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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear MND Families and Friends,

Happy New Year! May 2022 bring an end to the pandemic and an abundance of graces and blessings to each of you.

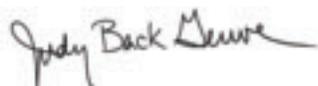
We were blessed with many things to celebrate during the first semester, much of which you will read about in this issue. We look forward to an amazing second semester and ask for your continued prayers and support.

Mount Notre Dame is a very special place where our students learn and grow. The holistic approach of developing our students academically, spiritually and personally is a definite asset to these young ladies as they become adults. We are so grateful to the many of you who continue to support MND even after the high school experience has ended. This support gives so many girls the opportunity to reap the benefits of a Mount Notre Dame education. It is exciting to hear about the over \$120,000 that was raised on Giving Tuesday, how our endowment is over ten million dollars and continues to grow, and that more and more people are reaching out to ask how they can help support our mission. Thank you.

I am so proud to serve as President of Mount Notre Dame and am happy to meet with you to share all the amazing things that are happening here every day and give you a tour of our wonderful campus. Please stay informed by following us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Be sure your contact information is current so you can receive my Monthly Message and, if you are an alumna, the monthly Alumnae Newsletter. If your information needs updated, please go to www.mndhs.org and click on the Contact Us button at the top of the page. And please encourage others to check out Mount Notre Dame if they are looking for a premier Catholic high school for their daughters.

May we proclaim "How Good is the Good God" in our words and actions every day,

Sincerely,



Judy Back Gerwe '78
President

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Friends of the MND Community,

Happy New Year! I pray and hope that you and your loved ones have been healthy. Once again, it seems that we are living through an atypical school year. Yet, the MND Experience is alive and well. Each school year, we focus on one or two Hallmarks. This year, MND is focusing on:

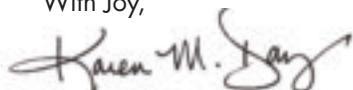
- Hallmark #6: We create community among those with whom we work and with those whom we serve.
- Hallmark #4: We commit ourselves to community service.

We chose the Saint John Paul II quote, "Let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are," to remind us to be the light for others in our community and whom we serve.

One of the ways we have created community this year is by phasing out homerooms in exchange for communities. This shift expands leadership opportunities and the sharing of the MND sisterhood legacy through cross-grade level relationships. Thirty-six small sisterhood groupings contain 4-5 students from each grade-level and one faculty community leader. Our communities are bonded in groups of 6 – known as Provinces – as a nod to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur provincial structure.

As communities and provinces, we share, learn, mentor and pray. MND has preserved our long-standing traditions like United-We-Won points and senior spirit wear which are grade-level focused while also building in special community/province traditions that are being newly created by our current students! In the midst of this pandemic, it has been so fulfilling to know that the MND Experience transcends it all and that these students and our amazing staff are the light of Christ for each other. Oh, how good is the good God!

With Joy,



Karen M. Day
Principal



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MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Catholic faith and Saint Julie Billiart's belief in the "goodness of God," Mount Notre Dame educates and empowers young women to recognize and develop their unique capabilities to learn, live, lead and serve.

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POINTS OF PRIDE

Discover why MND is Cincinnati's premier Catholic High School for young women by exploring our Points of Pride!

These distinctive facts and accomplishments have been thoughtfully compiled to showcase the depth and breadth of MND's academic, spiritual and student development programming.



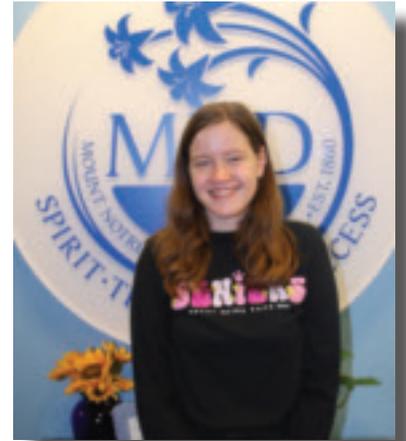
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Students Earn National Merit® Recognition



Rachel Hennessy '22 was named a Semifinalist in the 2022 National Merit® Scholarship Program. This year, 16,000 students across the United States are being honored as Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. Rachel will complete the application process that will allow her to continue competing for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million.



