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Full STEAM Ahead! Closing the Gender Gap



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*Dear Sr. Ann,
Thank you for the legacy you are leaving us!*

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FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF STEWARDSHIP

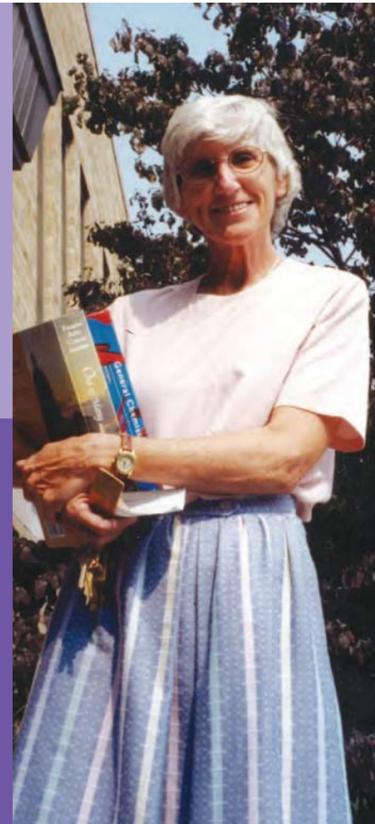
Sr. Ann Morrison is retiring as principal of the Academy after over four decades as teacher and principal. Her Notre Dame Academy family will always be grateful to her, not only for her commitment to providing her students with the tools and motivation to succeed, but also for instilling in them a sense of community and caring—a trait that our students carry with them long after graduation.

Stepping onto the NDA campus, Sr. Ann's imprint is everywhere you look. Ask her what projects were of most significance to her and she replies, "The Justina Daley Library because it is dedicated to a woman near and dear to my heart, the Heritage Chapel that recognizes the history of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, and Gage House because it honors the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame."



Regrettably, I missed Sr. Ann's tenure at NDA by just a few years—but it wasn't long before she found me (and many other alums) and brought us back into the fold. Sr. Ann appreciated that it 'takes a village' to turn girls into extraordinary women. Her resolute vision grew Notre Dame into a powerhouse prep school that emphasized not only academics and spirituality, but the importance of public service, locally and globally. We owe Sr. Ann much gratitude. She made my life, and the lives of many others, so much richer. She will be greatly missed.

— Lois Romano '70, *The Washington Post*



Sr. Ann has been a welcoming presence for my family and me at Notre Dame Academy for decades. She has served as a guide for both my sister and mother's educational paths and professional careers, and I know that is the case for hundreds of other women who have called 425 Salisbury Street home. For us, NDA is a part of our home and Sr. Ann has played a vital role in making it feel that way.

— Patrick Maloney
President of the Nativity School of Worcester



*"Let us always do
our best with great
simplicity of heart
and mind."*

— St. Julie Billiart

*"Appreciate the
happiness you have
forming young souls
for the good of God"*

— St. Julie Billiart



Sr. Ann leads NDA using traditional Catholic values. Whether working with her on a phonathon or on the Board, one always knew what her decisions would be as she always put her students first. Through her tireless work, NDA was able to thrive, prosper, and grow into the school it is today. It was a pleasure working with Sr. Ann when I served on the Board of Trustees and I wish her the very best for a happy retirement.

— Rosanne Matulaitis '61



I personally enjoyed having Sr. Ann in Math my senior year. She took it upon herself to help the students who struggle in Math. She ran the classroom like a well-oiled machine. I remember being very scared at first to have my principal as a teacher, but quickly realized that she was the kindest and most caring teacher I had for Math.

— Elizabeth Hurley '09



SR. ANN'S VISION IS EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK!



Drone photograph courtesy Austin Porth

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Athletic Center
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Sr. Justina Daley Library

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- Lauring Music Room
- Student Center
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"Stone is shaped, wood is carved, cloth is cut, and character must be formed." - St. Julie Billiart

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Sarah Nann '14 inspects an engine during her internship at General Electric. She is part of their marketing campaign to boost the number of women engineers in the company.

➤ Read the biographies of Sarah and other NDA graduates whose careers have "taken off" in the STEAM fields on pages 3 to 5!

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Closing the Gender Gap. Our Graduates Excel!



Sr. Ann Morrison
Principal and Math Teacher



Mrs. Cheryl Ducharme
Science Department Chair



Mr. Harry Clough
Math Department Chair

In my role as mathematics teacher, I would like to debunk a few myths regarding young women's abilities in math and science. For years, the prevailing attitude was that these two subjects were the domain of boys, while reading and writing were better suited to girls. Boys, so the mythology goes, take to math and science naturally and more is expected of them in these areas. Girls, on the other hand, were believed not to be comfortable with subjects that require trial and error. Nothing could be further from the truth! The Sisters of Notre Dame have always encouraged young women to excel in math and science. Here at Notre Dame Academy we disprove these beliefs every day!

Our math and science programs challenge our students. Our programs foster curiosity, invention, collaborative thinking, and patience. We give them the equipment to succeed.

"The Sisters of Notre Dame have always encouraged young women to excel in math and science." ~ Sr. Ann Morrison

I love being part of a team of teachers who work together constantly to improve the way we introduce young women to the exciting world of science. Inquiry based learning, backed by solid classroom instruction, has always been at the core of our curriculum. The last few years have brought exciting changes to the way we challenge young women to become passionate learners, analytical thinkers, and problem solvers. While our Biotechnology Program spans nearly two decades, we have expanded our use of technology in all areas, which has enabled us to introduce our students to procedures and equipment they will encounter in college and beyond. Our Science Club offers students a glimpse into the world of science, through field trips and guest speakers, as well as opportunities to attend workshops, seminars, and conferences.

As a Math instructor, I am constantly explaining proofs of theorems and their relevance to real life examples. The "proof" that we are arming our students for what they will need in real life and for success in college and career can be found in the success stories of our NDA graduates. On the following pages are just a few of the many alumnae who have gone on to excel in careers utilizing math and science.

"Many of our graduates who have gone on to study science have chosen career paths based on these opportunities. The success stories which surround these graduates all began with a strong math and science foundation at NDA!"
~ Mrs. Cheryl Ducharme



KATHLEEN SULLIVAN, M.D., Ph.D. '71
B.S. in Biology, Framingham State College
» Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Boston University
» Post-Doctoral Fellowship, UMass Medical School and the University of California at San Francisco
» Retired Director in Cardiovascular Research, Merck, a global healthcare company.

Kathleen advises students to be flexible when thinking about a career in science and to get as much diverse experience as possible. Throughout her career, Kathleen has valued the interdisciplinary approach to doing good, basic research, and learning from more than one academic discipline. The biggest change she has seen in her field over the last decades is "outsourcing," scientists choosing an outside organization to do work rather than performing that work in their own laboratories. "Science as a career is frustrating but eminently exciting – always new challenges, always new things to learn," says Kathleen.



PATRICIA JOHNSON, Ph.D. '71
B.A., Connecticut College » Ph.D., Cornell University
» Professor of Animal Physiology and Chair of the Animal Science Department at Cornell University.

