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Nurturing THE LEGACY OF Saint Julie



Message from the President



“Our world needs us. The church needs us.
The next generation needs us.”

There's a simple wooden plaque on the wall in my office that says *find the good*. It's actually behind my desk with the intention that those who visit my office and sit across from my desk will see it. I like to think of “find the good” as a short (and easy to remember) reminder of the mission and charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame and of Notre Dame Academy.

I have mentioned to you before how much I enjoy meeting our alumnae and hearing the stories about how their lives have evolved since graduation. What our students learn continues to be lived out in myriad ways. Alumnae will tell me: “We learned to care about each other.” “We were taught to question.” “We believed we could make a difference in our community.” “We were taught hard academic subjects and we were also taught to be good wives and mothers.” In each of these stories I see the mission of NDA lived out and influencing the wider world.

Like ripples on a lake, the NDA mission spreads through the actions of the members of this community. Our girls learn to have “hearts as wide as the world” (Saint Julie) and so, in the way they live their lives, they share in the creative action of God.

During this Lenten season we focus on the gospel stories of Jesus' actions to bring about the reign of God. He tried to change minds and hearts, he challenged some of society's values, he healed the sick, wept at what he saw, and then one night, when he was gathered with his friends, sharing in the usual Jewish ritual meal, he told his friends to do the same things themselves. A few days later he told these same friends, “Go out to the whole world and tell the good news!” It is up to us, those who call ourselves Christian, to live the way Jesus did. In fact, what Jesus tells us is “You will do even greater works than I.” Can you imagine that? You will do greater works than Jesus did!

Our world needs us. The church needs us. The next generation needs us. Each day is an opportunity to make God's goodness known, to feed the hungry, to put an end to oppression, to stretch a mind, to soothe an ache, to challenge the stubborn, to wipe a tear, to provide a home, to embrace a broken heart, to give hope to one who sees no future.

This is being a companion of Jesus. This is living the mission of NDA. In the words of a popular church song, “Go make a difference, you can make a difference.”

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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.

In support of this mission, *vita!* magazine communicates through its pages the newsworthy activities of members of the NDA community. *vita!* is published three times a year for alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the Academy.

On the cover: Whether you are an alumna, parent, or faculty member, we all have a role in nurturing Saint Julie's legacy. The faces on the cover can be found throughout the magazine – each individual is highlighted for her work to keep NDA's mission vibrant.

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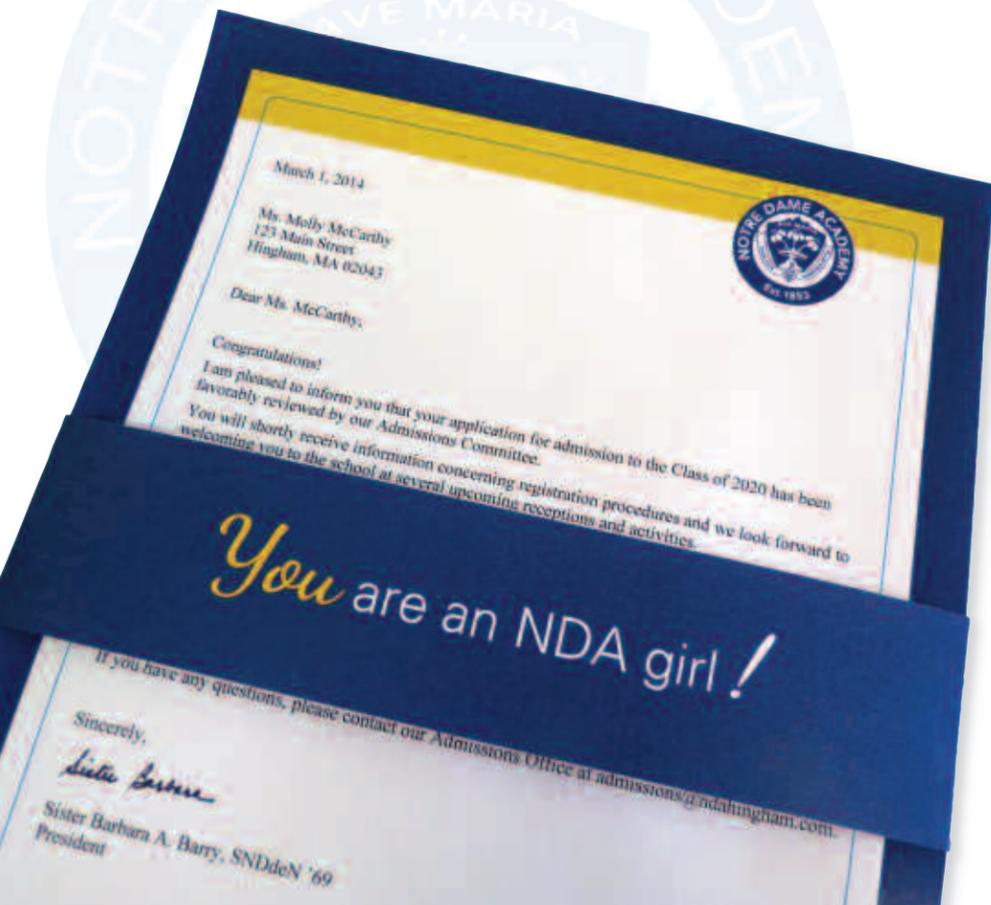
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ANNOUNCING THE CUVILLY DIVISION: NDA'S 7TH AND 8TH GRADE PROGRAM

Faculty, staff, and students took part in the effort to give the seventh and eighth grade program a name. The decision harkens back to the school's rich heritage – The Cuvilly Division.

Cuvilly is a very small village in the north of France and it is where Saint Julie Billiart was born in 1751. Julie grew up in a religious family. She was known in the village for her holiness and would teach about God to the workers in the fields during the day. As a young adult, she became paralyzed but continued to teach others about God. In 1804, she and her good friend, Françoise Blin de Bourdon, founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur to teach poor children, especially girls.

Today, more than 200 years later, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur educate children and adults on five continents. What started in a small village, has spread around the world and the Class of 2020 is now part of this story!



Welcome to NDA!

Congratulations to the newest members of the NDA community – the Class of 2018 and the Class of 2020!

Acceptance letters were mailed earlier this year and members of the Key Club called each girl to welcome her to NDA and answer any possible questions. A parent reception and shadowing experiences for prospective students were also part of the welcoming activities.

Preparations for the seventh and eighth grade program are nearly complete. Principal **Kathleen Rowley Colin '89** reports that curriculum and student life committees met throughout the year and a full academic and co-curricular program is in place. Seventh graders will join the community in the fall of 2014.

Colin shares, "Our faculty and staff have worked diligently in preparing the seventh and eighth grade program. They have created a program that nurtures the student as well as engages her in multi-disciplinary learning. Their enthusiasm for welcoming younger students to the community is palpable and they are looking forward to mentoring students at a fundamental point in their development. This is an exciting time at NDA!"



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— CLARE O'LEARY '15

Social Justice Conference

In November, nine students traveled to Washington, DC to attend the "Teach-In for Social Justice" conference hosted by the Ignatian Solidarity Network (a Jesuit non-profit group).

The conference largely focused on the need for immigration reform and increasing the minimum wage, but there were many sessions on issues ranging from fair trade to human trafficking. To conclude the trip, the group made its way to Capitol Hill and met with a member of Senator Elizabeth Warren's staff.

Clare O'Leary '15 shared, "The conference was such an incredible experience and it was awesome to meet so many other people our age who are as interested in social justice issues."



Respect All Life Experience

In conjunction with Xaverian Brothers High School, nine NDA students participated in the Respect All Life Trip to Washington, DC. The group visited the Holocaust Museum, toured the Capitol building, visited the Death Penalty Information Center, and met with the Northwest Pro-Life Pregnancy Center. The two schools met nightly for reflection talks to discuss what they witnessed and learned from the day.

Jennie Winsper '15 said, "The Respect All Life Trip was an unforgettable experience. I created amazing memories from the three days I spent in Washington, DC. The tours, memorial visits, and the pro-life aspects of the trip were very eye-opening!"



Christmas Joy!

Thank you to everyone in our community who brought in toys and gifts for the children served by the Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester. Campus Ministry students filled a large white van with more than 500 presents! This annual project is run by **Sister Mary Janice Bartolo, SNDdeN** and each year she does a wonderful job organizing all the details to ensure a happy Christmas for so many!



CLOSE UP TO GOVERNMENT

Students participated in the Close-Up Program in Washington, DC, a week-long program which offers high school students the chance for a personal look at the federal government. The group had the opportunity to visit the embassies of Saudi Arabia, Finland, and the Czech Republic and met with staff members from the offices of Senators Warren and Markey as well as Congressman Lynch.

Caroline McCormack '15 said that talking to people from all over the country was an eye-opening experience. "Immigration reform, legalization of marijuana, and other headline-grabbing subjects generated rich and spirited discussions among all of the participants. Depending on the part of the country you came from, your experience with each piece of legislation might be very different."



ROBOTICS TEAM WINS AWARD

Congratulations to the Robotics team for qualifying to compete in the Massachusetts State Championship! The team competed in the qualifier tournament on January 18 and was one of four finalists. They also received the FIRST Motivate award, given to the team that best demonstrates teamwork and gracious professionalism with team spirit and enthusiasm.

MUSICAL NOTES

NDA was well represented at the Southeastern District Senior High School Music Festival in January. Students were selected to participate through a rigorous audition process last fall. The festival format includes two days of intense rehearsals, culminating in a public concert. Violinists **Madeline Blackburn '14** and **Caroline McCormack '15**, and oboist **Ciara Wheeler '16** performed with the orchestra, and vocalist **Isabella Fee '14** performed with the Mixed Choir.



GIRL RISING

As part of Catholic Schools Week activities, students, faculty, and staff viewed the groundbreaking documentary *Girl Rising*. The film presents the remarkable stories of nine girls around the world and the power of education in their lives.

Tess Gallant '17 shared, "The film was so inspirational! It really opened my eyes to the number of girls who never receive the opportunities to obtain a great education. Education is something girls especially must cherish."

Following the film, students returned to homerooms where they researched the status of young women in specific countries. They created posters which were hung outside each classroom providing facts and stories about girls around the world.

HEART HEALTH MONTH

After junior **Kristina Hill** suffered a stroke in the eighth grade, she was told by her doctors that she would never play hockey or soccer again. Kristina proudly proved them wrong and shared her recovery story with classmates. Kristina's presentation was part of NDA's month-long program to promote cardiovascular disease awareness – the number one killer of women in America. She was also joined by a representative from the American Heart Association. Students supported the Go Red for Women campaign with a dress down day; by paying a dollar students could wear red and their sweats to school.



