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ON THE COVER:

Candy Clemson '70 (inside, center) is honored as Notre Dame College's 2018 Alumna of the Year for her efforts in service to the College and in support of its Alumni Association. An elected member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board since 2005, Clemson received the recognition at this year's Homecoming and Alumni Reunion Mass and Brunch. She was presented a framed plaque featuring a distinctive image of the iconic Notre Dame Bell Tower by College President Thomas G. Kruczek and Notre Dame Alumni Association Board President Stephanie Glueck '13 (inside, right). Clemson also was recognized on field during halftime of the College's homecoming football game. See pages 14-15 for more on the campus-wide celebration of legacy.



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DEAR FRIENDS OF NOTRE DAME COLLEGE,

In just four years, Notre Dame College will be 100 years young. Since 1922, we have been living a commitment to carry forth the mission and educational philosophy of our founders, the Sisters of Notre Dame, and their legacy lives on!

In this issue of **Notre Dame Today**, you will read about how the progress of both the Sisters and our College is ensuring that our collective histories and traditions continue into the College's second century. We at the College are blessed with yet another generation of students and faculty moving the mission forward and continuing our tradition of excellence.

Younger and older generations of alumni have joined hands to celebrate their pride in the College. We honor a new distinguished STEM professor and recognize emeritae faculty; homecoming and alumni receptions for young and old; an alumna from the class of 1963 establishing an endowed scholarship for students of the future; and a collaboration of an alumna of 1964 and an alumnus of 2013 for students with learning differences that spend the summer with us through a Cleveland Clinic program, now in its eighth year.

We paid a special tribute to Sr. Mary Frances Murray, SND, '64, as our 2018 Fidelia Awardee recipient. It was a fitting tribute to Sr. Frances who has celebrated more than 50 years of distinguished service and fidelity to the College and to the Catholic faith.

Our campus is thriving thanks to the support of you, our friends and donors who are such important members of the Notre Dame family. When you share with us your time, your money or your special talents – you serve. Your contribution, whatever it may be, matters to our students and the education they receive here.

In this Christmas season, when we celebrate God's greatest gift to the world, I encourage you to consider making a gift to the College.

The Notre Dame College family, and my wife Carrie and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year.



THOMAS G. KRUCZEK
PRESIDENT

COLLEGE PROMOTES CHERYL NOVISKI TO CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Notre Dame College has named Cheryl Noviski, who has worked at the College since 2015 as controller, as vice president of finance and chief financial officer.



Cheryl Noviski brings three decades of experience in accounting, auditing and treasury services for corporate and nonprofit companies to the College.

A practicing CPA for more than 30 years, Noviski began her career in the audit department of Price Waterhouse, followed by her role as technical accountant at Sherwin-Williams. She has spent the last two decades in the nonprofit sector, primarily with educational institutions in Northeast Ohio.

Noviski worked as treasurer of the Board of Directors and CPA for Hershey Montessori School in Concord, Ohio; as CPA for the North American Montessori Teachers' Association in Burton, Ohio; and as accounting manager at Laurel School in Shaker Heights, Ohio. She also was chief financial officer for United Way of Lake County.

She is a member of Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, holds the cash management credential through National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and has completed foundational training in historical and institutional racism through the Racial Equity Institute.

NOTRE DAME NAMES NEW MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Notre Dame College announces the appointment of Gino A. Scipione, CPA, who is a partner in the audit services department of Grant Thornton LLP, to its Board of Trustees.

Scipione has a background in providing financial and regulatory compliance services to both public and private companies, with more than 14 years of audit experience. At Grant Thornton, he helps lead the firm's Midwest Energy Practice, which includes exploration, production and transportation operations primarily in the oil and gas sector.

His areas of expertise also include SEC reporting, equity and debt offering transactions and audit matters.

Scipione started as a College trustee in July 2018, at which time Richard Garcia ended his term as chair of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees and Ann Hawkins, who previously served as vice chair, assumed leadership.

Hawkins, accountant and attorney, Hawkins & Co. LLC, is joined by new vice chairs Geoffrey J. Ritts, partner, Jones Day, and Joseph Scaminace, chair and CEO, OM Group Inc.

Stephanie Glueck '13, in her position as president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, also now serves on the Board of Trustees.

FIRSTGEN CENTER ADDS SUMMER BRIDGE, NEW DIRECTOR

Notre Dame College has created an innovative two-week orientation experience for incoming freshmen who are the first in their families to pursue bachelor's degrees.



Denise Johnson serves as the new director of Notre Dame's First Generation Center.

The Notre Dame First Generation, or FirstGen, Center Summer Bridge Program is an intensive, 10-day, one-credit course on campus that imparts to freshmen first generation students the writing, mathematics and study skills needed to succeed in undergraduate classwork.

The program also provides orientation to scholarly campus resources—ranging from information technology to tutoring services—and access to exclusive social development activities to help students connect with peers, faculty and staff to aid in their transition to college.

In addition, the College has named a new director for its FirstGen Center, Denise Johnson, previously an enrollment counselor in the Notre Dame Student Success Center.