Pat remembers her NDA Biology teacher, Sr. Patricia Donovan, fondly, "as a wonderful and terrific teacher. I have been so lucky to have had great mentors at many critical stages of my career. My opportunities have been amazing to be able to do what I like and continually learn."



JUDITH KIRITSY ROY, Ph.D. '71
B.S. in Chemistry, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada » M.S. in Medicinal Chemistry, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
» Ph.D. in Pharmacology, University of Kentucky
» Post-Doctoral work at the University of Kentucky and University of Michigan.

Judith quotes Neil DeGrasse Tyson, "Nobody will ask you for your GPA after you finish school, but you will be constantly evaluated for how you think and solve problems, based on your knowledge and understanding of your field," recalls Judith. She recommends enrolling in as many liberal art classes as possible in college: "Being a well-rounded person makes for a desirable employee and a happy life."



JOAN JOHNSTON, DNP '74
B.S. in Biology, Minor in Secondary Education, The College of the Holy Cross
» M.S. in Environmental Health Science, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health
» Associated Degree in Nursing, Quinsigamond Community College
» Doctor of Nursing Practices Degree
» Certified Adult/Geriatric Primary Care Nurse

In her work, Joan sees the benefits technology and research have had on health care. "Many conditions that were considered incurable are now considered chronic diseases. Technological advances are enhancing the quality of life." She credits Notre Dame Academy for giving her a sense of empowerment "long before empowering women became popular," says Joan. "It was at NDA that I was introduced to the concept of life-long learning, and under the guidance of Sr. MaryAnn Laughlin, of the importance of making a difference."



CHRISTINA DUGGAN O'DONNELL '75
B.S., Minor in Computer Science, Boston College
Within six months of her third son's birth, Chris launched her own company, Web Designers of Middlebury, which provides personal assistance on computers, and designing and maintaining websites for businesses. Christina designed NDA's first website! Her advice to students?

"Life is full of twists and turns. Find something you love and find a way to make a career out of it." Christina also speaks about the importance of maintaining female friendships, something engrained in Academy graduates from their freshman year. According to Christina, "Girl friends are your sanity check. They might ebb and flow over your lifetime, but they will never totally disappear."



The Massarelli family (L-R) Jamie Massarelli Miller, Sheila O'Connor Massarelli and Caroline Massarelli.

SHEILA O'CONNOR MASSARELLI '78
B.S. in Nursing, Georgetown University » 1984-2014, UMass Memorial Health Care, Pediatric ICU and Pre and Post Anesthesia.

Sheila was inspired to go into nursing by her mother who was a nurse. Sheila assures students that choosing a major in college does not necessarily mean their career path is set in stone. "It wasn't until my second or even third year of nursing school when I was convinced that nursing was the career for me," recalls Sheila. She knew, however, that she wanted to work with people, and she loved the sciences. She says her faith played a big role in how she carried out her job: "My encounters with patients are extremely rewarding. Making a positive impact on patients in such vulnerable positions is quite wonderful."

JAMIE MASSARELLI MILLER '06
B.S. in Nursing, the University of Pennsylvania » Master of Science as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Georgetown University
» Traveling Nurse in California
» Presently a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Rochester, New York.

As a student at the Academy, Jamie knew she wanted a career in nursing. After learning about the role of a nurse practitioner, she knew these decisions would combine perfectly with nursing and medicine. Her family also influenced her career choice, "My mother and grandmother were both nurses. I was always so impressed with their compassion and the direct impact they had on others' lives. I also was so impressed with my father's career as a primary care physician and loved witnessing the relationships that he formed with his patients and their families."

CAROLINE MASSARELLI '09
Presently a candidate for her Doctor of Medicine Degree at Georgetown University.

While at NDA, Caroline loved the sciences, but she knew she wanted to work directly with people rather than in an office or lab. Her parents, Dr. Daniel Massarelli and Sheila Massarelli, R.N., were her greatest influence on her career choice. "I see how fulfilled they are in their work, and how much their patients love and respect them." To be successful, she challenges students "if you aim high, you'll be surprised at how far you can get."



Dr. Riordan and her daughter Allyson '17.

CATHERINE RIORDAN, M.D. '77
Nursing Degree, Boston University »
Doctor of Medicine, UMass Medical School
» Partner, Primary Care Pediatrics at
Chandler Pediatrics, Worcester.

"If you have a good STEAM program in your high school, you will benefit from it in your future studies" says Catherine. She does see technology and computers as a double-edged sword. "The field of medicine has advanced in both," admits Catherine, "but they tend to make people look more at the 'numbers,' or what the computer says, rather than looking at the person in front of you. My background as a nurse for seven years has made me a much better doctor. It has taught me to look at the patient," concludes Catherine.



PAULA MAHON M.D. '78
Graduate of Wellesley College » Doctor of
Medicine, Dartmouth Medical School »
Medical Director of Healthcare for the Homeless,
Manchester, NH » Medical Director of the
Maintaining Independence Adult Care Program
After graduating from Wellesley College in 1982,
Paula volunteered for the Peace Corps in Kenya.

Working with volunteers in the medical field changed her mind about a career in government and steered her toward medical school. Paula sees the field of Medicine as an art as well as a science. "Sometimes it is a struggle to determine what constitutes high quality medical care," cautions Paula. "Medicine is also a business, and there are huge demands from the business perspective to keep the insurance companies, as well as Medicare and OSHA, happy while keeping the patient the primary focus." Paula is grateful to NDA for other special interests: writing and public speaking!



Allison with husband Gordon and children, Nourielle and Saul.

ALLISON DARVISH-FEIBISH '00
B.S., WPI » M.S., Doctor of
Osteopathic Medicine » Fellowship
in Academic Medicine, New York
College of Osteopathic Medicine
» Affiliated with Associated
Physicians of Harvard Medical Faculty

Physicians, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Inc., and St. Vincent Hospital.

While at NDA, Allison worked with children with disabilities through the Love-in-Action program. This sparked her initial interest in medicine. "I truly feel the time I spent at NDA allowed me to recognize my self-worth, understand the benefit of community service, and create lifetime friendships. Knowing I could help individuals and families when they are at their worst lead me to pursue Emergency Medicine."



BHARTIBEN PATEL, M.D. '00
B.S., Emmanuel College » M.S., UMass, Boston
» Doctor of Medicine, American University of
Antigua College of Medicine » Residency, Duke
Regional Hospital, Duke University

Bhartiben finds hospital work constantly dynamic, and finds satisfaction in using her skills to relieve anxiety in her patients. She counsels students to "come to class prepared, and feel passionate about the work they do...and don't be afraid of failure." When asked where she would like to be in ten years, she answers, "working in a hospital and mentoring medical students and doing what my teachers did for me."



LAURA HOLBERGER, Ph.D. '01
B.S. in Biochemistry, minor in International
Studies, WPI » Doctorate in Molecular Biology,
the University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
» Site Manager at Cambridge Biolabs

Laura recalls that she always had a curiosity about life and the natural world on a molecular level. "I always had an aptitude for science and math which fortunately was encouraged at NDA and later at WPI," says Laura. She encourages students interested in biochemistry and related fields to seek out mentors to provide practical guidance about their career paths. "Advancements in personalized medicine and genetics have opened up new opportunities in the fields of biotechnology and pharmaceutical research," says Laura.