Travel

ITALIAN ADVENTURES

Our girls were thrilled to experience a chance to see Pope Francis up close during their 10-day adventure in Italy. The trip also included visits to Naples, Sorrento, Pompei, Assisi, and Rome. If you'd like to learn how to make gelato, just ask, the group toured a gelato factory!

Senior Christina Berlen said, "I loved getting to tour the site of Pompeii in Italy. It's truly amazing that practically an entire ancient city was so well built and so well preserved by volcanic ash that it still stands today!"

"The trip to Italy was one of the greatest experiences of my life. Being able to go to the Vatican and hear everyone say the *Our Father* in Latin was really cool," added **Taylor Thorbahn '15**.

How-to

STRESS MANAGEMENT 101

Managing stress is a lifelong process and students learned some helpful tips this February at a presentation by clinical psychologist Dr. Nadja Reilly. She spoke with students about how to identify personal stress thresholds and find coping strategies.

Dr. Reilly also led students in a meditation exercise which included guided imagery (walking through a forest), deep breathing, and progressive muscle relaxation. She encouraged students to use these techniques to manage their stress and emotions.

Senior Maeve Westwater said, "This program let us step back and think about what is actually causing us stress. I feel so busy that I don't usually take the time to think about it."

Dr. Reilly also offered a program for parents and one for faculty and staff to help them recognize the signs of stress in young women and how to aid girls in becoming more resilient to teenage stressors.

Art



ART AWARDS

Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair Maureen Meyer is pleased to announce the *Boston Globe* Scholastic Art Competition winners:

- Molly Andersen '14** Gold Key, Photography
- Kayla Burgess '14** Honorable Mention, Sculpture Art Portfolio; Gold Key, Sculpture; and American Visions Nominee
- Olivia Dipietrantonio '15** Honorable Mention, Drawing
- Jillian Fabiano '16** Gold Key, Photography
- Natalia Mirabito '14** Honorable Mention, Drawing
- Marissa Nader '14** Honorable Mention, Digital Art Portfolio
- Kara O'Malley '14** Honorable Mention, Photography
- Charlotte Rose '15** Honorable Mention, Digital Art
- Katie Steeves '16** Honorable Mention, Photography



A Glance, Molly Andersen '14



Before the Storm, Jillian Fabiano '16

Career Day 2014

What a day! With more than 60 alumnae on campus as well as friends and parents, Career Day 2014 was a resounding success. Students attended workshops on careers ranging from speech pathology and criminal justice to medicine and engineering. The day concluded with a Career Fair and students took full advantage by speaking personally to our guests and asking great questions.

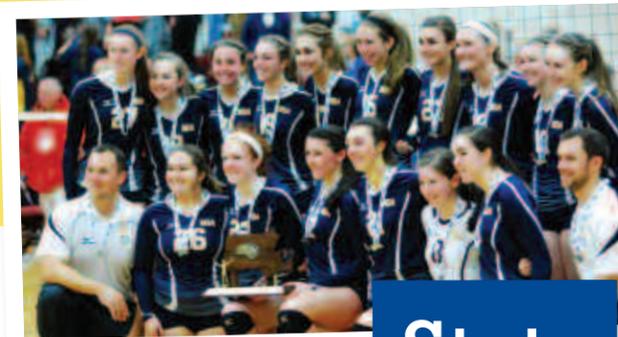


- 1 Courtney Wahle '02 (l) and Julie Spatola Kukesh '02 (r) spoke to students about marketing.
- 2 Susan Hogan Murphy '84 is a broadcast journalist for WPRI, Channel 12 in Rhode Island. She was the keynote speaker in the afternoon and spoke to the girls about career paths – they're not always straight!
- 3 Amanda DeGiorgi '05 is a physicist. She spoke with students about energy efficiency.
- 4 Lynne Mulkerrin '86 (l) and Claire Duffy '98 (r) were joined by Paul Letsche P'09 '11 '14 (far left) for a panel on law enforcement.
- 5 Kelly Manning Collins '95 and Colleen Manning Parnell '99 were the keynote speakers in the morning assembly. They discussed their own career paths and highlighted ideas students should think about to prepare for a career, such as seeking internships and finding mentors.
- 6 Heather Stevens Cronin '87 P'17 is a pharmacist at CVS.
- 7 Kirsten Hughes '95 discussed her career in politics as a Councilor for the City of Quincy.
- 8 Danette Colella '87 is a pediatrician and talked with students at the Career Fair about pursuing careers in medicine.
- 9 Kristen McNamara Larson '91 (l) is the founder of Monkeytoes Press and Christine McConville '83 (r) is a freelance writer and researcher.
- 10 Jennings Crupi '09 (back) and Brittany Richardson '08 (front) work in event planning.

We are grateful to the following individuals for participating in Career Day 2014:

Maura Bell Boucher '88 P'17
 Jennifer Cadigan '03
 Nancy Losordo Clinton '85
 Dr. Danette Colella '87
 Kelly Manning Collins '95
 Catherine Costantino '07
 Heather Stevens Cronin '87 P'17
 Jennings Crupi '09
 Kathleen Devin Dauphinais '92
 Meredith Daly '03
 Amanda DeGiorgi '05
 Alannah DiBona '00
 Marybeth O'Malley Doyle '85
 Jennifer Drain '91
 Deirdre Duckett '89
 Claire Duffy '98
 Jennifer Merrigan Fay '85 P'16
 Nicole Fichera '05
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 Lisa Skayne Herron '97
 Christine Coleman Heshion '92
 Jeanne Higgins '83
 Kirsten Hughes '95
 Katherine Drain Jackson '91
 Amy Joy '03
 Mary Knasas '74
 Julie Spatola Kukesh '02
 Kristen McNamara Larson '91
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 Meg Donnelly Maher '93
 Christine McConville '83
 Dr. Ruth Ross McCormack P'15 '18
 Jeanie Torpey Metivier '87
 Katie Quinn Miller '97
 Lynne Mulkerrin '86
 Susan Hogan Murphy '84
 Shelagh Foley O'Brien '91
 Jenna Paone '02
 Colleen Manning Parnell '99
 Robin McCarthy Pelissier '77
 Erin Joyce Peterson
 Dr. Tamar Aprahamian Putiri '94
 Brittany Richardson '08
 Anne Marie Riley '83
 Jennifer Clary Rohnstock '85
 Deirdre Rynne '97
 Lauren O'Connor Savage
 Rebecca Skomal Saff
 Trish Erwin Stravin '89
 Bryan Sweeney P'16
 Nora Tuite '05
 Kristina Valente '05
 Janine Vlassakis '03
 Courtney Wahle '02
 Suzanne Jones Walmsley '87
 Jesse Walsh '01
 Dr. Anne Walters P'14
 Caitlin Webb '94
 Maria Wood

FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP



State
Champs
Volleyball

Congratulations

to the players and coaches of the Division II State Championship Volleyball team! Led by senior captains **Megan Barrett** and **Julia Flynn**, the team received many accolades during the season:

- Coach **Josh Shepherd** earned his 100th varsity win and was named the *Boston Globe* Division II Coach of the Year
- League All-Stars: **Julia Flynn '14**, **Julia Marshall '15** and **Casey Thorbahn '14**
- *Patriot Ledger* All-Scholastic: **Julia Flynn**, **Casey Thorbahn**, **Julia Marshall**, **Avery Spaziani '16**, and **Corinne Cox '16**
- *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic: **Julia Flynn** (Player of the Year) and **Corinne Cox**
- *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic: **Julia Flynn**
- Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year: **Julia Flynn**

Cheerleading

With 15 participants, the Cheerleading team was led by Coach **Katherine Waters** and **Chris Thompson** and senior captains **Andrea Cadigan** and **Anna Duffy**. The team competed in the Braintree Invitational and came in second place.



Cross Country

Cross Country captured the Catholic Conference title and concluded its season with a twelfth place finish in the Massachusetts Division I All-State Meet. Forty-seven runners were led by Captains **Julia Conte '14**, **Taylor Kennedy '14**, **Olivia Lanagan '14** and **Grace Pixler '14**. **Taylor Kennedy** and **Liz Costantino '15** were named All-Stars and *Patriot Ledger* All-Scholastic awards went to **Taylor Kennedy**, **Liz Costantino**, **Grace Pixler** and **Elizabeth Harrington '15**.

Dance

Captain **Chloe Blair '14** led 14 participants to the Emmanuel College Dance Camp to prepare for the season. The dance team performed at NDA's annual Heritage Day celebration and competed in the UDA New England cheer and dance competition at the Reggie Lewis Center.

from MAIN STREET



State
Champs
Soccer

Congratulations

to the players and coaches of the Division II State Champion Soccer team! Led by Captains **Gabriela Kenyon '14**, **Keeley MacAfee '15**, and **Allison Zaccheo '14**. The team's record for the season was an impressive 21-2 (including tournament play), of which 11 were shutouts. Accolades included:

- The *Boston Globe* recognized Coach **Liz Mustafoski** as the Division II Coach of the Year
- *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic: **Gabriela Kenyon**
- *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic: **Gabriela Kenyon**
- *Patriot Ledger* All-Scholastic: **Gabriela Kenyon** and **Elissa Dukeshire '15**
- EMGSCA: First team, **Gabriela Kenyon** and **Elissa Dukeshire**; Second team, **Allison Zaccheo**
- All State: **Gabriela Kenyon** and **Elissa Dukeshire**
- All New England: **Gabriela Kenyon**



Field Hockey

After a 12-6 season, Field Hockey qualified for tournament play. The team made it to the semi-finals, but lost to Duxbury. The team was captained by seniors **Mary Claire Dachille '14** and **Rebecca Quillard '14**. **Mary Kensinger '14** and **Alexis Lenaghan '15** received *Patriot Ledger* All-Scholastic honors.

Swimming & Diving

With 35 participants, the Swim team placed third in the Southern Conference Championship. The overall record for the season was 7-3 and divers **Hayley Doyle '15** and **Jenny Sullivan '14** qualified for states. Captains were **Shannon Barrett '14**, **Katie Golden '14**, and **Jenny Sullivan**.

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—MICHELE KELLEY, CAMPUS MINISTRY DIRECTOR



Nurturing

THE LEGACY OF

Saint Julie

BY ANNE CAMPBELL

The Sisters of Notre Dame are taking new steps to ensure Saint Julie’s mission lives on for generations to come.

