academic programs. Funding for capital improvements needs to come from private philanthropy or the Academy’s reserves, a sort of savings account where funds have been set aside over time to provide for unexpected expenses and for the future of the school. Such reserves cannot be used for day-to-day operations or for financial aid, but rather can only be used for assets.

The Board of Directors, working from a plan set forth by the Finance Committee, recently approved a plan to invest a combination of philanthropic donations and reserve funds in a variety of physical improvements. The Advancement Office and the Board’s Advancement Committee continue to seek out individuals and families interested in supporting these efforts.

Says Collins, “Our students deserve the best that NDA can give them. It’s my hope that these changes demonstrate that to them every single day.”

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— PRESIDENT JAMIE COLLINS



Three New Classrooms - Summer 2016!

The 2015 – 2016 school year was the first year of a full Cuvilly Division, marking NDA’s transition to a 7 – 12 school. Assistant Principal Barbara Mitchell P’16 manages the class scheduling process and notes that there wasn’t much flexibility when it came to assigning spaces. “Last year, we were able to find a classroom for every class, but it was tight.” Three new classrooms will address that challenge.

Says Mitchell, “Additional classroom space will provide us the ability to keep class sizes small in all six grades. They will also ensure flexibility when determining what rooms will be most effective for specific subjects and grades.” The new rooms will be created from what is currently locker room space on the first floor. Like NDA’s other classrooms, each will include a SmartBoard and overhead projector, as well as modular desks and chairs that can easily be moved to facilitate collaborative work. All classrooms have access to a robust wireless network capable of supporting any number of devices.

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— ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BARBARA MITCHELL P’16

Senior Lounge - Summer 2016!

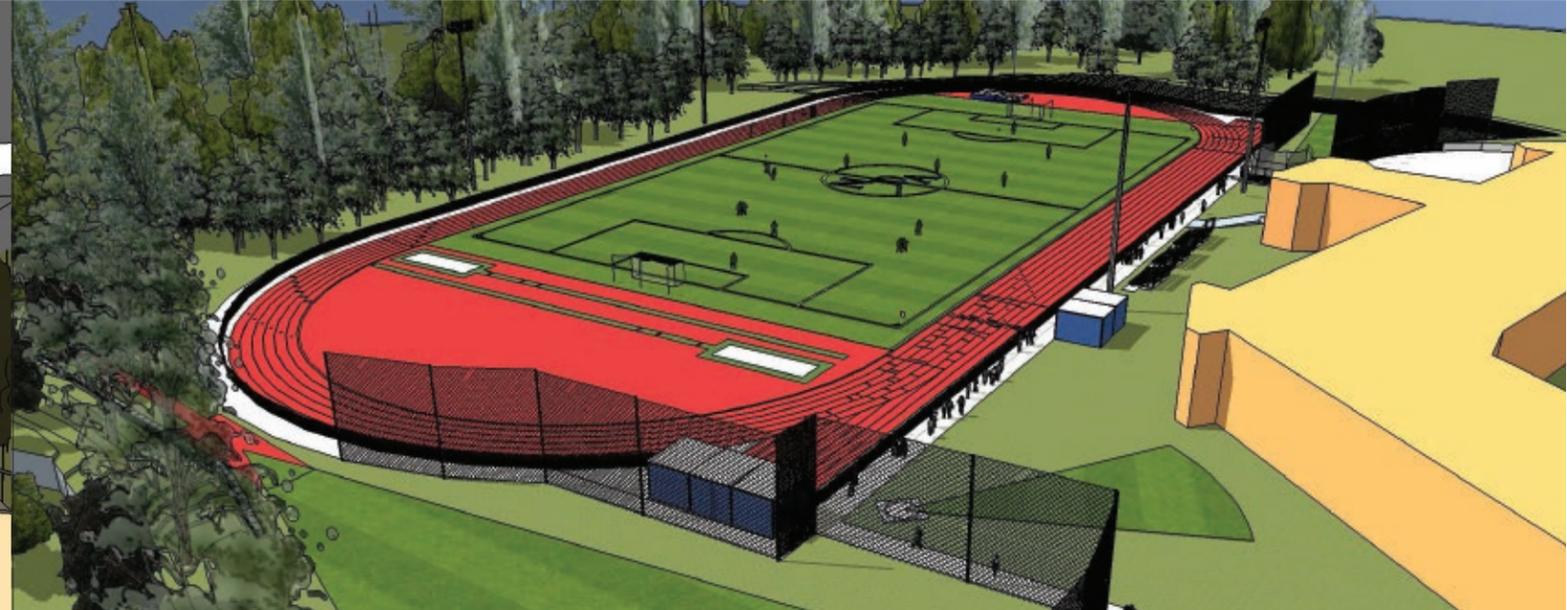
With the locker room configurations changing due to the addition of classrooms, plans needed to ensure that the special Senior Lounge tradition would endure. The current school store near the dining hall will be renovated to provide each senior class with their own private space.

Legend has it that the Class of 1974 was the first to advocate for a special area for seniors to gather. Each subsequent class has appreciated their effort.

“Everyone looked forward to spending time in the Senior Lounge,” laughs Ashley Simmons ’08 “It was a chance to bond with your classmates, an experience you really felt you had earned by senior year.”

The room will now include couches and tables provided by the school (no need to bring in mom’s old couch!) and even a television. Funds for these furnishings were provided through donations at this year’s Out of the Blue Gala Wish Wall.





Field Project Update

NDA's Track & Field team, boasting nearly 150 student-athletes, has truly shown the spirit of teamwork this spring. Their track currently surrounds a wide expanse of dirt, generally populated by at least two large pieces of construction equipment. Field events are practiced in temporary spots and their meet schedule has them on the road more than customary, all in support of a project that will give them a new facility worthy of their past success.

R.A.D. Construction has been on campus since December, doing significant groundwork to create new throwing areas and to prepare the field for utilities and turf. New landscaping and lighting will happen in the short term and the Astroturf itself will be installed after the Track & Field season concludes. The new multipurpose field is expected to be complete by July 15.

While the initial work has been focused on the area behind the school, upgrades for the softball field and construction of a new entrance building will commence later this spring.

"We are giving our student-athletes better facilities that, thanks to lights, can be used more often," explains President Jamie Collins. "When the project is complete, our lacrosse teams will be able to practice and play at home. Parents will be able to watch a softball game from bleachers at the field. Field hockey and soccer will be able to compete on turf – just like their competition. And our track team will have dedicated throwing areas. I can't wait to cheer on our Cougars at the first night game!"

The Play Like a Girl Campaign is in the final stretch, with less than \$100,000 to be raised at *vital* press time. You and your family can leave your mark by purchasing an engraved brick. You can find more information on page 15 or at www.ndahingham.com/fields.

Fitness Center - Coming Soon!