Prior to her position at the College, Johnson worked with the Reach Program of enrichment for African-American students at University School in Northeast Ohio; in online admissions for the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education; and as an AmeriCorps VISTA coordinator in Baltimore schools.

HUNTINGTON FUND AWARDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

The John Huntington Fund for Education continues its support of students at Notre Dame College, eclipsing more than \$1 million in scholarship giving.

The organization's most recent award to the College is a grant of \$126,500 to start the 2018-19 academic year. The allocation will provide scholarships for students in Notre Dame's First Generation Center, Nursing and STEM programs.

The Huntington Fund has partnered with Notre Dame since 1991, supporting more than 900 students at the College with a total of \$1.3 million in aid.

A solely scholarship-granting organization since 1954, the Huntington Fund provides financial support to students

in Cuyahoga County who demonstrate financial need and pursue a scientific, technical or vocational education.

Initially, grants from the fund were used to operate the John Huntington Polytechnic Institute, a free, evening school. After the school closed, the organization annually began distributing scholarships to area higher education institutions.

John Huntington was a partner in Clark, Payne & Company, one of Cleveland's largest oil refineries.

Along with its support to Notre Dame, the Huntington Fund provides grants to Baldwin Wallace University, Case Western Reserve University, Central School of Practical Nursing, Cleveland Institute of Art, College Now, John Carroll University and Ursuline College.



PERFORMING ARTS THRIVE WITH MERCURY THEATRE, DANCE

Notre Dame College has received nearly a quarter of a million dollars in gift and grant support for its performing arts programs in 2018-2019.

The College has secured a \$200,000 earmark from the State of Ohio's capital allocations budget to renovate a portion of its Regina Auditorium, and alumna Joan Cronin Reagan '52 has donated her second gift of \$20,000 for The Joan Cronin Reagan #NDCPerforms Series of performing arts events for fall and spring 2018-2019.

Notre Dame's performing arts programs, in collaboration with Mercury Theatre Company, also received a \$17,000 grant from Cuyahoga (County) Arts & Culture this year to support the College's community theatre production of "Frankenstein: The Play" in celebration of the bicentennial year of the Mary Shelley literary classic.

MERCURY THEATRE COLLABORATION

In addition, the College and Mercury have announced a formal partnership in which Notre Dame becomes the official, permanent home of the theatre company. As part of the collaboration, Pierre-Jacques Brault, co-founder and artistic director of Mercury, now is the director of theatre studies at the College.

FRANKENSTEIN TURNS 200

Brault led the College and Mercury's joint production of Frankenstein in November, in which Notre Dame students worked alongside community members from across Cuyahoga County to cast, stage, rehearse, market and perform the play. To continue celebrating Frankenstein, Notre Dame's theatre department will present a student production of "Young Frankenstein: The Musical" April 4-6, 2019, in Regina Auditorium.

REGINA AUDITORIUM ENHANCEMENTS

In his new position, Brault also will work with the College to raise funding for additional improvements to Regina Auditorium. The new state appropriation will be used for restroom and lobby renovations, including the addition of a ticket booth and concession facilities. Construction is expected to begin in 2019.

DANCE STUDIO WITH GUEST ARTIST

Notre Dame also has recently renovated a section on the second floor of Regina Hall to create a dance studio. The College is offering a series of one-credit dance classes for the first time starting in 2018-2019. Dance instruction, rehearsal and study will take place in the new space. To help lead the new dance program, Notre Dame has hired Cleveland native and Juilliard graduate Nehemiah Spencer as its dance artist-in-residence.



TOP

Pierre-Jacques Brault, co-founder and artistic director of Mercury Theatre Company, now is the director of theatre studies at Notre Dame, which has been named the new, permanent home of the community theatre company.

BOTTOM

Nehemiah Spencer, who started his training at the Cleveland School of the Arts and graduated with a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree in dance from The Juilliard School in New York City, has joined Notre Dame as dance artist-in-residence.

ALUMNA, DIVERSITY EXPERT GIVES ABRAHAMIC CENTER LECTURE

A Notre Dame College alumna, nationally recognized psychologist and international diversity thought leader shared insights on fostering respect during troubling times as the College's Abraham Center Distinguished Lecturer in 2018.



Deborah L. Plummer, '74, Ph.D., presented "Radical Respect in Troubling Times" as Notre Dame's 2018 Abraham Center Distinguished Lecturer.

Deborah L. Plummer, '74, Ph.D., vice chancellor of diversity and inclusion at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Medical School, discussed how those who disagree can foster admiration, dignity and civility in the midst of varied tensions today. She explained that deepening one's self-awareness is critical to increase appreciation for differences, especially in the midst of race, disability, immigration, gender equality and religious liberty issues. She encouraged individuals to draw on their "own multiple and intersecting" identities to contribute to respectful conversation.

Plummer also serves as a professor of psychiatry and quantitative health sciences in the UMass medical school and its graduate school of nursing. Previously, she worked as chief diversity officer at Cleveland Clinic and as a psychology professor and director of the Diversity Management Program at Cleveland State University.

