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MND - Positioning Young Women for Success!!



Recently, MND has received some great news that speaks to the caliber of our academic program. Our students have been chosen as leaders to participate in competitive community programs. Our technological innovation has piqued the interest of local media. Our teachers are creating programs that draw attention from all around the city. Wherever you look, you can find new stories of how MND truly *positions students for success!*

In early September, we received word that **Rachel Drumm '11** and **Mindy Reed '11** were both named National Merit Semi-Finalists because of their outstanding performance on the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test). Rachel and Mindy are among the less than 1% of students nationally to achieve this status. "Rachel and Mindy are shining examples of how Catholic education can position students for a lifetime of achievement.

The challenging education they have received while at Mount Notre Dame has positioned Rachel and Mindy for success in all they decide to pursue in the future," said Academic Dean Mrs. Karen Day.

In addition to our semi-finalists, **Catherine O'Connor '11** and **Hannah Sypniewski '11** were named National Merit Commended Students. Of the 1.5 million students who took the PSAT, they scored in the top 50,000. **Avery Larkin '11** has been named a semi-finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Avery has the opportunity to advance to finalist standing and will be notified after the first of the year.

MND also recently learned that 49 of our students have been designated as AP Scholars (learn more in Mrs. Day's "Dean Speak" article on page 2). MND students have the opportunity to actually graduate from high school and enter college with sophomore status!

MND is shining in so many other areas: MND's Model UN Program is not only putting MND on the map by being the only school in Cincinnati to attend international events, it is also hosting its 5th Annual MND Model UN for area junior high students, showcasing the strength of academics at MND to junior high teachers. MND's Youth Philanthropy Council (YPC) is a flag-ship program, and MND and Mr. Todd Forman are leading 15 other schools as they begin philanthropy programs. For several years, MND students have been chosen to participate in the Regional Youth Leadership Program, an opportunity only afforded to a few students across the metro-area.

Recently, Channel 9 featured MND for the innovation that the Tablet PC brings to our school. Mr. Benn VanOudenallen explained to reporter Tony Mirones how he was able to take his class on a field trip from MND, down the Mill Creek and on to Pittsburgh without spending a dime, missing any class time and without leaving the classroom thanks to the Tablet PC. Mrs. Day also hosted an on-line review session for her algebra class - from her home! Because of the Tablet, she was able to prep her students for a test in a forum that was completely convenient for her and her students!

These are just a few of MND's successes. Tell us how MND is positioning your daughter for success. Check out the Discussion Board on our Facebook™ page!

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Challenging and Empowering

Spirit, Tradition, Success

As we enter the 151st year of education at Mount Notre Dame, there's a spirit in the air. The students have returned from summer vacation ready to tackle another challenging academic year. Our teachers are versed in the latest educational techniques and are poised to take every student to the next level. We are inspired by our 150-year tradition to lead us into our future. Technology continues to infuse our building, providing the most current resources for our learners. As we navigate the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, we are also greeted with the news of a tremendous success.

Each year, several months after the Advanced Placement test results are delivered, the College Board announces the AP Scholars. These awards are important on two levels. First, and foremost, the AP Scholar awards bring individual attention to students who have academically challenged themselves in collegiate coursework during high school. Second, because these awards are based upon consistent achievement over the student's high school career, they validate the strength of an institution's Advanced Placement curriculum and acknowledge the strength of the faculty. Mount Notre Dame is delighted to report that 49 students have received AP Scholar status. In addition, for the first time, Mount Notre Dame has three National AP Scholars. Worth equal celebration is that our 49 AP Scholars represent a 40% increase over last year.

With 17 Advanced Placement opportunities and an excellent faculty to support these collegiate opportunities, Mount Notre Dame is positioning our students for success.

Congratulations to our 2010 AP Scholars!