COURTNEY TEMPLE DUNN '04
B.S. in Behavioral Neuroscience, Northeastern
University » Will graduate this June from UMass
Medical School.

Courtney credits her mother, an ICU nurse, as her inspiration. While at NDA, Courtney was interested in pursuing a clinical health care career, or a career in biomedical research. At Northeastern, she furthered her interest in the pathophysiology of disease. Courtney sees students benefitting from mentors' leadership. She recalls a quote from Dr. Robin Robertson from an NDA magazine: "As a college professor, I could identify students from girls' schools with a 90 percent accuracy rate on the first day of class. They were the young women whose hands shot up in the air, who were not afraid to defend their positions, and who assumed that I would be interested in their perspective." Courtney continues, "I am amazed at how powerful the female voice is, and I am reminded of how critical my time at NDA was for the development of my self-esteem and confidence."



MICHAELA ATCHUE MONTALTO '03
B.S. in Nursing, Northeastern University »
Works on the Infant and Toddler Surgical Floor
at Boston Children's Hospital.

While at NDA, Michaela excelled in Biology and Chemistry and knew that she would pursue a career in either pharmacy or nursing. "Nursing is such a broad field and there are so many paths to take: hospital, school, home care, primary care, travel, or administration. The flexibility in scheduling work hours is also very attractive, especially if you have a family," says Michaela.



CHRISTINA KACH '04
B.S. in Industrial Design, Minor in Business
Administration, Northeastern University » M.S. in
Engineering Management » Internships at General
Electric Aviation, Gillette, and Raytheon » Works
as a Continuous Improvement Consult at Liberty
Mutual Insurance.

Christina advises high school students to take their math and science courses seriously, but to also enjoy other interests: "I am a big fan of history, even without having any formal history degree." She also cautions students not to depend too much on technology: "Don't get so focused on your device screens that you forget how to communicate in person." Christina's three rules for a fulfilling career: Your plans aren't set in stone. Changing careers does not make you weak or indecisive. Think about "am I doing the right things" rather than being busy all the time. There will be many things in your life beyond your control, but you control your attitude and how you handle challenges.



*Anne, husband Nathan,
and daughter Adelaide.*
ANNE NADLER SCHMIDT '05
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
and Master of Science, Systems
Engineering, WPI

As a radiological engineering supervisor, Anne encourages students to consider careers in STEAM: "STEAM careers are challenging and very rewarding — intellectually and financially." As with any career decision, she advises students to envision the future and choose a career path that will enrich their lives.



LAURA PAIGE '08
B.S. and M.S. in Psychology, Boston College

"At NDA, I was inspired by the strong woman teachers I had in Chemistry, Biology, and Physics," recalls Laura. She advises students interested in STEAM careers to volunteer, shadow, or intern as often as possible. "My first job in a research laboratory was spent making photocopies for people," recalls Laura. "But I think one of the most valuable insights I have learned is that experiences are what you make of them. The people you meet in STEAM fields will serve as mentors or potential contacts in the future. I've been lucky enough to be in college for the last nine years," muses Laura. "I sometimes say I'm in the 21st grade!" Her plans after graduation from college are to pursue a career in science policy and government research.



LAURA MADIGAN '10
B.S. in Biochemistry, Villanova University »
Research Fellow at the National Institute of Health
» Doctoral Candidate in Molecular Biology, Cell
Biology, and Biochemistry, Brown University

While a student at NDA, Laura realized that she wanted a career in science. She particularly enjoyed her classes in chemistry and biology. She hopes to eventually run her own lab and perhaps become a professor at a University. She advises students to volunteer or find internships, "Taking classes won't show you what life in a particular field is like!"



KATHERINE BUTLER '11
B.S. in Biology, University of Connecticut »
Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing, Northeastern
University » Registered Nurse at Miriam
Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island

Katherine, daughter of Mrs. Susan Butler of the Academy's English Department, credits both the STEAM courses she took at the Academy as well as the Arts Department's Shakespeare course as preparing her for college. "The sciences at the Academy allowed me to meet women in many different fields of science. Allow the foundation you receive at NDA to become the backbone of any career you choose."



SARAH DUCHARME, P.A. '11
B.S. Health Science/Pre P.A., Springfield College
» M.S. as a Physician Assistant, Springfield
College » Works at UrgentCare Express in
Charlton, MA.

"I knew from a young age that I wanted to pursue a career in the STEAM Field," writes Sarah, the daughter of the Academy's science chair, Mrs. Cheryl Ducharme. There were several moments in Sarah's life that helped solidify her decision to become a physician's assistant: "My dad had undergone several heart procedures and surgeries. Seeing him get a second chance reinforced my desire to go into medicine to help give back to others." Sarah adds, "The most exciting thing right now is seeing how technology is evolving to make life better for our patients."



ETHEL MCGINN '11
B.S. in Math, Middle School Education, and
Secondary Education, Assumption College
» Final semester completing M.S. in Secondary
Education, Johns Hopkins University » Teaching
Math in Newark, N.J. with Teach For America

"During my two years in the Corps, I have gained more love, inspiration, and wisdom than I could have ever experienced as a college student," recalls Ethel. "I've learned the most important requirement of a teacher is to be flexible to the needs of your students." Ethel advises students to shoot for the stars. "Keep the fire in your belly" as Ms. Provost used to say. Completing my degree is one of my proudest accomplishments," concludes Ethel. "Educators are the core of every other profession. Don't ever underestimate the power of an effective teacher."



EMILY KIRBY '12
B.S. in Industrial Engineering, UMass, Amherst
» Emily works at Microsoft

Emily credits NDA with empowering her to go into a field where she could make a positive impact on her community and the world. She advises students to search out women's societies in college. "They open the door to career and internship opportunities that are specifically recruiting women." She also debunks a myth that you have to be the smartest person in the classroom to succeed. "Being determined to succeed, to learn eagerly, and to make changes are keys to growth, regardless of what field you choose. I've found that passion and drive are the springboards to success," says Emily.



SARAH NANN '14
Student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University

As a student at Virginia Tech, Sarah has interned in the aviation industry, and plans to stay on in the industry after graduation, where she will pursue an MBA in Industrial Engineering. "Don't be afraid to pursue the thing you are most passionate about in college and beyond! Whether it's building planes, scrubbing into a surgery, coding a new app for your iPhone, or performing on stage, there is a degree and a career out there for you." Sarah concludes: "More and more companies are pushing to hire young talent, no matter who walks in the door." (See photo and caption on page 1.)

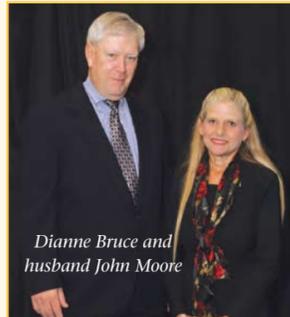
The Academy's Knollwood Awards and Scholarship Fund Reception was a celebration of extraordinary women and one gentleman, as well as an opportunity for alumnae, parents, trustees, and friends to assist young women financially in their quest to attend the Academy.