She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and English from the College in 1974 and earned a Master of Education degree in community consultation and a doctorate in counseling psychology, both from Kent State University.

NURSING GRADUATE DEGREE EARNS FULL ACCREDITATION

The Notre Dame College Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) program has been granted full accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The graduate program in nursing is a 39-credit-hour degree offered in a distance learning format that includes a 120-hour clinical practicum designed to meet student learning needs in a selected area of nursing practice. Coursework may be completed full or part time in 26 months.

The Notre Dame M.S.N. prepares nurses for leadership roles in their institutions and communities and to be educators in academic or hospital and clinical settings. The College celebrated its first M.S.N. graduating class in 2018.

As educators, nurses with an M.S.N. from Notre Dame create teaching-learning environments that promote student growth and preeminent professional practice, with the ultimate goal of supporting excellence in patient care and improved patient outcomes.

Coursework in the College's nurse educator curriculum covers nursing educational theory, instructional methods, curriculum development, assessment and evaluation and health policy and ethics.

COLLEGE NAMES NEW DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF STEM

M. Logan Johnson, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of biology at Notre Dame College, has been named the new Marie Goetz Geier Distinguished Professor of STEM.



M. Logan Johnson was selected this year to present his research at the Annual Drosophila Research Conference of the Genetics Society of America as well as at state and College seminars.

He and several of the undergraduate biology majors at Notre Dame he has involved in his research have identified a previously unstudied gene likely responsible for embryo production in fruit fly, or *Drosophila melanogaster*, models. Their advancing studies of what is now called the Hunchback of Notre Dame College (*hndc*) gene and related research has been selected for presentation multiple times at national conferences and at state and College forums.

Johnson won the President's Lecture honor at the College in 2017, and his submissions were recognized as commendable for the lectureship in 2018 and 2016. He has been on faculty at Notre Dame since 2009.

He joins David Orosz, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry, and Tracey Meilander, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, as Marie Goetz Geier Distinguished Professors of STEM Education at the College.

The late Josie Pophal, one of the three inaugural Marie Goetz Geier Distinguished Professors of STEM at Notre Dame, died from cancer in 2017.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT DEGREE FEATURES BUSINESS CORE

Notre Dame College has added a software development major that prepares students for a variety of professions in the growing industry with the best of both business and technical skills.

The new bachelor's degree offered at the College beginning in 2018-2019 includes the programming classes needed to become a corporate, vendor or independent software developer. The major also provides business administration courses to extend employability to management and leadership positions by imparting an understanding of processes in a number of related disciplines, including accounting, marketing and business law.

The software development major at Notre Dame requires completion of 25 credits in information technology systems to prepare students to design, develop and deliver software applications. In addition, the Bachelor of Arts degree features core business courses. The College also offers a software development minor.

The Notre Dame program is distinguished in that it encompasses these broader areas of the College's Division of Business rather than being confined to a computer science department. Students who complete the software development major are able to understand business processes, so they can apply their technical skills and knowledge to build application software solutions to meet business needs.

NOTRE DAME NAMES EMERITAE FACULTY

Notre Dame College has honored two retiring faculty members with emerita status in recognition of their distinguished careers.

Sr. Eileen Quinlan, SND, Ph.D., was named professor emerita of English and Rachel Morris, M.A., received the title associate professor emerita of fine arts during the College's 2018 Opening Academic Convocation.

Also at the event this year, Quinlan, the College's Distinguished Faculty Award winner in 2018, gave a keynote address to the nearly 300 traditional-aged freshmen in the Class of 2022 and about 150 of their parents, family and friends in attendance.

PROFESSOR EMERITA OF ENGLISH

Quinlan, a 1974 graduate of Notre Dame, retired from the College as professor of English this year after nearly two decades as a faculty member. She received the Distinguished Faculty Award in 2006 as well as in 2018 and was named Notre Dame's inaugural President's Lecturer in 2012.

"It is no surprise ... and no question that she deserves the honor of professor emerita as she lives the College mission in the years ahead," said Amy Kesegich, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of English at Notre Dame, who presented Quinlan with the honor.

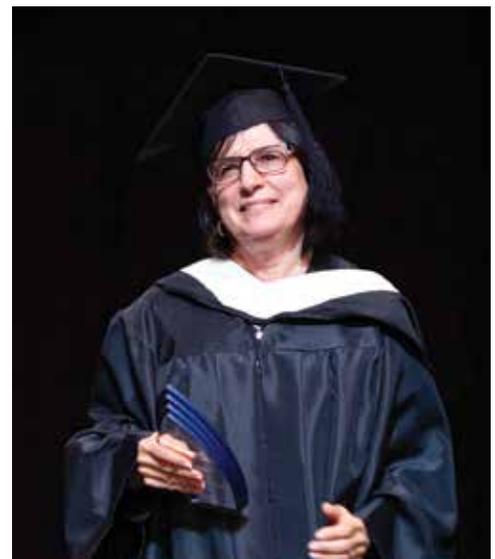
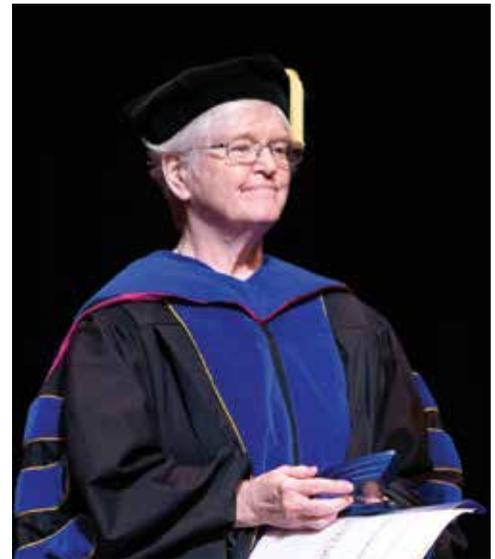
Quinlan has served as chair of the English and communication department and a member of the core curriculum and educational policies and procedures committees at Notre Dame. She has led the College's annual Books That Change the World professional development literature discussion group.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITA OF FINE ARTS

