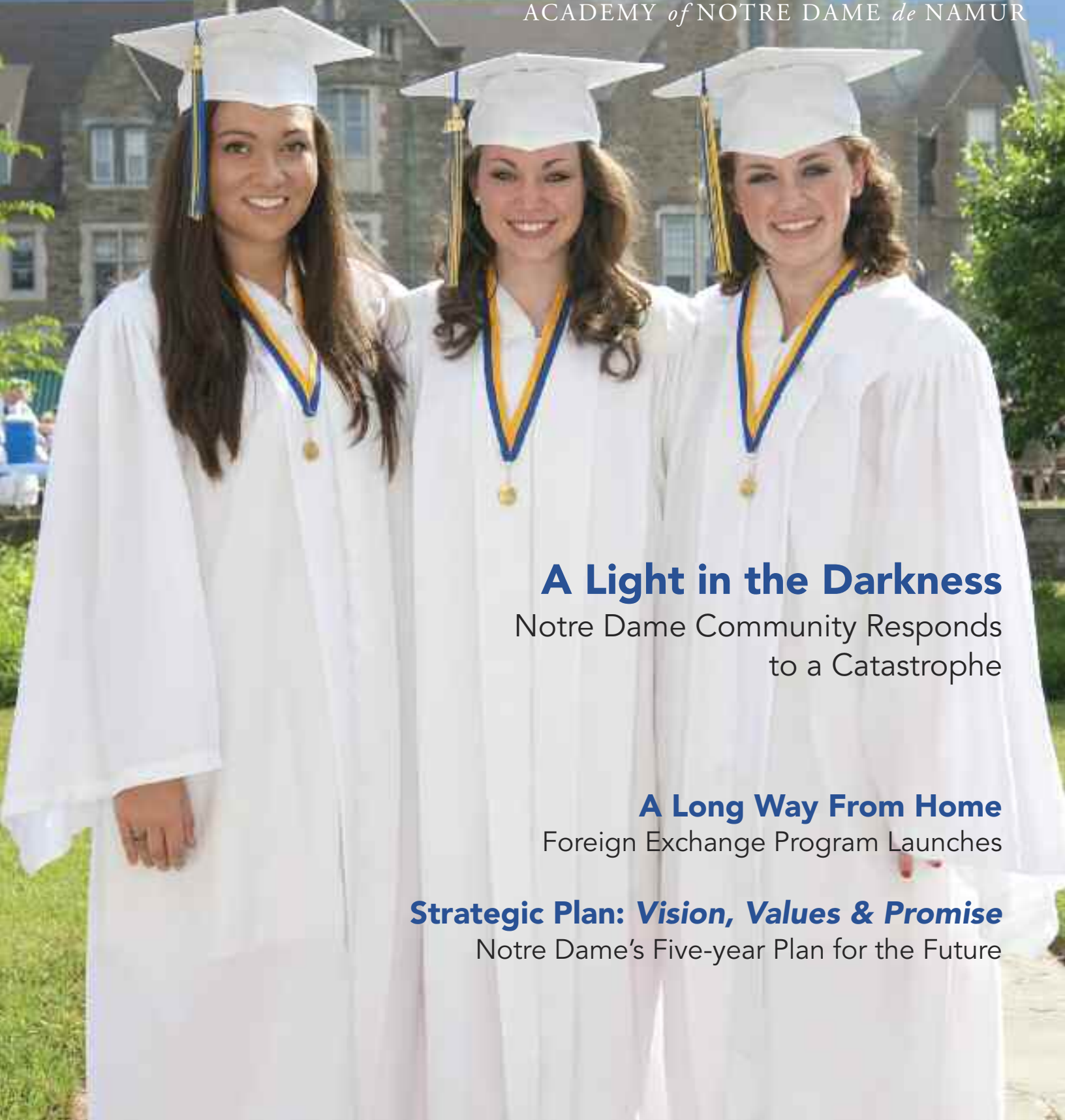


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# VISIONS

ACADEMY *of* NOTRE DAME *de* NAMUR



## **A Light in the Darkness**

Notre Dame Community Responds  
to a Catastrophe

## **A Long Way From Home**

Foreign Exchange Program Launches

## **Strategic Plan: *Vision, Values & Promise***

Notre Dame's Five-year Plan for the Future

# DEAR MEMBERS OF THE NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY,

I LIKE TO READ NOTRE DAME'S MISSION STATEMENT FREQUENTLY because it provides the compass against which everything we do is measured to make sure we are exactly on point. The very first line of this statement reminds us that our primary commitment is to educate our young women "for responsible living in a global society."

It is increasingly critical that Notre Dame young women learn how the larger world works, and that their education and faith will provide guidance for their understanding of the crucial and complicated issues of the day. Just as Saint Julie Billiart educated her students for their futures in post-revolutionary France, we need to ensure that our students are prepared to become citizens of this world. Our goals are the same: to teach our young women to become discerning, thoughtful, compassionate and courageous.

In this issue of *Visions* you will learn about the inauguration of a foreign exchange program with a school in Spain and the Notre Dame community's compassionate response to the tragedy in Haiti, two examples of our girls' reach well beyond the gates in Villanova. You will be proud of these young women!

Finally, I invite you to read the Academy's new Strategic Plan: *Vision, Values & Promise*. As a blueprint for the next five years, it reaffirms our commitment to living our mission statement and core values while we plan for the future. As always, your feedback on this issue of *Visions* is appreciated and encouraged.



Sincerely,



Veronica Collins Harrington  
President

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school, commits itself to the education of young women of grades 6 through 12 for responsible living in a global society. The Academy, rooted in the faith tradition of the Catholic Church, and the charism of Saint Julie Billiart, provides its students a challenging academic curriculum within a rich spiritual community in order to

- inspire them to live the prophetic nature of the gospel, with a passion for justice and love for the poor,
- enable them to develop the skills and desire necessary for life-long learning,
- empower them to be honorable, compassionate leaders.

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# A LONG WAY FROM HOME

*by* ALICIA MENDICINO



Photo credit courtesy of Emily Hallinan '11

Exchange Program participants at Real Colegio Alfonso XII in Spain. Stephen Borish, Julian Venonsky, Andrew Molloy and JJ Moser from Malvern Prep with Notre Dame juniors Emily Hallinan, Lucy Spellacy and Madeline Tague.

### THE GLOBAL REACH OF THE NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY

extended a bit further this year as three members of the junior class shared an experience of a lifetime during four weeks in Spain. Emily Hallinan, Lucy Spellacy and Madeline Tague took part in the Academy of Notre Dame's first foreign exchange program with students from Real Colegio Alfonso XII in San Lorenzo de El Escorial.

The exchange program was introduced to Notre Dame through an affiliation with Malvern Preparatory School. According to Notre Dame's Foreign Language Department Chair Rosemary Guarino, "Malvern had an established program and at the request of the director of the Colegio, approached us about hosting girls."

Intrigued, Guarino and Dean of Students Ellen Lipschutz, with the encouragement of Principal Dr. Joseph D'Angelo, began setting the groundwork for Notre Dame to participate. The exchange would be open to juniors taking Spanish IV Honors, Spanish V or AP Spanish. Interested students had to submit an application along with essays in English and Spanish to demonstrate a level of aptitude necessary for successfully studying abroad.

Hallinan, Spellacy and Tague were selected as the inaugural participants of the exchange program from numerous applicants. Each girl had her own reason for applying. "I've had a big interest in Spanish since the sixth grade," said Hallinan, who hopes to major in Spanish in college. "My dream is to live in Spain for a few years."

Spellacy thought the opportunity to host an exchange student was exciting and was looking forward to the experience. For Tague, whose love of Spanish found her considering summer programs abroad, "I wanted to live with a family instead of staying in a dorm and see how they live day-to-day."



Lucy Spellacy and Ana Pendás discuss their classes back at Notre Dame.

On December 28, the students boarded their flight and touched down in Madrid eight hours later. For the next four weeks, they attended classes at Real Colegio Alfonso XII and kept in touch with their Notre Dame classmates in Villanova through Skype.

To their surprise, the typical school day in Spain was very different from what they experienced in the States. Classes ran Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. with an hour and a



Senora Gallagher's Spanish IV classes Skype with their classmates in Spain.

half lunch break that allowed students to go home and return. Each class lasted approximately one hour and included students just from that grade, meaning that you would not find the equivalent of juniors and seniors sharing instruction.

Spellacy also noted that "the teachers changed classrooms between periods, the students didn't."

For Tague, the way the Spanish teachers interacted with students was vastly different from what she had experienced at Notre Dame. "The teachers just lectured much of the time, and there was not much interaction or conversation. And it was definitely harder to understand the teachers because they spoke so fast and directly."

Hallinan found herself observing the social differences in attending school abroad. "The students seemed less mature than what I am used to at Notre Dame. And the dynamic with teachers was definitely different."

After four weeks of broadening their educational horizons, the girls returned home. One month later, they welcomed Spanish exchange students Jimena Torres, Ana Pendás and Claudia Paz into their homes and classrooms.

Like their Notre Dame counterparts, the Spanish students admitted to feeling some apprehension. "I was afraid that I would not understand anything," said Torres in halting English.

Pendás was a bit more comfortable since Spellacy had been a guest at her home in Spain. Their reasons for participating in the program also resonated with the Notre Dame group. "I love English and I wanted to come to the United States to have more opportunities and experiences," said Paz.

Pendás' mother was excited to have an American in the house and wanted her daughter to improve her English and learn how other cultures lived. For Torres, "All my life I have wanted to study English in another country."

The Spanish guests found the educational environment at Notre Dame much to their liking. "I prefer the classes here," Paz remarked. "I like that it is all girls, the classes are more organized and less messy."

Outside the classroom, the Notre Dame hosts took their guests to social events such as the Hope for Haiti Open Mic Night and showed them what it was like being a high school student in the United States. After four weeks, the exchange students returned to Spain.

For all of the students involved, the exchange program brought a better appreciation and understanding of other cultures and fostered the realization that although they were geographically worlds apart, philosophically they were not. "I was nervous about there being more of a culture shock than there was," recalls Tague. "But I stayed with a 14 year-old girl who likes to go on the computer and do the same things I do. We're not that different."



A warm welcome at the airport for Notre Dame's world travelers.

Photo credit courtesy of Emily Hallinan '11

# A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR SERVICE TO NOTRE DAME

ON JUNE 2, 2010, the Academy of Notre Dame honored Board of Trustees Chair Cary W. Toner, who completed a distinguished four-year term which saw some of the most dramatic changes in the school's history.

During his tenure, the Board facilitated the purchase of the campus from the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in February 2007. Ownership of the property allows the school to make significant investments in the Academy's programs and facilities while guaranteeing the continued dedication to the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur at the Villanova campus.