A Mission PASSED ON



Even though she lived more than two centuries ago, the story of Saint Julie Billiard is well known to alumnae of Notre Dame Academy. Students learn about her enduring trust in the goodness of God and how she founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur with her close friend Françoise Blin de Bourdon. They are told of her miraculous healing after 22 years of paralysis and how she devoted her life to ministering to the poor through education.

Saint Julie’s message lives on today as the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur continue her work in 17 countries across five continents. At the dozens of SND learning communities worldwide, Saint Julie’s mission of proclaiming God’s goodness and educating for life is carried out in a wide variety of ways, from traditional schools and academies to community education and work on social justice issues like human trafficking.

“When we look at our world today, it’s continuing to become more complex,” says Sister Rita Sturwold, SNDdeN, national director of mission integration for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. But she explains that Saint Julie’s message is still very useful and relatable today, and the Sisters of Notre Dame want to make sure that mission is passed on to future generations.

A unique view of the world

Each religious community has its own charism, a purpose for being that is shaped by how the founder has been touched by God. For Saint Julie and the Sisters of Notre Dame, that charism centers on making known the goodness of God.

“It’s a lens through which we carry out our ministry,” says Sturwold, explaining that in everything the Sisters of Notre Dame do, they strive to bring the goodness of God to others and to help others find God’s goodness.

Passing the torch

As the Sisters of Notre Dame look to the future of their ministry, though, one important question is how to share their heritage?

“This is an inheritance of mine that now I have to pass on,” says Sturwold.

One of the challenges is that the number of Sisters working directly in the schools has declined over the years, and Sturwold says there will be a day when there are no longer any Sisters in the schools.

“It’s the responsibility of the teachers who are there to come into their own,” says Kathy Sennott, the director of mission integration for the Massachusetts Sisters of Notre Dame.

Sennott worked as a teacher at SND schools for 30 years before taking on her current position last year, and she believes the charism and spirit of the Sisters of Notre Dame permeate a Notre Dame learning community, even when there aren’t Sisters present.

“I think everybody who is involved is a caretaker [of the mission],” says Sturwold, pointing out that that includes administrators, teachers, students, support staff, and parents.

Hallmarks of education

One concrete step the Sisters of Notre Dame took to ensure that the mission lives on at the schools was establishing the seven Hallmarks of what it means to be a Notre Dame learning community. These Hallmarks include a commitment to community service, educating on behalf of peace and justice, and proclaiming God’s goodness through action – together they make a Notre Dame education a unique experience.

“I think the schools by and large are doing a great job, especially with the students,” says Sturwold, adding that she’s impressed with the amount of community service students do. But she says that it isn’t just the students who are learning at an SND school. The whole community continues to grow and learn as members embrace the charism and carry it out in their own unique way.

For example, Michelle Kelley, campus ministry director at NDA, says she has found mission integration to mean living in a way that helps contribute to the betterment of everyone at the school.

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“I use the Hallmarks of a Notre Dame learning community to shape who I am as an educator, who I am as a director of campus ministry, and what we do to prepare the young women, faculty, and staff of our school community,” Kelley explains.

Kelley also brings Saint Julie into her day-to-day work in small ways, such as using quotes attributed to Saint Julie in opening prayer, to emphasize a point during formation meetings and even to guide her in creating the campus ministry programming calendar.

Supporting the mission

In order to help schools focus on the Hallmarks and the overall mission, the Sisters of Notre Dame established a national office of mission integration in 2013. Sturwold started as the first national director of mission integration last fall, and she is working with three regional directors, including Sennott.

“I really am starting this office from the ground up,” Sturwold says.

For the first few years, Sturwold plans to work on getting acquainted with all the schools, programs, and personnel. She’ll then reflect on and develop a list of ways she can use this national position to be of service to people across the country.

Sturwold has already visited many of the SND schools nationwide, and she brings each school she visits a mission integration kit full of resources they can use to learn more about the history and values of the Sisters of Notre Dame. The kits include ideas for sharing that heritage through prayer services, assemblies, and other activities.

As a regional director, Sennott is visiting the schools and academies in the Massachusetts region, and she’s compiling resources to help support faculty members. One way she’s doing this is by helping to develop a website where teachers and staff from different schools can share ideas and resources on classroom planning, liturgies, and the Hallmarks.

Gathering together

Sturwold and Sennott are also finding ways to bring faculty and staff members together to share ideas in person.

Last October, Sennott organized a Gathering for Mission Integration for educators from the Massachusetts schools as a way to help foster collaboration. Roughly 40 people attended the gathering, including Sturwold.

At the meeting, Kathleen Quiazon and Susana Garcia, two lay women who work at Notre Dame San Jose High School in California, spoke about ways the mission is integrated effectively at their school. Sennott says it was wonderful to see the mission embodied by two young people who have really embraced the charism.

That spirit of collaboration can be realized on a larger scale as well.

In 2012, the Sisters of Notre Dame hosted an international educational conference that brought together more than 200 educators from SND learning communities in 10 countries, including Japan, Belgium, Kenya and Brazil.

Sturwold says it was a wonderful opportunity to get a feeling of the international aspect of what the Sisters do.

“When I see the heads of school come together, there is a sense of inspiration,” Sturwold says.

This global connection can touch the students’ lives, too. Sturwold points to Founders’ Day and Founders’ Week activities that are celebrated at many SND learning communities as a chance to share this sense of belonging to a vibrant, 210-year tradition with the students as well.

“It gives the students a sense that they are part of something much bigger,” she says.

Connecting WITH THE CONGREGATION

SNDDeN@UN

Since 2001, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have been an accredited NGO (non-governmental organization) at the United Nations. Sister Jean Stoner, SNDdeN represents the Congregation and her work primarily focuses on issues related to poverty, sustainable development, education, and human trafficking.

Each year, a select group of juniors and seniors travel to New York City and spend the day at the U.N. to get a firsthand look at how the Congregation works for international systemic change.

Principal Kathleen Rowley Colin '89 says, “This trip is such a privilege for me to meet such intelligent, proactive, caring women who have global influence and that I am able to bring our students to them. At the end of our discussion with Sister Jean, she always tells our students she ‘works for them’ – an incredibly powerful statement!”

To learn more about the SND's work at the U.N., search for SNDatUN on Facebook and Twitter.



ACROSS THE POND

NDA's connection to the Notre Dame schools in England is growing. This past June, a group of students visited three Notre Dame Schools – two in Liverpool (Saint Julie's Catholic High School and Notre Dame Catholic College) and one in Plymouth (Notre Dame Roman Catholic School).

Senior Maggie Burnand shared, “Each school we visited had uniforms similar to ours although their kilts were noticeably much longer! Prominently displayed in all the schools was a statue of Saint Julie Billiart which reinforced how widespread her influence was and that we are, despite differences in location, all ‘women for others.’”

Social Studies teacher Denise Capitummino chaperoned the trip and said, “To walk into each building and see sunflowers and statues of St. Julie in the entrance hall immediately filled me with a sense of comfort and familiarity. I was reminded of the universalism of the word ‘Catholic’ and the magnitude of the Sisters' focus on the importance of education . . . The spirit of NDA does not lie in Hingham, or Massachusetts, or America, but travels across the globe.”

Notre Dame students from England will be here in Hingham this April to attend classes with their host sisters and tour Boston. NDA students will travel again to England this June.



LENTEN PROJECT

NDA's annual Lenten Project is a fundraising and knowledge-raising campaign that connects students to the work of the Notre Dame Sisters around the world. Over the years students have raised funds to rebuild a school in South Africa, financed the education of orphans in the Congo, and provided clean water tablets and solar energy to a number of African countries.

This Lent, the campaign will help ensure that children served by the Sisters of Notre Dame in the Southern Hemisphere will have access to food and clean water through sustainable food initiatives.

Sister Mary Janice Bartolo, SNDdeN, who has coordinated NDA's Lenten Project since 2003 says, “This program is a way for all of us at NDA to be missionaries with our Sisters around the world. I hope that it inspires our students to think globally and to even consider working in these regions.”

To learn more about the Lent 2014 Sustainable Food Awareness Campaign, visit www.sndden.org.



Passing THE TORCH

“This is an inheritance of mine that I have to pass on.”

— SISTER RITA STURWOLD, SNDdN, FIRST NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF MISSION INTEGRATION

Strength in numbers

According to Sennott, one of the goals of the work she and Sturwold are doing is to help encourage more collaboration among the schools.

“I really believe in collaboration and working together,” Sturwold says, explaining that unity and teamwork provide strength, support, and a sense of belonging.

“I like that both of them are reminding us that there are others out there!” Kelley says of Sennott and Sturwold. “What I mean is they are keeping us connected, providing resources, creating professional development days, and supporting us as we go about our endeavors.”

Sennott points to a joint retreat held by schools from Worcester, Lawrence, and Tyngsborough as an example of collaboration that’s already happening. Other ideas she suggests include finding a site where students from all the schools could come together to work on a service project and developing mission integration committees at each school that could then gather and share ideas.

“The possibilities are really endless once we begin working and talking with one another,” Sennott says.

The Notre Dame de Namur Learning Community Hallmarks describe the essential characteristics, values, and activities of a Notre Dame learning community.

1. We proclaim by our lives even more than by our words that God is good.
2. We honor the dignity and sacredness of each person.
3. We educate for and act on behalf of justice and peace in the world.
4. We commit ourselves to community service.
5. We embrace the gift of diversity.
6. We create community among those with whom we work and with those we serve.
7. We develop holistic learning communities which educate for life.

Measured progress

One of Sturwold’s long-term goals as director of mission integration is to see each of the learning communities take a closer look at the Hallmarks, be inspired by them, and adopt them if they haven’t already.

“I think it would give us a tremendous sense of identity,” Sturwold says.

Then, Sturwold wants to establish ways to evaluate mission effectiveness and how the different learning communities are doing living the Hallmarks.

For example, she points to a program at Marianist schools that uses yearly visits to each campus to study mission integration at the school, highlight what’s working, and suggest areas that could be improved.

Sturwold says she would like to network with other religious communities who already have an office of mission integration to share ideas and learn from their experiences.

A bright future

At a conference, Sennott heard the saying, “Mission integration begins from leadership,” and that saying has stuck with her. She says she believes strong leadership helps foster mission integration, and she points to several examples of this in schools across the state, including the leadership of Sister Barbara Barry, SNDdN ’69, NDA’s president.

Sturwold and Sennott are both passionate about their work and say it’s inspiring to visit the schools and witness the good things that are being done to pass on the spirit of Saint Julie and help students carry that into their own lives.

“It’s hard not to be passionate about it,” Sennott says.

