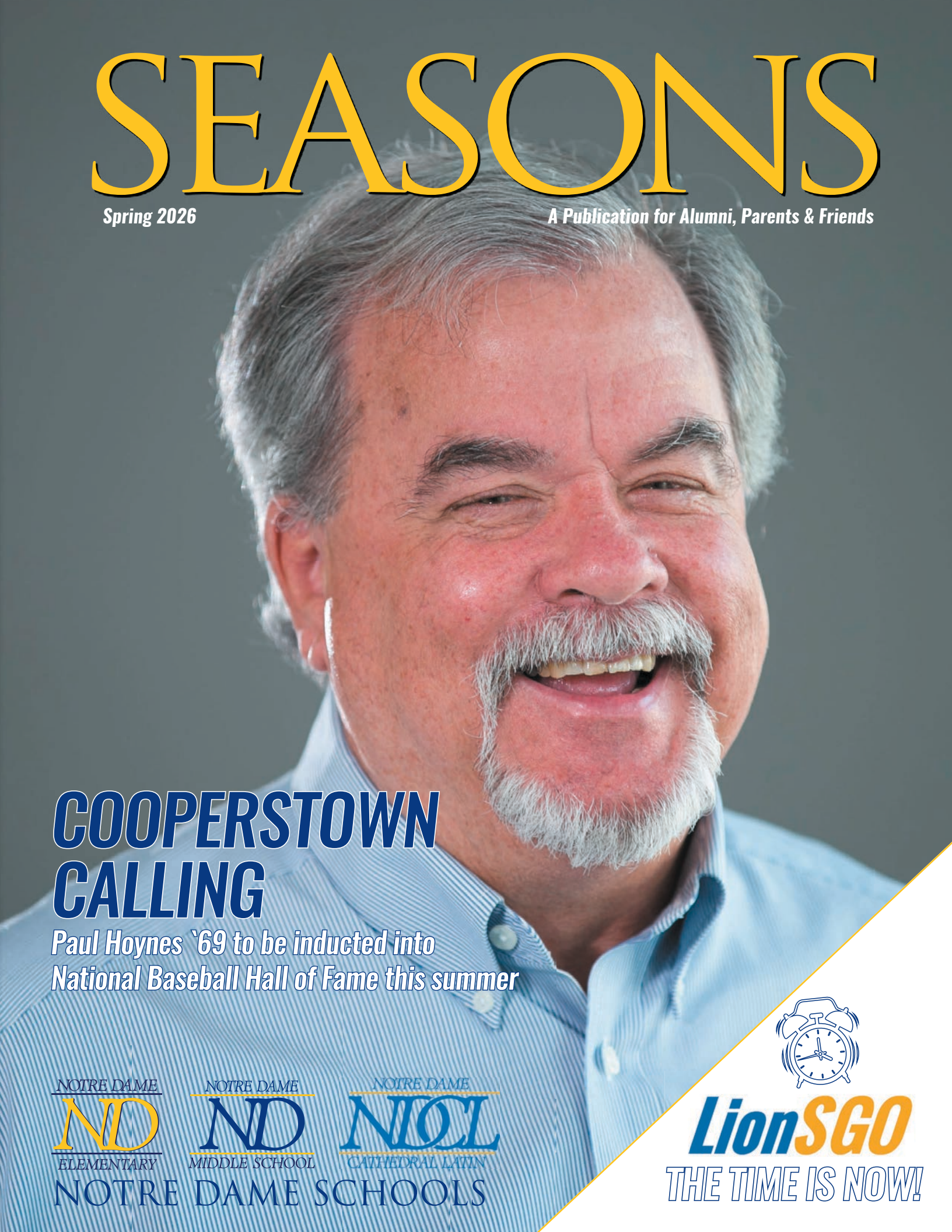
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Message from the President



This issue of our magazine features a story that is especially meaningful to me—not only as President of Notre Dame Schools, but as a wife, mother, and grandmother.

My husband, a Cathedral Latin alumnus and longtime major league baseball beat writer for the Cleveland Guardians, was recently voted to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. While the honor itself is extraordinary, what makes it most special is the journey behind it—one shaped by faith, family, perseverance, and a deep respect for others.

As you will read in the pages that follow, his career has been defined by excellence, integrity, and a love for the game. Yet beyond the press box and bylines, he is first and foremost a family man. He is a devoted father to our two sons, both proud graduates of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, a grateful father-in-law to two wonderful daughters-in-law, and a grandfather to four grandchildren who bring him endless pride.

For more than 50 years of marriage, I have known him not simply as an accomplished writer, but as a man of integrity, humility, and great humor. Those who know him best will tell you that while he may be a great baseball writer, he is an even greater person. That his story appears in this magazine—within a community that helped shape his values and faith—feels especially fitting, and our family is deeply grateful for the role Cathedral Latin played in forming the man he is today.

One of the greatest responsibilities we share as a Catholic school community is ensuring that a Notre Dame education remains accessible to families who desire it. Ohio residents have an opportunity to impact Notre Dame Schools in a simple and convenient way of support: LionSGO.

Participation in LionSGO takes only a few minutes, costs nothing out of pocket, and directly supports financial aid for students who want a Notre Dame education. Your decision can open doors, strengthen families, and ensure that our Catholic mission continues to thrive across our elementary, middle, and high school. I encourage you to make LionSGO a priority this year before you file your state of Ohio tax return.

As I reflect on both legacy and opportunity, I am reminded that Notre Dame Schools thrive because of the strength and generosity of our community. I am deeply grateful to our alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends who made this year's Giving Day a record-breaking success. Your support is already helping us make strong progress on our strategic plan, strengthening academics, faith formation, and the overall student experience across our campus.

We are also excited about what lies ahead—most immediately, the upgraded softball and baseball fields, and soon after, the continued progress toward opening a new STEM lab. These enhancements represent more than facilities; they reflect our shared commitment to excellence, innovation, and opportunity for every student we serve.

Thank you for believing in Notre Dame Schools, for investing in our mission, and for walking with us as we honor our past, strengthen our present, and build a hopeful future together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes
President, Notre Dame Schools

President's Wish List

- New Art Building
- Pergola for NDCL Outdoor Classroom
- Glowforce Pro Laser Cutter
- NDES/NDMS Gymnasium
- 3D Printers for NDCL STEM Lab

If you want to learn more about these or might consider funding one or more, contact me today!
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Board Member profiles



George Collins '65

BOARD ROLE: Investment Committee (Chair) and member of Executive Committee

EMPLOYER: Retired, most recently COO and director of mergers and acquisitions for ABM, Inc.

CONNECTION TO NDS: Cathedral Latin Class of 1965. His brother Peter graduated in 1963.

SPOUSE: George and Mary Collins have been married 48 years.

TIME ON BOARD: First year on the Board, one-year member of Investment Committee prior to Board term.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO JOIN THE BOARD? The wish to "give back" after a career of 50+ years to develop education and leadership excellence in future generations.

HOW DID NDS INSPIRE ME: Cathedral Latin prepared me for college, where I excelled and discovered my love for finance and business. There was not a day that went by that I didn't reflect back on lessons learned at Latin. Those years were key in the development of my life.

MY HOPE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION GOING FORWARD: Our world continues to advance at light speed. Catholic education positions us to prioritize the basic tenets to managing one's life in a respectful and moral manner.



