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COMMENCEMENT

Michael Shaughnessy receives honorary degree
College celebrates Class of 2019
Record number of Honors Scholars graduate

ADVANCEMENT

New administrators lead College
Alumna inspires culture of paying forward
ON THE COVER:

Michael “Mike” Shaughnessy, a member of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2017, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during Notre Dame’s 95th Commencement ceremonies. Pictured here with M. Patrice McCarthy, Ph.D., Shaughnessy and his wife Marian provided a leadership gift toward the Shaughnessy Center for Nursing Innovation and Education, a state-of-the-art clinical learning facility for the College’s Division of Nursing. McCarthy, chair of the Division of Nursing at Notre Dame, retired from the College in 2019.
Dear Friends of Notre Dame College,

I am honored to have been selected to serve as interim president of Notre Dame College. I have been at the College for 14 years in a number of senior academic and administrative roles. Each position has brought with it both satisfying and humbling work. I look to serving as interim president of Notre Dame as one of the most fulfilling yet challenging opportunities of my career.

We have a lot on our plates; we all have much to do. But we are strategically in a state of readiness, and we are agile enough to adapt.

The outlook is positive. It is positive because of the faculty, staff and students; the history and traditions; the dedication of the Sisters of Notre Dame; and the providential hand of God.

In the near term, we look to finding a new president; increasing our financial stability; growing enrollment, notably in our online, non-traditional and graduate groups; and retaining a greater number of students.

We often discuss what makes this the distinctive place it is, and there are many answers. I offer that it is our values-based liberal arts education. Education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge and skills, it is equally about how one uses the knowledge and skills acquired.

- We are a community of diverse people, and that is one of our greatest assets.
- Our students are from every walk of life, many with special needs, many are minorities and many are the first in their families to attend college.
- We are a community of shared spaces, common grounds that are much more than brick and mortar. They are places for people to learn, gather, laugh, cry and pray.....and have fun. Yes, that's okay, too!
- We are a community of scholars, a special group of people who are here for very special reasons.
- We are a community of people of many faiths who believe in the transformative power of education.

I hope you enjoy and are informed by this issue of Notre Dame Today. It is a celebration of scholarship in which we salute our students, our graduates, our faculty and staff, our alumni and friends of the College.

This magazine contains an envelope. I ask you to search your heart and please consider a donation to help us continue our mission of educating a diverse population of students in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

It’s all about our Notre Dame College community. You are a part of it, and we are grateful.

John P. Galovic

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Interim President
Thomas G. Kruczek has stepped down as president of Notre Dame, citing family reasons.

After serving five years at Notre Dame College president, Thomas G. Kruczek has resigned, and John P. Galovic, Ed.D., has been named interim president.

Kruczek informed the College’s Board of Trustees in May of his intention to step down in order to return to Florida with his wife to spend time with her elderly mother. He has since been named president of Christopher Columbus High School in Miami.

The Notre Dame Board of Trustees has initiated the process to name the College’s next president.

IN APPRECIATION

Kruczek became the College’s 14th president in its 97-year history in July of 2014. He came to Notre Dame after serving as dean of the College of Business and Management at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., where he had been since 2011. Prior to that, he served as executive director of the Falcone Center for Entrepreneurship at the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University. He received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame in 1979.

Highlights of Kruczek’s imprint on the campus since his arrival five years ago include:

- Creation of the Falcons’ Nest student center, a place for students to relax, study and enjoy entertainment;
- Launch of the Caring Hearts fund to help students faced with unexpected financial emergencies that might otherwise force them to abandon their college plans;
- Establishment of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to lead the assessment and evaluation of academic and nonacademic programs and how they further the College’s strategic plan and budget priorities.

Additionally, Kruczek was known for holding open office hours with students, conducting a Monday graduation ceremony each year for graduates who were out of town on Commencement weekend with school-sponsored activities and for serving paczki pastries baked from his own family recipe to students in the campus dining hall each Fat Tuesday before the start of Lent.

WITH ESTEEM

Galovic has been at Notre Dame since 2005. He has worked as vice president of strategic initiatives, an associate professor of education and teacher licensure officer. He previously served the College as interim vice president of academic and student affairs and interim vice president of the Finn Center for Graduate, Adult and Professional Education. He also was the College’s interim director of intercollegiate athletics and chair of the Division of Professional Education.

