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Anonymous Donor Brings Science to Life at Notre Dame

Thanks to the generosity of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, Notre Dame has refurbished its biology lab and purchased sophisticated new “smart” technology for both the biology and chemistry labs.

The donation of \$75,000 allowed for the purchase of the latest in mobile laboratory stations. Students will now be able to work cooperatively on laboratory projects at the new stations, where they will examine microscopic cells, perform dissections, and learn about how organ systems work together within the body.

Sister Anna Mae Collins, CSJ, principal, said she was overwhelmed by the benevolence of the donor. “Notre Dame has always been committed to the teaching and learning of math and science,” Sister said. “This will put us on the cutting edge, as we educate the physicians and research scientists of tomorrow.”

Mark Madden, biology teacher, is eager to see ND students working in the new lab.

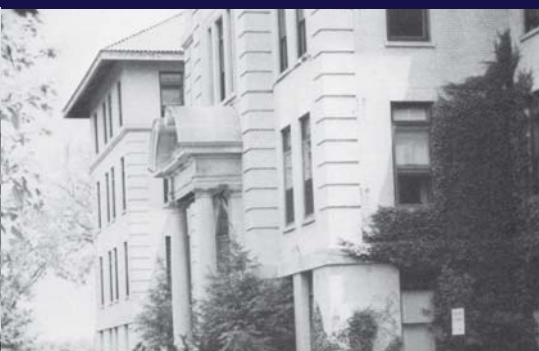
“I’m looking forward to our students having greater interaction and a better learning experience.

The mobile stations are much more functional with water and other hookups right in each station,” he said. “The study of biology is interactive; students will be able to see more clearly what’s going on as we work on these projects, as well as testing enzymes, nutrients, and more.”

The donation also makes possible the purchase of two ultra smart boards, which will enable teachers to easily prepare multimedia presentations utilizing music, movie clips and more, to help students grasp sometimes difficult science concepts. The second ultra smart board will be used in the chemistry laboratory in room 206. On behalf of everyone at Notre Dame – but especially our students – thanks so much to our mystery donor.

God bless you!

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Class of 2010 Valedictorian-
Meghan Kupiec (right)
Union College / Neuroscience

Class of 2010 Salutatorian-
Elizabeth Sczerzenie (left)
Northeastern University/
Neuroscience



**Class of 2010 NJROTC
Scholarship Recipients**

Thomas Appleton (left)
United State Air Force Academy

Michael McCormick (right)
Boston University



Class of 2010 Top Ten
(Front row, from left):
Thomas Giglio,
Elizabeth Sczerzenie,
Meghan Meehan,
Nicole Evans, Megan Kneпка,
Meghan Kupiec, (back row):
Ryan Wuest, Thomas Appleton,
Matthew Smith, Jessica Strzepек



Class of 2010 National Honor Society
(Front row, from left): Stephanie Wurz, Anna Kowalczyk, Nicole Evans, Aisha Rehman, Meghan Meehan, Sara Lupi, Jenna Risler, Amanda Sabet, (Second row): Elizabeth Sczerzenie, Shelby Quinn, Alexa Bianco, Gennie DePass, Amy Mlynarczyk, Rebecca Morgan, Nicolette Abounader, Michael Reuter, (Third row): Kristina Bushey, Nicholas Waskiewicz, Thomas Giglio, Megan Kneпка, Meghan Kupiec, Maureen Pavlicko, Jessica Strzepек, (Fourth row): Matthew Smith, Thomas Appleton, Spencer Ballard, Patrick Moore, Michael McCormick. Missing form photo: Cristiana Cavallo, Kayla Comemale, Jessica Hillman, Ryan Wuest, Sarah Zammiello



2010 Graduates & Parent Alumni



Joseph Diana
Karen White Diana, ND '80
Joseph White, UCA '51
Mary Lou Evans White, UCA, '51



Sara Lupi
Dawn Catera Lupi, ND '79
Russell Lupi, ND '72



Matthew Smith
Judi Balzano Smith, ND '77



Kristina Bushey
Laurie Cole Bushey, ND '81, David
Bushey, ND '81, Melissa Bushey, ND
'02, Amanda Bushey, ND '04, Sarah
Bushey, ND '06