NDA is committed to educating the whole person. Our Physical Education courses are designed to help our young women understand the connections between a healthy body and a strong mind. A new Fitness Center is an important step in upgrading the health and wellness facilities used by all of our students.

Under NDA's chapel is a wide open storage area that was once a sunroom for the convent. At nearly 1,900 square feet, it offers room to create more than a traditional weight room. The new space will allow us to expand the weights and fitness equipment available to our students and to add an open area with mats for yoga and self-defense classes. The addition of a SmartBoard will create a classroom area for physical education classes and seminar space for lectures and programs offered through our Student Support Team.

The new Fitness Center opens out to the track and soon-to-be turf multipurpose field behind the building. The many student-athletes that currently make use of private gyms will have proper equipment for strength training and conditioning available on campus. Athletic Director Donna Brickley is excited about the new space, "A Fitness Center will give our students the resources they need and deserve to embrace sound minds and bodies."





FOYER FACELIFT

First impressions are important and the Academy's main lobby underwent some cosmetic changes during April vacation. Highlighted by new paneling, the space features a perfect repurpose for the iconic phone booths next to the Cushing Auditorium entrance. With pay phones a distant memory for faculty (and a complete unknown for our current students), the space has been converted to a display case where we can celebrate our students' achievements.

Green Improvements

Last November, members of the senior class overwhelmingly selected a sustainability initiative as the Class of 2016 Senior Gift. Their fundraising efforts will allow NDA to move forward with multiple green initiatives throughout the Academy. These projects include:



- Installing up to 9 water bottle filling stations and filters throughout the building
- Replacing up to 10 paper towel dispensers with air dryers in renovated bathrooms
- Support for expanded recycling initiatives

With a goal of \$30,000 and a plan to announce their results at the Senior Banquet in May, this graduating class will truly make an impact on their alma mater.

President Jamie Collins continued the excitement surrounding green initiatives when he announced a collaboration with Siemens Engineering to build upon efforts to ensure the building is as energy efficient as possible. After a study this winter, it was determined that NDA has a 91% Energy Star rating. Efforts are underway to certify this rating and to identify areas of improvement.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 new multipurpose turf field
- 2 new softball dugouts
- 2 new couches for the Senior Lounge
- 4 television monitors in Fitness Center
- Up to 6 hours of afterschool use on the multipurpose field (thanks to the new lights)
- 72 new desks and chairs for 3 new classrooms

MORE TO COME

We've highlighted just a few of our upcoming renovation projects. Other improvements scheduled for this summer include:

- A seminar room and new school store will be created in the back of the current Library
- The ceilings in the main floor hallways will be updated and energy-efficient lighting installed
- The main floor girls' bathroom will be completely renovated and made ADA-compliant

TEAM EFFORT

Ambitious space plans need an individual who can put visions and ideas on to paper (to scale!). That's where architect **Celia Corkery Civello '88** of **Edgewood Design + Architecture** came in. Celia worked closely with President Jamie Collins and Director of Facilities Fred Norton to create renderings for our community to see. We are grateful to Celia for lending her professional expertise to these projects.

MAKING THE NUMBERS WORK

How can NDA afford all these improvements? Judicious use of the Academy's savings and generous donations from our families and our graduates help make these projects possible. The funds added over time to the Academy's reserves become part of the school's assets and cannot be used for operating expenses. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur's generations of careful savings created a small nest egg from which President Jamie Collins and the Board of Directors can make strategic investments in the physical plant. Philanthropic gifts made to support specific initiatives and renovations help round out the budget and make these critical improvements a reality.

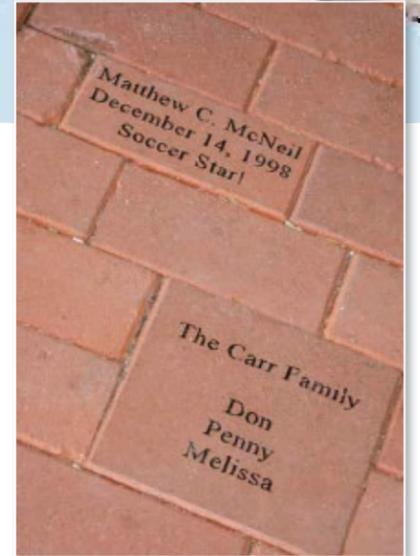


Leave Your Mark on the New Field

Support for "bricks and mortar" is a term used loosely when seeking funds for a building project. But with NDA's upgraded athletic facilities, you truly can help make bricks and mortar possible!

With your gift to the Play Like a Girl campaign, you can give our student-athletes the fields they deserve. **And with a donation of \$250 or more, you can have your name inscribed on the bricks in the new Class of 2015 Patio right next to the new entrance to the NDA field.**

Bricks are available in 4" x 8" and 8" x 8" sizes. Each 4x8 brick may have up to 3 lines of text, with 16 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. Each 8x8 brick may have up to 5 lines of text, also with 16 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.



Reserve your Brick!

Please reserve your bricks at www.ndahingham.com/fields or by completing the form below and mailing it to NDA, 1073 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043

I / we would like to support the Play Like a Girl campaign by purchasing a commemorative brick :

_____ 4" x 8" Brick for \$250

_____ 8" x 8" Brick for \$500

Donors will be contacted regarding the engraving of their brick.

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- Please charge my: American Express Master Card Visa

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- I would like to fulfill this gift in _____ payments of \$ _____ each. Please charge the credit card listed above accordingly.

Educating for Peace

Faculty member Laura Corkery encourages students to build connections between cultures.

Laura Corkery joined NDA in 2013 and her love of all-things French is contagious – the French Club has never been more popular among our students. As a world traveler, she is convinced that learning another language promotes world peace. While this notion may seem ambitious, if anyone could do it, it's Ms. Corkery!

What makes NDA special?

The students. I feel incredibly lucky to teach such passionate and gifted students.

Is there a lasting lesson you hope the girls take from your classes?

I hope they will always promote world peace through opening others' eyes to all cultures, races, religions, and backgrounds. Learning a language is essential to understanding the culture. I hope students come to understand that sharing knowledge is a means to increase acceptance and further peace.

How do you think the girls at NDA benefit from a single-gender education?

I taught at Xaverian Brothers High School for four years and I was astounded by the classroom atmosphere with a lack of distraction by the opposite gender. I see the same result at NDA. Young ladies and gentlemen, when they are not in a classroom together, focus on the subject matter and are driven to succeed, not to get the attention of a peer, per se, but to soak in the learning experience.

How would students describe your teaching style?

Enthusiastic, structured, interactive, and energetic.

Tell us about a recent experience that made you proud.

My French III Honors classes were fortunate to welcome Jean-Yves Roy P'17 '20, NDA's varsity hockey coach and former Boston Bruin, to our classroom. He presented completely in French about his experience growing up in Montréal, learning English as a second



language, and Québécois culture. I was so proud to watch the students interact by asking questions in French. After he left, many of them turned to me with smiles on their faces saying, "I understood everything he said!"