Morris retired from Notre Dame in 2017 as associate professor of fine arts but continues to work as gallery and studio coordinator and an adjunct art instructor at the College.

"We celebrate your many years of dedication to our students and this institution, your creativity and contribution to the arts, your patience and good cheer," said W. Reed Simon, M.F.A., associate professor and chair of fine arts and graphic design at Notre Dame, who awarded Morris the honor.

Morris started at Notre Dame as an adjunct in 1985 and was promoted to assistant professor and chair of the art department in 1990. She also served as arts and humanities division chair and advisor to the student art club.



TOP

Sr. Eileen Quinlan is author of the newly published novel, "The Whole World for Arizona Dakota: A Story of the Pennsylvania Oil Boom" (CreateSpace Independent Publishing 2017).

BOTTOM

Rachel Morris is known for her hand-lettered prose and calligraphy as well as personal paper art books, which have been showcased at the Cleveland Museum of Art's Ingalls Library, among other exhibitions.



NOTRE DAME COLLEGE PRAISES FAITH, SERVICE OF SR. MARY FRANCES MURRAY

Notre Dame College celebrated the more than 50 years of faithful service, spirit and mission of Sr. Mary Frances Murray, SND, '64, in presenting her with one of its highest honors, the Fidelia Award, in 2018.

Murray was recognized for exemplifying personal, professional and global responsibility in roles as past vice president, former trustee and current instructional advisor at the College. She also was honored for her lifetime devotion as a Sister of Notre Dame, a Catholic educator and an international leader.

"We provide personal attention with a caring heart to all of our students. Sr. Frances has taken that promise to a higher level," said Notre Dame President Thomas G. Kruczek. "Sister Frances's remarkable strength and success are the result of her passion for serving others and the fact that she has been answering the call of God every day."

fidelia award

Notre Dame and its Board of Trustees presents the Fidelity Award to individuals who have demonstrated distinguished service and outstanding fidelity to the College and to the Catholic faith. Murray received the honor following an evening Mass and an award presentation in Christ the King Chapel attended by nearly 100 colleagues, family and friends.

Moved to tears, Murray thanked the community gathered for the tribute. The program featured a multimedia presentation of her personal story, testimonials from alumni of the College's Academic Support Center for Students with Learning Differences where she serves as a tutor and fellowship among multiple former College Fidelity Award winners.

"It is a special joy for me to have the chance to thank each of you personally for your ongoing presence in my life and ministry," Murray said in addressing the audience after accepting the award from Kruczek and Ann Hawkins, chair of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees.

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

Murray was named provincial superior of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Chardon in 1993 and served as a member of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees from 1993-1998.

Prior to her position as a trustee, she served as vice president for institutional planning and assessment and assistant to the president at the College from 1988-1993. She also spent a year as acting vice president for student development from 1988-1989.

LEFT

Sr. Mary Frances Murray, SND, '64, accepts The Fidelity, or Faithful One, sculpture, which depicts Mary as a model of both reflection and service, from Notre Dame President Thomas G. Kruczek.

BOTTOM RIGHT

Murray (third from left) celebrates with five past Fidelity Award recipients (left to right): Gretchen Noetzel Walsh, honored in 2016; Kathleen B. Burke, recognized in 2015; John Betchkal, the 1999 recipient; Fr. Edward Mehok, the 2013 honoree; and M. Joan McCarthy, the 2012 winner.

GLOBAL CHARISM

As provincial superior of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Chardon from 1993-1998, Murray and her council oversaw the life and ministry of 500 Sisters serving mainly in Ohio, Virginia, Florida and North Carolina. From 1998-2010, as a member of an international team of Sisters elected to the Congregation's General Government in Rome, Italy, she advanced the mission and charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame serving internationally in 17 countries.

She celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Notre Dame in 2012.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Murray's teaching experience includes theology, social studies, English and French at St. Peter High School in Cleveland and Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown, Ohio. She also served a total of 12 years at Regina High School in South Euclid, Ohio, including as principal from 1973-1979. From 1979-1984 she was principal at Elyria Catholic High School in Elyria, Ohio.



