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Celebrating the Girls and Women of NDA



In celebration of the girls and women of Notre Dame Academy this photo collection includes: 1. Elementary students in concert for their families; 2. High school students walking between classes in a winter wonderland that was frequent this year; 3. Jessica McKee '04 returned to the Elementary School to be with her sister Kathryn at a Pre-K Christmas event; 3. The Alumnae Class of 1954 returned to celebrate their 50th Class Reunion during the very special Centennial Celebration last spring; 4. Elementary students in the Jubilee



Choir practicing with the recently purchased set of 30 bells, an anonymous gift from a very generous alumna; 6. Upperclass High School students helping the 9th graders during orientation this fall; 7. Alums from 2000-2004 returned to campus during their winter break to gather in the new Visitation Center.





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Class of 1979 Honors A Classmate On Marguerite's Way

The Class of 1979, attending the Alumnae Brunch last spring, walked *Marguerite's Way* and found the paver their class purchased to honor one of their classmates,



Lisa Mayerhoff Elberfeld. Lisa died of breast cancer in September of 2002 and the paver is inscribed, "In Loving Memory, Lisa Mayerhoff Elberfeld, Class of 1979." The paver was installed in time for the Centennial Alumnae Reunion last year, when the class celebrated their 25th Class Reunion.

Marguerite's Way, a new path connecting the elementary and high schools, is created with brick pavers, beautiful Victorian-style lampposts, and granite reflection benches. It is an exquisite addition to our campus and a tribute to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys and the liberating education provided by her Sisters and their lay collaborators. It is a tribute to alums, teachers, and family members whose names are inscribed on the path.

Living the Legacy

Last Mother's Day my daughter gave me a wonderful book about mothers, *Founding Mothers*. In it the author, Journalist Cokie Roberts, describes the lives of women who for years have gone unnamed. *Founding Mothers* pays tribute to these women who were literally the midwives of this country's birth.

The month of March is "Women's History Month." This is a time specifically designated for celebrating the great women in our history whose names and accomplishments were missing from the annals of our history. In her research for *As Much Good As God Allows: A History of Notre Dame Academy*, our centennial history, Maureen Costello noted that the names and voices of the Sisters who founded NDA were absent from its archival history. Yet, NDA was founded by women primarily for girls and young women. The legacy of our founding Mothers: Sisters St. Scholastica, Marie Cecile, Catherine of the Angels and Jane of Jesus continues to this day. Unbelievable as it seems, as recently as the 1970s, women's stories were virtually absent (or non-existent) in K-12 school curriculums.

What Cokie Roberts concluded about our country's founding mothers is certainly true of NDA's founding mothers and of so many other unsung mothers. "They did - with great hardship, courage, pluck, prayerfulness, sadness, joy, energy, and humor - what women do. They put one foot in front of the other in remarkable circumstances. They carried on."

NDA is one of the rare educational centers in the country, which focuses all its resources and attention on the developmental issues of girls and young women. At NDA we encourage, challenge and teach young women to find their own voice and to raise it with confidence, concern and courage, and above all "to carry on".

One of the benefits of a girl's school is that the month of March is not the only time when the contributions of girls and women are addressed in the curriculum. Notre Dame is rooted in the courage, passion and daring of women. The foundress of the Congregation of Notre Dame was a woman, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, whose impact is felt not only on Staten Island, but also in the Cameroons, El Salvador, Appalachia, Canada, Japan and throughout the world. St. Marguerite's inspiration was our Blessed Mother, Mary, for whom Notre Dame (Our Lady) is named. Our students are encouraged to be, like Mary and Marguerite, women with a mission to work

as change agents, women who see themselves as leaders of the global community.

Members of the Class of '05 who took the Women Leadership of Faith and Power Theology course in the fall were challenged to collaboratively create their own definition of leadership. Leadership, they said, is:

*a connective bond between an innovative individual
and her followers that opens up the inner soul,
nurtures the wealth of potential in others and herself
in the pursuit of dreams,
and strives to go against the grain
to inspire the transformation of the community,
not for the better, but for the BEST.*

What they created enflashes the mission of NDA. It is exciting to know that young women can envision and believe this about themselves and their place in the world. The legacy of NDA continues to live!

Overarching March and our country's recognition of women in history, Catholics around the world will conclude our Lenten season with a commemoration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection - what the Church calls the Paschal Mystery. Theologian Richard Rohr distinguishes between two types of death: terminal death and paschal death. He defines terminal death as the end of life and the end of possibilities. Paschal death is also a death, but one that, "while ending one kind of life, opens the person undergoing it to receive a deeper and richer form of life."

May you, wherever you are in your own life's journey, experience with the coming of Easter, the stone rolling back on your heart and soul to reveal a deeper and richer form of life for you to embrace. Expect miracles!!!!

In the spirit of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys,



Dr. Lorraine Pasadino, President
Notre Dame Academy

Scholarship

Thomas Tillander from the Michael Gordon Foundation presents a scholarship check to Dr. Gregory Rossicone, High School Principal, and Dr. Lorraine Pasadino, President. The scholarship money allows a student who might never have dreamed of doing so, to attend NDA.



Ophelia To Portia

The National Ophelia Project has recommended NDA to be a site to showcase a program on relational aggression for PBS called, "Keeping Kids Safe."

The Portia Project is an outgrowth of the Ophelia Project for 9th Graders. It is an innovative program with the objective of empowering high school girls and increasing their understanding of themselves and others. High School Ophelia Mentors speak with the students during regularly scheduled guidance groups.

Letter

FROM THE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



All Under One Roof

As we continue with our 2004-2005 school year, we do so with many new happenings. In his recent column in Catholic New York, Cardinal Egan says, "... nothing is so unappealing to the human spirit as change. We like things to remain as they are, and we do our best to keep them that way... At a certain point, however, realists that we are, we accept what is clear and inescapable, we roll up our sleeves, and we adjust..." The words of the Cardinal certainly refer to NDA Elementary as we faced our "Big Change" right before Christmas.

