



NOTRE TRADITIONS DAME



ALUMNI & FRIENDS



FOUR YEARS TO FOREVER

WELCOME TO

NOTRE DAME

TO OUR NEWEST DOMERS,

A sincere and joyful welcome from those of us at the Notre Dame Alumni Association on behalf of our 135,000 alumni around the world. As you'll soon learn, you've joined a richly diverse, uniquely motivated, and faithfully loyal group of people who proudly wear the ND monogram long after they've graduated. The lessons they learned and values that were instilled while they were students here have molded and shaped them. Chief among those values is the importance of family, and the Notre Dame family is incomparable.

This family spans all walks of life—from newly minted alumni to 100-year-old World War II veterans. Their homes dot the globe, from here in South Bend to Seoul, from Honolulu to Havana. They reside in all 50 states and countless more countries. They're eager to meet and support you. Our alumni are experts in industry from engineering to law. We boast CEOs, senators, priests, military generals, missionaries, accountants, novelists, ambassadors, sportscasters—and nearly everything in between.

As we welcome you into this family, we'd like to offer you a peek into the coming four years—four years in which you will be challenged, inspired,

educated, accepted, and loved. We can tell you from experience they will be some of the most formative years of your life. They'll also be some of the most fun.

And to the parents: Thank you for entrusting this great university with your children. We believe both their minds and their hearts will be educated here. They will be instilled with not only a sense of capability, but also one of responsibility. In four years, they will grow intellectually, spiritually, and morally. We hope that transformation will lead them, and you, to remain forever fond of this place.

Students, in the following pages, we'll cover some of the traditions, legends, and events that await you when you arrive on campus. We hope you'll dive in with open minds and open hearts, and will make the most of these four years. We'll be waiting on the other side.

**YOUR FRIENDS AT THE NOTRE DAME
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Irish



A BRIEF HISTORY

In the winter of 1842, after a 300-mile trek from Vincennes, Indiana, a French priest and a group of religious brothers arrived at a patch of land gifted to them under the premise they would build a school. That priest, **Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C.**, the founder of L'Université de Notre Dame du Lac, conceived of a school dedicated to Our Lady that would educate young men intellectually, spiritually, and morally.

Father Sorin wrote, “Education, in its proper sense, implies the expansion and cultivation of all the faculties, mental and physical—the cultivation of the heart as well as the mind; and of these the formation and enrichment of the heart is undoubtedly the most important of the two.”

Beginning with little more than \$300, Father Sorin and his band of brothers built a primary school, a pre-college, a labor school, and a college that would all provide well-rounded instruction for the students. But in 1879, in the midst of building his vision, Father Sorin’s work burned to the ground. And so they began anew. “If it were all gone, I should not give up,” he wrote.

That grit and resolve have since become emblematic of Notre Dame. They were introduced to the entire country by **Knute Rockne '14**, the famed football coach who made Notre Dame’s ragtag and spurned team nationally known.

After being rejected admission into the Big 10, Notre Dame decided to play as an independent, accepting any and all matchup offers, regardless of distance. With stars like the Four

Horsemen and George Gipp, affectionately known as the Gipper, Rockne’s underdog team quickly drew a following from Catholics, immigrants, and the growing American middle class.

Despite increasing popularity, with America’s entrance into World War II, Notre Dame was losing students in droves to the military effort. The school’s future was uncertain and finances were tight. But a deal was struck with the U.S. Navy for Notre Dame to host naval training for more than 11,000 officers. The deal kept Notre Dame open during wartime, and fostered an important bond between Notre Dame and the service academies that remains significant today.

From then on, Notre Dame grew with fervor. Buildings, faculty, quality, and prestige all saw an uptick, while a growing pool of students brought progress to the school, as well. From **Frazier L. Thompson '47**, the first black undergraduate, to a brave group of 325 women who helped ND go **co-ed in 1972**, Notre Dame’s stature only grew with the admission of more and more exceptional students. Today, Notre Dame’s commitment to diversity and inclusion is key to its success as a pre-eminent Catholic, research university.

While progress was long-building, **Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., '39**, ushered in substantial growth during his 35-year presidency. The endowment, salaries, and student body all grew under his eye, but he also served as a model of what a Notre Dame alumnus ought to be. He was a champion of human rights—from serving on the Civil Rights Commission, to walking arm-in-arm



with Martin Luther King Jr., to winning a Medal of Freedom. He worked under a range of U.S. presidents on issues from science to immigration. He supported Title IX. He represented the Vatican at the International Atomic Energy Agency. He helped create the Peace Corps. And he was perhaps the first who made clear that being Catholic did not preclude this college from being a prestigious university. It's his model and ideals to which many of our most renowned alumni aspire.

In a 1986 book, *What Works for Me*, Father Hesburgh wrote, "My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy, you don't make them because they're cheap, you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they are right."

He expected students to choose the right path. To have the courage, the fortitude, the intelligence, and the moral compass to take a stand. That tradition remains true. Today, we expect our students not only to gain knowledge, but also to understand that with that knowledge comes responsibility to use it to help those less fortunate, to identify and solve the issues that plague society, and to continue to stand up for what is right.

That's not to downplay the academics. That's why you're here, after all. Under Hesburgh's successor, **Rev. Edward (Monk) Malloy, C.S.C., '63, '67 M.A., '69 M.A.**, Notre Dame emerged as a leading research university, perhaps the first Catholic university to do so. It was then that ND began its ascent as the prestigious academy you now know. **Father John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., '76, '78 M.A.**, our current

president, has furthered that vision by investing in technology, infrastructure, and faculty who have led Notre Dame to become a world-renowned university and global leader, guided by Catholic character.

Father Jenkins summarized his goal for the University in his 2005 inaugural address: "With respect and gratitude for all who embraced Notre Dame's mission in earlier times, let us rise up and embrace the mission for our time: to build a Notre Dame that is bigger and better than ever—a great Catholic university for the 21st century, one of the pre-eminent research institutions in the world, a center for learning whose intellectual and religious traditions converge to make it a healing, unifying, enlightening force for a world deeply in need."

You are part of that vision. In what you learn, where you go, what you do, and how you grow, you will help write the next chapter of this University's rich history. It's a great responsibility, but a greater honor. As alumni, we look forward to reading your chapter.

A person with reddish-brown hair, wearing a blue denim shirt, is sitting in the driver's seat of a silver car. They are holding a black smartphone in their right hand, pointing the screen towards the camera. The car is on a paved road with other vehicles in the distance. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The words 'HERE', 'WELCOME', 'WEEKEND', and 'IRISH' are in yellow, while 'COME' and 'THE' are in white with a yellow outline. The text is arranged in a vertical stack: 'HERE' at the top, 'WELCOME' in the middle, 'WEEKEND' below it, and 'IRISH' at the bottom. The words 'COME' and 'THE' are smaller and positioned between 'WELCOME' and 'WEEKEND'.

HERE
WELCOME
WEEKEND
THE
IRISH



Take a deep breath. This moment—sitting in a congested parking lot, waiting for your turn to drive up to your new residence hall, your new home—this is the last moment when you're not a Notre Dame student, when you're not a Shamrock or Sentinel or Knight or Duck. The minute you open the car door and step up to the residence hall, you're one of them. One of us. You're part of the community.

That community will loudly and enthusiastically welcome you in. A flock of eager sophomores will fling open the car trunk, start hauling your suitcases and boxes, and toss you a hall T-shirt. They'll get your keys, introduce you to the rector, and lead you down the hall to your new room.

There, a roommate. One you've probably texted or messaged, but now, in the flesh. A hug, or handshake, or shy nod. It might be awkward now, but you will know that person inside and out by the end of the year.

You'll loft a bed, unpack blankets and sweaters, fill a shower caddy, arrange photos and posters on your bulletin board. You'll go get a Notre Dame ID—probably one of a few over the next four years. Pro tip: They rarely survive in the dryer if left in your jeans.

You'll start to explore. You'll find your classrooms, the dining hall, the gym, the cafes that serve coffee well after dusk. You'll be welcomed and hailed, by the president, by upperclassmen, by the hall staff. You'll learn about your college, your major, your neighbors. You'll go to Mass and the Grotto. Then it will be time for your parents to pack up. They'll offer a hug and a teary goodbye before heading home.

But your home is here now. And Welcome Weekend is already over. Your first weekend at Notre Dame done in the blink of an eye.



DOMERFEST

A longstanding Welcome Weekend tradition, Domerfest is a late-night carnival featuring games, music, and snacks. Because all freshmen are invited, including those from neighboring Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College, it's a great way to meet folks whose paths you may not cross otherwise.

Domerfest is where many lifelong friendships and even some marriages begin.



OPENING

MASS



Once the rest of the student body joins you on campus, students, faculty, staff, and families join together for the official kickoff of the academic year—an opening Mass and picnic. As president of the University, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., presides over this impressive celebration, while several choirs and bands add musical accompaniment. Whether or not you're Catholic, witnessing the entire Notre Dame community is worth experiencing. After church, an outdoor picnic allows all to break bread with one another.



VICTORY MARCH

The Notre Dame Victory March was written by students Michael and John Shea in 1908 in Sorin College. It has remained the rally cry of the University ever since.

The Victory March is typically sung at sporting events, and is often condensed into just the second stanza. During the line "While her loyal sons are marching," women punch the air on "her" and men punch on "sons."