Editor’s Note: You’ll find evidence that Saint Julie’s charism is alive and well throughout this issue – and in every issue for that matter! Be sure to turn to page 14 to learn how Athletic Director Donna Brickley incorporates the mission into her work and to page 16 to see how our 2014 award winners reflect the values of the Sisters of Notre Dame.



Focus on WOMEN AND CHILDREN

“We take our stand with poor people, especially women and children.”

From the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Mission Statement

Carolina Hill

For more than a decade, NDA’s Campus Ministry program has worked with Carolina Hill transitional housing in Marshfield. Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, students babysit the children who live there so their mothers can search for jobs, study for the GED, or apply for housing. In total, nearly 70 students participate each year.

Science teacher Maureen Regan P’01 has chaperoned the students since the program began. She says, “I get so much out of seeing our girls connect with the children. It renews me! The mothers are always very grateful to have an hour to focus on themselves – they so appreciate the time.”



Dresses Across Borders



When students returned from their Immersion Trip to Costa Rica last April, they reflected on the experience – especially their visit to an all-girls’ orphanage. Sister Pat Toce, SNDdN shares that they felt strongly that future NDA students should bring something for each of the girls as a gift.

The idea of making dresses quickly came up and students, faculty, staff, and parents all got involved. This April, students will personally bring 50 dresses in a variety of sizes to the Costa Rican girls when they visit the orphanage.

“The possibilities are really endless once we begin working and talking with one another!”

— KATHY SENNOTT, MASSACHUSETTS DIRECTOR OF MISSION INTEGRATION

Generations

Winning is not Everything

Athletic Director Donna Brickley Promotes Athletics While Fostering NDA's Mission

After serving almost three decades as the athletic director of Notre Dame Academy, Donna Brickley is a prominent figure in both the school and local communities, as the face of a booming athletic program. Even after five state championships in 2013, Ms. Brickley's work to foster a healthy community for student-athletes remains her primary focus. Through her emphasis on living out the school's mission, Ms. Brickley helps student-athletes achieve all they possibly can after the 2:20 p.m. bell.

Victoria Mulhern: How have you seen the program grow during your time here?

Donna Brickley: Student participation has more than doubled since I started in 1985. We've gone from about 250 student-athletes in 1985, and now we're at 450.

As far as the program itself, back in 1985 we offered eight varsity sports and cheerleading. Now, we offer 16 varsity sports, as well as cheerleading and dance.

VM: What has been your favorite moment as Athletic Director?

DB: Rather than a specific time, my favorite moments involve me representing the school publicly – and not by virtue of anything that I have done personally – but by virtue of the accomplishments of our student-athletes and our coaches. It's in those really special times when our team wins the state championship and I have the honor of putting that lanyard over the athlete's neck. Or when I award a plaque or medal to a student-athlete, at whatever level it may be.

I also take a lot of pride when I'm representing the school at events like the National Girls and Women in Sports Day or sportsmanship awards days.

Independently, I'm always very proud to represent NDA on the different leadership boards I serve on: MIAA Board of Directors, MIAA Field Hockey and Lacrosse sport committees, the MIAA Girls and Women in Sport committee, and previously the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association Board.



When not on the sidelines cheering, Ms. Brickley can be found in her office.

VM: How do you try to live out the NDA mission as the Athletic Director?

DB: One of the attractions that brought me to Notre Dame was the privilege of living out my faith in the work place. That has remained so over the years. For me, it is very natural to live out the tenets of the Notre Dame mission and the vision of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

VM: How did you know you wanted to become involved in girls' sports and what is the most rewarding part of your job?

DB: The most rewarding – hands down, year after year – is being able to come to work in the atmosphere here at NDA. That, again, springs back to the Christian community and the caliber of the stu-

dents, my colleagues, and administration, as well as the support of the parents.

My experience started here at Notre Dame as a coach. It was through those relationships that my own career path changed. I was originally a social work major, but my experience coaching propelled me to pursue my master's in sports administration. It's great to be able to come to a job that you like.

VM: What do the five recent state championships mean for the future of the NDA athletic program?

DB: The state championships create and sustain an enthusiasm that the community can enjoy. It's a measureable result and draws focus to your school. All of that



Left: Ms. Brickley joins the basketball team for a photo before their game. **Right:** In February, Ms. Brickley attended the National Girls and Women in Sport Day celebration at Faneuil Hall with four seniors and Baseball Hall of Famer Mary Pratt. Ms. Brickley proudly notes that Ms. Pratt was her high school softball coach!

enhances the continuing support for our athletic programs, even perhaps in a monetary way. That helps us do better for our student-athletes and really enhances investment in our program overall.

I was looking back over the course of the years that I've been here, and counted that we have won 30 state championships during my term as Athletic Director. Each and every one is special in its own right.

VM: Why do you think providing a strong athletic program is so important for a school?

DB: I once heard that athletic programs are the "front porch" of a high school. I use this saying all the time! If you think about the 450 or so student-athletes representing NDA across the state on a daily basis, there is a potential for them to represent us in a positive or a negative way. Again, I'm very proud to be able to say that at the end of the day, the accomplishments of our coaches and our student-athletes have brought a strong sense of pride back to the school.

VM: Why do you think that NDA athletes perform so well on their respective playing fields?

DB: I think it has to do with our student-athletes being generally well balanced and having a really good perspective about their responsibilities. Obviously their athletics are something that they take a lot of pleasure in, but I think our athletes do well because they keep that in perspective. They strive for balance whether it's family, faith, school, or athletics. That way nothing gets too, too, over the top important about what they are doing athletically. So it almost frees them up to have a little more freedom to perform without feeling really anxious. There's not a student-athlete here that is not harder on herself

than any coach would be. That's just the kind of student-athlete that we have here. Our student-athletes have great support systems from their families. But most importantly, our student-athletes are just great kids.

VM: Do you see school-wide unity in support of the athletic program? Do you see the students rallying around our teams?

DB: Yes, I do! But I need to frame that response by acknowledging that Notre Dame is not your average public high school. With people coming from 30-40 different cities and towns, we'll never really rival our local public schools as far as bringing out the numbers or the noise. I don't get discouraged when I see the town across the street getting kids to come out for each and every game, and in the hundreds for the big games and the big rivalries. The community is behind all of our teams, it just takes a different visual look from some of the public schools.

VM: What are some of your future plans for the Athletic Department? How do you want to see the program grow in the future?

DB: Our immediate work is the incorporation of the Cuvilly Division and how that is going to be transitioned. We are finalizing that right now. We're planning to give our seventh and eighth grade students solid first opportunities into our athletic program to open up a wide range of options for them.

Second, as far as the future plans for the Athletic Department, it always has to be about promoting and petitioning for the expansion of our current facilities. Trying to make better accommodations for all of our sports and teams, whether it be an athletic field, a two-court gymnasium, or whatever. This weighs heavily on the administration and on my heart.

"Our student-athletes have great support systems from their families. But most importantly, our student-athletes are just great kids."

NDA Athletics by the Numbers

Student Athletic Participation

1985 – 1986	47%
2013 – 2014	81%

Sports Offered

16 different sport offerings, plus dance and cheerleading
36 teams; 16 varsity teams

State Championships

30 since 1985; five in 2013

Staff

63 coaching positions
one athletic director
one athletic trainer
one administrative assistant
one equipment manager

Boston Globe Singelais Trophy

19 out of the 27 years awarded
The award is given to the all girls' school which accumulated the highest winning percentage and achieved admirable sportsmanship.

3 Decades of Service



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. The following alumnae were honored at the Out of the Blue Gala on March 29:



Distinguished Graduate of the Year | Meghan Field '96

As project manager for European Communities Against Trafficking (ECAT), Meghan is a leader in the effort to eliminate violence against women and girls. In her 12 years working internationally, she has managed frontline charities, coordinated domestic and sexual violence services, and conducted research projects with survivors. In her current role, she is managing a transnational project to tackle human trafficking, chairing homicide reviews, and developing national domestic violence service standards for housing providers.

After graduating magna cum laude from Middlebury College, Meghan began her career as a crisis clinician, providing emergency counseling and facilitating psychological services for clients. While completing her master's degree in gender and cultural studies at Simmons College, she launched the first lending library in Nicaragua and founded a mobile library program operating in 27 rural communities there. Focused on increasing literacy as a means to reduce inequality and poverty, she also organized the 2006 International Women's Day celebration in that nation.

For the last eight years, Meghan and her husband have made England their home. Her advocacy work has impacted women and children across Europe. In addition to her role at ECAT, Meghan is a certified Independent Domestic Advocate, and the Domestic Violence & Housing Coordinator, responsible for the strategic response to domestic violence for the housing and homelessness sector in the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. She is also mother to four-year-old Mateo.

A former participant in NDA drama productions, Meghan is a trustee of the New Shoes Theatre, a UK theatre company dedicated to giving voice to women's writing. Meghan credits Mrs. Rielly's Spanish classes for nurturing her desire to live internationally and to contribute to sustainable community development.



Outstanding Recent Graduate | Kate Kelley '02

A graduate of Bentley College, where she served as co-captain of the nationally-ranked women's basketball team, Kate Kelley began her postcollegiate life as a professional basketball player in Ireland. After a year overseas, she returned to a career in sports marketing. In 2009, she headed to Kigali, Rwanda as a consultant for the As We Forgive Rwandan Initiative (AWFRI) and found her calling.

Struck by the lack of organized activities for young people, Kate founded the Ubumwe Basketball Program through AWFRI. Building on her experience as a lifelong athlete, she was inspired to create an effort that uses sports to enhance unity and reconciliation. Today, Ubumwe's mission is to "rejuvenate the lives of marginalized youth, build self-esteem, promote healthy lifestyles, and inspire a joyful spirit among the children who continue to bear the burden of their country's traumatic and deeply wounded past." Kate is currently living in Rwanda developing programs for Ubumwe.

"As I head off for college, these three alumnae helped me realize that my life and my achievements can be impactful to the world in amazing ways!"

— NATALIA MIRABITO '14, FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE 2014 OUT OF THE BLUE GALA

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. The Friend award was created during our 160th anniversary celebrations to salute such individuals.

Alumnae Association Service Award

Mary McGivern Bell '61R, P'88 '97 '03, GP'17



There is a field in the alumnae database that describes an individual's relationship with the Academy. Mary McGivern Bell's list is longer than most. As a graduate—and a granddaughter of a graduate – of our Roxbury campus, Mary is part of a family legacy that includes daughters Maura Bell

Boucher '88, Eileen Bell Tran '97, and Kat Bell Braim '03, and now granddaughter Sarah Boucher '17. Confident of the potential for that legacy to grow, Mary has already reserved extra seats in her family row in the Cushing Auditorium, ready to name them for granddaughters who are not yet old enough to apply to NDA.

