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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2

#CSW19



Tuesday, January 29 12pm—Wednesday, January 30, 12pm—NCEA Day of Giving. Current students and alumni will be calling alumni that we have contact information for, asking to help support our College and Career Exploration Center. If you'd like to participate in any way, contact Kayla Hartman at 315-724-5118 ext. 17.

Thursday, January 31—Student mass in the Michael J. Walsh Gymnasium. Student dress down day for non-perishable food donation for Feed Our Vets.

Friday, February 1—Service projects for our community. Check our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>www.notredameutica.org</u> for pictures and updates.

ALUMNI NEWS

- Dr. Marc DelMonico, ND 1993, was one of two co-representatives of the US Conference of Catholic Bishopes at an international meeting held in late September at the Vatican.
- Kenny Talerico, ND 2018, made Dean's List at Hamilton College.
- Benefit to be held for Michelle Perry Gustafson, ND 1980, who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. The benefit will be held on Sunday, February 10 at Hart's Hill Inn from 12-3pm.

STUDENT NEWS

- Treijen Garrett, a senior, scored his 1,000th point on December 11, 2018. Only needing fourteen points to achieve this milestone, Garrett scored eighteen points in the Jugglers' 79-39 win against Oneida.
- Zach Brush, another ND senior, signed a letter of intent to play Division II Baseball at LeMoyne College.
- Mock Trial is back at Notre Dame and brought in eighteen interested students. Best of luck!

*Would you like your recent accomplishment included on the next Juggler Journal? Contact Kayla at khartman@syrdiocese.org.

COULD YOU USE \$50,000?

How about \$20k, \$5k, \$1k, or \$500? Get your ticket(s) NOW for the 7th Annual Notre Dame Cash Raffle! Only 2,000 tickets are sold—so don't wait! Purchase your ticket here.

The annual drawing party will be Sunday, April 28 at 3pm in the Michael J. Walsh Gymnasium. Food, drinks, and door prizes are FREE. Must be 21 and over to attend—we hope to see you there!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: ALEX CARBONE, NOTRE DAME 1991

As a junior in high school, Alex Carbone and his family decided together that Notre Dame would be a better fit than his home school district where his individual needs were slipping through the cracks in a bigger school setting. They believed that Notre Dame's reputation and structure would benefit Alex best in his teen years. At the time, Alex transferred with one friend, but grew to know and befriend many more. He appreciated the diversity in students that attended Notre Dame, which he found to benefit him throughout his life. "Before Notre Dame, I grew up with kids who lived in my neighborhood, which is great, but through Notre Dame, I was able to meet and hang out with kids from different neighborhoods throughout the area. We all had different life experiences, so it was wonderful to have my eyes opened to the wide world around me at such a young age. This area is so diverse, and I was able to experience it firsthand at such a young age because of Notre Dame."

As a young teen, Alex began working for his family's automobile sales business helping with odd jobs. He'd often scrape paint off of buildings that needed some work for some extra cash, but throughout time, began growing his responsibilities and learning the ropes of the family business.

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He enjoyed climbing the ladder to eventually become the VP of Sales at the Carbone Auto Group for a decade. "I have a natural sales-personality – I love to communicate with people. I love to listen to what people need and help them achieve their goals."

After Alex and his family recently coordinated the sale of the Carbone Auto Group to Lithia Motors, Alex wanted to begin a new project. He had often discussed working with Al Calogero to purchase The Fitness Mill, a gym located nearby Notre Dame High School in New York Mills. Alex exercised there for years and knew he wanted to give Al pride in his legacy. When Alex took over The Fitness Mill, he knew it had a solid business foundation, but needed a little TLC. He brought in new equipment and classes to attract more clientele as well as satisfy current clients. In time, he added a protein shake bar with various healthy foods available, a massage spa down the hall, and a day care for parents while they are working out.

In addition to his ownership of The Fitness Mill, Alex and his family continue their extensive work with the local community through the Joseph and Inez Carbone Family Foundation. Their family has been generous to many local organizations throughout the years, including Notre Dame as a partner in our Capital Campaign.