Cary oversaw the Academy's \$10 million capital campaign, *Teach Them What They Need to Know for Life*, Notre Dame's most ambitious fundraising effort to date. The funds raised through the campaign financed the construction of the Harron Family Building, which was dedicated in November 2007. The spacious state-of-the-art facility houses the Aimee Willard Gymnasium, Connelly Library, additional classroom and meeting space, administrative offices and a fitness center, as well as serving as the school's main entrance. The campaign also funded several capital improvements throughout the campus and significantly increased the Academy's endowment.

In October 2008, Cary also presided over the inauguration of Academy President Veronica Collins Harrington and the installation of Principal Dr. Joseph F. D'Angelo. Commencing in January 2009, work began on the Academy's five-year strategic plan, *Vision, Values and Promise*. The leadership team continues to flourish under Cary's guidance.

Although completing his term as chair, Cary will remain a member of the Board of Trustees and serve as the chair of the Committee on Advancement and a member of the Strategic Plan team. Cary and his wife, Maryann, remain connected to Notre Dame as parents of graduates Kira '05 and Morgan '07.

*"During Cary's tenure as Chair, the Academy faced many challenges and he was always there to meet and overcome them. Cary worked diligently to make the Academy a better place. We are all deeply grateful for the time, talent and expertise that he has brought to Notre Dame."*

Paul Finley  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Cary presents the Presidential Medallion to Veronica Collins Harrington.



Groundbreaking for construction on campus.



Cary (center) with fellow board members Ray Pennacchia (left) and Paul Connolly (right) at the presidential inauguration.



Dedication of the Harron Family Building with His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali.



Cary and wife Maryann

# SISTER NANCY BONSHOCK, SND RECIPIENT OF 2010 SAINT FRANCIS MEDALLION



SISTER NANCY BONSHOCK, SISTER OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR and a long-time member of the Social Studies Department, has been named the 2010 recipient of the St. Francis Medallion by the Saint Francis Country House Women's Auxiliary.

The Medallion's objective is to identify and to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of a woman. The awarding of the St. Francis Medallion signifies and confirms the value of a woman's contribution to her community, Church and family. Sister Nancy exemplifies the highest, spiritual, moral and ethical standards. She leads others by example and inspires them by her commitment. Her life reflects the words of St. Francis, "for it is giving that we receive."

Sister Nancy has committed herself to the education of young Catholic women, and, for the past 35 years, has taught in the Social Studies Department at the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur.

She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur at the age of 18, having just graduated from Notre Dame High School in Moylan, Pennsylvania. While in formation with the order, she received her bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. Later, she taught at Little Flower High School in Philadelphia.

Sister Nancy moved to the Navajo reservation in Arizona where she taught for two years. She pursued an advanced degree and received her master's in anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania.

One of Sister Nancy's favorite titles for Mary is Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). Sister Nancy has known tragedy in her own family. Her niece, Aimee Willard '92, was brutally murdered on June 20, 1996. Like Mater Dolorosa, Sister Nancy has stood by her sister, Gail Willard, throughout the ordeal of Aimee's death and the murder trial of the man guilty of the crime. Sister Nancy has taught classes on the church's moral teaching on the death penalty, and has lived that teaching in a way most people will never be called upon to do, standing firmly and publicly against the death penalty upon the 1998 conviction of the murderer of her niece.

Her struggle with cancer began in October of 1999. She was not declared cancer free until November of 2007 (although she still receives preventive chemotherapy for the disease). Throughout the duration of her illness, she often said, "I treat my cancer as if it is a chronic disease that I must live with." She was undaunted and arranged the treatment of her illness so that it would have the least

possible impact on her teaching schedule. The year that she lost her hair due to chemotherapy, her students joined her in wearing hats and scarves as testimony to traveling her journey with her. She has also stated that she is alive today because of "prayer and poison" (the poison being the ravages of her chemotherapy).

According to colleagues and students, "Sister Nancy has been a voice for the voiceless, has a passion for justice, a love for the poor and a heart as wide as the world."

The Auxiliary will honor Sister Nancy Bonshock with the Medallion at the 96<sup>th</sup> Saint Francis Golden Ball, slated for Friday, December 3, 2010 at the Union League of Philadelphia.

*The Saint Francis Country House is a skilled nursing facility in Southern Delaware County that was established in 1913 by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Auxiliary supports the mission of the facility to serve God through service to their residents and community through volunteer efforts and fundraising.*

# A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

by ALICIA MENDICINO

ON JANUARY 12, 2010, AN UNSPEAKABLE TRAGEDY BEFELL THE NATION OF HAITI when an earthquake of catastrophic magnitude struck one of the region's most populated areas. The massive earthquake, which registered 7.0 on the Richter scale, had an epicenter located approximately 16 miles southwest of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, an area with a population of over two million. Fatalities were estimated by the Haitian government to have reached 230,000 with 300,000 injured and over one million people left homeless. Over 250,000 residences and 30,000 commercial buildings were destroyed by what was eventually classified as the sixth deadliest quake in history. Haiti, already one of the poorest nations in the world, had been dealt a severe blow. In the face of this unimaginable disaster, the Notre Dame community immediately stepped forward. Current students and past parents joined together and discussed ways to support the people of Haiti in their time of extreme need. One past parent shared his extraordinary journey with us.

Dr. Anthony V. Coletta, parent of graduate Dr. Maria Coletta '98 and Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of the Holy Redeemer Health System, had been volunteering at Centre de Sante Clinic in Croix des Bouquets, just outside of Port-au-Prince, for the past three years. At a conference in San Francisco when the news broke, Dr. Coletta immediately made plans to travel to Haiti from California. Christian Services International facilitated the travel arrangements so that Dr. Coletta could arrive quickly and begin treating victims and help with the immense task of coordinating the aid effort at the clinic.

Members of the Christian Services missionary team met Dr. Coletta upon his arrival and helped organize supplies at the clinic. While deciding upon the best course of action to treat the massive numbers of patients, the call came in that doctors and nurses were desperately needed at the Community Hospital of Haiti. Dr. Coletta observed, "There were already patients everywhere, lying on cardboard or dirty mattresses. You could sense the chaos."

Dr. Coletta quickly set to work in triage, treating those acutely injured and managing post-surgical patients. An experienced general surgeon, he thought it an odd use of his skills at first, but quickly realized "This was a place where clinical experience, basic



Dr. Anthony V. Coletta with a Haitian earthquake victim.

examination skills, and timely decision making was more important at times than actually holding the scalpel."

Day four post-earthquake, the hospital was filling up and the system was breaking down. Patients' wounds were becoming contaminated with dirt and debris. IV bags were empty. There were no blood pressure cuffs. Orders were written on slips of paper instead of charts. There was very little oxygen and no pharmacy. Supplies were everywhere but there was no system to organize them. When word came that the hospital generator would be turned off from midnight until 2:00 a.m., Dr. Coletta put on his headlamp and continued to work with as many patients as he could. Volunteers also had to cope with aftershocks and sporadic gunfire. Supplies had continued to stream in, but basic human needs, such as water, were running short. Families were staying with patients, sharing mattresses

Image courtesy of The Fox School of Business, Temple University

# A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

(CONTINUED)



Campus Ministry team members **Elizabeth Gallagher '10** (left) and **Steph Curry '10** collect admission and donations for earthquake victims.



Songstress **Kaitlin Steinour '10** performs at the Hope for Haiti Open Mic Night.



The crowd was struck by the musical talents of **Kate Monaghan '10**.

*"It never ceases to amaze me how our young women respond to the needs of God's poor. The foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Saint Julie Billiart, was passionate about forming young women 'with hearts as wide as the world.' The faces of Haiti stirred their hearts and I stand in awe at their creativity in finding a venue to make God's goodness known 1500 miles from home."*

Michelle France  
CAMPUS MINISTER

and eating meals. The question persisted: how were they to deal with the mass of humanity that had descended upon the hospital and yet treat those with the greatest need?

An aftershock at 6:00 a.m. that morning created a mass exodus of patients and families headed outdoors in fear of the hospital's collapse. While doctors and nurses worked to make sure the injured were being taken care of, Haitian hospital workers headed back inside to give the building a much-needed cleaning. By 9:00 a.m. patients were being moved back in and operations were back on track. Dr. Coletta reflected, "They say earthquakes are an act of God. This was an act of God. God had cleared this hospital and had done something we would never have been able to do, no matter how many able bodied men we had. The earthquake that morning got our patients out, either on their own or with their family and with our help."

On January 23, Dr. Coletta returned to the United States. He left the Community Hospital, which was at the time, clean and functioning. The arriving teams were highly skilled disaster medicine specialists with critical supplies in hand. In the words of Dr. Coletta, "I finally felt some hope where at times it had seemed hopeless."

Meanwhile at Notre Dame, members of the Campus Ministry Team brainstormed ways to aid the effort. Dr. Coletta's request for crutches and orthopedic devices such as braces and walkers turned into a very successful collection drive. With the help of other area schools such as Devon Prep, Malvern Prep, St. Denis School and Waldron Mercy, over 20 pallets of medical equipment were shipped to the clinic in Haiti.

The Campus Ministry Team was also aware of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur mission in Haiti and wanted to find a way to raise funds to support their aid efforts while involving a larger community.



Dr. Anthony V. Coletta (center) and the members of the Campus Ministry Executive Team.

From left, **Kristina Stemper '10, Elizabeth Gallagher '10, Morgan Moppert '10, Stephanie Curry '10, Adrienne Ashton '10, Dr. Coletta, Julie Savelloni '10, Maura McKendrick '10, Megan Smith '10 and Patricia Donnelly '10.**



***Vous êtes portés dans  
nos coeurs et nos prières.  
Nous envoyons notre espoir de guérison  
et notre amour avec ces béquilles.***

The Academy filled a van full of crutches and braces to be given to Haitian earthquake victims. This label, which translates from French as "You are brought into our hearts and our prayers. We send our hopes for healing and love with these crutches," was placed on every pair of crutches collected.

Dress down days would raise some money, but would limit the participation to Notre Dame students. Campus Ministry team executives Julie Savelloni '10 and Adrienne Ashton '10 came up with the idea of an Open Mic Night. The seniors created a Facebook page and invited students from Malvern Prep, St. Joe's Prep, Devon Prep, the Haverford School, Episcopal, Villa Maria, Sacred Heart, and other local schools to participate and attend. There was tremendous enthusiasm for the venture, and well over 500 students and guests came together to share their musical talents. Throughout the course of the three-hour event, over 35 musical and dance acts performed on stage. A minimum \$5 donation was collected at the door and each guest was given a bracelet with inspiring words such as "hope" and "love" printed on them. Campus Ministry Team members also sold refreshments during intermission. When the evening was completed, over \$3,000 had been raised for the Sisters' mission in Haiti.