Mandy Capel

BOARD ROLE: Vice-Chair of Board Operations Committee

CONNECTION TO NDS: Son Connor (NDCL `22); son Brady (NDCL`27) and daughter Milana (NDES `29)

SPOUSE: Nick Capel

TIME ON BOARD: 2nd year as a Board member

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO JOIN THE BOARD? Serving on the Board is an opportunity for me to contribute my expertise and experience in education to further the mission of Notre Dame Schools. Education is not only my profession but also my vocation, and I am committed to supporting the operational aspects of the school to ensure its continued success. My perspective as a professor provides insight into the complexities facing schools today, and I recognize the value that thoughtful leadership and strategic planning can bring to students, staff, and the entire school community.

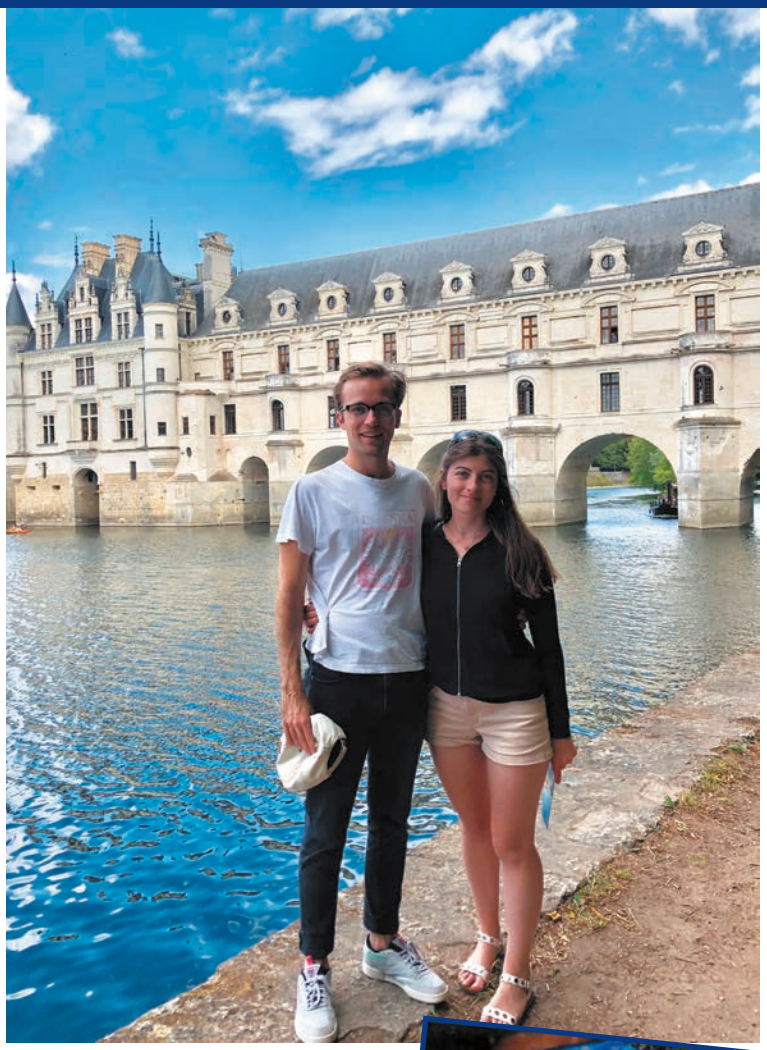
WHAT MAKES THE NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS COMMUNITY SPECIAL? What makes our school especially unique is the way it is grounded in faith and service while also providing a nurturing yet appropriately challenging environment that supports strong academics, athletics, and extracurricular opportunities. The Notre Dame community feels like an extended family, one where students, faculty, and families truly care for and support one another. This culture was not built overnight, and it is one of the most special and authentic school communities I have witnessed anywhere. Being able to contribute to the stewardship of a school with such a strong foundation and sense of belonging is both a privilege and a responsibility I value deeply.

YOUR HOPE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT OUR SCHOOLS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS: My hope for Notre Dame Schools in the coming years is that students stay deeply committed to serving others, extending their efforts beyond our school community to make a positive impact wherever they go. Catholic education today emphasizes leading with integrity, generosity, and responsibility. By nurturing a culture of service, Notre Dame has the potential to significantly impact communities far beyond its campus, creating positive change for generations to come.



Whether in Cleveland or in France, roots run deep for Douglas Pilawa `08

NDES and NDCL graduate reflects on his family and professional success but reflective on Notre Dame Schools.



Douglas Pilawa knew early on that foreign language—particularly the French language—would play a meaningful role in his life. Maybe he didn't know it would also introduce him to his wife one day.

The 2008 NDCL (and 2004 NDES) graduate is an attorney at Squire Patton Boggs specializing in international disputes. Most of Pilawa's clients are foreign governments that are sued. His work takes him all over the world, and he has duel American/French citizenship, splitting his time between Ohio City and the Loire Valley of France.

"I kept up learning French and wanted to use my language abilities in an international career," he says on a campus visit to NDCL. "The law I practice is very European and French-dominant. I knew that I could use my foreign language abilities to my benefit. I get to travel the world, I met my wife. It turned out to be the perfect skill for my professional ability and private life."

Pilawa and his wife Eva married in 2020. They have a 5-month old son, Lucien. After graduating from NDCL, he double majored in English and French at Skidmore College, then went to Law School at Case Western Reserve University and Universite Paris-Dauphine in France.



Two teachers at NDCL inspired Pilawa through college, Law School, and his career—Vinka Hartman and Zita Knific.

"Those two women altered the course of my life," he says. "Mrs. Knific was tough and it was tough love. Even if she liked you as a student, if you didn't meet the standard, she let you know it. She pushed me. You knew that she wanted you to succeed. Mrs. Hartman opened my eyes to the world beyond Munson Twp. It put in my heart a desire to see everything I could, to learn languages and different cultures. She was the reason that I aspired to live in France one day. I am now living that dream that started in her classroom."

He credits NDCL's nurturing environment and rigorous education for preparing him for college and Law School.

"A lot is expected of you at NDCL. My teachers pushed me to be the best I can be. Even if you didn't perform up to those standards, there is a safety net here that allows you to become better. You are allowed to make mistakes and fall short. But we always learned to do better."

Pilawa shared that lifelong friendships developed at NDCL, in particular his close friendship with classmates Carl Kensicki, Ryan Gebura, and Sean O'Neill.

"We share pictures, stories, memories from high school, but in meaningful and appreciative ways," he says. "The bonds are eternal. The roots run so deep and you don't even realize it when you are in these NDCL walls. My four years at NDCL was the most influential, impactful, and everlasting in my life. There has been no separation from graduation to my life now. I can trace today's moments to my days at Notre Dame. I am happy to carry this place with me today."







His hope for the students today is to enjoy the experience in the moment.

"This campus is magical and I hope students and teachers appreciate that something special happens here. I thankfully had the experience for 12 years on this campus. When times are tough and things are difficult, the strength I seek is what was cultivated here. I come back to my NDCL days to find belief in myself. This institution is the most impactful I've experienced in my life."

News and Notes from Campus



New U.S. flag makes a statement in McGarry Gymnasium

Thanks to the generosity of some of our Cathedral Latin alumni living in Colorado, dubbed "The Rocky Mountain Lions," NDCL's McGarry Gymnasium debuted a new, retractable American flag this winter. The flag is lowered for the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner and then raised at its conclusion prior to games. Thank you Rocky Mountain Lions!

