

Students Make a \$150K Pitch and Come Through!



Last fall, Mount Notre Dame President Sr. Rita Sturwold and Director of Advancement Mrs. Sparkle Worley met with a board member from a local foundation (which wishes to remain anonymous) to make a sizeable “ask” toward MND’s campaign. In their meeting, Sr. Rita and Mrs. Worley spoke of the many ways MND nurtures leadership in its students. The board member was especially intrigued by the Youth Philanthropy Council (YPC). He challenged Sr. Rita and Mrs. Worley to allow some of the members of the council to make the presentation to the full board requesting the grant. The challenge was happily accepted.

Mrs. Worley and YPC moderator Mr. Todd Forman reached out to juniors **Ashley Keppler, Katelyn Sussli, Keara Saud, Erin Grinsted** and seniors **Kara Driscoll** and **Meghan Grinsted**. They posed the challenge and the students eagerly accepted. The professionalism, poise and leadership

of the young women of Mount Notre Dame blew the board members away. On February 11th, MND received a check for \$150,000! In the letter accompanying the gift, the president of the foundation’s board said, “We want you to understand that we appreciate what you are doing for young women in this community. In addition, we want to communicate the importance of the quality of the work that the young women of Mount Notre Dame demonstrated to us. We ask that you communicate to them our appreciation and communicate to those in leadership of your school the role these women played in the process.”

The students involved are very proud to have contributed to MND’s success, but also are so appreciative of the opportunity this experience provided. “I did not realize my potential before being asked to do this. I now realize the qualities others have seen in me that I may have overlooked in myself,” said Meghan Grinsted.

“An important part of the process was for us to include personalized stories about how each renovation would impact students. The six of us practiced together, and we helped each other make our talks flow effortlessly. The preparation was hard work, but it was definitely worth it in the end,” said Erin Grinsted.

The group also appreciated the skills this opportunity helped to build as they prepare for college and, later, careers of their own. “I’ve learned so much about grants and non-profits – a field I am interested in for my future career. I also learned how to present competently in front of an entire board,” said Ms. Driscoll.

Ms. Saud was also eager for the “real world” experience this opportunity presented. “This experience has given me the chance to ‘work’ in the real business world and has helped to prepare me for my career later in life,” she said.

Ashley Keppler was proud to have a part in MND’s growth, “Even after I graduate from MND, it is amazing to feel that I had a role in MND’s future success and the success of future Mount Notre Dame students,” she said.

Katelyn shares Ashley’s sentiments and was happy to give back to the school that has given her so much. “I feel like I have finally given back a small portion of what MND has given to me over the past three years. The skills, talents, friendships and memories I have made at Mount Notre Dame are things that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.”

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Challenging and Empowering

On the Horizon

After months of grey skies and snowy mornings, spring is finally in the air! The switch to daylight savings time affords more hours of sunshine. On the horizon, are many significant events that will lead us to a successful conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year.



- We are now four weeks into the fourth quarter. Students should be diligently working on both content acquisition and review of material for final exams. Speaking of exams, senior final exams will be held on May 23rd and 24th while all other exams will be administered on May 31st - June 3rd. Specific exam information will be shared by course teachers in classes later this spring.
- MND Theatre presents *Jane Eyre*. Attending this production is a great way for students to supplement their traditional learning with a performance-based experience.
- Juniors will submit their Senior Capstone Project Proposals on Friday, April 15th. This date marks the first transition into the final phase of her Empowerment Plan. We are excited to travel this leg of the journey with the Class of 2012.
- April 29th brings our Annual Academic Signing Ceremony. Sponsored by MND's College Counseling and Guidance Department, this rite of passage honors all members of the Class of 2011 for their pursuit of lifelong learning.
- Advanced Placement exams will be administered from May 2nd - May 13th. Once again, MND has a record number of AP exams - 353 AP exams will be administered during the 2011 testing season. We are confident that our students are prepared and ready to showcase their talent on these exams. We won't have the results until July, but we are already celebrating a successful AP year!
- Finally, May 24th - May 31st brings our annual graduation events. The senior Baccalaureate Mass, our school-wide awards assembly and graduation provides a trio of celebrations to honor spiritual, academic, physical, social and emotional growth over the four-year empowerment journey.

Yes, there is much on the horizon at MND. As we plan for these year-end events, know that we are already planning for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. Mount Notre Dame is, of course, always committed to providing the best education for every student.

MNDT Presents

Jane Eyre - The Musical



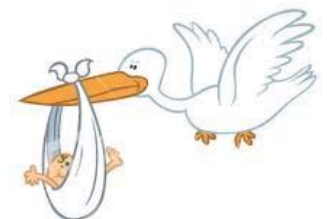
Mount Notre Dame's award-winning theatre department is proud to present *Jane Eyre - The Musical*. This entertaining production sets the classic novel by Charlotte Bronte to a memorable score that cuts through this tragic and romantic story.

