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# The Game of Life

Lessons from the Playing Field

*Also:* Math Teacher Eiji Tamura educates students to learn for life.

## Message from the President



“Our [athletic] program is certainly well known for its success ... but more importantly, our athletes are successful women with strong values who make a difference in their communities.”

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, athletics play a pivotal role in the high school experience today. Perhaps much of the credit goes to Title IX, but prior to this federal law there was an awakening in society to the life-long benefits of physical exercise. Even now, some say society has gone overboard. It seems that every family is scheduled around a host of games and practices. And from the youngest age, children belong to teams with jerseys sporting the logos of town businesses. Everything is planned and every group of children has adults telling them how to play. Who goes to the playground or field anymore for a pickup game of basketball? These topics usually get a hot discussion going. Today, I'd like to touch on the benefits.

It's obvious that sports help develop physical skills like hand/eye coordination, small and gross motor skills, stamina, and healthy hearts. But being part of a team (sports or otherwise) develops other life skills too. Being part of a team means working toward an agreed upon goal. You learn to be on time and to manage the time that you do have. You learn how to win – and be humble. You learn how to lose – and pick yourself up and move on. These are all skills you will use in the workplace and in the family.

The majority of high school athletes don't play organized sports after high school. But we all work toward goals for the rest of our lives. We work together with others. We make decisions about our time. We meet success and we also meet failure. Hopefully we also make wise decisions about our physical beings as well.

At NDA, we are fortunate to have wonderful coaches under the direction of Athletic Director Donna Brickley, committed to our school's mission and to the development of our young women. Our program is certainly well-known for its success in the win/loss columns but more importantly, our athletes are successful women with strong values who make a difference in their communities.

Oh, and about the fact that the children always have adults telling them how to play ... imagine how they would develop their problem-solving skills and sequencing skills if we let them play on their own once in a while. Just a thought ...

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# from MAIN STREET

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## ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

An unprecedented 23 NDA students were honored for their work at the 2011 *Boston Globe* Scholastic Art Show in March. Visual and Performing Arts Chair **Maureen Meyer** is proud to announce the winners of this state-wide competition:

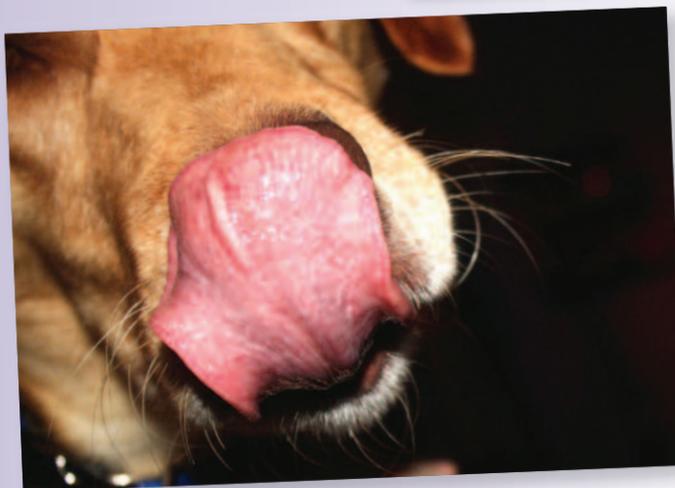
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- Erin Kelley '12** Silver Key, Mixed Media and Honorable Mention, Fashion
- Colby Knobloch '13** Honorable Mention, Photography
- Stormy Leung '12** Honorable Mention, Photography
- Caitlin McAllister '11** Silver Key, Painting
- Victoria Neenan '13** Honorable Mention, Photography
- Grace O'Donovan '12** Honorable Mention, Drawing; Honorable Mention, Mixed Media
- Kara O'Malley '14** Gold Key, Photography; Silver Key, Photography
- Caroline O'Sullivan '11** Honorable Mention, Digital Art
- Hannah Poliseo '11** Honorable Mention, Digital Art
- Regan Powers '11** Honorable Mention, Photography
- Erika Schwartz '13** Gold Key, Drawing; Honorable Mention, Drawing
- Merrick Sease '11** Silver Key, Ceramics & Glass



Top: Caitlin McAllister '11  
*Autumn in Blue*, Silver Key, Painting

Right: Erika Schwartz '13  
*Untitled Self Portrait*  
Gold Key, Pencil Drawing

Below: Kara O'Malley '14  
*He's Not Exactly Fluffy*,  
Gold Key, Photography



Campus Ministry Coordinators helped to organize more than 500 gifts for girls and boys this Christmas.

## Christmas Project Success

Thanks to students, faculty, and alumnae, NDA's annual Christmas Project was a huge success. More than 500 gifts were collected for the boys and girls served by the Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester. Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas morning a happy time for so many families!

## Committed to Father Bill's Place

Each year, more than 300 students participate in Campus Ministry events and outreach. For more than a decade, NDA has worked with Father Bill's Place in Quincy to serve meals to the homeless. Faculty members volunteer at the shelter annually and twice a month, 10 to 15 students prepare a meal, gather at the shelter, and serve dinner to nearly 150 people.

As with all service opportunities, students are provided the opportunity to reflect on their experience. "The process of sharing and discussing what students encounter while volunteering helps them understand their role in creating a just society," says Campus Ministry Coordinator **Michelle Kelley**.

**Sara Ratto '11**, who helps coordinate the program shared, "I wanted to be part of this outreach program because nutritious food is such a basic necessity. Everybody needs to eat and I am proud to be able to do my part."

from MAIN STREET



**Margy Pepe P'07**, the advisor for the student newspaper, *The Medallion*, attended the Media Matters conference at UMass Boston. Seminars focused on multi-media presentations, formatting innovations, and new ways to produce a school newspaper.

Biology teacher **Marissa Simms** was offered a position at Phillips Andover Academy Summer Session, the premier summer academic enrichment program in the country. She will teach marine biology.

Advancement Office staff members **Katie Quinn Miller '97** and **Lindsey Gatto Harr '03** attended the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District I Conference where they took part in communications and annual fund workshops.

Theology teacher **Kate Carter** is a recipient of the 2011 Margot Stern Strom Teaching Award from Facing History and Ourselves. In addition to recognizing Carter as an outstanding educator, the organization provides a grant for teaching materials and a guest speaker from Emerson College.



Students at the Supreme Court Building

## RESPECT FOR LIFE

Eight students traveled to Washington, DC, with a group from Xavierian High School to attend the March for Life. Students examined all aspects of "life," not only abortion, and explored what it means to be poor, marginalized, and oppressed.

### Rachel's Challenge

Rachel Scott knew she was going to impact the world. She also knew she was going to die at an early age and told this to her friends and family. Rachel was the first victim of the Columbine High School massacre in 1999.

Rachel was well known at her school for looking out for new students, the disabled, and the unpopular. The 16 year old wrote in her journal and in letters that her mission of kindness and compassion must go on after her death. Her family has worked tirelessly to ensure that her story is shared with people around the world. Michael Scott, Rachel's brother, visited NDA and challenged the community to find out how far kindness can go. Michael asked the audience, "What will you do to start a chain reaction of compassion?"

After the powerful and emotional presentation, students were invited to attend an interactive workshop with Michael. Nearly 40 girls discussed how they could be leaders in creating a climate in which every person is valued and feels welcome.



Students attend the Rachel's Challenge workshop in the Campus Ministry Center.



AP biology students at MIT.



Staying warm at Quebec's Carnival

### Quebec Trip

Students enjoyed a trip to Québec, Canada this February. Sixteen students traveled the nearly nine-hour bus ride to the French-speaking city to enjoy the annual Winter Carnival. Sophomore **Francesca Corsaro** shared, "The most amazing part of the carnival was the snow sculptures. I have never seen anything like them. They were just astounding and looked like real works of art."

The group also went on a dog sled ride, ate dinner at a maple sugar shack, visited the ice hotel, and saw the many well known sites of the city including: St. Anne de Beaupre, Montmorency Falls, the streets of Old Quebec, and Chateau Frontenac. Even though they had such a packed schedule they did find some time to enjoy the historic streets, go shopping, and have a lot of fun!

### Busy Busy Bees

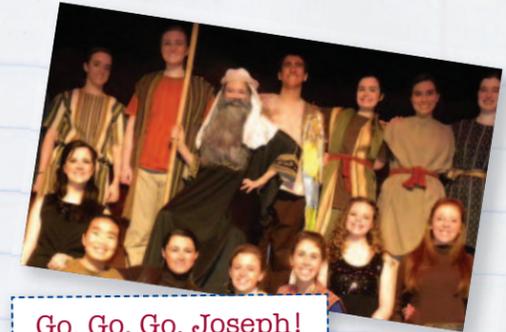
Fourteen dedicated AP biology students traveled to MIT's Picower Institute for Learning and Memory to participate in a Brain Bee. The Brain Bee aims to encourage high school students to pursue careers in science research.

The girls completed a 125-question multiple choice neuroscience exam in thirty minutes. They participated in a networking luncheon with a genetics research scientist from Children's Hospital Boston, an editor from a prestigious peer reviewed science journal, and a patent lawyer.

In preparation for the Brain Bee, students spent ten weeks studying neuroscience after school. The girls discussed and presented on a wide range of topics including brain development, neural disorders, and potential new diagnostic methods and therapies. These topics were rigorous and extended well beyond the AP biology curriculum, requiring students to independently study additional material and to attend Brain Bee Club meetings.

## Calendar of Events

A partial listing of dates and activities of interest to alumnae, parents, and friends. Please visit the school's website at [www.ndahingham.com](http://www.ndahingham.com) for a more complete listing.