**Rally sons of Notre Dame:
Sing her glory and sound her fame,
Raise her Gold and Blue
And cheer with voices true:
Rah, rah, for Notre Dame
We will fight in ev-ry game,
Strong of heart and true to her name
We will ne'er forget her
And will cheer her ever
Loyal to Notre Dame**

**Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame,
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,
Send a volley cheer on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What though the odds be great or small
Old Notre Dame will win over all,
While her loyal sons are marching
Onward to victory.**

ALMA MATER:

NOTRE DAME,

OUR MOTHER

**Notre Dame, our Mother,
tender, strong, and true,
proudly in the heavens
gleams thy gold and blue.
Glory's mantle cloaks thee,
golden is thy fame,
and our hearts forever
praise thee, Notre Dame;
and our hearts forever
love thee, Notre Dame.**

The Alma Mater is sung at campus events, Mass, and athletic games. Traditionally, people link arms with one another and sway gently while singing until the last line, when people point toward the sky while singing "Love thee, Notre Dame."

**IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE
WORDS TO THESE SONGS
BEFORE YOU ARRIVE,
YOU WILL BY THE END OF
WELCOME WEEKEND.**



HOME RESIDENCE UNDER THE HALLS DOME

The moment you first meet a Notre Dame student or alum, without a doubt the first question they pose will be, “Which hall do you live in?” The reason for that is unique—here at Notre Dame, your hall is akin to asking your hometown, what you study, what you hope to be. In essence, it becomes part of your identity. Your hall influences which events you attend, which charities you support, where your friends reside, where you attend Mass, and which dining hall you insist is best.

In short, Notre Dame might educate you, but your residence hall will form you.

Undergraduates spend at least six semesters in the residence halls—typically the same one for the entirety. And with 80 percent of the student body living on campus, residential life is a distinctive element in what makes Notre Dame, Notre Dame.

As for the halls themselves, you’ll see in the following pages that they each have their own identities. Some are sporty and are known for repeat appearances as the interhall sports champion of the year. Others are known for spirited pep rally appearances. Others host events that draw throngs from all over campus. Others have an in-residence priest who can whip up a mean red velvet cake or milkshake as a delicious study break. Some buildings are new and palatial, others have been here since Notre Dame’s earliest days and are steeped in history and lore. But they all have unique traditions, events, and spirit.

Regardless of where you’re placed, there you’ll find a rich, diverse community ready to envelop and embrace you. You’ll find neighbors from around the world, roommates with varying academic interests, friends with different religious beliefs and economic backgrounds. These people will join you

to celebrate success and will help you cope in times of trial. They’ll open your aperture, and you’ll widen theirs. And at the end of four years, you’ll wonder how you ever considered these people—your family—strangers.

As alumni, we return to campus for football games, for Reunion, to recruit at job fairs, but no matter how connected to our alma mater we remain, we can’t get back our residence hall experience. And so we hope you’ll cherish every moment—from the routine, like study sessions in the lounges and meeting new friends while brushing your teeth, to the noteworthy, like dances, hall Mass, and signature events. Those moments, large and small, will quickly make you feel at home under the Dome.

“THIS MAY BE THE ONLY TIME IN MY LIFE I AM SURROUNDED BY PEERS WHO INSPIRE, ENERGIZE, AND CHALLENGE ME. EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN [MY HALL] OFFERS SOMETHING TO THE HALL COMMUNITY AND THE RESULT IS AN INCREDIBLE GROUP.”

NOTRE DAME SENIOR

**MALE STUDENTS
GATHERED IN A HALL
ROOM, 1941-1942.**



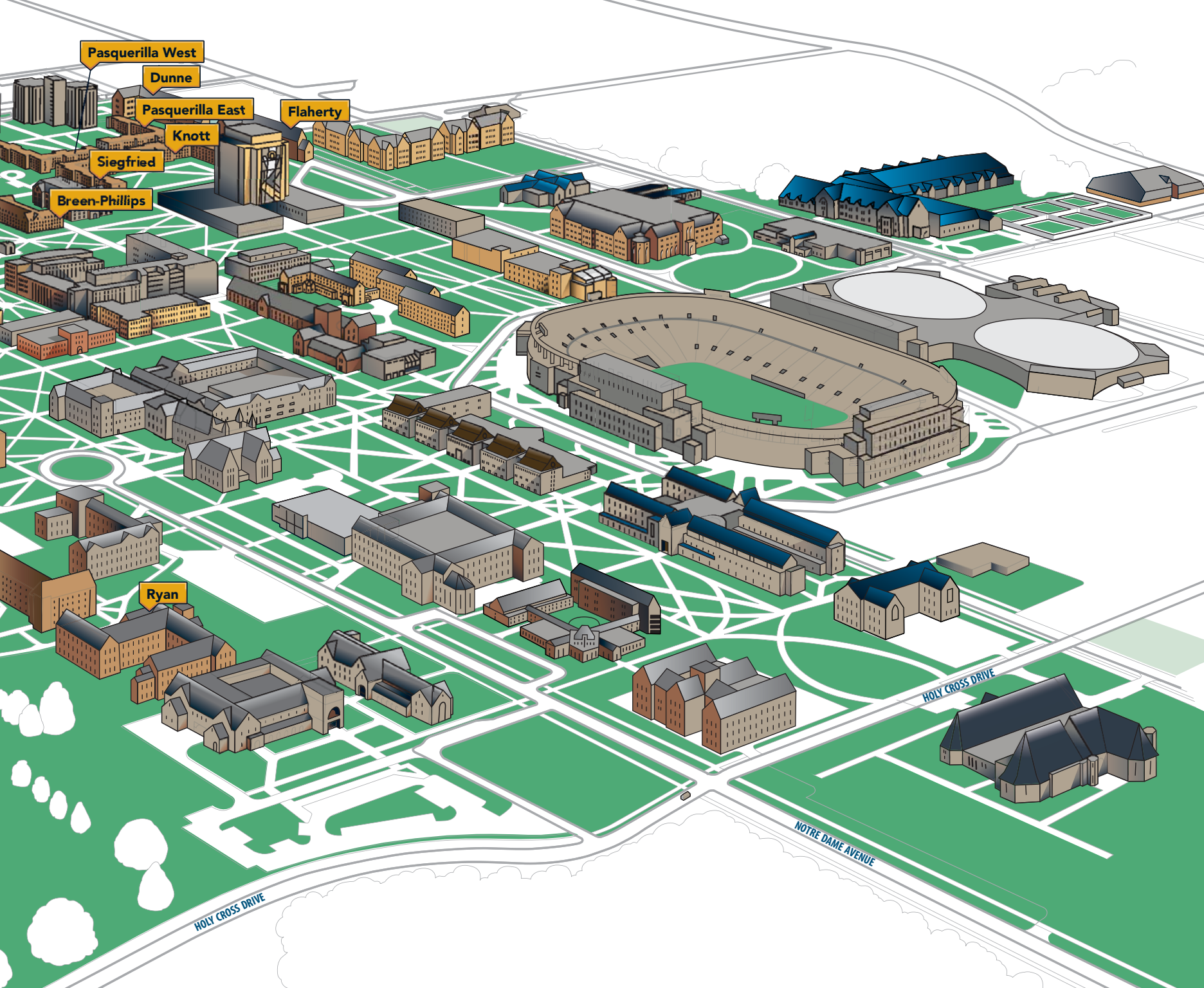


THERE'S

NO PLACE

LIKE HOME

**THE RESIDENCE HALLS
OF NOTRE DAME**



Pasquerilla West

Dunne

Pasquerilla East

Flaherty

Knott

Siegfried

Breen-Phillips

Ryan

HOLY CROSS DRIVE

NOTRE DAME AVENUE

HOLY CROSS DRIVE

ALUMNI

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Green, White
- ◇ Dawgs
- ◇ 1931
- ◆ South
- ◆ 225
- ◆ St. Charles Borromeo

BADIN

- ◆ Female
- ◇ Green, White
- ◇ Bullfrogs
- ◇ 1897
- ◆ South
- ◆ 140
- ◆ St. Stephen

BREEN-PHILLIPS

- ◆ Female
- ◇ Blue, Pink
- ◇ Babes
- ◇ 1939
- ◆ North
- ◆ 192
- ◆ St. Francis of Assisi

CARROLL

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Crimson, Gold
- ◇ Vermin
- ◇ 1906
- ◆ South
- ◆ 102
- ◆ St. Andre Bessette

CAVANAUGH

- ◆ Female
- ◇ Green, Purple
- ◇ Chaos
- ◇ 1936
- ◆ North
- ◆ 211
- ◆ The Holy Spirit

DILLON

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Red, Black
- ◇ Big Red
- ◇ 1931
- ◆ South
- ◆ 290
- ◆ St. Patrick

DUNCAN

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Green, Navy
- ◇ Highlanders
- ◇ 2008
- ◆ West
- ◆ 232
- ◆ St. Walter of Pontoise

DUNNE

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Green, Blue, Gray
- ◇ Sentinels
- ◇ 2016
- ◆ Mod
- ◆ 221
- ◆ Bl. Basil Moreau

FARLEY

- ◆ Female
- ◇ Teal, Yellow
- ◇ Finest
- ◇ 1942
- ◆ North
- ◆ 216
- ◆ St. John the Evangelist

FISHER

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Green, White
- ◇ Fishermen
- ◇ 1952
- ◆ South
- ◆ 178
- ◆ St. Paul the Apostle