On March 12, Dr. Coletta visited the Academy of Notre Dame to thank the community for their support. He shared his remarkable story with students, faculty and guests who had gathered to hear about his journey and experiences in the first days after the earthquake. Accompanying Dr. Coletta's talk were his personal photographs of the disaster, powerfully showing the human faces of those touched by the tragedy. The silence in the gymnasium was a testament to the weight of the subject and also the awe-inspiring realization of how one person and a faith-filled community can make a difference in the world.

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2015

The Academy of Notre Dame is pleased to share our five-year strategic plan, *Vision, Values & Promise*, with alumnae, parents and friends. President Veronica Collins Harrington and Board Chair Cary Toner led the fifteen-month planning process to position Notre Dame to successfully meet the challenges and opportunities of the future. The plan will serve as a guide as we continue to enhance the curriculum and campus in a way that supports our mission and our students. We are grateful for the thoughtful input and diligent efforts contributed by the many team members and the entire Notre Dame community. The real work is now beginning. We invite you to examine the plan and reflect on the direction of this fine academic institution, and perhaps even consider what your role may be. As always, your feedback is invaluable. The Board of Trustees, administration, alumnae, faculty and staff, parents, and students look forward to continued collaboration in bringing our strategic vision to reality.

*President Harrington welcomes your feedback at [vharrington@ndapa.org](mailto:vharrington@ndapa.org).*



*I am proud of the strong curriculum that the Academy of Notre Dame offers our students and feel challenged to build upon this curriculum as we continue to center on critical thinking and problem solving, and with the Academy's commitment to the most current technologies, students will have new tools to discover the world around them.*

Theresa McCoy  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR, SOCIAL STUDIES  
PARENT OF KATIE '06



*The strategic plan will go a long way toward making the school more sustainable and in helping to prioritize strategies that will enable us to provide our students with the best possible educational experience for the future.*

Dr. Joseph F. D'Angelo  
PRINCIPAL

# Vision & Values Promise

ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME



**GOAL I TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE AN EXEMPLARY ACADEMIC PROGRAM THAT IS GROUNDED IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH, SERVES THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS, INCORPORATES THE BEST CURRICULAR PRACTICES AND PROMOTES LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

- ▶ To create a challenging and innovative curriculum
- ▶ To recruit, retain and motivate excellent qualified administration, faculty, and staff
- ▶ To integrate technology more fully into the classroom experience and implement creative technology systems for teaching and learning
- ▶ To promote and support opportunities for academic learning that extend beyond the classroom such as field trips, seminars, inquiry days, and conferences

**GOAL II TO PROMOTE A LIVING FAITH THAT PERMEATES THE CULTURE OF THE ENTIRE ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR COMMUNITY**

- ▶ To continue to enhance the faith community in order to engage all students and enrich their spiritual development
- ▶ To integrate faith into learning across the curriculum
- ▶ To provide opportunities and time for service

**GOAL III TO ENHANCE A VIBRANT LEARNING CULTURE THAT EQUIPS STRONG, INDEPENDENT, CONFIDENT WOMEN TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

- ▶ To create a sense of community and accountability that parallels the spirit of the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur Honor Code
- ▶ To lead students to discover their talents, passions, and abilities through a rich program of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and sports
- ▶ To provide more opportunities for student leadership
- ▶ To inform students about the pressing social issues confronting citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- ▶ To enhance college and career counseling

**GOAL IV TO FORGE DYNAMIC STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE FOSTERED BY STRONG COMMUNICATIONS**

- ▶ To promote ongoing dialogue with parents, students and alumnae
- ▶ To streamline the school's internal communications
- ▶ To strengthen the branding policy of the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur

**GOAL V TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT BY DEVELOPING A DATA-BASED MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT PLAN**

- ▶ To develop an ad hoc Marketing Planning Team
- ▶ To strengthen the Academy of Notre Dame's image and reputation within our internal and external communities to enhance recruitment
- ▶ To promote the Academy of Notre Dame as the best educational option and value for families



*As I reflect on my many years at Notre Dame as a student, parent, and Junior School Admissions Director, I realize there has been one constant: the Academy as a caring, nurturing atmosphere for young women delivering the best possible education as they are prepared to face the challenges of living in a global society.*

Mia Finley Wesner '67  
DIRECTOR, JUNIOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS  
PARENT OF ALECIA '91, PAIGE '08



*The Academy of Notre Dame now has a blueprint that will allow us to continue as a Catholic women's institution adhering to the principles of Saint Julie Billiart. The Strategic Plan also provides a road map to enhance our curriculum as well as secure the financial well being of the Academy for future generations.*

Robert K. Faught  
TRUSTEE  
PARENT OF ELIZABETH '09, EMILY '13

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### GOAL VI TO UPGRADE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO EXCELLENCE

- ▶ To create and systematically maintain inventory of technology infrastructure and resources
- ▶ To formalize short and long term planning for technology acquisitions and maintenance
- ▶ To conduct a Space Utilization Study intended to identify facility needs that allow the Academy of Notre Dame to fulfill its mission now and in the future

### GOAL VII TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE ADVANCEMENT PLAN TO SUPPORT THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN, FOCUSING ON BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM NEEDS TO ATTAIN FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- ▶ To enhance Notre Dame Annual Fund and restricted operating funds, including scholarships and financial aid
- ▶ To plan capital campaign and endowment strategies to secure sufficient financial resources
- ▶ To increase participation and leadership by the Board of Trustees
- ▶ To encourage increased financial support from all alumnae and parents

# NOTRE DAME TRACK TEAMS GOING THE DISTANCE



Senior members of the spring track team. From left, **Patricia Donnelly '10**, **Stephanie Powers '10**, **Ann Kelly '10**, **Elizabeth Van Kula '10**, **Mary Kelly '10**, **Caroline Nelson '10**, **Kerri Borgese '10** and **Maura McKendrick '10**.



Coaches **Laura O'Donnell** (left) and **Jenn Messner Holdren '99** (right) and winter indoor track team seniors, **Elizabeth Van Kula '10**, **Maura McKendrick '10**, **Ann Kelly '10**, **Ayanna Fields '10** and **Patricia Donnelly '10**.



From left, **Caroline Powers '12**, **Patricia Donnelly '10** and **Maria Seykora '12** at the Indoor Championships.

THE ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME'S HIGH SCHOOL WINTER INDOOR AND SPRING OUTDOOR TRACK TEAMS WENT THE DISTANCE THIS YEAR, earning titles and accolades and beating some of the perennial track powerhouses in the state – all without having track facilities on campus and having a high school enrollment of less than 400.

Led by head coach Jenn Messner Holdren '99 and assistant Laura O'Donnell, the winter indoor squad finished second in the state at the Pennsylvania Indoor State Championships for the second year in a row, competing against every public, parochial and private school in the state. The team ran throughout the campus during the season, and when the weather turned bad, made use of the hallways and staircases in the Harron Family Building. By the end of the season, Notre Dame had recorded some of the top times in the state in various events and Maura McKendrick '10, Ayanna Fields '10, Ann Kelly '10, and Katie Nappi '12 were named to the PA Indoor All State team.

The outdoor season picked up right where indoor left off, with the Irish finishing first in the Pennsylvania Independent School State Championships for the second year in a row. The team turned in several of the top times in the region and in the entire state, and Coach Holdren was named Southeastern Pennsylvania Coach of the Year. Seniors Ann Kelly and Maura McKendrick were named to the All State Team and the All Southeast PA team. Maria Seykora '12 won the mile and two mile in the Delaware County Championships and was first team All Delco along with Kelly and McKendrick.

With a bevy of talent returning next year, the teams will seek to capitalize on their momentum and continue to turn heads in the competitive track community.

## About the Coaches

Coach Jenn Messner Holdren '99 was an accomplished multi-sport athlete while at Notre Dame, winning the Aimee Willard Award in 1999. According to Athletic Director Tina O'Malley, "The team emulates her intensity and positive winning attitude, putting them at the top in Delaware County and the state. And Coach Laura O'Donnell has done a tremendous job with our distance runners."

O'Donnell was one of the top distance runners in the US while at the University of Pittsburgh. She leads a young crop of outstanding distance runners led by rising junior Maria Seykora and looks forward to great things as the fall cross country season approaches.



# GRADUATION 2010







On June 5, the Academy awarded diplomas to 96 seniors during graduation exercises on the Mansion Lawn. Agnes Gillin Gayhardt '83 (pictured top left), delivered the commencement address, encouraging the graduates to *"Cherish your diploma, it represents a Notre Dame education, which is both a gift and a privilege you have earned."*

On June 6, the Junior School graduated 50 students from its eighth grade class during a ceremony in the Aimee Willard Gymnasium. ***Congratulations, graduates!***





# ANNOUNCING THE



**Aimee Willard '92 †**

One of the most talented athletes to ever play sports at Notre Dame, Aimee Willard '92 was a four-year varsity starter in soccer and basketball. Aimee was the first player in Notre Dame history to score 1000 points in basketball and also tallied 120 goals in soccer. Willard earned numerous honors including All-Delco and All-Main Line for soccer and basketball and was consistently featured as an Athlete of the Week for the *Main Line Times* and the *Delaware County Daily Times*. Upon graduation, Aimee accepted a soccer scholarship to George Mason University and went to the NCAA Final Four her sophomore year. She was recruited to play on the newly-formed lacrosse team and became a two sport Division 1 athlete, garnering All-CAA (Colonial Athletic Association) honors for soccer and lacrosse and All-American status for lacrosse.



**Paige Driscoll Syron '94**

A three-sport athlete for much of her Notre Dame career, Paige Driscoll Syron '94 garnered numerous awards as a member of the cross country, basketball and track and field teams. Her accolades included All-Delco, All-Main Line, All-Suburban and All-Southeast Girls Basketball Team selections and became the third player in Notre Dame history to score 1000 points on the basketball court. Syron earned a basketball scholarship to play Division 1 basketball for Fairfield University, where she was named to the All-MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) team twice, and in 1998, the All-MAAC Tournament MVP and All-Met.

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Academy of Notre Dame has announced the creation of an Athletic Hall of Fame to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of student-athletes, coaches, and associated persons whose participation in Notre Dame athletics has brought distinction and honor to the program. The inaugural class for the Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducted during an awards banquet on Friday, November 5, 2010, in the Aimee Willard Gymnasium. The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee takes special pride in presenting these awards on behalf of the entire Notre Dame community.

The inaugural alumnae inductees include: Aimee Willard '92, Paige Driscoll Syron '94 and Jennifer Messner Holdren '99. In addition to the three alumnae inductions, the ceremony will also include the induction of Faith Bascome and Jo Trexler, two coaches who promoted and expanded athletics at Notre Dame.

