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## GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW PRESIDENT, DR. JUDITH DWYER

By MARGAUX STELTZ ('16)

On October 3rd, the Notre Dame community celebrated Dr. Dwyer's arrival as our new president. She is a living testament of the heights women can attain, and thus encapsulates our mission to inspire young women. What better way to lead than to lead by example?

I was fortunate enough to sit down and talk face-to-face with Dr. Dwyer about the real issues for our campus today. Perhaps we did not get quite that technical, but we did discuss her past, her present, her experiences getting better acquainted with the student body, and her plans for our beloved school.

Dr. Dwyer was drawn to this position at Notre Dame because she wanted to lead a high school like ours. She herself went to an all-girls Catholic academy and felt that the experience had changed her life, making her more confident and teaching her leadership skills. To be able to lead such an academy, especially one that is close to her hometown, was an opportunity she did not want to pass up. (Plus, once she met the Board of Trustees and a few of the students, she was hooked on us. :))

In high school, Dr. Dwyer participated in many activities. she was captain of her high school basketball team, president of the athletic association, editor of the sports page, and on the student council. Because she dedicat-



Dr. Dwyer with Sara Lament ('17), Reilly Bonner ('17) and Janet Wu ('16)

ed herself to her activities, she learned many important leadership skills that have stayed with her to this day. It seems that she was always an overachiever... and a neatnik. We then discussed what Dr. Dwyer would do differently if she had to chance to go back to her high school years. She revealed that she would have taken advantage of more travel opportunities. She went to Europe with her school as "a newly minted high school graduate." It was

a very cultural visit that included museums, an outdoor opera in Italy, and an exchange experience with an Irish family in Dublin. She and her peers immersed themselves in the cultural, religious and social gems that were related to Great Britain. Now, she always encourages students to embrace any travel opportunities (whether to Europe or Washington, D.C.)!

After we discussed her past, I asked Dr. Dwyer about her plans for Notre Dame in the next 5-6 years. She is looking forward to 2020 to see the expansion of the academic curriculum and international travel opportunities; other areas of improvement include athletics (through the new fields), the arts, and the sciences. Dr. Dwyer is also working on and supervising the capital campaign and restorations of the Mansion. Students, if you have any ideas for improving our school, she would like to encourage you to let her know! However, Dr. Dwyer asserts that no matter what changes we will go through, we will keep our legacy, our wonderful

sense of community and our core values because they are critical to who we are.

Finally, I asked Dr. Dwyer about her favorites in two categories popular with ND girls: pets and boys. Dr. Dwyer likes animals, but she doesn't have a pet of her own; she's very busy and thinks it would be unfair to leave the animal alone for so many hours at a time. As for boys, I asked Dr. Dwyer to tell us about her own "Man-crush Monday" [translation: Celebrity Crush]. After I explained the concept, Dr. Dwyer named many famous actors and singers that she has admired, but after some further consideration she came to the conclusion that her "Man-crush Monday" is the one and only Paul McCartney. Good choice!



## WOMAN WITH A MISSION: MS. MADELEINE HARKINS

By KATHERINE TAGUE ('15)

Notre Dame's new dean of students, Ms. Harkins, is a busy woman. By day she supervises student-school relations for ND's High School and Middle Schools, and by night she trains for marathons. Her drive and spirit to improve Notre Dame speaks for itself, though, and her background in women's education is a welcome asset to Notre Dame's administration. Last Thursday, she was generous enough to spare the time to answer some questions for *The Gates*.

What is your favorite part of ND?

**It has to be the students; they're very nice. They always say hello to me in the morning...some of them, most of them--the ones who have gotten a good night's sleep!**

What do you hope to accomplish in your time here?

**I hope to make an environment where everyone is comfortable, happy, and has opportunities to do things that they like that are not academic. [Essentially,] I hope to just provide opportunity.**

What would be an ideal Saturday for you?

**These days, it would be sleeping in. Since starting this job, I don't get to sleep at all. I also usually exercise, or go to a Villanova football game. But definitely sleep would be my top priority at the moment.**

How did you get involved in Marathoning?