### Go, Go, Go, Joseph!

This January the NDA community enjoyed two performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Congratulations to the NDA Players for all their hard work. From the costumes and sets, to the acting and singing, the show was an enjoyable time for all ages.

#### April

- 29 50th Reunion for the Class of 1961
- 30 Golden Alumnae Luncheon  
Alumnae Memorial Liturgy  
Reunions for all Classes ending in 1 or 6

#### May

- 1 Senior One-Act Plays
- 2 Alumnae Playdate
- 10 St. Julie Liturgy
- 12 Orientation for Class of 2015
- 19 Baccalaureate
- 20 Graduation

#### June

- 8 Last Day of School / Prayer Service
- 11 Appalachia Service Trip Departs

### Conference For Women

Senior members of the Scholars Program were thrilled to attend the Massachusetts Conference for Women. Thousands of women from across the state heard from an impressive lineup of speakers including women's rights pioneer Gloria Steinem, health care advocate Victoria Reggie Kennedy, and Massachusetts First Lady Diane Patrick. Principal **Kathleen Rowley Colin '89** said, "The day was filled with messages from amazing women who challenged each of us to see our potential and find our own passion. The students were energized by the women they heard and the notion of possibility in their own life!"

### Human Trafficking

The student club, Teens Acting for Social Change (TASC), organized and implemented a full week of activities for Human Trafficking Awareness week. Their goal was to make students aware of the issue to protect themselves and to take action on behalf of other women. Events included guest speaker **Sister Peggy Cummings, SNDdeN** who works with trafficked women in Boston. Sister Peggy alerted students to the fact that human trafficking is a serious local issue.

**ROBOTICS TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Robotics Team won the Inspire Award at the First Tech Challenge State Championship, the most prestigious and coveted award at the tournament. The award is given to a strong competitor on the field and to a team that truly embodies the 'challenge' of the FTC program.

The team will now travel to the World Championship in St. Louis this April and compete against teams from across the United States, Mexico, Canada, the Netherlands, China, and India!



NDA was the only all girls' team at the competition. Students remarked that they noticed how on other teams, male members took the lead when making decisions and strategizing the robot's next move. And when the team captains were recognized on stage, **Hannah Flynn '11** was the only girl!

**Erika Schwartz '13** shared, "We faced so many challenges during the year trying to get the robot to work properly. We never thought we'd go to the World Championship and it is a great feeling!"

**ATHLETICS AWARD**

The *Boston Globe* recognized NDA for its excellence in athletics for the 2009 – 2010 year with the Neil Singelais Award. The award is given to the all girls' school that accumulates the highest winning percentage and achieves admirable sportsmanship. The Cougars won 67.63 percent of the games they played and were led by the (15-0) state champion golf team. NDA has won the Neil Singelais Award in seventeen out of the twenty-four years of its existence!

**SUPPORT FOR HAITI**

Led by **Clare Wynne '11**, students hosted a "Cookie Campaign" during lunch to raise funds for the Sisters of Notre Dame in Haiti and Partners in Health. This is the fourth year students used their baking skills to raise money for groups serving Haiti and we applaud them for working on behalf of global justice.



Courtney Collins, Emily Walton, and Breanna Brown in front of the Capitol Building.

**Close Up to Politics**

Twenty-five juniors received a "close up" look at national politics during February vacation. Chaperoned by Social Studies teachers **Marie Hoy** and **Denise Capittummino**, the trip to Washington, DC included visits to several museums, as well as many historic sites and monuments.

**Students shared their reactions:**

"My favorite part of the trip was the debates and discussions we had every night in our small groups. We talked about current issues like affirmative action, social security, and the Dream Act. I also enjoyed meeting students from all over the country. It was interesting to realize that even though we live in the same country, we have different opinions and cultures."

**Emily Walton '12**

"Close-Up taught me about my role in the federal government. As President Kennedy said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.' Everyone takes part in making our country a better place to live."

"Out of all of the activities I participated in, my favorite one by far was the Mock Congress. We learned about the current issues in the world, other people's views, and why it is so important to be active in politics. This experience was a once in a lifetime trip and it was one of the best weeks in my life."

**Courtney Collins '12**



**Cheerleading**

Cheerleading captured the Division II State Championship and qualified for the state tournament after several remarkable victories, placing first in Braintree, Ashland, and Marshfield Invitational events. Captaining the Cougars were **Emma Hebblethwaite '11** and **Michaela McWain '11**.



**Cross Country**



An undefeated season earned the Cross Country team their 29th overall and 22nd consecutive Catholic Conference title. Senior captains **Sophia Love** and **Kelsey Steeves** led the team to some impressive finishes; the team won the Martha's Vineyard Invitational, the McIntyre Freshman/Sophomore Invitational, and placed fourth at the Amherst Invitational. Four athletes were named league All-Stars: **Sophia Love '11**, **Kelsey Steeves '11**, **Kelsey Whitaker '12**, and **Clara King '13**. Sophia and Kelsey Whitaker were also named *Patriot Ledger* All-Scholastics.

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**Swimming and Diving**

Boasting an overall record of 8-2, Swimming and Diving came in fifth place at this year's sectional championship and finished fourth in the Division II state meet. Senior captains were **Ellen Bartlett**, **Anna Villani** and **Erica Hasson**. **Taylor Ellis '13** received honors as a Southern Conference All-Star, *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic, and *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic.

**Volleyball**

The Volleyball team placed first in the Catholic Conference, going 10-0 in their league and 15-3 overall. **Kelcie Sullivan '11**, **Meaghan Lee '11**, and **Katie Litka '11** were named *Patriot Ledger* All-Scholastics. Kelcie, Meaghan, Katie, and **Michaela Cataldo '11** were named to the League All-Star team. Meghan was also named a *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic. After receiving the sixth seed in the sectional tournament, the Cougars lost in the semi finals to New Bedford.



**Dance**

This was the Dance team's first year competing at the varsity division. Seniors **Kristina English**, **Colleen McQuaid**, and **Mackenzie Shea** led the ten person team at several spirited competitions this fall.



**Field Hockey**

Field Hockey finished the season 5-11-4. Excellent leadership by senior captains **Jess Nevins** and **Isabel Nuesse** combined with a great team effort from the 25 varsity athletes. To give back, the team participated in Team Molly, a program to raise awareness of Ovarian Cancer.

**Soccer**

Soccer captains **Amanda Shanahan '11**, **Lauren Varella '12**, and **Tori Kenyon '12** led the Cougars to an overall record of 8-6-4. After qualifying for the state tournament, the Cougars lost in the first round to Falmouth. This year's squad featured many underclassmen who showed great dedication.

Note: Due to copy deadlines, Winter and Spring Sports updates will be included in the summer edition of vita!



# Educating

FOR THE FUTURE

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE '13

## FACULTY MEMBER EIJI TAMURA ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO LEARN FOR LIFE

Within minutes of meeting Mr. Eiji Tamura, you quickly discover that he is both a life-long educator and a life-long learner. After working in banking and journalism in his native Japan, Mr. Tamura moved to the United States to learn English and make the transition from the business world to education. He arrived at Notre Dame Academy in 2009.

In between teaching the junior and senior pre-calculus course and the freshman and sophomore geometry course, Mr. Tamura still finds the time to continue his study of English and complete his goal of reading *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. When I arrived at his office on a February morning to conduct this interview, he was helping a pre-calculus student with her homework and he taught me some Japanese words in our interview. Mr. Tamura enjoys teaching too much to limit it to the classroom and his love of learning is just as strong.

**Julianne McShane:** How was your childhood in Japan? When and why did you move to America?

**Eiji Tamura:** I was born and raised in Tokyo. My childhood was frustrating, because academics are emphasized too much in Japan. There were tests after tests. It was too rigid for

me. I wanted to study everything I was interested in, and I couldn't because your path is already made for you. I moved here when I was in college because I wanted to speak English. I really like the American education system where you can learn anything you want! Learning English was very difficult, because American people tend to speak so fast, with too many abbreviations.

**JM:** What was the biggest cultural difference you initially found between life in Japan and America?

**ET:** The biggest cultural shock was that people use each other's first name here. In Japan, the first name is very private. The only people who call you by your first name are either your family, or your spouse – just the people who are very close to you. Even your friends don't use your first name!

“Discussion and explanation help students have a firmer understanding of what they learn.”

**JM:** Why did you make the shift from the business world to the field of education? Was the transition to becoming a math teacher difficult?

**ET:** Right before becoming a teacher, I was a journalist in Japan. I had a column in a bi-weekly magazine. It was too boring, because I did not have enough interaction with other people, and I could not see the reactions of my readers. I wanted to try something new, and I had a teaching license. It was a challenging transition, but I enjoy teaching.

**JM:** You are known around NDA for your unique teaching style, in which you strive to enhance student comprehension through real world exercises. Have you found that using real world experiences in the classroom, especially in math, is helpful to students?

**ET:** I teach the foundation that students need for business and higher levels of math education. It is hard for students to understand how they could apply their knowledge from the classroom to the professional world. In all of my classes, I include problem solving, discussion, and presentations, which are all skills used in business. You try to solve a problem through discussion, and then present to the client. I incorporate that into my lessons so that they don't just know the topic, but can also explain it. Discussion and explanation help students have a firmer understanding of what they learn.

**JM:** In what ways do you incorporate your Japanese heritage into teaching?

**ET:** I use some Japanese words in class. My students know that after every test, they write “kantandatta” if it was easy, “maamaadatta” if it was fair, and “muzukashikatta” if it was hard! I also include some Japanese words for them to translate for extra credit. They always help me with learning English words as well.