Her love of NDA has given her additional roles. An integral part of the Class of 1961 committee, she's a ringleader for her classmates and their activities, keeping them connected to the Academy and each other. She also served on the Alumnae Association board from 2000 to 2006. But many of her contributions to alma mater defy categorization.

A lifelong educator, Mary's belief in an NDA education extends beyond her own family. Over the years, she's been a quiet source of support for students in need, helping the school's administration bring together the resources necessary to help young women in need of tuition assistance. That ability to bring people together for a common cause, combined with a seemingly limitless supply of good advice and an unwavering commitment to the future of NDA is at the heart of her selection as this year's Alumnae Association Service Award winner.



2014 Friend of NDA Award Richard P. Kates, Jr.

As a coach, a teacher, and a longtime EMT for the town of Carver, Rick Kates has always used his gifts and his training to make others better.

Rick arrived at Notre Dame Academy in 1994, ready to teach NDA students how to run. He moved into the classroom two years later where his physics classes gave him another platform from which to nurture, challenge, and inspire. Even more impressive than his current run

of three state titles in three seasons and multiple Coach of the Year honors, are the thousands of young women for whom he has been at the heart of their NDA experience.

While we know him as NDA's track and field coach, he is also a well respected and active member of the Massachusetts Track & Field Officials Association. If there is a big race in Massachusetts, it is likely that Rick is on site. So was the case on April 15, 2013, like so many Marathon Mondays, when Rick was at the finish line of the Boston Marathon recording times for wheelchair competitors.

Rick always knows which graduates are running the Marathon and faithfully shares updates with the alumnae office. When the bombs exploded, his first thought was for the NDA alumnae still on the course and the current students he knew were watching the race somewhere in the crowd. Then his EMT training kicked in.

While Rick focused on the injured, the NDA community focused on him. Many – including his mother – saw him in the news coverage that day, racing to help the victims. NDA's social media exploded with students and alumnae needing to know that he was okay.

Not surprising to those who know him, Rick refuses to see that he did anything special that day. When asked, "I just did what I was supposed to do, what I was trained to do, and I feel blessed that I was able to help."

Many saw his capacity to care in his actions on Marathon Monday; we have seen it every day since he arrived on campus. Our community is stronger for his presence and his commitment.

Planning for the Future

To create a legacy, it takes a combination of vision and generosity. Members of Notre Dame Academy's McAndrew Society have shown both.

It takes a special individual to see beyond current circumstance to consider making a legacy gift. Financial security, support for family, and present day commitments have to take priority. But with a "planned gift," individuals may discover their giving capacity is much greater than originally thought – and the impact even more substantial. Planning a gift can provide for your needs, those of your spouse, your children, even your grandchildren, while also supporting the Academy's future.

Madeline McAndrew '26F, for whom the McAndrew Society is named, was just one of 3 sisters who graduated from Notre Dame's Fenway campus. As the surviving sister, the assets Madeline left to NDA at her death were combination of the family's devotion to one another and to the school they loved.

The McAndrew family's gift helped set the stage for the first expansion and modernization of Notre Dame in Hingham. Bequests and other planned gifts will continue to carry NDA forward for future generations.

Planned giving is often associated with older individuals, but it's certainly not the exclusive domain of those contemplating retirement. The birth of a child is an important time to review one's estate plans. A new job might offer a life insurance policy that is redundant with other policies purchased to care for your loved ones. And a well-planned retirement gives the opportunity to designate loved family, friends, or a favorite institution as beneficiary of any unused funds.

While most planned gifts are made to fulfill a charitable intent, they can also be a valuable tool in planning one's estate and maximizing the assets passed on to another generation. That's why discussing your options with an attorney or tax advisor is important.

"Planned gifts can take so many forms," says Lynn Page Flaherty, NDA's director of institutional advancement. "But they all share a thoughtfulness and a sense of generosity. Our graduates and parents who include Notre Dame when considering their estate and other financial plans are a truly special group. Too often we don't learn about a gift until after it's too late to say thank you."

With plans to launch a more public discussion about the McAndrew Society and the mutual benefits of planning one's gifts to NDA, Flaherty hopes to talk with more alumnae interested in joining the society. "If we can help someone connect their charitable intentions with a way to take care of their loved ones, it's a good day for all of us."



THE McANDREW SOCIETY

The McAndrew Society honors those who have made Notre Dame Academy part of their legacy through a planned gift. Members of this group have included a bequest provision in a will or trust or provided for NDA through a retirement plan or insurance policy. Members receive updates on the latest campus news and special recognition in the Academy's annual Report on Giving.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL ...

One of the easiest ways to join the McAndrew Society is to include Notre Dame Academy in your will or trust. If your will has already been written, you can make the Academy a beneficiary by simply including a codicil or amendment to your existing will.

Bequests can specify:

- An exact dollar amount
- A percentage of or all of your residuary estate
- A particular asset
- Life income gifts

Outright bequests are fairly common. While your attorney can help you with exact wording, here's a sample.

I give, devise, and bequeath to Notre Dame Academy, a charitable corporation in Hingham, Massachusetts, the sum of \$ _____ or _____ % of the residue of my estate or all my right, title and interest in the property described herein _____.

You should also state whether the gift is unrestricted or for a specific purpose. Please be sure to discuss any specific requests with the Advancement staff to be certain that NDA can fulfill your wishes.

To learn more, please contact Lynn Page Flaherty, director of institutional advancement, at 781.749.5930, ext. 2246 or lflaherty@ndahingham.com.



#GivingTuesday = Success!

We all know Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but have you heard of Giving Tuesday, the national movement to promote philanthropy?

NDA's first Giving Tuesday was a huge success and we exceeded both our goals:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &600 \text{ Acts of Kindness} \\
 + &600 \text{ Donations} \\
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 = &\$10,000 \text{ grant to NDA}
 \end{aligned}$$

More than 645 gifts were made, totaling \$22,000 (plus we added the \$10,000 challenge grant to that total) and students documented nearly 650 acts of kindness during the school day.

So many of you supported this effort – thank you for giving back to NDA!



Students wrote down their acts of kindness on pieces of paper and a paper chain was hung in the hallway. Campus Minister Kristina Simes joined students and Christine McEachern P'15 '17 in creating the chain.



The Sister Mary-Elizabeth Sheehan Book Fund

In the NDA Library, you can find a number of cozy chairs and quiet spots. These were important to Sister Mary-Elizabeth Sheehan, SNDdeN, a lover of young people and of books, who encouraged our students to read outside the classroom. At the time of her death in January, Sister Mary-Elizabeth was the moderator of NDA Book Club.

The Sister Mary-Elizabeth Sheehan Book Fund has been established in her name to perpetuate her love of reading for future generations. Contributions will be used initially to build the collection intended for use by our incoming seventh and eighth graders. Bookplates will be placed in each volume purchased through the fund, signifying that they were purchased in tribute to this very special educator, and plans are being formulated to house the collection in a specially designated area.

Donations can be made at www.ndahingham.com/bookfund or by calling 781.749.5930, ext. 2246.

Out of the Blue Gala

The Out of the Blue Gala on March 29 was a great night for NDA. More than 350 alumnae, parents, and friends helped raise \$176,000 to support financial aid. Thanks to our generous guests and sponsors, more families will receive financial aid in the next school year.

Special thanks to the entire Gala Committee and to Co-Chairs Nicki Reilly Disch '98, Christine McEachern P'15 '17, Kathy Morley P'12 '13 '15, Katie Puzo '98, and Susan Winsper P'15.

Due to copy deadlines, photos from the night will appear in the summer issue of *vita!*



A REUNION GIFT

Have you made yours? All donations, for any purpose, made during an alumna's reunion year count towards her Class Gift. Past Class Gifts have provided desks and chairs in all our classrooms, helped renovate the Cushing Auditorium, and supported students in need.

This year, classes are encouraged to help give the gift of NDA to another girl by making a gift to financial aid. All gifts made by June 30, 2014 will be included in the Class Gift total. Make your donation today at www.ndahingham.com/give.

Classnotes

NEWS RECEIVED THROUGH MARCH 15, 2014



1941

CLASS AGENT

Isabelle Hurley Walsh
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1942

CLASS AGENT

Elizabeth McCarty Grimes

Thank you to **Eileen Fleming Gillis** who joined us at the alumnae luncheon in Naples, FL in March.

1943

CLASS AGENT

Position Available

1944 Reunion

CLASS AGENT

Eleanor Hannigan McKinnon

1945

CLASS AGENT

Position Available

1946

CLASS AGENT

Position Available

1947

CLASS AGENT

Sheila Heffernan Clark

In May of 2013, **Ann Murray Madigan** had the pleasure and the honor of presenting the NDA medallion to her granddaughter, **Audrey Madigan '13**, at Baccalaureate.

1947

CLASS AGENT

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We're so sorry to have left off **Mary Appleton Dandrow** on our legacy list in the last issue of *vita*! Mary's granddaughters, **Lily Dandrow '17** and **Michaela Dodge '17**, are both students at NDA. She also has a granddaughter, **Renee Dandrow '03**, who is a graduate of the Academy.

Please pray for Mary Appleton Dandrow whose grandson Kyle passed away on January 18.

1948

CLASS AGENT

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1949 Reunion

CLASS AGENT

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OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your upcoming reunion on May 3, 2014. Please visit www.ndahingham.com/golden-alumnae to RSVP or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

1950

CLASS AGENT

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The Class of 1950 Roxbury will hold its annual luncheon on Wednesday, May 21 at the Woodland Country Club in Auburndale. Each year about 20 classmates gather for a wonderful time. Memories, pictures, and family stories are circulated with much fun. Any classmates who have not received a "Save the Date" please contact **Ellen Good** (508.785.1682 / albertgood@comcast.net); **Patricia Harrison** (508.358.6679); **Joanne McCarthy** (781.380.3311 / jjmesq@beld.net); or **Paula Trask** (508.429.2429).

1951

CLASS AGENT

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Patricia Lang Fitzgerald wrote that she would like to reconnect with classmates. Please contact Stevie Lee Taylor (781.749.5930, ext. 2247) in the alumnae office to be put in touch with Pat. She also shared that she's looking forward to the Roxbury & Granby Street Luncheon in September.