NDCL Softball and Baseball fields receive turf upgrades this spring

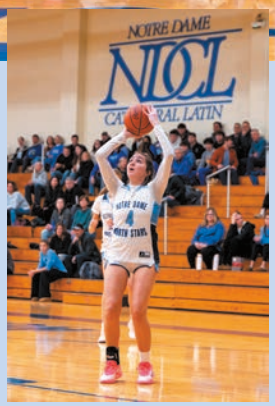


The NDCL softball field will have a fully turfed infield and new backstop this spring. Thanks to donations from parents, alumni, and friends of the softball program—and a strong Giving Day—this project is happening!

The Lions Baseball field received partial turf upgrades this fall including basepaths, pitcher's mound and home plate area. In addition, improved drainage to the infield will make the field more playable during NE Ohio's tough spring weather.







NDCL celebrates NDA North Star Night

After an incredible "Come Home, Men of Latin" night in September, NDCL celebrated its first "NDA North Star Night" on December 30th. The girls basketball team debuted its new throwback jerseys representing Notre Dame Academy's athletic mascot and look from the 1980s. The "North Stars" took on Shaw High School and won 87-19, setting a new school record for points. Despite a winter storm, 25 alumnae and Sisters of Notre Dame attended the game and were recognized at halftime.

"It was a really special evening being the first team to represent the legacy of the North Stars," said Head Coach Pete DeMichele. "The girls were excited and proud to honor our NDA heritage. A big thank you goes to Dr. Hoynes, our Athletic Department, and Advancement Office for helping us make this possible."

Photo credit: Brian Fisher and Full Stop Photography.

Athletic Hall of Fame is October 10, 2026

THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Save the Date! The Cathedral Latin, Notre Dame Academy, and NDCL Athletic Hall of Fame inductions are scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2026 at NDCL. We'll also celebrate our "Come Home, Men of Latin" night on Friday, October 9th versus CVCA. The NDCL football team will wear the throwback purple jerseys this night.



2nd graders celebrate All Saints Day

In celebration of All Saints Day, NDES Second graders created a special project titled "My Family Saint." Each student chose someone in their life whom they consider a Saint—someone who has shown kindness, love, or inspiration. The students proudly presented their projects to the class.

NDMS Day of Service

In December, Notre Dame Middle School students participated in a Day of Service. Students came together with energy, compassion, and creativity to make a real difference in the lives of those in need. Throughout the day, they:

- Made cozy blankets to bring comfort to those experiencing hardship.
- Prepared emergency snack kits and sandwiches for the hungry and homeless.
- Created heartfelt notes of encouragement for children facing food insecurity.
- Organized a food drive to support local families.
- Researched service organizations that work tirelessly to help those in need.

In addition to hands-on service, students deepened their understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and the power of prayer. This day was more than service—it was a living lesson in solidarity, compassion, and faith. We are so proud of our students for embracing this opportunity to serve and grow spiritually. Their efforts remind us that even small acts of kindness can make a big impact.



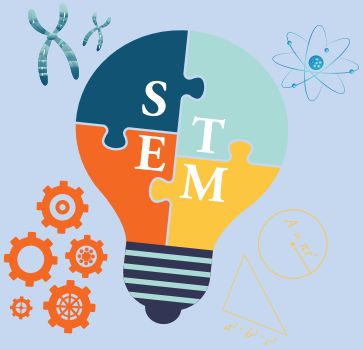




Lions Hockey Team Wins Division

Congratulations to the Lions Hockey Team for winning the GCSHL Blue South Division and qualifying for the Baron Cup League playoffs. This is the team's first division crown in 10 years.

STEM and Innovation Space to debut this fall



This Fall, NDCL will debut its new STEM and Innovation Space. Located in the former Advancement Office and President's Office adjacent to the Sisters of Notre Dame Learning Commons, this new, dynamic center of learning will transform STEM and Innovation opportunities for current and future NDCL students.

"The opening of our new STEM space is an exciting milestone for our school and our alumni community," says Notre Dame Schools President Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes. "It reflects our commitment to preparing students not only for college and careers, but for lives of purpose—where innovation and our Catholic mission go hand in hand. We are deeply grateful to the generous donors whose support made this space possible, and we invite our alumni and friends to continue investing in this vision so we can expand opportunities and ensure this space reaches its full potential for generations of students."

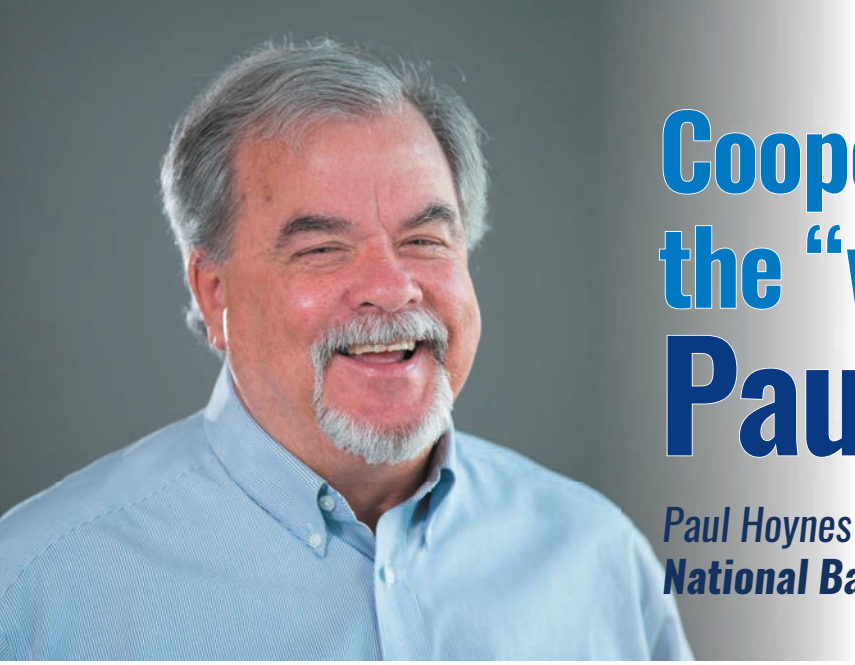
This project is possible thanks to some early gift commitments (nearly $300,000) by individuals making an investment in the future of STEM at NDCL. More funds will be raised at the March 21st Lions Mane Event "Raise the Paddle" which will be used to purchase added equipment and furnishings for the state-of-the-art addition to our school.

Patrick Ward `97 hoists the Lombardi Trophy after Super Bowl LX



Congratulations to Patrick Ward `97, who works as the Director of Research and Analysis for Football Operations for the Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks. Ward's department is in charge of the data pipelines, statistical analysis, data modeling, and oversees the development of user experience applications for accessing data outputs.

"Most kids grow up wishing they can be a pro athlete," he says. "Unfortunately, this is a long shot. Other roles exist which allow us to be a part of the team and contribute in other ways. The Super Bowl was truly a one of a kind experience and a lifelong dream realized!"