**A woman I worked with, another teacher, was running a marathon and I thought "Oh, I can do it," and we started running together. I hate the actual process of running, but I like the end result and the feeling of accomplishment. But the actual four hours I spend running is boring! I do like to know, though, that on any given Sunday by 10 AM I have run 20 miles...I feel like "What did you do today?" "Oh, I ran twenty miles."**

How does working at Notre Dame differ from previous jobs you've had?

**Well, I was a teacher at The Mount, so it's completely different, because I'm not teaching. But it's not that different, I mean, high-school girls are high school girls--having the Middle Schoolers is a little bit different, I guess.**



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# Tori Rooney's Sports Page



Above: The field hockey team enjoys their first practice on the new turf fields!

## FALL SPORTS RECAP

The start of the 2014-2015 is here and more exciting than ever! In NDA's realm of all things SPORTS, there is a lot to cover! Despite some minor setbacks and slow starts, our fall sports teams remain looking spiffy, sporty and top-notch. High school soccer and field hockey are surely adjusting to their new home field, "Tee's," in Conshohocken but are eager to see the turnout of our new, beautiful fields! Now for the technical stuff... fall sport stats and records are as followed: (as of mid-October)

- High School Varsity Field Hockey: 5-4-1; 3-2 (league)
  - High School Junior Varsity Field Hockey: 8-0-1; 3-0-1 (league)
  - High School Varsity Soccer: 4-7-1; 0-2 (league)
  - High School Junior Varsity Soccer: 6-3-1; 0-3 (league)
  - High School Varsity Volleyball: 12-3; 6-0 (league)
  - High School JV Volleyball: 13-3; 6-0 (league)
  - High School Varsity Tennis: 11-2; 2-2 (league)
  - High School Junior Varsity Tennis: 5-6; 0-4 (league)
  - Cross Country: 3-4; 2-4 (league)
- Inter-Ac and PAISAA Championships:  
V--5th place; JV--1st place

Clearly we are reaching the peak for prime time sports excitement, with November now upon us. There are many exciting league games and meets that the ND community is encouraged to attend and enthusiastically support!

Taking a look at Tennis's outstanding achievements and performance thus far, I had the chance to speak with Varsity's head coach, Steven Hall, regarding his excitement and aspirations for the remainder of their season. "The season has been awesome so far! We have a great mix of young talent (3 freshmen) and veteran leadership (3 seniors) who book end the team and a great group of sophomores and juniors nestled in between. We have had the best start to a season in ND tennis history! The team has also set a few notable school records. Besides the undefeated record through 8 matches, they broke the record for most wins in a season (previously 7), broke the record for Inter-Ac wins in a season (previously 1), and, on September 30th, they beat Baldwin for the very first time!" Coach Hall has many reasons to be proud of his squad.

Also highlighted in Notre Dame's Varsity sports at the moment is Volleyball. I feel as though their progress, success and sense of teamwork sometimes goes unrecognized. I sat down with senior captain Meagan Milligan and scored some wise words from her about her attitude on the season: "The success that we have had in the past few years definitely keeps the team motivated, because all of the girls know what we are capable of accomplishing and many have experienced the satisfaction of winning things like the Inter-Ac and PAISAA championship. Also, since volleyball is such a team sport, the close friendships we have on and off the court factor into our success." Whenever you can, be sure to check out one of volleyball's exciting matches--definitely not something you want to miss!



# DIGGING THE CONSTRUCTION

## DR. DWYER TAKES US INSIDE WHAT'S OUTSIDE

BY RACHEL WEBER AND BRIANNA HEFFERNAN ('16)

The 2014-2015 school year will definitely go down in Notre Dame history as one full of big changes. Unless you've been half asleep during these past few months (which is entirely possible), you have noticed that the aforementioned changes include digging up half of our campus. Construction is currently underway on our new turf fields, softball diamond, and track, and there are numerous mountains of dirt surrounding the school entrance to remind us of it. While progress has clearly been made, the longevity of this project has left many students asking the same question: what exactly is going on out there? *The Gates* went straight to the highest authority, Dr. Dwyer, to get the dirt on the dirt.