**JM:** You participated in the Appalachia Service Project last June, with other teachers and students from NDA. Can you describe your personal experience there and the experiences of the students you worked with?

**ET:** I wanted to see how NDA students worked outside the classroom and I also wanted to get to know their parents. I hadn't thought about it much before I left, but I didn't realize that I could also learn something about myself through dedicating my time. The girls in my group worked tirelessly to build a wheelchair ramp for an old woman and they truly enjoyed the experience. I was worried about them, because I had to stop them from working too much! Every time we

went to the site, the homeowner came out to hug us, and she was thanking us every day.

**JM:** You are also known around NDA for your love of running and your experiences with the marathon. Why did you start running and what do you get out of it?

**ET:** I've run since college. I ran the New York City marathon more than once when I lived there and I also ran a marathon in Tokyo. I run between four and six miles a day, but lately it's been four miles because I'm injured. I love running because it brings me satisfaction. It is a Zen moment, where I'm not thinking anything, and I can just be myself. I can zone out everything else. ☺



### JUST FOR FUN

My favorite Japanese dish is ... sushi.

Other than teaching, I enjoy ... cooking.

If I were not a math teacher, I would like to teach ... Asian studies or the Japanese language.

My favorite vacation destination is ... the Oregon coast.

My most memorable running experience was ... running the New York City Marathon in 2003. When you get over the bridge into Manhattan, you are really exhausted, but you can't stop because there are millions of people watching you and cheering for you!



Julianne McShane is a sophomore at NDA. She is a staff writer for the student newspaper, The Medallion, and is a member of the track and cross country teams.

# ON TOP OF HER GAME

*Practical Lessons from the Playing Field*

BY KARA DUNFORD '09

On a typical spring afternoon, the Notre Dame Academy athletic fields are abuzz with activity. Softball players perfect their swing while track athletes push towards new personal records and the tennis team works on serving techniques. While the ample athletic opportunities available at NDA may seem commonplace today, it was not long ago that female athletes struggled for the chance to play, missing out on the numerous mental and physical benefits associated with athletic participation.



**“[Athletics] readies you for the business world by teaching you how to be a leader and how to be a team player, skills that transition well to a professional setting.”** JOAN FINNERAN '77

The rise of women in sports over the past three decades is often attributed to Title IX. Signed into law in 1972, Title IX banned schools from excluding students from educational programs and activities based on gender. While the original statute made no direct mention of sports, the increase in athletic opportunities for women at schools was immense. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 3.1 million girls participated in high school athletic programs during the 2008 – 2009 school year, compared to 1.8 million in the 1980 – 1981 school year.

At co-ed schools, girls' teams may still play second fiddle to the football or boys basketball teams, but at NDA the full array of athletic opportunities and attention are solely for female athletes. With 18 interscholastic sports ranging from alpine ski to volleyball, there is something for everyone.

Long after the last goal is scored and the final buzzer sounds, athletes continue to reap the benefits of competing, being part of a team, and simply having the opportunity to play. Whether it is leadership qualities, self confidence, goal-setting skills, or a lifelong fitness habit, each NDA athlete, like female athletes across the country, gains something more than just success on the field when she wears the blue and gold uniform.

#### From the Court to the Boardroom

Joan Finneran '77, an account executive at Procter & Gamble, played volleyball, basketball, and tennis during her four years at NDA. Though her skills on the court earned her a volleyball scholarship to Providence College, Finneran says the greatest benefit of her NDA experience was the skills she cultivated while on the court that now help her in her career.

“Athletics builds strength within,” she says. “It readies you for the business world by teaching you how to be a leader and how to be



a team player, skills that transition well to a professional setting.”

A 2006 study by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement found that female athletes between the ages of 18 and 25 were more likely to feel comfortable making a public statement than their counterparts who did not participate in sports. Involvement in sports increases girls' self-confidence, allowing them to acquire leadership skills.

Donna Brickley, the athletic director at NDA, agrees that leadership skills can be attributed to the confidence gained from athletic participation. “The confidence gained from athletics enables women to approach the business world, apply for a job, and present themselves to an employer. Athletics builds women as individuals.”

For female athletes, increased opportunity to participate in athletics translated to a rise in employment opportunities, according to a study released in 2010 by Betsey Stevenson, professor of business at the University of Pennsylvania.



Seeking to measure high school sports' impact on women later in life, Stevenson compared female athletic participation rates before and after Title IX. Stevenson credits up to 40 percent of the overall rise of female employment in recent decades to the greater opportunities these women had to participate in athletics.

Jennifer Merrigan Fay '85 P'15, a partner at the law firm Goodwin Procter and a member of NDA's Board of Directors, says she is not surprised by the research.

“I agree wholeheartedly that being active and having opportunities to participate in athletics leads to professional success,” she says.



**“People have the tendency to want to be perfect, but the coaches at NDA taught us how to take calculated risk.”** SUZANNE JONES WALMSLEY '87



**“The support and camaraderie you have on a team are valuable. You’re out there yelling for each other to succeed and supporting other people’s achievements.”** JENNIFER MERRIGAN FAY '85 P'15

## ON TOP OF HER GAME

Practical Lessons from the Playing Field



A 2002 study conducted by MassMutual Financial Group found 82 percent of women business executives played organized sports after elementary school. Sixty-nine percent of the women reported that their participation in sports helped them develop leadership skills.

Fay adds, “By participating in athletics, you learn several qualities such as determination, goal setting and perseverance from the time you are very young. Learning those skills and using them every day turns them into lifelong habits.”

### Confidence Boost

When she first started at NDA, Suzanne Jones Walmsley '87, a coach at Boston Athletic Association, says she was a shy and quiet freshman.

“My parents went to the first parent-teacher conferences and when they came home, they asked me if I liked school because all my teachers told them how quiet I was,” she says.

After joining the cross country team as a way to meet classmates freshman year, Walmsley says she fell in love with the sport and continued to run cross country and track for her four years at NDA.

The result?

“By senior year, there was a total turnaround due to my athletic participation,”

## Winning is Not Everything

**For NDA's athletes and coaches, winning is not the primary goal.**

Guided by its mission statement, the athletic program seeks to place emphasis on a Christ-like attitude above winning at any cost and in doing so, encourages sportsmanship, responsibility to the community, and a level-headed perspective.

“Through the athletic program’s mission, we’re building young women we can be proud of,” Donna Brickley, NDA’s athletic director, says. “We’re merging those values into the educational experience.”

Jennifer Merrigan Fay '85 P'15 says her most memorable athletic experience was the recognition of sportsmanship and dedication through the Coaches' Award.

“My sister Maribeth and I were each awarded the Coaches' Award my senior year and her sophomore year. It goes to the person who gets a lot out of the sport. I appreciated the focus on sportsmanship rather than just winning,” she says.

she says. “Freshman year I had great mentors in the upperclassmen. I wanted to emulate those girls who made me feel part of the team and part of the school.”

The President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports found that physical activity and active participation in sports enhances mental health by providing women with a positive body image and experiences succeeding in difficult circumstances.

Brickley says student athletes learn lifelong lessons about success in the midst of obstacles.

“Athletic participation gives women poise, confidence, and self-esteem,” she says. “It really empowers them. It puts women in a position to make decisions that put themselves out there under vulnerable circumstances, which is good practice for life.”

### Go for the Goal

Walmsley says running cross country and track at NDA also taught her how to set goals and work towards achieving those objectives.

“One of the most important lessons I learned was goal setting,” she says. “I learned how to challenge myself and realized it’s okay to fail. It’s a hard lesson to learn.”

In the MassMutual study, 86 percent of the female business executives said sports helped them become more disciplined, while 68 percent reported that sports helped them learn to deal with failure.

“A couple times in my career I hit a wall and I had to learn how to change things to reach success,” Walmsley says. “You learn trial and error and how to rebound from things that didn’t work. You try different things, knowing that sometimes you’ll fail.”

The ability to rebound from failure contributes to an increased efficiency among employees who are active sports participants according to a 2004 study by the Center of Health Promotion in Minneapolis. Employees who are active accomplish five percent more in five percent less time, the study found.

“People have the tendency to want to be perfect, but the coaches at NDA taught us how to take calculated risk,” Walmsley says. “I now do that in life. I can ask myself where I need to improve. I can come up with a plan and try to set a strategy.”

### Team Player

The lessons learned from being a member of a team are the most obvious benefit of participating in high school sports.

“The support and camaraderie you have on a team are valuable,” Fay says. “You’re out there yelling for each other to succeed and supporting other people’s achievements. Learning how to cooperate and work on a team is a valuable skill.”

Eighty-one percent of the female business executives surveyed in the MassMutual study said playing sports made them better team players in the workplace.

Learning to work with the many different personalities found on a team is also

an important life skill, Brickley says.

“Participants in athletics have learned in the midst of a cooperative environment,” she says. “They see how different individuals react and relate to the challenges of the sport.”

### Fit for Life

High school and college are critical times for young women to make healthy food and lifestyle choices. For many, it is the first time in their lives that they make sleep and nutrition decisions on their own.

NDA coaches and physical education staff play an important role in supporting athletes as they learn to find balance, set limits, eat well, and exercise regularly. Studies show such guidance in high school can really pay off. According to Women’s Sports Foundation, high school athletes experience numerous health benefits later in life, including decreased risk of breast cancer and depression and increased bone mass.

Finneran says playing sports in high school gave her an appreciation for being physically fit. She remains active today through tennis, golf, and skiing.

“The groundwork was laid in high school for my passion for fitness and it continued in college and even today,” she says.