We are very happy with the change that has brought us so much closer to one another. We love having our Pre-Kindergarten teachers and girls with us in the "Big School" and we are ever so pleased that the Computer Room, Music Classes and Art Classes are in the main building. We do, however, acknowledge the tightness that has been created for these three subjects. We need to continue with our planning for the future, a future that will provide the spaces needed for our "Arts Curriculum."

I am so grateful to all those who helped in any way to

make our changes easier. First and foremost, the teachers who were so understanding and so caring of one another, of the girls and of me. Secondly, our wonderful girls who "rolled up their sleeves" and did all they could do to make things happen quickly. Last, but certainly not least, all the adults who helped, the Administrators, the Maintenance Staff, the Support Staff, the Parents, and all others who helped in any way.

Change is good and can provide an opportunity for creativity and innovation. We will use the next few months to keep planning and "*Weaving our past to a powerful future.*"

With gratitude for your continuing support,

Sr. Rose Galligan, CND
Principal
Elementary School

Peg Ryan - A Tribute

Peg Ryan, NDA teacher, coach, athletic director, and beloved friend went home to God on September 27, 2004. The following is taken from the centennial history book, *As Much Good As God Allows: The History of Notre Dame Academy* by Maureen Costello.

Athletic Director Peggy Ryan is the longest-serving faculty member in Notre Dame's history. Invited by Mother St. Vivienne to join the staff as basketball coach in 1960, she has served under a dozen different high school and elementary school principals. In the 43 years since, she has coached basketball, taught gym, directed the entire athletic program and helped found the Girls Catholic High School Athletic Association. Some call her an institution at Notre Dame.

Margaret Anne Sullivan first met the CNDs as a student at Villa Maria Academy in the Bronx. She played varsity basketball there and at Hunter College, too, where she majored in physical education. Ironically, she gave up on the idea of teaching gym

when she failed to meet the Board of Education's stringent eyesight requirement. Instead, in 1957 she began graduate work at Wagner College in elementary education and took a job teaching fifth grade at PS 40 in New Brighton.

Marriage and children interrupted her



Peg Ryan

public school career and sent her in another direction: she began teaching gym part time at two Catholic high schools, NDA and St. Joseph Hill Academy. When both offered full time positions, she "chose Notre Dame not only because of the basketball team but

also because of my love of the CNDs," she explains.

Peggy's tenure at NDA coincided with the tremendous growth of girls' sports, and she built a deep and broad program at the school. As basketball coach she led her team to six Island, three Archdiocesan and one state championship. Under her leadership, the school's swim and track teams racked up impressive records too. Countless girls built their characters and earned college scholarships as NDA athletes.

Mrs. Ryan also served as the most old-fashioned of leaders, a role model. While at Notre Dame she and her late husband, Joe, had four children. She was a working mother before it became fashionable. She and Joe shared all their activities; he kept stats at her basketball games, gave advice to her team, and stood by her side at many an NDA event. Deeply devout, they presented to the girls of Notre Dame a picture of marriage and family life that illustrated what commitment means.



The Mission Brings Changes and Growth

As I reflect on the middle of my third year here at Notre Dame Academy High School, I am once again invigorated by the spirit, enthusiasm, and creativity of the young women of NDA. For the second year in a row, we have close to one hundred and twenty young women in our ninth grade class and will probably get close to one hundred and ten young women for next year's incoming ninth grade class. We continue to attract a talented group of students. As we grow with our students, we face the challenge of expanding our resources and keeping true to the Mission of the school and the Congregation of Notre Dame. Our Middle States Planning Process has helped us keep true to our Mission.

Academically, we achieve one hundred percent success with the traditional New York State Regents examinations necessary for graduation while expanding our Advanced Placement offerings and the number of students who take AP courses. As a result, we have increased the number of students recognized as AP Scholars (a score of 3 or better on three exams), AP Scholars with Honors (a score of three or better on 4 exams) and AP Scholars with Distinction (a score of three or better on five exams). We have included SAT Prep into the regular school day and we have made significant increases on mean scores on SAT Verbal and Math measures. In addition we have increased the number of students who have received National Merit recognition. We have had two semi-finalists in the prestigious "New York Times Scholarship Program."

Technologically, the computer lab has been open throughout the school day along with the extra computers in the Library. Students have excelled in the use of technology through their yearly computer courses and have been given access to a research-based program called "Questia." Our librarian is in the process of placing all of our holdings on line as we have completed the weeding of the Library and have made it into a technologically vital place for our students.

In the area of Spirituality and Leadership, our students

have been working as mentors with our elementary students in the Ophelia Project to help create a safe school environment. Our upperclasswomen have been working with our ninth graders in Guidance groups through the Portia Project, to help them in their transition to high school and deal with issues related to relational aggression. Students have also been involved in leadership activities through a special Senior Theology elective on Women and Leadership and have also held sessions with underclasswomen during the school day for training in leadership.

We have grown physically by adding more classroom space - the former Senior Lounge has become a classroom. Art and Music are in the Library; Guidance is in the new Visitation Center; and the Mission Advancement Office is in the former Guidance space of the Library. The Visitation Center also provides students with gathering space during the school day.

Students have initiated a number of new activities here at NDA - a step team, a dance team, a book club which has given students an opportunity for oral expression, a video yearbook, and the return of Drama and Chorus with fall and spring musical productions and concerts. And, yes, we have even broken St. Peter's string of 101 straight wins on Staten Island with a stunning 48-45 victory in basketball.

In all, the past year has been one of constant growth and refinement of the Mission. Know that the school you love continues to grow and educate young women in the traditions of Notre Dame Academy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory Rossicone
Principal
High School

Sister Helen Faulds '42

Sister Helen Faulds, CSJ (Sr. John Crucis), who was a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, Long Island, died on June 18, 2004. Helen was born and raised on Staten Island, graduated from Notre Dame Academy and the former Notre Dame College (St. John's University). She was principal of Bishop Kearney High School in Brooklyn and worked as administrator at St. John's Queens Hospital until she retired.