COLLEGE HOSTS SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME LEADERSHIP, LEGACY CONFERENCE



national education summit

Notre Dame College served this year as the singular site for access to the expertise of the Sisters of Notre Dame, hosting a learning community of educators in charism from across the country.

The Sisters' National Education Office, which is directed by Sr. Mary Frances Taymans, SND, a 1967 graduate of Notre Dame and a member of the College's Board of Trustees, based its 2018 U.S. summit on the concept of "Mirrors and Windows." The premise for the three-day professional conference involved looking back at the Sisters of Notre Dame heritage in support of faithful and transformative learning and leadership. The theme also focused on the view ahead, where the possibilities for the Sisters' education, charism and mission living on are endless.

The College becomes even more central to the Sisters' legacy this year as the four Sisters of Notre Dame congregations in the U.S.— in Chardon and Toledo, Ohio; in Covington, Ky.; and in Thousand Oaks, Calif.— combine into a single national province. The Sisters support several elementary, middle and high schools across the country, but Notre Dame is the only college they sponsor.

Many of the Sisters of Notre Dame who led sessions at the summit on aspects of the order's four main educational principles share close connections with the College:

THE CENTRALITY OF A GOOD AND PROVIDENT GOD

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1967 and has served as a faculty member in English at the College, gave a keynote address at the summit inspiring those in attendance to be attentive to miracles seemingly hidden but always visible "Through the Looking Glass" of Catholic education.

THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF EACH PERSON AS AN IMAGE OF GOD

Sr. Margaret Gorman, SND, a 1971 graduate of Notre Dame who is a College trustee and the provincial superior for Chardon, presented an information session on the history and philosophy of Bernard Overberg. Overberg, the educational mentor for the Sisters of Notre Dame,

advocated for professional training and joyful vocation in teaching and an appreciation for the talents of individuals as learners.

Sr. Jacquelyn Gusdane, SND, a 1964 graduate of Notre Dame, who is a former College trustee, directed small-group discussion on reflective leadership. She encouraged administrators and educators to create personal mission statements to help sustain them during the demands of their work.

THE NOTRE DAME EDUCATOR AS GOSPEL WITNESS

Sr. Joanne Keppler, SND, a Notre Dame alumna from the class of 1967 who is director of professional learning for Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School, guided a breakout session on the importance of development opportunities for instructors.

Sr. Regina Alfonso, SND, associate professor emerita of education at the College, led a seminar in which she applied the ancient teaching methods of Jesus to modern-day education. Alfonso also was recognized as the 2018 recipient of the national Sisters of Notre Dame Bernard Overberg "Teacher of Teachers" Award presented during the summit.

AN INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

Sr. Carol Ziegler, SND, Ph.D., chief mission officer and executive director of the Abrahamic Center at Notre Dame, was part of an interfaith panel presentation on the similarities and differences in naming God and in social justice and care for the poor in the Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim traditions.

FOREGROUND

Four Notre Dame alumnae who are Sisters of Notre Dame presented at the national education summit (left to right): Sr. Joanne Keppler '67, Sr. Margaret Gorman '71, Sr. Melannie Svoboda '67 and Sr. Jacquelyn Gusdane '64.

BACKGROUND

The summit included an opening Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated by Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Bishop Nelson J. Perez in Christ the King Chapel. In his homily, Perez encouraged the 150 educators, leaders and ministers in attendance to relish opportunities for reflection and revelation throughout the conference.

JUSTIN PECK MACIE SNIDER EXTEND LEGACY OF CARING WITH OUTREACH TO FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Two current Notre Dame College students who are thriving on the close-knit campus welcomed freshmen in the Class of 2022, a group expected to graduate in four years as the College prepares to celebrate its centennial.

Sophomore Macie Snider and junior Justin Peck, who reflect the diverse legacy of the College's first 100 years, served as guest speakers to greet new first-year students on their first days at the College this fall. At Notre Dame's Opening Academic Convocation ceremony during Welcome Week, Snider and Peck shared personal stories of how they have connected with classmates and faculty at the small, caring College and are making the most of their new community.

The two returning students discussed how the ability to pursue their diverse academic interests and participate in multiple campus activities has helped them—and will aid the new freshmen—in making Notre Dame their home away from home, like it has for so many others over the past century.



student profile

INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING

Peck is working toward a double major in business administration and sports management with a minor in communication at Notre Dame. He talked about how far he has come since his freshman year with the help of the individual attention afforded him by members of the College community.

He relayed his “road more difficult” in high school where he said he struggled with his grades and almost did not graduate.

“I thought college was never in the cards for me. I didn’t relate well to teachers and staff,” Peck said. “Ultimately, I gave up on myself.”

Then he “buckled down” and not only earned a high school diploma but also a chance at a college degree. He has since made the most of his opportunities and

built his confidence back up at Notre Dame, especially by bonding with faculty on the family-like campus.

In addition to engaging with small class sizes and the “unique areas” of coursework offered at Notre Dame, Peck said he has flourished with the help of instructors, advisors and coaches who know him by name and never treat him like a number. He is a member of the Falcons football team and an ambassador in the College admission office.