Prior to joining Notre Dame, Galovic worked as associate superintendent for business and director of secondary education for the Willoughby-Eastlake (Ohio) City School District and served as principal at the Willoughby-Eastlake Technical Center and Eastlake North High School. He earned a B.S. from Ohio State University, an M.S. from Cleveland State University and an Ed.D. from the University of Akron.
NURSING STUDENTS HELP TREAT LEAD POISONING IN CLEVELAND SCHOOLS

Notre Dame College nursing students have joined in collaborative lead screening efforts for public school students aged 3-6 through the Partners in Health initiative of Cleveland.

The College also has received a $125,000 grant over two years from the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation for nursing professional development.

Senior-level nursing majors at Notre Dame have been involved this academic year in screening preschool and kindergarten children at five institutions throughout the Cleveland Municipal School District. The Partners in Health Lead Screening Project aims to increase screening rates and identify the presence and high levels of the dangerous toxin. Affected youth typically come from urban areas where homes were built prior to the time lead paint and pipes were no longer permitted.

Nursing seniors at the College have assisted with all areas of the process: gathering students; preparing and obtaining blood samples; and documenting, reviewing and processing the results. Children who test positive for lead are referred for follow-up testing with additional information and education provided to parents and caregivers. Nursing students also help with parent outreach and education.

The Partners in Health initiative, originally funded in part through the Prentiss Foundation, is a partnership between the City of Cleveland, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Municipal School District.

Notre Dame’s student involvement is led by three faculty members in the College’s Division of Nursing: Colleen Sweeney, M.S.N., Ph.D., J.D., R.N., CNE, associate professor of nursing and director of the graduate nursing program; Gregory P. Knapik, Ph.D., D.N.P., P/MH CNS, ANP, assistant professor of nursing; Linda Council, M.S.N., R.N., clinical coordinator; and Lynn Papesch, M.S.N., RN, assistant professor of nursing.

COLLEGE ADDS CO-MAJOR, FUNDING IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Notre Dame College is offering entrepreneurship as a ground-breaking second major, so students can add business and innovation skills to any other degree program.

The College also has received a new grant of $150,000 over two years from The Burton D. Morgan Foundation to further advance a culture of entrepreneurship on campus.

The new entrepreneurship co-major available at the College beginning in fall 2019 uniquely promotes the creation of new business venture ideas in support of each undergraduate’s professional area of passion and expertise. Entrepreneurship as part of a double major prepares students to become forces for innovation and growth within existing businesses and organizations in their main fields of study, giving them a competitive advantage in the job market in their initial major.

The distinctive entrepreneurship co-degree program can be earned as a second major in addition to completing the requirements for any other Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree program at Notre Dame. To earn entrepreneurship as a co-major, undergraduates complete their primary major requirements and 27 to 30 credits in entrepreneurial courses that range from introduction to business and digital marketing to new venture finance and new venture management.
GIFT FROM OHIO LAWYERS ADVANCES PRELAW PROGRAMS

Notre Dame College has received a $75,000 contribution from Ohio Lawyers Give Back in support of its co-curricular pre-law programs.

Patrick J. Perotti of Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A., which founded Ohio Lawyers Give Back, presented the gift to members of Notre Dame’s moot court team to help fund their efforts to participate in national, simulated court litigation competitions in preparation for law school and careers as attorneys.

The gift also will be used for “other ways to give back and support students” at the College, according to Perotti.

Notre Dame also has added two new accelerated dual degree law programs, with the Catholic University of America Columbus College of Law in Washington, D.C., and Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minn.

These are the third and fourth 3+3 law programs at Notre Dame, with allow qualified students who meet requirements to earn their bachelor’s and law degrees in six years, based on full-time enrollment, instead of the traditional seven. Previous agreements are with Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and the Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law.

PERFORMING ARTS RECEIVE GIFT OF CHOIR ROBES

The Notre Dame College student vocal performing arts programs have been gifted professional concert robes and stoles.

The outfitting of members of the College’s choirs for the first time in the program’s history was made possible foremost by a donation from Towne and Country Players, a non-profit, charitable, educational organization in

gratitude for a Notre Dame choir group performance at St. Mary’s Church in Norwalk, Ohio.

A second gift from Deborah L. Sheren, D.B.A., vice president of institutional effectiveness at the College, and Notre Dame alumna Barbara E. Stevens ’93 allowed for the vocal music programs to add yellow gold stoles featuring the Notre Dame logo to the blue performance robes for each member of the College’s Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Gospel Ensemble.

Timothy Little, M.M., executive director of performing arts and director of choral studies at the College, who stewarded the regalia donations, will conduct his final candlelight concert for Notre Dame’s choirs in December 2019. He is resigning from the College to pursue doctoral studies in music.
FACULTY HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Notre Dame College conferred its professorial awards for 2019 to a full-time faculty member in its Division of Business and a part-time instructor in sports and social science.