National AP Scholars - earned an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams – **Chelsie Luchini '10, Katherine Markgraf '10, and Kelsey Ryan '10.**

Scholars with Distinction - earned an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams – **Rebecca Bradley '10, Chelsi Creech '10, Megan Harmon '10, Julia Hider '10, Kaitlin Kinman '10, Eileen Klug '10, Chelsie Luchini '10*, Katherine Markgraf '10*, Stephanie Mattei '10, Molly Mullinger '10, Chelsea Pitonyak '10, Allison Rotella ('10), Elaine Rousseau '10, Kelsey Ryan '10, Akshita Sharma '10, and Kayla Walters ('10).**

Scholars with Honors – earned an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams – **Kelsey Carter '10, Susan Conroy '11, Lauren DiNardo '11, Rachel Drumm '11, Elizabeth Gates '10, Anna Hider '10, Rebecca Knue '10, Chloe Meyer '11, Melinda Reed '11, Rebecca Ryan '11, Ashley Schumacher '10, and Bridget Williams '10.**

Scholars – received grades of 3 or higher on three or more exams – **Kimberly Allaire '10, Julie Altimier '10, Lindsay Arbino '10, Olivia Belk '11, Sarah Bohlen '10, Sarah Danielsons '10, Elizabeth Fogarty '10, Rachel Frank '11, Melinda Frankenberg '11, Molly Heister '10, Min-Ji Huh '10, Shelby Kissel '10, Theresa Lingardo '10, Kathryn Reynolds '11, Katie Roundtree '11, Nicole Seigal '10, Kaitlyn Sheeran '10, Rebecca Stiens '10, Ashley Towle '10, Alice Trent '11, and Ana Vigil '10.**

49 MND students were designated AP Scholars by the College Board - 12 were members of the Class of 2011.



Young Women for the Future

Counselors' Corner

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SAT and ACT

Mount Notre Dame is now an SAT and ACT testing site. There will be October, November and June administrations of the SAT. October and June administrations of the ACT will also be given at MND. Exact days and times of the test are listed on www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.com.

Seniors who have not yet taken the ACT or SAT (or who would like to re-take these tests), or juniors who would like to test, should register either online, (www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com) or on paper forms available in the Guidance Office. Students considering competitive colleges or universities may need to take one or more of the SAT Subject Tests. MND's code number (for registration purposes) is **361-045**. Parents who would like to discuss their daughter's college plans or any other concerns are encouraged to call their daughter's counselor.

Learn More About Colleges!

LOOKING AHEAD...An option for a College Visitation Day for seniors is coming soon: Wednesday, October 13. This is the date that the rest of the underclassmen will have commitments at school, but not the seniors. Most colleges should be in session which makes it a perfect time for a visit to a nearby college. Both juniors and seniors are allowed one school day to make a college visit. In order to be excused from school, any student going on a college visit will need to fill out the college visit form found in the back of her handbook/planbook prior to the visit, have her counselor sign the form, and turn it in to the Attendance Office prior to the visit day.

Each fall, college representatives come to MND to meet with students and answer questions about their colleges. Juniors and seniors are allowed to attend these sessions. Over 40 reps will be on site to talk about their schools, explain college applications, and admission requirements. Students should register for the visits in the Guidance Office. Juniors will be limited to two meetings; however, seniors may attend as many as they choose.

Are You in the Know?

Check out the GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT WEB PAGE in the Guidance section of the MND website: www.mndhs.org. You can find information on MND's testing program, college information, and all the Senior and Junior Newsletters handed out throughout the year. Seniors and parents of seniors can find a college timeline and updated information on college visits, college essays, college resumes, SAT and ACT information and more.

Freshmen parents should have received some information on the EXPLORE program last week. This program is your daughter's first experience in taking a college and career readiness assessment and a practice test for the ACT. Students have been receiving practice assessments in their science, math, and English classes over the last two weeks of September. Please take a few moments to read the handout on the material sent home with your daughter to learn more about the EXPLORE and ACT programs or visit www.actstudent.org.



Celebrating More than 150 Years of

Adopt-a-Sister: A Club Like 'Nun' Other



Sister Judith Wessels, Frannie Sparer '12,
Jennifer Jarvis '12 & Mackenzie Recker '12

The only club at MND that has a waiting list is the Adopt-a-Sister Club. Adopt-a-Sis (as it has come to be known) is a way for Mount Notre Dame students to develop relationships with Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur living at the Health Care Center or surrounding neighborhoods. The students meet with their "Sister" at least once a month and spend time playing games, working on crafts, sharing photos and most importantly, sharing stories. Adopt-a-Sis moderator Sr. Paula Marie Becker says, "These connections between multi-generational friends provide never to be forgotten experiences."