Meredith Brinkmann '22, Emma Magness '22, Rachel Noschang '22 and Merri Reed '22 were named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit® Scholarship Program. These are students who placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.



MND's Grammy-Winning Educator

MND Social Studies teacher Mr. Bennett VanOudenallen has been named the recipient of the prestigious GRAMMY Museum's Jane Ortner Education Award.

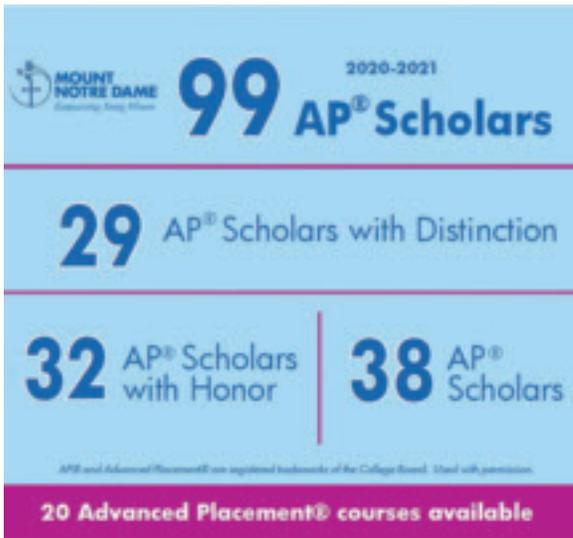
The Jane Ortner Education Award celebrates K-12 educators who integrate music into virtually all aspects of the classroom experience that include English, social studies, math, science and foreign language instruction, but also fosters creativity, self-confidence, respect, and cooperation. Applicants submit one original unit of lessons that incorporates music, which is then reviewed by award administrators and evaluated for creativity, teachability, transferability, and level of student engagement.



VanOudenallen's submission for the award was a reflection on current stereotypes and how we can be honored to receive the GRAMMY Museum's Jane Ortner Education Award. "I love guiding students through the deconstruction of music's, social media, and banjo's – current stereotypes in order to build a deeper understanding of the elements that lead us to the depth of variety that music offers today. It is a true acknowledgment and true celebration of the importance of music."

VanOudenallen majored in management at Miami University (Ohio) and worked in rural Massachusetts, a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala, and in Arizona before obtaining a Master's degree in Educational Design. He has been teaching Social Studies courses at MND for the past 13 years and has served as a Team Coach, Province Leader, and member of the Professional Development Committee with his wife and two young daughters. In his free time, he enjoys

MND Announces Record Number of Advanced Placement® Scholars



MND is proud of its 99 Advanced Placement® Scholars as identified by the College Board after the 2020-2021 school year. This is the largest number of AP Scholars in school history, exceeding last year's record of 95. Included in the 99 AP Scholars are 29 AP Scholars with Distinction, 32 AP Scholars with Honor and 38 AP Scholars.

Nearly 42% of MND students took one or more AP tests during the 2020-2021 school year with over 13.8% of our school enrollment earning AP Scholar status.

MND Principal Mrs. Karen Day commented, "The MND faculty who taught these AP courses and the students who took these tests did so amidst a global pandemic, masking, quarantining and, at times, in a virtual environment. MND continues to adjust to the needs of our students while providing a premier academic environment."



Congratulations to **Colleen McKenna '23** whose first original song entitled 'Revival' was officially released on all streaming platforms this past November!

Colleen is the writer, composer and lead vocalist on the song. She wrote "Revival" about a year and a half ago in the middle of the pandemic when she was desiring a personal revival in her faith. By the grace of God, this song has taken her on a journey she never thought possible. It has gone from a personal revival prayer in her heart, to something much greater. Colleen had the amazing opportunity to record her song last summer with RC Music Collective and producer Shawn Williams with Paper Castle Records in Nashville, TN.

MND Field Hockey punched their ticket to the OHSAA Division 1 Final Four this past fall with a win over Oakwood in the Regional Finals. The Cougars faced defending state champion Bishop Watterson in the State Semi-final game, but fell to the Eagles 3-0.

MND Field Hockey ended their incredible season 14-4 while scoring 47 goals and only allowing 14. They earned 1st place in the Southwest Field Hockey League and the GGCL.