### Lifelong Impact

When given the chance to play, female athletes experience something far greater than any scoreboard can reveal. Long after their final days in a blue and gold uniform, NDA student-athletes use skills gained on the court or field in their everyday lives. Whether physical or mental, the benefits from athletic participation have a big impact on an alumna’s personal life and professional career.

## NDA By the Numbers

### Student Athletic Participation

1985 – 1986	47%
2010 – 2011	72%

### Sports Offered

1985 – 1986	8
2010 – 2011	18

### State Championship Teams

Golf	9
Cross Country	4
Swimming	4
Cheerleading	2
Basketball	1

### Streaks

#### Track & Field

22 consecutive league championships

#### Cross Country

22 consecutive league championships

#### Golf

9 consecutive state championships and 11 consecutive league championships (one for every year since the sport’s inception)

### Boston Globe Neil Singelais Award

17 out of 24 years it was awarded

*The award is given to the all girls' school which accumulated the highest winning percentage and achieved admirable sportsmanship.*

### MIAA Sportsmanship Honor Roll

Recognized 9 out of 10 years

“Participating in high school athletics builds lifelong habits that are huge for women,” says Fay, noting that she continues to run with her track and cross country teammates. “It makes women strong externally which enables them to build self-confidence internally.”

# SPORTS Lessons

We asked four young athletes – two graduates and two students – to reflect on how playing sports at NDA influenced them. They shared lessons we can all use on, and off, the playing field.



"I have learned to break out of my reserved shell and become more outgoing and confident."

## Jess NEVINS '11

- MIAA Student Ambassador
- Captain of varsity field hockey, varsity alpine ski, and varsity softball
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Serves as a peer mentor and a campus ministry coordinator

When she arrived at NDA, Jess saw athletics as a way to meet new people and stay in shape. Now, as a senior, she plays a large role in setting the tone for the team and says playing sports has been the highlight of her high school experience.

Four years ago, if you told me I would be at Blue Hills every Wednesday night in the winter shivering in my GS suit ready to speed down a race course, while listening to my coach yell, "Ski fast! Take chances!" I would have told you that you had the wrong girl. This simple phrase is one small lesson I have learned from athletics. Whether it is practicing a new skill or technique or reaching out to a member on my team, I have learned to break out of my reserved shell and become more outgoing and confident.

The front field hockey and softball field at NDA have become my second home. When I am on the field I am able to let go and forget my daily worries. I just simply play. Mistakes are a part of any sport, whether it is getting called for a foul in field hockey or missing a fly ball in softball. On my softball team we have a five second rule. This means if we strike out, miss a ground ball, or get caught stealing a base, we have only five seconds to dwell on our mistake. After that time, we must move on and focus on the next play. Sports taught me I cannot dwell in the past. I must set my sights on the future if I wish to be successful.



"[A]thletics at Notre Dame pushed me to step outside of my comfort zone. Acknowledging that fear and embracing the challenge in spite of it, was a moment of growth."

## Amanda LEAHY '04

- Played basketball at Bowdoin College, competed in four Division III NCAA Tournaments
- Assistant basketball coach and assistant director of strength and conditioning at Wellesley College

Amanda shares that athletics taught her some important life lessons about hard work, perseverance, and determination. At NDA she had some terrific coaches and now, as a college basketball coach, she has the chance to give back and mentor young athletes.

Athletics were a large part of my high school experience right from the start. I tried out for the volleyball team in August before my first year, not knowing anyone and with no experience playing the sport; it was nerve wracking to say the least! This was the first time that athletics at Notre Dame pushed me to step outside of my comfort zone. Acknowledging that fear and embracing the challenge in spite of it, was a moment of growth.

My experience as a member of the NDA basketball team was anything but a failure despite the fact we never qualified for post-season play! We lost a lot of games but we learned how to handle that adversity and we never gave up. In my first season playing basketball at Bowdoin we won more games than we had in my four years at NDA, but looking back I would not trade the frustration that taught me so much. College athletics are rigorous and had my high school experience been different I doubt I would have been able to handle the challenges that come along with being a college athlete.

It takes a lot more than passion to be a good coach. Coaching is just as much about mentoring young people off the court as teaching them on it. I have been extremely lucky in my athletic career to have tremendous mentors. They have shown me what a powerful impact a coach can make, for better or worse. I hope that one day my players will feel I have helped guide and teach them the way my coaches have done for me.



"Being on a team taught me how to rely on others, but at the same time have others rely on me."

## Emily LAFOND '12

- MIAA Student Ambassador
- Member of the Scholars Program
- Plays varsity field hockey and varsity golf
- Junior captain for varsity ice hockey

Emily knows the lessons she learns as an athlete will translate to being a confident and productive adult. As a junior, she is taking on more leadership roles and understands that her actions are an example for others.

Entering my freshman year, I had no intention of playing a fall sport. As September grew closer, I decided to try out for field hockey as a way to meet new friends. We were all new players, but as the season progressed we each cultivated a sense of belonging to a team. Having a close and committed team is one of the best experiences, even when your record might not show it. Although team chemistry among my three teams is different, the one common thread is that we motivate and push each other to do better. Being on a team taught me how to rely on others, but at the same time have others rely on me. I learned that although my contributions were important, to be victorious, everyone must perform to their maximum potential.

Sports have also served as my relief period from the stress of academics. With the pressures from school and my commitment to sports, it is often difficult to take on additional responsibilities. I learned to manage my time between academics and athletics and to cope with the stress that comes along with it. I remind myself that these seasons fly by and to enjoy the ride by savoring the memories, challenges, and lessons learned along the way. I am no longer the young and timid freshman I once was. Taking on a leadership role can be difficult knowing your mistakes will be magnified and your contributions will be overlooked. I push my teammates hard, but push myself even harder.



"Playing on a team and being a full time student taught me important life skills such as: how to deal with different personality types, the importance of communication, and time management."



## Niki CROSS '03

- Played Division I soccer for the University of Connecticut
- Member of the 2010 Women's Professional Soccer Championship Team, Gold Pride
- Professional soccer player with the Boston Breakers

Her love of soccer started as a young girl growing up in Pembroke. Now, Niki says soccer has brought her happiness and opportunities she could not have imagined.

I like to say I attended NDA for eight years. The first four years I lived vicariously through my old sister, Megan. My sister and her friends on the soccer team let me tag along to everything; pasta dinners, bus trips, and even sit on the bench. Then as a freshman, I was quickly accepted into the "ACES" family, living the dream I had imagined since I was 11 years old.

Soccer has become one of the greatest instruments of education for me. I've learned so much about the world and myself through such a simple game. Playing on a team and being a full time student taught me important life skills such as: how to deal with different personality types, the importance of communication, and time management.

After graduating college in 2007, I was not done "living the dream" of my inner five year old. My full-time job as a professional soccer player was now my ticket to see the world. I have lived in seven different cities in three different countries ranging from St. Louis to San Francisco all the way to northern Sweden. My most recent adventure led me thousands of miles away to Australia, where I lived and played professionally for five months. I experienced Christmas in the sunshine, traveled all over Australia, and met some of the most wonderful people.

At the end of the day, I still loop, swoop, and pull on my shoelaces the same way I did when I tied my cleats as a kid. Every moment has been a learning experience and there's nothing I would change about any of it!

# 1 MY 1st GIFT

What spurs a person to action? With so many worthy causes to support, why does one choose NDA? Our Advancement staff reached out to learn more about what inspires people to make their first gift.

## Mary Gilcoine '10



It was Mary's last week at NDA and amidst graduation preparations she made her way down to the Advancement Office to make her first gift to the Alumnae Fund. While Mary did not realize her gift was that impressionable, her \$20.10 contribution stood out to Annual Fund Coordinator Lindsey Gatto Harr '03.

"I wanted to give the money because I really was in debt to NDA. I received a great education, met awesome friends, and even though the school work was stressful, in the end, it really was all for my own good. I remember learning about the Alumnae Fund at the Senior Breakfast and remembering that I had some of my graduation money in my wallet and some change bouncing around at the bottom of my purse. I pulled out \$20, dug out a dime, and slipped it into an envelope. It only took two minutes to do for a school that took four years to help me shape who I am."

## Marissa Simms



Marissa joined the NDA Science Department in September. She has been impressed with the dedication of the students and made her first gift to support financial aid and scholarships.

"In the classroom, I give my all to each of my 77 biology students, however, I realize that their experience in my class, while important, is only a small part of their whole NDA experience. Giving is a way I can help contribute to their whole experience.

It is a wonderful feeling to invest in exceptional young women, and to help give the gift of an NDA education. Current students have said to me, 'The best decision I've ever made has been to come to NDA.' or 'When I was at church this weekend, I was telling everyone how much I love this school.' The students know how special this place is and how fortunate they are to be able to attend."

## Joseph and Roxana Perry P'13



Advancement director Lynn Page Flaherty spoke with Canton residents Joseph and Roxana Perry P'13 about their daughter Olivia's experience at NDA. She asked them why they make an annual contribution to the Parent Fund.

We truly value the experience Olivia is having at NDA. Now, with sophomore year almost

complete, NDA has certainly made a difference for our family. Before her freshman year even began, she tried new things – going out for the volleyball team – and now spring track. We knew she would succeed at any school, but the Notre Dame experience has given us all so much. Last year, Olivia and I (Joe) were able to be part of the group that went on the Appalachia Service Project trip. Those memories will stay with us forever.

Knowing that tuition doesn't cover the full cost of education inspires us to support the Parent Fund. Our gift may not be as large as some, but we know that every contribution makes a difference and impacts Olivia's education.