According to Notre Dame's Athletic Director, Tina O'Malley, "The Athletic Hall of Fame seeks to inspire us by identifying the very best athletes in the history of our school. Recognizing these special individuals allows us to celebrate the tradition and mission of Notre Dame. Aimee Willard is a perfect choice to be our first inductee—Aimee's short life was filled with strength and pride and has had an immensely positive impact on Notre Dame alumnae and current students. These talented alumnae have left a legacy of dedication and sportsmanship."

Glenn Blumenthal, co-chair of our Athletic Hall of Fame Committee stated, "The achievement of our Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will inspire our current student athletes to strive for excellence—both on and off the athletic field."

# Inaugural

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



## Jennifer Messner Holdren '99

A true renaissance woman, Jennifer Messner Holdren '99 excelled as a member of the soccer, volleyball, basketball, indoor track and track and field teams at NDA. She received All-InterAc, All-Main Line, All-Delco, All-County and All-Inquirer designations throughout her four-year career, where she set several records in track and field and volleyball. In her senior year, Holdren received the InterAc Aimee Willard Award. She continued her stellar career at LaSalle University, where she held several track and field records including the 4x100 relay. Holdren currently coaches the indoor and spring track teams at Notre Dame and was most recently named *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* Southeastern Pennsylvania Coach of the Year.



## Faith Bascome and Jo Trexler †

Widely regarded as the founders of the athletic program at Notre Dame, Faith Bascome and Jo Trexler were physical education and health teachers and coaches who were athletes themselves. In 1978, Notre Dame only had two sports teams: basketball and field hockey. Faith and Jo started the soccer, tennis, softball, track and lacrosse programs and expanded teams in soccer, field hockey and lacrosse to allow maximum participation among students. During their 20-year careers, they coached the field hockey, tennis and lacrosse teams and created summer sports camps at Notre Dame.

†deceased

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2011 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

## SAVE THE DATE! INAUGURAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2010  
6:00 P.M.

AIMEE WILLARD GYMNASIUM

DINNER AND AWARDS  
CEREMONY

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Eligibility for alumnae induction begins 10 years after a nominee graduates.
- Nominees' athletic accomplishments must represent the highest caliber of achievement.
- Coaches, teams and other members of our school community and athletes with extraordinary cases may be nominated.

Visit [www.ndapa.org/halloffame](http://www.ndapa.org/halloffame) to download a nomination form.



## NDA Award

*The NDA Award is presented each year to an alumna whose ongoing commitment to the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur is exemplary in scope, enthusiasm, and diligence. Acknowledging the value of a Notre Dame education, she offers her time, energy and whatever resources at her disposal to ensure the future of the Academy and expand its influence.*

**Nicole Blanche Guerin '84** accepted the NDA Award for 2009 from Alumnae Association President **Tricia Labor Dougherty '74** after the Homecoming Mass last October. Nicole, a Vice President for Towers Watson in their North American Claims Division, was recognized for giving generously of her time and talent to Notre Dame, beginning with her service as a member of the Alumnae Association, as both its Vice President and President.

Throughout her years of service to her alma mater, Nicole was a phonathon volunteer and co-chair of the alumnae phonathon, as well as a Homecoming committee volunteer. Twice she was the keynote speaker at Career Day. She was the graduation speaker in 1999 and she served on the steering committee for the *Teach Them What They Need to Know for Life* Capital Campaign. Along with her husband, David, she has provided production services to Notre Dame for several Homecoming and BLAST events. Nicole recently completed her second term as a member of the Academy's Board of Trustees and has served on several Board subcommittees including Academic Affairs, Advancement and Governance. She led the Presidential search committee that bought Veronica Collins Harrington to the Academy. You may view Nicole's remarks upon accepting the NDA Award at [community.ndapa.org/news](http://community.ndapa.org/news).

### CLASS NOTES

1952 **Dosie (Marianne) Sweeney FitzPatrick** has retired after 25 years at the Lankenau Thrift Shop.

1958 **Loretta Cioffi Light** moved from New York to Santa Rosa, California, in 2003 to care for her mother. For the last several years, Loretta has been actively involved in her community, Brookwood Park. She was appointed committee chairperson of both the Social Hour and the Welcome Committee of the Brookwood Park Social Club. Last year she was elected vice president of the Social Club. Loretta is also an animal rescue volunteer.

1960 **Madeline Rodgers Smythe** wrote an article for the premiere issue of *Echoes of LBI Magazine*, recounting her selection as the fourth Miss Magic Long Beach Island in 1961, her family's history on LBI, her recording career in Nashville and her time spent in North Beach Haven with her grandchildren. Madeline has also written a series of children's stories.

1961 **Kathryn Pierce Cox** has nineteen grandchildren. She is a board member of the Haverford Soccer Club and looks forward to a summer 2010 trip to Ireland with several family members, including her daughters Connie and Bronwyn.

1962 **Angela Gasparro** has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Haverford Township Free Library.

1964 **Honey Pfister Hofmann** has retired to Charlottesville, Virginia, with her husband Dr. Larry Hofmann. She continues to practice as a clinical psychologist in private practice and spends her spare time traveling to see their four grown children and their families, including eight grandchildren.

1965 **Jenny Lovatt Abbate**, who teaches at Saint Philomena's School in Portsmouth, R.I., was awarded the *Sister Miriam Farrell Award for Distinguished Catholic School Teachers* for all of New England. The award was presented by The National Catholic

Education Association (NCEA) in Minneapolis in April 2010. Parents, teachers, and associates wrote letters recommending Jenny for the award for her Catholic leadership and guidance.

1968 **Carol Zintl Ryan** and husband, Neil, became members of the 'grandparents club' on Christmas Eve 2008 when their daughter, Alicia, gave birth to a little bundle of joy, Thomas Blair Ives, Jr. Carol says they are so happy to be in the grandparents club, "It's the best club around!"

1975 The Archdiocese of Philadelphia honored **Judy Joyce Putsch** with the 2010 Bill O'Neill Award. This national award is presented to adults who are involved in athletic ministry and who exemplify the best attributes of ministry and Catholic teaching to youth. Judy has been active in Catholic youth athletic ministry for over ten years. As a head girls' track and field hockey coach, she has led her teams to multiple championships, including the 2009 Archdiocese of Philadelphia CYO Track & Field Championship. She is currently the assistant commissioner for Area D Track, and has served as vice president of St. Mary Magdalen's Home & School Board.

1979 Henry Donald Louis Barone was born on March 30, 2009, to **Lizanne Backe Barone** and her husband, Donald. He joins big sister, Isabella, who is having a marvelous childhood in Nahant, MA.

Television producer **Cathy Chermol** became engaged to Bobby Schrijver on New Year's Eve in front of Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree. It was the site of their first date two years earlier, where she had been meeting on a "Today Show" segment that she was producing. Cathy is an executive producer at Telepictures, the syndicated television division of Warner Brothers. Cathy and Bobby were married in Manhattan on June 5th and *South Pacific* lead, William Michals, serenaded the couple with their song, *Some Enchanted Evening*, at their Metropolitan Club reception. Notre Dame classmates **Terri Gillin Smith** and **Kim Horstman Lynch**

were in the wedding party and **Mary Margaret Gillin Lang '77** was among the wedding guests.

As a Past President of the Christ Child Society, **Terri Gillin Smith** was honored at its 2009 Gala. She encouraged the growth of the Society, nurtured its non-profit programs and was an inspiring leader. Terri continues to be a dedicated and instrumental member of the Society, whose mission is to provide support and service to under-privileged inner city children.

1980 Awarded by the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative, **Marya Small** was the 2009 recipient of the *Joseph A. Pacara Award*. A nurse with the Atlantic City Rescue Mission and a long-time community advocate, Marya has been recognized for dedicating a lifetime of care to helping the most vulnerable South Jersey residents. According to the cooperative, her deep compassion and commitment to helping families is apparent in every aspect of her professional and volunteer career, especially in her work with Down Syndrome children. The mother of three, one of whom has Down Syndrome, Marya knows that the disorder in no way limits a person's unique and valuable contributions. Her open heart inspires her work as a family ambassador with the 21 Down of South Jersey support group. Marya left a hospital nursing career to work with the Mission Health Care Center to help the Atlantic City Rescue Mission clients. It was an opportunity to care for those most in need and her dedication is recognized as tireless, and always directed by service to the highest good for those at greatest risk.

1983 **Cindy McDevitt Burton** and her husband, Tony, are now teaching at the American International School in Cairo, Egypt, where their sons, Asa and Creede, are students. She participated in the first-ever Egypt Race for the Cure® around the historic Great Pyramids of Giza in October 2009.

**Agnes Gillin Gayhardt**, who serves on the boards of the Bryn Mawr Hospital Foundation, the Catholic Leadership Institute, and Rosemont



Carol Zintl Ryan and grandson Thomas



Cathy Chermol and Bobby Schrijver



Cindy McDevitt Burton, Egypt's Race for the Cure®



Graduation Speaker, Agnes Gayhardt



Emily Raker



Kim Mahan and Jim Mirabelli



Christian Patrick Scudder



McKernan family



Matthew Reed Voegele

School of the Holy Child, is a member of Notre Dame's National Alumnae Council. She was invited to deliver this year's commencement address at Notre Dame. In honor of the "green class of 2010," Agnes wore a green dress and she brought each of the 96 graduates a wrapped box with three gifts in it: a compass, so they might always have direction; a Miraculous Medal, so that the Blessed Mother would always be with them; and a red clown nose, so that they will remember to always look at life with a sense of humor, to bring joy to others and to not take themselves too seriously. Agnes' remarks can be found on our Online Community at [community.ndapa.org/news](http://community.ndapa.org/news).

**1985** Vivian Rauktys arrived as an early Christmas gift to **Carolyn Hallinan** and her husband, David. She joined big brother, Alex, in their new home in Concord, MA on December 15, 2009.

**1988** **Jen Greshock Raker** and her husband, Rick, welcomed their daughter, Emily, on October 13, 2008, ten days after her big brother, Alex, turned two. Twelve days later, Jen joined her classmates in the Mansion as they celebrated their 20th Class Reunion during Homecoming 2008.

**Kim Mahan** married Jim Mirabelli at Saint John Neumann Church in Bryn Mawr on July 4, 2009. Their reception was held at Overbook Golf Club. Notre Dame alumnae in attendance were classmates **Erin Duffy Pollock**, **Marie Sarkees Barbich**, **Kim Tierney Pegg**, **Sharon Ruddock**, **Heather Swift Pearce**, as well as **Jennifer Wheelan '86**, **Dana Mahan Flexon '77**, **Robin Mahan Conicella '75**, **Katie Conicella '02** and **Laura Flexon '04**. Kim and Jim reside in Plainfield, IN where Kim continues her career with Unisys.