In case you have forgotten, the new athletic fields are only the beginning of the Academy's capital campaign to improve our campus and its features. According to Dr. Dwyer, our school aspires to have the finest athletic facilities on the East Coast, a dream which this project will help us achieve. It all began with last year's groundbreaking ceremony, which truly feels like a lifetime ago. Dr. Dwyer assures us, however, that the construction is on schedule. We will soon stop having to leave campus for every practice, and our president says we have ourselves to thank for that. If it weren't for our cooperation in respecting the construction area, not nearly as much progress could have been made.

We are also grateful for the dedication of the construction workers, all of whom have put hours and hours of labor into this project. Dr. Dwyer has been in close contact with them throughout the entire process. In fact, she has been involved since April 1st of last year, which was before her presidency even began! That was when the board asked her to join the mission, and ever since they have been working hard to finish it. The first step was to find a construction company who would help attain this goal. The board soon signed a contract with KC Construction and continues to meet with them on a weekly basis for updates. Dr. Dwyer, along with David England and Caryn Frank, represent our school every Wednesday when they meet with the site managers to discuss developments and schedules. The workers themselves have voiced during these meetings that they are highly appreciative of Notre Dame's cooperation and of the high quality work that is being done here. Overall, they love working here at ND.

Also, in case you haven't noticed, our school is relatively old. *The Gates* was curious as to whether we could dig up gossip on any interesting finds that could have arisen during excavation. Was that rumor about an underground tunnel from the mansion true? Dr. Dwyer says no, the only things found were some big rocks and water pipes, which were probably placed there by the mansion's previous owner considering he owned a water company. Don't be too discouraged, though, for Dr. Dwyer

reminded us that only the front of the campus has been dug up. The possibility of a tunnel may still remain!

As a former athlete herself, Dr. Dwyer expressed her excitement to us regarding the opportunities that these new fields will provide us. There will undoubtedly be a lift in the enthusiasm and school spirit as athletic leaders emerge due to the access to the facilities. Not only that, but we will now be able to extend a hospitable Notre Dame welcome to other schools as we can now host tournaments on campus. These will bring a larger audience comprising both students and parents, which will raise the team morale as a result. Potential future students considering joining Notre Dame will definitely be enticed after seeing the new facilities as well.

Dr. Dwyer emphasized the fact that this project is a highly ambitious one, and proves Notre Dame's leadership in attempting to complete it. The construction hope that similar leadership will be found on the fields as student athletes and fans rise to the occasion to show our ND pride. We certainly are fortunate to be gaining such an ambitious addition to our campus!

## COMING SOON: NEW AT“TRACK”TIONS

BY KATRINA SEYKORA ('15)

The “Our Time to Inspire” Campaign's first initiative is nearly complete. A track, two turf fields, and a new softball diamond are in the final weeks of construction and Notre Dame athletics could not be more excited. Field hockey and soccer hope for the opportunity to play a couple of games on the new fields at the conclusion of their seasons, while the indoor track team is ready to brave the elements and run on the track throughout the winter months because they are just that excited about it.

Coach Nick Vechik discuss what a track would mean to the team: “One of the biggest changes will be the ability to train on a good surface every day and get in lots of practice with field event facilities. Imagine trying to practice volleyball without daily access to a net, and you can gain some appreciation for how hard it's been for our girls to be good at what they do. Yet we have had a lot of success in the past 5-10 years in spite of that--we've had league titles, state champions, all-time state record holders, and All-Americans. Now that we will have access to top-notch facilities, I am extremely excited by the possibilities, and also excited that, for the first time in school history, we will finally be able to host a home track meet. We have a handful on the schedule for next year, and I encourage teachers, students, administrators, and everyone else to come out and support us! We have over 50 girls on our team, all of whom get to compete at each League meet, so I can guarantee everyone in the ND community knows at least one athlete who will be running, jumping, hurdling, or throwing.”

The excitement for the first home meet will hopefully become contagious as this part of the campaign is not simply meant to benefit

just athletes, but to benefit the ND community in its softball, lacrosse, and outdoor track will have their entire season to use the brand new facilities when they begin in the spring. Student athletes across all sports are anxious for the new opportunities, and they hope for bigger student attendance at sporting events. Lucky the Leprechaun will be there! Will you? ND sports teams have proven they have what it takes to win. Now that they have the best facilities available, the sky's the limit for these stellar student competitors!