FINAL FOUR FRENZY



MND Volleyball earned a trip to the OHSAA Division 1 Final Four with a three-set win over Ursuline in the Regional Finals. The Cougars fell to Magnificat in the State Semi-final match.

The Cougars ended their season 18-10 and earned a share of the GGCL Championship.

FUN FACT

MND advanced to the Final Four in 3 different sports in the same season - another historic first for MND!

NEXT LEVEL

Congratulations to these student-athletes who signed to compete at the collegiate level!



- Denissa Ariestanto - Boston College - Rowing
- KK Bransford - University of Notre Dame - Basketball
- Maggie Butkovich - Kennesaw State University - Volleyball
- Alena Campbell - Geneva College - Softball
- Reese Carpenter - Xavier University - Soccer
- Carly Hendrickson - University of Florida - Volleyball
- Lauren Laake - Thomas More University - Soccer
- Crysta LaCrosse - Houghton College - Basketball
- Abbi Maier - University of New Hampshire - Soccer
- Haley Taylor - University of San Diego - Rowing
- Sidney Voss - Ashland University - Lacrosse
- Ava Wittrock - Indiana University East - Soccer
- Abby Wolterman - Walsh University - Basketball
- Emma Frey - Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis - Soccer
- Jasmine Haas - University of Alabama at Birmingham - Beach Volleyball

MND's Varsity Dance Team had tremendous success at the 2021 Smokey Mountain Dance Championship in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The team earned FIRST place for their jazz routine and FIRST place for their pom routine!



ALL-AMERICANS

Congratulations to Peyton Kohls '23 who was named an All-American by United Soccer Coaches!



Congratulations to Carly Hendrickson '22 who was named First Team All-American by American Volleyball Coaches Association!





From Dream to Reality

By Fallon Lane-David '00 - Assistant Coach, MND Varsity Soccer and Track

My name is Fallon Lane-David, and I am the assistant soccer coach at Mount Notre Dame and graduate of the class of 2000. "Coach" is a title I definitely do not take lightly. After coaching for fifteen years at MND, I have memories to last a lifetime and I can say with utmost confidence that it has been an honor to coach so many wonderful and talented athletes.

In 1995, I was an eighth grader participating in the MND grade school basketball tournament when the volleyball team won the school's first Division I Volleyball State Championship. My friend and I looked at one another and boldly thought, "that could be us one day." I had always loved Mount Notre Dame - the teachers, students, and staff - and longed to be a part of the community in a tangible way for many years to come. However, it was that day, watching the team celebrate their victory, that I dared to dream even bigger dreams for the soccer program and, 26 years later, that dream turned into a reality.

The MND Soccer program made school history during the 2020 and 2021 seasons. In 2020, we completed our first undefeated regular season and captured the program's first ever number one state ranking. In 2021, we completed another undefeated regular season, won our first Regional Championship and finished the season as the Division I Soccer State Champions!



Fallon receiving her State Championship medal from MND Principal Mrs. Karen Day

I am so blessed to have had the honor of helping our team make history and take home Mount Notre Dame's very first Soccer State Championship. This success would not have been possible without our truly remarkable team who consistently succeeded both on and off the field. The pieces all fell together this year and our success is owed to an amazing group of collaborators. We had a team of athletes with so much talent and sportsmanship, a wonderful trainer, Becca Lemmel, who worked hard to keep our athletes healthy, a great Junior Varsity coaching duo in Cody Olsen and Kayla Byrnside, a supportive athletic department and school administration, a fantastic student fan base and an unflinchingly dedicated head coach Kiersten Roof, who pushed each and every teammate to be their absolute best, and led us with compassion, drive and heart. Our incredible alumnae, full of past coaches and players, offered us the support and extra push we needed to truly face this year's challenges with optimism, inspiration and grit. Our parents, who stepped up to the plate even amidst a global pandemic, were truly the 12th man on the field this year; helping out in every way they could and sacrificing more than we know for our kids.