“The main reason I chose Notre Dame is for the professors here,” Peck said. “They showed me I could achieve something more. They help me expand my knowledge and, ultimately, expand my horizons.”

LEADERSHIP NETWORKING

Snider talked about how she has extended her education and professional possibilities by working hard in the classroom, participating in co-curricular activities and building relationships on and off campus already in just one year at the College.

She said in high school she met customers through her job in food service who became friends and, ultimately, like kin to her. She has experienced that same sense of fellowship at the College.

A nursing major earning a minor in management, Snider has settled in at Notre Dame by becoming a member of the College choir and the Falcon Activities Board. She also has assisted with the women’s soccer team and serves as a residence hall assistant. “This is a small institution, and these strangers around you will start to become familiar faces, then friends and finally family,” she said.

According to Snider, a “structured lifestyle instead of a lazy mindset” has helped her take advantage of options to connect with faculty and staff on the

nurturing College campus as well as to build career networks across the Northeast Ohio area.

Snider was awarded a Notre Dame Alumni Association scholarship earlier this year. She recently started a job as a patient care nurse assistant at Cleveland Clinic and has been working with the costumed mascots for the Cleveland Indians Major League Baseball team.





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HOMECOMING AND ALUMNI REUNION 2018

A Notre Dame College crowd of family, friends and extended community (main photo), cheer the Falcons football team to victory during Homecoming and Alumni Reunion 2018. Festivities on Mueller Field included (left and center insets) halftime recognition of College Alumna of the Year Candy Clemson '70 with Notre Dame Alumni Association Board President Stephanie Glueck '13 and past graduates performing with the current cheer squad and marching band. Other highlights of the day: a campus picnic lunch, tailgate and children's games; a faculty panel discussion by Notre Dame's academic division chairs; and a presentation on Cleveland history.

The complete celebration encompassed Notre Dame customs from painting the spirit rock and a bonfire pep rally to Founders-Legacy Week, commemorating the spirit and mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame at the College. The weekend tradition also featured the annual Alumni Mass and Brunch with special activities for those celebrating class reunions, including (right inset, left to right) Maryellen Terwood Simon '68, Margie Downs Joyce '68, Sharon Shiplett Gandee '63, Marg Wirscham Quinlin '63, Maureen "Rini" McGannon Gaunter '63, Donna Roginski '68, Marlene Hennes Girton '63 and Donna Frattura Dure '63.



PATRICIA KOCH '64, RALPH D'ALESSIO '13 CONNECT ON CAMPUS TO SERVE STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES



ABOVE & TOP RIGHT

Patricia "Pat" Pensock Koch, who majored in mathematics and English at Notre Dame, and Ralph D'Alessio, who earned a psychology degree from the College, continue the learning, teaching and mentoring legacy of their alma mater, together in Regina Chapel (above) and at the campus community garden (top right), helping lead the Cleveland Clinic Summer Treatment Program for children with ADHD.

Two Notre Dame College alumni separated by nearly a half century are elevating an already world-renowned Cleveland Clinic program on campus for youth with a documented learning difference.

The College continued its partnership with Cleveland Clinic in 2018 as the sole host of the clinic's Summer Treatment Program for children and adolescents with ADHD symptoms. The program is led by Ralph D'Alessio, who earned his psychology degree from Notre Dame in 2013.

D'Alessio was joined for the second time this year by Patricia "Pat" Pensock Koch, a 1964 graduate of Notre Dame who majored in mathematics and English. Koch has been teaching a horticulture module and incorporating activities at the College's on-campus community garden into the ADHD summer camp curriculum.

A professional educator in Berea, Ohio, City Schools for more than 30 years, Koch is a certified Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) with the Ohio State University Extension Office. She worked with the camp at Notre Dame for the first time in 2017.

alumni profile



THE 2013 ALUMNUS

D'Alessio, who is employed with the clinic as assistant director of the ADHD summer treatment program, began working with the camp eight years ago as an intern while he was a student at Notre Dame. He has since disclosed he has been diagnosed with ADHD and was part of Notre Dame's Academic Support Center for Students with Learning Differences.

"I have learned so much from my education here at Notre Dame, and it is how I first came to work with the Cleveland Clinic. To be able to connect back with the College and include the community and the clinic means a lot to me," he said.

D'Alessio has been involved with the American Orchid Society as an accredited orchid judge and said he has found horticulture to be therapeutic. He added the innovation of the gardening module to the summer treatment program. The clinic's annual experience has educated youth primarily through classroom and athletics applications up until last season.

In addition to his background in psychology and with the clinic, D'Alessio received a master's degree in data analytics from Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs.

THE 1964 ALUMNA

Koch's expertise as an MGVI includes teaching gardening to senior citizens and to special needs adults. The summer treatment program is among her first opportunities to work with students with learning differences.

Throughout the summer treatment program, the alumna has led youth in learning about the different parts of plants, sowing vegetable seedlings in the campus community garden, harvesting the ripening food to make meals and using leftover cuttings to create art card projects for loved ones.

"When you have an opportunity to do something you love—and teaching is what I love—you don't pass up an opportunity to do it," she said.

