



Notre Dame
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Prayer Intention: Please pray for all students, especially those of Notre Dame Preparatory School, as they enjoy their summer vacation. May they enjoy their days, be safe and return to us in the fall rested, energized and ready to grow in mind, body and spirit.

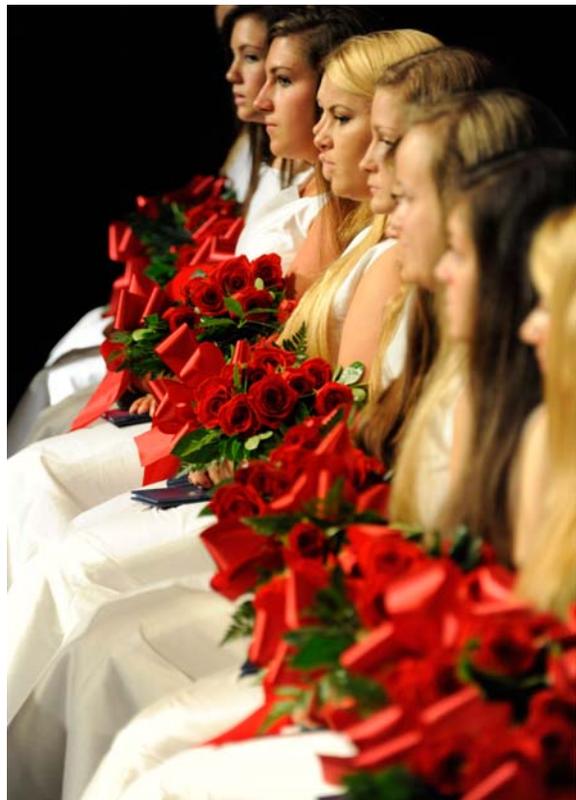
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Established in 1873, Notre Dame Preparatory School is an independent, Catholic, college-preparatory school for approximately 760 girls in Grades 6-12. Founded and sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the school is committed to educating and empowering girls to become women who transform the world. NDP's three-part mission of academic excellence, spiritual growth and the practice of justice infuses school life and influences all its programs.



On May 28, Notre Dame Preparatory School saw its Class of 2014 become the school's newest alumnae! This graduating class of 145 proved to be an outstanding group of young women whose individual and collective successes have earned them a stellar legacy at NDP.

Notre Dame Prep was thrilled to have Sister Clare Fitzgerald, SSND, Ph.D., as graduation speaker. Sister Clare is a dynamic, engaging and funny presenter. She captivated the audience and held the students' attention with her stories, driving home her message that every step in life is one step closer to God.





Here are a few highlights of the wonderful Notre Dame Prep Class of 2014:

Colleges & Universities

- 100 percent of the class was accepted to four-year colleges and universities, with more than half matriculating to some of the most competitive schools in the country, including Harvard University, the United States Naval Academy, UCLA, Georgetown University and New York University, among others.

Humanities

- 14 students explored the many facets of “time” during their capstone year in the Bette Ellis O’Conor Humanities Program.

Scholarships & Scholars

- The class earned more than \$23 million in scholarships, the largest amount of merit dollars earned by any class in NDP history!
- Of the 145 graduates, 125, or 86 percent, won a total of 506 scholarships.
- **Minyoung “Minnie” Jang**, who will attend Harvard in the fall, was named a National Merit Scholarship winner. Minnie also received both NDP’s General Excellence Medal for highest academic average and the 2014 White Blazer Award.

- **Abigail Baker** was named a National Merit Finalist, and **Erin Caubo**, **Victoria Gabor**, **Eibhlin Goggins**, **Kelsey Hoffman**, **Margaret Lane** and **Grace McKenna** were named National Merit Commended Scholars.
- Nearly 75 percent of the class took at least one of 19 Advanced Placement courses offered.