Nancy Arvanigian Brown, Class of 1976, presented her classmate, Dianne Bruce, with the Knollwood Alumnae Award. In her remarks, Dianne credited the Academy with instilling in her a sense of giving back to the community. She recalled that in her work in the non-profit world helping women and children, she often ran across Notre Dame Academy alumnae working and volunteering to make others' lives better.

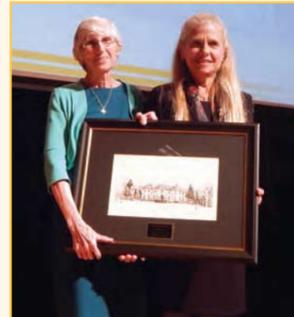
LIVING THE MISSION

DIANNE BRUCE ~ KNOLLWOOD ALUMNA AWARD

For her life-long commitment to children, teen parents, and women in need through her work at Edwards Street Day Care, the YWCA, and presently, the Alzheimer's Community Care Center in Florida.



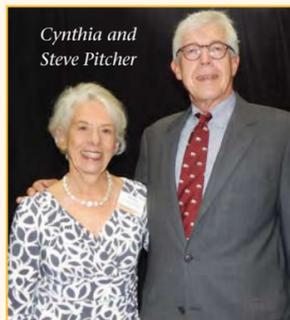
Dianne Bruce and husband John Moore



Senior Kathryn Swartz presented Cynthia Nelson Pitcher with the Knollwood Community Award. Cynthia, grandmother of Hailee Pitcher '15, was honored for her work and volunteerism in Worcester in the fields of historical research, health, gardening, music, and philanthropy. She echoed Dianne's remarks about the value of an Academy education.

CYNTHIA NELSON PITCHER ~ KNOLLWOOD COMMUNITY AWARD

For her dedication to the city of Worcester through her work at the American Antiquarian Society, the Junior League, the Memorial Hospital Foundation, and Music Worcester.



Cynthia and Steve Pitcher



The Honorable Judge Joseph Lian, Jr. and his wife Lorraine received the St. Julie Award presented by their granddaughter Lianne Henderson, Esq., Class of 2006. Judge Lian recalled coming to NDA in 1954 while a student at Holy Cross to help move furniture from the convent to the newly constructed academic building. He quipped that he was so impressed by the Academy that he vowed then and there that, should he have a daughter, she would come to the Academy. His daughter Cynthia is a member of the Class of 1977!

THE HONORABLE JOSEPH LIAN AND LORRAINE LIAN ~ ST. JULIE AWARD

Judge Lian, for his sterling 56 year legal career and Lorraine, for her dedication to Hope Lodge, the American Cancer Association, and Holy Trinity Nursing Home. Both, for their volunteer efforts at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Melkite Church, and through the years for their continued support of the Academy.



Joseph and Lorraine Lian



The evening's entertainment was provided by the debut of a new play by Theater Director Virginia Byrne, entitled "WORCESTERWOMEN." NDA students portrayed 10 women of influence in the 19th and 20th century who called Worcester home or worked in the city.

Knollwood 2016 ~ Supporting Students at the Academy!



Our warmest thanks to Angela and Ron Lombard, parents of Stephanie, Class of 2017, who generously underwrote the Knollwood event. In addition, the Lombards have established a scholarship that will enable girls to attend NDA for many years to come.



Commitment to Service is a Cornerstone of Notre Dame Academy



DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, WE HAVE LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.

“Pink Out” Day for Breast Cancer Awareness



Faculty and students collected funds to further cancer research. Mrs. Teresa Jardon, Senior Associate in the Financial Aid office at UMass, Lowell, spoke to staff and students about her personal experience with breast cancer.

Natalie Tewksbury '19 and her family friend and cancer survivor, Mrs. Teresa Jardon.

Seven Hills Ability Fest

Members of NDA's field hockey team turned out to lead 1,000 children and adults with life challenges in a special Zumba warm up before the participants were off to the races!



Hearts for Haiti

NDA students and faculty sponsored a “Hearts for Haiti Drive” collecting monies to send to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur mission in Haiti, one of the nations devastated by Hurricane Matthew.



Seniors in Ms. Philipp's class with hearts.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

In less than a week, students and faculty were able to collect over 4,500 nonperishable food items and 30 turkeys to fill the food pantry at St. Paul's Outreach. A caravan of a dozen cars laden with all the fixings for Thanksgiving, as well as groceries to see families in need through the next few months, filled the parking lot on Chatham Street!



Students Processing Food

Touring Theater

NDA actors performed “Fun with Shakespeare” at 15 area elementary schools over the course of two days.



Performances at Al Hamra Academy



Students and Gifts

Christmas Gifts

The Science Lab became Santa's workshop as gifts were collected for AIDS Project Worcester and St. Peter's Parish.

Love-in-Action

For over four decades the Love-in-Action Program has sent over 2,600 juniors and seniors into the community, committing at least two hours a week to community service. This year the Classes of 2017 and 2018 are volunteering at fifty non-profit agencies.



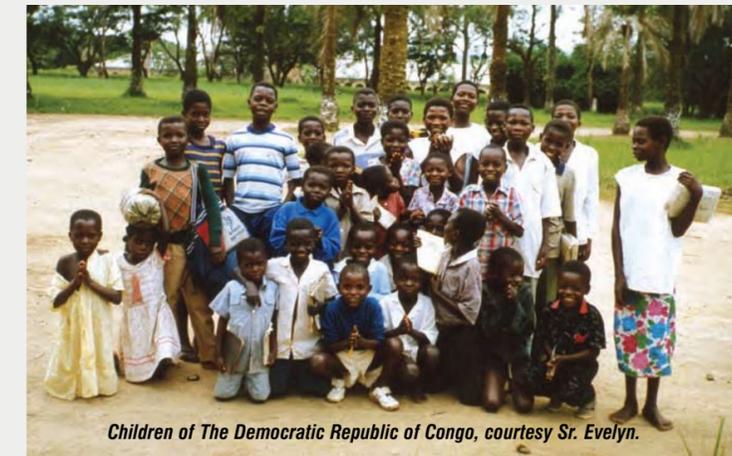
Love-in-Action Commissioning

Saturday Service Day

Nearly 100 students and faculty volunteered at a variety of non-profits all over Worcester county including: the Ecotarium, Habitat for Humanity, ReStore, Hope Lodge, the Mass Audubon Society at Broadmeadow Brook, Mcauley Nazareth Home for Boys, the Monsignor Tinsley Center, Notre Dame du Lac Harmony Unit, Visitation House, Seven Hills on Richmond Ave., Why Me? Sherry's House, and YWCA's Girl's Choice. As one mother put it: “Such a wonderful day! My daughter couldn't stop telling me about it!”



Students and teachers getting ready for Service Day.



Children of The Democratic Republic of Congo, courtesy Sr. Evelyn.