Cooperstown makes the "write" call on Paul Hoynes

*Paul Hoynes `69 to be inducted into **National Baseball Hall of Fame** this Summer*

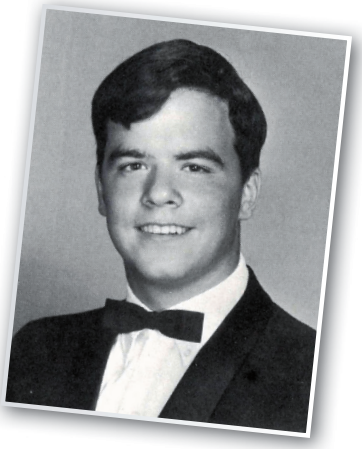
"I still don't really believe it" is what Paul Hoynes `69 says on a January afternoon over lunch. "It" is the December day that he found out from Jack O'Connell, President of the Baseball Writers Association of America, that he was selected for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY this summer. Hoynes has been the beat writer for the Cleveland Indians/Guardians for The Plain Dealer and Cleveland.com since 1985.

"Jack sits down next to me the Monday while we were in Orlando for the winter meetings," Hoynes says. "He says, 'You're the guy!' That's how it happened. I was shaking so bad I couldn't even dial Jackie to tell her. I just texted her 'call me'. Then I was able to call my boys Ed and Jimmy to tell them. But then I had to go back and finish the story I was writing. It was a good moment."

From Cleveland Heights to East 107th Street to Milwaukee

Hoynes grew up in Cleveland Heights, one of 5 children to Jim and Billie Marie Hoynes. He attended St. Ann's Catholic School and parish, and decided that Cathedral Latin School was the right place for high school.

"My dad worked downtown, so he'd drive me down Cedar Hill to Latin. He was an Ignatius guy then went into the Navy. All the guys I hung out with went to Latin and we hitchhiked home. You could do that back then."



Hoynes got the writing itch during his time at Cathedral Latin. He credits a creative writing class taught by Brother Barry Trick, S.M. that inspired him to seek journalism as a career. Growing up he had a paper route for the Cleveland Press and read The Plain Dealer's Hal Lebovitz, Chuck Heaton, and Dan Coughlin as well as Bob August in the Cleveland Press and The News Herald.

"I wasn't very good at sports," Hoynes says. "But I loved sports. I thought 'sports writing is something I can probably do as a career'. There's nothing else I'd rather be doing. My mom encouraged me and I went for it. I know a lot of young kids don't know what it is they want to do, and that's



TOP MOMENT



1995 WORLD SERIES. *For the first time in 41 years Cleveland wins the AL pennant by defeating Seattle in the ALCS. "When Kenny Lofton scored from 2nd on a passed ball against Randy Johnson, I knew we'd win that series."*

Photo Credit: Portland Oregonian

OK. I was fortunate at a young age to know what I wanted to do as a career."

After high school, Paul enrolled at Marquette University in Milwaukee. He took journalism classes and wrote for the school newspaper. He also played rugby and wrote the rugby stories for the school.

"Milwaukee is a lot like Cleveland, cold and on the lake," he says with a smile. "It's a downtown school that looks a lot different now then when I was there. Back then Al McGuire was the basketball coach and basketball was #1 in that city. I graduated in four years which shocked my father. I've stayed close with a lot of my Marquette friends."

Family Man

Hoynes is quick to credit his family for shaping him into the man and "Hall of Famer" he is now. Paul and Jacqueline Hoynes married in 1974. Jacqueline also attended Catholic School, graduating from Nazareth Academy in Parma Hts., OH. They raised two sons—Ed and Jimmy—who both graduated from NDCL.

"You can't do a job like this without incredible love and support from your family," he says with gratitude. "All Jackie did was raise our two boys, get a Master's degree, then a Doctorate, then gets appointed as Superintendent at one of largest school districts in the state of Ohio (Mentor). Now she has a second career as President of Notre Dame Schools. She is really

Growing up as a Cleveland sports fan the name Paul Hoynes is legendary. He has dedicated himself to bringing Cleveland Guardians baseball to our fans with class and excellence. I was fortunate to attend NDCL with his sons and served on the Notre Dame Schools Board where his wife, Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes, is President. We are fortunate to have Paul covering baseball in Cleveland for over 40 years and excited about his well-deserved Hall of Fame induction."

–Tim Salcer `96

"The Baseball Hall of Fame just got better with the inclusion of Paul Hoynes. He is most diligent, relentless and honest baseball writer I know. It's never been about Paul, it's always been about getting the story right, never cut corners, just do your job with integrity and hard work. The Hall of Fame is home to the best of the best, and that's why Paul is so deserving".

–Tom Hamilton

Hamilton, a 2025 National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, is the play-by-play announcer for the Cleveland Guardians.

"I have followed his career as a sports writer for years. I read everything Paul publishes in the Plain Dealer and Cleveland.com about the Tribe/Guardians--I have for years! This is a very well-deserved honor that only the very best writers achieve."

–Dominic DiMarco `69

"The Lifetime Achievement Award, so well deserved. Congratulations, Paul. Forty-plus years of chronicling your hometown baseball team with devotion, dogged determination to get the story, remarkable durability and hall of fame ability to turn a phrase. Toughest job in sports journalism. Truly an honor to work alongside Hoynsie for it all."

– Bob DiBiasio

DiBiasio is the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for the Cleveland Guardians.

"I couldn't be happier for Paul to earn this incredible achievement. There is nobody who has worked harder at his craft and respected the job more than him covering Cleveland baseball for over four decades. From sitting game after game in the press box, to his infamous 'hawk call," to his unforgettable laugh, to traveling on the road and spring training stays complete with a snake sneak attack, it truly has been an honor and privilege to have a front row seat for many seasons in Hoynsie's HOF career. I know how proud his wife Jackie and family are of this honor and his upcoming Cooperstown induction this summer, as are we at the Guardians organization."

–Curtis Danburg

Danburg is the Cleveland Guardians Vice President of Communications and Community Impact.

"Paul is so deserving of this Lifetime Achievement Award as he has certainly embodied the NDCL core values (Justice, Respect, Integrity, Community and Excellence) and represented the school so well during his hall of fame career covering Cleveland baseball. His passion for the beat has helped inform fans about their favorite baseball team for many years, which in turn has built a strong connection between them and our organization. We're very thankful for the role he has played in sharing those stories of our team and players while documenting over 40 seasons of baseball in Cleveland."

–Alex King

King is Executive Vice President of Marketing and Brand Strategy for the Cleveland Guardians (and husband to NDCL alum Kelly Flynn '96).

TOP MOMENT

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RAJAI DAVIS HR IN THE 2016 WORLD SERIES.

"That home run off the Cubs Aroldis Chapman in the 8th inning of Game 7. It was split fans that game—Cubs and Indians. That moment you finally heard Cleveland when that ball cleared the fence and tied the game."



the foundation of the family."

Being a road warrior covering the Indians and Guardians for forty years, Hoynes laughs (now) about one memory that puts his love and admiration for his family into perspective.

"The Indians are in Seattle, Jackie calls me at 2:30 in the morning. The toilet fell thru the ceiling and landed on the dining room table. I'm thinking 'that's terrible, but I am 2,000 miles away. Honey I feel bad but call a plumber'. Then I recalled that a few weeks before I tried to fix it. That was the end of my plumbing days!"