Alex attributes his life's structure and work ethic to Notre Dame – "I'm up every day at 3:30am. I'm in the gym by 5am. I wanted that to continue even when I was no longer working a 'typical' 9-5. Notre Dame taught me to follow a structure. Until recently, I wore a suit and tie every day since I was 16. I always dressed up and showed up; Notre Dame helped to instill that in me. It prepares you toward a structured career. Notre Dame also helped me to become a better person in my faith—I still go to Church on Sunday. If anyone is considering Notre Dame, I'd tell them to enroll today."

Want to be featured in an Alumni Spotlight? Contact Kayla at khartman@syrdiocese.org.

THE SEASON OF GIVING

In Notre Dame's efforts to be a continuing force of education for children of the Mohawk Valley, we are proud to share our successes. We are thrilled to announce that by the close of 2018, Notre Dame has raised over \$500,000 through the generosity of our supporters. In addition to our \$250,000 match from a prominent alumnus, additional gifts from many donors, large and small, helped to get us to said match, bringing in more than \$500,000 to Notre Dame between July 1 and December 31, 2018. These monies are used for student scholarships, which are based on need and merit, as well as various projects within the school, including forward movement in our new strategic plan—stay tuned for more details.

If you would like more information on how you can help Notre Dame continue to thrive with whatever your talents may be, please contact Kayla Hartman at 316-724-5118 ext. 17 or khartman@syrdiocese.org. We cannot say it enough—thank you for all you do for Notre Dame!

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday, December 12, the Notre Dame Development Office invited Brother More, CFX Society, Foundation Society, and many of our Capital Campaign donors to our first donor reception. Board members, parents, and community business partners were in attendance. Following the reception, attendees were invited to view student artwork displayed throughout the Msgr. Willenburg Center before enjoying the sounds of the season and a theatrical production of *The Weight of the Mass* by Notre Dame students. During their annual Christmas concert and art show.

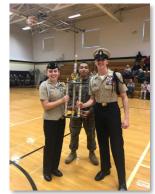


ND NJROTC TAKES HOME FIRST PLACE

On Saturday, November 17, our very own NJROTC hosted and placed 1st overall at the 3rd Annual Notre Dame NJROTC Academic, Athletic and Drill Competition, which took place in the Michael J. Walsh Memorial Gymnasium.

Special thanks to Cornell University for the judging of the competition.





Have you joined our alumni Facebook group yet? You'll get more information on what's happening at Notre Dame. Just click <u>here</u> and request to join. As soon as your request is received, you'll be added to the group!

LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETY INTRODUCED

What does leadership look like? It is partnerships among alumni, family, and friends of Notre Dame supporting the mission of this school in a variety of ways. Notre Dame is proud to boast its thousands of leaders around the world, with their roots beginning within our very own walls. As we begin 2019, we are excited to announce the establishment of our Leadership Giving Society—those individuals from our local and global communities who believe in and support the excellence of a Notre Dame education. All are welcome to become a member of this Leadership Giving Society with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more each year or anyone making a monthly gift of \$84 or more. Beyond granting exceptional opportunities for the students of Notre Dame, membership also includes special access and privileges. As a member, you will receive an invitation to our annual donor reception and preferred seating for the following Jr/Sr High School Christmas Concert, 2 tickets to our spring musical in our new Msgr. Willenburg Center, preferred seating at Commencement for up to 2 people, and recognition in all Juggler Journal newsletters.

If you are interested in more information on becoming a Leadership Giving Society member, please contact Kayla Hartman, Director of Development, at 315-724-5118 ext. 17 or khartman@syrdiocese.org.

Notre Dame would like to extend a special thank you to our inaugural Leadership Giving Society members for the 2018-2019 year:

Anonymous

Michael & Maureen Carney

Bernard Decker

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Thomas Van Waes

Robert Woodhouse

UPCOMING EVENTS—CHECK OUR ATHLETICS SCHEDULE HERE. Sunday,

March 24—Notre Dame Art Auction

Saturday, March 30—Shall We Dance? at 6:00pm. This is a fundraising event for The Good News Center. For more information, go to the goodnewscenter.org

Sunday, April 28—Annual Notre Dame Cash Raffle—see you there!

Friday, June 7—Graduation at 7pm