**Carolyn Fay** was the grand-prize winner of the Great Schools Bedtime Story Contest. Her story, *The Middle of Nowhere*, is described as "equal parts quirky and quaint" and can be found online.

**Tricia Clarke Scudder** and her husband, David, welcomed their fourth child, Christian Patrick, on May 6, 2009. Christian joins older sister, Emma, and big brothers Timothy and Matthew. The Scudder family lives in Paoli, PA.

Ella Grace McKernan was born January 13, 2009, to **Cynthia DePiano McKernan** and her husband, Bill. Ella joins her three siblings, big sister Danielle, big brothers Will and Charlie.

**1989** **Tara Flowers** and her husband, S. Alavi, welcomed their first child, Alexander, who was born in October 2008. Tara works with the American Society for Suicide Prevention, currently working on a bill to be introduced to Congress for more education and awareness in school systems.

Caroline Mae Norton was born to **Julie Whalen Norton** and her husband, Matt, on January 23, 2009.

Matthew Reed Voegele was born to **Colleen Wright Voegele** and her husband, Joe, on January 21, 2009. Colleen also shared that NDA classmate **Dr. Janine Barsoum** took excellent prenatal care of her.

**1990** **Jennifer McBride Altamuro** and husband, Nick, welcomed Caroline and Nicholas Altamuro into their family on February 9, 2009. Jennifer is currently an assistant professor of accounting at The Ohio State University, and is living in Columbus, OH.

**Jen Bruder Lavin** and husband, Ted, welcomed their second daughter on March 31, 2009, when Olivia Anne joined big sister, Margaret.

In a 2009 article in *Main Line Today*, **Beth Roeder** relates interior design to the process of piecing together a puzzle. "I'm looking for that common thread as clients communicate their wish list to me," she said. Beth founded Roeder Design Group, a full-service firm specializing in residential interiors, over 10 years ago. "A photo, a swatch of fabric, a description of a place a client has been – it all plays into being able to spot, interpret, decipher and translate their vision. The moment my clients have nodding heads and beaming smiles, that's the best part of my job."

1991 **Kate E. Deeming** was offered an opportunity to go to Sri Lanka where she worked with children whose lives have been adversely affected by tsunami and civil war. Her position involved doing theatre/arts/dance workshops for one month via the UK Charity “Fun for Life.” Since then, she has premiered three events related to her dance work with young people in Sri Lanka and reinterpreted by Scottish Sri Lankan refugees. In May she received a commendation by the Scottish Parliament in honor of Unesco World Dance Day for her contribution to dance in Scotland and with the refugee communities in Sri Lanka.

**Amanda O’Dea** is engaged to be married to Dave Dillon and will become the step-mother to four wonderful children. Amanda has recently moved to Dallas, PA but is still working for her Plymouth Meeting law firm, O’Brien & Ryan, LLP. She started working there right out of Villanova Law School and she recently became a partner.

Among other activities, **Alecia Wesner** enjoys ice skating with an eighth-grader she mentors, and taking jewelry-design and kickboxing classes. She was also featured in a recent issue of *ARRAY*, a magazine that focuses on professional design. The article detailed her career with George Kovacs Lighting where she started as an in-house designer in 1998. Alecia was promoted to design director and ultimately partnered with Mr. Kovacs in the Kovacs-Wesner Design Group in 2001. After her partner’s 2007 death, Alecia established the Kovacs Contest in association with the Pratt Institute’s Industrial Design department and the New York Design Center. Alecia was one of the contest judges along with two Pratt grads. Before starting the Kovacs contest, she served as a guest critic at Pratt as well as Parsons The New School for Design. Alecia has recently launched her new jewelry design website at [aleciawesner.com](http://aleciawesner.com).

In the spring of 2008, **Alicia Wortman Griffith**, husband, Jim, and daughter Caroline moved to Moraga, California, a small community about thirty minutes east of San Francisco. Although it was

difficult to leave their families back East, they were excited to be close to many dear friends and to return to the California lifestyle they love so much. On December 14, 2008, Alicia gave birth to Lucas James.

1992 **Ana Smith Iltis** returned to the Academy of Notre Dame in June 2009 to give the Commencement Address. She completed her Ph.D. in the Department of Philosophy at Rice University and joined the faculty of the Center for Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University in January 2003 as an assistant professor. She is a co-editor in chief of the *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics*, assistant editor of the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, and co-editor of the *Annals of Bioethics*. She plans to join the faculty of Wake Forest University in 2010 where she will be the director of the Center for Bioethics, Health and Society.

1993 Zoe Zwiebel was born to **Michele McLaughlin Zwiebel** and her husband, Todd, on January 6, 2009.

After graduating from Vassar in 1997, **Annette Simelaro** took a year off and then attended law school at Emory University in Atlanta, where she lives today. Annette is currently the assistant attorney general for the state of Georgia.

**Heather DiGiacomo** and husband, Jamie Trueblood, welcomed their first son, Nathan Emerson Trueblood, on October 17, 2008. Heather works as a veterinarian in Ardmore, PA. Her family resides in Wayne.

**Carolyn Chopko** has been voted chair-elect of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2,300 member Young Lawyers Division.

1994 In the spring of 2009, **Helena Plater-Zyberk** traded her cushy Condé Nast office for a sub-zero sleeping bag, and her view of Times Square for one of Mount Everest. Helena spent two months in India and Nepal and survived a 14-day trek to Everest Base Camp. After trekking the Himalayas at 50% oxygen, she’s glad to be breathing easier back in New York. Helena is now VP of Marketing for technology start-up



Beth Roeder



Alecia Wesner



Zoe Zwiebel



Nathan Emerson Trueblood



Helena Plater-Zyberk



Kevin and Patrick Meakim



Kate Atkins in Antarctica



Matthew Thomas Yonish



Bidsall family



Levon Michael Placido



Thomas Graham Dion

Alacra. Her next big adventure? She's hoping to explore Russia soon with NDA classmate **Alisa DiCaprio** who's currently working in Finland at the United Nations University's World Institute for Development Economics Research.

**Tammy Scanlon Brogan** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their daughter, Julianna Marie, on July 10, 2009. Tammy, who recently earned her master's degree from West Chester University, is a faculty member of Notre Dame's physical education department and an NDA coach.

**Margie Waldron Naughton** and her husband, Denis, welcomed their third child, Mairead Mary, on January 4, 2010. She joins twin brothers, Conor and Patrick. Margie is a busy stay-at-home mom. The family resides in South Orange, NJ.

**Megan McNeill Trost** and husband, Keith, welcomed their second daughter, Nora Denise, on February 23, 2010. Nora joins big sister, Claire, who is already well-known at NDA where, through June 2010, Megan was the Registrar. The Trost family lives in Newtown Square.

**Kate Meakim** and her husband, Matt Fornwalt, welcomed their second and third sons when twins Kevin and Patrick joined big brother Brian on April 7, 2009. Just a few weeks later, the whole family came out to support Notre Dame's Aimee Willard scholarship at the Second Annual Sunflower Run in Ridley Creek State Park.

**Kate Atkins** trekked across King George Island, Antarctica, with the Wharton School of Business Leadership Venture Program in December 2008. Kate was one of three environmental fellows brought along to enrich the experience for the MBA students by acting as both participant and trail resource. The group spent a week camping, trekking, climbing, and participating in environmental lectures and debates.

**Meghan Keohane Rachmady** and husband, Willy, welcomed their second son on September 19, 2009. Eli Sjoftan joined big brother Leo Christopher. They reside in Beaverton, OR.

**Gretchen Mangelsdorf Yonish**, husband, Bryan, and big brother,

Lucas, welcomed Matthew Thomas on November 4, 2008. Gretchen lives in Durham, NC and works at Duke as a research dietitian.

Sadie Elizabeth Birdsall was born September 17, 2008, to **Shannon O'Neill Bidsall** and her husband, Michael. Less than a year later, Michael Steelman Birdsall, Jr. joined the family on September 1, 2009. The newest additions to the family love their big sister, Ava.

Harper Elizabeth Syron joined big sisters Hope and Haley on February 17, 2010. She was born to **Page Driscoll Syron** and her husband, Tom. The Syrons live in Devon, PA.

In March of 2010, Delaney Carroll was born to **Deirdre O'Connell Carroll** and her husband, David.

**Mary Beth Morris** and her husband, Brandon Hepner, welcomed their daughter, Aggie, on March 18, 2010.

**Linda Hodgson Reagan** and husband, Daniel, welcomed their daughter, Lucia, on June 17, 2010.

**Susan McDonnell** and husband, Matthew Gatt, welcomed their son, Lucas Patrick Gatt, on June 6, 2010.

**Megan McCloskey McAndrew** and husband, Shane, welcomed their daughter, Maggie, on May 3, 2010.

1995 **Sonia Kailian Placido** and Jeffrey Placido are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, Levon Michael. He was born November 17, 2008.

**Nicole Fenlon McKeown** and her husband, Paul, live in Havertown with their two children, Sienna and John. Nicole is a stay-at-home mom and works part-time as an adjunct professor of education at Eastern University.

**Sharon Rufus Dion** and husband, Chris, welcomed their first child, a baby boy, Thomas Graham Dion, on September 29, 2009.

Emma Marie Makatche, arrived December 20, 2009. She is the daughter of **Kristen Sander Makatche** and her husband, Bart. The Makatches live in Havertown and Kristen teaches at Moorestown Friends School in New Jersey.

**Alycia Piccone Pietrini** was married to Marc Pietrini in 2005.

Their daughter was born in October 2007. The Pietrinis live in Wayne, PA.

**1996 Heather Byrne Clune** and her husband, Tom, are the proud parents of their first-born son, Thomas Walter Clune III, who joined their family on May 7, 2009.

Jude Salinger Pandola-Paik was born on September 19, 2008, to proud parents **Alex Dilks-Pandola** and Roman Paik. Alex received her MFA from Columbia University and she and Roman were married at Bryn Mawr College.

Ernest Anastasi was born to **Erin Murphy Anastasi** and her husband, Ernest, on July 11, 2009.

**Colleen Straub Bauer** and husband, Todd, welcomed twin sons, John and Ryan, on March 3, 2008. The family lives in Strafford, PA.

**Kay Bateman Burke** and her husband, Quinn, are new parents. They adopted a beautiful baby girl, Nyla Ruth Burke, who was born on February 13, 2009, at only 3 pounds. Despite her prematurity, she is doing fantastically well. Kay is a Nurse Manager for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Primary Care Center.

**1997 Kristin Seidner Sherman** and her husband, Philip, joyfully welcomed their son, Patrick Thomas, who was born on January 25, 2009. Kristin resides in Colledgeville with her family. She continues to work as a family, child and adolescent therapist and a mental health consultant.