There was so much talent, chemistry, sweat and tears on the field this year. I cannot wait to see where we go from here. I have high hopes heading into the 2022 season and I'm excited to see all the ways in which our team will change and transform in immeasurable ways. I cannot thank you all enough for all that you have given me as a coach. To the school I've loved for so many years - thank you for being my home. To everyone who supported us - thank you for showing me the true meaning of teamwork. To our incredible athletes - thank you for teaching me that the sky is the limit and showing me what we are truly capable of. Your kindness, tenacity, and incredible sportsmanship is inspirational, and it is a privilege and honor to be your assistant coach.



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1950s

Janet Steman Edelmann '51 has been married to Paul for 65 years and has one son, three daughters and eleven grandchildren. Her three daughters, two granddaughters and three nieces are MND graduates: Susan Edelmann Wojtkun '76, Ellen Edelmann Marks '78, Laura Edelmann Ashton '82, Jennifer Marks '11, Julianne Marks '13, Karen Steman Taylor '81, Nancy Steman Federle '83 and Diane Steman Taylor '84.

1960s

Paula Down Isseemann '65 is a 2001 graduate of Davenport University with an Associates Degree in Applied Science. She was widowed in 2013. She has two adult daughters, Laura and Marcia. Paula is retired and resides in Portland, MI. She plays golf, paints, quilts and just all around loves being outside in the beautiful weather. She enjoys Senior softball tournaments with her partner Jim Bellinger. They spend their winters at The Villages in warm Orlando, FL. Since meeting Jim, they have traveled to Alaska on a land/sea cruise and taken a paddle wheel riverboat cruise down the Mississippi to Tennessee. They are currently making plans to take another trip to the east coast of New England. Paula welcomes any classmates to contact her via email (suv5@yahoo.com). She would love to catch up with others.

1970s

Sheila Voegele Lehrter '70 shares that her husband Steven retired in April 2021 and was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in May 2021. She has been very busy taking care of Steve but feels blessed with family, relatives, friends and MND classmates from the Class of 1970 who have offered prayers and meals to help along this difficult journey. Sheila said "God is Good!"

Class notes are only published when received directly from the individual who is the key focus of the photo/update. This is to ensure the safety and privacy of our alumnae and their families. There is no guarantee that all submissions will be published due to space limitations and printing deadlines. Please submit your news via the What's New form available on our website.

Col. Linda Strite Murnane '70 was one of 20 outstanding veterans inducted into the 2021 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Linda is a veteran of the Air Force, Greene County. Following military retirement, Linda served as the felony prosecutor in Brown County and then as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. In 2006, she was selected for a United Nations position in The Netherlands to support the international judiciary in war crimes cases in the former Yugoslavia. She has served in various leadership roles at the American Bar Association where she has helped to pass the Veterans Choice legislation, presented programs and published articles related to Veterans Treatment Courts and assisted judges in establishing them. Linda was the senior international attorney at the U.S. Defense Institute for International Legal Studies, responsible for curriculum and training for civilian and military leaders in emerging democracies. Linda returned to her home in Xenia, OH in 2017 and began serving her local community, providing pro bono legal services and advising veterans. She sponsored a program to address human trafficking in the casino industry and spoke on the topics of homelessness, poverty and addiction at the Pontifical Academy of the Social Sciences at the Vatican, where she met Pope Francis. In October, Linda and her husband Kevin were nominated by their faith community, Queen of Apostles, to receive the Sister Dorothy Stang Award.

Patricia Soellner Younce '72 is a professor at Goddard College in Vermont and has a great business as a yoga teacher and life coach. She lives on 52 beautiful acres in Strafford, VT, with her adult son. They are currently creating an Artist/Yoga Retreat on their land called Kumari of the Woods. Check it out at www.kumariofthewoods.com. Her book was recently published by Rushmore Press, titled: Manifestations of Self Within Place. It is published under her yoga/artist name of Kumari Patricia.

Deborah Owsley '76 is the Director of Human Resources at Hoxworth Blood Center University of Cincinnati. She received her Bachelors Degree in 1981 from the University of Cincinnati and her Masters Degree in 1995 from Xavier University. Her son Edward is 24 years old.

Teresa Heintzman Cramer '79 celebrated her 60th birthday in style with husband Jay at Embers!

We LOVE seeing photos of MND legacy families!