We heard you've travelled around the world – tell us more!

After I finished my master's degree, I took time off from teaching to travel for a year by myself. My first stop was Lima, Peru where I lived with a Peruvian family and was a volunteer English and math teacher in the slums of the city. At first, it was frightening to take the bus for forty-five minutes to the school as the color of my skin, hair, and eyes stood out from everyone else. Eventually, I got used to the

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crowded buses, the wild dogs, and the smell of burning trash. It was a blessing to be greeted by a classroom full of rambunctious, seven year olds. They would hold my hand and walk me to the bus after school while we passed their one-room houses with dirt floors. I think about those students every day and pray for them.

Where else did you travel that year?

After spending time in Peru, I flew to Sydney, Australia where I traveled around the entire continent for three months. I painted a boomerang in an Aboriginal center in the Northern Territory, held baby kangaroos, scuba dived at the Great Barrier Reef, saw Ayer's Rock (Uluru) at sunrise, and even celebrated Christmas on the beach with the Aussies. I ended up being an unofficial, French translator for a number of English-led group tours. I became friends with a couple from New Caledonia after translating for them on a tour of the Outback. Knowing a foreign language is so, incredibly useful and I try to emphasize this in my classroom every day.

Aside from being a tourist, I was actually applying for jobs in Australia. Before I found a job, I decided to take a 21 day tour of New Zealand's North and South Islands. Unfortunately, I did not make it to the south island because I fell, hiking at the top of the Tongariro Crossing, and broke my ankle. I was airlifted off the mountain and had to have surgery. Therefore, my plans changed, but c'est la vie. I then spent two months living in a hostel in Rotorua, New Zealand. I ended up giving French and German backpackers English lessons in exchange for them taking me out to the grocery store and to the shops in my wheelchair. This experience truly made me grateful for the power of teaching!

You are the advisor to the French Club. Tell us about this experience.

I am so proud of the student attendance to French Club. We meet once a month and food is almost always involved. It is inspiring to see the students' passion for the language and culture outside of the classroom. Some activities include a chocolate fondue party, cheese tasting, a Bûche de Noël (Christmas Yule log cake) bakeoff, crêpe making, and playing pétanque (similar to bocce ball).



If you were not a French teacher, what would your career be?

I would probably be working for a nonprofit organization to promote environmental protection. It is my dream to travel the world and write about my experiences.

Background

Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and French from Wheaton College in Norton, MA.

Master of Arts degree in French Literature from Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT.



Just for Fun

Interests

I love my rescue dog, Lucie. I also enjoy traveling, spending time with friends, singing, reading, hiking, skiing, skating, and dancing.

Favorite books

My favorite book is *Madame Bovary* in French. My favorite book in English is *Wuthering Heights*. Recently, I very much enjoyed Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See*. I just started reading *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

Notre Dame Academy Honors Alumnae & Friends

The following individuals were honored at the Out of the Blue Gala on April 9

Women of Distinction

The Women of Distinction Awards recognize Notre Dame graduates' service and achievement in their profession and in their community, and pay tribute to those who reflect the values and mission of NDA.

Graduate of the Year

Tammy Holland Mello '88



When Governor Charlie Baker signed an executive order in April 2015 reinstating the Governor's Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, he tasked the group with improving the prevention of sexual assault, enhancing support for victims and demanding accountability for perpetrators.

Leading the charge? Tammy Holland Mello.

Mello, in her role as executive director, leads council members in developing recommendations and goals for the Commonwealth's approach to domestic violence and sexual assault. By leveraging advice and insight from law enforcement, advocates, healthcare providers, and survivors, the council seeks to ensure every resident of Massachusetts can live a life free from violence.

The appointment by Governor Baker is the latest hallmark of a storied career in public service.

Mello's work as an advocate for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault began at the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office in Dorchester. She went on to serve as director of the Domestic Violence Unit at the DCF and director of violence prevention at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Mello has demonstrated unparalleled dedication to those she serves, a true embodiment of the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

As the crucial work aimed at creating safer communities and providing better support for survivors continues, it is clear Massachusetts will be well served by Mello's efforts, as noted by Attorney General Maura Healey at a recent release of a report from the council.

"I thank Governor Baker for convening the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, and Lieutenant Governor Polito and Tammy Mello for their leadership and commitment to address these critical issues."

Outstanding Recent Graduate

Stephanie Wash '04



There were 94 security cameras monitoring the halls at Strawberry Mansion High School in Philadelphia. School officers and teachers were on alert for razor blades and knives. Fights broke out with alarming consistency, with a total of 49 serious incidents over the course of the 2012-2013 school year.

And Stephanie Wash was in the midst of it all, reporting on the school's conditions and witnessing its incredible turn-

around during the two years she spent embedded in the school as a producer for ABC's *World News with Diane Sawyer* and *Nightline*.

Wash's work on "From Tears to Triumph: Strawberry Mansion High" did not go unnoticed. In 2014, she added "Emmy Nominee" to her list of accolades and accomplishments when the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences recognized the story with a nomination for Best Story in a Regularly Scheduled Newscast.

Her efforts to seek truth and justice did not end with her time inside Strawberry Mansion High. From her days as an intern with the Brian Ross Investigative Unit, Wash has dedicated herself to investigative reporting in her career with ABC News. She has reported on the ground at riots and protests in Ferguson, North Charleston, and Baltimore. In 2015, she served as a producer for "Shining a Light: Conversations on Race in America," an A&E special on racial inequality and violence across the country.

In addition to her role as producer, Wash serves as an investigative consumer reporter for "GMA Investigates" on *Good Morning America*.

Alumnae Association Service Award Kristin O'Connell '87



In May 2012, Kristin O'Connell was granted a life-changing opportunity.

While on a trip to Haiti, where she volunteered as a midwife in a birth center, O'Connell encountered a Haitian humanitarian struggling to keep abandoned children off the street. As a result of the country's 2010 earthquake, many children found themselves without food, without clothing, and without a place to sleep. The man dreamed of an orphanage for these children, and his vision got O'Connell thinking.

It seemed to be a hopeless situation. Here was one individual faced with the opportunity to make a difference. But what difference could one individual truly make?

The answer? Just ask the residents of the Devoted to Children Family Home.

In her effort to extend a helping hand to the children she encountered in Haiti, O'Connell founded the Devoted to Children Foundation, a nonprofit committed to supporting the orphans of the town of Cayes Jacmel. The organization, under O'Connell's leadership as executive director, established a long-term home for these children, providing care, shelter, food, clothing, and access to education to those previously abandoned.

In addition to the Family Home, the foundation provides an after-school tutoring program for the town's children. This year, the foundation introduced English lessons to its curriculum, equipping students with the skills they need to succeed in the job market expected to be created by tourism in the country. Yoga and meditation sessions provide the children with tools to manage stress, and this summer the foundation will hold its first yoga-based summer camp, which will also feature art, dance, and music lessons.