Showtimes are:

Friday, April 8th at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 9th at 3:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 10th at 3:00 p.m. (CAPPIE Show)
Friday, April 15th at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday April 16th at 3:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for Students and \$10 for Adults. To reserve your seats, please contact MND's Managing Theatre Director, Mr. Nate Pucke at npucke@mndhs.org or 821.3044 xSHOW

**The Stork Has
Been Busy at
MND!**



Congratulations to MND Teachers Mimi Stricker and Marcia Sullivan

who recently celebrated new additions to their families!

Young Women for the Future

Science News

Environmental Science

Environmental Science began their water monitoring experience in cooperation with Mill Creek Restoration Project. The data the students monitor will be collected and given to Mill Creek Restoration Project who will combine it with data from schools across the area to help assess the health of

the local creeks and rivers.

Biology

AP Biology students **Katie Roundtree '11** and **Morgan Wolfe '11** recently attended the Annual High School Symposium at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. During the seminar, the students attended lectures on careers in the medical field, applying to medical school and received tours of the hospital laboratories.

"This was a really educational and fun experience. I felt like I was able to learn more about possible future careers for myself. The program was helpful and so interactive," Katie said.

Morgan agreed. "The Symposium was insightful and very worthwhile."

Biology students are showing off their DNA after completing an extraction from their cheek cells. After completing the experiment, students created their own unique necklace. They are also exploring the role of DNA in medicine, identity and future technological applications.

Engineering

Over the past weeks, students have been preparing presentations to solve real-life problems that can exist in a power plant. To learn more about power plants, students heard a presentation from a nuclear engineer and took a tour of the University of Cincinnati power plant. The timing of the project led to many discussions about the problems Japan is facing with their nuclear power. The project culminated with presentations to an engineering panel. Thank you to Eugene Ritz (University of Cincinnati), Lou Ann Eckert-Lynch (Proctor & Gamble, retired), Laura Bringer (GE), Emily Stenta (GE) and Theresa Zeug (GE) for sitting on our panel.



Chemistry

AP Chemistry students are investigating the most cost effective method for treatment of the toxic algae problem at Grand Lake at St. Mary's State Park in St. Mary's, OH.

Honors Chemistry students are conducting an inquiry investigation to discover molarity, a unit of concentration. This cooperative, hands-on activity includes making solutions, calculating concentrations and comparing density to concentration.

The CP2 Chemistry class is participating in the International Boiling Point Project. Working with students from around the world, the girls are researching what factors have the greatest effect on the boiling point of water. Their data will be submitted to the international data base and they will be able to determine if their hypotheses are correct.

Science Club Takes the Cake!

MND's Science Club has been nourishing the love of science through a variety of activities this year. Engaging both the school-wide community and the organization's membership, the Science Club keeps things interesting around campus. Some of this year's activities have included:

- Meetings themed around holidays like when students created Halloween slime to foam from a jack-o-lantern's mouth.
- Bringing Cincinnati Zoo's Traveling Cat Ambassador Program to campus.
- Meeting with Ms. Lora Alberto from Mill Creek Restoration Project to learn more about the organization's mission. Science Club members will also work with the Environmental Club on a field trip to test the Mill Creek's waters.

As MND's Science Club continues to foster a love of science, it also allows the women of MND to explore the world around them. Even as the year comes to a close, the Science Club remains exciting!



Celebrating More than 150 Years of

Counselors' Corner

Challenging & Empowering
Young Women for the Future

College Planning for Juniors

The SAT logo consists of the letters "SAT" in a bold, red, sans-serif font, positioned on a yellow rectangular background with a slight drop shadow.

The counselors met with the junior class this past month to encourage them on their "Road to College." We went over the first couple of sections in the *Road to College Resource Guide* – How to Begin, the SAT and ACT, College Visits and Resumes. We

encourage the students to take both the SAT and ACT in the spring and then perhaps again in the fall. The final test dates of the school year are June 4th for the SAT and June 11th for the ACT. The registration deadline for both tests is May 6th. The June SAT and ACT tests will be given here at MND. We feel that taking the tests at MND offers the girls a more familiar and comfortable atmosphere so that all of their energies can go toward the tests.

The ACT logo consists of the letters "ACT" in a bold, red, sans-serif font, positioned on a yellow rectangular background with a slight drop shadow.

Junior Parent To-Do List:

Parents of juniors are asked to complete the yellow Parent Reflections form which is in the "Forms" section of the *Road to College Resource Guide*. This form is helpful to your daughter's counselor during the college recommendation letter process. This is your time to brag - we want to hear all the good things about your daughter! Please complete and return this form to Mrs. Miller in the Guidance Office by the May 1st deadline. Any questions about the college planning process may be directed to your daughter's counselor. Please remind your daughters to request two of these reflections from teachers and to complete their own as well. All of the forms needed are in the *Road to College Resource Guide*.