Martha Maloney Wiltse '79, sister **Mary Eileen Maloney Blade '84** and their mother **Mary Ann Maloney '48**. (below)



1980s

Amy McGrath Bruno '85 and her husband Linus own and operate SeaRunners in Charleston, SC. They specialize in fishing charters, harbor cruises and chilling on the water in Charleston, SC. They offer a 10% discount to alumnae of MND or their families. "Drop them a line" if you ever visit Charleston.

After 27 years with Cincinnati Public Schools, **Cathy Fitzpatrick Hirsch '87** completed her MLIS at the University of Kentucky in May 2021 and has embarked on a new career as a Children's Librarian at the Lane Public Library in Hamilton, OH. She and her husband Ned are looking forward to resuming some travel and participation in local German heritage groups and festivities. Their family became a little larger on September 12, 2021, when they welcomed their first grandchild, Evelyn Rose.

Anne Gruber-McCarthy '89 finished her Master of Arts (BA) degree in Biology from Miami University through Project Dragonfly and is considered a conservation leader in the Advanced Inquiry Program. Since joining AIP in 2016, Anne has traveled to Kenya and conducted projects that have made a difference in the Milford, OH, area. Anne developed a Master Plan - a personal mission statement for what she wanted to accomplish in the program. She designed projects throughout her course of studies that supported her plan which culminated in a final portfolio, "Hospital Sustainability" that was presented in a Capstone course. Anne works as a community education specialist at Healogics-St Elizabeth Healthcare.

1990s

Laura Spitzmueller Knowles '90 has been living and working in the United Kingdom since 2007. She is an Executive Account Manager for Boston Scientific. Work takes her all over Europe and globally. She is raising two amazing children, son Evan (12) and daughter Raegan (9). Laura graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing.

Susan Mack-Tauber '90 married Eddie Tauber on October 17, 2020. She works for Staffmark Group in Strategic Sales. She and Eddie reside in sunny North Redington Beach, FL.

Jamie Melish '93 is in her third year at Villa Madonna Academy (20th year of teaching which began at MND) and is now co-moderator for their Student Council. She teaches Sophomores and Juniors and loves the family community they have! During the pandemic, Jamie started an Adopt-A-Sis program for the Sisters of Walburg monastery. This was inspired by being part of MND's program as a freshman student. Her daughter is a sophomore at Purcell Marian and is involved in the varsity soccer team and part of the Scholars Program.

Erin Wietmarschen Schultz '97 started a dream job in August. She works with some amazing people and is amazed that God knew when the time was right because she would not have been able to take this on when her babies were smaller. In October, Erin was awarded the Buck Martin High School Math Award from OCTM. She is honored to be recognized as a top teacher in Ohio. The end of the year brought closure to her four years serving as Treasurer for SWOCTM. She is proud of the work of this amazing group of math advocates and an organization that continues to grow even as others see a decline.

2000s

Since joining the Cleveland Clinic as a General Surgeon in 2013, **Erica Corcoran Peters '00** practice has grown and she began treating a large number of patients with benign and malignant breast disease. She transitioned to practicing only breast surgery about two years ago. She is the highest volume surgeon in her group. She recently was selected as the new Chair of the Department of Surgery at Avon Hospital, which is Cleveland Clinic's regional hospital in Lorain County.

Samantha Bitter Buszek '07 recently graduated from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. She will begin her career as a Doctor at the Community Health Network in Indianapolis, IN as a Radiation Oncologist. She said it feels great to be done with 26 years of school/training and excited to begin her first "real job"!

Alexa Weston Shanahan '08 graduated from The Ohio State University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a specialization in Finance and Real Estate and a minor in English. She married Michael Shanahan III on February 15, 2020. They live in Chicago where Alexa is Vice President of Blue Vista Capital Management.

Tommi Lea Harsch '09 has spent the last year renovating the brand new Reading Community Arts Center. Located in the heart of the Reading Bridal District, this nearly 100 year old, 16,000 square-foot building is home to the gorgeous Hall of Grace which is available to rent for weddings and corporate events. The space also functions as an Art Gallery with rotating works by various artists. They will soon be offering classes in the Visual and Performing Arts for students starting at age five to have fun expressing their creativity and learn something new!

2010s

Carolyn Eggenberger Jansen '10 graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 2015 with a Bachelors of Science in Interior Design. She married Joseph Jansen on October 13, 2018. They live in Killeen, TX.