The Class of 1960 celebrated their 50th Reunion in 2010 and 57% of the class made a gift to NDA, achieving a new class participation record! *vita!* editor Katie Quinn Miller '97 spoke with two members of the class who inspire others to make their first gift:

## Anne Madden Fancelli '60



This fall, Anne supported NDA's Heritage Scholarship – her first gift to that scholarship – which provides tuition to an incoming freshman who demonstrates academic merit and strong financial need. Anne reflects that the blessings in her life had their root at NDA and she wants other young women to benefit from an NDA education.

"Growing up in a large family in Dorchester I had the good fortune to win a full scholarship to Notre Dame in Roxbury, a school to which my parents could not afford to send me with annual tuition of \$200. My solid NDA education in a faith-filled, value-based, service-oriented setting directed me to my lifelong love of teaching. Now retired and still living in Dorchester I support NDA Hingham with the hope that a young girl will receive financial aid and 50 years later, tell of her life filled with blessings as mine has been."

## Mary McCarthy Bivins '60



Mary McCarthy Bivins '60 and Ginny Dunn Cahill '60

Mary has supported the Alumnae Fund for more than a decade and wanted to encourage her classmates to give back to NDA. She had a creative idea and used her quilting skills to boost her classmate's giving.

"Education has always been a focal point of my giving to others and I support scholarships at Catholic high schools and colleges. When it came time for our Reunion, I knew that raffling a handmade quilt would make a difference in the monies collected from the Class of 1960. We had a lot of fun and my best friend Ginny Dunn Cahill '60 was the winner. My classmates gave me a hard time saying that it was fixed, but I didn't pull the ticket!"



To learn more about school-wide **Wish Lists**, contact the Advancement Office at 781.749.5930, ext. 2246.

- \$21 = Site license for remote technology access
- \$80 = One day of school
- \$100 = Classroom dictionaries for World Languages
- \$200 = Magazine subscription for Social Studies
- \$250 = Zoom lens for photography class
- \$500 = Guidance program for freshmen
- \$1,500 = School-wide Holocaust assembly
- \$3,800 = Average financial aid grant

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

## Participation Counts!

Gifts to the NDA Annual Fund touch every part of the NDA experience. With tuition accounting for only 88% of the actual cost of education, Alumnae Fund and Parent Fund gifts are critical to making up the \$2,075 "gap" for each student.

"There truly is no such thing as a small gift," explains Lynn Page Flaherty, director of institutional advancement. "Even \$15 can give Campus Ministry a new CD with music for Liturgy – and that's something that benefits every member of our community."

Flaherty credits a vast network of volunteers with a marked increase in participation in this year's Annual Fund effort. "Our volunteers have really shared their passion for NDA. No one can tell our story like they can and their support – both personal and financial – has really raised the bar for our entire community."

## Alumnae Fund Participation

FY 2010

FY 2011 18% Increase

## Parent Fund Participation

FY 2010

FY 2011 90% Increase

The Annual Fund year runs through June 30. To be part of this year's effort, visit [www.ndahingham.com/supportNDA](http://www.ndahingham.com/supportNDA), call 781.749.5930, ext. 2244, or send your contribution to OIA, Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043

## Out of the Blue Gala



Three hundred alumnae, parents, and friends helped raise nearly \$130,000 to support financial aid and school wish lists at NDA's annual Out of the Blue Gala on March 26, 2011. Many thanks to our Master of Ceremonies **Adrienne Cote '74**, co-chairs **Douglas Farrington P'11** and **Jane Dever-Barry '76**, and to our hardworking committee members.

Photos and more details about this special evening will appear in the summer issue of *vita!*



# Classnotes

1942

**CLASS AGENT**

Elizabeth McCarty Grimes

1944

**CLASS AGENT**

Eleanor Hannigan McKinnon

1947

**CLASS AGENTS**Sheila Heffernan Clark  
Janet LaPoint Manning

The former convent of what is now the Blessed Sacrament Campus in Jamaica Plain will be named in honor of **Sister Virginia Mulhern, SNDdeN**. The Sister Virginia Mulhern House will be a safe and warm place for people struggling with homelessness. Sister Virginia reports, "I am proud and honored to have my name on the home of people who have made such a journey."

1948

**CLASS AGENT**Constance Kearney Hanley  
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1949

**CLASS AGENT**

Patricia O'Neal Schmitt

1950

**CLASS AGENT**Joanne Roland McCarthy  
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1951

**CLASS AGENT**

Position Available

1952

**CLASS AGENT**

Position Available

1953

**CLASS AGENT — GRANBY STREET**

Rita Greene Sullivan

**CLASS AGENT — ROXBURY**

Gloria Spriano O'Connor

**Ellen Burke** spends much of her time enjoying music, having taken courses on Mozart, Chopin and Beethoven. She attended performances of the BSO and the Metropolitan Opera's Live in HD

Performances. Last fall, she and her sister, **Celine Burke Richardson '60**, enjoyed a wonderful cruise to Canada. Ellen also enjoys the company of her other sister, **Austine O'Connor '58**, and classmate **Sister Barbara Metz, SND**.

1954

**CLASS AGENT**Carolyn Nash Blair  
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1955

**CLASS AGENTS**Anne Clancy Botsch  
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1956

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Barbara London Ryan  
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Virginia Burchill Shannon

**Joan Faubert Suttle** and her husband, Bernie, split their time between two homes, one in Shell Beach, California and the other in Jalisco, Mexico. They have seven children and fourteen grandchildren living on the west coast and in Arizona. Joan holds an M.S. in business administration from the University of California and an M.A. in theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. She and her husband still enjoy playing tennis three times a week!

1957

**CLASS AGENT**Patricia Fagan Arnold  
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**Pat Fagan Arnold** and her classmates have reconnected since their 50th reunion, and organize at least a few luncheons each year. Their fall 2010 luncheon brought them together for a day of smiles and reminiscing.

**Rosemary Walker** will become

a grandmother for the first time this spring.

**Pat Salmon Cronin** will welcome her 12th grandchild in September.

1958

**CLASS AGENTS**Mary Pat Kelly Bartsch  
Anne Reardon Gildea  
Adele Chapman Urbsas

1959

**CLASS AGENT**

Position Available

**Jane McKenna McAllister** remains in touch with classmate **Rosemary Sheehan Loughlin**. After 32 years marketing real estate on the Treasure Coast of Florida, she finds herself busier than ever, selling homes to New Englanders who are trying to get out of the snow and cold! She is proud of her granddaughter who rode as a Grand Champion equestrian in Florida in 2010.

1960

**CLASS AGENT**Anne Madden Fancelli  
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1961

**CLASS AGENTS**Mary McGivern Bell  
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Mary Gillen McElroy  
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**Claire Vignaux Khalil**, a professional artist, works in New York City and remembers fondly her time spent in the studio of Sister Louise Julie ... "a true mentor!" Her work from 1974 to present can be seen on her website: [www.clairekhalil.com](http://www.clairekhalil.com). In 2010, her son Malik Khalil wed Rachel Natalie Klein in New York City. Claire looks forward to reuniting with her NDA classmates at their 50th reunion this spring.

1962

**CLASS AGENT**

Sally Burns DiZinno

1963

**CLASS AGENT**

Sandra Wysong Deneault



1 Joan Faubert-Suttle '56 seen here enjoying her hobby, painting.

2 1957 graduates enjoyed gathering for a luncheon this past fall.

4 Claire Khalil '61, pictured with husband Mohammed and son, Malik.

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**Sandra Wysong Deneault** writes that she is thinking about the Class of 1963's 50th reunion to be held the weekend of May 3, 2013. If you are interested in planning reunion, please contact Sandra or the Alumnae Office.

1964

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1965

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1966

**CLASS AGENTS**

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1967

**CLASS AGENT**

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1968

**CLASS AGENT**

Position Available

1969

**CLASS AGENT**

Julie Nesbit Valiton  
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This past summer, **Julie Nesbitt Valiton** had her first face-to-face meeting with a penpal from her years at NDA. Inspired by Sister Julie Immaculata Adams, SND, Sera and Julie began corresponding in 1965 and wrote consistently for ten years. Upon meeting for the first time in Atlanta, it was as if no time had passed at all!

**Ann Delaney Szymanski** is pleased to share the good news that her daughter **Kathryn Szymanski Milmoe '00** was married on October 10, 2010.

1970

**CLASS AGENT**

Mary Barry

**Karen McLaurin Chesson** is on a one year sabbatical from Brown University to write a book on the Third World Center. She will return to Brown in a different capacity in June 2011.

1971

**CLASS AGENTS**

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1972

**CLASS AGENTS**

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Katherine Fogarty  
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**Jane Malloy Corry** recently became the co-director of the Cohasset Food Pantry and continues to serve on the Alumnae Association Board.

**Kathy Hart Cahill** lost her mother, M. Alice Hart, who passed away on December 14, 2010.

1973

**CLASS AGENTS**

Denise Murphy Cargill

Judith White  
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Brenda McHugh King  
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1974

**CLASS AGENT**

Megan Tonderys Bearce  
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**Adrienne Cote** served as the keynote speaker at the 12th annual Businesswomen's Celebration. Adrienne is the VP/General Manager of Boston Apparel Group. She also served as the master of ceremonies for NDA's Out of the Blue Gala.

OIA Note: We regret to inform you of the loss of Benedict Knasas, father of **Joanne Knasas Pretti**, father-in-law of **Marie Ameral Knasas**, and uncle of **Mary Knasas**.

1975

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1976

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1977

**CLASS AGENTS**

Susan Dever Marriner  
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Patricia Malone Perry  
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**Maureen White Hemingway** recently graduated from St. Joseph's College of Maine with a master's in health administration and is currently working at Massachusetts General Hospital as a clinical nurse specialist in perioperative services. She has three children, Katie, David, and John, with her husband David and has lived in Duxbury for 23 years.