Meghan Kupiec
Alfred Kupiec, ND '78
Catherine Cahalan Kupiec, ND '78



Kseniya Poccia
Ezio Poccia, ND '72
Monica Obernesser Poccia, UCA '72



Megan Kneпка
Cynde Weeks Kneпка, UCA '74
Vivan Collins Weeks, DeSales '46



Ryan Wuest
Maureen Flanagan Wuest, ND '84
Robert Wuest, ND '84

Missing photos:
Michael Grace-
John Grace, ND '76 & Andrea Riddell Grace, ND '79
Nicolette Abounader-
Ed Abounader, ND '70
Dylan Davis-
Monica Durr Davis, ND '80
Annalyse Kowalczyk-
Andrew Kowalczyk, ND '75
Shawn Williams-
Robert Williams, ND '77



Shelby Quinn
Deborah Kiehm Quinn,
DeSales '76



Lauren Kalil
Mary Lourdes Weeks Kalil, ND '79



Elizabeth Sczerzenie
Sara Shaheen, DeSales '68



Miranda Costantine
Michael Costantine, ND '83



Jessica Hillman
Rosanne Oster Hillman, ND '81

Notre Dame Class of 2010 College Acceptances

As members of the class head off to college, they will take advantage of 4.95 million dollars in college scholarships and grants offered to them for their outstanding academic achievements and community service initiatives.

69% went on to four year colleges
30% went on to two year colleges
96% of students received a Regents diploma
69% of students received the Regents diploma with Advanced Designation
18 students received Regents with High Honors
33 students are members of the National Honor Society
3 students received NYS Scholarships for Academic Excellence

Albany College of Pharmacy
Albright College
Alfred University
Barnard College
Belmont Abbey College
Binghamton University
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Canisius College
Catholic University
Cazenovia College
Clarkson University
Colgate University
Daemen College
Drexel University
Duke University
D'Youville College
Elmira College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Hartwick College
Herkimer County Comm. College
Hobart William & Smith College
Iona College

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50th Anniversary Dinner is Signature Event

Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. On the weekend of October 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2010 we are asking all Notre Dame, UCA, and DeSales Alumni, family, and friends to join us for a weekend full of fun exciting events.

For many, the signature event will be the dinner on Saturday evening, which offers a chance to mix and mingle with fellow schoolmates from the decades.

Inagural Honoree-John Zogby, Notre Dame Class of 1966



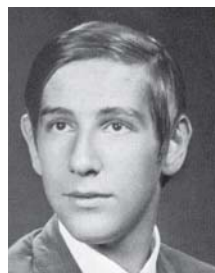
For the first time, Notre Dame will honor an outstanding alumnus. The inagural honoree will be John Zogby, Chairman of the Board and Chief Insights Officer of Zogby International Research, LLC. Zogby a 1966 graduate of Notre Dame High School, holds degrees in history from Le Moyne College and Syracuse University. Trend-Spotter, forecaster, author, commentator, "John Zogbyin the words of Tom Brokaw.... always knows the pulse of America" ...

Keynote Speaker-Bob Crable



Bob Crable is a former Notre Dame University football great. As a two time All-American selection and NFL first round draft choice, Bob enjoyed a very successful football career. Even more impressive is what Bob did after he retired from professional football. He earned his certification to teach religion and returned to his alma mater Archbishop Moeller High School and taught religion and coached football for 15 years. His foundation is an ongoing commitment to Catholic Education by providing tuition assistance to students in the greater Cincinnati area.

Film Documentary of Notre Dame-Anthony Stampalia, Notre Dame Class of 1970



Anthony "Tony" Stampalia has returned to the Mohawk Valley after a successful career in the film making industry. His career has taken him around the world and he has won numerous awards including several Emmys. Tony now guides beginning film makers right here in Central New York. Operating a local bed and breakfast for filmmakers provides opportunities for Tony to be involved in the industry.