Guided by what Saint Julie described as "hearts as wide of the world," O'Connell and her team are working to create a better future for the children of Haiti.

Honoring Our Friends

Just as St. Julie Billiard's vision for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur came to fruition with the support of Francoise Blin de Bourdon, so too, does Notre Dame Academy rely on the commitment of others to bring our mission to life each day.

Friends of Notre Dame Academy Award

The LeVangie Family Steve & Candy LeVangie P'98 P'02 and Philip & Jacqueline LeVangie P'15 '20

The LeVangie family truly "lights up" NDA in every sense of the phrase.

Steve and Candy (parents to Laura from the Class of 1998 and Angela from the Class of 2002) joined the NDA community in 1994. With a pride for the school that was contagious, Candy became actively involved as a parent volunteer. Former President Sister Barbara Barry '69, SNDdeN shares, "Candy was one of the first parents I met when I arrived at NDA in 1996. She was very involved in what was then the Mothers Club. She worked very hard on all the events and never wanted any recognition for it."

Jackie and Phil's daughter Tara arrived to NDA in 2011 and Jackie joined the Out of the Blue Gala Committee that year, a position she would hold all four years. She solicited auction items and worked the registration table on the night of the event. Lynn Page Flaherty, director of institutional advancement shares, "Jackie has always been such a steadfast volunteer. She even helped out in the Advancement Office when one of our colleagues was on medical leave. Her help was made such a difference!" Phil and Jackie's youngest daughter, Shannon, will join the NDA community this fall as a freshman.

Brothers Steve and Philip are the founders of the family run company LeVangie Electrical Co. of Hanover. Their expertise and wealth of knowledge has been critical to many of NDA's capital projects and the recent fields project in particular. A member of the NDA Board of Directors, Steve plays a key role on the Capital Planning Committee. President Jamie Collins says, "We are grateful to have LeVangie Electric as a true partner that understands the importance Notre Dame's mission to raise up strong women. We are grateful Steve and Philip bring their gifts and talents to the table to ensure successful projects."



Classnotes

NEWS RECEIVED THROUGH MARCH 17, 2016



Class Notes is a compilation of news and announcements submitted by alumnae and their families, augmented with information gathered by the Alumnae Relations Office. To share your note, please visit www.ndahingham.com/classnote.



The ladies from 1954 Granby got together to celebrate the holidays and catch up.

1941

CLASS AGENT

Isabelle Hurley Walsh
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1942

CLASS AGENT

Elizabeth McCarty Grimes

1944

CLASS AGENT

Eleanor Hannigan McKinnon

1949

CLASS AGENT

Patricia O'Neal Schmitt
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1950

CLASS AGENT

Joanne Roland McCarthy
jjmesq@beld.net

Please pray for **Carolyn Flynn Brady** whose twin sister Madelyn Flynn Pineau '50G passed on February 7.

1953

CLASS AGENTS

Gloria Spriano O'Connor
Rita Greene Sullivan
jsulliva@iapartners.com

Rita Green Sullivan wrote to share that she recently moved back from Cape Cod after 13 years. She is liv-

ing in Braintree to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Rita has 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She would love to hear from 1953 Granby Street classmates at the following address: Rita Green Sullivan, 4 Royal Lake Drive, Braintree, MA 02184.

1954

CLASS AGENTS

Carolyn Nash Blair
cmbclair8@comcast.net

Please pray for **Mary Ellen Monahan Curtis** whose husband Robert passed away on January 26.

Please pray for **Joan Ward Hurley '54G** who is not doing well physically. Joan's family is thankful for the concern and thoughtfulness of her friends and classmates.

Virginia Newton wrote to share what she's been up to. She went from being a high school English teacher to becoming a psychotherapist and is now retired. Virginia has two children and two grandchildren. She is currently living in Old Saybrook, CT and is doing some volunteer work and still loving life.

Several ladies from 1954 Granby Street still gather regularly at the Scarlet Oak restaurant in Hingham to catch up! (See photo.)

1955

CLASS AGENTS

Anne Clancy Botsch
Sheila Sullivan Henaghan
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1956

CLASS AGENTS

Barbara Gilboy Gillis
barbaratgillis@aol.com
Carol Wynne McDermott
cjmcder@earthlink.net
Virginia Burchill Shannon

1957

CLASS AGENT

Patricia Fagan Arnold
patsea17@aol.com

Thank you **Mary Brennan Devin** and **Patricia White Hull** for helping host our annual Naples Luncheon on March 1.

1958

CLASS AGENTS

Mary Pat Kelly Bartsch
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Anne Reardon Gildea
amgildea@comcast.net

Adele Chapman Urbsas
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1959

CLASS AGENTS

Dorothea Conway O'Connell
speechwin@aol.com



Members of the Class of 1962 Roxbury enjoyed getting together in December.

Please pray for **Marilyn McIntire LaRosa** who underwent chemotherapy in October.

1960

CLASS AGENTS

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illecnaf@yahoo.com

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jude2643@aol.com

Please keep **Susan Linn DiNatale** in your thoughts; she endured two bouts of pneumonia in September and had to be hospitalized.

1961

CLASS AGENTS

Mary McGivern Bell
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cohmary@aol.com

Please pray for **Virginia O'Hara Bowker** whose husband Christopher Bowker passed on March 12.

A special thanks to **Mary McGivern Bell** for helping plan the 55th reunion at NDA.

1962

CLASS AGENTS

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Ellen Lawler Ugi
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Thank you **Marie Battista Barber** for helping host our annual Naples Luncheon on March 1.

Several ladies from 1962 Roxbury got together at the Scarlet Oak to celebrate the holidays in December. (See photo.)

1963

CLASS AGENTS

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1964

CLASS AGENTS

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Maureen White
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1965

CLASS AGENT

Mary Mulvoy Lofty
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1966

CLASS AGENTS

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Mary Ann Stanford McCulley
mamcculley@hotmail.com

A special thanks to **Catherine Coccimiglio, Mary Ann Stanford McCulley, and Meg Duplain Cheever** for helping plan the 50th reunion at the Atlantica restaurant in Cohasset.

1968

CLASS AGENTS

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Nancy Doyle Graham
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Maryellen Madden McGarty
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Thank you **Nancy Doyle Graham** for hosting the Alumnae Volunteer Night at the Greater Boston Food Bank! We also want to congratulate Nancy on her recent retirement from Catholic Memorial School.