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1978

**CLASS AGENT**

Dianne Chase  
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**Dianne Chase** reports: '78ers hit a milestone over the past year or so — we all hit 50, and did it with quiet dignity, not so age-appropriate partying, new and renewed endeavors, empty-nests and pure class! While we don't know about everyone quite yet we do know ...

13 of us beat breast and ovarian cancer

16 have finally sent off all the kids to adulthood

7 got remarried and 5 would like to

9 quit their old jobs

6 started new careers

7 returned to old ones

3 admit they had botox

12 say they earned their lines and wrinkles

And 100% say 50 is the new 40 (or even 39) and we don't feel much different than we did in our 20s. We are wiser, smarter, and even better looking than we were ten years ago. A few highlights include: We launched an NDA Class of 1978 group on Facebook. Just friend Dianne Chase or e-mail Dianne at [diannechase1@gmail.com](mailto:diannechase1@gmail.com). We would love to hear from everyone before our next reunion planned for the spring of 2012.

**Ilaina Meisler** recently developed a calendar/organizing application which is especially useful for children with ADHD. She has also re-launched her photography career, and her work can be seen at [www.ibi-photography.com](http://www.ibi-photography.com).

**Deidre Daley Nectow** celebrated her birthday with a magical weekend in Nantucket while **Kim Salvador Maynard** partied in Cohasset, both with their wonderful husbands playing party planner (with a little guidance).

**Wren Beaulieu-Hack** became the Director of Education for her synagogue.

**Nancy Chmielinski Paredes** continues to blend her love for horses with the joy of children in her business, [www.ponypartiesunlimited.com](http://www.ponypartiesunlimited.com). In addition, Nancy hopes to soon launch a hand-made jewelry line.

**Carol Bowen** combines her talents for holistic health, mosaic art, and mothering into a very full and rewarding life.

**Karen Sutherland Giovannucci** retired from preschool teaching and launched a new career in real estate with Caldwell Banker in Needham.

**Dianne Chase** got a Harley-Davidson from her husband and was promptly grounded (again!) by her father.

**Lee Fay** demonstrated some previously undiscovered singing talent at **Nancy Chmielinski Paredes'** birthday party with the help of karaoke. Next up: *American Idol!* OIA Note: We regret to inform you that the father of **Ellen Gilmore**, Edward Gilmore, passed away in December.

1979

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## Alumnae Events

### PLAYDATE NDA

Monday, May 2 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
NDA Gymnasium

This year's playdate will include a special story time. Laura Duksta '86, will make a special stop during her five week nationwide tour to share with us her latest book, *You Are A Gift to the World, The World Is a Gift to You*.

### ALUMNAE DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, May 14 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Sunset Point Camp in Hull, MA

Join fellow alumnae and their families to help prepare the Camp for summer. Activities include painting, cleaning, gardening, and sorting donations of toys and clothing for the campers.

To learn more about these events and to register, visit [www.ndahingham.com/alumnae](http://www.ndahingham.com/alumnae).

1980

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1982

**CLASS AGENT**

Maureen Feeley Ridings  
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1983

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**Denise Cooke** started her own cookie company, Wicked Whisk Cookies. She specializes in decorated sugar cookies for all occasions, but will expand her menu in the coming months. Her sweet sales can be found at [www.wicked-whiskcookies.com](http://www.wicked-whiskcookies.com). She offers a 10% discount for NDA alumnae!

1984

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1985

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Two years ago, **Jennifer Clary Rohnstock** embarked on a new career at Linden Ponds, a retirement community in Hingham, after many years in the marketing field. Her interaction with the residents there, as well as the encouragement of **Carolyn Butterworth Walsh '81**, has inspired her to pursue a career in nursing. Jennifer and her husband celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this past October. Their eldest daughter, Julie, is a junior at NDA. They also have a daughter Caroline, and a son Michael.

1986

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1987

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**Jeanine White Kane** recently starred as Nora in Gamm Theatre's performance of "A Dolls House." She received accolades from *The Boston Globe*, which noted: "Jeanine Kane's portrayal of Nora ... can only add to the Gamm Theatre's growing reputation as a showcase for first-rate acting."

**Jean-Ellen Torpey Metivier** is a full time doctoral student at Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, CA in the Department of Clinical Psychology. Her dissertation will focus on parenting styles of parents who have children with autism. She and her husband have three children and reside in Peacham, VT.

1988

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**Adrienne B. Timilty Vigilante and Jennifer Mullare Cedrone '90** were recently involved in the construction of a state-of-the-art inclusive playground in Marshfield, MA. They are both members of a non-profit agency called Marshfield Kids at Play (MKAP) that helped raise the money for what is one of the largest eco-friendly, handicap-accessible play spaces in the country. Jennifer serves as the treasurer, and both were involved in seeking grants to fund the project.

1989

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After more than fifteen years of working in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry,



1 Harrison, son of Maggie Murphy Sanford '91.  
2 Jack, the son of Jennifer Gately Clark '93, proudly shows some NDA pride!  
3 Stacey Houlihan '93 at daughter Kate's christening. Godmother Pamela Hynes Hayden '93 also pictured.  
4 Class of 1994's Aileen Kenney Govanello's son, John.

**Marisa Greenfield Ziegler** founded Greenfield Medical Writing. The Boston-based firm provides research, writing and editing services to pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, authors of books and articles, and nonprofit organizations.

**Carolyn McGrath Hussey and Molly Connolly '04** are teaming up for the Boston Red Sox Foundation's Run to Home Base. On Sunday, May 22 they will run 9K in support of the Red Sox – Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base program and its services for local veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorders. To earn the right to cross the finish line at home plate in Fenway Park, both Carolyn and Molly are raising at least \$1,000 each in support of the program. You can track their progress, or support the cause, at [www.runtohomebase.org](http://www.runtohomebase.org).

1990

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OIA Note: Please keep **Lisa Hayes Mullen** in your thoughts and prayers. She lost her son, Christopher, to cancer in December 2010.

**Jennifer Mullare Cedrone and Adrienne B. Timilty Vigilante '88** were recently involved in the construction of a state-of-the-art inclusive playground in Marshfield, MA. They are both members of a non-profit agency called Marshfield Kids at Play (MKAP) that helped to raise money for what is one of the largest eco-friendly, handicap accessible play spaces in the country. Jennifer serves as the Treasurer, and both were involved in seeking grants to fund the project.

1991

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**Maggie Murphy Sanford** and her husband Jonathan welcomed a baby boy, Harrison Murphy Sanford, on December 6, 2010. He joins big sister Sadie.

1992

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**Joy Picknarcik Calapai** currently works for Bamsi in Brockton, MA. She and her husband Joe welcomed a baby girl in February. The couple has two older children, Mitchell, (8) and Samantha, (4).

**Amy Brennick's** son, Jordan, graduated high school in 2010 and has started his own business, Outside of the Box Recycling. He picks up recycling from local small businesses that are either too small, do not have space for, or cannot afford a recycling dumpster from the city-wide recycling companies.

**Christine Coleman Heshion** has joined the law firm of McGowan & Associates in Norwell, MA. She is a civil litigation attorney handling negligence, professional malpractice, and insurance coverage matters. Christine is excited to be planting roots with a reputable South Shore practice where she can grow a steady client base. She is also happy to have cut out her commute to and from Boston!

1993

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**Jennifer Gately Clark** and her husband, Matthew, welcomed a baby boy named Jack on March 19, 2010. He joins big sister Madeline, who is four years old.

**Stacey Dwyer Houlihan** and her husband Kevin had their second daughter on May 27, 2010. Katelyn Ella Houlihan joins her older sister Grace, who is three years old. She was baptized in November with **Pamela Hynes Hayden** as her godmother and **Nora Conway Herrin** in attendance.

**Anastasia Adamonis Powers** and her husband Timothy live in Marshfield, MA where they are raising their two boys Tyler (6) and Crosby (2). Anastasia works as a business process manager at Boston Scientific and is currently working on the implementation of Kiva Systems automated technology in the Boston Scientific U.S. Distribution Center.

1994

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**Nerissa Williams** is currently working in the Paramount Theatre in downtown Boston for Emerson College as the evening manager for their Film Sound Stage. Along with **Joy Chase**, Nerissa started an

entertainment company, TCGT Entertainment.

**Aileen Giovanello Kenney** and her husband Mike welcomed a son, John Joseph Kenney, on December 23, 2010.

1995

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**Tracy Flynn** is engaged to Andrew Jenter, of Salisbury, CT, and is planning a September wedding. Tracy lives in Brooklyn, NY.

1996

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1997

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**Kristen Sullivan St. Amour** and her husband Jason welcomed their first child, Bella Katherine St. Amour, on November 6, 2010.

**Eileen Bell Tran** gave birth to a baby girl, Kateri Kha Ming on January 29, 2011. Weighing in at 6 lbs 4 oz, she joins big sister Ella (5), and big brother Caden (2 1/2).

**Sarah Carriere** moved from Cairo, Egypt to Milan, Italy in August 2010 to teach fifth grade at the American School of Milan. In January she became engaged to Michele Giovanni Fortino, a Canadian-Italian teacher she met while living in Cairo.

OIA Note: Kevin Slyne, father of **Moira Slyne Vayda**, passed away



1 Sarah Carriere '97 and her fiancé.  
2 Bella Katherine St. Amour, daughter of Kristen Sullivan St. Amour '97.  
3 Anastasia Powers '97 snapped a great photo of her sons, Crosby and Tyler.  
4 Tiffany Archimbault '99 celebrated her wedding with former classmates and friends: (left to right) Laura Morrison '99, Ashley Peterson '99, Evelyn Mahony '99 and Julie Bradford '99. Kiley Griffin '92, and the bride's new cousin-in-law, also joined in the celebration.  
5 Jill Scahill Farrell '99 was married on September 18, 2010 to Tim Farrell of Duxbury, Ma.