HALS

FLAHERTY

- ◆ Female
- ◇ Lavender, Navy
- ◇ Bears
- ◇ 2016
- ◆ Mod
- ◆ 226
- ◆ Mary Queen of Angels

HOWARD

- ◆ Female
- ◇ Yellow, Green
- ◇ Ducks
- ◇ 1924
- ◆ South
- ◆ 148
- ◆ The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady of Lourdes

KEENAN

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Navy, White
- ◇ Knights
- ◇ 1957
- ◆ North
- ◆ 250
- ◆ Holy Cross

KEOUGH

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Blue, Red
- ◇ Kangaroos
- ◇ 1996
- ◆ West
- ◆ 271
- ◆ Our Lady of Guadalupe

KNOTT

- ◆ Male
- ◇ Orange, Blue
- ◇ Juggerknotts
- ◇ 1988
- ◆ Mod
- ◆ 240
- ◆ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

LEWIS

- ◆ Female
- ◆ Blue, Yellow
- ◆ Chicks
- ◆ 1965
- ◆ North
- ◆ 269
- ◆ St. Theresa of Avila

LYONS

- ◆ Female
- ◆ Black, Gold
- ◆ Lion
- ◆ 1927
- ◆ South
- ◆ 182
- ◆ All Souls'

MCGLINN

- ◆ Female
- ◆ Green, White
- ◆ Shamrocks
- ◆ 1997
- ◆ West
- ◆ 272
- ◆ St. Bridget of Kildare

MORRISSEY

- ◆ Male
- ◆ Black, Gold
- ◆ Manorites
- ◆ 1925
- ◆ South
- ◆ 202
- ◆ St. Therese of Lisieux

O'NEILL FAMILY

- ◆ Male
- ◆ Blue, Silver
- ◆ Angry Mob
- ◆ 1996
- ◆ West
- ◆ 266
- ◆ St. Joseph the Worker

PASQUERILLA EAST

- ◆ Female
- ◆ Red, Black
- ◆ Pyros
- ◆ 1981
- ◆ Mod
- ◆ 237
- ◆ St. Catherine of Siena

PASQUERILLA WEST

- ◆ Female
- ◆ Purple, White
- ◆ Purple Weasels
- ◆ 1981
- ◆ Mod
- ◆ 240
- ◆ St. Clare of Assisi

RYAN

- ◆ Female
- ◆ Turquoise, White
- ◆ Wildcats
- ◆ 2009
- ◆ West
- ◆ 254
- ◆ St. Anne

SIEGFRIED

- ◆ Male
- ◆ Maroon, Gray
- ◆ Ramblers
- ◆ 1988
- ◆ Mod
- ◆ 240
- ◆ Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom

SORIN

- ◆ Male
- ◆ Blue, Gold
- ◆ Otters
- ◆ 1888
- ◆ God
- ◆ 143
- ◆ St. Thomas Aquinas

ST. EDWARD'S

- ◆ Male
- ◆ Green, Gold
- ◆ Gentlemen
- ◆ 1882
- ◆ North
- ◆ 154
- ◆ St. Edward the Confessor

STANFORD

- ◆ Male
- ◆ Green, Gold
- ◆ Griffins
- ◆ 1957
- ◆ North
- ◆ 230
- ◆ Holy Cross

WALSH

- ◆ Female
- ◆ Navy, Light Blue
- ◆ Wild Women
- ◆ 1909
- ◆ God
- ◆ 169
- ◆ Our Lady of the Visitation

WELSH FAMILY

- ◆ Female
- ◆ Blue, White
- ◆ Whirlwinds
- ◆ 1997
- ◆ West
- ◆ 267
- ◆ St. Kateri Tekakwitha

ZAHM

- ◆ Male
- ◆ Red, Black
- ◆ Zahmbies
- ◆ 1937
- ◆ North
- ◆ 177
- ◆ St. Albert the Great

- ◆ Male/Female
- ◆ Colors

- ◆ Nickname
- ◆ Year Founded

- ◆ Quad
- ◆ Capacity

- ◆ Chapel



WHAT IS A RECTOR?

A RECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to Notre Dame!

You'll be told that many times in the coming months, but in a special way from your rector. "What's a rector?" you ask. Allow me to explain.

My name is Father Matt Kuczora, C.S.C. I'm a Holy Cross priest and the rector of Dunne Hall. Let's take that second part first: Dunne Hall is one of 30 undergraduate residence halls on campus. These residence halls are the places you'll call home as a student here. Without fail, from now on when you meet someone who goes to Notre Dame or is an alum, they'll ask you two questions: "What year did you graduate?" and then, "What hall did you live in?" The residence halls mean that much to students here. There is a rector in charge of each hall, and he or she is the one who welcomes you, guides you, and forms you into the person God is calling you to become. A rector is a University resource who connects you to all Notre Dame has to offer. Rectors are pastoral leaders in our faith communities, especially through worship in each residence hall's unique chapel, but for residents of all faith backgrounds as well. Rectors are community builders through hall sports, government, service, dances, and signature events. Finally, the rectors take care of all the logistics required to keep our buildings in top shape, and they ensure safe and welcoming environments as you study, learn, and grow here.

Now for the first part of my introduction: a Holy Cross priest. The Congregation of Holy Cross is the Catholic religious order of priests and brothers who founded Notre Dame way back in 1842 and which continues to serve here today. A defining element of our Holy Cross mission in education is "family." At Notre Dame we talk a lot about the Notre Dame Family, and that all begins in our residence halls and with our rectors—rectors who are priests, sisters, religious brothers, and lay men and women. I'll wrap up with a personal story to demonstrate what I mean.

When I came to campus as a freshman in 2001, no one in my family had ever attended Notre Dame, and I'll admit that I didn't even know the fight song. Needless to say, I was a little nervous when I arrived. Following signs through campus, I finally found my hall, and there at the door was my rector. He shook my hand and showed me around as hordes of upperclassmen rushed to help take my stuff to my room. Even during those first few days this place began to feel like home because my rector took time to get to know me, and not just me, but all the new guys in our hall. My rector remembered my name when I was still struggling to remember my own roommate's name. He came to our athletic events and service projects. He was also the one who called us in to talk when we were struggling in class, or when we'd made a poor choice. In short, he formed us and taught us just as much as what we learned in the classroom.

I distinctly remember one moment during that first weekend when all the new residents were gathered in our residence hall's chapel for a talk with our rector. He opened by saying, "Look at the person sitting next to you and these guys all around you. I guarantee you that you're sitting with the future groomsmen in your wedding, godfathers of your children, and one day even pallbearers at your funeral." Looking back now, almost 15 years after graduation, he was completely right... with the one caveat that as priest I often preside at those weddings, baptize those children, and, yes, even celebrate the funerals of members of my residence hall community. That's what we mean by family. And soon you'll be part of that family too.

In the residence halls at Notre Dame we form bonds of friendship that last a lifetime and all that is pulled together and breathed into life by our rectors. Look forward to that, and when you meet your rector and they say, "Welcome to Notre Dame," know you'll already be home.

FATHER MATT KUCZORA, C.S.C., '05, '11 M.DIV.



SIGNATURE

EVENTS

“You gotta regatta”

CHARIOT RACE, 1978.

FISHER REGATTA

“You gotta regatta” is the catchy tagline for Fisher Hall’s annual event. The regatta is a one-on-one boat racing tournament. Each hall builds a homemade ship in advance of the competition, and then nominates a crew to attempt to row it across St. Mary’s Lake in pursuit of regatta victory. Attempt is a key word—many a boat ends up at the bottom of the lake, and many a participant ends up drenched and doggy-paddling to shore. The tradition attracts more than 1,000 people annually, making it one of the largest hall events. Most attendees don’t compete and instead act as spectators while they picnic along the banks of the lake. Another notch in Fisher Hall’s belt—the regatta was named one of ESPN’s Top 100 college events.

WALSH HALL’S MR. ND PAGEANT

The ladies of Walsh host a Mr. ND Pageant, which asks contestants from each of the men’s halls to compete in a series of interviews and talent rounds in pursuit of the coveted Mr. ND title and a sash. Winners are chosen based on “personality, technical skills, and overall talent.” Broadway re-enactments, ribbon twirling, satirical songs, and acoustic performances have all been recently featured skills. Though the title of Mr. ND is chosen by the Walsh Hall rector and assistant rectors, the ladies of Walsh crown Mr. Walsh, and the audience gets to vote for a fan favorite.

LEWIS HOUSE OF PANCAKES

The Chicks of Lewis Hall host L-HOP each year, serving a late-night breakfast to the campus community. Each floor of the hall features a different breakfast item, and all proceeds are donated to a local food bank. Don’t forget your appetite.



KEENAN REVUE

Though most occasions at Notre Dame are kept pretty PC, the Keenan Revue is known for being shocking and, quite frankly, hilarious. Picture *SNL*, but with less talent. The Revue takes place each February and features skits, songs, and performances by the Knights of Keenan Hall, who have to undergo a try-out process to participate. Over its three-night stand, the Revue will draw more than 4,000 attendees, and often sells out. Get tickets if and when you can!

KEOUGH CHARIOT RACE

Continuing with the build-your-own-transportation theme, the kangaroos of Keough Hall host an annual Chariot Week, which kicks off with, you guessed it, a chariot race. All halls are invited to build a wooden chariot pushed by four people, while one rides. The male and female halls compete in separate brackets, so one of each is crowned champion.

RYAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A play on the longstanding Bookstore Basketball Tournament (we'll get to that later), Ryan Hall adds an additional challenge to this five-on-five wheelchair bracket tournament. The event was created by Ryan Hall alumna Emily Voorde '15, who has brittle bone disease and is wheelchair-bound. Voorde believed the ND community would get on board with wheelchair basketball—and it has. Because Ryan Hall was built to be especially accommodating and accessible to students with disabilities, a wheelchair basketball tournament is in keeping with its mission. Proceeds from this wheely popular event, which now features more than 70 teams annually, go to Whirlwind Wheelchair International, a nonprofit that builds sustainable wheelchairs for those in the developing world.

CARROLL CHRISTMAS

Is there anything more holly and jolly than a guy from your calculus class dressed as Santa Claus? Carroll Christmas features the lighting of a giant, outdoor Christmas tree, performances by a cappella groups, photos with Santa, and Christmas cookies aplenty. Held on the first Friday of December, Carroll Christmas is a merry start to the holiday season before the rush of finals.

RESIDENCE HALL

HALL OF THE YEAR: Each year, one hall is granted the prestigious Hall of the Year award by the Hall Presidents Council, a board composed of all the hall presidents and select former presidents. The award is given to the hall that best exemplifies the ideals of ND residential life, is inclusive of all individuals, and is grounded in the Catholic character of the University. Perhaps more coveted than the moniker is the prize, the Dome Dance, a formal event permitted to take place in the rotunda of the Main Building.

INTERHALL SPORTS: Whether you were a varsity high school athlete or you just want to get involved, interhall sports boast options for everyone. Compete on

INS AND OUTS

behalf of your hall in sports like tennis, volleyball, lacrosse, golf, and cross country, in addition to some unexpected offerings like dodgeball, table tennis, and bowling. As a bonus, the championships for interhall football are held in Notre Dame Stadium.

HALL DANCES: Hall dances are a staple of the Notre Dame student experience. They were once affectionately known as SYRs—"screw your roommate," or, more kindly, "set up your roommate"—because roommates traditionally selected one another's dates for the evening. Dances are often themed and costumed, ranging from disco to pirates to luau.



HALL MASS: Typically held in the evening, hall Mass is not only a great time for prayer and reflection, but it is also a welcome study break and community builder for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Some students try to attend Mass in every hall before graduation, while others remain loyal to their home chapel. Many halls also offer special weekday Masses that conclude with snacks and socializing, like Dillon's Thursday Milkshake Mass, which was established in 1997, or more recent favorites like Cavanaugh's Monday Crepe Mass or Duncan's Donut Mass on Tuesdays.



NOTRE
FOOTBALL
DAME



12,000

**PEOPLE VISIT
CAMPUS ON AN
AVERAGE DAY**

vs.

120,000

**PEOPLE VISIT
CAMPUS ON
A FOOTBALL
WEEKEND**

Notre Dame is almost synonymous with college football. Now, our best product is not a show on the gridiron. It's our students, our academics, and our research, but football does add to the flavor of campus. And it's allowed for great progress in those other areas.

In fact, Notre Dame may have remained a regional Catholic institution if not for the entrepreneurial Knute Rockne, who took his football team around the nation to play schools from coast to coast. During this athletic tour, the spirit of the Fighting Irish caught fire. Folks ditched their hometown teams to follow a small Catholic squad in Indiana. Then their children attended the University. Then the children of those children attended. The student body grew. The

academic bar was raised. All of this, in part, because a coach took his team on the road.

Our team continues to play schools from all over the nation. We have annual clashes with Stanford and the University of Southern California. We take on a series of teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference. And our series with Navy is the longest uninterrupted intersectional rivalry and the second-longest never-interrupted series in college football.

Football also transforms campus. On an average day, 12,000 folks stroll Notre Dame's campus. On a football weekend that number balloons to well over 120,000. The dining halls are full of alumni. The parking lots fill with

flags and grills. The quads are meandered and strolled by awe-struck visitors. Campus is alive on those autumnal Saturday mornings.

Even if athletics aren't your cup of tea, the experience of a Notre Dame game, especially in the rowdy student section, is incomparable. Throw on "The Shirt," learn a cheer or two, and prepare to shout yourself hoarse. Knowledge of the rules of football is not needed.

Win or lose, the student section links arms, waits for the team, and then, together, you will sing the Alma Mater. In those moments of thanksgiving, of unity, of community, you remember why you selected Notre Dame.



A FULL

WEEKEND

FRIDAY

NOTRE DAME VS. CARNEGIE TECH PEP RALLY IN THE FIELDHOUSE, 1930.

Thanks to the fine folks at Game Day Operations, a website (gameday.nd.edu) shares all the events on campus during a football weekend. Below are just a few suggestions from those of us at the Alumni Association.

While campus visitors spend Friday afternoon touring the Guglielmino Complex and

running down the stadium tunnel, you'll be in class, so for students, home football weekends kick off at the Pep Rally (6:00 p.m.).

Most residence halls host a "walk-over," which means students grab all their hall gear, dress up, play music, chant, and dance as they walk to the pep rally in a

group. Once there, the halls jockey for good views and chant over one another. The rally itself often features the Leprechaun, football players, coaches, student leaders, or alumni.

The rest of Friday evening is yours until Midnight Drummer Circle. The drumline from the Band of the Fighting Irish

will stand on God Quad at midnight to play cheers and cadences rallying the student body.

You probably won't heed our advice, but we recommend a good night's sleep on Friday. The real run begins the next morning.





NOTRE DAME MARCHING
BAND, STEPS OF BOND
HALL, FALL 1953.

SATURDAY

Saturday can begin as early as you'd like. A brisk run is a great way to watch campus start to rev its engine, or you can battle nostalgic alumni over use of the monogrammed waffle iron in the dining hall.

From there, head to the lawn outside Bond Hall to watch a pre-game concert by the Notre Dame Marching Band.

Follow them to Main Building and on to the stadium.

Don't forget lunch. The quads are covered in concession stands hosted by residence halls and student groups looking to raise a little money. The most popular is the Knights of Columbus tent, which serves up sought-after steak sandwiches.

The tailgating lots are worth spinning through. Fans of both teams set up an impressive display of cars, flags, grills, snacks, televisions, and more. It's there that you can best feel the fervor of fandom and anticipation of the game.

Get to the game early to secure a good seat. The sections are designated by

year in school—the seniors get the 50-yard line position, while freshmen sit near the corner of the end zone—but within your section, seats are first-come, first-served.

After the game, head to the dining halls to enjoy a traditional candlelight dinner.

**START PRACTICING TODAY,
AND YOU'LL FIT RIGHT IN
WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN THE
STUDENT SECTION.**



TOUCHDOWN PUSHUPS

The number of Irish points on the scoreboard dictates the number of Irish pushups. To perform an Irish pushup, a group of friends will hoist one person who is lying on their stomach into the air. They will lift them as many times as there are Irish points on the board. *Pro tip: Save your smaller friends for later in the game.*

CHEERS

GO IRISH

In a call-and-answer fashion, the men will yell "Go Irish," which the women will echo in a shortened form. The men will yell, "Beat _____," filling in the blank with the opponent's mascot. The cheer will repeat several times.

Example:

M: "Gooooooooo Irish!"

F: "Go Irish!"

M: "Beeeeeeeeeat Wolverines!"

F: "Beat Wolverines!"

THE RAKES

OF MALLOW

Put your arms around each other and do the jig.



PRE-

KICKOFF

Pointer finger extended, swing hand in a circle above your head while shouting "Goooooooooooo" and, upon kick, yell, "Irish!"



CELTIC

CHANT

With fists, put both elbows at a right angle. With the beat of the music, alternate punching the sky like the Fighting Leprechaun.



1812 OVERTURE

Make a "K" for Head Coach Brian Kelly and hinge at elbows with beat of music.



DEFENSIVE

SPECTACULAR

PLAY

Point to the beat of the drums.



DEFENSIVE

KEY PLAY

Jangle keys to make noise.



FIRST DOWN

Open hand, chop like an axe by hinging at elbow with beat of drums.





JIM CROWLEY

TO GO, ROCK, IT'S ALL RIGHT,
NOT AFRAID, SOMETIME, ROCK,
WHEN THE TEAM'S UP AGAINST IT,
WHEN THINGS ARE WRONG AND THE
BREAKS ARE BEATING THE BOYS...
TELL THEM TO GO IN THERE WITH ALL
THEY'VE GOT AND WIN JUST ONE FOR
THE GIPPER. I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'LL
BE THEN, ROCK, BUT I'LL KNOW ABOUT
IT AND I'LL BE HAPPY."

KNUTE ROCKNE

A legendary Notre Dame player and coach who holds the all-time highest winning percentage (.881) in the NCAA FBS. He died in a tragic plane accident before beginning his 14th year as coach.



KNUTE ROCKNE
HEAD COACH
1918 — 1930
105 WINS, 12 LOSSES, 5 TIES
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: 1924, 1929, 1930

ND FOOTBALL

LINGO

THE FOUR HORSEMEN

The backfield of the 1924 national champion team: Harry Stuhldreher, Don Miller, Jim Crowley, and Elmer Layden.