Pamela Phillips, M.B.A., assistant professor of finance, has received the College’s Distinguished Faculty Award. Brando Tupaz, M.A., an adjunct instructor in psychology, was given the Outstanding Teaching Award. Both were recognized during Notre Dame’s annual Honors Convocation.

Phillips is the faculty advisor for the Falcon Futures Investment student organization and an assistant coach to the men’s basketball team. She serves as a member of the Faculty Affairs Development Committee and the Division of Business assessment coordinator. She earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration from Cleveland State University and her Master of Business Administration from Ashford University. She is pursuing doctoral studies.

Tupaz began his career in mental health counseling in the early 1990s and works in private clinical practice. He also serves as a mental health consultant for various school districts. He earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Ohio State University and a master’s degree in counseling and human services from John Carroll University.

NOTRE DAME OFFERS ONLINE GRADUATE-LEVEL AUTISM CERTIFICATE

Notre Dame College is offering an internationally recognized graduate-level autism education certificate that can be completed online in two semesters.

The certificate consists of four, three-credit hour graduate-level courses and a practicum. Each course is eight weeks in length and offered completely online through the College beginning in fall 2019. This advanced training is for working professionals in education, social work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech/language pathology, music therapy or any other touchpoint profession with students ages 3 to 21 who have autism spectrum disorders.

Candidates who successfully complete the course sequence will be eligible to sit for the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) examination for Certified Autism Specialist. Notre Dame is partnering with IBCCES to provide this internationally recognized certification.

The new program is being introduced in 2019-2020 through the College’s Office of Professional Development in conjunction with the Notre Dame Division of Professional Education and will become available to students on campus in the Master of Education program beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year.

Those enrolled in the certificate program will learn how to create a model environment that respects and enhances the ecological learning needs of students with autism spectrum disorders.
SYMPOSIUM FEATURES FACULTY EXPERTISE

Notre Dame College faculty in biology and business, education and English, nursing and national security showcased their research expertise during the College’s 2019 Faculty Research Symposium.

A total of 10 faculty members discussed nine projects this year, including two cited as honorable mention for the College’s President’s Lecture:

// Sue Corbin, Ph.D.
Chair of the Division of Professional Education
Notable Children’s Books for the Language Arts

// Sandra Golden, Ph.D.
Associate Professor in Professional Education
Using Multicultural Literature Books to Teach Peace Literacy and for Social Justice

// Natalie Strouse, M.B.A.
Chair of the Division of Business and

// Sandra Grassman, M.B.A.
Associate Professor of Management Information Systems
Blockchain Technology – Is It Our Future?
President's Lecture Honorable Mention

// John W. King, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of National Security and Intelligence Studies
Highlights from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Conference

// Greg Knapik, Ph.D., D.N.P.
Assistant Professor of Nursing
Integrating the Important Global Problem of “Human Trafficking” into the Notre Dame College B.S.N. Nursing Curriculum

// Tracey T. Meilander, Ph.D.
Marie Goetz Geier
Distinguished Professor of STEM and Associate Professor of Biology
Recommendations from the National Academies of Sciences: Evidence-based Practices that Address the Underrepresentation of Women in STEMM

// Donna Morlani, M.S.
Assistant Professor of Mathematics
New Pathways in Mathematics

// Michele Polak, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of English
Girlhood in Conflict: The Construction of Self in Girls’ War-Time Diaries
President’s Lecture Honorable Mention

// Kelli Tibbitts, M.Ed.
Assistant Professor of Education
Applying Behavior Intervention Plans in Classrooms to Decrease Targeted Behaviors

LECTURER PROVIDES INSIGHTS FROM RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

Notre Dame College alumna Sr. Mary Karita Ivancic, SND, D.Min., was selected to present the College President’s Lecture in 2019.

Ivancic, an associate professor of theology at Notre Dame and 1971 graduate of the College, discussed “Finding Meaning in the Mystery of Suffering: Insights from Asian and Abrahamic Religious Traditions” at the annual event. During her lecture, Ivancic, who celebrates her Golden Jubilee with the Sisters of Notre Dame this year, provided key insights from Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, focusing on two foundational questions: “Why do we suffer?” and “How can we best deal with suffering?”

According to Ivancic, suffering is a universal human experience that comes in many forms, both physical and psychological, but it is only temporary since all humankind is in God’s providential care.

Her lecture proposal was selected from multiple submissions that underwent a blind review by a panel of external scholars. She also presented the first President’s Lecture in 2011.
Notre Dame College celebrated its culture of academic inquiry and creative activity for the fifth consecutive year.