## FALL HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATICS PREVIEW

By KATHERINE TAGUE ('15)

Over the course of August and September, Notre Dame, St. Joe's Prep, and Malvern Prep, held auditions for their fall musicals and plays. All three programs invited Notre Dame girls to audition, and while the actual dates of the shows run close together, each production has something unique to offer.

Over the summer, the ND Theatre Program experienced a little revamping. Mr. Bryan Deitzler took over the program as Director and Co-producer, alongside two other co-producers--Mrs. Pam Devenney as Choreographer, and Mrs. Lindsey Miller as Musical Director. Since then, this talented team has been entirely committed to enhancing the program and producing a truly stellar show; bringing with them innovations like a brand new program website, program



email, and text message alert system. Auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* took place in August, and the cast went to work at once, finally producing a show complete with students from sixth through twelfth grade, and a new-and-improved, student-run, managerial staff. Senior Marygrace Hallinan, who plays the Scarecrow, says "It is an absolute honor to work with Bryan [Deitzler]. He is exceptionally organized, and does a really great job directing such a diverse cast." Undoubtedly, these changes are exciting for the actors involved, as well as the audience. While everyone knows the story of Dorothy, Toto, The Witches, Scarecrow, Tinman, and Lion, ND's version of this classic musical packed an exciting punch with over thirty five ensemble members, exciting



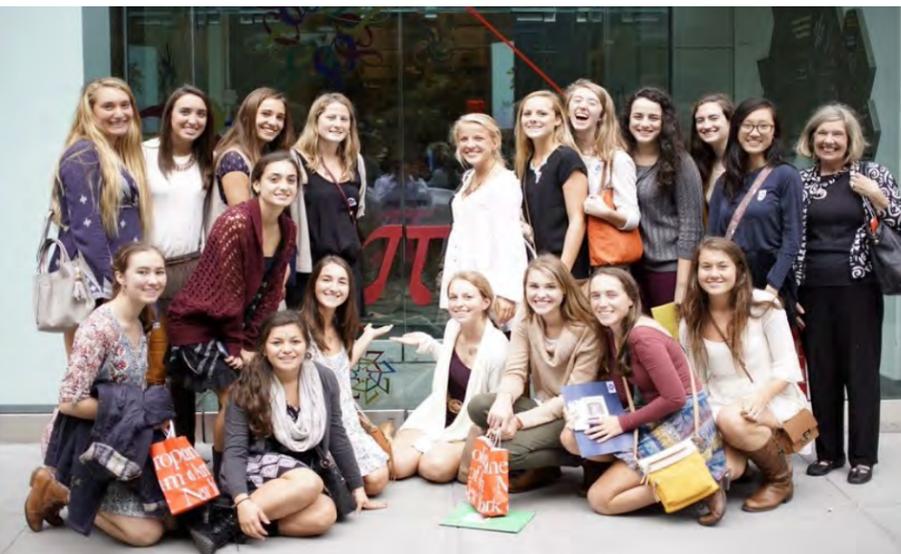
choreography to compliment the classic score, three live dogs to play the role of "Toto," and some very talented male cast members from Radnor High School and Salesianum. The cast was thrilled to present this production to ND this fall, and hopes that going forward the enhancements to the theater program will remain rewarding for the whole ND community.

Performances last weekend were a tremendous success! Congratulations, Everyone!

### A LETTER TO OUR FELLOW MATH STUDENTS

Just in case you have not heard, Notre Dame has opened its very own Math Center! It is similar to the Writing Center... but better. (No offense Writing Fellows.) We are the Master Math Mentors (M<sup>3</sup>), and we are available to you every school day. We are open first through sixth time slots, Monday through Thursday. Periods 1 through 5 are in Room 13, next to the teacher's lounge, and in Room 6 at 6th (see how easy we make working with numbers?). If you're anything like me, you're going to prefer doing math with us to wrestling through those problems in seclusion near some empty chairs. Contrary to popular belief, mathematics is not always a great time alone...so help us help you! Come to the new Math Resource Center! We will find your  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \text{your math potential}} u$  (and here's a hint to that one: there is no limit).