THE GIPPER

George Gipp was a star halfback for ND who died from a streptococcal throat infection while a student. But his name didn't become Notre Dame legend until years after his death. After a brutal first half against the Army Black Knights in 1928, Coach Rockne told the team the story of how Gipp, on his deathbed, asked Rockne to have a team "win one

for the Gipper" someday. The team rallied to win 12-6.

His ghost is now said to haunt Washington Hall.

LEGENDARY COACHES

Rockne isn't the only famed coach to have paced Notre Dame's sideline. Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine, and Lou Holtz all guided the Fighting Irish to national championships. A statue of each legend stands at the entrance to the Notre Dame Stadium gate named in his honor.

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

While the origins of this slogan are a mystery, it gained popularity in 1986 when Lou Holtz had a yellow “Play Like a Champion Today” sign made for the Notre Dame locker room. It now hangs in the stairwell between the locker room and the tunnel to the field. Tradition dictates players are to slap the sign on their way to play.

Holtz says, “I told my players, ‘Every time you hit this sign, I want you to remember all the great people that played here before you, all the sacrifices that your teammates have made for you, all the people, your coaches, your parents, who are responsible for you being here.’”

SHAMROCK SERIES

An annual game in which the Irish are the home team, but the game is played at a neutral site. Past games have been played at Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park, Alamodome, Soldier Field, and Lucas Oil Stadium.

RUDY

The film Rudy is based on the life of Daniel “Rudy” Ruettiger ’76. The plot revolves around Rudy’s lifelong dream to play for the Fighting Irish despite being undersized and barely eligible to attend the University. It’s perhaps beloved by Irish fans because it’s a story of an underdog with perseverance who, spoiler, achieves his dream, all of which mirror the growth and success of the University.

OFFICER TIM MCCARTHY

What began as a traffic safety reminder during home games has become an anticipated part of the Notre Dame Stadium experience. During a huddle or timeout, the state police sergeant would come over the loudspeaker with his customary, “May I have your attention please...” He would include a note about the importance of driving with care and caution, and of staying sober. To conclude, he’d say a pun like “Following too close is not the way to make ends meet,” or “Driving half lit is not very bright,” which would elicit groans, boos, and laughter from the crowd. Until his retirement in 2015 after 55 years of home games, the state police sergeant would come over the loudspeaker, but the stadium continues to play one of his recordings each weekend.

ND FOOTBALL

AT A

GLANCE

1887

First season

Notre Dame
Leprechaun

Mascot

Blue and gold
Colors

11

National Titles

Angelo Bertelli (1943)
Johnny Lujack (1947)
Leon Hart (1949)
Johnny Lattner (1953)
Paul Hornung (1956)
John Huarte (1964)
Tim Brown (1987)

7 Heisman Winners

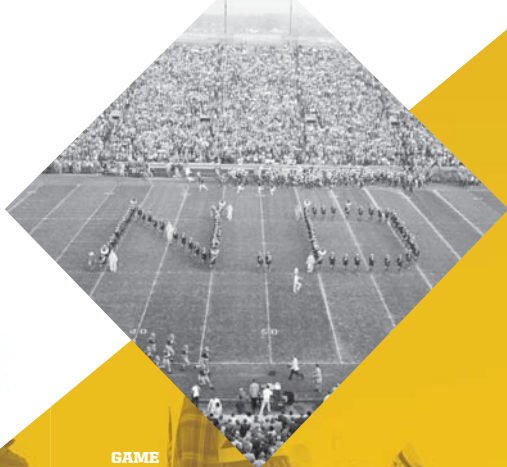
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**Consensus
All-Americans**

Independent, but
play 5 ACC games
each season

Conference

Notre Dame Stadium
Stadium



GAME DAY-THE MARCHING BAND FORMATION OF "ND" ON THE FIELD, 1956



THE LEPRECHAUN

Unbeknownst to even the most-true Irish fans, the Leprechaun has only been the school mascot since 1965. Before then, a number of Irish terriers, repeatedly named Clashmore Mike, represented the school. The Leprechaun, a nod to Irish folklore, is feisty, quick, and always ready for battle.

The Notre Dame Leprechaun is part of the cheerleading program, and thus the ability to enhance school spirit and energize fans is key. Though tumbling skills are not essential, the Leprechaun is expected to perform in some manner alongside the cheerleaders at most sporting events, pep rallies, and University functions.

THE IRISH GUARD

Since 1949, the Irish Guard has led the Band of the Fighting Irish into performance. Clad in traditional Scottish kilts made of Notre Dame tartan, the guards are meant to be intimidating and poised, all while marching in time.

At least one prior year of band service is required, and selection is based on leadership, service, and spirit.

THE BAND OF THE FIGHTING IRISH

Founded in 1846, the Notre Dame Band is the oldest collegiate band in continuous existence in the United States. The Band of the Fighting Irish, the marching band, has performed at every home game since the very first one against Michigan in 1887. Made up of 380 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and Holy Cross College, the band performs at all home games and also travels to many away games. It performs around campus on home football weekends at the pep rally, inside the Dome, at Bond Hall, and even in the dining halls.

Auditions for the band are held prior to Welcome Weekend each summer. If accepted, students can expect a daily commitment of 60-90 minutes.

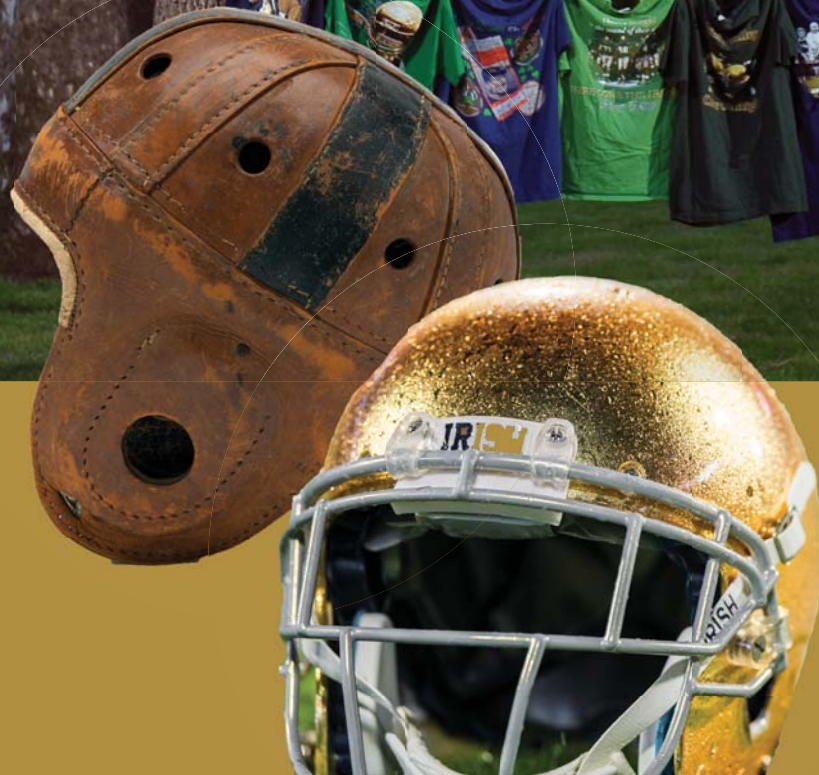


THE SHIRT

On game day, the northwest corner of Notre Dame Stadium becomes an intimidating sea of matching students thanks to The Shirt.

Back in the spring of 1990, senior Brennan Harvath created a shirt to raise money for AnTostal and to unify the look of the student body for the fall's home-opener against Michigan. He quickly sold 9,000 shirts and raised \$17,000. The success began an annual tradition of students designing a shirt for each football season. Today, proceeds from the sale of The Shirt support Notre Dame students with financial hardships, helping them pay for textbooks, football tickets, and extraordinary medical expenses.

The color and design of The Shirt changes every year and is decided on by a student committee. The final product remains shrouded in secrecy until its annual April reveal. Sales now often exceed 150,000 shirts. The Shirt is available for purchase at the Bookstore, the Varsity shops, or online.



GOLD HELMETS

Yes, it's true. The football helmets are painted with actual, 23.9-karat gold flakes. That gold was collected from the Golden Dome when it was regilded in 2007. The student managers of the football team used to paint the helmets with a diluted gold paint each week, but now a company makes the helmets and the managers do maintenance and upkeep.



FIGHTING

IRISH

Varsity Sports

- Baseball **M**
- Football **M**
- Lacrosse **M W**
- Rowing **W**
- Tennis **M W**
- Basketball **M W**
- Golf **M W**
- Soccer **M W**
- Track & Field **M W**
- Cross Country **M W**
- Hockey **M**
- Fencing **M W**
- Softball **W**
- Volleyball **W**
- Swimming & Diving **M W**

M Men's **W** Women's

Though football perhaps garners the most national notoriety, Fighting Irish Athletics boasts many accomplished teams.

Take **women's basketball**—longtime coach Muffet McGraw and her team have taken home two national championships, in addition to eight Final Four appearances, since her start in 1987.

The **fencing program** has also proven a powerhouse with 10 national titles—two of which were back-to-back

in 2017 and 2018. Several fencers have also gone on to the Olympic team, including an impressive five ND representatives on the 2016 team in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The long South Bend winters have served our **men's hockey** team well—it boasts five conference championships, nine NCAA tournament appearances, and three NCAA Frozen Four appearances, in addition to 31 NHL players. Home games at the Compton Ice Arena are well

attended and feature a rowdy student section and lively band.