Koch has worked mainly as a high school math educator but also has experience teaching students at all levels and training educators at the Academy of St. Adalbert at St. Adalbert Catholic Church in Berea. She has been active with the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio and the Northeast Ohio Iris Society.

She and her husband, Robert, have cultivated flower and vegetable gardens for decades. They have two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

class notes



2007

Nick Formica '07 assumed the role of director of alumni relations and annual fund at Notre Dame College in September 2018 after beginning his career coaching Notre Dame golf programs and working more than 10 years in the College's Office of Admissions. He married Kelley in 2016, and the two welcomed a daughter, Hope, in August 2017. He is currently a second-year M.B.A. student at John Carroll University.



2010

Michael Mannozi '10 and his wife, Jemma, welcomed Jason Daniel on October 6, 2017. Jason weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces and measured 22 inches long. The child was born at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital in Toronto, Canada. Michael Mannozi is now the Youngstown, Ohio, area service director for American Income Life Insurance Company, handling benefit packages for union workers and their families. He continues racing as a track and field athlete.



2017

Courtney Chambers '17 became the advancement coordinator at Notre Dame College in September 2018 after spending her first post-graduation year visiting with family in Dallas. In her new position, she will use her communication degree to manage events and assist the College's Office of Advancement with everything from alumni relations to robust campaigns.

In Memoriam

We offer our condolences to relatives and friends of the recently deceased and pray that our good God will welcome them into everlasting joy.

ALUMNI

Patricia Anderson '63 – 11/2017

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SND, '59 – 7/2018

Jane Ignaut '48 – 2/2018

Leona Scholle '65 – 8/2017

Dorothy Zivcsak Simon '56 – 7/2018

Irene Toth '46 – 7/2018

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Sr. Mary St. Mark Florence – 5/2018

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Ronald Sterbank – 8/2018
Husband of the late Leona Sterbank '65

Robert Lee – 5/2018
Husband of Phyllis Zala '65

Memorial Masses may be offered in Christ the King Chapel for a deceased loved one. For more information or to schedule a Mass, contact the Notre Dame Campus Ministry Office at 216.373.5387.

CORRECTION

Alumna Julianne Jones '02 incorrectly was listed as deceased in the Summer 2018 issue of Notre Dame Today. Her mother, Patricia Jones, passed away in January 2017.

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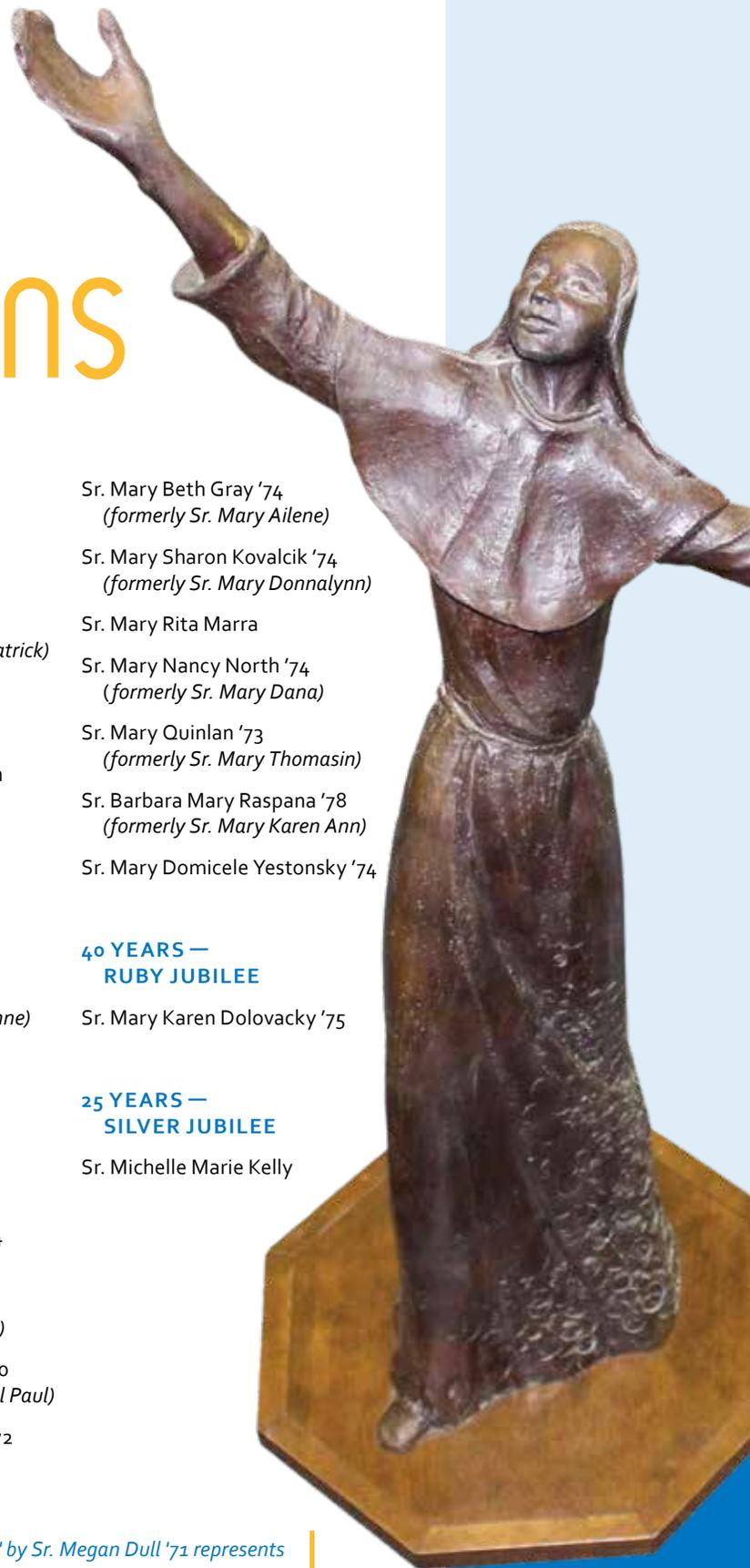
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The sculpture "Rapture in Action" by Sr. Megan Dull '71 represents St. Julie Billiart, the guiding spirit for the Sisters of Notre Dame.