Sr. Helen held the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre



Dame in high regard. Sr. Helen Faulds, CSJ is part of the Notre Dame Academy history and her graduation picture is found in the centennial history book, *As Much Good As God Allows: The History of Notre Dame Academy* by Maureen Costello.

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The musical "Grease" was recently staged by the Notre Dame Academy Theatre Art Players and had a three-performance sell-out crowd. This spectacular event was under the direction of Diane Zarega. Faculty member Mr. Steve Herson was technical director.

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Developing Global Citizens

As part of becoming global citizens, Notre Dame Academy students, under the leadership of Faculty Member Mrs. Joanne Cimino, are participating in a Public Television's Channel 13-WNET sponsored program called "Human Rights 101." NDA was one of 15 schools chosen to participate from the New York-New Jersey area. This program raises awareness of human rights issues such as tolerance, racism, women's rights, refugees, and religious freedom and helps students become catalysts for change.

On December 11th Mrs. Joanne Cimino, Theology Chair, and two students, Mary Balogun '07 and Catherine Tchoungoa '07 attended the Channel 13 kick-off event. The seminar encouraged



discussion and exploration of local, national and global human-rights issues.

The kick-off event at NDA, the Expression Carnival (date to be announced), will involve performances by the Quad A Step Team and Quad A Poetry Team, followed by workshops on stepping and double-dutch jump rope skills.

Leadership Corp Receives Grant

The SI Bank & Trust Foundation has issued a \$4,750 grant to Notre Dame Academy to develop a NDA Leadership Corps. Through the efforts of Mrs. Cimino, this grant will help support the role of this corps, which is to broaden leadership skills of 9th and 10th Graders.

The genesis of this effort was a LEAD Conference, which was a gathering of teen leaders from all over the country. Our NDA students developed a Mission Statement and a set of Belief Statements, which helped to convince S.I. Savings Bank Foundation of the importance of developing leadership skills in the early high school years. Five hundred dollars of the grant will be used to build up a reference library.

The participating students meet twice a month to put together lessons and feedback sheets. The response is positive and confidence is built as students experience making presentations.

New York Times Scholarship Semi-Finalists

Two Notre Dame High School Seniors have been selected from among 154 semifinalists to The New York Times College Scholarship Program. Samantha Barbaro '05 and Marcela Sarmiento '05 "have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, community service and commitment to learning in the face of financial and other obstacles."

Of the 1,200 eligible applicants who applied from public, private and parochial schools in the five boroughs of New York City, only seven were from Staten Island. Two of the seniors were from NDA, the only Catholic High School represented.

Scholarly and Talented

Scholarship

Margarite Spagnuolo '06 was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship by Cardinal Egan, sponsored by the Italian American Society.

Chemistry Award

Christine Wittich '05 was one of seventeen Staten Island High School students honored as "Outstanding Chemistry Student" by the American Chemical Society at a ceremony on the campus of Wagner College. Parents, teachers and principals were on hand for this special event.

National Anthems

Ninth Grader Kelsey Reed '08, a 2004 graduate of the Elementary School and the lead in NDA High School's production of "Annie" last year, sang the National Anthem for the fans at a Staten Island Yankees game in August.

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Nikki Sorrentino '07 was recently invited to sing the National Anthem at a Boxing Match in Las Vegas. Her performance was tremendous and she was invited to return. Nikki has been featured at Harlem's legendary Apollo Theater and is a member of the Staten Island Children's Theater.

Music Honor

Lisa Mazy '06 performed her first Opera Recital at Wagner College last summer. Lisa's mother is an Elementary School Faculty, teaching Second Grade.

"Even though our teams are doing very well, we have an ache in each one of our hearts. This sports season we are missing our very beloved Mrs. Peggy Ryan, our Athletic Director who passed away. . . Truly all of the NDA team members, coaches and faculty miss Mrs. Ryan and her loving dedication to NDA which made our sports program what it is today. We will dedicate this sports year to Mrs. Peggy Ryan."

by Norma Jean Margiotta '06

Gators Break St. Peter's 101 Winning Streak



Erin Alesi '05



Liz Gruber '05



Coach Maureen Hannafin '82

Photographs courtesy of Staten Island Advance

All-Star Awards and More

Cristina Pate '07 and Jessica Roberts '05 were honored at the Staten Island Advance All-Star Awards Dinner held January 20th at the Hilton Garden Inn. Cristina led the Gators to a runner-up finish at the cross-country Island championships and Jessica helped the Gator volleyball team to the second-round of the playoffs.

Joe Ryan Scholarship

The Joe Ryan Memorial Committee presented a \$1,500 gift to Notre Dame Academy for its sports program. It was accepted by Brenda Meyers, Athletic Director.

Nicole Serra '05 spent her summer as an intern for the Snug Harbor Cultural Center working for the Marketing and Special Events offices.



The Cross Country

Team placed second on Staten Island, in both public and Catholic schools, placed third in the Catholic sectionals, and two team members qualified for the New York State meet. Three team members were nominated as Staten Island All-Stars - Christine Wittich '05, Cristina Pate '07, and Arielle Newman '07. Cristina Pate was one of two NDA students selected as a Staten Island All-Star.

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The Swim Team has new coaching this season, and to be precise, two new coaches. Two sisters, Rosemary '01 and Cheryl '00 Gwizdaloski are alumnae of NDA as well as former swimmers. Team coaching has its advantages, but they admit that they do disagree at times. Their dedication to the swim team takes a great deal of their time, as it does for all coaching and the team has made some great wins, they are 1st on Staten Island and 2nd in the League.

JV Basketball Are
SI Champs



Elementary Christmas Concert is always a school highlight.

8th Graders As Mentors

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The Ophelia Project is comprised of high school mentors, faculty and parent facilitators, a parent task force and a parent book club. Its impact is now trickling down to the very young grades. Recently the 8th Graders formed small task teams of their own to create a curriculum that was age appropriate for each grade. As part of Catholic Schools Week, 8th Graders could be found throughout the school, teaching their younger peers how to recognize aggressive and non-aggressive behavior. NDA is committed to creating a climate that is safe in every way for our students, staff and parents.