Sr. Paula Marie has been the Adopt-a-Sis moderator for 13 of the 18-year existence of the club. It is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors and one of the reasons Sr. Paula Marie enjoys moderating is because there is no recruiting needed. There are currently nearly 120 MND students in the club with 27 Sisters participating. Each Sister is typically "adopted" by four or five students. While the freshmen may feel left out, this is a club that many of them aspire to join. "The

time I spend with my 'Sister' is time that I truly treasure," said **Nina Posge '12**. "Whether we're playing a board game, doing calligraphy or simply talking, it is always a great time. Adopt-a-Sis is such a great program, and I feel very fortunate to be involved."

The relationships formed through this program are most definitely reciprocal. The girls gain appreciation of the wisdom and interest the Sisters so lovingly share with them, and the Sisters appreciate the spark and youthful energy the girls bring into the Health Center. "It is truly wonderful to witness what happens when generations intermingle and share themselves with each other," said Sr. Paula Marie.

Many of the friendships formed through this club last long after the students graduate from MND. Recently, one of the Sisters met the fiancés of two of her former "girls" and enjoyed hearing about the up-coming wedding plans.

Congratulations to MND's McDonald's Scholar Athlete



Congratulations to **Candace Crowley '11** for being named a McDonald's Scholar Athlete for not only her impressive contribution to the Archbishop Moeller Fighting Crusaders cheerleading squad, but also for her extremely impressive academic achievement!

Candace currently holds a 3.9 grade point average and besides cheering, she is a very active member of the MND community. After high school, Candace plans to major in dietetics and nutrition and is considering The Ohio State University, University of Tennessee and Purdue University. She hopes to continue her cheer career at the collegiate level!

Way to Go!!



Spirit, Tradition and Success

Congratulations to Rose Lavelle '13

Rose was recently selected by the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) to represent the Midwest Region at the Thanksgiving Interregional Olympic Development Competition in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The best players around the U.S. will be competing for All-American, Academic All-American and National Identification Pool honors. In addition, they will have the opportunity to be chosen as a U.S. Soccer National Team Player with the possibility of representing the United States at a future national or international event!



Congratulations to MND's Lacrosse Academic All-Americans

US Lacrosse, the national governing body of lacrosse, recently announced the names of the US Lacrosse Academic All-Americans for 2010. Mount Notre Dame is well-represented! In fact, we LEAD THE STATE! Along with Sycamore High School, MND boasts five Academic All-Americans!! Congratulations to:



Amy Flynn '10
Jess Ernst '10
Megan Russ '10
Shannon Scherer '10
Maggie Steele '11

Time Flies When You're on Foreign Exchange

Believe it or not, MND's Spanish "sisters" recently completed their five-week stay with us. The education that this program provides is immeasurable, and the friendships that are formed are life-long! Adios to :

Carlota Melguizo hosted by **Allison Carr '12**
Celia Flamenco hosted by **Brooke Dennis '12**
Irene Estrada hosted by **Allie Taney '11**
Mari Luzon hosted by **Jaci Damon '12**



Must See MND!



Last month, reporter Tony Mirones of Channel 9 wanted to learn more about how MND's transition to a Tablet PC program was impacting the school culture. He interviewed several MND students, Mr. Benn VanOudenallen and Principal Mrs. Maureen-Baldock for his story that focused on how a digital campus can not only open up the classroom but also impact the environment.

If you missed Channel 9's story on how MND is lightening our carbon footprint, be sure to check MND's Facebook page to watch the clip!

Live • Lead • Serve

MNDT Fall Preview!!



The cast and crew of MND's Production of *Steel Magnolias* accept their CAPPIE Award for Best Play, directed by Mr. Joe Beiting.

Last May MND's Theatre Department was flying high. Their production of *Steel Magnolias*, directed by MND's long-time theatre genius, Mr. Joe Beiting, garnered ten CAPPIE nominations and walked away with four wins, including Best Play. This group has no

intention of resting on their laurels and is beginning the fall season with two comedic gems!

Arsenic and Old Lace

A little insanity definitely runs in the Brewster Clan! As an act of charity, two sweet old aunts take it upon themselves to poison lonely old men with nothing left to live for. Their nephew Mortimer is newly engaged and trying to negotiate his way around the shenanigans of the house and his fiance from running for her life. When Mortimer's shady sister Joanne and bugle-blowing brother Teddy enter the mix, it is quite evident that "insanity doesn't run in the family...it gallops!"