One of only three colleges with multiple national championships in **women's soccer**, Notre Dame has won three times, has been to the title game eight times, and holds a string of conference titles.

Students flock to **men's basketball** games to cheer on the Irish at Purcell Pavilion. Head Coach Mike Brey, the all-time wins leader in program history, has



recently led the team to back-to-back Elite Eight appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Head to the student section to join in on the fun of getting under the opposing team's skin and celebrating an Irish win.

Wins aside, Notre Dame boasts one of the **highest numbers of Academic All-Americans** in the nation, quite a feat considering the academic caliber to which our athletes are held. Fighting Irish athletes also consistently rank highest in the nation in NCAA Graduation Success Rates, with figures close to 100 percent.

Though not athletes per se, the **Leprechaun Legion** brings as much intensity and spirit to the game as the players themselves. This rowdy group of Notre Dame students turns out in huge numbers to cheer on their classmates at men's and women's basketball games, hockey games, and more.

Women's Basketball

2
National championships

8
Final Four appearances

10
National titles

Men's Hockey

5
Conference championships

9
NCAA tournament appearances

3
NCAA Frozen Four appearances

31
NHL players

Women's Soccer

3
National Championships





FOREVER TRADITIONS IRISH

A STUDENT PRAYING
AT THE GROTTO AT
NIGHT, C1950S.

“HOWEVER YOU MEASURE IT, WE HERE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE SOMETHING MORE, NOT IN A TRIUMPHANT SPIRIT OF BEING SUPERIOR, BUT WITH THE HUMBLE REALIZATION THAT WE MUST BE OURSELVES AT NOTRE DAME, IN KEEPING WITH OUR TRADITION, AND THAT, HOPEFULLY, BEING OURSELVES WILL MEAN THAT WE MAY ADD SOMETHING TO THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF WHAT WE MOST CHERISH: THE GREAT ENDEAVOR OF THE HIGHER LEARNING IN OUR BELOVED AMERICA AND IN OUR TOTAL WORLD.”

REV. THEODORE HESBURGH, C.S.C.

They say a tradition is something you do more than once—but at Notre Dame we take tradition more seriously. Some of our traditions are more recent, yes, like the Bald and the Beautiful, a campus-wide head shaving and hair donation event to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. But others have been repeated by generations of Notre Dame students over decades and decades.

Some traditions, like refusing to walk up the steps of Main

Building, or rubbing the nose of the Rock’s Knute Rockne statue, are associated with luck. Others, like kissing under the Lyons Hall arch, are said to bring love. While others, like running through the Clarke Memorial Fountain or Christmas caroling with the Undertones, are just plain fun.

Tradition, we claim, is woven into the very fabric of Notre Dame. Perhaps that’s a result of the Catholic faith, a religion steeped in traditions, rites, and rituals. Perhaps it’s the many children

of alumni who pick up where their parents left off. Or perhaps the tales and lore students are told ignite a thirst within them to be a part of the place and all that it is and was.

Whatever it is, here at Notre Dame, tradition never graduates. No matter how long you’re away, the ideals and rituals from this place will forever maintain a special form of nostalgia.



“ZEAL IS THE GREAT DESIRE TO MAKE GOD KNOWN, LOVED, AND SERVED, AND THUS SAVE SOULS. ACTIVITY FLOWS FROM THIS VIRTUE.”

BLESSED BASIL MOREAU, C.S.C.

SERVICE

OFFERINGS

The Congregation of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Moreau said, “Zeal is the great desire to make God known, loved, and served, and thus save souls. Activity flows from this virtue.” That activity, as we now define it, is service, and students at Notre Dame are taught they have a responsibility to serve their fellow man.

As undergraduates, 80 percent of students will participate in some type of service activity, many through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC). The CSC can connect you with more than 60 local agencies with whom you can partner to serve the South Bend community. These partners range from the homeless centers to hospice

care to halfway homes for the recently incarcerated. Whatever need you believe you can fill, the CSC will help you find a match.

Perhaps you’d like to devote your summer to service—the CSC can also help with that. Through the Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP), you can receive three credits in theology for completing an eight-week service immersion either stateside or at locations around the world.

Or, for a week-long service trip, look into the popular Appalachia seminars and immersions that take place over fall and spring breaks.



RETREATS &

PILGRIMAGES

Rooted in the Congregation of Holy Cross and its charism to educate in the faith, Notre Dame boasts an Office of Campus Ministry with a litany of opportunities for Catholics and non-Catholics alike to educate the mind and heart. Retreats are a popular activity for those seeking to submerge in a day or weekend of introspection, prayer, and community. While some of the more than 30 retreats venture off campus, others use the Sacred Heart Parish Center, just across St. Joseph's Lake and within sight of the Dome. There are several options for freshmen including a Latino retreat, an African-American retreat, and an Asian retreat.

If you're looking for a lengthier opportunity to explore your faith or to walk in the footsteps of some of the Church's most faithful, Campus Ministry's pilgrimage offerings are outstanding. Recent trips have included Le Mans, France; Rome, Italy; San Salvador, El Salvador; and New Orleans.





STUDY

ABROAD

Since Notre Dame launched its first study abroad program to Innsbruck, Austria, in 1964, undergraduates have flocked to opportunities to see the world, experience new cultures, and expand their understanding of the globe. Today, Notre Dame International offers 48 semester and academic-year programs and 19 summer programs across 26 countries. With its vast offerings, Notre Dame is ranked number three in the nation for percentage of undergraduates who study abroad thanks to a whopping 75.2 percent.



THE

GROTTO

One of the most iconic locations on Notre Dame's campus, the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes serves as a destination for prayer and reflection for students, alumni, and visitors to the University. Under the watchful eye of Our Lady, patrons may light a candle, kneel for a prayer, or sit in the peace of a quiet corner of campus. Outdoor Masses are occasionally celebrated here, and the Rosary is said each evening.

Notre Dame's Grotto is actually a one-seventh model of the original Grotto in Lourdes, France. There, the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette 18 times and revealed to her a spring. That spring is said to have healing powers and is now a pilgrimage destination, one which Father Sorin visited in 1876. He decided Notre Dame, a University devoted to Our Lady, needed a Grotto as well. But the Grotto as we now know it wasn't built until 1896, years after Sorin's death.

In the shrine, just below the statue of Mary, you'll find a stone from the original French Grotto.

BENGAL BOUTS

A boxing tournament may seem like an ill-fitted event for a group of intellectual, polished Notre Dame students, but the event has been a campus staple since 1931. The bouts raise money to support the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, particularly in 13 remote, rural parishes. In these villages, funds have helped build schools and clinics. They've provided education for impoverished men and women, and they've bolstered the Church, which serves as a beacon of hope for the marginalized residents.

BARAKA BOUTS

These days the annual check tops \$100,000. Legendary boxing coach Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano coined the motto for the tournament, "Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished."

To compete, around 200 young men, many with no prior experience, begin training and conditioning weeks in advance of the tournament. By the time they enter the ring, they're prepared to fight for something greater than themselves. With upwards of 10 weight classes, there

are fair opportunities for men of all shapes and sizes to spar. After a month of fights, a victor of each class is crowned.

The women at Notre Dame are also quick to jump in the ring. The Women's Boxing Club was founded in 1997, and in 2002, they took a cue from the men and began raising money for the Holy Cross Missions, but in East Africa. Their commitment to service and athletics has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars thus far.



Tally-Ho!
Not Over
the Hills to
Grandmaw's
House



But just a group of gay young blades on their way to 'The Scholastic's' Boxing Show. Proceeds to the Bengal Missions.

Eight stirring battles for the Notre Dame championships, under the direction of Billy Magarell, sectional winner of the Golden Gloves trophy last year. You can't afford to miss

The Scholastic's Boxing Show

February 12th
In the Gym

Tickets on Sale
25 and 50 cents

CORBY	vs.	SORIN
	Corby's trainers and coaches grin menacingly in the left-hand photo as they prepare John Perrone for his epic fight with Sorin's stalwart, Benoit Heitz.	
"But not so fast," say Sorin coaches, pictured at the right. "We have a few tricks up our sleeves." Tally-ho, again!		

FEMALE STUDENTS
IN MUD CHASING
A PIG, CIRCA
1970S-1980S.



ANTOSTAL

Irish for "the festival," AnTostal is an annual shindig modeled after 1950s Irish celebrations of spring and Irish culture. Hosted at ND the week before finals, the week-long celebration starts each morning with doughnuts, coffee, and bagels from local businesses, while movies on the quad end the day. In between, events ranging from cornhole to music festivals to Bookstore Basketball games to wing eating competitions keep things lively. Notorious events like the Fisher Regatta and Keenan Muddy Sunday often provide a rip-roaring conclusion to the revelry.



**FOOTBALL COACH
LOU HOLTZ AND
FOOTBALL PLAYER
TIM BROWN ON AN
OUTDOOR COURT,
APRIL 1987.**

JPW

A highly anticipated event for third-year students, Junior Parents Weekend offers an opportunity for parents to come experience Notre Dame and to celebrate their child's achievements thus far. The signature events are a formal Opening Gala, a Mass, President's Dinner, and a Sunday brunch, but the weekend also features academic open houses, events in the residence halls, and campus tours, to paint a full picture of life at ND.

For underclassmen, JPW provides an opportunity to make some spending money. Notre Dame's catering department often seeks students to help serve dinners and brunch.