1952

CLASS AGENT

Position Available

1953

CLASS AGENT - GRANBY

Rita Greene Sullivan
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CLASS AGENT - ROXBURY

Gloria Spriano O'Connor

1954 Reunion

CLASS AGENT

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Thank you to Granby Girls, **Mary Ellen Monahan Curtis**, **Bonnie Walsh Stoloski**, and **Carol Brugman Melley**, for joining us at the alumnae luncheon in Naples, FL in March. **Kathleen Burns Ryan** represented the Roxbury class at the luncheon.

Please keep **Claire Leonard Teska** in your thoughts and prayers. Her husband, Thomas, passed away on March 21.

The Class of 1954 Granby will celebrate their 60th reunion this May. Please join fellow classmates for dinner on Friday, May 2 at the

Nantasket Beach Resort and Hotel at 6:00 p.m. Please contact **Carolyn Nash Blair** at cmbclair8@comcast.net or 781.449.1746 so we can make reservations. We also hope to see you at NDA on Saturday, May 3rd for more reunion festivities!

1955

CLASS AGENT

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1956

CLASS AGENTS

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Virginia Burchill Shannon

1957

CLASS AGENT

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**THANK YOU, SNOWBIRDS!**

Thank you to the lovely ladies in Naples for joining us at the M Waterfront Grille for our annual luncheon on March 4. We had a wonderful time catching up with you.



L-R: Claire Bennett, Mary Lou Bennett McNulty '62R, Kathleen Burns Ryan '54R, Sister Barbara A. Barry SNDdeN '69, Katherine Bennett '68, Anne Louise Bennett Hicks '69, Eileen Fleming Gillis '42R, Patricia White Hull '57R, Bonnie Walsh Stoloski '54G, Marie Battista Barber '62R, Mary Brennan Devin '57R, Mary Ellen Monahan Curtis '54G, Carol Brugman Melley '54G



OIA Note: Thank you **Mary Devin** and **Patricia White Hull** for hosting our Naples, FL luncheon. They made phone calls, sent emails, and worked hard to help spread the word about the event. Thank you so much for all you did to make this event so special!

1958

CLASS AGENTS

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Adele Chapman Urbsas** whose sister Brenda passed away in January.

Please pray for **Peggy Blaney Quirk** whose brother Fr. James R. Blaney, OMI passed away in December.

1959 Reunion

CLASS AGENT

Position Available

OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your 55th reunion on May 3, 2014. Please visit www.ndahingham.com/1959 to RSVP or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247. We will have a special Class of 1959 reception in the NDA Library at 2:00 p.m. on May 3.

1960

CLASS AGENTS

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OIA Note: We had a great time catching up with **Elaine Power Schneider** while on our east coast trip in Florida.

1961

CLASS AGENTS

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Mary Gillen McElroy
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Mary McGivern Bell has been chosen as the 2014 recipient of the Alumnae Association Service Award. Mary followed in her grandmother's footsteps, enrolling at Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury. She has been a loyal ambassador for NDA, always campaigning on behalf of the Academy's mission

and goals. Her three daughters followed her to NDA (**Maura Bell Boucher '88**, **Eileen Bell Tran '97**, **Kat Bell Braim '03**) and now granddaughter **Sarah Boucher** is a freshman. To read more about Mary, please see page 17.

1962

CLASS AGENTS

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Thank you to **Marie Battista Barber** and **Mary Lou Bennett McNulty** for joining us at the alumnae luncheon in Naples, FL in March.

1963

CLASS AGENTS

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Please pray for **Mary Blaney Johnson** whose brother Fr. James R. Blaney, OMI passed away in December.

Bette Ballantyne Mullen, **Maureen Murphy**, and **Roseann Cutroni** had a great time catching up at Tosca in November. The group would like to invite the Roxbury Class of 1963 to the Alumnae Memorial Mass on Saturday, May 3, followed by dinner near NDA. Contact Bette Ballantyne Mullen at bettemlln@aol.com for more information or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

And congratulations to **Bette Ballantyne Mullen** who's son Brian was married in August.



With graduation fast approaching, it's fun to look back on all of the wonderful graduations. Here's Lyda Peters at graduation from Roxbury in 1961.

Celebrating 50 Years in Hingham

This fall will mark 50 years since the doors of the Hingham campus opened. Some of you were here on that very day.

This is an exciting milestone to celebrate and we're looking for alumnae to join us on our "50 Years of Hingham" committee. We will work together to coordinate events and programs to commemorate NDA's 50 years here and pay tribute to our longtime campus in Roxbury.

To join the committee, please contact Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at staylor@ndahingham.com or 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

1964 Reunion

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Joan Sullivan Gray wrote to share some updates. She's currently teaching English at Boston Latin School. She married Hubert Gray from County Sligo, Ireland. They have four grandchildren: Oressa (16), Declan (14), Raven (13), and Niamh (13). Joan was invited to the prestigious Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry at Queens University in Belfast in June 2012.

OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your 50th reunion on May 2 & 3, 2014. Please visit www.ndahingham.com/1964 to RSVP or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

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It was great to see **Katherine Bennett** who joined us at the alumnae luncheon in Naples, FL in March.

OIA Note: Thank you to **Nancy Doyle Graham** for coordinating volunteer night at the Greater Boston Food Bank in January as part of NDA's Catholic School's Week Challenge. This is an annual event, showcasing the impact our Catholic school alumnae can have, and we hope you can join us next year.

1969 Reunion

CLASS AGENT

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Our thoughts and prayers are with **Julie Nesbitt Valiton** who lost her sister suddenly in December.

Thank you to **Anne Louise Bennett Hicks** who joined us at the alumnae luncheon in Naples, FL in March.

OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your 45th reunion on May 3, 2014. In addition to the reunion activities at NDA, the Class of 1969 will host a reunion banquet at the Common Market in Quincy. Please visit

www.ndahingham.com/1969 to RSVP or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

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1978

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Our thoughts go out to **Julianne Malone Bouchard** whose father Edward Malone passed away on November 11.

Please keep **Grace Cotter Regan** in your thoughts; her brother-in-law Mark T. Regan passed away on March 14.

1979 Reunion

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Linda Shaughnessy LeRoy** whose father Jack passed away on February 8.

OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your 35th reunion on May 3, 2014. In addition to the reunion activities at NDA, the Class of 1979 will host a reunion reception at the The Fours in Norwell. Reunion donations will be made in memory of: Suzanne Magner Dekkers, Elizabeth Salapong, Ann Driscoll Hoarty, Leslie Brouillard Carlson, Noreen Benoit Deady, and Laurie Marks Marszalek. Please visit www.ndahingham.com/1979 to RSVP or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

1980

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Thank you **Annemarie Lynch Kenneally** for speaking at our networking night in February. We had a great time hearing about work-life balance from our graduates who are experts in their fields. Annemarie currently works for the Archdiocese of Boston in accounting and finance.

1981

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Kristin Keegan Hunt** whose father Harry passed away on January 17.

Thank you to **Susan Hogan Murphy** for joining us as our featured closing speaker at this year's Career Day at NDA. Susan spoke to the girls about career paths – they're not always straight! The girls had a great time hearing from Susan.

OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your 30th reunion on May 3, 2014. In addition to the reunion activities at NDA, the Class of 1984 will host a reunion reception at the Common Market in Quincy. Please visit www.ndahingham.com/1984 to RSVP or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

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Thank you to **Lynne Mulkerrin** for volunteering on our Out of the Blue Gala committee. The event was a huge success thanks to the incredible work of our volunteers!

1987

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Our thoughts go out to **Eileen Malone Corbett** whose father Edward Malone passed away on November 11. Mr. Malone is also survived by his granddaughter **Caitlin Corbett '17**.

Please pray for **Kristen Stebbins Lesser** whose cousin **Meagan Condon '88** passed away on February 25.

Corbett for volunteering on our Out of the Blue Gala committee. The event was a huge success thanks to the incredible work of our volunteers!

1988

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1989 Reunion

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OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your 25th reunion on May 3, 2014. In addition to the reunion activities at NDA, the Class of 1989 will host a reunion reception at Steel & Rye in Milton. Please visit www.ndahingham.com/1989 to RSVP or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.



Suzanne Jones Walmsley '87 returned to NDA and spoke with the Indoor Track team.

One of NDA's greatest runners returned to NDA and spoke with the Indoor Track team. Suzanne Jones Walmsley, a Harvard graduate and current Boston Athletic Association marathon coach, shared tips on being a successful athlete. She said, "Be honest with yourself about where you are with your training. Do things the right way to be your best athlete."

Thank you to Eileen Malone

1990

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OIA Note: We had a great time catching up with **Rebecca Kirkland O'Donnell** and **Mary Kate Mclaughlin** while on our Naples, FL trip.

LINKED IN WITH
MEG DONNELLY MAHER '93

In this issue, we are profiling Meg Donnelly Maher '93, the catering and private dining manager at Abby Park in Milton. After graduating from NDA, Meg went on to UMass Amherst where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Communications. She is a versatile

professional with experience in sales, event management, hospitality, and customer service. Meg recently joined us as a speaker on event planning at NDA's Career Day and the students loved hearing about her work! She also donated the coat from NDA's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* to the NDA archives. She's always ready and willing to help a fellow NDA graduate!



Find Meg and other alumnae on NDA's LinkedIn page! Search for Notre Dame Academy, Hingham.

1991

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Stephanie Howe Edmonds** whose father Robert passed away on February 8.

Please pray for **Tabitha LaFarge Ross** whose father Richard passed away on March 15.

Jennifer Lammers brought her niece, Sydney Hemmer (daughter of **Courtney Lammers Hemmer '93**) to the open rehearsal of NDA's production of *Aunt Leaf*. Jennifer wanted Sydney to see the seat that she and Courtney bought in support of the Cushing Auditorium renovation.

1992

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Carolyn Hunt** whose father Peter passed away on February 1.

Thank you to **Kate Devin Dauphinais** for volunteering on our Out of the Blue Gala committee. The event was a huge success thanks to the incredible work of our volunteers!

Some of our NDA students were performing an open rehearsal of the one-act play *Aunt Leaf* and, thanks to **Caraid O'Brien**, they received well wishes on a great performance from the playwright herself!

1993

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1994 Reunion

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Thank you **Christine McDonnell Smoragiewicz** for speaking at our networking night in February. We had a great time hearing about work-life balance from our graduates who are experts in their fields. Christine currently works as the CFO for Intervale Capital.

Caren Hill MacInnis' mom has been so touched to hear our class has chosen to make our reunion gifts in memory of Caren.



NDA IN NYC – JUNE 2014

NDA will travel to New York City for a reception hosted by **Beth Pasciucchio '80**. If you live or work near the city, please join us for cocktails and light appetizers.