Don't any need math help? Then how about a little help with  $\pi$  (pie)? See? We've got plenty of that to share. XOXO, M<sup>3</sup> (pictured below)



Over at Malvern Prep, students from Malvern, Villa Maria Academy, and Notre Dame are hard at work rehearsing for a show a little bit different from the gaiety of munchkins, wizards, and witches. The Malvern Theatre Society will be producing *The Laramie Project*, a play written by Moisés Kaufman and his team at the Tectonic Theatre Company, in response to the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay political science major at the University of Wyoming. The play is performed by reenacting the interviews the Tectonic Theatre Company conducted with people of Laramie, Wyo., in the days following Matt's attack. Students at MTS have prepared for the show by speaking to Andy Paris, who is a member of Tectonic Theatre Company, a co-writer of the play itself, and a character featured in the show. ND Sophomore Ally Carbonar says, "He was super helpful and answered our questions with real thought. He treated us like like adults." Because of the show's overarching theme of acceptance for all people (many of the characters in the show are homosexuals in their own right and share their struggles; other characters face ethnic or religious discrimination), students at Malvern will be required to see the show in an effort to promote gay acceptance, as well as hate-crime awareness and prevention.

At St. Joe's Prep, students from The Prep, Merion Mercy, and Notre Dame are in their first rehearsals of *Little Me*, a musical comedy by Neil Simon. The Cape and Sword Drama Society at The Prep is one of the first high schools to put on a production of *Little Me* of this kind, and their script is adapted from nearly three Broadway revivals of this 1960's musical. *Little Me* tells the hilarious story of Belle Poitrine, star of screen and stage, as she recounts her zany life story to ghostwriter Patrick Dennis in an effort to see her "intimate" memoirs published. The action of the show is the embodiment of Belle's life gone by, showing Belle as she moves through four suitors in an effort to gain "Wealth, Culture, and Social Position" so she will be fit to marry her true love, the illustrious Noble Eggleston. This musical comedy's score is sure to please, and Sonny Leo's choreography brings these characters to life on stage.

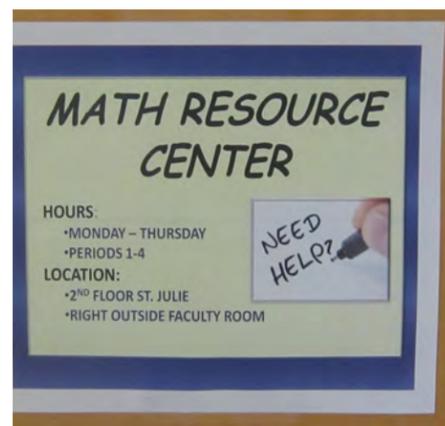
Malvern's *The Laramie Project* runs November 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 8 PM .

St. Joe's *Little Me* runs November 14, 15, 21, and 22 at 8 PM and November 20 at 7 PM, along with matinee performances on November 16 and November



23, both at 3 PM. Tickets can be purchased on the respective school websites under the theater program page.

Pictured: She's not in Kansas anymore (Christina Dietzler as Dorothy); Casey McCoy and her flying monkeys; those insidious yet talented trees.



### FILM REVIEWS

by Carly

By CARLY DAGIT ('16)

*The Fault in Our Stars*, based on the novel by John Green and directed by Josh Boone, is a heartfelt romantic movie. A must-see for any romantic, this film jerks the right number of smiles, sobs, and laughs. Augustus Waters will steal your heart, and Hazel "Hazel Grace" Lancaster will inspire you. Funny fact about this movie: the characters who play cancer patients and best friends--and true loves--recently starred in a movie together as brother and sister. Talk about awkward.

*No Good Deed* was a bit of a parody, yet it was a serious film. Don't misread this: the actors were fabulous, and there was very strong directing. The plot? Ridiculous. If you like mediocre horror films with unimaginable action scenes, and a character base without logic, then I insist you see this film--and if you do, then brace yourself for an amazing plot twist. Despite my utter dislike for this picture, that twist had me on the edge of my seat.

Based on a series written by Gayle Forman, and directed by R.J. Cutler, *If I Stay* takes you on an emotional roller coaster. One minute you're laughing--the next you're jealous of the adorable boyfriend she has--and then all of the sudden you're crying to the point of gasping for air. Pick those with whom you watch this movie carefully; it's essential that you be comfortable with your mascara streaming down in front of that person. Amazing acting, awesome scenery, a captivating film.

