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NOTRE DAME RAFFLE

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DRAWING APRIL 28, 2019 AT ND JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
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ALUMNI UPDATES

- Interested in participating in our Alumni Association? How about a planning committee for an all-alumni reunion? Contact Kayla at khartman@syrdiocese.org to get involved today!
- Pat Moore '10 is assistant coach of the Colgate Raiders who returned to NCAA basketball tournament in March. For more details on Pat and the Raiders, visit the story on WKTV [here](#).
- Nominations are now being accepted for the Brother More C.F.X. Hall of Fame. If you would like to submit a nomination electronically, please click [here](#).
- Congratulations to Andrew Derminio '08 for being honored by the Genesis Group, Utica for the 2019 Striving For Success Awards.
- Emily Durr '14 was named Head Coach of Women's Basketball at MVCC.
- Stephen Babiarz '85 will be inducted into the Upstate New York Basketball Hall of Fame this spring.
- Gerard "Rod" Brooks '70 will be inducted into the Upstate New York Basketball Hall of Fame as well, as part of the undefeated 1980 Empire State Games Gold Medal Team. Rod was also inducted individually as a player last year.
- Brian McQueen '73 will receive the Chief James P. Seavey Sr. Health and Wellness Leadership Award, co-sponsored by Ward Diesel and VFIS, from the National Volunteer Fire Council during their April meeting in Alexandria, VA.

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

SPRING CLEANING? DESPERATELY SEEKING TUBA!

Dear valued alumni, are you downsizing / spring cleaning / becoming a “minimalist”? We are seeking donations of gently used band instruments for the band at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School. It is much more cost effective for us to clean and repair instruments that others are willing to part with than to buy new. In addition to a tuba, we are also in need of flutes, clarinets, and trumpets. If you'd like to help us out and donate one or more of these instruments, please contact Kayla at khartman@syrdiocese.org or 315-724-5118 ext. 17.

STUDENT/SCHOOL NEWS

- On February 27, The ND Pro-Life Club held a baby shower in the ND cafeteria that brought in over 1,500 gifts and more than \$500 that were donated to CareNet and Evelyn's House. For more details, see the article in the Catholic Sun [here](#).
- The ND Drama Club performed their spring musical performance of The Addams Family February 7th, 8th, and 9th in the Msgr. Willenburg Center. Months of hard work culminated in a weekend of laughs, music, dancing, and smiles all around. See pictures on the next page.
- Spring sports have begun, be sure to check our online schedule [here](#).
- The NCEA Day of Giving on January 29-30 was a great success, even though the alumni calling portion was postponed to 3/5 (due to inclement weather). In total, the efforts of the students and development office raised close to \$4,000 including 10 Chromebooks to be used in the College & Career Exploration Center donated on March 26, 2019. Stay tuned for progress pictures throughout the summer!
- Also during Catholic Schools Week, students with Mr. Zasa's religion class shifted gears by packing welcome bags for the Utica Rescue Mission in the Msgr. Willenburg Center. Students learned about the Rescue Mission—what they do, who they help, and how to help more.



Students and faculty in front of the full gift table at the Baby Shower on 2/27.



Joe Coffay and Scott Fluty (CCNY Tech) with students and refurbished Chromebooks for the College & Career Exploration Center.



Students participating in community service for Catholic Schools Week





CAST AND CREW IN “THE ADDAMS FAMILY” MUSICAL. PHOTO CREDIT TO JB3 PHOTOS.

Have you joined our alumni Facebook group yet? You’ll get more information on what’s happening at Notre Dame. Just click [here](#) and request to join. As soon as your request is received, you’ll be added to the group!

CALLING ALL THOSE IN REUNION YEARS!

40th Reunion— ND 1979 —The Notre Dame Class of 1979 will gather on Saturday, August 10th at 12 North Sports Bar from 2 – 6pm. There will be a variety of food and drinks at your “Senior” Skip Day. Class representatives will be reaching out via phone/email about the event. If you are not able to attend, please consider sending a monetary donation for a class gift to the school. More details to follow!

45th Reunion—UCA 1974 —The UCA Class of 1974 will gather September 13-15 at Mary Lou (Mahar) Meagher’s home on Cape Cod. For more information, contact Susan (Martellotto) Januszewski at naturalnursesusan@gmail.com.