Lenton Donations/Cans for Congo

A long tradition in Catholic schools throughout America is alms during the season of Lent. At the Academy, students continue this tradition by saving their loose change and donating proceeds to causes near and abroad. This year, Grades 9, 10, and 11 supported the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur global mission actions, working towards the elimination of poverty, and gaining global access to clean water and sustainable food. Grade 12 sent their contributions to The Central Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless to be used to assist homeless teens in the Worcester area. Throughout the school year, students and faculty save returnable bottles and cans with proceeds used to Notre Dame schools in The Democratic Republic of Congo.

Friends of Rachel

Spreading acts of kindness is the philosophy of this club. One of their projects this year was making placemats each month for the Harmony Unit at Notre Dame Health Care on Plantation Street.



"The Sound of Music" Echoed Through the Halls of Notre Dame Academy!

NDA's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical proved to be just as heartwarming and engaging as any produced in New York City or Hollywood. From the opening strains of the morning prayers by the nuns of Nonnberg Abbey, to Maria and the children bonding over "tea with jam and bread," to the strains of "Climb Every Mountain" as the von Trapps left Austria (a.k.a. our Cuvilly Theater), the audience was caught up from the first note. Bravo to Mrs. Byrne and Mr. Johnson and a group of very talented actors, singers, and musicians!

This production proved to be a reunion for members of the cast and crew of the 1983 NDA's "Sound of Music." These Alumnae gathered for a reception in their honor before the Saturday night performance. They joined the 2017 cast onstage for a curtain call! After the Sunday Matinee, children of all ages greeted the actors at a "Meet and Greet" party. Children feasted on tea (ti) and jam and bread, apple strudel, and warm pretzels, and, after making crafts of their choosing, went home with brown paper packages tied up with string!



"The show was spectacular!"



Fall and Winter Sports Highlights... Win, Lose or Draw, Our Athletes Make Us Proud!



Seniors **Kailyn Myshrall** and **Abigail Potvin** have signed letters of intent. Kailyn will play field hockey at the University of Vermont and Abby at Stonehill College.



Assumption College bound! **Meghan Murphy** will run track. (Meghan recently represented NDA and the entire CMC Indoor Track League at the MIAA Indoor Track Recognition Breakfast.) Classmate **Anne Spellane** will play field hockey. (Anne Lahey '98 will be her coach.)



GO, REBELS!

(Left) Seniors **Kailyn Myshrall** and **Elizabeth Paez** represented the Academy at the MIAA's Girls and Women in Sports annual celebration at Faneuil Hall in Boston.



STATS

FIELD HOCKEY

- CMC Record: 4-1-1
- Overall Record: 9-7-4
- CMC All Stars: Kailyn Myshrall, Abigail Potvin, Anne Spellane, Kathleen Smiley, Madison Streeeter, Isabella van Atten
- Telegram All Stars: Kailyn Myshrall, Dream Team; Abigail Potvin, Honor Team; Anne Spellane, Honor Team
- "Best of 60" Senior All Stars: Kailyn Myshrall, Abigail Potvin
- Division I District Semi-Finalist team

SOCCER

- CMC Record: 3-2
- Overall Record: 6-10-1
- CMC All Stars: Kathryn Pepe, Alexandra Baltas, Taylor Floser, Kayla Champagne, Jill Lucier, Jazmyn Ewing
- Central Mass Soccer Coaches' Association All Star: Alexandra Baltas

CROSS COUNTRY

- CMC Record: 0-1
- Overall Record: 3-2
- CMC All Stars: Sarah Bohan, Caroline Clark, Margaret McGovern, Sarah Pierce

SWIMMING

- Coach Paez: "We had a very small team this season with some novice swimmers. Because of hard work and dedication, our swimmers managed to take many first, second, and third places in different events."
- CMC All Stars: Molly Foley, Elizabeth Paez

BASKETBALL

- CMC Record: 3-3
- Overall Record: 14-8
- Division 2 District Quarter-Finalist
- Cougar Classic Tournament Champions 3 year
- Girls' Basketball All-Stars
- CMC All-Stars: Anne Spellane, Elizabeth Potvin
- Honorable Mention: Abigail Potvin, Kathleen Smiley

INDOOR TRACK

- Overall Record: 8-7



Athletes Recognized for Their Achievements In and Out of Athletics

NDA HELD ITS THIRD ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY ON APRIL 30TH AT WACHUSETT COUNTRY CLUB. THE EVENING'S EMCEE WAS ANN ZELESKY, RETIRED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS. TO READ MORE ABOUT OUR INDUCTEES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.NDA-WORC.ORG.

MEET THE INDUCTEES:



PATRICIA NEVILLE MULFORD '65

- Pat taught in the Science Department at the Academy for thirty-eight years.
- She has been the "behind the scenes" backbone of the athletic program: site coordinator, chaperone, and admissions person.

• Pat and her husband Jeff reside in Worcester. They are the proud parents of Elizabeth Mulford Mixer '91 and Katherine Mulford Phillips '01.



MARIE DOUGHERTY GOULD '83

- Three sport athlete, basketball (captain), softball, field hockey (captain).
- Awards: Coaches' Award, Central Massachusetts All Star, and Telegram and

Gazette All Star.

• Played field hockey at Division I, East Coast Conference Bucknell University, a Division I East Coast Conference school.

• MBA at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

• Marie and her husband Chris live in Louisville, Kentucky with their children, Elise (15) and Griffin (12).



ERIN MCGUIRK DOBSON Ed.D. '88

- Erin played field hockey (captain), basketball and softball (captain).
- Central Massachusetts Conference All-Star for softball.

• Recipient of the Irvine A. Walsh Award, District E Athletic Director's Award and the Sons of Italy Student-Athlete Award.

• Graduate of Merrimack College.

• NDA assistant softball coach in 1993.

• Inaugural coach of the freshman basketball team.

• Eight years as the assistant field hockey coach.

• Erin is the principal of Tatnuck Magnet School in Worcester. Erin and her husband Eric, along with their son Teddy (5), reside in Worcester.



MEIGHAN GUINEY ALLISON '94

- Member of the field hockey (captain) and basketball teams.
- Women in Sports Day honoree, recipient of the Irvine A. Walsh Award and

Athletic Directors Award.

• Member of the undefeated 1992 State Championship Field Hockey team.

• Field hockey scholarship at the Division I, University of Rhode Island.

• Assistant coach at Salve Regina University.

• Assistant coach at Worcester State College/head coach from 2001-2006.

• Coach at the Division II Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH from 2006-2015.

• Meighan resides in Rutland, MA with her husband, Robert and their children, Brannagh (4) and Paul (4 months).



BREANNE WOJNAROWICZ RODERICK '97

- Four year varsity field hockey player (co-captain), a two year varsity basketball player, and a four year track and field athlete. Three time CMC Field Hockey All Star.

• Member of both the 1995 and 1996 District Championship teams, and the 1996 State Finalist team.

• Four years starter on the Providence College Division I field hockey team.

• Assistant Field Hockey Coach at Boston College for the 2001-2002 season.

• Head Field Hockey Coach at Endicott College for the 2005, 2006, and 2007 seasons.

• Brought home Endicott's first ECAC Northeast Championship in 2006.



AMY PHILLIPS MAYNARD '01

- Played field hockey (captain), basketball (captain), and softball (captain).