# HALLOWEEN AT NOTRE DAME

## A DIVINE REVELATION?

BY: JULIA MCALEER AND CARINA CONDILES ('16)

Perhaps you've seen him....



Where did he come from? Where will he go? And no, we don't mean cotten-eyed Joe. We're talking about mysterious Jesus! This infamous "Jesus statue" is well known in the ND community. If you've ever taken an art class, you must have walked past him before. He hangs out in a closet right below freshman hallway, and this closet has a frosted-glass window to the outside, where you can see him standing there, murkily gazing back at you.

This figure has been here for quite some time now and it's only fair that all his secrets are revealed.

Our investigation started out by emailing an expert on Notre Dame's past, Dr. Califf. Unfortunately, he--like the rest of us--did not know too much about the statue except for the fact that it couldn't have been here for more than 16 years. Dr. Califf was also interested in the secrets this mysterious statue held and took us to investigate the very creepy closet that holds mysteriously Jesus. Always on the case for you, our readers, your *Gates* investigative reporters took a good look at him up close.

And guess what? He's still kind of spooky.



At first glimpse you can see that this statue has not been maintained very well. He is missing a hand, there are scratches and chips in the paint, and the base where his feet were is falling apart. If you look even closer at the statue you realize something major. This Jesus statue is NOT a Jesus statue, in fact it is a statue of **St. Joseph**, identifiable by the lilies in his hand.

As our investigation continued, we received word from

Sra. Ziff, who knew more about this secluded St. Joe. It dates back to Sr. Regina's time here. Sr. Regina would lend her services whenever a church closed down. After they had packed up, she would try to recover any art pieces, the St. Joseph Statue being one of them. Reportedly, he dwelt for some time in the maintenance cottage, where his looming presence continually freaked out Mr. Michniewicz and the Building Services crew. (So if you've ever jumped out of your skin at the sight of him, you're in good company.) From there, he was moved to his new home...the creepy closet.

This, sad to say, is the only light we can shed on the mysterious "watcher" of Connelly and Mansion-bound students. But doesn't that make you feel a little bit better?

## OUR FAVORITE HAUNTS

BY: TAYLOR LAUDADIO AND JENNA LAND ('16)

Haunted attractions certainly do become very popular during this time of year. The thrill of Halloween excites many people of all ages to visit the various haunted houses in Philadelphia. There are many popular and frightful attractions in this area to choose from, such as Bates Motel, the Eastern State Penitentiary, and the Pennhurst Asylum. To save you the trouble of finding out for yourself which of these promises the best, most ghoulish evening out, your intrepid *Gates* reporters polled the student body (all right--we basically just polled the people we saw today at lunch...so, like, 11 people). And the results are in!

According to the students at Notre Dame, Eastern State Penitentiary is the scariest haunted house in the area. It has the most scares, the most excitement, and promises the best goosebumps for your buck.

As for the rest...."The Bates Motel is not even scary," according to Fiona Riley ('15). And Pennhurst? Says classmate Kristy Grauer, "Pennhurst wasn't even that scary. The actors were funny but not really scary at all." Of course, you could also visit old stand-bys, like Linvilla Orchards and Shady Brook farms, for old-fashioned Halloween fun.

Or, for an economical experience every bit as frightening, consider a late afternoon stop by our own "Sacred Heart of Jesus" statue (affectionately known as the "Dark Lord," among those who know him). You've passed the back of him



every day a million times as you head toward Godfrey Road. Here he is from the front.

Unlike the "Scary Jesus" at far left, this one really is Jesus, but not the way we tend to picture him. And like our friend from the closet, this one too has a curious backstory, now the stuff of legend among veteran faculty members. Check out the next issue of *The Gates* to find out more. Until then, the "Dark Lord" easily provides one of the scariest places on campus (right up there with the singing "Corpse Bride" of North Campus [pictured below]. Just ask Mr. Quigg about her.)

Certainly either of these makes a less expensive option than that trip to Eastern State Penitentiary.