A total of 47 undergraduates ranging from sophomores to graduating seniors studying with a dozen faculty mentors in biology, chemistry, communication, nursing, political science, religion and even study abroad, presented their research projects as part of the College's fifth annual Celebration of Scholarship in 2019. The weeklong program each year also encompasses the Senior Art Gallery Exhibit and All Student Juried Art Show.

The theme for this year’s program was “Highlighting Student and Faculty Collaboration.” Students and the projects they worked on with faculty mentors that were featured during Student Scholars Day included:

// **Saige Ackerman, Amelia Colby, Shaylynn Davidson, Sydney DeCamp, Brandon Gambrell, Taylor Lauder Brown, Todd Marshall, Christopher O’Leary, Brian Papesch and Ronald Salters**
*One-word Mini-films*

// **Abigail Clinton, Milesa Davis, Jordan Mochko, Sara Parker, and Thomas Szymbula**
*Leg Up for Cleveland Kids (LUCK) Communication Strategies*

// **Lian Ellifrit**
*Daoist Spirituality*

// **Kelly Berts and Sarah Grossman**
*Evaluation of TLR-induced Signaling and Cytokine Production after Treatment of Macrophages with Heat-Killed Staphylococcus Aureus*

// **Katelyn Karalic**
*In Vivo Evidence for the Role of CG15436 during Endoreplication within Ovary Follicle Cells*

// **Starr Minor and Alisha Noon**
*The Human Homologue Jazf-1/CG12054 Interacts Directly with Proteins in the TIP60 and SAGA Complexes*

// **Lizbeth Lopez, Jacob Gregory, Derek Coso and Julie Bogomolny**
*Police Brutality*

// **Phil Duncan, Joseph Paskell, Joseph Rivera and Ronald Robinson**
*The Debate on Gun Control*

// **Athene Goodman**
*Drugs at the Border*

// **Breanna Tolbert, McKenzie Shean and Taylor Delbridge**
*Capital Punishment in Today’s Society*

// **Flora Williams**
*The Impact of Fish on Hydroponic Growth of Arugula*

// **Jessica A. Stout and Jon Zechman**
*Fabrication of Nanostructured Electrodes through Electrodeposition of Highly Porous Gold toward Enzymatic Fuel Cells*

// **Robert Ellebracht**
*Study Abroad in Santiago, Chile*

// **Q’Nyjah Britton**
*Evidence-based Approaches to Failure to Rescue*

// **Erin Calhoun**
*International Clinical Experience Preparation*

// **Courtney Franczcek**
*Kristen Swanson’s Theory of Caring*

// **Maggie King**
*Transition Theory*

// **Kailey Thompson**
*Self-Determination Theory in Healthcare*

// **Vasean Davis, Alexandra Kaeberlein and Austin Treneff**
*Blockchain Technology – Is It Our Future?*
commencement 2019
Notre Dame College awarded an honorary degree to a business, education and community leader who applies Catholic social doctrine to his personal and professional life.

Michael "Mike" Shaughnessy, a trustee of the College from 2001 to 2017, received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the College’s Board of Trustees, administration and faculty on Saturday, May 4, as Notre Dame celebrated its 95th Commencement ceremonies. Shaughnessy is only the 22nd person to be recognized with an honorary degree in the nearly 100-year history of the College.

"Mike embodies the spirit of doing good for all and selflessly giving back to others. He quietly leads by example and is a role model for every Notre Dame student and graduate," said College President Thomas G. Kruczek, who has since stepped down as Notre Dame's top administrator.

Notre Dame Confers Honorary Degree to Business Professional Living Catholic Mission
ALWAYS FAITHFUL

In 2014, Shaughnessy and his wife Marian were presented the College’s Fidelia Award as living examples of the mission of Notre Dame. Together they have spent their lives supporting nonprofit, philanthropic and educational organizations. They share a passion for helping others, notably through better and more accessible medical care and research.

The couple gave a leadership gift toward a state-of-the-art home for the College’s Division of Nursing.

RESPECT FOR ALL

Shaughnessy is the retired co-chair and president of ColorMatrix, a company that began as a small plastics colorant manufacturer in 1978. When he created his company, he chose to do so in the inner city of Cleveland, and he made a commitment to employing qualified people who at one point in their lives received public assistance. He paid competitive wages and benefits, and he showed respect for all.

“That’s just the kind of person Mike is. He is much more than an entrepreneur with keen business sense. He is also a caring heart,” Kruczek said.

ALTOGETHER HOPE

Through his volunteer activities at the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, Shaughnessy has stewarded numerous projects and initiatives that have brought relief and comfort to the poor and disenfranchised throughout Northeast Ohio. He played a leadership role for the Catholic Community Foundation campaign which raised more than $170 million. This year, he received the Archbishop Hoban award in recognition of his history of diocesan support in the community.