Alumnae Spotlight



**ENGINEERING HER OWN SUCCESS**  
**LISA GRAHAM BALLANTYNE '93**

BY ASHLEY SIMMONS '08

Lisa Graham Ballantyne '93 is an accomplished businesswoman, working for Turner Construction Company as a vice president and division manager, and she credits lessons learned at NDA with much of her success. "An all-girls education was a great experience for me. I was able to confidently voice my opinion, work with incredible girls from varying towns, and do all this within a very secure and supportive environment," she said. Married and a mother of two young boys, Lisa says the most rewarding part of her position is creating a positive work environment while managing a profitable company.

Lisa attended Tulane University and completed a rigorous course load while majoring in engineering. "The confidence I gained at NDA helped make my years in New Orleans some of the most incredible years of my young life," she said. After obtaining her undergraduate degree, Lisa returned to a single sex school for her MBA at Simmons College. Upon returning to this familiar environment, Lisa had an epiphany: "One thing I learned through the years, which all began at NDA, is that being a woman doesn't make you better or worse than men," she said. "My success in business is not because I'm a woman, it's because I learned how to use the skill sets I have and implement them in the business world effectively."

following a long battle with lung cancer on February 20, 2011.

1998

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**Danielle Thibeault** ran the Philadelphia Marathon and placed 1,902 out of 9,000 runners. Danielle was the 397th female overall with a time of 3:37:52.

**Tanis Gray** is working on her third knitting book, and is the creative director of a major yarn line. Tanis has previously published over 175 knitting designs, featured in magazines and books worldwide. Her husband is a partner in a green mechanical engineering firm. They live on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

1999

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**Jill Scahill Farrell** was married on September 18, 2010 to Tim Farrell of Duxbury, MA. The ceremony was held at Kelley Chapel in Yarmouthport, MA, and the reception at her parents' home in Harwich, MA. It was a laid back affair, with a backyard BBQ, homemade fruit pies, and beer brewed by the bride and groom. **Meaghan Doherty, Tierney Oslin, and Bridget Rynne Chafey** served as bridesmaids.

**Tiffany Archambault Darmetko** married Michael Darmetko, B.C. High '99, on October 16, 2010 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellesley, MA. The reception featured a dinner prepared by celebrity chef Ming Tsai of the Wellesley restaurant, Blue Ginger. Tiffany is a graduate of Boston University's College of Communication and currently works as Public Relations Director for Schwartz Communications. The couple lives in Newton.

**Amanda Callahan** purchased a house in Portsmouth, RI this past January. She works as the Assistant Athletic Director and head coach of the sailing team at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. When she is not coaching, Amanda sails competitively throughout the world.

2000

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**Katherine Szymanski Milmoe** married Patrick Milmoe on Sunday, October 10, 2010 at St. Mary of the Nativity in Scituate, MA. A reception followed at the Scituate Yacht Club. Serving as the matron of honor was **Caroline Stebbins Noschese '99**. Bridesmaids included several NDA graduates: **Kerry Logue '99**, **Beth Anne Bowen '99**, **Kerry Dwyer '99**, and **Kristin Moore Jordan '99**. Katherine and Pat enjoyed a honeymoon in St. Lucia. They reside in Quincy with their two dogs, Bailey and Ripple.

**Lauren Tighe** and her husband Bob welcomed their first child, Thomas Daniel, on September 28, 2010.

**Carolyn Launie** is engaged to Tim Nolan, who popped the big question in January at her "Jersey Shore" themed birthday party. The couple is planning an 11/11/11 wedding in Boston, and are looking forward to reuniting the NDA a capella choir to sing during the Mass.

**Caitlyn Cannon Kocur** was married on January 7, 2011. She and her husband Kevin traveled to Hawaii for their honeymoon. Caitlyn is working as a nurse in the NICU at South Shore Hospital. The couple resides in Kingston, MA.

**Amanda Murphy** is proud to announce the birth of her son, James Murphy Gaynor, on November 28, 2010. She continues to serve on the Alumnae Association Board and works at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

**Courtney Madden** graduated in May 2010 from Suffolk Law School receiving Pro Bono Distinction and the 2010 Scales of Justice Award. She was sworn into the Massachusetts Bar in November 2010 and moved to Washington, DC to work for the federal government.

**Katelyn Kennedy Rizzo** was married on June 19, 2010 at Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA. She and her husband, Domenic Rizzo, recently purchased a home in Norwell, MA. Katelyn is currently employed at a property management company in Boston.



1 Kathryn Szymanski Milmoe '00 was married on October 10, 2010.  
2 James, son of Amanda Murphy '00.  
3 Class of 2000 graduates: Kate Bartlett, Carolyn Launie, Lyndsay Bennett, and Jenny Harrison.

4 Members of the Class of 2000 had a great turnout for their reunion gathering.  
5 The son of Lauren Tighe '00.  
6 Katelyn Kennedy Rizzo '00 and her husband, Domenic.

2001

CLASS AGENT

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**Marisa Donelan** was named the new city editor for the Sentinel and Enterprise newspapers. Marisa oversees the daily coverage produced by the newspaper's reporters and photographers.

2002

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**Michelle Wilkinson** and her husband Andy recently purchased a house in Weymouth, and are very excited about their return to Massachusetts. Fellow NDA classmate **Katelyn Smith** was their first visitor! After completing her administrative fellowship at UNC Hospitals, Michelle accepted a position at ECG Management Consultants in the Academic Health Care Division. **Suzanne Timmons** is working at Boston College High School as a Guidance Counselor.

**Jennifer Elliot Ives** married Fred Ives on June 26, 2010 at the Popponesset Inn on Cape Cod. NDA alumnae at the wedding included bridesmaids **Alexandra Bocon**, **Meghan Meade**, **Elizabeth Foley**, and the bride's cousin **Courtney Robinson '10**. Other NDA alums were the bride's aunt, **Susan Cronin Robinson '77** and **Alexandra Amrhein**. The Ives honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii and recently bought a house in Hull.

**Kelli O'Brien Rodgers** and her husband Dennis welcomed their first child, a son named Tyler, on September 14, 2010.

**Annie Gaughan** and **Leah Moschella** planned an event called IGNITE the NITE to raise scholarship funds for teen girls in Boston who won an essay contest. Active volunteers included **Emily Copeman**, **Jenna Paone**, and **Courtney Wahle** who helped out with

planning and fundraising. **Rachel Marshall** donated pasta from her business, Nella Pasta, and **Cara Wahle '03** made gluten-free hors d'oeuvres to promote her gluten-free cooking initiative. Jenna's band provided the entertainment at the fundraiser.

**Jillian Harrison** spent the first two weeks of 2011 in Pune, India volunteering with the Ashraya Initiative for Children, a residential home for former street children and an education and health outreach for slum children and their families. Upon returning from India, Jill joined the Boston office of Ropes & Gray LLP as an associate in the litigation and labor and employment departments.

On June 5, 2010, **Ashley Jones Killeen** married Ryan Killeen at St. Paul Church in Hingham, MA. The reception was held at Fenway Park and attended by **Alexis Devine**, **Kaitlyn Skerry Litchfield**, **Kate Watkins McDonald**, **Kate Kelley**, **Courtney Wahle**, **Emily Copeman**, and bridesmaid, **Nicole Knobloch**. The couple resides in West Chester, PA. Ashley will graduate from law school in May. **Valerie Dolan** helped build a home for the Petrus family in Romania, through Habitat for Humanity efforts.

2003

CLASS AGENT

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**Sara Leigh Murphy MacDonald** was married on October 30, 2010 to Jim MacDonald of Guilford, CT. The ceremony was held at St. Paul's Church in Cambridge and the reception took place at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, MA. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Barbados and currently reside in Deep River, CT.

**Caroline Cahill** competed in the New York City Marathon on November 7, 2010 and finished with a time of 04:17:48. Her run raised funds for Camp Casey, a Michigan based horse camp for children

with cancer. Caroline was cheered on by friends and family wearing "Run Cahill Run" t-shirts.

In May, **Lindsay Daly** earned her master's degree in media and marketing from New York University. She currently lives in New York City and is working on the Bank of America account at Emanate PR, which was named 2010 Agency of the Year by PRWeek.

**Meredith Daly** earned her master's degree in occupational therapy from New York University's Steinhart School of Culture, Education, & Human Development. She works at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton, MA.

In July 2010, **Rachel McElroy** became engaged to John Comick. They met during their senior year at American University in Washington, DC. The couple will marry in August.

2004

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**Molly Connolly** and **Carolyn McGrath Hussey '89** are teaming up for the Boston Red Sox Foundation's Run to Home Base. On Sunday, May 22 they will run 9K in support of the Red Sox – Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base program and its services for local veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorders. To earn the right to cross the finish line at home plate in Fenway Park, both Carolyn and Molly are raising at least \$1,000 each in support of the program. You can track their progress, or support the cause, at [www.runtohomebase.org](http://www.runtohomebase.org).

2005

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In July 2010, **Margo Hines** moved to Brooklyn, NY, to attend medical school at SUNY Downstate College of Medicine. She has not yet decided on a specialty and is keeping her options open. In her free time she is a member of the a capella group, is learning to take patient histories from a local doctor, and is enjoying all that the diverse community of Brooklyn has to offer.

OIA Note: We regret to inform you that **Katherine E. Pretti** lost her grandfather, Benedict Knasas, in December.