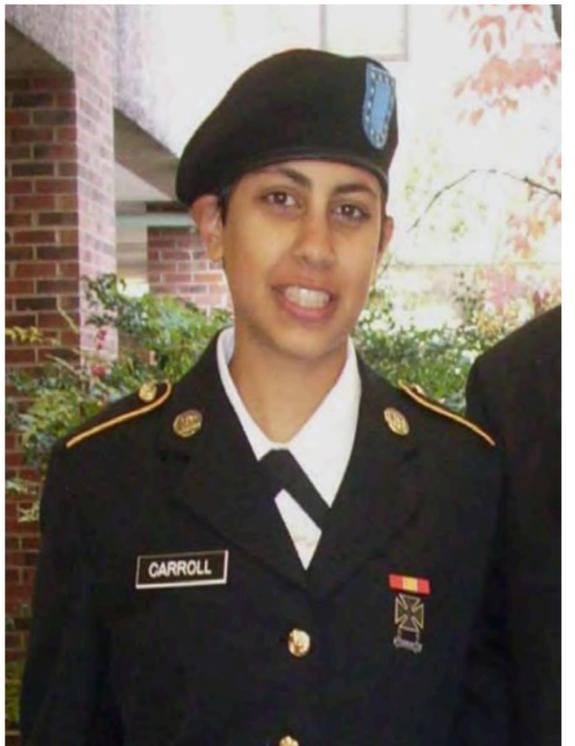
**AT YOUR SERVICE: ND GIRLS AND THE TROOPS WE LOVE**

By CATIE CULLEN ('16)

Each morning during NDTV, we say the Pledge of Allegiance as a school to honor our country. Although everyone at Notre Dame knows the Pledge, a lesser known fact may be the number of family members in the military that we have in our school community that serve and honor our country every day. Hannah Powers '18 has a brother-in-law named Rob DeLuca that is currently serving as a marine and is stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Rob has also previously done a tour in Afghanistan. Kayla Carroll, sister of Emily Carroll '18 has been serving in the military since 2013 and is currently stationed at Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center in Pennsylvania as part of the National Guard. Ms. Gallagher's nephew serves in the Navy as Lieutenant Marty Gallagher on the USS Louisiana, a ballistic missile submarine. Our beloved science teacher Mrs. Eife also has a personal connection to the military through her son, Josh. First Lieutenant Josh Eife attended West Point, also known as the United States Military Academy, and then was stationed at Ft. Benning in Georgia for ranger school training and airborne training. He has also been stationed Ft. Bragg and now serves in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan at the Kandahar Airfield. Luckily, he will be returning to America some time next month! Each of these men and women put their lives on the line daily to protect our freedom and our country. They do so much for us, so what can we do for them?

Meghan Gallary '21 has a plan. She approached *The Gates* for help to fuel her goal: to help the troops feel more at home while they were away. We needed to decide which organization to partner with, so we began to research. Adopt-a-Platoon, which can be found at [adoptaplatoon.org](http://adoptaplatoon.org), offers many different services to service members, such as pen pals, care packages, and even adoption, where you can sign up to send a minimum of one package a month to a particular service member, squad, or platoon as an ongoing form of support. To date, this organization has served over a million active service members deployed on behalf of our nation. Another group that works with our nation's deployed is United for the Troops, which hosts events and fundraisers to provide packages and funds to support them while they are away from home. They also offer a great list of suggested items to send on their website ([unitedforthetroops.org](http://unitedforthetroops.org)). Military Connections gives holiday stockings, full of good treats, to the troops in order to ease the difficulty of being away from home over the holidays. Information on how to get involved is on their website at [militaryconnections.org](http://militaryconnections.org).

One group that ND will be working with is Operation Gratitude, a group that sends over 150,000 care packages to deployed members of the military every year. They have a great program called Halloween Candy for The Troops, where they collect donated Halloween candy to send to the men and women that are deployed. EVERYONE is encouraged to participate this year! If you are interested in donating, please bring your extra candy, or anything else appropriate to send to the troops (check those online lists, first!) to Meghan Gallary. You can also give your donations--along with donated stamps or shipping money--to Mrs. DaCrema. All fonations will be stored in North Campus until we have enough to ship them to Operation Gratitude, who can distribute our packages to the troops. You are also encouraged to write letters to our military personnel to include in the package! All candy needs to be sent by mid-November so they can be received by the troops in a timely manner. Remember the troops this Halloween as you're enjoying your candy, and think of how much more delicious it will taste to them while they are far away from home.