Other favorite titles Paul carries are "Dad" and "Grandpa". Ed Hoynes `95 and Jimmy Hoynes `97 are both NDCL graduates and live in NE Ohio, fostering a tight family bond. Paul and Jackie are blessed with four grandchildren—Riley, JJ, Holden, and Vivian. No surprise, all of them play sports.

"Being a grandfather is like the second chapter of my life. I really enjoy the chance to watch their games—whether its hockey, wrestling, volleyball or football. Being on the road so often, I get to as many as I possibly can, including NDCL games with Jackie."

Catholic Education and future writers

"Sending our boys to NDCL and getting an amazing Catholic education was important to Jackie and I," he says. "Catholic education—and the discipline and principles it instills--is a foundation for the rest of your life. Growing up, it was all I knew—go to Church, go to school."

His advice for young and aspiring writers? Be yourself, find your voice, build your own brand.

"Don't take no for an answer. Start somewhere, if it's in news but you want to be in sports, then start in news and go from there. Read anything--newspaper, books, blogs. The more well-rounded you are the better writer you will be. Don't worry about someone else's style. The more you write, the more your brand will emerge. Take from others what you like but be true to yourself."

"It doesn't matter where you start, it matters where you finish."

Well said, Paul Hoynes. You're finishing with a spot in Cooperstown.

HOYNES RANKS THE *Ballparks:*

FAVORITE: Fenway Park in Boston. "I like Fenway. You can stay downtown, walk to the park, the color, the tradition, the fans, it's always packed."

LEAST FAVORITE: Globe Life Field in Arlington, TX. "Not a big fan of the new Rangers ballpark. You're really high up and the players look so small. A tough place to watch a game from a media standpoint."

TIMELINE OF PAUL HOYNES FROM EAST 107TH STREET TO COOPERSTOWN, NY:

- **1969:** Graduates from Cathedral Latin School
- **1973:** Graduates from Marquette University, begins writing at The Painesville Telegraph
- **1974:** Marries Jacqueline
- **1983:** Begins covering the Indians for The News Herald
- **1985:** Starts a 40+ year career as beat writer for the Cleveland Indians/Guardians for The Plain Dealer and Cleveland.com
- **1995:** The Indians win the AL pennant for the first time since 1954 and reach the World Series (lose in 6 games to Atlanta)
- **2007:** President of the Baseball Writers Association of America (Cal Ripken and Tony Gwynn were inducted)
- **2026:** Will be inducted in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY (summer 2026)

BY THE #S:

PAUL COVERED 25 STRAIGHT WORLD SERIES.
(Now only when Cleveland makes it)

PAUL COVERED at least 30 ALL STAR GAMES

MEMORABLE MOMENT

1997 WORLD SERIES GAME 7. *Edgar Renteria singles off Charles Nagy's glove to win the World Series for Florida. "Nagy was supposed to start that game but they gave it to Jaret Wright. I felt bad for Charlie, one of the original Indians, good guy. The relief role was unfamiliar for him and the ball just ticket off his glove to seal our fate."*

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– Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes, President

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– Danny Zucker '18

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-Chris Lynch '75







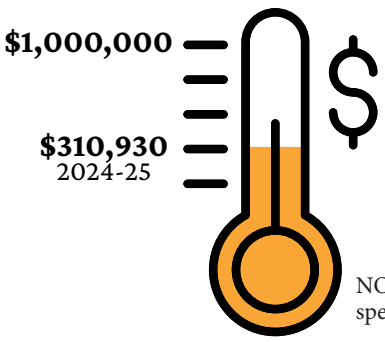
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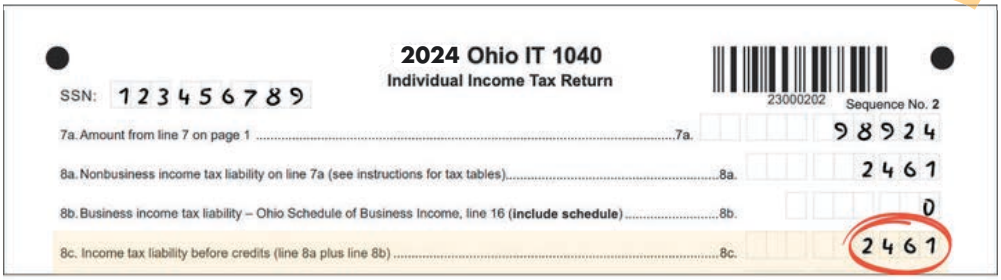
Our ultimate goal is to raise $1,000,000 annually in financial aid through LionSGO [and Angel Scholarship Fund].



WHERE SHOULD I START?

Locate line 8c (Income tax liability before credits) on your 2024 Ohio IT 1040 Individual Income Tax Return. If the total on line 8c is more than $750 (individual) or $1,500 (married filing jointly), you may contribute the full amount to LionSGO and claim the full tax credit to increase your annual state refund.

NOTE: *AN ANNUAL REFUND DOES NOT MEAN YOU DO NOT OWE TAXES. IT SIMPLY MEANS YOUR EMPLOYER ANNUALLY WITHHOLDS MORE MONEY FROM YOUR PAYCHECK THAN YOUR ANNUAL TAX LIABILITY.*



2024 Ohio IT 1040
Individual Income Tax Return

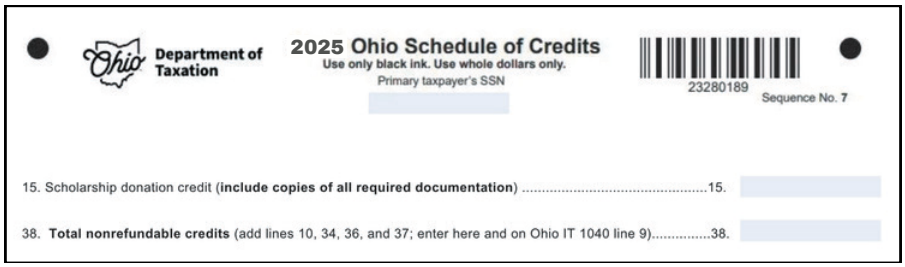
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HOW DO I GET MY MONEY BACK?

Watch your annual refund increase dollar-for-dollar right before your eyes when you claim the "Scholarship Donation" tax credit on Line 15 of your Ohio state income taxes.



Department of Taxation

2025 Ohio Schedule of Credits
Use only black ink. Use whole dollars only.
Primary taxpayer's SSN

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15. Scholarship donation credit (**include copies of all required documentation**)	15.	
38. **Total nonrefundable credits** (add lines 10, 34, 36, and 37; enter here and on Ohio IT 1040 line 9)	38.	

HOW DO I MAKE A CONTRIBUTION?

Visit LionSGO.org to make a contribution up to $750 for each eligible taxpayer in the household. Contribute with your credit card to earn reward points! Plus, you get to designate where your LionSGO support will go by selecting ND Elementary/Middle, NDCL, or Notre Dame Schools (e.g. area of greatest need).

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

You have until you file your Ohio income taxes (April 15, 2026) to make your no net cost LionSGO contribution and claim the tax credit for 2025.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Visit LionSGO.org for more information, video tutorials, and more; or contact Frank Rihtar '00 at LionSGO@ndcl.org with your questions or to be connected with members of our LionSGO CPA resource team.

PLEASE MAKE LIONSGO A PRIORITY THIS TAX SEASON. IT'S TOO EASY AND TOO IMPORTANT TO PASS!