Check Presented

Fifth-Grader Julie Martino, shown here with her father James, Sr. Rose Galligan, CND, and Mary Phillips of the ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery, is holding a check for \$500 that was presented to Notre Dame Academy from the Bayway Refinery Good Neighbor Fund. The fund is an employee-run and sponsored program that works to improve their communities and support educational development in local schools. Community Relations Coordinator Mary Phillips presented the check to Sr. Rose. Julie's father, Jim Martino is an Accounting Manager there.

Julie's mom, Kay Warren Martino '80, is an NDA alumna.

Grants Bring Exciting Classes



Through the efforts of Math Teacher Mary Ellen Cilento and Art Teacher Randi Adler the Elementary School has received grants for the math and art programs. A second SmartBoard from the Smarter Kids Foundation is in the math room. The grant from Snug Harbor brought a guest artist to the Art Department for one semester. Eighth Graders were taught new clay and printmaking techniques and the students produced beautiful pieces of art.



Oratorical Winner

Seventh-grader Leila Mafoud was a first place winner in the annual John D. Kearney Memorial Oratorical Contest held in the Catholic Youth Organization Center. Her winning speech, "Self-Esteem" was presented without notes and judged on interpretation, audience contact and voice mechanics. Doris Gibbons, 6th Grade Teacher, is the Forensic Advisor.

Children's Book Writer

Danette Vigilante, mother of two elementary students Mia '05 and Ami '08, has recently authored the children's book *Jack's Hat*. It is a story of a little boy and an adorable hat he wears just about ev-erywhere. Danette had her book signing day at the local Barnes & Noble and will certainly have one at NDA.



Essay Contest Winner

Fifth Grader Mariam Sheikh placed first in the Archdiocesan Essay Contest with her entry entitled, "Challenges Youth Face In a Diverse World." Congratulations, Mariam.

Essay Winner Is An Aspiring Writer

Mary Emily Ficarra, a 6th Grader at NDA, was one of 3 students from across Staten Island to win an essay contest sponsored by the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

During an award ceremony held in November at the Institute, Mary Emily received a \$200 savings bond and membership to the SIIAAS. In addition, her prize-

winning essay will be entered into the permanent archives of the Verrazano Bridge, which are housed at the Institute.

Mary Emily is a seventh-generation Staten Islander, and she incorporated information about her family and its connections to the Bridge as part of her essay. Mary Emily is an aspiring writer, off to an auspicious

and she's surely start!



Alumnae NEWS

1941

Kathleen McCoy Reilly and her husband, Joseph, celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on June 4, 2004. The couple met at a Sacred Heart social in 1947 and married in the same church. Kathleen and Joe are the parents of six children and have 14 grandchildren.

1948

Beverly Barker Ament and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Spring Lake, NJ. The day of the party, Bev and John stopped in at St. Catherine's Church, where they'd been married. As they were leaving, they saw a man walking toward them - it was their son, Lt. Col. Robert Ament, who'd made the difficult journey home from Iraq, where he was a helicopter rescue pilot, in time for the occasion. Bev recalled, "When we related the story to the guests at the party, there wasn't a dry eye in the house."

Bev, who retired from teaching French and History, is finding great joy in teaching art to adults at The Palm Beach & Yacht Club, where she has students - some in their 80s - with "amazing" talent.

1954

Eight members of the **Class of '54**, celebrating its 50th Anniversary during NDA's Centennial Year, attended the Alumnae Reunion on May 15, 2004 and received special gifts in honor of this milestone. Joining the festivities were **Joan Banks Brown**, **Nancy Trucco Chapman**, **Phyllis Hodgens Jicha**, from Maryland, **Judith Downing Kellogg**, from Florida, **Amy Galgano Marotta**, **Elizabeth Schwimer Morrissey**, from Rhode Island, **Barbara Scattaglia Pizzo** and **Betty Schretlen Standiford**, from Colorado.

Nancy Trucco Chapman and her husband, Peter, along with **Elizabeth Schwimer Morrissey** and her husband, Ronald, joined the more than 600 revelers at the Hilton Garden Inn for the Centennial Ball.

Sandra "Nancy" Zurewich McCoy was one of several members of the 50th

Anniversary class to attend the Alumnae Reunion during the Centennial celebrations last May, traveling from her home in California. Nancy was gratified to meet other alumnae who had been classmates of her late sisters, **Barbara Zurewich DeVito '57** and **Mary Ellen Zurewich Conway '61**, and enjoyed reminiscing with them. There were five Zurewich sisters in all who attended Notre Dame Academy High School, spanning nearly a decade.

Class Agent **Elizabeth Schwimer Morrissey** went to great lengths contacting her classmates during the year leading up to the Centennial celebrations and gathering updates on their lives since graduating from NDA. She collected and edited the 50th Anniversary Class biographies, creating a memento album for each of the classmates who attended the Alumnae Reunion on May 15, 2004, and donating a copy to NDA. Well done, Elizabeth!

1957

Carleen Basso Peters wrote to tell us that she had a "wonderful time" at the Centennial Reunion last May. She also enjoyed reading the historical book written in honor of NDA's Centennial, *As Much Good As God Allows: A History of Notre Dame Academy* by Maureen Costello. Carleen appears on page 55. Carleen is a grandmother of three.

1958

Sarah Jo Conaghan Mosier is retired and enjoying her granddaughter, Kristen. Sara Jo lives in Upstate New York.

1961

Margaret-Mary Chiara was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on October 23, 2001 as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. She was nominated by President George W. Bush. Margaret-Mary is the first woman to hold this position in Michigan.

Previously, Margaret-Mary held the position of Prosecutor for Cass County,

Michigan, an elected position, which she held for two terms. She was involved in state-wide public protection issues as the first and only woman elected to the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. In 1999 Margaret-Mary

joined the staff of the Office of the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

As Policy and Planning Director, she was responsible for administering communications, legislative affairs and intergovernmental relations and coordinating human resources and finance functions. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, Margaret-Mary was in private law practice in Cass County. Before beginning her career in law, Margaret-Mary was a teacher and educational administrator for twelve years.