1969

CLASS AGENTS

Julie Nesbitt Valiton
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1) *Scary Mary Barrett Costello '71 and Ernie Boch Jr. as a mad doctor at Barrett's Haunted Mansion.*

2) *Some ladies from the Class of 1969, Connie Coleman, Anne Louise Bennett Hicks, Margo Lynch Tansey, Joanne Mariano, friend Sandy, and Julie Nesbitt, enjoying lunch, and lots of laughs at Quincy Bay Inn.*

3) *As part of Women's History Month, the U.S. Navy profiled some of its most remarkable women leaders. We were thrilled to see an interview with Rear Admiral Margaret DeLuca Klein '75.*



1972

CLASS AGENTS

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Katherine Fogarty
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1973

CLASS AGENTS

Denise Murphy Cargill
Brenda McHugh King
bbking007@aol.com

Judith White
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1974

CLASS AGENT

Megan Tonderys Bearce
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Please pray for **Mary Knasas** whose mother was hospitalized in March.

1975

CLASS AGENTS

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Maria Gillis Read
Maureen Sullivan
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As part of Women's History Month, the U.S. Navy profiled some of its most remarkable women leaders. We were thrilled to see an interview with Rear

Admiral **Peg DeLuca Klein**. She is currently serving as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Military Professionalism and is a member of NDA's Board of Directors.

1976

CLASS AGENTS

Jane Dever Barry
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Please pray for **Jean Finneran** whose mother Dorothy Finneran passed away on October 16.

Please keep **Donna Oliva Greco** in your prayers; her mother Agnes "Dunna" McDonough Oliva '40R passed away on September 16, 2015. Please see In Memoriam for more information.

A special thanks to **Jane Dever Barry** for helping plan the 40th reunion at Orta restaurant in Pembroke.

1977

CLASS AGENTS

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Patricia Malone Perry
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Please pray for **Joan Finneran Read** whose mother Dorothy Finneran passed away on October 16.



Members of the Class of 1977 got together to celebrate the life of beloved friend and classmate Susan Tanous who passed away last spring. In attendance was: Libby Cote, Barbara Sheehan Buntrock, Cindy Bellew McFetridge, Mindy MacNeill, Carole Donovan, Marya Gorczyca, Julie Lamb Rice, Donna Maguire, Joan Murphy McCarthy, Susan Cronin Robinson, Ann Hutchinson Kelly, Ann Twohig Gavis, Helen Pumphrey Donovan, Kathleen Sheehan Spredelozzi, Laurie Neville Kiley and her husband Jay, and Susan Dever Marriner.

Please keep **Patricia Malone Perry** in your prayers. Her mother, Patricia Malone, passed away on March 23.

A note from **Susan Dever Marriner**: Several members of the Class of 1977 got together to celebrate the life of **Susan Tanous** who, sadly, passed away last Spring. We shared memories, pictures, stories and lots of laughter! Susan was remembered for her easygoing nature, and her contagious laugh. She was funny, kind and fair, a great listener and very considerate of others. We will miss her! **Eleanor Powers, Mary Spatola McCourt, Elynn Sartucci Dunford, Susan Cotter Regan, Susan Cavanaugh Gorgi, and Maryellen O'Sullivan Concannon** weren't able to attend but shared their memories. Susan was someone who made connections with all she met and brought us together. We would like to make an effort to get together more regularly. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Susan Dever Marriner at marriner-family@verizon.net and we will add you to the list. If you are out of state and plan to visit, reach out and we will put something together to meet up. (See photo.)

1978

CLASS AGENT

Dianne Chase
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Please keep **Julianne Malone Bouchard** in your prayers. Her mother, Patricia Malone, passed away on March 23.

1979

CLASS AGENTS

Mary Hayes Lawrence
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Please pray for **Nancy O'Brien** whose mother Peg O'Brien passed away on October 27, 2015.

Thank you **Lisa Scannell Stieb** for helping organize NDA's annual Christmas Playdate on December 6.

Thank you **Ann Rouleau** for joining the Out of the Blue Gala committee.

1980

CLASS AGENTS

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Linda Shaughnessy Leroy
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Michelle McGee
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Shelagh Foley Sullivan
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1981

CLASS AGENTS

Mary Sullivan Butler
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Lauren Murphy Tobin
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Please pray for **Nancy Finneran Erickson** whose mother Dorothy Finneran passed away on October 16.

A special thanks to **Lauren Murphy Tobin** for helping plan the 35th reunion at Plaza Azteca restaurant in Hingham.

Thank you **Cathy Hayes Duffey P'18** for joining the Out of the Blue Gala committee.



NAPLES LUNCHEON

Thank you to the lovely ladies in Naples who joined us for our annual luncheon on March 1. We had a wonderful time visiting with you. For many, it was the first chance to meet NDA's new president Jamie Collins.



BOSTON ALUMNAE RECEPTION

In March, Board of Directors member **Suzanne Jones Walmsley '87** hosted a reception for alumnae to reconnect with special guest Social Studies Teacher **George Rose**, fellow graduates, and current NDA administrators, including **President Jamie J. Collins** and **Principal Kathleen Rowley Colin '89**. A special thanks to **Maureen Feeley Ridings '82** for securing us a beautiful space at Metro Meeting Centers in Boston.



1982

CLASS AGENT

Maureen Feeley Ridings
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Thank you to **Maureen Feeley Ridings** for hosting not one, but two, alumnae receptions for NDA at Metro Meeting Center in Boston.

Thank you **Suzanne Murphy** for hosting our regional welcome reception in New York City!

1983

CLASS AGENTS

Linda Federico
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Diane O'Brien Gaudet
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Jeanne Higgins
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Maura Tierney was featured in the new season of the "The Affair" on Showtime and received her first Golden Globe Award for this role. Congratulations, Maura, on being recognized as the Best Supporting Actress in a Series, Movie, or Limited Series! (See photo on page 2.)



Winter Alumnae Events

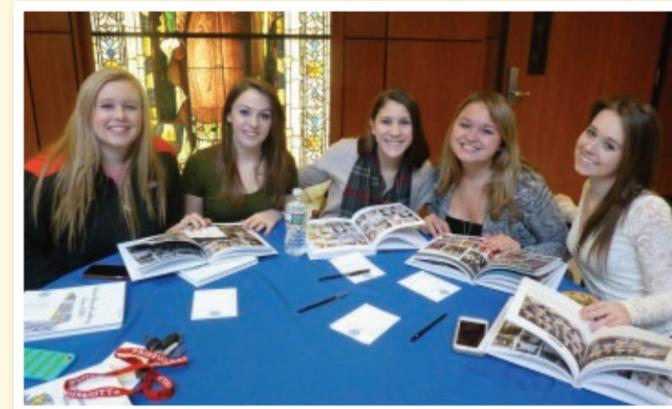
YOUNG ALUMNAE REUNIONS

This November, we had 150 attendees gather for reunions for the Classes of 2000, 2005, and 2010!



CLASS OF 2015 YEARBOOK RECEPTION

Members of the Class of 2015 were invited back to NDA for their Yearbook Reception in January. It was wonderful to catch up with our newest alumnae!