*Pictured, from the top: two views of Kayla Carroll, sister of Emily Carroll ('18); the three underneath all feature Martin F. Gallagher (US Navy), including one with his proud aunt, Ms. Sally Gallagher; the bottom three all feature first lieutenant Josh Eife (with his Charlie Company buddies, and with his mom, Mrs. Kim Eife). At left is Jill Powers DeLuca ('09), sister of Hannah Powers ('18), posing with her husband, Rob DeLuca. Not pictured but in our hearts are the father of Alexa Tarasca ('20), whose dad has served in Iraq and Afghanistan.*

# FALL FLING PHOTO FEST



ND's annual Fall Fling Halloween Dance was held on Friday, October 17. Good times had by all, as usual, but especially those bananas. So many bananas.

Just can't get enough of *The Gates*? We know how you feel. Stay tuned for **THE GATES INTERACTIVE WEBSITE**, where opportunities abound to make your school paper truly your own. Insider videos, interview footage, interactive polls and features...it's coming your way, in November 2014!

FLASH FEATURES....

On October 17, Mrs. Terry Maksymowych addressed dozens of interested sophomores about the scientific feasibility of some of the content in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. The discussion included the weird galvanism experiments of the 18th century, which enthralled Shelley and her friends, along with how modern-day research in cloning and genetic modification both parallels--and, happily, departs radically from--the research Victor Frankenstein can't let go. Also last month, sophomores Merry Gu, Peggy Burke and Catherine Oliver presented their superior research papers at Chestnut Hill's Harry Potter academic conference, where scholarship awards were presented to Merry and to senior Rieve Bule of Devon Prep (pictured at right with our ND authors). Rieve is the brother of our own Madeline and Olivia Bule ('12 and '17). In other news, Junior Emily Brown, Mr. Cushing, and Mrs. Giannantonio attended the lecture "Creating Order: Opportunities for Directed Assembly in Soft Matter," sponsored by the McNulty Scholars Program at Saint Joseph's University. Additionally, 17 ND students (some of them shown at left) attended the Liberty Medal Conference on October 21 at the National Constitution Center. The medal was presented to Malala Yousafzai.



COMING SOON....

GETTING TO KNOW MRS. JACQUELINE COCCIA, OUR NEW ACADEMIC DEAN



Mrs. Coccia, flanked by Emmi Casulli and Janet Wu (both '16) MRS. COCCIA "TIP SHEET" BY ISABEL PELLEGRINI ('15)

**Previous Positions:** Superintendent of Elementary Schools at Archdiocese of Philadelphia and more!  
**Her Favorite Thing About ND:** All girls education!  
**Things She Wants to Improve:** Creating a greater emphasis on the arts at ND and developing a STEM center for the Science Department  
**Her Favorite Dish:** Yangming candied shrimp with walnuts  
**Her Favorite Color:** Green  
**Favorite Subject:** Science  
**Something She Wants the Students to Know:** She is really happy to be at NDA and will strive to find a way to make everyone successful as the Academic Dean.  
**Contact Her:** Anytime during the day and also by email!

Upcoming Happenings

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints Day
2 Eagles vs. Texans 1:00PM	3 Open House at ND	4 Eagles vs Panthers 8:30PM	5	6	7 Mentoring	8 9th Grade Entrance Exam
9	10	11 Usher Meet and Greet @ the Wells Fargo Center.	12	13 Parent-Teacher Conferences	14 No school for students! Parent-Teacher Conferences	15
16 Eagles vs Packers 1:00 PM Stevie Wonder @ Wells Fargo Center	17	18 Kairos and Senior Inquiry	19 Kairos and Senior Inquiry	20 Kairos and Senior Inquiry	21 Kairos and Senior Inquiry; Junior Retreat	22
23 Eagles vs. Titans 1:00PM	24	25 Thanksgiving break begins at 3 PM!	26	27 Thanksgiving Eagles vs. Cowboys 4:30PM	28	29

Big Dates in December: Christmas Decorating on 12/1; Ring Mass on 12/3; Christmas Concert on 12/12; Christmas Break begins 12/19!