1970

Catherine Paulo, former bank executive, has just launched her own financial-planning firm, Staten Advisors, a registered investment adviser in New York state. Her focus is to provide a wide range of counseling for financial planning and portfolio management to individuals and organizations. Catherine comes to this profession with a great deal of experience. She has been a trust and estate lawyer here on Staten Island and maintains a separate law practice.

Catherine is married to Stephen Brown, a David Loeb Professor of Finance at New York University's Stern School of Business. They have two children. Their daughter, Francesca, is a 6th Grader at Notre Dame Academy Elementary School.

Two of Catherine's sisters are also graduates of Notre Dame Academy High School, **Bernadette Paulo '62** and **Francis Paulo-Huber '67**, who is CEO of Snug Harbor.

1972

After living in Hawaii for a number of years **Deborah Dunkle Frew** and her family relocated to Canyon Lake, Texas. Deborah reports that the "Frew Crew" has grown to four, with the addition of husband Kevin's 9 year-old daughter, Francesca.

1975

Patricia Haspel Tooker and her husband, Brian, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary this past summer. What made the event especially noteworthy was that Patricia's parents, Claire and Bob Haspel, were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

sary. Both wedding vow renewals took place in St. Christopher's Church, Staten Island in August.

Patricia's sisters, **Dorothy Flynn '73**, **Ellen Navarro '75** and **Kathleen Haspel '79** are also alumnae.

1976

Diane Carlson Nothnagel was named a Senior Vice President at Northern Trust Securities, Inc. Diane joined Northern Trust in 1985 as a Bond Salesperson. Diane earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from New York University and attended the New York School of Finance. While living in New York she worked at Smith Barney. She is a Certified Financial Planner and holds a Series 7 license. Diane and her husband, James live in Winnetka, IL with their daughters Erika and Dana.

Susan Paglia Rogers and her family relocated from Grand Rapids, Michigan to Bozeman, Montana last November. They are enjoying their new college town, located an hour from Big Sky Ski Resort - and are looking forward to hitting the slopes often!

1977

Anita Chin Fein is working at the St. Edward Food Pantry on Staten Island, which serves the needy population. Anita writes that she remembers being involved in food drives and other outreach programs while a student at NDA, and how those experiences shaped the person she is today.

1979

Fran Geiser Dirks coordinated donations from the Class of '79 for a paver stone on *Marguerite's Way* in memory of **Lisa Mayerhoff Elberfeld**, who died from breast cancer in September 2002. Thanks to Fran's efforts, a 12" x 12" paver was installed on *Marguerite's Way* inscribed, "In Loving Memory, Lisa Mayerhoff Elberfeld, Class of '79." Members of the '79 class (celebrating their 25th Anniversary) were pleased to see Lisa's paver installed on *Marguerite's Way* when they came to the Alumnae Reunion and Open House on May 15. Additional monies donated in memory of Lisa were placed into Notre Dame Academy's Memorial Scholarship Fund which benefits current students.

1980

Elena Schifando is engaged to Murray Seltzer and the couple is planning a wedding in June, 2005. Alumna **Grace Acquafredda '80** will be Ellie's matron of honor and Grace's daughters, **Sarah Boyle '10** and **Erin Boyle '14**, both students in the Elementary School, are in the wedding party.

1982

Catherine DiDomenico was sworn in as an Interim New York City Civil Court Judge on February 10, 2005. This position allows vacancies to be filled in Family and Criminal Courts left by Civil Court judges who have been elected to the Supreme Court. As Judge Catherine will preside over civil lawsuits involving a myriad of issues including breach of contract, personal injury and commercial disputes.

Mary Frances Spatola Sabo wrote to tell us that she enjoyed catching up with **Maura Murphy '82** at the Centennial Ball held in May, 2004. It had been a long time since the former classmates saw one another. Mary Frances, the mother of 3 children, lives outside of Albany, NY.

Helenanne Seaman, Guidance Department Head and Assistant Athletic Director at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in Roswell, Georgia, arranged a varsity basketball match between her school and NDA's Gators on December 21, 2004 during Blessed Trinity's road trip to NYC. The game was played at St. John's University with the Gators winning 52-40. The teams exchanged gifts - our team gave the Trinity girls NDA lanyards, and received teddy bears in return.

1984

The **Class of '84** held a 20th Anniversary Reunion at the Staaten on October 2, 2004. Spearheaded by **Sharon Roesch Suhr** and **Corinne Ryan Simmons**, with assistance from **Donna Ikefugi Hurley**, about 70 alumnae and their guests turned out for the evening. Former faculty member, Fr. Deogracias Lingao, made a surprise appearance during the evening.

Anne Polli McCann just retired from Sterling Commerce, an e-business specializing in investments, and is home full-time with her two children. Anne and her husband recently moved to Connecticut.

Anne has two sisters who are also graduates of NDA, **Celeste Polli Schneider '86** and **Mary Polli '83**.

1986

Sandra Sammartano and Dr. Gerald Astorino were married in March 2004 in St. Teresa's Church, Staten Island. Sandra earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Literature Linguistics from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a Master of Science Degree in Communication Sciences from Hunter College, New York. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist at The Gingerbread Learning Center on Staten Island. Gerald is an Optometrist with a pri-

vate practice in New Jersey. The couple live on Staten Island.

Sandra's niece, **Aileen Sammartano '05** NDA Elementary School, was the bridesmaid.

1987

Leigh Meaders is engaged to be married to Devron Robinson. Leigh earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, with a concentration in History from New York University, and a Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law. She is employed at IBM in New York as Staff Counsel. Devron is a Vice President of the Citibank Smith Barney Commercial Bank in New York. The couple is planning an October 2005 wedding.