1984

CLASS AGENTS

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Jill Flaherty Dunbar
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Jennifer McDermott Lance
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Thank you **Kathleen Bishop Flood** for hosting our regional welcome reception in Washington, DC!

After over 23 years, Emmy Award-winning consumer reporter **Susan Hogan** is leaving WPRI-TV in Providence and heading to

Washington, D.C. Susan will be joining NBC Universal's WRC-TV as the consumer investigative reporter.

Please pray for **Mary Hurley-Bea** whose mother Mary Burke Hurley passed on January 1.

Thank you **Anne Boluch Vegnani P'18** for joining the Out of the Blue Gala committee. Anne's daughter Olivia was the surprise emcee of the event!

1985

CLASS AGENTS

Nancy Stolfa Loewe
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Jennifer Clary Rohnstock
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Please keep **Sheila Malone** in your prayers. Her mother, Patricia Malone, passed away on March 23.

Thank you **Trish Leary Shepherd P'18** for joining the Out of the Blue Gala committee.

CHRISTMAS PLAYDATE

Santa was most impressed with the children and alumnae he met at our annual Christmas Playdate! We had a festive time making Christmas crafts, visiting with old friends, and sharing our stories with the jolly old elf.



VOLUNTEER NIGHT AT THE GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK

Alumnae gathered for a volunteer night in honor of Catholic Schools Week. The group helped pack, sort, and inspect food and grocery products for families in need.



1986

CLASS AGENTS

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Kara Sullivan Lynch
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A special thanks to **Andrea Achille Seddon** and **Missy Seidel Leggat** for helping plan the 30th reunion at The Quarry restaurant in Hingham.



1) Jeanine White Kane '87 appeared in a production of the 'The Winter's Tale'
 2) Seen here (l - r) are former faculty member Anne Marie Gean, President Jamie Collins, and Rosemary and Jack MacKinnon P'88 '92. The MacKinnons placed a winning bid for a home cooked meal by President Collins at the 2015 Out of the Blue Gala.

Thank you **Elizabeth Holmgren Buckley P'14 '19**, **Lynne Mulkerin**, **Kim Norton Peters P'19**, and **Heather Sullivan Dwyer** for joining the Out of the Blue Gala committee.

1987
CLASS AGENT
 Patricia Hart Kelly
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 We were delighted to celebrate **Kristin O'Connell** as this year's Alumnae Association Service Award winner at the Out of the Blue Gala. Please see p. 19 for more on Kristin.

Jeanine White Kane was featured in Shakespeare's 'The Winter's Tale' at the Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre in Rhode Island.

Please keep **Eileen Malone Corbett** in your prayers. Her mother, Patricia Malone, passed away on March 23.

Thank you **Heather Stevens Cronin** for representing the Alumnae Association at the Class of 2015's yearbook reception in January. Heather has returned for the past few years to check in on our newest alumnae and make sure we have up to date contact

information for them – thank you, Heather!
 Thanks to **Suzanne Jones Walmsley** who hosted a reception for alumnae who graduated in the 1980s to reconnect with each other and current staff and faculty. We loved seeing Social Studies Teacher George Rose, Principal Katie Rowley Colin '89, Linda Muller, Joan Perrault, and Sue Pratt interact with past students!

1988
CLASS AGENT
 Amy Graham Delaney
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 We were thrilled to honor **Tammy Holland Mello** as this year's Graduate of the Year at the Out of the Blue Gala. Please see p. 18 for the full story!

In February, **Amy Graham Delaney** traveled to the Dominican Republic with International Nursing, Inc as part of a medical mission trip with nurse practitioners and graduate nursing students to provide medical care to the people of El Cercado.

Please pray for **Katie Hurley Berube** whose mother Mary Burke Hurley passed on January 1.

1989
CLASS AGENTS
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 Ann Furlong Luukko
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 Colleen Knight Harvey
colleenharvey2@gmail.com
 Thank you **Danielle Ash Kenney P'18** for joining the Out of the Blue Gala committee.

1990
CLASS AGENT
 Beth Bernier Crowell
bethcrowell@yahoo.com
 Please keep **Mary Bowker Dunn** in your prayers; her father Christopher Bowker passed on March 12.

1991
CLASS AGENTS
 Kathryn Sullivan Everett
Katie@thelynchfoundation.com
 Shelagh Foley O'Brien
shelaghfobrien@gmail.com

Tabitha LaFarge Ross
tross@nixonpeabody.com
Cheryl Arlanson Russo
cheryl@arlansonplan.com
Robin Sullivan Campbell
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Former Social Studies teacher **Sally Ruscito** attended a production of *Scrooge: The Musical* at the Riverside Theatre Works and was pleasantly surprised to learn that **Toni Rusio** was the director and producer of the production. Toni is also the Executive Director and Producing Artistic Director of the company.

Thank you to **Shelagh Foley O'Brien** who helped organize a special class presentation for our

students. **Shelagh**, who works for Catholic Relief Services, arranged for a colleague from Rwanda to speak with our juniors. **Pascasie Musabyemungu** works with those in need – the hungry, those with HIV, orphans and vulnerable children. Through the Women Building Peace Project she empowers women to break down stereotypes and learn to live and work together.

A special thanks to **Shelagh Foley O'Brien**, **Tabitha LaFarge Ross**, and **Katie Sullivan Everett** for helping plan the 25th reunion at Abby Park restaurant in Milton.

1992
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 Kathleen Devin Dauphinais
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 Kendra LaFauci Garvin
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 Amy Hunter-Torres
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 Terri Santoro Schaffer
tasi120@gmail.com

Please pray for **Deirdre Fleming Shea** and her family as they mourn the loss of her father-in-law on January 8.

Julie MacKinnon Houle was happy to share a photo from a special NDA gathering. Her parents, Jack and Rosemary MacKinnon, placed the winning bid for a home cooked dinner prepared by President **Jamie Collins** at the 2015 Out of the Blue Gala. In attendance were Jack and Rosemary MacKinnon (former NDA school nurse), **Anne Marie Gean** (former French teacher), **Fr. Nestor** (pastor of St. Paul's in Hingham), **Maryellen MacKinnon McBride '88**, **Julie MacKinnon Houle** and her hus-

FALL REUNIONS
 Save the date:
Saturday, November 26
 Attention 2001, 2006, and 2011

If you would like to be a part of your class reunion planning committee, please contact **Stevie Lee Taylor** in the Alumnae Relations Office at staylor@ndahingham.com or 781.749.5930, ext. 2247. We want to hear from you!



band, **Aaron**. It was a lovely evening! (See photo.)
 Former Social Studies teacher **Sally Ruscito** attended a production of *Scrooge: The Musical* at the Riverside Theatre Works and was pleasantly surprised to see that **Margaret O'Brien** was playing Mrs. Cratchit. This was Margaret's third production with RTW.