NOTE: This does not constitute legal or tax advice. Please contact a tax preparer with specific questions related to your LionSGO contribution.

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- Meet students, teachers, and coaches
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SAVE THE DATE

2026 REUNION

Saturday, September 26, 2026
4-8 pm



Honoring class years ending in 1 & 6
All are welcome!



Food trucks • Euclid Beach Rocket Ship Car • and more!







Alumni Reunion 2026 – A New Format, A New Feel!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26, 2026, and come home to NDCL for a Reunion celebration like never before! This year, we're introducing a fresh format and a new feel, designed to bring classmates together in a relaxed, fun, and meaningful way right here on campus.

2021, 2016, 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966, 1961, 1956

2026 Notre Dame Chicken BBQ

SAVE *the* DATE



Sunday, September 27th

Maple City Taps BBQ • Desserts • Country Kitchen • Boutique Shopping • Photobooth
Fellowship, Fun, Flavor & More!

Noon - 5 p.m. | NDCL Campus 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH | More information to follow in July

Teacher Feature:
Mr. Ryan McCafferty



NOTRE DAME NDCL CATHEDRAL LATIN

ROLE: NDCL School Counselor

FAMILY: Married to Ashlee for 6 years; children Cole (4) and Maeve (2). Plus our dog Fiona.

SCHOOL TIES: Grandparents Jerome `49 and Joan (Snopel `52) Smyke; Grandfather Michael McCafferty `41; great-uncle Norman Smyke `51; great-aunt Stephanie (Snopel `59) Gerwig.

FUN FACT: When I was 14 I threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Indians game to Charles Nagy. He asked me what pitch I threw because there was so much movement on the ball!

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM: Cleveland Cavaliers

School counselor Ryan McCafferty, now in his 16th year at NDCL, knows the value of building relationships as a key part of his work. He's quick to give credit to colleagues past and present for giving him the skillset to "grow" as a professional at NDCL.

"I've been blessed to work with amazing colleagues—and I have been able to take something from all of them to make myself better," he says. "Mark Kasunic was my mentor when I started here and we had a lot of similarities. We deal with some heavy situations in this office. Mark had a way of bringing joy and laughter into this space even in the midst of the serious nature of our work. Ms. Rachel Siegel too. I've always felt like the most important piece of our job is your ability to build relationships with students. Rachel excels at that. Even when I was younger in this field, I saw how important building relationships is in our work. I saw through Rachel early on the impact you can have on a student when they trust you. She is authentic and genuine. The kids see your authenticity and they build trust in you."

McCafferty works with students navigating the college selection process—from the beginning of their freshman year through graduation at NDCL—as well as their academic progress and mental health as the students navigate adolescence. It's those relationships with the families and students he is most proud of in his work.

"When you see a student walk across the stage at graduation and know the challenges they overcame and transformed into the person they are, there is nothing like that to me," he says proudly. "When the graduates step out of the procession line to thank you, it means the world to me. It shows the impact we can have on them, and the appreciation they have for our work."

McCafferty received his Bachelor's degree and Master's from Kent State University. It was as a student at Holy Name High School where he got a sense of what career he'd pursue.

"Ms. DeVito was my psychology teacher. That was a transformational class for me. I was eager to attend every single class, I wanted to be a sponge and soak it all in. That class and teacher were the catalyst for me pursuing a major in Psychology. It got the ball rolling on my career. I loved learning as much as I could about people and how our mind affects our behaviors."

At NDCL, McCafferty loves the positive energy of the students, the opportunity to hear about the students' upbringings, and their personal stories and experiences that shaped who they are today.

"I love being a support person and safe space for them in high school," he says. "A number of families I've had 4 or 5 of their children in my caseload during my time here. Getting to know so many NDCL families over 16 years, that's been a special blessing for me."



Teacher Feature:
Mrs. Allison (Blair `98) Love

NOTRE DAME ND ELEMENTARY



ROLE: First Grade Teacher at NDES

FAMILY: Married to Chris for 18 years; stepson Isaac (21); daughters Avery (17) and Lennon (10)

SCHOOL TIES: NDES and NDCL graduate (1998)

FUN FACT: Dream vacation destination is Hawaii. She has two dogs—Leo and Dexter.

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM: Cleveland Cavaliers

Working at a place where you grew up is something very unique. Allison (Blair `98) Love has spent more than half her life on Notre Dame Schools campus—12 years as a student and now in her 13th year as a teacher at Notre Dame Elementary School. To work side by side with teachers that she had is even more fulfilling.

"Sr. Barbara Soplata was my teacher and now I get to work with her," Love says. "She is just so patient and understanding. Working with young kids like I do, that is a special gift. She really inspired me growing up."

After 12 years of Catholic education and the influence of the Sisters of Notre Dame, it's no surprise that Love cites the faith development as making Notre Dame Schools special.

"There are so many things that I love about this community," she says. "The fact that I get to share my faith and openly talk about Jesus and pray with my students is at the top. Faith is really important to me. This campus is important to me because I grew up here. It's like a family."

Community is one of the schools' core values alumni, families, and teachers rally around.

"Some of my best friends to this day are from Notre Dame," Love says. "Here you aren't just another person. You are seen. You are heard. If you feel lost, there are people here to help you."

After graduating from Kent State University, Love started her career at schools in Cleveland, Florida, and Connecticut before coming "home" to Notre Dame. First as a Pre-School teacher then to her current role teaching First Grade.

"My hope for the students here at NDES and NDCL is shaping priorities in their life. Developing life skills that they will further develop in high school. Learning morals and values that aren't compromised to peer pressure. NDES prepared me for high school and NDCL even more for college. Catholic education helps you to be grounded in God and center your life around God. Without those values and God as your center, and making Him part of your daily life, I feel that's where so many of the world's problems are rooted for people that don't have that in their life."



NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS GIVING DAY 11.20.25 LIONSGIVE.ORG

"As President of Notre Dame Schools, I see our Annual Giving Day as a deeply personal reminder of how strongly our community believes in our mission. Each gift represents trust in our Catholic identity and a shared commitment to forming young people in mind, body, and spirit—something I am profoundly grateful for every day."
-Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes,
President of Notre Dame Schools

GIVING DAY Raises over $452 The Most Successful Giving

Notre Dame Schools celebrates a remarkable outpouring of generosity after an extraordinary Giving Day 2025. With the theme **"One Ripple. Endless Impact,"** the Lion community rallied together to create a day filled with spirit, connection, and transformational philanthropy.

This year's results were nothing short of inspiring. Thanks to the dedication of alumni, parents, families, faculty, staff, and friends, **Notre Dame Schools raised $452,352.** In fact, this year's total surpassed Giving Day 2024 by more than **$120,000,** marking the most successful Giving Day in school history!

Challenge Grants That Sparked Momentum

Three generous Challenge Grants played an instrumental role in energizing participation throughout the day. These challenges not only boosted engagement but also doubled the impact of donor gifts during key windows:

After School Special Challenge (3 PM–6 PM): Every gift of $1,000+ was matched up to $25,000, thanks to Gerianne Geszler, ND class of 1970.

Night Owl Challenge (8 PM–11:59 PM): Donor contributions were matched dollar for dollar up to $25,000 by a 1973 Notre Dame Academy graduate.