**Nancy Buenzle Vietri** and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their first baby on March 10, 2009. Their son, Alfredo Gabriele, is keeping Jeff and Nancy on their toes!

One of the Emmy nominees for the Best Commercial of 2009 was a Sprint/Nextel national advertisement starring **Christina Simelaro** (aka Cristina Cimellaro) as the bride who has a film crew run her wedding. The commercial can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/cristinacimellaro>. She was excited to be singled out as one of television's "best of the best" and will be graduating from Second City Training Center in Los Angeles this fall where she will perform in their production of "Whisky Tango Foxtrot."

**Daniella Gardner Hopkins** and her husband, Michael, welcomed a baby girl, Caroline, on April 14, 2009. Daniella is a preschool teacher at Rosemont School of the Holy Child and resides in West Chester, PA with her family.

**Patrice Hayden Meagher** and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, Francis Xavier Meagher, on December 2, 2009.

**Cristy Jones Stack** and her husband, Greg, and two sons, Hunter and Brayden, welcomed a baby girl, Peyton Cristine, on November 3, 2009. Cristy works for The Vanguard Group and resides in West Chester, PA.

Dylan Gordan Gary was born to **Nora Shevlin Gary** and her husband, Gordon, on October 9, 2009. The Garys live in Philadelphia where Nora works for Comcast as a benefits communications specialist in the HR Department.

**Christine Marchionni** wed Giuseppe Guglielmello on October 18, 2008, at Our Mother of Good Counsel in Bryn Mawr with the reception at The Rittenhouse Hotel.

**Shannon Baxter Harrington** and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Ryan Collins Harrington, Jr. on May 8, 2009. Ryan is also the grandson of Academy of Notre Dame President Veronica Collins Harrington.

**1998 Geary Fisher Sutton** was born on August 13, 2009, to alumna and current French teacher at NDA, **Colette Byrne Sutton** and her husband, Steve.

In April 2009, **Lilly Afshari** returned to NDA to address Mrs. Barbara Riley's eighth grade students about Bahaim in Iran. She had just been admitted to Cabrini's Master of Education and Teacher's Certification program.

**1999 Alexis Barton Morsell** and husband, Michael, welcomed the 5-weeks-early arrival of their twins, Conor Michael and Margaret Grace (Maggie) who were born one minute apart on December 10, 2008.

**Jennifer Messner** married Grant Holdren on August 29, 2008, at St. Bernadette's Church in Drexel Hill, PA. The reception followed at



Emma Marie Makatche



Jude Salinger Pandola-Paik



Nyla Ruth Burke



Patrick Thomas Sherman



Alfredo Gabriele Vietri



Caroline Hopkins



Peyton Christine Stack



Dylan Gordan Gary



Christine Marchionni and Giuseppe Guglielmello



Ryan Collins Harrington, Jr.



Geary Fisher Sutton



Lilly Afshari



Morsell family



Jennifer Messner and Grant Holdren

The Montrose Mansion in Villanova. NDA alumnae in attendance were classmates **Emily Erwin**, **Agnes Bateman**, **Laura Volpe**, **Aimee McGinley Gallagher** and **Megan Battle Nolen**.

**Maureen McKenna** and husband, Billy Carr, welcomed William Joseph Carr into the world on April 27, 2009. Maureen has left her teaching position to stay home with baby Will. Billy, Maureen, Kyle, and Will live in Springfield, PA.

**Anne Schoemaker Vazquez** and her husband, David, were married in Newport, RI on April 4, 2009. Anne is an associate at New Spring Capital in Radnor. Anne and Dave are living in Chesterbrook, PA.

**Amanda Phelps Smith**, husband, Justin, and daughter, Savannah Grace, welcomed new family member, Raleigh Jeremiah Smith, who was born on May 25, 2010.

2000 **Alissa Maurer** is an associate team executive for Biovid, a Princeton-based marketing research firm that specializes in pharmaceuticals and healthcare. On April 24, 2010, she was married to Derek Bowen. They are living in Phoenixville. As a member of her reunion committee, Alissa is looking forward to seeing her classmates return to NDA for their 10th reunion in October.

**Felicia Leicht** is a producer of *Living News* at the National Constitutional Center. *Living News*, a 25 minute play, is designed for grades 8-12.

**Dr. Nicole Schultz Powell** and Steven Powell proudly announced the birth of their baby boy, Steven Hunter on December 29, 2008.

**Erin Marie Murphy** has recently completed an internship at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC, and successfully passed a national examination resulting in achieving the designation as a Certified Child Life Specialist, counseling seriously ill and terminally ill hospitalized children.

2001 **Lina Sestokas Scroggins** moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in August 2007 and started working

as an administrative associate for the Information Security Team at Google. After working as an assistant to the engineering director, Lina recently became a program manager for the team that is building Chrome OS, Google's new operating system. After almost three years of living in the Bay Area, she admits the West Coast is growing on her. She and her husband, Steve, have joined a local vegetable delivery service. They compost. They enjoy California wine. The only thing she hasn't really become accustomed to (she says with a smile) is the big San Francisco hill they have to walk up each evening to get to their apartment.

2002 **Elizabeth Grabey** attended a wedding in Chicago on June 6, 2009, where she ran into alumnae **Lina Sestokas Scroggins '01**, **Rima Sestokas '05** and **Laura Sestokas '05**.

**Jennifer Mason Fansler** wed Jordan Alan Peter Fansler on May 30, 2009, in Annville, PA. **AD Hammershaimb '04** was in attendance, and did the readings at their Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Jennifer and Jordan honeymooned in Ireland, exploring the country for ten days. They currently live in Dover, NH where Jordan is a third year American History Ph.D. candidate and Jen is a Court Monitor for the State Judicial Branch.

2003 **Amy McMahan** graduated from Lafayette in 2007 and, while working in Alexandria, VA as the Public Affairs Manager for NATSO, the professional association of the travel plaza and truckstop industry, she completed The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) Leadership Fellows program. It was a year-long educational and networking program for young alumni in the Washington, D.C. metro area working in public policy. TFAS published Amy's review of the book, *The Reagan I Knew*, by William F. Buckley.

**Julie Cloetingh** married Joshua Cady in Great Valley on October 3, 2009, in Chester Springs. NDA Alumnae in attendance included maid of honor **Mollie Manno '03**, bridesmaid **Brynn Howard '01**, Lis



## Saint Julie Award

*The Saint Julie Award is presented each year to an alumna of the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur whose life contributes to the recognition of the goodness of God in all creation, and who commits herself to the service of others. This woman is chosen by her peers as a model of faith, optimism, integrity, and unselfish dedication.*

The 2010 Saint Julie Award was presented to **Kelly Clarke '84** by Alumnae Association President **Tricia Labor Dougherty '74** on February 2, 2010. Kelly has served as Clinical Director for various non-profit organizations. At the time of the award, Kelly was the Executive Director of Cradles to Crayons, providing low-income and homeless children with everyday essentials they need to be safe, warm and ready to learn. Kelly also serves on the Board of Directors of the Christopher Robert Clarke Foundation, established in memory of her brother who died on 9/11 in the World Trade Center.

Upon receiving the Saint Julie Award, Kelly said, "The years that each of my sisters and I spent here at the Academy of Notre Dame helped shape a solid value system, a strong moral compass, enormous capacity to think of others before ourselves, and to expand our vision beyond our own community. My parents believed strongly in a Catholic education, which was a stabilizing force in my life. Like Saint Julie Billiard, I strongly believe in empowering those who are disenfranchised, to value and support those in times of darkness, and to be a guiding light for those who have lost their way."

**Rudnay '03, Amy McMahon '03, Meghan Boova '03, and Kristy Cloetingh '08.** Julie is a teacher in the Garnet Valley School District and she and Josh bought a house and are now living in West Chester, PA.

**Colleen McGrath King** was married to Christopher King on January 2, 2010. Most of her bridesmaids were Notre Dame alumnae. They had their photographs taken at Notre Dame and enjoyed their reception next door at Overbrook Golf Club. Her NDA bridesmaids included **Kathleen McGrath '06, Kaitlyn McGowan '03, Colleen Hagan '03, Carol Behler '03, Meghan Boova '03** and **Maureen McGrath '12.** Other NDA alumna in attendance were: **Celine DerKrikorian '03, Amy McMahon '03** and **Margaret Sullivan '03.** Colleen and Christopher are living in Cambridge, MA where he is practicing law and she is an MBA student at MIT.

**2004** After graduating from Boston College in 2008, **Lauren Seyfried** spent a year working for a law firm in Boston. She is now living in

Washington, DC, with NDA classmate **Jen Harvey** and is working on her master's in international policy and development at Georgetown's Public Policy Institute.

**Deirdre Duffy** graduated from Providence College in 2008 with a degree in health policy. She worked for the National Perinatal Information Center and recently accepted a position at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital at Columbia University Medical Center in their Bone Marrow Transplantation and Immunology Program. She will be working on clinical trials run by the division utilizing her health policy background. Deirdre is living on the Upper West Side of New York City.

**Courtney McMahon,** a graduate of Villanova University College of Nursing, has recently accepted a position with New York Presbyterian Hospital.

**2005** **Victoria Kleinman** was a Phi Beta Kappa *summa cum laude* Graduate of Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

After graduating from Duke University in 2009, both **Rima** and



Kyle and Will McKenna



Anne Schoemaker and David Vazquez



Steven Hunter Powell



Lina Scriggins, Rima Sestokas,  
Liz Grabey and Laura Sestokas



Jennifer and Jordan Fansler



Julie Cloetingh and Joshua Cady



Colleen McGrath King wedding  
party



Allie Sebree

**Laura Sestokas** have completed their first years as medical students. Rima attends Boston University School of Medicine in Massachusetts and Laura is at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Illinois. Laura has been elected Vice President of the Feinberg Student Senate, responsible for the organizational aspects of the senate. In the 2010-2011 academic year, she will act as co-producer of *In Vivo*, Feinberg's sketch comedy show.

After graduation from New York University in May with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and a dual minor in politics and vocal music, **Lauren Katona** is excited to be a member of Drexel University's Earle Macke School of Law, Class of 2012. She is hoping to pursue a career in criminal prosecution, and would love to hear from any alumnae in the legal field regarding their advice and recommendations on surviving the law school experience!

**Lauren England** graduated from the Smeal College of Business at Penn State University with a B.S. in marketing. She now resides in Providence, RI and works for Amica Mutual Insurance as an account manager.

**Kate Devlin** graduated with honors from Brown University with a B.S. in Neuroscience. She is currently working at Miriam Hospital in Providence, RI as a neurocognitive research assistant.