“Mike has been influential in strengthening communities, businesses and people, always with a vision of creating hope and opportunities. He has a special interest in helping those who need and deserve help the most. He has often voiced his appreciation for the College’s commitment to providing opportunities for minority and first-generation college-bound students,” Kruczek said.
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ST. CATHERINE AWARD 2019

SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHER COMMENDED FOR MASTER'S WORK | DANIEL KARP

Notre Dame College presented Daniel Karp his Master of Education degree in mild/moderate intervention specialist and the 2019 St. Catherine of Alexandria Award during its 95th Commencement.

Karp has been employed as an intervention specialist in the Akron, Ohio, Public School System since 2013 and has served for the last five years as chair for one of the high school special education departments. While earning his master's degree, he maintained a caseload of students with learning and developmental differences while also working as a consulting teacher, mentoring and training first-year instructors.

He started his career as a tutor with Coventry Local Schools in Akron from 2001 to 2013. He received his bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Akron.

Karp's research at Notre Dame focused on translating a reading intervention, called the read aloud approach, for use in the secondary supported mathematics environment. His project applied innovation, creativity and evidence-based practices to his work with high-need students.

The St. Catherine of Alexandria Award is given to graduating master's degree students at Notre Dame who exemplify the high ideals of a Catholic education; aspire to attain knowledge in the face of adversity; and demonstrate leadership, scholarship and service.

FINN AWARD 2019

ADULT UNDERGRADUATE NURSE LAUDED FOR LEADERSHIP | JANICE LEE COCHRAN

Notre Dame College named Janice Lee Cochran, who has worked as a registered nurse for nearly 40 years and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree online from the College, as the 2019 winner of the Sr. Mary LeRoy Finn Award.

A certified oncology nurse who administers chemotherapy to adult patients with the Cleveland Clinic Specialty and Surgery Center in Wooster, Ohio, Cochran became the first among her siblings to earn a bachelor's degree when she graduated from Notre Dame this year at age 57.

She started the online R.N. to B.S.N. program at the College in 2014. She finished with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

As part of her degree, Cochran developed and implemented an activity and exercise program for patients undergoing chemotherapy. This pilot was effective in lessening fatigue and increasing quality of life in patients. As a result, a larger scale implementation is planned at the facility where she completed the project.

The Notre Dame Finn Award honors the achievements of an adult student who attains a minimum 3.5 GPA, demonstrates leadership and exhibits the characteristics inscribed on the custom-made Wisdom Bowl presented to the recipient: “Scholarly, Catalyst, Diligent, Resilient.”
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**BOSCHE AWARD 2019**

**ACTUARIAL SCIENCE STUDENT HONORED FOR ACADEMICS, ACTIVITIES | NORAH BARNES**

Mathematics major and Honors Scholar Norah Barnes is presented the Bosche Award by Vincent J. Palombo, D.B.A., vice president of academic and student affairs at the College.

Notre Dame College recognized Norah Barnes, who earned her Bachelor of Arts in mathematics with a perfect 4.0 GPA, with the 2019 Sr. Mary Agnes Bosche Award at its 95th Commencement ceremonies.

Barnes also graduated with the Honors Scholar distinction and a minor in financial services management. She has accepted a full-time position as an actuarial analyst at Westfield Insurance. While an undergraduate at Notre Dame, Barnes studied for and passed her first three actuarial exams.

She received the inaugural Josie Pophal “Women in Mathematics” scholarship in 2018 and won the 2019 Sister Mary Cleophas Mathematics Award as the top graduating mathematics major.

Barnes has served as treasurer of both the Falcon Activity Board and Undergraduate Student Government and is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council. She has volunteered as a Red Cross blood drive coordinator and facilitator.

In addition, Barnes is a member of the women’s soccer team and has been team captain the last two years, as well as the volunteer coordinator. She has received numerous soccer awards, including Academic All-district and Academic all-American.

Notre Dame’s Bosche Award is presented each year to a traditional undergraduate who embodies a commitment to excellence, selfless service and trustworthiness.

**MISSION AWARD 2019**

**DOUBLE MAJOR RECOGNIZED FOR FAITH, SERVICE | ROBERT ELLEBRACHT**

A Notre Dame undergraduate who has been an active contributor to campus ministry and global study has been selected as the winner of the 2019 College Mission Award.

Robert Ellebracht graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in international business and marketing. He has traveled with the College’s international immersion to Guatemala for three straight years. He also spent a summer semester abroad studying in Chile.