1993
CLASS AGENTS
 Amanda Condon Adamczyk
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 Erika Rettman Welch
 Please pray for **Alyssa Serino** whose father Dr. Thomas Serino, Jr. passed away on March 12.

1994
CLASS AGENTS
 Erin Wall Brighton
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 Sheila Elledge Courtney
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 Jennifer Mackin Bruce
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Please pray for **Anne Bowker Azmi** whose father Christopher Bowker passed on March 12.

Some ladies from the Class of 1994 cashed in on an auction item they bid on at the 2015 Out of the Blue Gala and headed to Boca Grande, FL in March. (See photo.)

Please also pray for **Christy Neviera Gill** whose father Paul Neviera passed on October 25, 2015.

Thank you **Claire Paglierani Banks** and **Sheila Elledge Courtney** for serving as Out of the Blue Gala co-chairs!

1995
CLASS AGENTS
 Elizabeth Banker Costello
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 Jennifer Howley D'Ambra
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 Marianne Kroha
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 Nicole Palermo-Cristaldi
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Congratulations to **Kirsten Hughes** on being reelected as a Quincy City Councilor. She is just the second female President of the Quincy City Council and she also serves as the Massachusetts State GOP Chairwoman.

1996
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M.E. Puzo Bailey has been busy co-chairing Hingham's St. Paul School's spring gala!

A special thanks to **Jennifer Schraut**, **Adrienne Fowkes Ramsey**, **M.E. Puzo Bailey**, and **Gina Muscato** for helping plan the 20th reunion at Siros restaurant in Quincy.

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Kristen Sullivan St. Amour welcomed son **Lawson Joseph** on November 8, 2015. His big sisters **Bella** and **Elyse** couldn't be happier.

Eileen Sherman recently opened a new shop, Fete Collection in South Boston. Be sure to visit the boutique for anything having to do with weddings and parties! The small shop is full of wonderful things, from custom stationery and wedding invitation suites to stylish monogrammed throws.

Special intentions go out to **Stephanie Powers** who is having health issues and could use your prayers. Please keep **Rebecca Serino-Farry** in your prayers; her father Dr. Thomas Serino, Jr. passed on March 12.

Abbey Kimball Yang and her husband **Lloyd** welcomed their first child, **Maddox Arthur Yang** on October 20. **Maddox** weighed in at 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. The family resides in Dallas, TX.

Our thoughts go out to **Jane Bowker Finocchio** whose father **Christopher Bowker** passed on March 12.



1) Front row: **Amy Madden Murphy**, **Meg Slattery Kara**, **Christine McDonnell Smoragiewicz**, Back row: **Maureen Kelly Burgess**, **Sheila Elledge Courtney**, **Claire Paglierani Banks** – all from the Class of 1994 – on their trip to Boca Grande, FL.
 2) **Kristen Sullivan St. Amour '97** welcomed **Lawson Joseph** on November 8.
 3) **Abbey Kimball Yang '97** welcomed baby boy **Maddox** in October.
 4) **Eileen Sherman '97** (seen right) recently opened up a new shop in South Boston dedicated to weddings and parties.
 5) **Cassie Kyriakides Piuma '97** made a trip to NYC on International Women's Day to treat diners at the **Beard House** restaurant to a feast honoring the culinary contributions of women across the globe.



1) Congratulations Jennifer Dunphy Krowchun '02 who welcomed a baby boy in October. This photo was taken by Kaitlyn Skerry Litchfield '02.

2) Thank you Kat Bell Braim '03 and Suzanne Murphy '82 for hosting our NYC alumnae reception.



Congratulations to **Cassie Kyriakides Piuma** whose new restaurant Sarma opened in Somerville to rave reviews! Cassie also headed to the Beard House restaurant in NYC on International Women's Day to treat diners to a feast honoring the culinary contributions of women across the globe.

Please pray for **Beth Monahan Caruso** and her young son Christian. In August of 2014, Christian caught a virus that led to an autoimmune response of severe swelling and lesions on his spinal cord. He was recently hospitalized again. Please keep Beth and her family in your thoughts.

1998

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Please pray for **Megan Cross Hannon** whose mother Noël Cross passed on November 25, 2015.

Allison Quinn Guido of Almar Construction recently shared her thoughts on renovations and remodels in an article in *The Boston Globe*.

1999

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Ashley Peterson is working at Tufts Medical Center as part of the fellowship program in the maternal fetal medicine department. She received her medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine.

2000

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Thank you to **Carolyn Launie Nolan** and **Courtney Madden** for helping organize your 15th reunion at Steel & Rye restaurant in Milton.

Ashley Kosier graduated from Ross University School of Medicine in April and will start working as a Pediatrics Resident Physician at Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA in July. Prior to medical school, she worked in theatre, finance, and the healthcare industry and had traveled to Central America several times as a volunteer teacher. Ashley is looking forward to the change of pace of living in the south.

Our thoughts go out to **Catherine Sullivan Teixeira** whose grandfather Joseph Paul Sullivan passed away on February 5.

2001 Fall Reunion

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AC Gaughen, a young adult author, was featured at the second annual Holiday Bazaar and Book Fair presented by the Writer's Loft on November 21.

Leah Moschella recently joined the team at *Cleopatra to Coretta*, an organization which aims to identify and mentor emerging women leaders from Egypt and the US through an international exchange project that supports the dialogue of female global journalists to build relationship, networks, and shareable stories promoting positive hero narratives of women making community impact.

Thank you to **Kaitlyn Skerry Litchfield** who will host a networking event for the Class of 2016 during graduation week. She was also our keynote speaker during a special program for our seniors, *Credit for Life*. Kerry is the executive director of South Shore Young Professionals.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Dunphy Krowchun** who welcomed baby boy Mason James Krowchun on October 16. Mason weighed in at 8 pounds and 15 ounces and was 22 inches long.

2003

CLASS AGENT

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Thank you **Kat Bell Braim** for hosting our regional welcome reception in New York City!

Niki Cross, a member of the Houston Dash, retired from pro-

fessional soccer this year to spend more time with her family. Please pray for Nicki, as her mom passed away on November 25, 2015.

Our thoughts go out to **Caroline Cahill Canty** whose grandfather Joseph Paul Sullivan passed away on February 5.

Please pray for **Kaitlin Moore McDonald**, whose father Dennis Moore passed away on November 5.

Thank you **Lindsey Gatto Harr** and **Kristin McDonough Gowin** for joining the Out of the Blue Gala committee.

2004

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We were thrilled to honor **Stephanie Wash** as this year's Outstanding Recent Graduate at the Out of the Blue Gala. Please see p. 18 for the full story!

Our prayers go out to **Kristen** and **Katherine McGill** whose grandmother Shirley McGill passed on March 11.

2005

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Congratulations to **Mailise Marks** who recently graduated from Roger Williams Law School and passed the bar exam. She's currently living in New Jersey. Mailise received her undergraduate degree from Temple University.