**Stephanie Ferrone** graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) in May 2009 with a B.S. in physics and minors in French and religious studies. After taking a month off, she started working as a physicist for the Underwater Electromagnetic Signatures and Technology Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division in Bethesda, MD.

**Domi Martella** is living in Charlottesville, VA where she is enrolled in a Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia.

**Deirdre Moran** graduated from Bucknell in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in economics.

**Allison Toner** is a featured writer for a group called Poptimal, a popculture website that primarily uses

the Internet and social networking sites. She is reviewing TV shows and movies, including the 2010 Oscars. She is also a contributor to a group called Wellnecessity and is interning with the editorial department of Basic Books of the Perseus Books Group in New York City. As if all of that does not keep her busy enough, she is also taking a master's level class at NYU.

**Marita Blackney** graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.S. in psychology and communications. She now does fundraising for the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart and will begin working toward her Fundraising Executive Certification at Villanova University in the Fall of 2010.

**Sarah Janson** is engaged to be married to Saint Joseph's University classmate, Tim Fallon.

2006

**Allie Sebree** was recognized as a *Main Line Times* "Volunteer of the Week." Allie spent four months in 2009 at an orphanage named Aerie in the poverty-stricken town of Soddo, Ethiopia. Allie first traveled there when she was an NDA junior and fell in love with the kids and with the country. Since then she has gone back six times. Being there, Allie says, "opens your eyes to what we really have... so many people don't understand what poverty really is." At Aerie, Allie taught English, helped children with their homework and handled day-to-day matters including communicating by e-mail with the kids' sponsors. Stateside she has volunteered refurbishing houses in Philadelphia and doing other work in Chicago and New York. She has also, on her own, handed out bag lunches to homeless people. "I've always been taught that if you can help you should be helping," she says, "and not just talking about doing it, but doing it."

2007

**Grace Duffy** spent 3 1/2 months aboard the *MV Explorer* with the Semester at Sea Program, a twelve country exploration including Nova Scotia in Canada, Spain, Morocco, Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, Vietnam, China, Japan and Hawaii. Grace was elected student ambassador to organize special events

onboard ship. Some of her memorable experiences include sleeping overnight on the Great Wall of China, visiting the sacred Ganges River in India during a religious holiday and experiencing a home-stay with a native Japanese family. Habitat for Humanity was a project Grace undertook in Ghana and South Africa, eagerly building a bathroom and front porch!

**Kristin Garrity Sekerci** exchanged vows with Selim Sekerci on November 9, 2009, in the greater Washington, DC area. Classmates **Shannon Morrison, Alene Avetian, and Claire Ryan** were in attendance. The beautiful ceremony was adorned with sunflowers and evil eyes in a colorful celebration of Americana and Turkey, where Selim calls home. Kristin will continue her studies at Penn State University and plans on moving back to Washington where they will live after her graduation.

**Lindsay Keosayian** and a cousin, Francesca Pileggi, recently launched [meproject.org](http://meproject.org). The website's mission is to educate young people about the signs and symptoms of depression and other mental disorders, as well as reduce their stigma in the community. Lindsay lost her brother, Michael, to suicide in 2005. She and her family believe that by providing an opportunity for teens to learn about and discuss disorders such as depression, they give meaning and purpose to Michael's life. Lindsay is an elementary education major at West Chester University with a concentration in dance.

**Kelsey Porretti** was awarded the 2009 Nancy Ellis Award for Achievement in the Arts at Hawaii Pacific University. The \$1,500 award recognizes one undergraduate sophomore, junior, or senior, or a graduate student who has demonstrated artistic achievement, and contributed time and talent to the arts at HPU.

Many NDA alumnae take advantage of programs that allow them to travel and take courses overseas during their college years. **Maureen Bradley** wrote, "I'm studying abroad this semester and was able to meet up in Paris last weekend

with **Angela Brosnan** and **Arianna Scavetti**, who are both also studying abroad. I just thought I'd send a picture – it was so nice to be able to see NDA girls so far from home!"

**Catherine Black**, a junior at Washington College in Chestertown, MD, spent the fall semester of her junior year abroad. She was accepted to the Hansard Scholar Program in the UK and studied at the London School of Economics. She also received an internship working in Parliament, assigned to a Member of Parliament Staff. Catherine's rowing career continues as she participated in the NCAA Division 3 National Championships.

2008

A nursing major at the University of South Carolina, **Tara Connolly** has received several awards and special recognition for her performance in ROTC. Her freshman year, Tara received the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry ROTC Award. To be considered for the award, a cadet must contribute the most among all cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects, demonstrate academic excellence and demonstrate outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship, and patriotism. Tara received The Reserve Officer Achievement Award for "demonstrating leadership, moral character and a high aptitude for military service, and for finishing the year in the top 10% of her ROTC class."

**Kathleen Blackney** has completed her sophomore year at Elon University. She is the president of Elon's STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) chapter.



Selim and Kristin Garrity Sekerci



Kelsey Porretti



Angela Brosnan, Maureen Bradley and Arianna Scavetti



Tara Connolly with her mother Priscilla and classmate Kerry McMahan

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Lucie Slattery Duffy SQ '33**, mother of **Maureen Duffy Way '61**, **Pat Duffy Augusterfer '65**, and **Mary Kay Duffy '69**, grandmother of **Amy Augtusterfer Groff '86**, **Kristin Augusterfer Niesz '88**, and **Sharon Augusterfer Alexander '90**, May 31, 2009

**Dr. M. Josephine Deubler SQ '34**, May 17, 2009

**Eileen Brell Cavaliere SQ '37**, December 8, 2009

**Marie Manfredi Parella SQ '38**, September 7, 2007

**Genevieve Matthews Short SQ '38**, February 6, 2009

**Anna Myles '45**, January 3, 2008

**Anne Cunningham Curtis '45**, January 22, 2009

**Theresa McDevitt '45**, April 10, 2010

**Mari Dunne Leonard '46**, July 1, 2009

**Anne Taylor Lumley Roik '49**, February 4, 2010

**Helen M Gallagher '50**, July 24, 2007

**Eileen Dougherty Leva SQ '50**, February 14, 2009

**Maureen Gallagher McHugh SQ '52**, April 29, 2009

**Joan Higgins Hoffman SQ '52**, March 22, 2009

**Margaret Murphy Brogan '54**, November 4, 2008

**Eleanor Mulhern Stofko SQ '36**, January 6, 2010

**Theresa Quattrone SQ '66**, August 8, 2009

**Margaret (Peggy) Irons Woynicz '55**, January 24, 2009

**C. Ligon Durkin Fox '56**, November 5, 2009

**Marianne Brennan DuAime '56**, April 22, 2006

**Elaine Scalise Bohinick '58**, sister of **Lynda Scalise Federici '65**, February 8, 2009

**Joanne McCann Kane SQ '58**, sister of **Helen Marie McCann Williams SQ '54** and **Pat McCann Muldoon SQ '57**, April 20, 2009

**Helen Derenzo Van Buren SQ '61**, sister of **Doris Derenzo DeFalco SQ '59**, October 31, 2009

**Barbara Schruth Root '65**, December 18, 2009

**Lisa Hargegen McHale SQ '66**, mother of **Heather Byrne Clune '96**, sister of **Lizanne Hardegen Jones SQ '58** and **Honey Hardegen Pauxtis SQ '63**, December 2, 2009

**Maria de Lourdes Guerra Ritchie '67**, sister of **Jo Guerra Fitzgerald '68**, November 21, 2009

**Pat Tallman**, mother of **Shirley Tallman O'Connor '52**, **Pattiann Tallman Boyer '63** and **Honey Tallman '66**, October 4, 2009

**Edward T. McErlean**, husband of **Barbara Casey McErlean SQ '52**, December 10, 2009

**William Moyer**, son of **Peggy Kelly Moyer SQ '53**, May 20, 2009

**Annetta Dieckhaus McGinn Carr**, mother of **Mother Anne of Christ, OCD, (Joan McGinn) '53** and **Pat McGinn Doherty '55**, November 7, 2009

**Jack McCarthy**, husband of **Denise White McCarthy '55**, father-in-law of **Joanne Kimmel McCarthy '85**, February 17, 2009

**Neil J. MacAloon**, husband of **Maryann (Mia) Schofield McAloon '58**, January 14, 2009

**Clement H. Stratman**, father of **Denise Stratman '58** and **Sandra Stratman '61**, March 16, 2009

**Sister Claire McCormick, SND (formerly Sister Ann Raymond), SND**, Principal of the Academy of Notre Dame from 1966 through 1968, sister of **Sister Dorothy McCormick, SND '59**, December 16, 2008

**Robert J. Gasparro**, father of **Rosemary Gasparro Willson '61** and **Angela Gasparro '62**, November 19, 2008

**Leo G. Marshall, Sr**, father of **Carolyn Marshall Kriesen '61**, November 8, 2009

**Robert Pauxtis**, husband of **Honey Hardegen Pauxtis SQ '63**, June 17, 2009

**Mary Scalise**, mother of **Lynda Scalise Federici '65**, August 26, 2009

**Molly Somers**, mother of **Chrissie Somers '65** and the late **Katie Somers '68**, October 31, 2009

**Mary Facciolo**, mother of **Rosanne Facciolo Kaplan '65** and **Mary Lou Facciolo Aylesworth '69**, January 19, 2010

**Dr. Denis Boyle**, father of **Mary Denise Boyle Curran '65**, **Suzanne Boyle Manno '69**, **Barbara (Brooke) Boyle Hackman, M.D. '70**, **Totsie Boyle McGonagle '71**, **Pamela Boyle Bemer '74**, **Sally Boyle Ryan '78**, and **Sherry Boyle Bird, M.D. '79** and the grandfather of **Katie Manno '98**, **Kelly Ryan '01**, **Brittany Hackman '02**, **Karen Boyle '03**, **Molly Manno '03**, **Melissa Bemer '04**, **Barbara Bemer '11** and **Kim Ryan '12**, March 23, 2010

# Notre Dame Launches New Website



On May 14, the Academy of Notre Dame announced the launch of its newly-redesigned website at [www.ndapa.org](http://www.ndapa.org).

The Academy partnered with *finalsite*, a Connecticut-based company, which provides private and independent schools with web software and solutions such as website design, content management systems and portal software.

Notre Dame's new site boasts a user-friendly navigational structure, a vibrant online community for alumnae, interactive calendars, a dynamic multimedia gallery, online application capability and much more.

The launch represented the culmination of months of committee work in selecting fonts, colors, photo treatments and content.

"We wanted to make sure we captured the energy and spirit of the Academy while creating a user-friendly site that reflected the exciting changes that are happening here," says Alicia Mendicino, the Academy's Director of Communications. "We now have a first-class website to represent the first-class education offered at Notre Dame."