BOOKSTORE

BASKETBALL

What began in 1972 as a small five-on-five basketball tournament has quickly ballooned into the largest five-on-five outdoor basketball tournament in the world, featuring more than 700 teams. Because the single-elimination bracket is open to students, faculty, and staff from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and Holy Cross College, there's quite a range of athletic ability. Some teams participate purely for fun—perhaps choosing a funny moniker or costume—while others are in it to win it.

Since 1995, Bookstore Basketball has partnered with Jumpball Basketball Programme to serve youth in Jamaica and, more recently, Haiti. The program uses basketball as a way to teach values like teamwork, camaraderie, self-esteem, and sportsmanship through a week-long summer camp at no cost.

PAST TEAM NAMES INCLUDE:

Hoops I Did It Again

Weapons of Mass Seduction

All the President's Men (led by then-president Monk Malloy)

Dulocked and Loaded

We Pass Like Healthcare Reform

Irish We Were in Shape

ACADEMIC

EXCELLENCE

We would be remiss not to include Notre Dame's tradition of academic excellence. We boast a top-rated undergraduate business school and one of the highest graduation rates in the nation, and are consistently ranked in the top 20 institutions of higher learning in America. Our faculty are world-renowned.

As for our students, they have ever-rising test scores and AP credits, but they are also innately curious, eager to explore, and committed to learning and questioning. Our Core Curriculum ensures that

you don't just learn facts and figures, but instead develop a lifelong commitment to wisdom, truth, and service.

As alumni, we can attest the skills and inquisitiveness from this type of learning have shaped our careers, our lives, and our callings. We wish the same for you.

ROTC 24-HOUR VIGILS

Each Veterans Day, the cadets and midshipmen from all branches of Notre Dame's ROTC programs hold a 24-hour vigil at the Clarke Memorial Fountain in honor of U.S. veterans. In rotating shifts, they guard all four sides of the fountain overnight.



OFF-KILTER TRADITIONS

While some ND traditions are steeped in spiritual meaning or historic significance, others are...well, not. We're not quite sure how rubbing the Rockne statue's nose got started, but it's caught on to the point that the bronze has worn off.

Or why do the men in Zahm Hall insist on guests kissing their stuffed moose? Why do they even have a stuffed moose? Badin also has a frog to kiss.

There's the fervid popularity of broomball—a sport akin to ice hockey,

but played in sneakers and with an inflatable ball instead of a puck. It's utterly ridiculous, but also full of pure joy. It's impossible not to laugh maniacally as you slip and slide across the ice.

We're not sure eating hot dogs is a tradition, but the LaFortune Student Center's Huddle Mart has been offering "quarter dogs" for more than 20 years. This special is a draw for bookworms and Grotto visitors who want an inexpensive midnight snack.



CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATIONS



Disneyland may be the Happiest Place on Earth, but Notre Dame must be one of the merriest at Christmas. From the nearly two-story Christmas tree in Main Building, to the Basilica's nativity, tidings of the season are apparent at every end of campus. There's also quite a rivalry of wreaths. O'Neill hangs an oversized O while neighbor McGlinn strings up a unique shamrock wreath.

Carroll Hall hosts a Carroll Christmas, and Morrissey Manor hosts an annual Christmas dance.

Nearly all the bands, choirs, and orchestras host a holiday performance, and the Undertones, the all-male a cappella ensemble, are known for caroling from women's hall to women's hall. Even the dining halls get in on the holiday spirit—they host an upscale Christmas feast that includes all the trimmings. Despite the stress of finals, campus somehow remains merry and bright.



**AND OUR
COMMENCEMENT
HEARTS
FOREVER**

One minute you're a freshman lofting your bed, meeting your roommate, unpacking suitcases, waving goodbye to your parents, finding your first class, attending your first dance, your first football game, your first final. You'll sleep too little, have too much fun, study too hard for a test that wasn't that hard, and allot not quite enough time to write that midterm paper. You'll join a club, or two, or three. You'll meet lifelong friends, and perhaps even a lifelong love. You'll pray and run and swim and study and grow and intern.

Then, suddenly, it's over.

With no exaggeration, commencement does sneak up that quickly. Four years, or five, if you're an architecture student, truly fly when you're having fun.

But Senior Week and Commencement allow you a long inhalation—a few final precious moments to savor. They give you a chance to look around at the people around you, the ones who supported and encouraged you, the ones who picked you up, and the ones who faded away. They all formed you.

So did this place. Whether it was quiet moments spent at the Grotto in prayer, or midnight pizzas with roommates at Reckers, or the perfect study nook in the library, or the table in the dining hall where you'd always find friends dawdling, these influential places likely dot campus. Each place and little experience taught you about who you were, who you are, and who you can become.

During Senior Week, we encourage you to celebrate those people, visit those places, and take a moment to appreciate

all that got you here, to graduation day. It is in this sense a farewell. No matter how often you come back, or even if you stay, the place changes. The magic is most tangible for undergraduates, so enjoy it a bit longer.

As you say goodbye, remember we do call graduation "commencement." That's not by accident. While you are leaving this home and this life, great things await beyond the Dome. Life starts anew once you move that tassel, but you take Notre Dame with you.

We alumni see the lessons we learned at Notre Dame manifest in everything we do—from our professional ambitions to our family lives. Seeds were sown during our time on campus that bloomed many years later to our surprise and joy.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves. First, enjoy this week. Be present with each person and in each moment. Be grateful and joyful. When you've packed up and shipped out, we'll be waiting on the other side.

SENIOR

WEEK

After the underclassmen finish finals and move out, the senior class has a full week, sans academics, of free rein to enjoy campus before accepting their diplomas.

By day, students are largely free to relax or reminisce. By night, class-sponsored events offer a range of opportunities to celebrate the end of college. Though each class can choose its own events, popular options include:



COMMENCEMENT BALL

This formal gala allows graduating seniors to celebrate their time together in style.

CUBS GAME

Buses shuttle students from South Bend to Chicago for a chance to enjoy an American classic.



SENIOR CLASS MEDALLION

The Alumni Association produces a bronze medallion keychain for each member of the graduating class. The medallion contains an image of the Golden Dome and indicates your class year. It allows you to carry Our Lady with you no matter how far you travel from campus.

DOMERFEST 2.0

In case the first Domerfest wasn't enough, the senior class will throw in a second one to bookend your undergraduate experience.





LAST TRIP TO THE GROTTO

Throughout your four-year undergraduate experience, time and time again you will find yourself at the Grotto. Some days, it may be a place to pray. Others, a place to grieve. Yet others, a place to celebrate and offer thanks. Occasionally the Grotto may just offer a peaceful place to think or meditate or talk. It always seems to adapt to what you need in any given moment.

As your time at Notre Dame comes to a close, the Grotto becomes a fitting place to say goodbye, which is why the senior

class hosts a Mass and last trip to the Grotto. There, basking in candlelight, will you reflect on memories and building nostalgia. You will think back on your four years in amazement and gratitude and relief.

Then you will look around. You will stand surrounded by the people who accompanied you along the journey. They took exams with you. They cheered with you in the stadium. They offered the sign of peace. They watched you take a

second helping of fro-yo without judging you. They picked you up, pushed you to succeed, and inspired you to be more. This is your goodbye to them.

Sure, there are still events to attend, a diploma to accept, but in the quiet and respite of the Grotto, this is where your heart says farewell.



CLASS RINGS

The design of the Notre Dame Class Ring has not changed since it was first offered in 1931. On one side is the Dome and a monogram, while on the other is the seal of the University, which was also designed in 1931. It features a cross, for the Congregation of Holy Cross; an open book, symbolizing education; waves, symbolizing the shores of St. Mary's Lake;

a star, for the Virgin Mother; and the words "Vita, Dulcedo, Spes," which mean "Our life, our sweetness, and our hope" and are from the prayer "Hail Holy Queen." The ring also includes small shamrocks, a nod to the Fighting Irish. Though the traditional ring is yellow gold with a round, blue stone, other metal, stone, and shape options are available. Class rings are

made available only for juniors, seniors, alumni, and graduate students who have completed more than 50 percent of their studies.

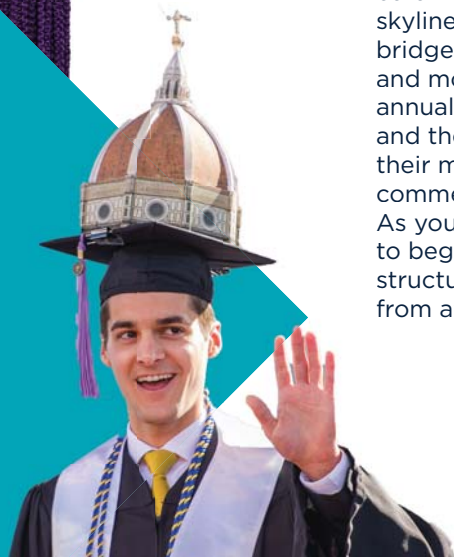
Though not a required purchase, alumni often identify each other in the workplace, on the subway, or at a restaurant based on the iconic ring.



TASSELS

While undergraduate robes are a simple black, commencement tassels for the cap indicate each student's field of study.