Sports

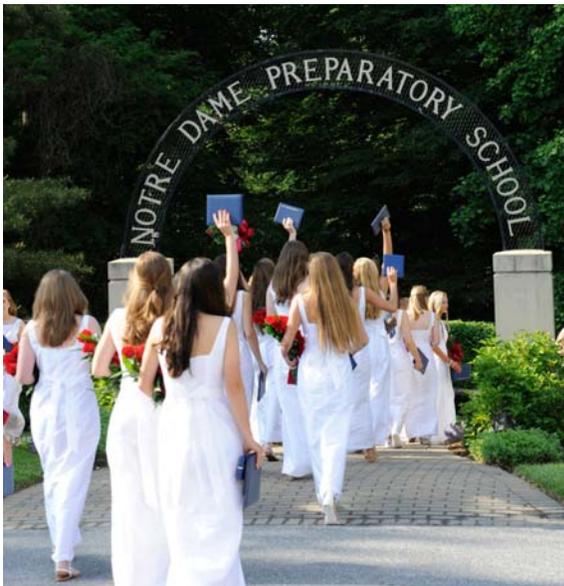
- Basketball player **Claire Ford** was named the 2014 McCormick Unsung Hero! Praised for “her work ethic and her selfless attitude,” the NDP point guard received a \$36,000 scholarship as part of the honor.
- 11 scholar-athletes signed letters of intent to play at Division I schools.

STEAM

- An inaugural group of 11 students received STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) certification.
- 36 percent of the class participated in NDP’s “Women in Science” internship program at local and national universities, medical facilities and corporations.

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As they leave Notre Dame, symbolically walking through the campus Gateway into their lives as graduates, members of the Class of 2014 take with them a sisterhood forged through years of rigorous academic work, meaningful spirituality, transformative service, beloved traditions and much fun. Everyone here at Notre Dame Prep wishes them many blessings and much love. They will always be “our girls!”



Transforming the world through service



The prophet Micah calls us to “act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.” One of the ways Notre Dame Preparatory School responds to this edict is through its vibrant Community Service Program. Rooted in the mission of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, service activities involve all NDP community members — from

students, faculty and staff to alumnae and families — directly with marginalized communities in Baltimore and beyond.

Service learning has been a visible tradition at NDP since the 1930s when the Sodality and Mission Club organized service activities. The current community service requirement for seniors has been in place since 1975, making it the longest-running service requirement curriculum in the region.

Community service imbues the lives of NDP students with a host of middle-level and upper-level service activities. A solid foundation of service learning is built on in-house and off-campus projects and reflection experiences that are developmentally appropriate. During their years at NDP, students develop a lifelong attitude toward service.

In the Baltimore community, NDP partners with more than 30 different organizations in which students work one-on-one with individuals. In one of the newest initiatives, the Refugee Youth Project (RYP), students work with refugee children twice a week at Moravia Park Elementary School in East Baltimore. There the girls build relationships with children in kindergarten through fifth grade, helping them with homework, tutoring them in English and, most enjoyably, playing with them. The students describe this experience as transformative on countless levels: “You learn how important patience and a soft voice are,” says Meghan Stewart ’14, who has worked with RYP for three years. “It makes me want to be a more positive person. When I leave RYP, I have a smile on my face.”



NDP Habitat for Humanity volunteers in Mississippi



NDP volunteers in El Salvador

In addition to extensive service in and around the Baltimore area, NDP sponsors trips which allow students to engage in more intensive service experiences. For instance, students travel to

Virginia during the summer months and to Mississippi during Holy Week to work for Habitat for Humanity. Since the 1980s, NDP has fostered a sister-community relationship with the residents of Ignacio Ellacuria in El Salvador. Thanks to financial support, NDP has helped this school community grow and has sponsored the education of several residents of Ignacio. Through NDP's newest service trip, students and teachers travel to Costa Rica to work at the Sloth Sanctuary and learn more about the rain forest and the importance of this habitat on climate. The Costa Rica trip ties directly to justice work, NDP's Green School status and the SSND imperative to steward creation. It is also notable that NDP is the only high school to participate in the Costa Rica and Mississippi efforts.

Invaluable Lesson

Whether it is travel to the other side of town or travel to another continent, the service experience of Notre Dame Prep students teaches a common invaluable lesson: It is not what one does in service but how one is changed by the experience. As recent graduate Jane Lorenzi explains, "The relationships I have formed, the humanity I have witnessed, and the imprints I have on my heart continually draw me back to volunteering." ■