He has been a regular attendant at the College’s Sunday night Mass for all four years, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and sharing insights from his faith life during student reflection time. He also worked on campus as a resident assistant and residence hall team leader.

Ellebracht was inducted into the Kappa Gamma Pi national Catholic College Graduate Honor Society and Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration.

The College Mission Award, first bestowed in 2015, recognizes a graduating senior who displays care for others, commitment to spiritual or religious traditions, dedication to global issues and personal growth made possible through his or her Notre Dame education.
Notre Dame College celebrated a record number of Honors Scholars graduates in 2019, including the first student to matriculate through an accelerated law degree program.

Seven Honors Scholars received a medal and special distinction on their degrees during Notre Dame’s 95th Commencement. Five were recognized at a special Honors Scholars dinner in the Great Room on the College campus (inset left to right): Liam Tipton-Fletcher, psychology; Nicholas Ely, business administration and marketing; Norah Barnes, mathematics; Nadia Miller, early childhood education and mild/moderate intervention specialist; and Meckena Hultin, criminal justice and psychology. Barnes was selected as the Sr. Mary Agnes Bosche Award winner and gave a keynote address at commencement.

In addition, Cassidy Galbreath (left), history, fulfilled her first year of law school at Ohio Northern University’s Petit School of Law in 2019 after only three years at the College and commenced with those credits counting toward the completion of her bachelor’s degree. Erin Calhoun (right inset), nursing, a member of the Notre Dame softball team, received her degree during a special Monday diploma ceremony in Christ the King Chapel for students who missed commencement due to participation in College-sponsored activities.

This year the College also recognized a record number of faculty members, 33, for working with Honors Scholars. Notre Dame is a member of the Mideast Honors Association.

Undergraduates must earn 21 honors credits over their career at the College to qualify for the distinction on their degrees.
While preparing for a final exam on May 5, 2015, when he was a first-year student and in his first year on the men’s basketball team at Notre Dame College, Will Vorhees received the call that his father, William, had died unexpectedly from complications of a heart attack. Vorhees; his mother, Ann; and his six siblings suffered emotionally and financially after his father’s death. Vorhees, who lives in Columbus Grove, Ohio, went home that summer to work and help his family. He is the second oldest of the seven children.

He was uncertain about whether to return to the College but decided to follow through on the dream of being a successful student-athlete he shared with his dad, who loved to watch him play basketball.

Four years later, almost to the day, on May 4, 2019, Vorhees participated in Notre Dame’s 95th Commencement ceremonies. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice. His graduation capped a stellar red-shirt senior season in which Vorhees, a 6-foot-8 power forward, set several NCAA, conference and program records in his sport. Vorhees hopes to attend a summer league and get picked.
VORHEES’ NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL RANKINGS 2018-19:

- First in total points (893)
- First in total field goals made (343)
- Second in points per game (28.8)
- Second in double-doubles (23)
- Fourth in total rebounds (349)
- Eighth in rebounds per game (11.3)
- Ninth in offensive rebounds per game (3.81)
- 11th in free throws made (176)
- 12th in defensive rebounds per game (7.45)

RECORDS VORHEES SET IN 2018-19:

- 16th on the NCAA Division II all-time scoring list and scored the most career points (2,761) of any D-II player in 27 years
- First Player in Mountain East Conference (MEC) history to record 2,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds
- Most career points in the MEC and at Notre Dame
- Most career field goals made in the MEC and at Notre Dame (1,067)
- Most career offensive rebounds in the MEC and at Notre Dame (413)
- Highest career scoring average in Notre Dame history (23)
- Most minutes played for a career at Notre Dame (4,279)
- Most points scored in a single season at Notre Dame (893)
- Most rebounds in a single season at Notre Dame (349)
- Most defensive rebounds in a single season at Notre Dame (231)
- Most field goals made in a season at Notre Dame (343)

VORHEES’ AWARDS AND HONORS:

- D-II Conference Commissioner’s Association Ron Lenz National Player of the Year
- Small College Basketball Bevo Francis Award Finalist
- Basketball Times All-American First Team
- D-II Bulletin All-American First Team
- Street & Smith’s Preseason All-American Second Team
- D-II Conference Commissioners Association All-American First Team
- D-II Conference Commissioners Association Atlantic Region Player of the Year
- D-II Conference Commissioners Association All-Atlantic Region First Team
- Mountain East Conference (MEC) Player of the Year
- All-MEC First Team
- MEC Tournament Most Valuable Player
- Selected to play in the Reese’s® Division II College All-Star game

up by an NBA team, or he will attempt to play professionally in Europe. He had a tryout with the Cleveland Cavaliers in June.