• Division 1 Player of the Year in Field Hockey for Central MASS her senior

year, and Coaches' Award.

• Played field hockey in the Big East Conference at Providence College.

• She lives in Topsham, Maine, with her husband Andy and their two boys, Aiden and Alden.



ED SAVAGE, SOFTBALL COACH

- A lifelong educator, having taught English, Social Studies, and Theater, as well as coaching Softball, Football, and Baseball during his forty-one year career.

• Graduate of Boston University.

• He coached football on the varsity level for twenty-five seasons, spending thirteen of them as an assistant coach at St. John's.

• At Notre Dame Academy he coached the varsity softball team for twenty-two seasons.

• His teams won five district championships and reached the finals four other times.

• His Softball Teams qualified for the district tournament nineteen times.

• Ed notes that he was privileged to have coached so many dedicated athletes and blessed to have had the chance to coach his son Luke in football at St. John's and his daughter Rachel '00 in softball at Notre Dame Academy.



Kneeling L-R:
Meghan Holden '05, Caitlin Murphy Lauring '04, Capt., Danielle Perron Sikonski '04, Capt., Meaghan Mills '04, Capt., Ciana Godin '04, Capt., and Jennifer Dufault '05

Standing:
 Coach Stephanie Sullivan
Wysocki, Emily Egan '06, Elizabeth Hennigan '05, Erin Iandoli '06, Adrienne Mayshar '06, Athena Papalilo Tangney '05, Maude Okrah '05, Rachel Egan Grenier '07, and Courtney Lynch '07

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S 2004 DIVISION II DISTRICT BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS
 Mt. Wachusett CC Tournament Champions
 State Semi-Finalists
 Regular Season: 14-6 • Final Record: 17-7

GET INVOLVED *with* ADMISSIONS!

Our Office of Admissions would love to have Alumnae involved with the recruitment efforts of our Academy. Below are a few ways that YOU can contribute to our important efforts. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration. And...please don't hesitate to contact our Office to share ideas that you may have to recruit promising prospective students for NDA!

Letter Writing Campaign

We are looking for Alumnae volunteers to write a note to prospective students to see if they have further questions about NDA. Please share your experiences with others who may benefit from an education at our Academy. A personal, handwritten note would add that "Special Kind of Spirit" we need in our efforts to promote NDA!

Open House

If you live near NDA, we would like to have alumnae present at our Open House events to share all that you have been up to since graduating from NDA! This would be a great opportunity to reconnect with NDA, connect with other alumnae, and meet some interesting prospective students and their families!

Congratulate Parents

Alumnae volunteers are needed to call or email parents of accepted students to offer congratulations and to see if they have any further questions about the Academy. This is a great opportunity to share your enthusiasm about NDA! Each volunteer will be asked to contact just 1-2 parents. Join the fun!

Spread the Word

Do you have family, friends, coworkers, or professional colleagues with daughters that you think would be a candidate for the Academy? If so, you are the perfect person to introduce these young girls to NDA. Please share our Facebook page for up-to-date campus news and activities at the link below: www.facebook.com/notredameacademyworchester.



Join NDA's "Alumnae Power" network and help us spread the word about our Academy! For more information on ways to become involved, please contact Kimberly Kossuth, Director of Admissions, at 508-757-6200, Ext. 229 or via email at admissions@nda-worc.org.



WELCOME, CLASS OF 2023!

We are welcoming members of the Class of 2023 to NDA in September. The incoming 7th grade class is very excited to help re-establish the roots of NDA and to be the first class to enter our St. Julie Division for 7th and 8th grade girls.

If you know of a young girl who would like to become a student of our St. Julie Division, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support!

REUNION 2017

Alumnae gathered for the Class Reunion on April 29th to reminisce, tour areas on campus familiar to all, and a few new additions for some of the older classes, including the Gage House, Heritage Chapel, and the new athletic field. Graduates enjoyed a cocktail reception followed by dinners throughout the area.



1972



1957



1962



1977



1967



1982



1987



A good time was had by all!



1992



1997



2002



2012



2007



The Parent Association makes things happen!

This year, the NDA Parent Association has been very active and a tremendous help to the school's development efforts. Playing a large role in the fundraising and social events, the Parent Association meets monthly and has planned, implemented, and sponsored many successful student and parent activities.

Parent Gatherings

Four **Parent Gatherings**, one for each grade, were held this winter and brought the parents of the individual grades together for many laughs and great stories. The Gatherings were hosted by **Jean and Erik Wahlberg P'20**, **Leslie and Jim Andreoli P'15,'19**, **Stacy and Jack Woods P'18**, and **Deb and Mike Covino P'17**.



This spring, the association has been busy planning and hosting the **Inaugural Golf Classic, Dinner and Silent Auction** at Wachusett Country Club in support of the 2017 Notre Dame Academy Annual Fund. The NDA community has come out in strong numbers to golf, sponsor, and donate auction items.

CONTACT US

For more information, please call Liz Murphy, Director of Development, at 508-757-6200, Ext. 226, or via email at emurphy@nda-worc.org.

2017 Annual Fund

This time of year, as our June 30 deadline approaches, it is always exciting to see the Annual Fund total rise as your gifts to The Annual Fund brings us closer to our goal. It is especially heartwarming to see who participates in annual giving at NDA—graduates of every generation, current and past, faculty and friends. By making a gift to the Fund, we can all help give students from diverse financial backgrounds the opportunity to be part of the NDA experience. Without you, our goal of giving would not be met. If you have not yet given to The Annual Fund for Notre Dame Academy, we ask you to make the Academy a priority in your charitable giving this year. *All gifts must be received no later than June 30, 2017.*

The Lombard Scholarship Fund

We are thrilled to acknowledge the Lombard Family for the establishment of a scholarship fund which will provide financial assistance to students who normally would not have access to a Notre Dame Academy education. **Angela and Ron Lombard**, parents of **Stephanie '17**, have generously donated to the Knollwood Scholarship Fund. They created this scholarship because they wanted to provide access to the NDA community to young women who may be financially challenged so that they may have the positive experience and unique opportunity that their daughter Stephanie had during her four years at NDA. We thank the Lombard family for their generous donation and their vote of confidence!



Planned Giving

A planned gift to Notre Dame Academy enables you to make a lasting contribution to the school you love—a significant donation that will have an impact beyond your lifetime. Planned gifts and bequests provide the opportunity to make a difference at Notre Dame and continue the first-rate education of young women in the spirit of St. Julie. We can only thank you if you tell us of your plans. Once you have included NDA in your estate plan, we ask that you complete a profile so that we can thank you and include you in the St. Julie Society. We hope your generosity will inspire others.

"Le Pont Mabel Gage" | Notre Dame Academy Revives a Historical Connection to France

Following many years of dedication and effort, Sr. Ann Morrison, SND, and her Parisian friend of many years, Marguerite Marie Sahut d'Izarn, have managed to establish a direct link between Notre Dame Academy and one of the most renowned schools of Paris, France.