Faculty & Staff Challenge: Made possible by Cal Schroeck, honoring his late wife and beloved longtime science teacher Mrs. Camille Schroeck, this challenge matched all employee gifts up to $25,000.

"I participate in Giving Day because I love seeing our entire community rally together to turn shared values into tangible action. To me, a successful Giving Day is about more than just the total raised; it's about the collective energy and commitment to amplifying a mission that changes lives." *-Lindsay Montague, 2nd Grade Teacher at NDES*

A Community United in Giving

- **435 online donors**
- **49%** donors were parents
- **40%** donors were alumni from NDCL, NDA, and CL
- **18%** donors were faculty and staff
- Farthest Gift Alaska
- **Donors from 21 states**
- **Earliest Giving Day Donor- Lindsay Montague** (2 consecutive years).

2,000, Setting Record for g Day in School History!









Students Leading with Lion Pride, Creativity, and Purpose

A heartwarming highlight of Giving Day 2025 was the extraordinary involvement of our students. NDCL's Studio 222 Visual Arts Class, Yearbook Class, and Student Activities Board played a significant role in designing professional-quality artwork, logos, signage, banners, video content, social media reels, and more. Their creativity brought the Giving Day theme to life and energized our entire community.

Meanwhile, students at NDES and NDMS crafted thoughtful notes of gratitude and shared why they love their school. These messages—written on water droplets symbolizing our theme—became part of a meaningful donor wall display, doubling as heartfelt thank-you messages to those who gave so generously.

"We felt that we could contribute to Notre Dame Schools Giving Day campaign goals by utilizing the Barnes Foundation matching gift program. Matching gift programs are an underutilized employee benefit that can make a big impact on our local communities. The Barnes Foundation provided a $2 match for every $1 dollar donated for their employees in 2025!"
-Jim and Teresa Bair, P'28, P'29, P'31

More Than a Fundraiser—A Celebration of Mission

Giving Day 2025 was about much more than achieving a financial goal. It was about honoring the mission of Notre Dame Schools and celebrating what happens when a community comes together to support Catholic education rooted in faith, family, and lifelong learning.

The waves we made together on Giving Day will ripple throughout whole campus for years to come—impacting every student who calls Notre Dame Schools home.

Thank you to every donor, volunteer, student, and supporter who made this day unforgettable.
Together, we are proof that one ripple truly can create endless impact.

To make a gift to the NDCL Fund or NDES Fund, visit **www.LionsGive.org** or contact **Courtney (Rice'98) Bacik** at **Courtney.Bacik@ndcl.org.**

McGuigan Family Endowed Scholarship sows deep roots to Notre Dame Academy and Cathedral Latin School



The McGuigan Family name is as synonymous with Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School as any family in our school's deep and rich history. When you add up the years of Catholic education among the seven McGuigan siblings, plus parents Ed `43 and Ethel (Jones `43) McGuigan, you've long past counted to 100.

Established at NDCL in 2016, the McGuigan Family Endowed Scholarship has provided partial scholarships to ten NDCL students since its inception. Thanks to the generosity of Mike `72 and Debbie McGuigan, the endowment will continue to make Catholic education possible for more and more students today and in the future.

"Our parents instilled the interest in education for us," says Mike McGuigan. "My hope for this Endowment at NDCL is to make possible a Catholic education especially for people who need financial aid. I know tuition these days is not the $300 that Latin was! There are families out there that just can't afford it and we want to do our part to give them the same opportunity me and my siblings had at Latin, Regina and Benedictine."

The McGuigan Family lived in South Euclid, across the street from Notre Dame College and down the road from St. Gregory the Great Parish and School where all seven kids attended. The Sisters of Notre Dame were a strong influence on the family, as they served at St. Gregory, Regina High School, and of course Notre Dame College.


Ed and Ethel McGuigan

"NDCL is such a perfect tie to the Catholic bonds that my family experienced," he says. "Mom and dad were Latin and NDA grads, our dad, me and Paul graduated, Dan and Pat couldn't finish there because the school had closed, and my sisters are all Regina grads. When NDCL was created with the joining of Notre Dame Academy and the Cathedral Latin legacy, it was a perfect match for the McGuigans!"

To McGuigan, the importance of Catholic education today is evident.

"The world is so much more complex and bigger because we can see more of it," McGuigan says. "It's almost easier to make excuses not to believe in God so we need a reason to believe, to go to church and to believe in our faith."



"Our brother Mike and his wife Debbie, 85 years after our father first stepped through the Cathedral Latin door, have found an important way to honor the impact of these institutions on our family's lives through their investment in the future of NDCL. We are grateful for their generosity and for the chance to honor the long legacy of our family with something that will bring the NDCL community together for generations to come."

McGuigan Family Ties to NDCL

Notre Dame Academy	NDCL	Cathedral Latin School
Ethel (Jones `43) McGuigan	Kathryn McGuigan `18	Ed McGuigan `43
	Alice McGuigan `20	Mike McGuigan `72
	Mary McGuigan `21	Paul McGuigan `75
	Meghan McGuigan `22	Patrick McGuigan `81
	Maryann McGuigan `25	
	Maeve McGuigan `27	



Notre Dame Schools NEW STRATEGIC PLAN focuses on significant ENDOWMENT GROWTH:

TODAY'S
Combined endowment for NDCL and NDES/MS is
valued at approximately
$20 million

➜ **3-YEAR GOAL:**
Endowment valued at
$25 million

➜ **10-YEAR GOAL:**
Endowment valued at
$50 million

As part of our strategic plan, we seek to grow our Endowment to $50M by 2035. This bold yet important goal will amplify financial aid opportunities and enhance program and faculty development today and long-term.

Interested in a named Endowment at NDCL or Notre Dame Elementary/Middle School?
Contact Director of Advancement Keven S. Krajnak at (440) 279-1068 or Keven.Krajnak@ndcl.org.

Class News

Scan the QR code to update your alumni contact information and to share your alumni news with us!

2003: Sara (Sankovich) Pascual shares that she was recently selected as one of 28 educators nationwide to take on the role of ArtEffect Ambassador for unsung heroes through the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes. In this role, she will lead students on the journey of discovering unsung heroes of history and how to bring their stories to light through art.



2012: Elise Naticchia married Brendan Peterson in July. They met during high school while volunteering in Chicago and the couple survived three years of long distance through the power of love. They currently live in Chesterland. "We have been best friends for almost 16 years and still bond over jamming together, dancing at live shows, enjoying nature and admiring our sweet orange cat, Scout," she says. ◄

2015: Congratulations to Rob Cooney and Alivia Lee on their recent wedding! Both are 2015 NDCL graduates. ►



2016: Justin Schlereth married Molly Sack on June 21, 2025 at the Franklin Conservatory in Columbus, OH. Justin's groomsmen included his brother and Best Man, Adam Schlereth `20, Jayson Breier `16, and Antall Nguyen `16. Justin is a Chemical Engineer and Molly is a RN, BSN and is Trauma ICU nurse and they currently reside in Columbus. ►





2018: Congratulations to NDCL classmates Matthew Christopher and Allison Hallai who got married this past October at St. Clare Parish in Lyndhurst. Lots of NDCL alumni in attendance! ◄

In Memoriam

May our deceased alumni rejoice in God's everlasting love.