The date and time will be posted soon at www.ndahingham.com. To be sure you receive more information about this event, please contact Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at staylor@ndahingham.com or 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

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OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your 40th reunion on May 3, 2014. In addition to the reunion activities at NDA, the Class of 1974 will host a reception at Orta in Pembroke. Reunion donations will be made in memory of: Elizabeth Hill Cavanaugh, Nancy Foyne, Maire Haley, and Gail O'Brien. Please visit

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Susan Shaughnessy Harrison** whose father Jack passed away on February 8.

Please pray for **Carolyn Silva Devine** whose father Daniel passed away on March 16.

1977

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Our thoughts go out to **Patricia Malone Perry** whose father Edward Malone passed away on November 11.

Please pray for **Courtney Beckerman** whose father Michael passed on February 28.

OIA Note: We hope you will join us for your 20th reunion on May 3, 2014. In addition to the reunion activities at NDA, the Class of 1994 will host a reunion reception at Tosca in Hingham. Any reunion donations will be made in memory of **Caren Hill MacInnis**. Please visit www.ndahingham.com/1994 to RSVP or call Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at 781.749.5930, ext. 2247.

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Christine Hunt** whose father Peter passed away on February 1.

Thank you to **M.E. Puzo Bailey** for volunteering on our Out of the Blue Gala committee. The event was a huge success thanks to the incredible work of our volunteers!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Jennifer Howe Juriewicz** whose father Robert passed away on February 8.

Please pray for **Kristina Beckerman Rull** whose father Michael passed on February 28.

1997

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Please pray for **Sally Stebbins** whose cousin **Meagan Condon '88** passed away on February 25.

1998

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Congrats to **Katie Malley Baptiste** who welcomed a son in February.

Thank you to **Katie Puzo** and **Nicki Reilly Disch** for co-chairing this year's Out of the Blue Gala which provides NDA with critical funds for financial aid, as well as support for special projects.

It was great catching up with **Tanis Gray!** She recently finished her sixth and seventh advanced knitting books for publication. She also recently won the Daughters of the American Revolution Women in the Arts Award for the second time and came in first in the nation for Fiber

Arts. She also has a regularly featured spot on PBS' *Knitting Daily* TV. She joined the Mayflower Society and was recently asked to teach at the Smithsonian this summer. She is godmother to **Katie Malley Baptiste's** son and is lives in Alexandria, VA.

1999 – Fall Reunion

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Please pray for **Caroline Stebbins** whose cousin **Meagan Condon '88** passed away on February 25.

Thank you to **Colleen Manning Parnell** who joined us for NDA's Career Day in March. Colleen, and her sister, **Kelly Manning Collins '95**, were featured speakers and shared tips with the students about identifying the right career.

Cassandra Stuart Clark and her family have recently relocated to Gaborone, Botswana for a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Department of State. Cassandra supports State's International Law Enforcement Academy in Gaborone and Regional Training Center in Ghana, while her husband is the Assistant Regional Security Officer at the Embassy. They plan to take full



advantage of the safari and camping options to explore the Southern Africa region.

OIA Note: We had a great time catching up with **Jennifer Boussy Carroll** while on our east coast trip in Florida.

2000

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Caroline Cook recently started a new job as the director of events for the American Lung Association in Pennsylvania. If you're in or near the Philadelphia area, Caroline would love to connect!

2001

CLASS AGENT

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Elizabeth McCarthy Cardiasmenos was featured in a January South Shore Living magazine article about Milton Public Schools. Elizabeth teaches 5th grade French immersion. The profile also included her own first grade French class picture which contains two more NDA Class of 2001 alumnae: **Alyssa Mazeika** and **Kristina Bakis**. Talk about a lasting friendship!

2002

CLASS AGENTS

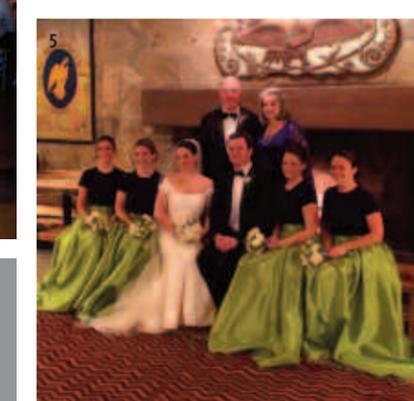
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Congratulations to **Rebecca Roberts Jurgela** and her husband Mark who welcomed twin girls Mackenzie and Madelyn on October 4. See photos.

Congratulations to **AC Gaughen** whose book, "Lady Thief," the second in the Scarlet trilogy, debuted on February 11. She was featured in the *Boston Globe*.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Jillian Harrison Dumas** and **Melissa Shaughnessy Hux** whose grandfather Jack passed away on



1 & 2 Rebecca Roberts Jurgela '02 welcomed twin girls on October 4.

3 Andrea Thurler Edwards '02 married Will Edwards in September. Class of 2002 graduates Nikki Imbergamo, Nora Hanna, Brittany Carroll, Megan Dart, Erin Hynes and Robin Kelley were all there to celebrate!

4 A few photos from Leah Moschella's '02 tour of the 50 states.

5 Julie Spatola Kukesh '02 was married in January 2014.

Fall Reunions

ATTENTION 1999, 2004, and 2009

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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.

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Kirsten Hughes was this year's Out of the Blue Gala emcee and we were so lucky to have her. Kirsten did a fantastic job energizing the crowd and raising money for financial aid! Way to go, Kirsten!

Thank you to **Kelly Manning Collins** who joined us for NDA's Career Day in March. Kelly, and her sister, **Colleen Manning Parnell '99**, were featured speakers and shared tips with the students about identifying the right career.

1996

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NDA's Graduate of the Year is **Meghan Field**, project manager for European Communities Against Trafficking. Meghan lives and works in London and is a leader in the effort to eliminate violence against women and children. Meghan joined us from London and spent two days speaking to current students about violence against women, advocating for the end of human trafficking, and about the roots of her work beginning at NDA. To read more about Meghan, please see page 16.

Thank you **Kameelah Benjamin-Fuller** for speaking at our networking night in February. We had a great time hearing about work-life balance from our graduates who are experts in their fields. Kameelah currently works as senior faculty at Korn/Ferry International and is also the founder of G-Rock Music.

CLASS AGENTS: We Need You!

This summer we will reach out to our class agents about the new Class Agent initiative. In addition to gathering class notes for *vita!*, we are hoping to engage our agents in other ways as well. We need your help finding lost classmates, encouraging event attendance, outreach, reunion planning, and more. You are the volunteers we rely on to keep in touch with your class and we couldn't do our work without you. Please be on the lookout for more information.

If you're interested in becoming a class agent, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Director of Alumnae Relations Stevie Lee Taylor at staylor@ndahingham.com or 781.749.5930, ext. 2247 to join our committee.

Becky Murray, Suzanne Timmons Wilzbach, Anna Roach, Katie Pinch, and Courtney Whale. See photo.

In October, **Leah Moschella** officially completed her 50 states tour! She set out to visit each state in middle school — way to go Leah!

Lisa Glynn will be making a move to NYC for a new position at Columbia University's Zuckerman Institute. Lisa will bring her experience from Boston University's development team to Columbia as the new Assistant Director of Events and Programs.

2003

CLASS AGENT

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Please pray for **Sara Leigh Murphy** whose cousin **Meagan Condon '88** passed away on February 25.

Please pray for **Renee Dandrow** whose brother Kyle passed away on January 18.

Brittany Shellington wrote to update us on her current position in Relationship Development and Marketing at Allstate Glass in Weymouth.

February 8.

Christine Mihal Vasapoli married Tyson Vasapoli in Abington on August 4, 2013. The bridesmaids included: **Jessica Krantz Crowley '02, Caitlin Munkley Macdonald '02, Lauren Leverone O'Neill '02, Kelli O'Brien Rodgers '02, Allison Lum Smyth '03, and Meghan Mulaney Wilkes '02.** Other 2002 NDA graduates in attendance were: **Brook Capello, Francesca Dibona, Lisa Glynn, Katie Hall, Lisa Kelly Hart, and Jenna Paone.** Tyson is a graphic designer and Christine is a psychology instructor at Framingham State University.

The 2014 Outstanding Recent Graduate award went to **Kate Kelley** who created the Ubumwe Basketball Program in Rwanda. The organization's mission is to "rejuvenate the lives of marginalized youth, build self-esteem, promote healthy lifestyles, and inspire a joyful spirit among the children who continue to bear the burden of their country's traumatic and deeply wounded past." Kate couldn't attend this year's Gala due to her being in Rwanda, but Kate's sister,

Brittany Kelley '05, accepted the award on her behalf. To read more about Kate, please see page 16.

Andrea Thurler Edwards married Will Edwards on September 21, 2013. Class of 2002 graduates **Nikki Imbergamo, Nora Hanna, Brittany Carroll, Megan Dart, Erin Hynes and Robin Kelley** celebrated with the couple on their special day! In May 2013, Andrea completed her doctoral degree in nursing and was appointed to the faculty of MGH Institute of Health Professions. She continues to work full time at MGH as a Nurse Practitioner in the GI unit. See photo.

Thank you **Julie Spatola Kukesh** for speaking at our networking night in February. We had a great time hearing about work-life balance from our graduates who are experts in their fields. Julie currently works as a Senior Enterprise Inbound Marketing Consultant at HubSpot. And congratulations to Julie on her wedding! Julie married Jeffrey Kukesh in January at the Woodstock Inn in Vermont. Classmates in attendance were:



2004 – Fall Reunion

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Kristen McGill will be running the 2014 Boston Marathon on TeamMR8 in honor of Martin Richards, a victim of the Boston Marathon 2013. Kristen was an Indoor and Outdoor Varsity Track and Field participant at NDA. She later went on to compete at the D1 level at the University of Rhode Island. Her love for running resulted in wanting to complete a marathon. Last year, she planned to check it off her "to-do" list, but only made it to mile 25 before she was stopped as a result of the bombings. This year she is excited to run in Martin's memory and help raise money for his foundation and message of "no more hurting people – peace."

Please pray for **Beth Regan** who lost her father in March.

Kathleen Wasiolek Hessler was married on October 13 at Saint Mary of the Sacred Heart in Hanover. The reception was held at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset. Several alumnae were in attendance to celebrate the occasion! See photo.

Shea (Melissa) Spillane is a rising star in the comedy world. The *Patriot Ledger* featured her in January after she competed in the Boston Comedy Festival. "For Boston comedians, it is very exciting. It's how we gauge if we have been working hard enough," Spillane said. Way to go, Shea!