Thank you **Kristina Valente** for serving as our emcee at our second annual Tailgate Trivia Night in October. We had more than 40 alumnae and parents join us for the festivities! And we also want to thank Kristina, **Nora Tuite**, and **Katherine Shiels O'Connell** for helping organize your 10th reunion at Port 305 in Quincy.

Congratulations to **Katelyn D'Entremont** and her husband who welcomed baby boy Jackson in July!

2006 Fall Reunion

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Our thoughts go out to **Francesca Federico** whose grandfather passed away on October 22. Francesca also lost her cousin Marisa Federico on March 26. In good news, Francesca was recently featured in *Fortune Magazine* in a piece about the hardest part of being an entrepreneur and in a *U.S. News and World Report* article about changing your financial advisor.

2007

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Our thoughts go out to **Martha Roberts** whose grandfather Joseph Paul Sullivan passed away on February 5.

Our prayers go out to **Kelsey McGill** whose grandmother Shirley McGill passed on March 11.

Kimberly Harrington Stuckart was married in June 2015 in Scituate. She shares, "Four of my eight bridesmaids were NDA alumnae. I made lifelong best friends at NDA (way better than college friends) and wouldn't trade my NDA experience for the world!" (See photo.)

2008

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Kara Dunford will be moving back to Washington, DC this spring. Prior to leaving the south shore, she served on the Out of the Blue Gala committee and focused on increasing the young alumnae presence at the annual event.

2010

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Thank you to **Angela Skeiber**, **Caroline Roche**, **Emily Donovan**, **Abby Squires**, and **Lenna Dwyer Sliney** for helping organize your 5th reunion at Tia's on the Waterfront.

Corinne Manning was featured in the North River Theater's November production of *Almost, Maine*.

2011 Fall Reunion

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Please pray for **Kaitlynn O'Leary** whose grandfather Robert Curtis passed away on January 26.



Kimberly Stuckart Harrington '07 with bridesmaids, (far left) Marianne Gill '07, Catherine Federico '07, Meghan Lyons '07, and (3rd from right) Deirdre Conroy '07.

Kristina English was one of 10 Sacred Heart students to be selected for a medical mission trip to Guatemala this October. Kristina will be providing physical therapy services, medical supplies, and building wheel chairs for people of all ages. To learn more about her trip, visit gofundme.com/jbxrc3n8.

2012

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Julie Rohnstock is studying Elementary Education at Saint Anselm College and is set to graduate this semester. She is currently looking into graduate schools and teaching positions available in the Boston area. If you, or someone you know, can help Julie or share advice, please email her at julie.rohnstock@gmail.com

Abigail Williams completed an internship at Bristol County District Attorneys Office in New Bedford, MA during the Fall semester. She also made the Dean's list and is studying Criminology at Stonehill College.

Emily Wheaton has been invited to serve in Peru with the Peace Corps starting this August. Her love of service first began when she was a sophomore at NDA and went on the Appalachian service trip.

2013

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Francesca Corsaro is having a great time at UMass Amherst. She keeps very busy working on fundraising for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and volunteering at a homeless shelter in Amherst every week. She was also a member of a team of students who advanced in the PricewaterhouseCoopers National Case Competition. They were one of only five teams to become a 2015 National finalist.

Our thoughts go out to **Colleen Cahill** whose grandfather Joseph Paul Sullivan passed away on February 5.

Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2013 for making the Dean's List: **Emily Smith** (St. Lawrence University) and **Daryl Denelle** (Stonehill College).

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Julia Madden recently served as an intern at Boston City Hall.

The Assumption College Department of Athletics announced that **Deirdre Gunning** has earned a coveted spot on the 2015-16 Assumption College Track and Field team. Deirdre also made the Dean's List. Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2015 for making the Dean's List at their colleges: **Allison McPhail** (Roger Williams University), **Sophia Campot-Eagan** (Emmanuel College), **Eleanor Mallory** (Loyola Marymount University), and **Paige DiNatale** (Coastal Caroline University).

Sarah Cataldo, a freshman at Emmanuel College, recently participated in Alternative Spring Break in New Orleans, LA. ASB is a week-

long, faith-based service trip held during the College's traditional spring break that bridges volunteer work with education and reflection on larger social issues.

Please pray for **Michelle Karol** whose father Mike was paralyzed in a terrible accident on November 29, 2015. Mr. Karol spent several months at Spaulding Rehabilitation and was released to go home in late March. He's very relieved and happy to be home in Pembroke with his family. For more information, you can visit www.gofundme.com/thekarols.

Sarah Cataldo '15, a freshman at Emmanuel College, participated in Alternative Spring Break in Louisiana.



In Memoriam

Listings reflect notifications received by the Office of Institutional Advancement through April 1, 2016. In order to accommodate all listings, we are able to include only basic family, educational, and professional information for alumnae obituaries. Our Friends and Family section lists only immediate family members of our current students, faculty, and staff. We will continue to publish updates on the families of alumnae in the Class Notes section of *vita!* and the Intentions section of the Alumnae E-Newsletter. Should you wish to have a classmate or family member remembered, please contact alumnae@ndahingham.com.

1940s

Rita O'Rourke Largay '40R passed away on February 24. She is survived by her three children.

Agnes "Dunna" McDonough Oliva '41R passed away on September 16, 2015. Dunna began her career with Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Agency of Boston and New York and then worked as a Navy secretary at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. She was married to her husband for sixty years and is survived by her daughter Donna Oliva Greco '76. Dunna was the niece of Mother Superior Agnes Cecilia, SNDdeN.

Mary Driscoll O'Leary '41R passed away on December 21, 2015. She is survived by her husband and their two children, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Agnes Saunders '45G passed away on October 28, 2015. Agnes was a teacher in the City of Boston for more than 40 years. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

1950s

Mary O'Connor Gallagher '50R passed away on December 29, 2015. She is survived by her husband and their eight children, 13 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She was a member of the first graduating class from Boston College School of Nursing in 1954 and followed her RN degree with a master's from BC in Education for Nursing. Writes fellow classmate Joanne McCarthy "Mary raised a large wonderful family in West Roxbury. She was loved and admired by all in her class."

Madelyn Flynn Pineau '50G passed away on February 7. She is survived by her twin sister Carolyn Flynn Brady '50G, four children, nine grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Sheila McNiff Dirksmeier '56R passed away in December 21, 2015. Sheila taught in the Quincy Public Schools system and later as a substitute teacher in the Shrewsbury Public Schools. She is survived by five children and 23 grandchildren.

Friends and Family

Nancy Darling, wife of long-time facilities staff member Bob Darling passed away on January 9. She is also survived by her son.

Dr. Michael G. Hughes, father of Samantha Hughes '21 passed away on September 26. He is also survived by his wife, son, mother, a sister, and two brothers.



Heights – Kathryn Whalen '19

This photo captures the Bourne Bridge.



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