Maria Spero and Mark Gallo were married on April 16, 2004 in St. Teresa's Church on Staten Island. Maria earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, cum laude, in Political Science from St. John's University, Staten Island, and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Seton Hall University, School of Law, in New Jersey. She is a partner in the law firm of O'Leary, McMahon & Spero on Staten Island. Mark is an attorney, specializing in elder law, real estate and estates, with a private practice on Staten Island, where the couple also resides.

1988

Michele Thornton Mannix writes that her son, Josh, born on June 12, 2002, "is wonderful." Michele is an Assistant Principal at P.S. 5 on Staten Island.

Courtney Finn Moore and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, Michaela Finn Moore. Courtney is a member of the Board of Trustees for Notre Dame Academy. She is a VP at Merrill Lynch in New York.

Adrienne Maratea-Crowder and her husband, Harvey, announced the birth of their third child, Joseph Harvey, on December 12, 2004. Baby Joseph joins siblings Max and Nicole. The family recently relocated from the Catskills to Northwestern New Jersey.

1990

Carolyn Clark and Anthony Nunziato were married October 30, 2004 in a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Rev. John J. Mescall, who baptized the bride as an infant. Carolyn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing and Management from the College of Staten Island and is a Manager for Ann Taylor in New York. Anthony is a Detective with the Rutherford Police Department, NJ. The couple lives in New Jersey.

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Carolyn's sister, **Wendy Clark Ray '86**, was matron of honor and **Colleen Fitzgerald Micciulli '90** was a bridesmaid.

Shannon Maydick and Christopher Naughton were engaged in May, 2004. Shannon earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the College of Mount Saint Vincent in the Bronx. She earned Master of Arts Degrees in Hospital Administration and an Acute-Care Nurse Practitioner Degree from New York University. Shannon is a Clinical-Research Project Manager for Boston Scientific. Christopher is a Certified Public Accountant and Associate Finance Manager with Pfizer, New York. The couple is planning an April 2005 wedding.

1991

Alison Nalewajk and Kevin Tillbrook were married in a Nuptial Mass in April 2004 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Staten Island. Alison earned a two-year certificate in Dance from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Montclair State University, NJ. She is a Choreographer and Dance Instructor at Theater Dance Center in Flanders, NJ and an Advertising Coordinator at "The Daily Record," Parsippany, NJ. Kevin is a Senior Systems Analyst at Zweig-Dimenna in New York. The couple lives in New Jersey.

1992

Deidra Borrero and Kenneth Danielsen are engaged to be married. Deidra earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication from the State University at Albany. She is a Business Analyst with Prudential Financial in New Jersey. Ken is a Firefighter with the New York City Fire Department, assigned to Engine 283, Brooklyn. The couple is planning a June 2005 wedding.

Carolyn Green and James Ryan were married in November 2004. Carolyn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance from the College of Staten Island and is a Senior Business Analyst with Capital I.Q., Inc. in New York. James is an Investor and Public Relations Manager with D.R.S. Technologies, Inc. in New Jersey. The couple resides in New Jersey.

Jill Keenan and John Casertano were married on January 8, 2005 in a Nuptial Mass

at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Staten Island. Jill earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from St. Joseph's University, PA. Before her marriage, she was an Administrative Assistant with the Marine Society of the City of New York. John is a Corporate Trainer with Verizon Communications in Exton, PA. The couple will live in Pennsylvania.

Jill was a member of the Historical Committee during NDA's Centennial Year, conducting research and coordinating interviews with alumnae for the historical book, *"As Much Good As God Allows: The History of Notre Dame Academy,"* by Maureen Costello.

Jill Licursi married Christopher McGlyn on August 20, 2004 in St. Teresa's Church on Staten Island. Jill is a 6th Grade Teacher at P.S. 95 in Brooklyn and Christopher is a Firefighter assigned to Ladder 118 in Brooklyn. The couple resides in Staten Island.

Among Jill's bridesmaids were alums **Bonnie Licursi Zon '88**, **Deidra Borrero '92**, **Noreen Dugan Horgan '92**, **Joann Strcich Sjosward '92** and **Eileen McGlyn '00**.

Rebecca Monck was one of two associate attorneys - out of 20 - at the firm of Morvillo, Abramowitz, chosen for the team representing "domestic diva" Martha Stewart during her recent highly-publicized trial for insider stock trading. Rebecca graduated from the University of Buffalo, NY and the University of Buffalo Law School, where she was named to the Law Review in her second year.

Jessica Nepomuceno and Shaun O'Connell were married in October 2004 in St. Peter's Church, Staten Island. Jessica earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Barnard College of Columbia University and a Master of Arts Degree in Secondary Education, with a concentration in English, from Hunter College of the City University of New York. She teaches English at the Bronx Leadership Academy High School. Shaun is an Examiner with the New York Program Integrity Branch of the Social Security Administration in New York. The couple resides in Manhattan.

Jessica's sister **Arlene N. Cirelli '85** was the matron of honor and alumnae **Sheila Estacio '92** and **Elizabeth Webb '92** were among the bridesmaids.

Tricia Barchitta Pagano and her husband, Jason, had a daughter, Juliana

Michelle, born in August 2004. The family resides on Staten Island.

1993

Danielle Durazzo and Frank Calabro are engaged to be married. Danielle earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Wagner College and a Master of Arts Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from New York University. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist at The Block Institute in Brooklyn and an early intervention independent contractor for TheraCare on Staten Island. Frank is employed as a Laboratory Technician at Englehard Corporation in New Jersey. They are planning a May 2005 wedding.

Jennifer Forte and Edward Zinna were married in September 2004. Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Paralegal Studies from St. John's University, Grymes Hill and a Juris Doctorate from New York Law School. She is a partner in Cutrona & Forte on Staten Island. Edward is a Carrier with the United States Postal Service in Brooklyn. The couple lives in Brooklyn.

Regina Murphy '93 was the maid of honor.