ALUMNA MAKES ENDOWED GIFT IN PERPETUITY OF LIBERAL LEARNING

Sharon Shiplett Gandee '63 said Notre Dame College introduced her to the power and delight of ideas, and the alumna is giving back in gratitude by establishing an endowed student scholarship to pass on that legacy of liberal learning to new generations.

She and her husband have pledged \$50,000 to the College to create the Sharon Shiplett Gandee and Robert Gandee Endowed Scholarship for a Notre Dame student majoring in English.

The alumna earned her bachelor's degree in English from the College in 1963 and went on to earn a master's degree in English education from Ohio State University. An Akron, Ohio, native, she has worked teaching English, mostly to high school students, in Wadsworth, Ohio, public schools.

A first generation college student, Gandee said most of her pre-bachelor's degree schooling had taught her to memorize. At Notre Dame she discovered *how* to learn.

"The education my classmates and I received at Notre Dame College opened our minds and the world to us. It shaped all the great things that have happened to us," she said.

Gandee attributes much of her interest in and appreciation for education to the College's liberal arts curriculum and lessons in logic and ethics. She also gleaned understanding through her study of literature.

She recalls that books by Nobel Prize Laureate William Faulkner were not shelved in the campus library, but his works were sometimes assigned readings in her College coursework.

"Notre Dame College taught me to think," she said. "Nothing was off the table as far as learning."

Her wisdom of the world and awareness of diversity grew from her classwork and through an interfaith cooperative work experience off campus. For three of her undergraduate years, she lived and helped care for the family of a Jewish doctor, Leonard and Mims Adler, in Beachwood, Ohio.

"That experience also shaped my thinking," she said.

The Gandee Endowed Scholarship is intended for a Notre Dame student who attended a public high school who plans to teach English in public schools, particularly someone who values education and appreciates diversity, according to the alumna. Endowed gifts are invested, and earnings are used to perform the fund's purpose and build its value to provide support in perpetuity.

"I'm happy to be able to give a little bit back to those who need it and to thank Notre Dame College in gratitude for opening my mind," she said.

Gandee and her husband have two daughters, the late Gabrielle and Nicole, a licensed nursing home administrator.

"The delight of our lives is that we have been educated," Gandee said. "It lets you see the world in a different way."

message of advancement



YOU HAVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON OUR THREE PRIORITIES FOR PHILANTHROPY

Greetings!

We are well into another academic year. It's amazing how time flies! The campus is buzzing with excitement, and we are privileged to spend every day with students, watching them grow and mature and discover what their future holds. That is very powerful, and we would not be able to do such important work with them and for them without you. Really, you have such an important influence on their lives.

We have some new goals this year, as well as some challenges, but we will never allow challenges to interfere with our mission to help those in need, to educate a diverse population and provide a career-focused, liberal arts education that prepares our students for success. That's what we do here at Notre Dame College. It's what we've been doing since 1922, and it's what we will be doing as we enter our second century.

With regard to advancement, I often think of three priorities:

Students: We want to engage and recruit more students. **Scholarships** help us.

Environment: Improving our **facilities** is a top priority. Making a good first impression is important.

Programming: Preparing our students to move into up-and-coming careers is essential. **Program enhancements** will do that!

Continued support from our alumni and friends and a growing culture of giving allow us to continue the legacy set by the Sisters of Notre Dame almost 100 years ago. We are proud to carry out their mission, which is our mission, each and every day.

At this time of year, we are especially grateful for all we have received and the support we get from you. You make a difference here. You help us carry out the mission of the Sisters and the College. Without you, our students would not be able to continue their education. You and they will lead us into the next 100 years.

Thank you, God bless you and we wish you and your family the very best this holiday season.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawna".

SHAWNA H. WHITLOCK

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*A Jerusalem Cross of Blessing
adorns the entryway of the Notre
Dame campus Keller Center.*

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