"Le Pont Mabel Gage" is a program to promote cultural and student exchanges between Notre Dame Academy and College Stanislas. Founded in 1804 and located in the center of Paris, "College Stan" is a Catholic school with a long list of distinguished alumnae: General-President Charles de Gaulle; Jacques Cousteau, marine biologist; Anatole France, Nobel Prize in Literature (1921); and Claude Simon, Nobel Laureate in Literature (1985), et al.

The World Language & Communication Center at NDA now occupies the newly dedicated Gage House named in honor of Dr. Homer and Mrs. Mabel (Knowles) Gage who adopted Marguerite Marie's family after the loss of their valiant father in battle during the Great War. The Knollwood estate, which previously occupied what is now the campus of NDA, was once the property of Mrs. Gage's brother, Lucius James Knowles, the then president of the Crompton & Knowles Looms Company.



(Top L-R) Marguerite Marie Sahut d'Izarn, Laetitia Campan, English teacher at the College, M. Le Directeur Federic Gautier, and NDA's Stan Miller.

(Left) College Stanislas de Paris

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNAE

- Patricia Collins Curtin '59**, sister of Ann Collins '63 and Maureen Collins '68
- Joan Cummings, M.D. '60**, sister of Anne Cummings '61 and Carola Cummings '76
- Christine Estabrook '85**
- M. Paula McGrail Fisher '60**, sister of Mary Price '64
- Karen Walsh Rullman '93**

PARENTS

- Robert Lewis Akerson**, father of Lynne Akerson Steingass '81
- Susan M. Bellino**, mother of Nicole Bellino Franzoso '86, grandmother of Gabrielle Franzoso '20
- Cecilia A. Bowe**, mother of Mary Bowe Rose '74, Anne Marie Bowe Moylan '75, Catherine Bowe Caputo '77, Margaret Bowe Fitzgerald '79, grandmother of Cara Caputo '14, Leighann Bowe '15, and Gina Caputo '17
- Robert D. Blute, M.D.** father of Margaret Marshall-Blute '68, Carol Ryan '73, Mary Blute '73, Ann-Marie Blute '76, Kathleen Madaus '78, and Paula Ebben '85, father-in-law of Elizabeth Kennedy Blute '67 and Debra Molloy Blute '69, and grandfather of Elizabeth Madaus '11
- Leo S. Buckley, M.D.**, father of Mary Buckley Courtemanche '86

- M. Patricia Deamer**, step-mother of Deborah Deamer Indelicato '82
- Joan Marie Dion**, mother of Lisa Dion Akerson '82
- Francis X. Dufault, Jr., M.D.**, father of Suzanne M. Dufault '73, and Anne Dufault Davenport '80
- Ralph Dumphy**, father of Patricia Dumphy MacIsaac '86
- Christine Giovannucci Eckland**, mother of Diane Eckland Van Parys '76, Nancy Eckland Fiore '78, and Cheryl Eckland Trimby '80
- Ernest H. Favulli**, father of Lucille M. Richards '66
- Raymond J. Ferranto**, father of Janet Ferrento Raslavsky '64, Maria Ferrente '77, and Cynthia Ferranto '82
- Bennett E. Gordon, Jr., Ph.D.**, father of Susan E. Gordon '87*
- Christine D. Iaccarino**, mother of Maria Iaccarino '67, Marguerite Iaccarino Lemire '69, and Carla Iaccarino Ronzoni
- Wilfred Iandoli**, father of Kim Iandoli '74
- Edward R. Lamusta**, father of Sharon Lamusta Divitto '78 and Jennifer Lamusta '91
- William Leland**, father of Andrea Leland '83
- Jean L. Maloney and Gerald M. Maloney**, parents of Jill Maloney Curatolo '76
- Claire Fitzgibbons McMahon**, mother of Mary McMahon-Chappell '75, and Kathleen McMahon Johnson '77
- Robert D. Ouellette, M.D.**, father of Jeannine Ouellette Clemente '75, Ann Ouellette Jones, M.D. '81, and Patti Ouellette-Laughren '84

- Carol Ann Pizza**, mother of Kathleen Pizza Castro '86
 - Michele Viapiano**, father of Maria Pia Viapiano '80
- SPOUSES**
- Raymond J. Becker, Jr.**, husband of Mary St. George Becker '65, father of Colleen Becker Bedard '91
 - Peter Gordon Mirick**, husband of Madeleine (LoConto-Gentile) Mirick '74, step-father of Kristin Gentile '00
- SIBLINGS**
- Theodore F. Beriau**, brother of Nancy Beriau Molinari '74
 - Robert C. Creamer**, brother of Ann Creamer Firlings '61
 - Harold A. Johnson, Jr.**, brother of Patricia A. Johnson '71, Lynn A. Kirby '75*, and uncle of Emily Kirby '12, and Colleen Kirby '15.
 - Bruce LaPierre**, brother of Paulette LaPierre McKenzie '83, and uncle of Erika McKenzie
- TRUSTEE**
- Cushing C. Bozenhard**, Honorary Trustee of the Academy
- FACULTY/FRIENDS**
- Joseph A. Provost**, nephew of Patricia Provost

* Deceased



Cushing C. Bozenhard 1924 - 2017

For four decades, Cushing "Cush" Bozenhard dedicated his time and talent to the Academy as a trustee, chairman of the board, and honorary trustee. His expertise as an engineer and contractor guided us through construction and renovation of the campus. More importantly, he was devoted to NDA. His wisdom, humor, and friendship will be missed.

"Warm in Friendship, Generous in Assistance, Constructive in Aim"





For 40 years Ms. Kathleen A. Philipp has been the mainstay of the History Department, both as a teacher and chair of the department. Ms. Philipp's accomplishments outside the classroom are equally impressive. As advisor to the Student Council and a senior class advisor, she has been both a mentor

and a sounding board, instilling in students the importance of leadership and pride in the work they do representing the Academy. As coordinator of the Big Sister/Little Sister Program, she has made this long-standing tradition a lasting memory enjoyed by countless freshmen and seniors. She has been the face of the Thanksgiving Food Drive collecting literally tons of food items each year for St. Paul's Outreach. Her efforts in organizing the Magazine Drive have resulted in raising over \$200,000.00 to benefit the Academy. Her fundraising efforts have also benefitted breast cancer research through the annual Pink Out Day. There would not

be a Spirit Week, a Kris Kringle week, or Prom celebration without her behind the scenes planning and execution.

It is appropriate to give Ms. Philipp the last word as she exits Room 14 for the last time: "I have loved teaching at NDA. It has been a joy to touch and be touched by so many wonderful people. NDA is a special place, and I will keep it in my heart always. My life has been enriched immeasurably by the people I've met at the Academy."

Their Adopted Home

Although natives of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts and Bridgeport, Connecticut respectively, Sr. Ann and Ms. Kathy Philipp share a love of Worcester history

and, in particular, the history of the families who have called Knollwood "home." It had become a tradition for them to share stories of the early years of Knollwood with the junior class.



Mrs. Sandra Gibson-Quigley, NDA History Department

"When I think of Kathy, I think of someone who is totally devoted to NDA and to her students. The mission of the school is always foremost in her thoughts and actions, as is her commitment to providing a quality experience for the students, both in her classroom and in their participation in extracurricular activities."