Sonal Patel married David Williams in August 2004. Sonal earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Studies from Brown University, RI and earned a Juris Doctorate Degree from Georgetown Law Center, Washington, DC. She is an Attorney at Advocates for Children, a public-interest firm for children. David is a freelance contract attorney in New York. The couple lives in Manhattan.

The bride's sister, **Rupal Patel '98**, was her maid of honor; and cousins **Angela Tolosa '93** and **Savitha Reddy '93** were bridesmaids.

Robyn Ruehl-Lippert and her husband David are enjoying their 18 month-old daughter's antics. Robyn notes that Corinne is a real "ham" - she must get that from her mom, who performed in the Rotary Club's musical revue at the College of Staten Island in January 2005.

Robyn has recently started her own event planning business, Emerald Events, which specializes in wedding coordination services.

Kathleen Ramirez was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Portfolio and Underwriting with GE Corporate Lending Group. She lives in Walnut Creek, California with her sister, **Greer Ramirez Burke '89**, and nephew, Dylan, 5 1/2.

1994

Claudine Balistreri and Roberto

Tariche became engaged in November 2004. Claudine earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theater and Fine Arts from Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ and a Master of Arts Degree in Education from Wagner College. She is a Public School Teacher in Brooklyn. Roberto is a Business Development Manager with Soho Digital in New York. The couple is planning a wedding in August 2005.

Kristin Comito Cole joined the High School Faculty as a History Teacher in September, 2004. Kristin joins her sister, **Jennifer Comito Overton '93**, who came on board as NDA's high school faculty in 2003 and teaches Physics.

Jennifer Perez and Dr. Gus Kefalopoulos were married in June 2004. Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania, where she is pursuing a Doctor of Medical Dentistry Degree. Gus is an Intern in the internal medicine unit at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. The couple resides in Philadelphia.

Jennifer's sisters, **Lisa Perez-Szabo '88** and **Julie Perez Finno '92**, were matrons of honor at the wedding.

1995

Jennifer Cedro and Salvatore Puglia were married in a Nuptial Mass last September in Holy Child Church on Staten Island. Jennifer attended the College of Staten Island and is a Customer Service Manager with Interglobe Communications, Staten Island. Salvatore is an Animal Keeper at the New York Aquarium in Brooklyn. The couple resides on Staten Island.

Kelly DeMeo and Keith Roussel were wed in a Nuptial Mass in St. Clare's Church on Staten Island in February 2004. Kelly earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Fairfield University, CT and is a Supervisor in the Molecular Laboratory of the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan. Her husband is a student at Fordham Law School in Manhattan. The couple lives in Manhattan.

Lauren DeMeo '04 was maid of honor for her sister, and **Kristen Johnson '95**, **Kerri Emanuelson Jones '95** and **Alana Schaefer '94** were among the bridesmaids.

Dena DeMuth and Kevin Galvin were married in a Nuptial Mass on June 18, 2004 in Blessed Sacrament Church. Dena earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, with a concentration in Special Education, from York College of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Science Degree in Special Education from the College of Staten Island. She is a 5th Grade

Teacher at P.S. 4 on Staten Island. Kevin is a 5th Grade Teacher at PS 32 on Staten Island. The couple lives on Staten Island.

Katie Rafla portrayed Conrad Birdie's long-suffering girlfriend, Rose Alvarez in a performance of "Bye, Bye Birdie" presented in December, 2004 by Kids Praise Kids & Friends at Castleton Hill Moravian Church. Katie's father, Bruce Sandberg, and brother, Patrick, also had roles in the musical. Katie and her husband Anthony are expecting their first child this spring.

1996

Gillian Bennett married Michael Bonanno in a Nuptial Mass on June 19, 2004 in St. Patrick's Church on Staten Island. Gillian earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance, with a concentration in French, from St. Bonaventure University, NY. She is studying for a Master of Arts Degree in Corporate Communication at Bernard M. Baruch College, New York. She is a Membership Manager for the Association for Business Communication and an Adjunct Lecturer at Baruch College, Zicklin School of Business. Michael is a Fleet Securities Specialist Clerk with the New York Stock Exchange and is also the basketball and track coach at St. Patrick's Elementary School on Staten Island, where the couple resides.

Among the bridesmaids at the couple's wedding were alumnae **Jennifer Ferrier '96** and **Alyson Grippo '96**.

Alana Fleming and Dr. Anthony Pannone were married on December 31, 2004. Alana earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and Sociology from St. John's University, Grymes Hill. She is a 3rd Grade Teacher at Public School 41 in New Dorp. Anthony is the owner of Oakwood Dental Arts on Staten Island. The couple resides in New Jersey.

Aja Hession was engaged to Paul Eisenhardt in October 2004. Aja received an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ. She is a Commercial Account Executive with McCue Captains Insurance Agency, Little Silver, NJ. Paul is a Labor Foreman with Raebeck Construction Corporation, Staten Island. The couple plans to wed in September 2005.

Elizabeth Miller and Sean Donohue were wed in St. Teresa's Church, Staten Island in May 2004. Liz earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the State University of New York at New Paltz, and a Master of Arts Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from New York

University. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist at P.S. 329 in Brooklyn. Liz also provides home-based early-intervention services as a speech-language pathologist. Sean is the Director of the Construction Claims and Litigation Practice at FAI Management Services in New York. He is an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve Civil Engineer Corps/Seabees, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 21, in Lakehurst, NJ. The couple resides on Staten Island.

Liz's sister, **Allyson Nusser '92**, served as her matron of honor and **Janine Gallo '96** was one of the bridesmaids.

1997

Anne Daiuto and Dennis Bruck were married in July 2004 in St. Patrick's Church, Staten Island. Anne earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing and a Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Wagner College, where she was named to Kappa Delta Pi education honor society. She is a Teacher with the New York City Department of Education. The couple lives on Staten Island.

Anne's sister, **Toni Ann Daiuto '01**, was the maid of honor.

Kimberly Matias married Michael Neenan in July 2004 at Our Lady of Pity Church on Staten Island. Kim earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science, with a concentration in Business and Mathematics, from St. John's University, Staten Island. She is studying Nursing at the College of Staten Island. Michael is an Accountant at Morgan Stanley, New Jersey. The couple resides on Staten Island.