Laura Schneider '12 graduated from the University of Dayton in 2016 with a degree in Intervention Specialist Mild-Moderate K-12. In 2020 she received a Gifted Endorsement from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently attending Grand Canyon University working on her Masters of Educational Leadership & Administration. She works at North College Hill City Schools as the districts Gifted Intervention Specialist.

Nicole Perozek '20 is attending the University of Cincinnati majoring in Industrial Design with plans to graduate in 2025.

Megan Wielonski '21 earned All-Midwest Region honors in volleyball after a brilliant performance running the Ball State offense in 2021. She currently leads the nation with 1,394 assists. She was named the 2021 MAC Freshman of the Year and a First Team All-MAC honoree.

In Memoriam



Ann Fogarty Galvin '49
(9/30/21)



Yvonne Bludau Kramer '55
(8/16/21)



Lucy Sanders Veid '56
(10/12/21)



Mary Jane Finley
Schildmeyer '59
(8/5/21)



Judy Brigger Kuethe '60
(9/5/21)



Nancy Herman Parks '62
(10/31/21)



Joanne Pfister Fuchs '62
(8/21/21)



Carole Berning Smith '64
(6/20/21)



Chris Rollins Sampson '65
(2/24/21)



Carol D'Andrea '66
(6/4/21)



Cheryl Bannister Dabney '67
(10/19/21)



Jane Poto Baltimore '71
(12/3/21)



Theresa Tumbusch '72
(6/20/21)



Denise Sicker Hancock '74
(10/9/21)



Sue Ihendorf Minnich '74
(7/22/21)

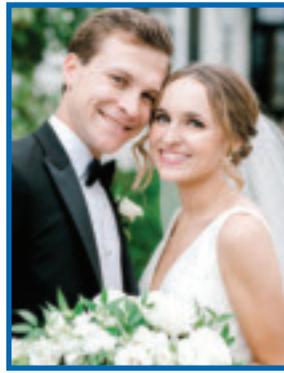


Diane Stanton Mersch '76
(9/1/21)

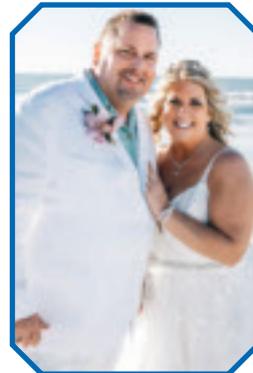
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.*



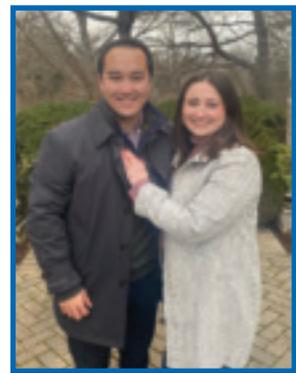
Emily Ryan '04 married James (Jay) Radley on October 1, 2021 at St. Xavier Church in downtown Cincinnati. A reception followed at the Hilton Netherland Plaza in the Hall of Mirrors. Several MND alumnae were in attendance including four members of the wedding party.



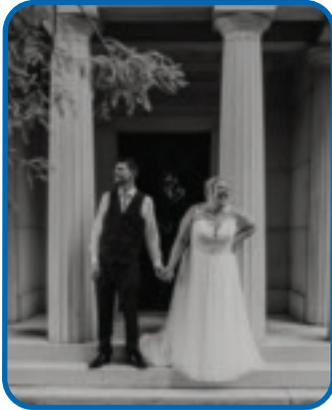
Kelsey Green '13 married Steve Russo on October 23, 2021 at St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church in Cincinnati.



Kristy Emlinger '89 married Robert Barnes on February 20, 2021.



Catherine Buck '14 said YES to Chandler Robinson on December 9, 2021 in Ault Park.



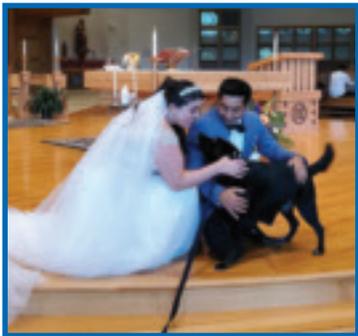
Danielle Donley '07 married Will York, on June 26, 2021. The two honeymooned in Chicago and are enjoying wedded bliss with their two dogs and two cats.