50th Reunion—ND 1969—The Notre Dame Class of 1969 will be holding their 50th Reunion celebration on Saturday, September 7 beginning at the annual Notre Dame Golf Tournament, followed by a clambake dinner at Aqua Vino. The following morning, the class will be honored and recognized at mass at Our Lady of the Rosary. Committee members are looking for photos to have displayed at the event—if you have any you’d like to share, please contact! To make sure your address is up to date, contact Kayla at khartman@syrdiocese.org.

55th Reunion—ND, UCA, and de Sales 1964—Alumni from the Class of 1964 will hold a Reunion with all members of the class of 1964 from all three of the Utica Catholic schools on Friday, July 26 at the Msgr. Willenburg Center at Notre Dame and Saturday, July 27 at the Yahnundasis Golf Club. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Lady of Lourdes All Class Reunion—There have been some OLOL alumni who have expressed interest in holding an all-class reunion on the weekend of the OLOL Bazaar on the weekend of August 22, 23, and 24. Details are still being worked out, but if you are an Our Lady of Lourdes elementary school alumni and have interest in assisting with or attending this event, please contact Kayla at khartman@syrdiocese.org.



Members of the ND class of 1969 gathered at 72 Tavern & Grill to discuss their upcoming reunion

NOTRE DAME TO BOSTON COLLEGE; THEN & NOW

Alexandria Cresci, one of four children in her family all attending Notre Dame Schools, is a senior with her eyes on the prize. Beyond her high academic achievements, Alexandria is involved in a number of extracurricular activities here at ND, including the school's student leadership committee and the Pro-Life Club.

As a senior, Alexandria was inundated with colleges contacting her to attend their programs. Alex applied for early acceptance to a few of her narrowed down choices in New England. After a long weekend visiting schools,

examining programs, and exploring cities, Alexandria decided to attend Boston College, a prominent Jesuit college in the Chestnut Hill area of Boston. This year, BC had a record breaking 35,000 applicants from all fifty states, The District of Columbia, as well as seventy countries around the world. With the incoming freshman class limited to 2,370 students, Alex was admitted in the Early Decision pool, a very difficult thing to accomplish. Alex paved her way to success on her own through her spectacular grades, community involvement, and dedication to her future. Way to go, Alex!

Upon notification of Alex's decision, ND's alumni office put Alex in contact with David Griffith, ND 1964, who is a member of the Board of Trustees at Boston College. Griffith was thrilled with Cresci's decision and hard work. "This year was the most competitive admissions process in BC's history. Alex is a uniquely talented young woman with a drive not often found these days. I was very excited to meet her. Seeing her at Notre Dame brought back memories of my time there. Attending Notre Dame was transformative, well preparing me for admission to BC and the rigors of a Jesuit Education. With all that has changed since I graduated from ND, it is heartwarming to know that a student such as Alex can gain admission to BC. It is clear to me that the education she has received at ND has prepared her well for the next step in her life."

David graduated from the Carroll School of Management at BC in 1968, majoring in Finance. He enlisted in the US Army Reserve immediately following graduation. He then returned to Utica, joining the family's investment firm, M. Griffith Investment Services, Inc. The firm was acquired in September 2018 by R W Baird, a regional firm headquartered in Milwaukee, WI. David still works as a financial advisor. David was deeply honored to be named the Distinguished Alumni by Notre Dame in 2017.

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



LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETY INTRODUCED

Leadership at Notre Dame means partnering with alumni, family, and friends who support our mission 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. We are grateful to the members 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.

For 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 Leadership Giving Society members for the 2018-2019 year:

Anonymous

Thomas Kassouf, ND 1970

Dr. Jonathan & Jennifer Block, ND 1993

Elizabeth Krupa

Michael & Maureen Carney

John Nicknish, DS 1951

Bernard Decker, ND 1979

Angelo Nole, ND 1979

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The Ewing Family Charitable Fund

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Donald Flihan, ND 1981

James B. Salerno

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James Schmidt, ND 1970

Henry Gibbons, ND 1967

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Thomas Van Waes, ND 1967

David T. Griffith, ND 1964

Robert Woodhouse, ND 1968

James Hibey, ND 1967

The James H. Wurz Jr. & Edward T. Wurz Sr. Foundation

James E. Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS—CHECK OUR ATHLETICS SCHEDULE [HERE](#).

Sunday, April 28—Annual Notre Dame Cash Raffle—see you there! [Click to purchase your ticket!](#)

Friday, June 7—Graduation at 7pm

Are you celebrating a momentous reunion year? Check page 3 for details on Reunions!