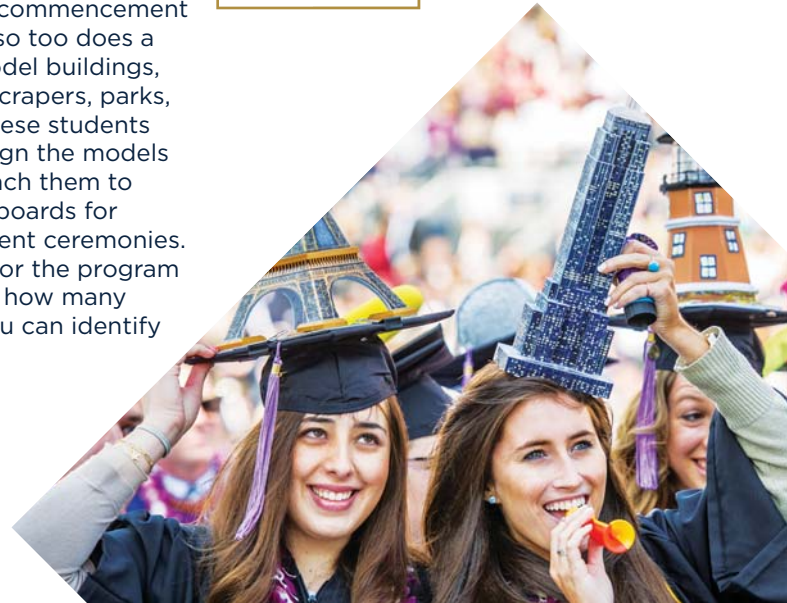
- Scarlet: Theology and Sacred Music Masters**
- Light Blue: Education (ACE)**
- White: Arts & Letters**
- Lilac: Architecture**
- Brown: Fine Arts Masters**
- Golden Yellow: Science**
- Orange: Engineering**
- Drab: Business**
- Purple: Law**



ARCHITECTURE

As the architecture graduates process into commencement ceremonies, so too does a skyline of model buildings, bridges, skyscrapers, parks, and more. These students annually design the models and then attach them to their mortar boards for commencement ceremonies. As you wait for the program to begin, see how many structures you can identify from afar.

CAPS



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Because Notre Dame draws students from all over the globe, from all walks of life, so too does it invite diverse commencement speakers. The keynote addresses have been delivered by CEOs and senators, priests and professional athletes. Some notable highlights include:

President George W. Bush
President George H.W. Bush
President Jimmy Carter
President Barack Obama
President Ronald Reagan
Kofi Annan, Secretary General to the UN
Cardinal Timothy Dolan
Jose Napoleon Duarte, President of El Salvador
Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense
J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director
Dr. William J. Mayo, co-founder of the Mayo Clinic
Mary McAleese, President of Ireland
Alan Page, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice, Minnesota Viking football player
Vice President Mike Pence
Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State
Tim Russert, Journalist
General William Tecumseh Sherman, Union commander in the Civil War
R. Sargent Shriver, director of the Peace Corps
Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

STEPS OF THE MAIN BUILDING

After four years of avoiding the central staircase, a flood of graduates rush for a picture there in the moments and hours after commencement. Silly as it may seem, ascending the staircase is a rite of passage. Historically, it symbolized a student being finally worthy of smoking on the steps with their professors. Not much smoking occurs there nowadays, but pictures with a graduation cap are a graduation necessity.

COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES ON MAIN
QUAD IN FRONT OF
MAIN BUILDING,
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As you tearfully wave farewell to life as a Notre Dame undergraduate, let us assure you, the Notre Dame experience doesn't end here. We at the Alumni Association make it our business to ensure you can remain ever connected, ever loyal, and ever welcome to Our Lady's University.

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CLUBS

One of the best ways to keep in touch with a bustling Notre Dame community is through your local club. Don't worry—we'll help you find the one closest to you. As an extension of the University, these clubs—more than 270 of them around the globe—aim for excellence in camaraderie, Catholic and Christian spirituality, communications, community service, continuing education, and connecting with current students. While each club has a unique way of touching these themes—ranging from Habitat for Humanity builds, to faculty lectures, to game watches—the purpose of bringing the Notre Dame family together remains uniform.

Every club does host a “Universal Notre Dame Celebration” annually. This flagship Alumni Association event provides an opportunity for clubs to celebrate their accomplishments, reconnect with the University, and host an impressive keynote speaker from the administration or faculty.

IRISHCOMPASS

Finding the right career path can be scary, but the Notre Dame family will help you every step of the way. IrishCompass, the University's official online community for professional connections, allows students and alumni alike to tap into the Notre Dame network. You can find a mentor in your chosen field, participate in industry discussion groups, and search the private job board available exclusively to Notre Dame alumni.

FAITHND

Taking part in the rich spiritual life on campus is a key part of the ND student experience, but it doesn't have to end with graduation. FaithND, the Alumni Association's online spirituality community, allows you to live your faith each day. Sign up for the Daily Gospel Reflection to receive a daily morning email containing the day's Gospel reading and a short reflection written by a member of the ND family.

YOUNG

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BOARD

You can give back to Notre Dame and your fellow grads by serving on the Alumni Association's Young Alumni Board. As a member of this 16-person board, you can shape Alumni Association programming for your generation and communicate the desires and opinions of your fellow young alums to the University. The Alumni Association also has boards representing women, seniors, and diverse alumni.

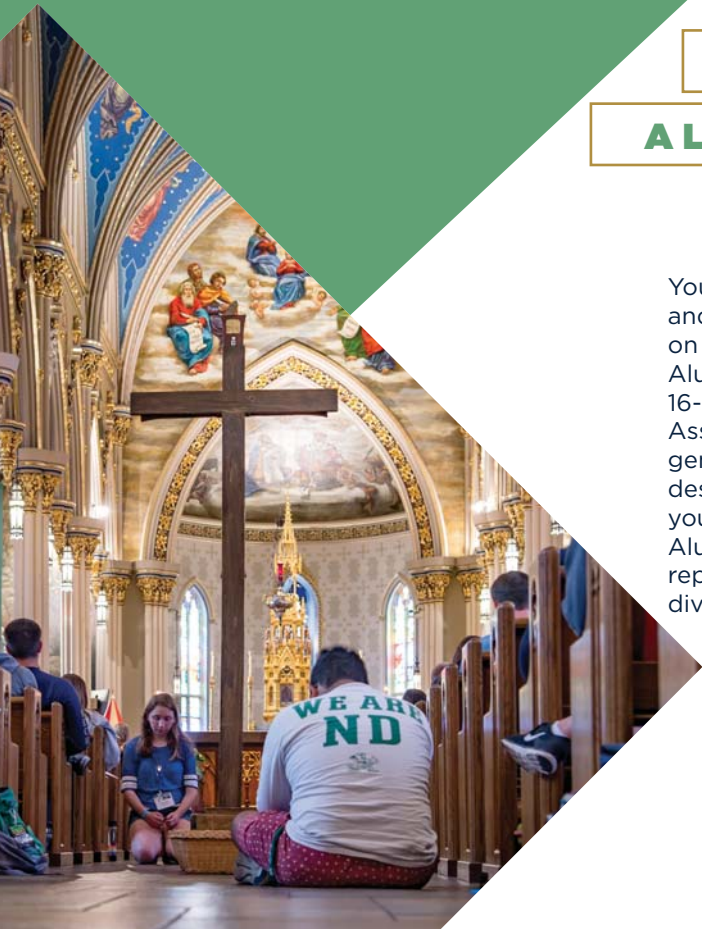
REUNION

It's the most wonderful time of our year here at the Alumni Association. Every summer we welcome back alumni celebrating their fifth, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th (you get the idea) anniversaries of graduation. Attendees are treated to an ND experience complete with campus tours, academic classes, receptions, Masses, and more. You're also invited to re-experience residence hall living—but this time you can choose your own roommate.

It's a lively way to reconnect with friends and classmates, and to reignite your love of campus.



ALUMNI REUNION—A GROUP OF PEOPLE WEARING T-SHIRTS THAT READ "STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS," 1989.



“IF YOU WANT TO BELONG, YOU HAVE TO LEARN THE MYTH. YOU HAVE TO WRAP YOUR HEART AND MIND IN IT. YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT THE MEREST ROCKS OF THE PLACE TELL A STORY...BEHIND THE MYTHS IS A CAST OF HUNDREDS WORKING IN LOYALTY FOR THE NOTRE DAME OF THEIR DREAMS, IN A LOVE AFFAIR THAT LASTS A LIFETIME.”

FATHER ROBERT GRIFFIN, C.S.C., '49, '58 M.A.

As you commence life as an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame, we hope you're encouraged by this overview of what rich tradition awaits you on campus. While there's still wisdom to share and customs to describe, we know half the fun comes from discovery, so we'll leave some room for you to unearth, explore, and experience.

These traditions may all seem a little trivial, a little unbelievable, a little senseless. Some are, but there is something that binds together the Notre Dame family in embracing the history, the frivolity, and the fun.

As you begin your lifelong love of Notre Dame, a parting piece of unsought advice: Don't hesitate. Buy in. Learn the cheers and the dances. Know the history. Attend the events and Masses and residence hall activities.

But don't be afraid to initiate your own traditions. Start a club. Register for classes outside your major. Rally for something you believe in. Apply for a prestigious internship. Do research on every continent. This campus, and its many resources, are yours.

Once more, we're delighted to welcome you to campus and into the embrace of the Notre Dame family. We're so happy you're here.



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