Erin Mackey '07 married Eric Shuler this past summer.



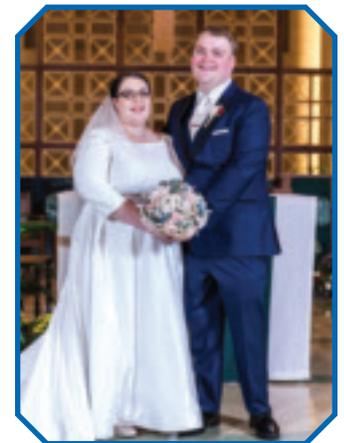
Jenna Pilipovich '10 entered into wedded bliss on July 24, 2021 when she married local Cincinnati and St. X graduate Zac Bailey. The wedding party was a mini reunion of MND and St. X alumni.



The pandemic resulted in **Emily Bullock '11** and Eduardo Sanchez Hernandez having two weddings. The first was at the Manor House in Mason, OH. The second was held at St. Susanna Catholic Church also in Mason. Their puppy, Osito, was the ring bearer.



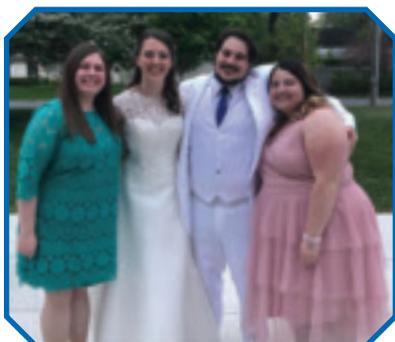
Molly Hildebrandt '07 married Adam Henlein on September 25, 2021. A very large group of MND alumna were in attendance to celebrate!



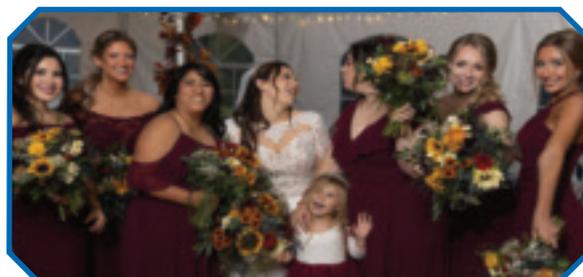
Emily Webb '15 married Harrison K. Crawford on October 1, 2021. Emily is a third generation legacy of MND with Grandmother Marilyn Brosch Woycke '62 and mother Lori Woycke Webb '88 along with younger sister Breann Webb '17.



Annie Frazee '15 married Nick Porter on October 30, 2021 at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church. **Kelsey Donahue '15** served as her maid of honor.



Emily Baur '14 married Charlie Viola on May 8, 2021 at St. Catharine Church in Columbus, OH. Also pictured is **Ashley Reinert '14** and **Zai Johns '13**.



Jessica Proffitt '10 married her best friend Bill Mueller on October 30, 2021. MND alumnae, **Sarah Saalfeld '10** and sister **Cortney Proffitt Beck '08** (and Cortney's beautiful daughter) shared in Jessica's day by serving as bridesmaids.



Lisa Allgeier Browning `99 and husband Justin welcomed son Krue Jay Browning on October 19, 2021. He joins older sisters, Kinsey and Kendall.



Rachel Eppstein Bruening `99 and husband Daniel celebrated "Gotcha Day" on October 1, 2020 when Emelia officially became their daughter after two years of being her foster parents. Rachel made the Cinderella costume for Emelia out of her sister's MND graduation gown (**Laura Eppstein Shelley `01**).



Sara Strittmatter Lloyd `98, husband Steve and daughter Emma Grace welcomed Connor Beckett on July 26, 2021.



Jennifer McCormack Stone `03 and husband Matt welcomed their third son, Connor, on May 6, 2021.



Karen Glass Whitelaw `03 and husband Adam welcomed their second son Owen on March 29, 2021. He joins older brother George.



Lauren Anderson Gesenhues `08 and husband Scott, welcomed son Beau Thomas on August 27, 2021. He joins sister Addison.