2009-10 Events...Brett Gardner Signing



New York Yankees Brett Gardner speaks with WKTU's Jason Powles at Notre Dame. On the right Andrew Murray, Notre Dame Elementary student and Brett Gardner pose for a candid shot. Below the crowd waits in the Notre Dame gym for their turn to get an autograph and meet with Brett Gardner. Over 1,000 people attended the sold out event.



Kevin Long Hitting Camp



In January, ND brought NY Yankees hitting coach Kevin Long to town, where he gave hitting tips to hundreds of young players.

Dan Jansen 7th Annual Benefit Dinner



Olympic speed skating gold medalist Dan Jansen was the keynote speaker for Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High and Elementary Schools' Seventh Annual Benefit Dinner held at Hart's Hill Inn in February. Dan Jansen's motivational talk inspired all. He was also on hand to sign autographs. At left, Dan Jansen with Sr. Anna Mae Collins, principal of Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School.

- Ithaca College
- James Madison University
- Johnson State College
- Keuka
- LaFayette College
- LeMoyne College
- Loyola University
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
- Merrimack College
- Mohawk Valley Comm. College
- Nazareth College
- New York University
- Niagara University
- Northeastern University
- Onondaga Comm. College
- Oswego College
- Penn State
- Potsdam
- Providence College
- Quinnipac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Michael's College
- Seton Hall University
- Sienna College
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. Elizabeth College of Nursing
- St. John Fisher College
- St. John's University
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Thomas Aquinas College
- Stonehill College
- Stony Brook University
- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Binghamton
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Buffalo
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Delhi
- SUNY IT
- SUNY Morrisville
- SUNY Oswego
- Susquehanna University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- The College of St. Rose
- Tulane University
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- Union College
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Vermont
- Utica College
- Villanova University
- Wagner College
- Wake Forest
- Western N. E. College
- Wells College

Sports Summary



Fall 2009

Cross Country

Coach *Ted Petrillo, UCA '59*

Highlights: The cross country program continues to grow with a total of 37 runners in the program. In the TVL Championships the Girls finished 5th and the Boys 6th. With a young nucleus, the Modified Boys won the prestigious Ed Herman Invitational and the Girls finished third the future looks bright!



Football

Coach *Byron Abraham, ND '83*

Highlights: This year's football team won the Class D East title, finishing with a 7-2 record and making it to the Sectional semi-final. Senior Sean Hulser was named an All State first-team selection as a linebacker. Named to the Class D All-Star team were: Tom Appleton, Dylan Davis, Sean Hulser, Mike Gaglianese, Tom Giglio, Ted Konzielawa, Jake Livingston, Mike McCormick, Matt Smith.



Boys Soccer

Coach *Andy Allaire*

Highlights: The soccer team improved to 5-12, up from 1-15 the previous season. Their season was highlighted by making the Section III Class C playoffs by beating Oneida on Senior Night. Senior goalkeeper K.C. Connors was named to the TVL Second Team.



Girls Soccer

Coach *Dominica Paladino, ND '01*

Highlights: The soccer team had another strong season making it to the Sectional Finals. They also placed 2nd in the Waterville Tournament. Individual honors went to Anna Kowalczyk & Stephanie Wurz who were named TVL First Team and All Mohawk Valley Team All-Stars.



Girls Tennis

Coach *Patti Buckley*

Highlights: The tennis team had an outstanding season making it to the Sectional semi-finals. Three doubles teams qualified for Individual Sectionals with the team of Jessica Buckley & Allison Jones winning the **Section III Class C Championship!** Jessica Hillman and Kayli Brownstein placed 2nd. There were 4 trophies taken home at the TVL tournament: Team – 3rd place; Jessica Buckley – 1st place/1st Singles; Anna Mokry and Cassie Brownstein – 1st place/1st Doubles; and Allison Jones – 2nd place/2nd Singles.

Winter 2009-10

Boys Basketball

Coach *Mike Durr, ND '77*

Highlights: The Notre Dame Varsity Basketball team posted a 15-6 record and ended its season to eventual New York State Class A Champion Jamesville-DeWitt for the 2nd straight year in the Sectional semi-finals. They finished 12-2 in league play to earn Tri-Valley League East Champion honors. The team was led by senior Patrick Moore, who became Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer.