His internship while at Notre Dame was in security with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio, so he has a strong record of employment in case of the unexpected.

Going into his fourth-year of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame in 2017, Vorhees pulled his groin and had to sit out the season.

He returned strong for his 2018-2019 campaign. Vorhees led the Falcons men’s basketball team that won only six games during his red shirt season to a 23-9 record, their first Mountain East Conference (MEC) tournament title and first NCAA Division II national tournament berth.

Vorhees garnered multiple All-American honors for his achievements for the season. He was named MEC Player of the Week and U.S. Basketball Writers Association Division II Player of the Week, three weeks in a row. His jersey number (41) is expected to be the first ever retired by Notre Dame men’s basketball.

“All of this is bittersweet,” Vorhees said. “I just wish my dad was here to see it.”
Notre Dame College alumna and artist Sr. Megan Dull, SND, ’71 has said her work in clay is “less about the making of objects and more about a journey inward, a contemplative movement toward a wholeness that is inseparable from the natural world.”

Her spirit is inseparable from the College.

Dull has influenced countless students, both art majors and others who take her courses as electives, in her nearly 35 years as an adjunct art instructor in three dimensional design and ceramics at the College. She started teaching at Notre Dame in 1986. She retires in 2019, the same year she celebrates her Golden Jubilee, 50 years as a Sister of Notre Dame.

The College expects to honor her with a special display of art during Notre Dame’s 2019 Homecoming and Alumni Reunion Weekend on October 4-6.

Dull was honored with Notre Dame’s Outstanding Teaching Award in 1992 and again in 2010.

Her “Wisdom Presentation Bowl” is awarded to the nontraditional undergraduate winner of the Sr. Mary Leroy Finn Award each year at Notre Dame’s undergraduate commencement. The sculpture is based on the Wisdom 7:7 Bible verse: “I prayed and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.”

Her “Stargazer Trophy,” inspired by the figurine of the same name that dates from 3,000 BC and is the oldest depiction of a human figure in the Cleveland Museum of Art’s collection, is presented each year to the recipient of the Outstanding Staff Award at the College.

Her sculpture “Rapture in Action,” which depicts St. Julie Billiart’s deep experience that apostolic action is the outflow of prayer, is positioned outside Regina Chapel on the College campus.

“Kinship with earth, interconnectedness, accessing the hallowed place, communion with mystery, relationships to ritual and spiritual expression: These shape the heart of what my work is pressing to voice,” she has said.

Dull earned a Bachelor of Arts in art education from Notre Dame, a Master of Arts from Case Western Reserve University and a Master of Fine Arts in ceramics from Edinboro University.

Her Dual Images gallery is part of the TerraVista Studios in Cleveland.

The alumna exhibits regularly in juried and invitational shows throughout the region. She has been awarded an Individual Artist Fellowship from the Ohio Arts Council.

Early in her career, Dull taught art and religion for one year at Notre Dame Academy and then spent more than four years designing and illustrating the Christ Our Life religion series. She also served and taught for several years in the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C., and worked as an adjunct instructor at Ursuline College for many years.

Dull has said two things move her deeply: “kinship with this earth and a profound sense of Spirit permeating the whole of creation.”
Dr. Carolyn Frances Nemec, M.D., ’80, who earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Notre Dame, spent an evening on campus with the College’s Choose Ohio First STEM Scholars in October 2018. Nemec, a physician in private practice in the Cleveland area, shared her career journey and offered counsel to some of the premed students at Notre Dame.

Joshua Edmonds ’14 has been hired as the first director of digital inclusion for the city of Detroit. Edmonds previously helped lead the deployment of more than $1.5 million of investments related to digital equity through The Cleveland Foundation. Before working with the Cleveland Foundation, he was with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, where he participated in the ConnectHome initiative, which fostered partnerships between localities, private companies and government at the federal level, in the service of increasing the number of households nationwide with high-speed Internet.

Madison Hooper ’16 graduated from the Akron Police Academy. More than 1,000 people took the Civil Service exam through the academy, but only 12 completed the whole process and graduated.

Lisa Cinadr ’86U ’18G, principal at Saint Ambrose School in Brunswick, Ohio, was nominated for and named by the National Catholic Education Association as the 2019 recipient of the Dr. Karen M. Ristau Innovations Award.

The Dr. Karen M. Ristau Innovations Award is presented each year to an “individual, school or program that has furthered the mission of Catholic education through innovative programs or approach” across the United States.

Nick Formica ’07 earned his M.B.A. from John Carroll University on May 18, 2019.
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.

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ALUMNA INSPIRES CULTURE OF PAYING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

Donna Roginski ’68 believes in paying forward just as much as giving back.