Lauren Fead `08 and Jon Repp welcomed their second son Lincoln Lothar Repp on July 29, 2021. He joins brother Oakley Ryan Repp born April 26, 2018. Lauren worked in the medical field as a CCMA for six years in several different fields. She ended that journey of her life working in gastroenterology and is now enjoying her newest career as a stay-at-home mother.



Boy-OH-Boy! **Kimberly Cutter Korst `09** and husband Jonathan welcomed son Benjamin Korst on October 7, 2021. Two weeks later, **Kelly Cutter Burger `12** and husband Chris welcomed son Jack Burger on October 29, 2021. Jack joins big sister Elizabeth. Grandma **Liz Costello Cutter `82** and Great Grandma **Fran Gessing Costello `45** are over the moon in love with these two baby boys.

WHAT DO YOU WANT *Your Legacy* TO BE?

A Planned Gift Helps Ensure MND's Future

With a history of 161 years of empowering young women, Mount Notre Dame continues to have a strong commitment to securing our future. MND is also serious about expanding programs and extending our mission to 'learn, live, lead and serve'. Although not an easy task, building the school's endowment is an essential element in making this happen.

An endowment is a permanent fund that provides annual support to Mount Notre Dame. The endowment fund provides a lasting stream of support 'in perpetuity' enabling MND to pursue its mission in bigger and better ways for future generations. It is important to note that a healthy endowment of 30 million by 2030 is estimated to ensure MND's sustainability for the next generation. Currently MND's endowment stands at over 11.1 million dollars.

Many gifts to the endowment are made through planned gifts, with the most common being through a bequest – a donation noted in someone's will. It is an easy way to leave a legacy at MND. A bequest can be set up without affecting the security of a surviving spouse or others. There are estate tax advantages that can benefit you and your family.

Please consider a planned gift to pay it forward so other young women can experience an outstanding Catholic educational experience. Your gift will allow the MND mission, spirit, sisterhood and experience to continue into the next generation and beyond.



Unless otherwise specified, all planned gifts to MND benefit the endowment, ensuring that your investment impact remains in perpetuity. All benefactors who remember MND with a planned gift become members of our Heritage Society, and remain as such even after death.

More information on making a planned gift to MND can be found at www.mndhs.plannedgiving.org or contact the following:

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"We have Mount Notre Dame in our estate plan as I value the long-term sustainability of the school and would like MND to empower young women in-perpetuity. I believe that giving through our estate plan is the most impactful way we can give to the causes most important to us."

Erin Satzger Clemons '04

Financial Planning for Women

March 10, 2022 at MND
6 - 8 PM

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Save the Date!

MILESTONE REUNION INDUCTION CEREMONIES



Classes of 1971 & 1972
June 3, 2022 at MND



Class of 1997
June 18, 2022 at MND



Class of 2012
June 18, 2022 at MND

Further details about each event will be communicated directly with class members.

Girls' Schools Unite!



Save the Dates!

May 2 - 6

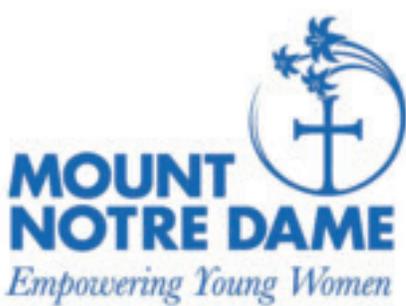
All five of Cincinnati's all-girl schools will compete in a battle to see who has the highest percentage of alumnae who support their alma mater through donations to the Annual Fund during this fun-filled week.

2021 Giving Tuesday Results

\$121,000+



Thank you to all of our donors whose generosity and giving spirit helped us surpass our goal of \$100,000! We are overflowing with your graces and blessings.



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The Annual Fund helps cover our yearly budgeted expenses so that we can continue the tradition of excellence that makes Mount Notre Dame distinctive among Cincinnati Catholic high schools. An investment in the Annual Fund allows us to live out our mission of *educating and empowering young women to learn, live, lead and serve.*



Help us continue the legacy of MND for future generations! Would you please consider supporting the Annual Fund **today?**

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WWW.MNDHS.ORG OR USE THE QR CODE



Let us do the work of the Lord with great faith, in a great spirit of charity. - St. Julie Billiart