2006

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**Michelle Dixon** graduated from Monmouth University last year with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is now living in New Jersey and working at Universal McCann in New York City as an assistant media buyer.

**Rachael Hylan** graduated with honors from Bryant University with a master's degree in professional accountancy in December 2010. She has since moved to Quincy, MA to start her career as a tax specialist at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston, MA.

OIA Note: We regret to inform you that **Kimberly Knasas** lost her

grandfather, Benedict Knasas, in December.

2007

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**Sarah Doyle** will graduate from Cedar Crest College in Pennsylvania in May with a degree in elementary education. Next year she will join Teach for America teaching special education in Boston.

2008

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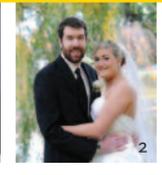
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**Sarah Leonido** is working on a research project at Assumption College studying red wine oxidation kinetics. The project involves studying how wine changes as it is exposed to oxygen. She is preparing to write a thesis on her research before graduation in 2012.

**McKenna Teague** was called on by her teammates to take the game clinching penalty shot for Bowdoin College during the NCAA Division



1 Michelle Wilkinson '02 pictured in front of her new home with her husband, Andy.  
2 Leigh Murphy McDonald '03 and her husband, Jim.  
3 Caroline Cahill '03  
4 Ashley Jones Killeen '02 took a moment from her wedding celebration to capture a great photo with former 2002 NDA classmates.

3 field hockey national championship game. McKenna scored with a shot into the lower right corner of the net, winning the game in overtime and earning a mad rush of her teammates onto the field in celebration!

2009

CLASS AGENTS

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**Jacquelyn Roche**, a sophomore at Northeastern University, is currently on co-op for six months with Autism Speaks, a non-profit organization that raises awareness and funds in support of those touched by autism. She is thoroughly enjoying her experience; her role within the organization allows her to collaborate on fundraising and event planning efforts.

**Lisa Lamir** currently attends the University of New Hampshire where she is studying justice studies, psychology, and studio art. She is enrolled in a class which will culminate in a service trip to Managua, Nicaragua for two weeks in June. The group will accept donations of pre-used sports equipment; anyone interested in donating can contact Lisa at [lavs93@unh.edu](mailto:lavs93@unh.edu).

**Kara Dempsey** is a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire. She and classmate **Lisa Lamir** remain close friends. Kara is a member of the sorority Alpha Xi Delta. **Erin Casey** has dedicated herself to raising money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital through the charitable work she does as a member of Delta Delta Delta.

OIA Note: We regret to inform you that the grandfather of **Molly Burke**, Edward Gilmore, passed away in December.

2010

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**Victoria Finn** is enjoying many aspects of college but wishes she was not so far from home!

**Grace Ciolfi** is playing lacrosse at Gettysburg College, and enjoying her first year.

**Angela Mercurio** is involved with the Stage Troupe Theater at Boston University.

**Kristen Kennedy** attends Stonehill College, where she actively participates in ultimate disc, Rolling Stonehill magazine, and campus ministry.

**Sadiya Bruce** is attending Assumption College where she serves as an admissions ambassador. She credits her involvement as an orientation leader to the positive experiences she had as a Peer Mentor at NDA. Her fond memories of the NDA peer mentor teams, as well as the advisors, have inspired her to pass her spirit onto incoming students.

**Celeste Chen** attends Georgetown University. She is a member of the Asian American student association and serves on the marketing committee, is the staff editor of *Triple Helix*, and a member of the Thai Society, Chinese Student Association, and Leaders in Education About Diversity.

**Taylor Krumscheid**'s first year of school is going well. She is enjoying all of her classes, especially her history and English courses.

**Jennifer Gerhard** attends Roanoke College and has immersed herself in sorority life. As a new member

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Terri Santoro Schaffer '92  
Lauren Murphy Tobin '81

of the Delta Gamma Fraternity she has found a great support system, describing the girls as her family away from home.

**Kerri Ahern** is attending Seton Hall University and has become a member of Hall Council and Campus Ministry.

**Kylie Koch** is attending University of North Carolina Wilmington, where she is a member of ADPi and Cru.

**Christina Zoppi** is attending St. Bonaventure University where she is participating in the First Year Service Program, which conducts service projects in the local community. She misses NDA and feels that her high school years prepared her well for college.

**Sara Weber** attends Clemson University. She is participating in a sorority and plans to travel to France in May.

**Stacy Lawson** attends Eckerd College and loves living in Florida, despite her fear of flying. Stacy reports that since moving to Florida she is putting her Spanish to good use. Additionally, she has taken

part in a theater play and was featured in the college newspaper!

**Caroline Roche** is a nursing major and a member of the honors program at Regis College. Additionally, Caroline is on the field hockey team. She is gradually adjusting to the independence, increase in studying, and roommates. She looks forward to practicing with the women's tennis team in the spring.

**Nora Henry** is attending the University of Scranton. She serves as a Royal Ambassador and participated in Colleges Against Cancer as well as Relay for Life.

**Kara Stefaniak** attends Bates College and is playing soccer.

**Kathryn Hillman** attends Fordham University. She is currently involved with theater and band.

**Meghan Kosak** attends Stonehill College where she participates in the dance club.

**Lauren Burke** attends MIT and is a member of Concert Choir, Tech Catholic Community, and CCC. Additionally, Lauren is working two

jobs while balancing her studies and extra-curricular activities.

**Katherine Lunny** is attending St. Anselm College. She is a member of the Classics Society and the Chemistry Club.

**Julietta Gratta** attends the College of the Holy Cross. She is participating in SPUD, a community service initiative in Worcester, is a member of the ballroom dance team and volunteers in the Admissions Office.

**Shannon Griever** is loving college! She finds the classes instructive and interesting, and is already planning to study abroad in England during her junior year.

**Courtney Culhane** made Dean's List during her first semester at Cornell University.

**Megan Ricketts** is participating in an alternative spring break service trip to Peru, affiliated with Providence College. She will be working specifically with women and children in the areas of domestic violence and sanitation.

#### 2010 YEARBOOK PARTY

In January, the Class of 2010 gathered for a yearbook party and enjoyed NDA's (in)famous Otis Spunkmeyer cookies while reconnecting with friends.

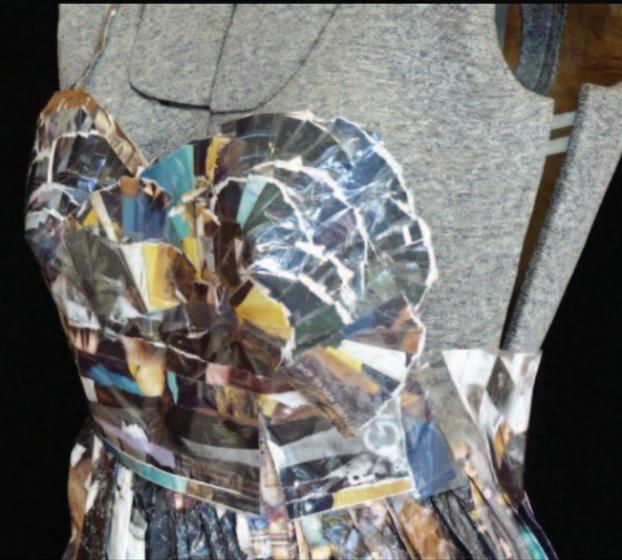


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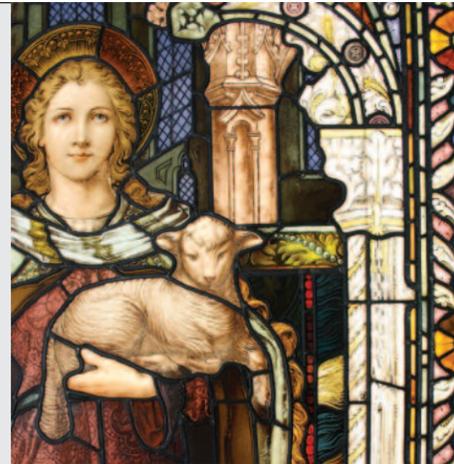
#### September Issue — By Erin Kelley '12

Erin used the September 2010 issue of *Vogue* and aluminum tape to design this intricate and unique dress. Inspired by the hit show *Project Runway*, Erin says she loves using unexpected materials when creating artwork. Already looking at colleges, Erin will apply to art programs next fall.



## In Memoriam

Listings reflect notifications received by the Office of Institutional Advancement through February 28, 2011. 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](mailto:alumnae@ndahingham.com).



### 1940s

**Dorothea M. Ryan '44G** died on December 13, 2010. She graduated from Trinity College in Washington, DC in 1948 and enjoyed a career with the telephone company for 34 years before retiring in 1983. She was the aunt of Caroline Ryan Shedd '81.

**Eileen C. Donovan O'Keeffe '44R** died on February 8, 2011. Eileen resided in West Falmouth, MA. Mrs. O'Keeffe was a daily communicant at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in North Falmouth. She was also a lecturer and Eucharistic Minister for the church. She was the mother of Mary O'Keeffe Tischler '76 and Eileen O'Keeffe '84.

**Esta Gendreau Wall '44G** of Hingham, passed away on January 7, 2011. She enjoyed a life filled with love, laughter, and friends from her years at Notre Dame Academy and Emmanuel College where she served as an admissions volunteer for many years.

**Patricia Neville Carey '49G** passed away on January 10, 2011. She resided in Belmont, MA with her husband Paul.

### Family & Friends

**Carol Troy**, a faculty member at NDA, lost her mother, Florence McAlevey, on February 5, 2011.



#### MISSION

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