Truman G. Schnabel, Jr., MD, father of **Ann Schnabel Gignac '67**,  
March 10, 2009

Margaret Scullin, mother of **Sharon Scullin '68**, January 9, 2009

John Hunt Lamensdorf, son of **Kathy Donohue Lamensdorf '70**, May  
28, 2009

George C. Mayoue, Jr., father of **Marie Mayoue DelVecchio '71**, **Ann  
Mayoue Catts '73** and **Catherine Mayoue McKinley '75**, March  
14, 2009

Claire W. Laskas, mother of **Claire Laskas Caltabiano '74** and  
**JeanneMarie Laskas '76**, June 24, 2010

Dr. John J. Laskas, Sr., father of **Claire Laskas Caltabiano '74** and  
**JeanneMarie Laskas '76**, July 6, 2010

Elizabeth Annette Kunik, mother of **Betsy Kunik '75**, and **Barbara  
Malfitano '76**, April 9, 2009

Marian Barlow, mother of **Marti Barlow Campbell '75**, October 10,  
2009

Daniel J Keating, Jr., father of **Nina Keating Fisher '76**, grandfather of  
**Kiera McKendrick '01**, **Alissa McKendrick '03**, **Kaitlin  
McKendrick '05** and **Maura McKendrick '10**, August 15, 2009

Dr. Valentin Ildefonso, father of **Mercedes Ildefonso Velgot '77** and  
**Theresa Ildefonso '80** and grandfather of **Lanie Stitt '10**, June 3,  
2010

Jean Yanko, mother of **Laura Yanko Hill '78** and **Janet Yanko Derkits  
'80**, May 10, 2010

James A. Drobile, father of **Connie Drobile Korz '81**, November 30, 2008

Daniel J. Bugey, father of **Valerie Bugey Bowman '81** and **Kristine  
Bugey Smith '84**, February 22, 2009

Joseph H. Wunderlich, former faculty member, and father of **Mary T.  
Wunderlich '82**, November 9, 2008

Janet Clarke, mother of **Kelly Clarke '84**, **Katie Clarke '87**, **Tricia  
Clarke Scudder '88** and **Tracey Clarke Osborne '91**, April 14,  
2009

Edward H. Devine III, former Trustee, father of **Maria Devine Connolly  
'84**, father-in-law of **Victoria Woods Devine '79**, grandfather of **Tori  
Devine '02**, **Lauren Devine '07** and **Kelliann Devine '08**, April  
22, 2009

Craig Whiteside Hubbert, brother of **Kristen Hubbert '85**, June 19,  
2010

Dr. Irene Kimmel, mother of **Joanne Kimmel McCarthy '85** and  
**Laura Kimmel Brenneman '89**, June 30, 2010

Richard G. Crockett, husband of **April Collins Crockett '87**, May 3,  
2010

Patrick Temple-West, father of **Frances Temple-West '87** and **Mariga  
Temple-West '88**, August 6, 2009

Jack Ruddock, son of **Sharon Ruddock '88**, February 11, 2008

J. Edward "Ted" Seltzer, brother of **Peggy Seltzer '90**, December 12,  
2008

Tessa Marie Sale, daughter of **Lisa Watson Sale '93**, February 7, 2009

Nancy Cahill, mother of **Jennifer Cahill '94**, August 4, 2009

Judith Kennedy, mother of **Victoria Kennedy Lovecchio '94**, October  
10, 2009

John McCormick, brother of **Katharine McCormick '94**, October 14,  
2009

William Roache, father of **Erin Roache Grabish '94**, December 9, 2009

Kathryn Doochack, mother of **Kristin Wolanin Collins '95**, February  
24, 2009

Elizabeth M Hagerty, mother of **Bridgette Hagerty '96** and **Erinn  
Hagerty '00**, November 28, 2009

Dawn Dilks Pandola, mother of **Alex Dilks Pandola '96**, June 24, 2010

Agnes McKeever, mother of staff member and basketball coach, **Sue  
Phelan**, grandmother of **Shannan McKeever '97**, **Christina  
McKeever '02**, **Colleen McCauley '02**, **Kelly Phelan '06** and  
**Julie Phelan '07**, and grandmother-in-law of **Colleen McGovern  
Hutchinson '92**, June 14, 2009

Peter A. Flick, father of **Lauren Flick Froeb '97** and uncle of **Stephanie  
Strid Davis '88**, September 15, 2009

Frances J. O'Rourke, mother of **Molly O'Rourke '03**, **Meghan  
O'Rourke '03** and **Bridget O'Rourke '03**, April 18, 2009

Gregory G. Zurka, father of **Natalie Farrell Zurka '06**, May 20, 2009

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**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

President.....Beth Maggitti '92  
 Vice President .....Jennifer Johnston Funk '92  
 Secretary.....Grace Kennedy Bule '81  
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**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
**September 13, 2010**  
**January 10, 2011**  
**May 9, 2011**

All Alumnae Welcome!

**NDA AWARD 2010**

Please submit your nomination for the 2010 NDA Award to the alumnae office by September 30th (see p. 20 for a description of this award).



**ALUMNAE PATHWAY TO LEARNING**

With the installation of 18 new engraved bricks in August, the Alumnae Pathway to Learning continues to expand. By purchasing a brick for yourself or to honor an alumna daughter, sister, or classmate, you perpetuate the legacy of a Notre Dame education as well as help to grow NDA's endowment to support scholarship aid. Purchase a brick online today for \$250. For more information, go to [ndapa.org](http://ndapa.org) (Supporting NDA / Endowment) or contact the alumnae office.

**ALUMNAE COMMUNICATIONS GOING GREEN**



In an effort to reduce paper consumption, NDA is issuing many alumnae news bulletins as well as invitations to local and regional events via e-mail only. Please make sure the alumnae office has your current contact information, most especially your e-mail address. Simply send an e-mail to [alumnae@ndapa.org](mailto:alumnae@ndapa.org) with your name and class year.

If you have a seasonal address and would like your mail redirected during certain months, please let us know. This helps us both to save money on postage and to plan regional events (e.g., Florida in winter, New Jersey beaches in summer).

**ALUMNAE – HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH**

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**Class Notes:** We want to hear about the great news in your life, work and family. Please submit class notes to the Online Community or to the alumnae office. Photos are welcome!



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# EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM



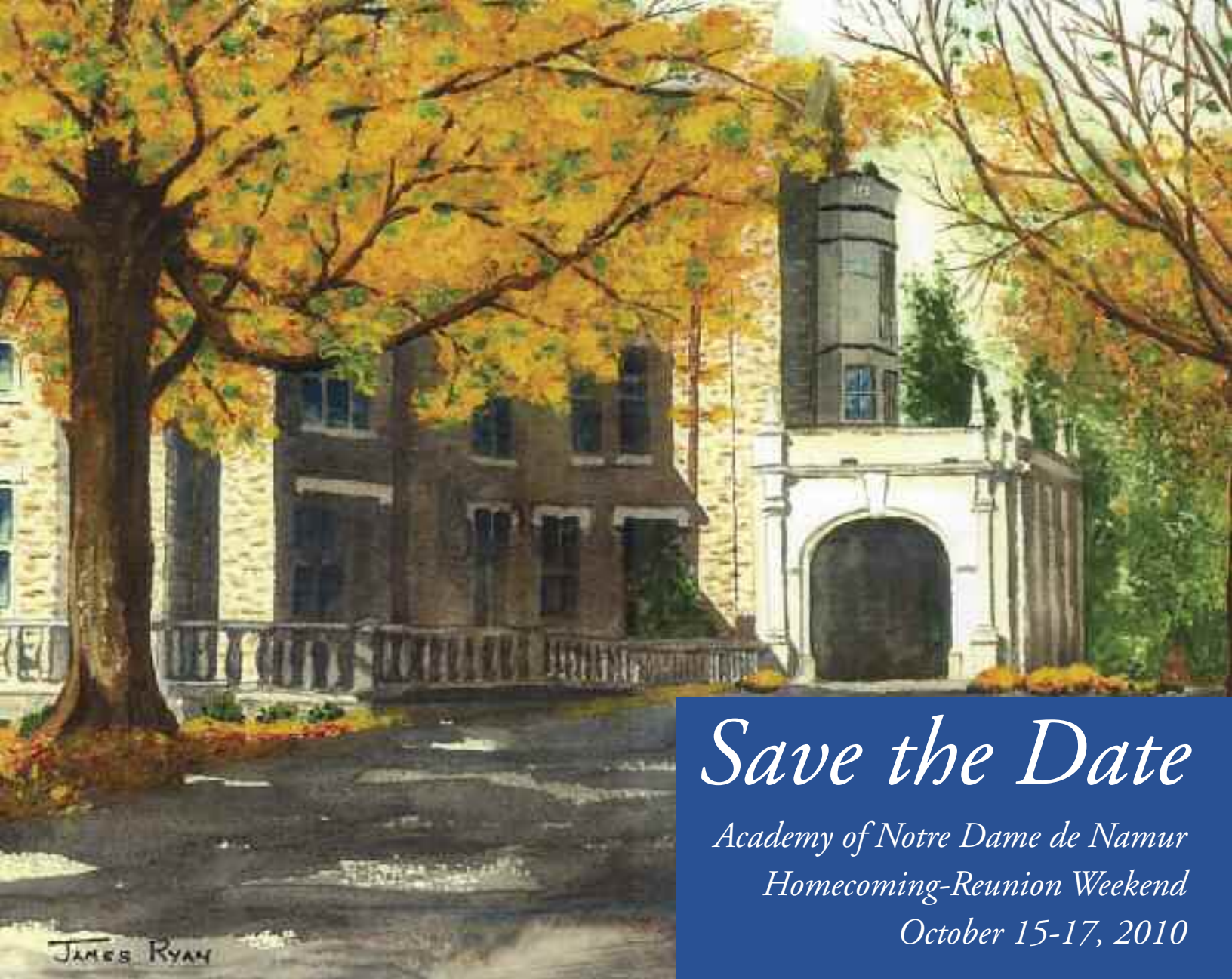
*The Oliver Family: Jacinto, Andrew, Elisa '11, Isabel, Christina '13, Catherine, and Beth.*

The Kirkman Oliver Company of Newtown Square participates in the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) for the benefit of Notre Dame.

Jacinto and Beth Oliver's accountant advised them to take advantage of EITC because it allows them to make a sizable charitable contribution to Notre Dame at a minimal out-of-pocket cost. In addition, Beth underscores that "it is a fantastic opportunity for us to direct almost all of our state tax dollars directly to Catholic education."

Since 2005, seventeen Pennsylvania businesses have collectively given almost \$600,000 for scholarship aid to Notre Dame through EITC. While the main reason they participate in the program is to help deserving students afford a Notre Dame education, the significant state tax credits received by these businesses make it a win-win proposition.

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