Girls Basketball

Coach *Mike Plonisch, ND '98*

Highlights: The girls' team had a great season posting an overall record of 17-6 (10-4 in the TVL) and winning the **Section III Class C Championship!** 8th grader Emily Durr was named Section III Tournament MVP. They also took 1st place in the Juggler Classic. Their sectional run was highlighted by defeating Bishop Grimes, the #1 ranked team in the state in the semi-finals. They finished the season ranked #7 in the state.



Boys Bowling

Coach *Tom Knapp*

Highlights: With a young team of freshmen and sophomores, the bowling team qualified for sectionals beating rival New York Mills. Richard Viti had the 3rd highest average overall in the league and was named to the TVL All Star Team.

Spring 2010

Baseball

Coach *Gene Leuthauser*

Highlights: It was an up and down year for the baseball team this year in the highly competitive TVL. They advanced to the Section III semi-final where they lost to Bishop Ludden 3-0. Dominick Galimo and Mike Gaglianese were named to the TVL All-Star Team.

Golf

Coach *John DePerno, ND '83*

Highlights: The golf team enjoyed a solid season finishing 4th in the Section III Class C Tournament. Mike Kalil was named TVL All Star. Both Mike and Sean Wuest were state qualifiers.

Lacrosse

Coach *Jack Angrisano*

Highlights: Although not reflected in their record, this year's lacrosse team showed overall improvement in all areas of the game. Their competitiveness and their positive attitude was a constant throughout the season.

Softball

Coach *Tom LaPolla, ND '75*

Highlights: It was a rebuilding year for the softball team after winning the Section III Class C Championship in 2009. Catcher Delaney Buckley was named to the TVL 1st Team and All Mohawk Valley All-Star Teams. Tierney Buckley, Jordan DiPerna and Alexandra Indolfi all earned honorable mentions as TVL All Stars.

Boys Tennis

Coach *Sean Horan, ND '03*

Highlights: This year's tennis team was young but very eager to learn. The following players qualified for Individual Sectionals: Philip Vallieres, Saoling Chhit, and Daniel Nguyen. Daniel made it to the finals of Sectionals. The doubles team of Daniel Hillman and Michael Howard, both seventh graders, qualified in Doubles.

Girls Track & Field

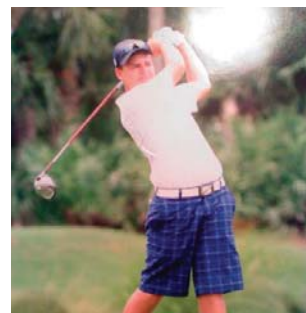
Coach *Jim George*

Highlights: The team finished in 8th place in the sectionals. The 4x1 relay team of Genie DePass, Jenna Risler, Alexia Patterson, and Jacqui Scibior winning the **Section III Class C Championship!**

Cheerleading

Coach *Claire VanWaes*

Highlights: Always a big "thank you" is in order for all the support and encouragement our cheerleaders have given to our teams over the year!



Teams that earned the 2009-2010 New York State Scholar Athlete Award for academic excellence:

**Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis,
Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys Bowling,
Boys Golf, Girls Track, Girls Softball**



September 16, 1967

Welcome Home.

October 8th, 9th, 10th 2010

50th Anniversary and Alumni Reunion Weekend

Friday, 10/8: 7pm Adult Welcome Reception at Notre Dame

Music by "Renaissance"

(Larry Hagan, Notre Dame Class of 1967 and
Mike DeSantis Notre Dame parent of alumni)

(21 and older only please)



Saturday, 10/9: 12:00pm Float Parade/Ceremony to honor 1969-1973-1983 Undefeated Football Teams

1:00pm Football Game: Notre Dame vs. Iliion

6pm 50th Anniversary Dinner

Cocktails/Dinner at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School gym

The theme is "Dancing Thru the Decades" with DJ Sugar Bear

(Anne Borababy Shore, Notre Dame Class of 1978)

Sunday, 10/10: 10am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church

Followed by brunch at Notre Dame gym

Tours of the school will be available all weekend.

If you have any updates, new addresses or just general good news, send us an e-mail at:

www.ndjugglers.org and follow the alumni links

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