Cathedral Latin School

Damanhurl Alkaitis '61
Francis Drozd `62
Ronald Gliebe `52
Donald Hibler `52
Jerome Kelly `54
John Kocevar `52
John Lloyd `52
Anthony Malloy `66
Louis Mason '49
Thomas Miklich `65
Pete Plungas `67
Paul Raglow `51
Chester Talarczyk `60
Peter Titas `63
Louis Todaro `62
Walter Weldon `66
Frederick Werth `65
Frank Zammatero `55

Notre Dame Academy

Diane Marvinney `72
Geraldine (Orland `64) Miller
Theresa Olszonowicz `53

Lions Mane Event: AROUND THE WORLD

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Pack your bags—no passport required!

Notre Dame Schools' signature event, The Lions Mane Event: Around the World, returns to campus on Saturday, March 21, transforming NDCL's McGarry Gymnasium into a vibrant, globe-spanning experience in support of our students.

Guests will be invited to journey across the world in one unforgettable evening, enjoying global cuisine, spirited entertainment, and meaningful philanthropy that directly impacts Notre Dame Elementary and Middle School and Notre Dame–Cathedral Latin School.

The evening will feature an exciting variety of international food stations, including Italian, Asian Fusion, Eastern European, and American favorites, along with themed beverage experiences such as an Irish Pub, Mexican Cantina, and a full-service bar. Guests will also enjoy complimentary valet parking.

A cornerstone of the Lions Mane Event is its dynamic auction lineup. This year's Live Auction promises truly memorable opportunities, including a trip for two to Tuscany, a $5,000 John Carroll University tuition grant, golf for three at Sand Ridge Golf Club, and a two-night stay in a deluxe Coshocton cabin, among other exclusive experiences. The Silent Auction will be equally enticing, featuring Cleveland Cavaliers tickets, overnight stays, wine, spa and golf packages, Cleveland Guardians and Browns tickets, and many amazing items.

The heart of the evening is Raise the Paddle, supporting two critical areas of impact: the Holy Family Fund (emergency tuition assistance) and the exciting new STEM and Innovation Lab and program, helping ensure our students are equipped with the tools and opportunities needed to learn, innovate, and thrive.

The Lions Mane Event is more than a night out—it is a powerful expression of community. Last year's Oktoberfest-themed celebration welcomed 330 guests and raised an impressive $220,000 in support of Notre Dame Schools. That generosity continues to ripple through our classrooms, programs, and student experiences.

Tickets are $125 per person or $225/couple. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available for those looking to make an even greater impact. Special thanks to Preston Superstore, the Title Sponsor of the 2026 Lions Mane Event, for their generous support and partnership.

Join us as we travel the world, celebrate community, and invest in the future of Notre Dame Schools—one unforgettable evening, endless impact.

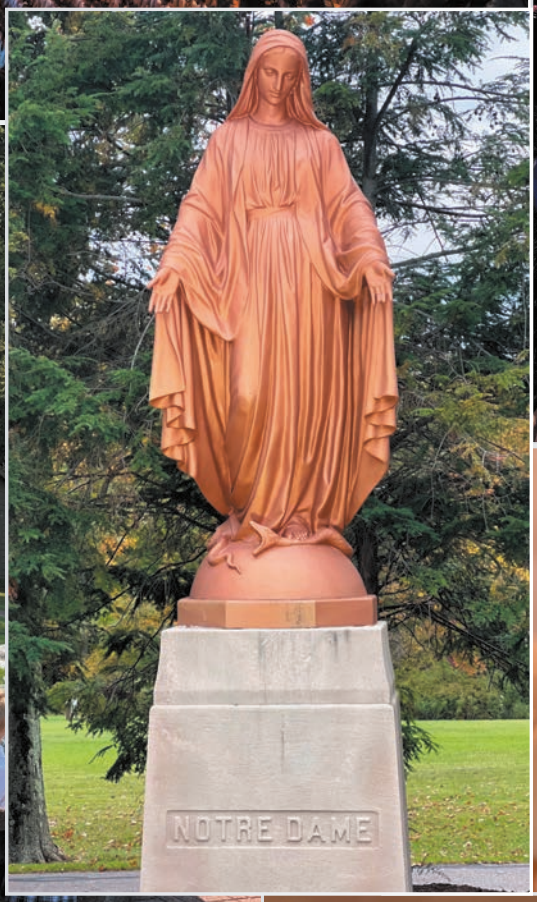
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PERSPECTIVE: OUR FAITH

















A LITTLE PLANNING GOES A LONG WAY FOR NOTRE DAME SCHOOLS

Members of The Notre Dame Circle have taken the important steps of including NDCL or Notre Dame Schools in their written estate plan and shared those intentions with us. We are grateful to this very special and meaningful legacy gift for Catholic education. Those who join the Notre Dame Circle are invited to school events including the annual President's Reception.

"I have chosen to leave a gift from my estate to NDCL because the education I received helped to shape my character and values as well as provide opportunities I may not have otherwise had. It was a place where I made lasting friendships, learned the value of hard work and service, and enriched my life. By including NDCL in my estate plan, I hope to help ensure that future students - perhaps those who need financial support the most - can experience the same opportunity for growth and success. This gift is my way of expressing gratitude and investing in generations to come." - Annette (Pavell `79) Shively

"Estate giving is an easy way to build a legacy gift for Notre Dame Schools," says Director of Advancement Keven S. Krajnak `98. "It's not just for wealthy individuals but estate giving gives everyone who loved Notre Dame Academy or Cathedral Latin a way to see their values carry on at NDCL or Notre Dame Elementary and Middle School."

In most cases, individuals direct a percentage of their estate to NDCL as a beneficiary in their will or trust. Then, after the donor's lifetime, the school receives their legacy gift.

To learn more about estate giving to Notre Dame Schools, contact Keven S. Krajnak `98 at (440) 279-1068 or Keven.Krajnak@ndcl.org.

Additional ways to make a planned gift today FOR NDCL OR NOTRE DAME ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Consider using one of these strategies to make a donation or major gift to Notre Dame Schools:

IRA: Our #1 recommendation for donors age 72 or over—using your RMD from your Individual Retirement Account. By using all or part of this for charitable contributions, it reduces or eliminates the tax you pay on this required withdrawal. Use this for your parish giving, University, and of course Notre Dame Schools!

DONOR ADVISED FUND: More and more individuals and families set up these unique charitable funds and issue periodic "grants" to non-profits like Notre Dame Schools. Fidelity, Charles Schwab, and Cleveland Foundation are some common examples.

STOCK GIFT: By low, GIVE high! When you transfer shares of appreciated stocks or securities, you win and Notre Dame Schools win! You avoid capital gains taxes and the school receives the stock. Use this to fund a Endowment gift, annual gift, or major gift to Notre Dame Schools.

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Lions Mane Event **March 21**
NDCL Open House **April 29**
NDMS Class of 2026 Commencement **May 14**
NDCL Class of 2026 Commencement **May 22**
Reunion **September 26**



Giving Day 2026 **November 19**



Update contact information here.

HELP!

About 1,000 alumni addresses are old and incorrect. The Post Office charges us for each of these returned issues and other mail and the cost adds up! Take a moment to share your current mailing address with us so you stay in the know. Parents of Alumni: take the time to update your son/daughter's contact info with us. Even if you think we may have it, send us the current information anyways.
Tuffy says "Thank You!"