Vanessa Hofstetter Bumpus '93, Exhibit Coordinator at WHM

"I can't imagine what path I would have been on if I had not taken a history class with Miss Philipp. She fueled my love of history and reminded us that it was more than facts and dates — it was the story of the people who experienced these important moments in time. It's a lesson I still carry with me today in the (Worcester Historical) museum's exhibits and when I give tours. A date is just a number, but a story is everything. Thank you, Miss Philipp, for fueling my love of history and that of all the NDA girls that came after me."

Kate Monahan Myshrall '80

"Ms. Philipp was a most insightful educator who was masterful in taking the current events of the day and framing them in a context that helped me understand the world, and how our actions leave a lasting imprint for generations to come. It was never just History class — Ms. Philipp's class taught us to critique the past, observe the present, and prepare to make our mark on the world. Her unwavering commitment to her NDA students prepared hundreds of young women who are now doing just that — making a difference. I am so fortunate to have had her guidance and to have had both my daughters experience her unique style of education."

Elizabeth Myshrall '11

"Ms. Philipp instilled a sense of confidence in me that continues to carry through in my life. I learned how to challenge myself and to think critically — two skills that help me especially now in my graduate studies in medicine. Her passion for the history of our world as well as the story of the Sisters of Notre Dame taught me how important the past is to navigating our future. Her impression on me as a student and young woman is something I am grateful to carry in my life."

Gina Caputo '17

"Ms. Philipp has given me the confidence to speak my mind and allow my thoughts to be heard."

Grace Morelli '17

"Before taking Ms. Philipp's class last year, I never liked History. I instantly loved it, and am now in her 20th Century class."

Hannah Pliika '17

"Ms. Philipp, walking through the corridors you can almost hear every nook, corner, and locker whisper, 'we will miss you.' Your contribution to our lives can never be measured."

Adelina Hough '18

"Ms. Philipp made me love History. The new teacher has big shoes to fill!"

Arianna Diaz '18

"Ms. Philipp will be missed by both students and teachers."

Martha McDonald '19

"In the two years I have been on the Student Council, Ms. Philipp has taught me about leadership and putting others first."



NDA STUDENTS,
PAST AND PRESENT,
DESCRIBE WHAT
MS. PHILIPP HAS
MEANT TO THEM.

The Academy wishes much happiness to the five other members of the faculty and staff who have truly lived the Mission of the Academy and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Mary Shea Kennedy



A 1965 graduate of NDA, Mrs. Kennedy, a former English teacher, began her career at the Academy in 1984 working in what was then the Alumnae/ Admissions Office. In the pre-computer days of the Academy her task consisted of updating three file boxes: alumnae by graduation name, married name, and zip code. As the school became more and more computerized, her job description grew to include helping to produce the Academy's newsletters, the student newspaper, and updating alumnae files. In recent years, she has become the in-house support system for any publications required by faculty and staff, editor of the Academy's magazine, and photographer at large for all school events. She has added maintaining the Academy's Facebook and Twitter to her resume. Her daughter Meg graduated in 1994. In 2012, she was honored to receive the Academy's Alumnae Knollwood Award. In retirement, Mrs. Kennedy hopes to spend a considerable amount of time visiting her granddaughter Claire Kathleen in North Carolina.

Frances Krauss

Mrs. Krauss came to the Academy in 1993 having honed her skills as a teacher in New Jersey, Western Massachusetts and Worcester's Holy Name High School. For many years she taught our freshman English classes, helping students with their writing skills, and laying the foundation for their success in writing research and term papers, as well as the challenging Senior Project! More recently she has taught American Literature to our juniors. Mrs. Krauss was named department chair in 2005. Her colleagues describe her as being empathetic and compassionate with a witty, dry sense of humor. They summarize her career here at NDA: "She has touched many lives through her teaching and has left a lasting impact on her students, colleagues, and especially her department members."

At one point in her career, Mrs. Krauss ran a family daycare center. Those skills will come in handy in her retirement. She plans on spending a great deal of time with her grandson Charlie.



Sherry Champlin

According to Sr. Barbara Collins, "Sometimes people come into our lives and because of our professional, personal, or social interactions with them we are changed for the better. Fifteen years ago, with the arrival of Sherry Champlin, we all had an opportunity to witness her professional approach to the teaching of French and Spanish. We have all experienced Sherry's dedication and love for her French-Canadian heritage, her creativity in the classroom, and her caring presence with students." As her colleague, Gerard Delongchamp remarks: "Whenever I'm invited into her class, I always leave with a new technique, a creative motivational activity, or a new computer link." Department chair Mrs. Linda Gustafson will remember Mrs. Champlin's "unfailing generosity in helping her colleagues and devotion to giving her students the best possible learning experience." Sherry has also collaborated with the Music Department and the Religious Studies Department, and is co-founder of our P.A.N.D.A Club. We wish Sherry all the best in the days ahead.



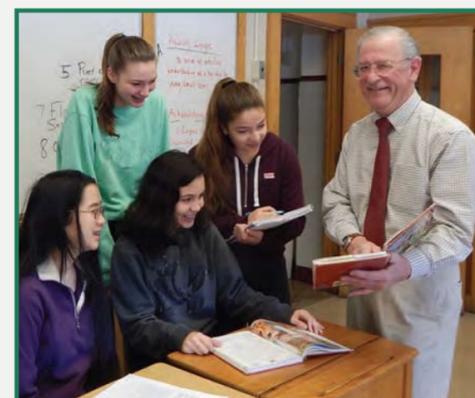
Kimberly Kepler-Gennert

You could say Kimberly Kepler-Gennert has been the alpha and omega of NDA for the last eleven years. As Guidance Secretary, she is the first person potential students see when they come to visit for the first time, greeting them with a reassuring smile and introducing them to their freshman hosts. She is also one of the last people the seniors see when they excitedly come in with their college acceptances! According to Guidance Director Cynthia Xenakis, Mrs. Kepler-Gennert has kept the Guidance office humming. "Kim never troubled students with learning how to pronounce her last name. She said to them 'just call me Kim.' She could always be depended on to arrange appointments, make sure that the girls brought in forms that were due, notified them of scholarships, and announced their college acceptances in the school bulletin for all to celebrate. She has been a friend to all, arranging "partays" and keeping us posted on winter weather especially if there was a potential snowstorm. She will be missed."



Stan Miller

Arriving at NDA in 2004, Mr. Miller taught Spanish for many years. After a brief retirement, he returned to the Academy as a Latin teacher. A world traveler, Señor Miller, as he is known to his students, has visited countless countries. For over 20 years he traveled to Mexico during summer breaks before becoming a frequent visitor to Spain. Each July finds him in Santiago de Compostela where he received his master's degree in Spanish Literature. There he can be found teaching and doing research as well as serving as a translator. This past November he represented the Academy in Paris visiting the The Fondation des États-Unis and The Collège Stanislas de Paris to discuss the possibility of an exchange program between The Collège and NDA (see full story on page 19).



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Congratulations, Class of 2017!

You make us proud. Good luck wherever your college path takes you!



NDA Alumnae Cape Cod Luncheon

Thursday, July 13, 2017 | The Wiano Club | Osterville, MA

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