Roginski, who earned her bachelor’s degree in social studies from Notre Dame, has experienced firsthand the positive impact of philanthropy locally and globally through her connections to the College and her nearly 30 years in the U.S. Foreign Service.

She empowers change at home and abroad with her own charitable contributions. Roginski donates to multiple charities, focusing on education, women’s empowerment, human rights, environmental protection, refugee relief and medical aid.

“Everyone has their own priorities. Give where your heart is,” she said. “I received a good education at Notre Dame and at the Catholic elementary and high school I attended. I believe in the fundamental importance of a good education right from the start. Education sets the stage for further accomplishment in life.”

PAYING FORWARD

Roginski was the anonymous donor who offered to match every dollar the Notre Dame Class of 1968 contributed to the College leading up to and at the Homecoming and Alumni Reunion in fall 2018, the 50th anniversary of her graduation from Notre Dame.

“There is an added incentive to give in your 50th anniversary year, or in any class anniversary year. It is very symbolic,” she said. “Also I believe people have an incentive to respond more generously when they know someone is going...
to match their donations dollar for dollar. Personally, I am always inclined to give more when I know my money is going further."

Along with reunion gifts and challenge grants, Roginski is a champion for qualified charitable distributions from IRAs and planned giving through wills, bequests, trusts and real estate. She encourages donors to take advantage of tax incentives for philanthropy.

“I believe in giving slightly larger donations to slightly fewer groups to make sure your gifts really make a difference,” she said. “Try to focus your giving. I’m interested in multiple causes, so I try to find the ‘best’ charities working in those areas and give to those whose mission statements mirror my own beliefs and whose work and spending are judged most effective by monitoring groups like Charity Navigator. Hopefully, Notre Dame will be a focus for those women – and now men – who leave its halls with a diploma in hand.”

GIVING BACK

After graduating from Notre Dame, Roginski earned a master’s degree in Asian history at the University of Hawaii and joined the University’s Overseas Career Program. She worked as a journalist in Hong Kong and the Philippines and, returning to the States, as a researcher and writer with Time-Life Books in Alexandria, Va. She entered the U.S. Foreign Service in 1984 and retired in 2012 with the State Department’s Office of Inspector General.

“In many ways today’s Notre Dame is much like the college I attended. But it is also very different. Today’s Notre Dame has extended its outreach to people of different faiths, with different viewpoints and from different communities. These changes very much appeal to me as, if you will, a ‘citizen of the world.’ I’m delighted to see Notre Dame on this more progressive path. I want to see it continue to move forward.”

“When you get out of college, aim to get in the habit of giving back, even with a small amount. Whether it is your time or your treasure, it’s good for the heart and good for the soul as well as for the organization that benefits from your giving,” she added.
”HELPING ONE PERSON MIGHT NOT CHANGE THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT IT COULD CHANGE THE WORLD FOR ONE PERSON.”

I love this quote. I’m not sure who originally said it, but many have received credit for it. What I like most about it is its simplicity. One small action could literally change the world for one person. That is powerful! And maybe that person will “pay it forward” someday and affect a powerful change in another persons’ world. What a difference we can make.

I love my job because each day the students I meet inspire me. I am blessed that God puts me in places on our campus that allow me to see that all around us is His work. You, too, can experience it, just simply visit our campus.

What you will see is students in our Academic Support Center, who persevere with their tutors to achieve what they may have thought to be unattainable goals. You will see the student-athletes at the crack of dawn on the fields practicing before class, and then when class is over, they head to their jobs. You will not see the nursing students because they are buried in coursework while juggling clinicals at our local hospitals. Many of our students work multiple jobs because they want to be the first in their family to graduate from college. THESE ARE NOTRE DAME STUDENTS, who do not give up trying to balance their studies, their jobs, and often with family challenges, while still trying to fit in a little social time. OUR students are simply inspirational!

We share their stories because we know you want to help, too. What can change one life for a student? Ninety-eight percent (yes, 98 percent) of our students receive some financial assistance. Simply, we ask you to support scholarship. That ONE action can change the world for that one person. YOU can create a simple difference!

Here is another quote that inspires me: “You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” (That is from poet John Bunyan.)

If you have read this letter, it is because you are a friend of the College. You may be a past donor, a current donor, an alum or a special friend from the community who asked to receive information. Our magazine really tells the Notre Dame story, and it is a story about our students—why else would we be here?

We ask your help with ONE SIMPLE ACTION. Help us help one person, one student. It won’t change the whole world, but it WILL change the world for that one person.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

SHAWNA H. WHITLOCK
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