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ROY KANE NAMED INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Early in this school year, the Notre Dame Board of Trustees announced that Mr. Roy Kane has been appointed Interim Executive Principal. Mr. Kane has served Notre Dame for nearly 20 years, with many of those as Vice Principal. Congratulations, Mr. Kane!

NOTRE DAME NAMES FOOTBALL FIELD IN HONOR OF COACH BEN RIZZO

On Friday, September 13, alumni from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s gathered at the Brother Victor McCarthy, CFX Stadium at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School to celebrate 50 years since the 1969 Notre Dame Football Team went undefeated with leadership from Coach Ben Rizzo.



ND STUDENT NEWS

After being inducted into the Brother More Hall of Fame, Tobian (Toby) Thomas, ND 1993, stopped by the school to speak with Modified and Varsity football players in the Chapel. Toby was an all star three-sport athlete (football, basketball, and baseball). Toby spoke about how sports can influence all aspects of your life, making one a better team member, leader, and citizen. Thanks for stopping by, Toby!



Brother Leonard Wojtanowski, CFX, ND 1963, visited religion classes in September to discuss the school's history, mission, and how Catholic schools can thrive in today's modern world. Thank you for your time and sharing your knowledge, Brother Leonard!



On Monday, October 21, Notre Dame students received a special presentation on the negative impacts of drugs and alcohol from former NFL

player, Mike McCoy. McCoy attended the University of Notre Dame and was the #1 draft choice of the Green Bay Packers and 2nd player picked in the NFL Draft. He was the Packer's Rookie of the Year in 1970.

For more information on McCoy, please visit <https://mccoy77.com/>. He visits mainly Catholic schools throughout the US and abroad to empower youth and encourage good decision making.

CALLING ALL THOSE IN REUNION YEARS!

30th Reunion—ND 1989—The Notre Dame Class of 1989 is planning a get-together on Thanksgiving weekend 2019. They are asking all classmates to forward their contact information to nd89reunion@gmail.com.

50th Reunion—ND 1970— The ND 1970 Planning Committee has decided that the weekend of October 10, 2020, celebrations will take place. Stay tuned for more information!

50th Reunion—UCA 1970— Keep an eye out for festivities in June 2020 in Utica!

NOTRE DAME STUDENT & FACULTY WISH LIST

If you would like to purchase one or more of these items, please contact Kayla Hartman, Director of Development, at 315-724-5118 ext. 17 or email khartman@syrdiocese.org, for more information on how to do so.

1 Poster Printer—\$5,600

1 AP Course Certification—\$4,400

1 School Laminating System—\$2,400

1 Faculty/staff professional development—\$1,500

6 Mobile Data Collectors for Science Department— \$329

6 Elasti-Launchers for Regents Physics—\$179

1 French Language Expansion Pack—\$100

1 French Festival Banners & Signs—\$80



**DE SALES
CLASS OF 1969
50TH REUNION
@ DELTA MARRIOTT**



**NOTRE DAME
CLASS OF 1969
50TH REUNION
@ AQUA VINO**



**NOTRE DAME CLASS OF
1979 40TH REUNION @
12 NORTH SPORTS BAR**



**NOTRE DAME CLASS OF 1964
50TH REUNION @ NOTRE DAME
MSGR. WILLENBURG CENTER**



ALUMNI UPDATES

- Mark Krukar, ND 1971, has retired from the fireplace and building materials industry after 45 years. Since retiring, he has established CNY Diners & Deals. A public service, consumer advocate site highlighting outrageous deals at local restaurants, businesses, etc. Membership is free and open to the public. Find them on Facebook by searching “Diners & Deals.”
- Lt. Thomas M. Caruso, ND 2006, was named a recipient of the 2019 Syracuse Law Honors Awards. These awards are presented annually to Syracuse University Law School alumni, faculty, and current students. For more information on Lt. Caruso’s story and impact on his community and veterans, please click [here](#).
- Did you graduate in **2012, 2013, 2014, or 2017**? If so, we have extra yearbooks available. For a small donation, you can receive a copy and relive some of your most cherished memories.
- 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!

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

ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT: ALEXANDRA PRIORE, ND 2009

Alexandra Priore, ND 2009 certainly hasn’t forgotten her roots. After receiving her Bachelor’s Degree from SUNY Geneseo in Communication with a Musical Theater Minor, Priore worked for a few years before completing her Master’s Degree at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in Digital Communications with a focus on Public Relations. “Family has always been a top priority in my life, so it was a no brainer for me to at least begin my job search in the Utica area once I earned my degree. I ended up very quickly finding a great job in the advertising department of the Observer Dispatch.”

Priore has grown in her responsibility since her early days at the O.D. She is currently a Digital Marketing Specialist at Gatehouse Media, the parent company of the O.D. In her position, Priore focuses on building digital marketing campaigns—including social media, website creation, video advertising, and much more—for local as well as national businesses.

Theater has always been one of Ally’s passions, not only in her studies, but now in her spare time. “One of my favorite memories from ND is when we put on Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Cinderella*.” Priore currently serves on the Board for Players of Utica, New York’s oldest community theatre. “I always try to stay very involved in the theater/arts scene in our area. While I may not be performing for a living, I strive to keep it an active part of my life outside of work hours.”

Priore is a product of Catholic education through and through. “My parents always saw the value in a Catholic education—not simply from a religious standpoint, but in terms of instilling faith and a strong moral compass. My two brothers and I all went to Our Lady of Lourdes (now Notre Dame Elementary) and then went straight on to NDJSHS.” Priore encouraged anyone considering Notre Dame to take advantage of the opportunity to shadow a student. “Be a Juggler for a day!” Another one of her favorite memories of ND is walking through the halls and knowing everyone’s name, despite their grade. “It makes you feel like your classmates really are a second family.” If you’re looking for that opportunity for a loved one, take Ally’s word and visit ND!



LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETY

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 2019-2020 year, which began on July 1, 2019:

Michael Chanatry, DDS, ND 1969

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Thomas & Sheralynn (Maurizio) Harrington, ND 1974 & UCA 1975

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Stefan Williams, ND 1969

Robert Woodhouse, ND 1968

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

- Giving Tuesday—December 3rd. Please consider a gift to Notre Dame Schools during the kickoff to the holiday season. Giving Tuesday is celebrated by non-profits nationally and internationally.
- Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 18—7pm in the Msgr. Willenburg Center



BUY A PIECE OF UTICA NOTRE DAME HISTORY - ORIGINAL FLOOR OF THE MICHAEL J. WALSH GYMNASIUM 1961—2019

Michael J. Walsh Gymnasium ORIGINAL Floor Pieces For Sale. All proceeds will benefit Notre Dame. To make a purchase or learn more about our auction go to www.notredameutica.org/athletics.



5'x5' piece.
\$250 each
Many are available.
These pieces are available anytime for pick up at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School.
Great for a table, desk, or décor in your fan cave!



Notre Dame Baseline
ONLY ONE AVAILABLE
3 5'x'5 pieces—15' x 5'
Minimum bid \$1,000
Bidding will cease
12/22/19



CENTER COURT ND
ONLY ONE AVAILABLE
Minimum bid \$5,000
Bidding will cease
12/22/19



A commemorative plaque that includes a piece of the floor and a photo of the court are available for \$100.

If you or someone you know is interested in touring Notre Dame, please contact Jim Jones, Director of Enrollment, at 315-749-7060. We are still accepting applications for students of all ages for the 2019-2020 school year.

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 will be added to the group!