Juniors and their families are encouraged to make college visits during the next few months. Spring is an excellent time to visit college campuses. See the *Road to College Resource Guide* to learn how to set up a visit and what it can include.

SAT Subject Tests

Any student who has completed (or will complete) Honors Chemistry, AP Physics, AP US History or AP World History may want to take the SAT Subject Test in her respective area this spring. These tests are sometimes recommended or required by more selective colleges and universities. We suggest that the tests be taken at the end of the course rather than waiting until the next school year. Please contact your counselor for more information.

Freshmen Groups

All freshmen will meet with their counselors in small groups in April during their religion classes. In this final group session, we will discuss their transition to high school including what have been their successes and their challenges. We will also discuss why college is important and college resumes.

Career Shadowing

All students are encouraged to explore their career interests by shadowing someone currently working in that profession. Upcoming Easter and summer breaks are wonderful opportunities for students to spend a day "on-the-job." Director of Annual Fund and Alumnae Relations Mrs. Alisia Sullivan Davis '02 is happy to offer assistance in matching students with MND graduates in particular fields. Have your daughter contact Mrs. Davis (adavis@mindhs.org) or her counselor to get started.

Summer Opportunities

Each spring, the College Counseling and Guidance Department receives numerous mailings about a variety of academic and artistic summer programs and internships. The students who attend these kinds of experiences usually return excited and are eager to apply for the next program. We have compiled these summer opportunities into a list with copies available in the Guidance Office or the Module. Deadlines are quickly approaching. Students may contact their counselor or Mrs. Miller for additional information.

Positioning Young Women for Success

Upcoming Events:

Junior Parent College Coffee Hour:

Junior parents were able to meet with MND counselors on Wednesday, April 6th from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. in the Courtyard to discuss next steps for their daughters in the college planning process. Please RSVP with Mrs. Ann Miller at amiller@mndhs.org or by calling 821-3044 ext. 110. Walk-ins are welcome.

College Fairs:

On Wednesday, April 13th, representatives from approximately 15 Jesuit universities from across the country will be visiting MND during the school day. This is a great opportunity for juniors to begin meeting with college representatives in one convenient location. All juniors will be invited to attend this mini-college fair at MND.



Additionally, Xavier University will host a Cincinnati Spring College Fair at the XU Cintas Center on Sunday, April 10th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Representatives from over 300 universities will be in

attendance. This is an excellent opportunity for sophomores, juniors and their parents to learn about many colleges in one location. You won't want to miss this date!

Student Athletes

The College Counseling and Guidance and Athletic Departments are sponsoring an information night for any student who hopes to play a varsity sport at a Division I or Division II college or university. The program is geared toward sophomores and juniors, but freshmen are also welcome. It will be held in the MND Media Center on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. Topics will include recruitment, registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center, the life of a student athlete and more. To have an eligibility sheet personalized with your daughter's credits and grades, please register at amiller@mndhs.org or by calling Mrs. Ann Miller at 821-3044, ext. 110.



MND Artist to Compete at the Cincinnati Art Museum

Alex Lohmann '12 was recently accepted into Cincinnati Art Museum's student art competition.

To enter the competition, Alex was tasked with creating a piece based off of a work currently exhibited at the Museum. Alex based her work off of the Rio delle Torrenselle that hangs in the front entrance. She used acrylic and plexiglass with wire.

"I am very honored to be picked for this competition," Alex commented. "The piece I created means a lot to me because the Cincinnati Art Museum has inspired me to pursue art as a career."

Alex's work will displayed at an exhibition and reception on April 15th.

With Deepest

Sympathy

The Mount Notre Dame community expresses our condolences to the family of Mrs. Ann Schweiter. Ann, a former science teacher at MND, lost her long-fought battle with cancer last month. She will be missed and her family is in our prayers.

Spirit • Tradition • Success

Calling All MND Moms and Dads!!

MND is pleased to announce two new separate and distinct entities to assist in the formation of our parental involvement. We are excited to announce the establishment of our new Mothers' Club and Dads' Club. The two clubs were recently organized under the MND Parents' Club Association.

These clubs have been established to assist with social, fundraising and cultural activities at MND, but to also provide a fun social atmosphere that meets the needs of both MND's Moms and Dads. Each club will support school events during the year to help make those special MND Moments happen!

If you are interested in joining either group, please contact Mrs. Ann Crowley (821.3044 x165 or acrowley@mndhs.org) or Mrs. Jackie Siders (821.3044 x125 or jsiders@mndhs.org) in the Advancement office.

We are extremely grateful for your many contributions and thank you for your continue support!

Scholars of the Month

English	Claire Husting '14	Performing Arts	Tana Matz '11
Foreign Language	Andrea Deyhle '13	PE/Health	Natalie Lutz '14
IT/Business	Kaitlyn Trent '11	Science	Katelyn Williams '12
Math	Rachel Bronner '14	Social Studies	Lauren Murphy '14
Religion	Madeline Peters '13	Visual Arts	Mary Trame '13