Congratulations to **Meaghan Pallotta** who married Doug Tuttle here at the NDA Chapel. Soon after the wedding, the couple headed off to live in Nairobi!

2005

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Please pray for **Molly English** whose cousin **Meagan Condon '88** passed away on February 25.

Jennifer Kane married Cody Hedglin on July 6, 2013. Several NDA alumnae joined in celebrating the couple, including matron of honor **Kimberly Knasas DeMello**, bridesmaids **Melissa McDonough '05** and **Jennifer Bustin '06**, and guests **Jennifer Durant '05** and **Marie Ameral Knasas '74**.



1 *Kristen McGill '04, her cousin Annie Roddy, and Katherine McGill '04 at last year's Boston Marathon Expo event.*
 2 *Jill Pallotta '05, Amanda Leahy '04, Meaghan Pallotta Tuttle '04, and Meaghan White Krajewski '04 at Meaghan's wedding at NDA in September 2013.*
 3 *Kathleen Wasiolek Hessler '04 was married in October and had several NDA alumnae in attendance. L-R Patricia Wasiolek '01 (Maid of Honor), Nicole Fallon Rosenfeld '04, and Alison Woods '04.*

Cody and Jennifer met in Texas during their nurse residency program and are currently nurses in the greater Boston area.

Jessica Stadelmann is currently teaching Social Studies at the American School in Cairo, Egypt.

2007

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Rachel Sparks has been writing a blog during her time volunteering in the Peace Corps in the Philippines. We were so relieved to hear that Rachel was safe during the typhoon that hit in November and caused catastrophic destruction.

GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK – WHAT A TEAM!

This winter, a group of 20 NDA volunteers packed 5,519 meals for those in need at the Greater Boston Food Bank. The meals were distributed to local food pantries and organizations. Thank you to **Nancy Doyle Graham '68** for organizing the effort.

Next year's date is January 28, 2015! We hope to see you there.



On December 6, **Caroline Shea** completed Officer Candidate School at Naval Station Newport. Caroline was commissioned and headed to Pensacola, Florida to become a naval flight officer.

Nicole Huxley just received her Doctorate in Pharmacology and is now working at CVS and Mass General as a Pharmacist.

2008

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OIA Note: Thank you to **Ashley Simmons**, NDA's new admissions assistant, who spoke at our young alumnae social night in February.

2009 – Fall Reunion

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Please pray for **Caitlyn Donovan** whose father Stephen passed away on February 11.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Taryn LeRoy** whose grandfather Jack passed away on February 8.

Kara Dunford is finishing her master's degree in political management this semester. She's taking courses in crisis management, principled political leadership, lobbying, and digital advertising. She was recently accepted to a master's program in politics and communication at The London School of Economics.

Ellesse Lunde and **Catherine Paquin**, joined by other young alumnae, returned to NDA to speak to current engineering students. The graduates discussed the transition from NDA to college engineering classes and shared their knowledge on internships, co-ops, and job opportunities. Ellesse is studying Civil Engineering at Purdue and Catherine is studying Mechanical Engineering at UMass Amherst.

Molly Burke is working as an account executive in Edelman Worldwide's Calgary office.

OIA Note: Thank you to **Kelsey Reilly**, our new freshman basketball coach, who spoke about NDA Athletics at our young alumnae social night in February.

2010

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Lenna Dwyer Sliney married USAF Staff Sergeant Garrick Sliney on August 17, 2013. The couple met at the 2008 Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival when Lenna was a student at NDA. **Kerri McPhail '12**, **Lori Dwyer '12** (maid of honor), and **Stacey Lawson '10** were all there to celebrate.

2011

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Mary Curtis returned to NDA to speak to current art students about majoring in fashion merchandising at the Savannah School of Art and Design.

2012

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Sarah Brennan came in 45th at the NCAA Northeast Division 2 cross country championship for Bentley College.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Gabrielle Hunt** whose grandfather Harry Keegan passed away on January 17. We also received news that Gabby, a sophomore at Northeastern, has started a co-op at Selecta Biosciences, working



1 *Erin Kelley '12 and Mary Curtis '11 attend the Savannah School of Art and Design and spoke with our art students.*
 2 *The Engineering class enjoyed an informative visit from five young alumnae who are studying engineering in college. From L-R: Ellesse Lunde '09, Catherine Paquin '09, Shannon Usher '13, Gabrielle Hunt '12, and Gianna Terravecchia '12*
 3 *Lenna Dwyer Sliney '10 married USAF Staff Sergeant Garrick Sliney in August. Kerri McPhail '12, Lori Dwyer '12 (Maid of Honor), Catherine Anderson, and Stacey Lawson '10 were all there to celebrate.*

in process engineering for the company's nanoparticle vaccines.

Erin Kelley returned to NDA to speak to current art students about majoring in graphic design at the Savannah School of Art and Design.

Gabrielle Hunt and **Gianna Terravecchia**, joined by other young alumnae, returned to NDA to speak to current engineering students. The graduates discussed the transition from NDA to college engineering classes and shared their knowledge on internships, co-ops, and job opportunities. Gabrielle is studying Chemical Engineering at Northeastern and Gianna is studying Chemical Engineering at WPI.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Erin LeRoy** whose grandfather Jack passed away on February 8.

After graduating from NDA, **Olivia Lehane** went on to study in London with Northeastern University. While there, she visited Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Paris – she quickly got the travel bug! She recently returned from a trip to Bahia de Caráquez, Ecuador with

the Global Student Embassy, a youth leadership organization. For the first part of the trip, she worked to promote the reforestation of the land by planting trees. During the second part of the trip, she taught English to young students in the local schools.

2013

CLASS AGENTS

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Shannon Usher returned to NDA to speak to current engineering students. Shannon, along with other alumnae, discussed the transition from NDA to college engineering classes and shared her knowledge on internships, co-ops, and job opportunities. Shannon is studying Computer Engineering at UMass Amherst.

In Memoriam

Listings reflect notifications received by the Office of Institutional Advancement through March 15, 2014. 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 vital and the Intentions section of the Alumnae E-Newsletter. Should you wish to have a classmate or family member remembered, please contact alumnae@ndabingham.com.

1930s

Catherine Hayes Queally '35R passed away on November 8. Catherine earned her degree from Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1939, and received master's degrees from Boston University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Marguerite Barthel White '35R passed away on November 12. Marguerite worked for the *Patriot Ledger* for many years in the circulation department. She is survived by her daughter, two grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

1940s

Katherine Farrell Manthorne '41G passed away on January 16, 2013. She earned a Master of Arts degree from Georgetown University in American History, and a Bachelor of Arts from Emmanuel College. Katherine was a Professor of Children's Literature at Framingham State College. She is survived by her four children and three grandchildren.

Mary Carroll Tibbetts '41G passed away on January 22. Mary, along with her husband Dick, founded Scituate Associates, Inc., a real estate development company. They built more than 100 homes in Scituate and other south shore towns. Mary is survived by her four children, eleven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Irene Browne Cotell '44R passed away in January. She was a 1948 graduate of Emmanuel College with a B.A. in mathematics and later earned her M.S. in mathematics from Boston University. After her graduate degree, she returned to Emmanuel where she taught math until 1953, when she went to work for the U.S. Air Force at Cambridge Research Labs as a geophysicist. In 1960, she was invited to travel to the Air Force Station in the Arctic Circle. This trip represented one of the earliest forays above that latitude ever undertaken by women. While there, Irene met her husband, Robert Cotell. She is survived by her four children and three grandchildren.

Claire Reilly Moynihan '47R passed away on December 8. Claire attended Emmanuel College and went on to earn graduate degrees at Boston University and Boston College. She is survived by her three children and eight grandchildren.

Patricia Molloy Chishold '47G passed away on December 24. She attended Burdett Business School and started working at the Federal Reserve

Bank of Boston in 1955. She is survived by her five children, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Katherine Hastings Shea '48R passed away on December 25. Katherine attended Boston Teachers College and Framingham State College. She devoted 30 years to teaching in the Framingham school system.

1950s

Brenda O'Connor Connelly '51R passed away on October 4. She is survived by her four children and seven grandchildren.

Phyllis Gaffney Pollard '54G passed away on February 3. She had been residing in Eliot, Maine.

Joan Sullivan Bacon '55R passed away on December 15. She is survived by her son and dear extended family.

1960s

Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Donnell Downey '60R passed away on December 30. She attended



Stonehill College where she met and married her loving husband of 50 years, Richard Downey. She is survived by her husband and their four children, 12 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Pauline Mayr White '60R passed away on January 10. She received her Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Emmanuel College and, as a Sister of Notre Dame for 16 years, she dedicated her life to educating young men and women.

1980s

Meagan Condon '88 passed away on February 25. She received her Bachelor's Degree from George Washington University and later received her Master's Degree from George Mason University. Meagan worked for Putnam Investments for several years and was currently employed at Pioneer Investments in Boston.

Friends & Family

Joan Meallo, mother of **Lindsey Meallo '14**, passed away on November 30, 2013.



Sister Mary-Elizabeth Sheehan, SNDdeN, died on January 4, 2014. Sister Mary-Elizabeth was born Mary Margaret Sheehan in Boston, daughter of John J. and Mary E. (Brennan) Sheehan. She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1945. She graduated from Emmanuel College in 1957 and earned a master's degree from Salem State University in 1962. Sister Mary-Elizabeth was an educator in Notre Dame schools for more than 50 years. She taught elementary grades for 17 years at schools in Cambridge, Providence, and Lawrence before serving as principal of schools in Worcester and Lawrence.

We, at NDA, were blessed by her presence for twenty years. When she first arrived she taught English and world history and had a freshman homeroom. Nine years ago she transitioned to the library and conducted a book club with the students. She went about quietly, encouraging the students to do the right thing, to study hard, speak correctly, and wear the proper uniform!

At her celebration of life ceremony, we heard so many wonderful stories from former students and colleagues whose lives were shaped by her guidance. May she rest in peace.

Please see page 19, to read about the Sister Mary-Elizabeth Sheehan Book Fund.



Playing With Nature – By Kayla Burgess '14

Using plastic wrap and packing tape, senior Kayla Burgess created this unique sculpture for her Advanced Placement 3-D Design class. She describes the process, "I would wrap my own body with the plastic wrap and then cut it off. The hair was the most difficult part and was very time consuming."

Her efforts were well rewarded. She received the very coveted "American Vision Nomination" at the *Boston Globe* Scholastic Art Competition. Only five artists were selected from more than 14,000 entries in this state-wide competition. Congratulations, Kayla!



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