Arsenic and Old Lace is being directed by MND's Managing Theatre Director, Mr. Nate Pucke. Mr. Pucke is being assisted by several MNDT alums including **Olivia Mohr '08**, Ben Hunt (MNDT Alum), **Amy Tepe '05** and Anthony Erzen (MNDT alum).

Showtimes:

Friday, October 22nd 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 23rd 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 24th 3:00 p.m.

Mame

This musical revolves around the antics of Mame Dennis, a fun-loving, wealthy, eccentric woman with a flare for life and a razor-sharp wit. Her life is suddenly changed when she becomes the guardian of her late brother's only child, Patrick Dennis. Mame's adventures take us from the speak-easies of the Roaring '20's to the Great Depression. She is rescued by a wealthy southern plantation owner and is widowed suddenly. Through it all, Mame maintains her grace and, with help from her dearest friend Vera Charles, she keeps 3 Beekman Place a rousing free-for-all!



Mame is being directed by Mr. Joe Beiting. Some MNDT alums, including Ben Hunt, **Amy Tepe '05**, **Caitlin Kloppenburg '09** and Anthony Erzen, have returned to assist Mr. Beiting in this hilarious and heart-warming production.

Showtimes:

Friday, December 3rd 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 4th 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 5th 3:00 p.m.
Friday, December 10th 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 11th 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

For any additional information, please contact Managing Theatre Director Mr. Nate Pucke at 513.821.3044 x7469 or npucke@mndhs.org

Tickets: \$10 Adults and \$5 Students
To Purchase Tickets, Email: npucke@mndhs.org or
Call the Ticket Hotline: 513.821.3044 xSHOW

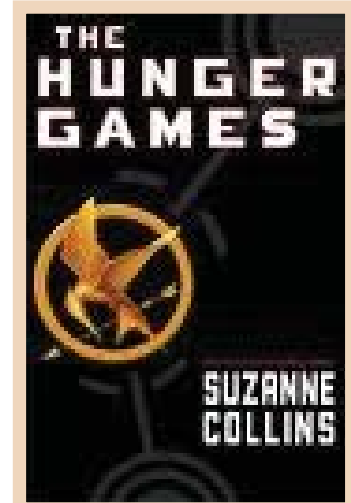
“MAP”ping Their Way to the Hunger Games

Mount Notre Dame kicked off the My Action Plan (MAP) Program three years ago. Those first trailblazers have now “MAP”ed their way to their junior year where the focus becomes the development of personal leadership – having a strong sense of self with deliberate beliefs and values.

Last May, the Class of 2012 attended their Junior MAP Kick-Off Assembly featuring speaker Debbie Gardner who presented the girls with a mini Survivor Institute. Debbie introduced the juniors to “Katniss,” the main character in Suzanne Collins’ The Hunger Games. In the novel, Katniss is faced with a situation that requires her to call on her own leadership. Ms. Gardner challenged the students to consider Katniss’ situation and identify the persons and beliefs in their lives for which they would be willing to offer their own lives.

MND’s English Department chose The Hunger Games as the required summer reading for the Class of 2012. Students were asked to attend one of 18 discussion groups that were held at MND during the summer, facilitated by several members of the English Department. The one-hour discussion groups included up to 12 juniors as well as parents, alumnae, faculty, staff and members of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Darlene Santel of the main office participated in one of the discussion groups, and she was impressed by not only the book, but also by the thought-provoking discussions led by MND’s students. “I love the book. We had a really creative group, and I loved the discussion with the girls. I enjoyed the depth of the girls’ insights. I learned that leadership comes in all forms and was impressed with how Katniss stood up to the plate when she was needed,” Mrs. Santel said.



Scholars of the Month



English	Alex Lohmann '12
Foreign Language	Caroline Huth '11
Mathematics	Natalie Wynn '11
Performing Arts	Malinda Stoner '13
Physical Education/Health	Emily Mushaben '14
Science	Katie Wiesenberg '11
Social Studies	Kristen Ludwig '11
Visual Arts	Emma Stiver '11