Among the bridesmaids were alumnae **Kristin Bartell**, **Danielle Loschiavo**, and **Jasmine Whu**, all Class of '97.

Nisha Philip and Louis Crisano were married in January 2004 in a combined Roman Catholic and traditional Indian Orthodox marriage service, which was held in Regina Pacis Church, Brooklyn. Nisha earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the College of Staten Island, where she is studying for a Master of Science Degree as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Practitioner. She is a Registered Nurse at Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home on Staten Island. Louis is a registered nurse at Sea View. The couple resides on Staten Island.

Leena Varghese '97 was the maid of honor at the ceremony.

Olivia Prospero and Michael O'Rourke are engaged to be married. Olivia earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, summa cum laude, in Speech Pathology and Audiology

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from St. John's University, Staten Island, where she was the executive board secretary of the student government. She earned a Master of Science Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Brooklyn College and is a Speech-Language Pathologist at The Gingerbread Learning Center on Staten Island. Michael is a federal agent for Homeland Security at Newark Liberty International Airport, NJ. The couple is planning an August 2005 wedding.

Katherine Sorrentino wed Thomas Coletti on February 1, 2004 in Most Precious Blood Church, Brooklyn. Katherine earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, cum laude, in Mathematics, with a concentration in Computer Applications from Wagner College, where she was President of Kappa Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society. She is a Budget Analyst with the New York City Office of Management and Budget, Manhattan. Thomas is a School Safety Agent with New York City's School Safety Division on Staten Island. The couple lives on Staten Island.

Katherine's sister, **Nicola Agosta '95**, was her maid of honor. **Isabella Sorrentino '92**, **Danielle Pepe '94** and **Monica Mikolajczyk '95** were among the bridesmaids.

Dea Weisman earned a Juris Doctorate Degree from St. John's University School of Law. She graduated with honors from Lehigh University, Pennsylvania in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Earth and Environmental Science. While a student at Lehigh, Dea was captain of the school's swim team and a member of the students' athletic council. Dea has been a soccer coach for Notre Dame Academy Elementary School for the past 4 years. She is working as an Attorney for the Administration for Children's Services in New York.

1998

Nicole Maniscalco and Joseph Picone were engaged in August 2004. Nicole graduated from Pace University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree and a Master of Business Administration Degree in Public Accounting, where she was a member of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting fraternity. She is employed at Deloitte & Touche in New York as a Tax Consultant. Joseph is a Staff Auditor for National Futures Association in New York. The couple plans to wed in June 2006.

Ericalee Perosi and Michael Burns became engaged in August 2004. Ericalee earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Monmouth University, New Jersey and is pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Hunter College, New York. Michael is an Account Executive with J.P. Turner & Company, Staten Island. An August 2005 wedding is planned.

1999

Andrea Demarest became engaged to Steven Murphy in October, 2004. Andrea graduated from Wagner College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, where she was named to the dean's list and Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society. She is studying for a Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education at the College of Staten Island. Andrea is the First-grade Teacher at NDA Elementary School. Steven is a member of the New York City Fire Department, assigned to Manhattan. An October wedding is being planned.



From the left: Andrea Trimarche Demarest '79, Natalie LaFemina '99, Jill Boyle '99, Kristen Abbatantuono '99, Andrea Demarest '99, Lisa Zuffante '99, Kristen Marchi, Holly Demarest '00 and Linda DeBonis '00.

Dayna Weisman graduated from St. John's University, Queens Campus, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physician's Assistant Studies. She was a recipient of the St. John's University Humanitarian Award and was on the dean's list. Dayna has been a swim coach for the Elementary School for two years and is pursuing a career as a Physician's Assistant.

2000

Holly Demarest graduated in May 2004 from St. John's University, Staten Island with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing. While a student at St. John's, Holly was a member of VITAL, a campus ministry leadership group, and was an orientation advisor. She splits her time between Notre Dame Academy High School as a part-time Faculty Member and the school's

Mission Advancement Office, where she works as Coordinator of the Annual Fund and Alumnae.

Jessica Licciardello graduated from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Studio Art and Art History. While at Marist, Jessica was an intern at the Alexander Calder Art Studio and also interned with artist Alex Grey. Her work has been exhibited at the Marist College Student Exhibition, Solutions for Modern Living, Ithaca, NY and at the Computer, Art, Music and Politics (C.A.M.P.) Festival in Cannes, France. Jessica is pursuing a career as a Curator and Teacher at the DIA Art Gallery in Beacon, NY and the Barrett Art Center in Poughkeepsie.

Colleen Newman graduated cum laude from Georgetown University's School of Nursing and Health Studies, Washington, DC with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Studies and a major in Health Systems Administration, receiving the Health Studies Scholar Award at graduation. She was also a Big East Conference Academic All-Star for four years, and was on the Women's Varsity Swim Team for 4 years, serving as captain in her final year. Colleen is working for a health care consulting firm in the Washington, DC.

Frances Nucci earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing with a concentration in Advertising and Promotion from Pace University, Pleasantville, NY. She is currently working for CNBC as an Audience Production Assistant.

Melissa Scasny is engaged to marry Glenn Nyback. Melissa graduated from Marymount Manhattan College in New York with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Arts. As a student, Melissa worked as a Newsroom Intern at the Staten Island Advance and as an intern at Modern Bride Magazine's editorial department in Manhattan. She is currently a Human Resources Assistant at Darby & Darby, a Manhattan law firm. Glenn is the Environmental Reporter at the Staten Island Advance.

2002

Christine Braun is a student in the Physician's Assistant Program of Staten Island University Hospital at Wagner College. Christine became engaged to Joseph Breen on November 4, 2004.

Marina Liander, a three-time Advance All Star in Track and Field, set a record in February, 2005 for Manhattan College in the Bronx, in the weight throw at the New Balance Games held at the school's campus. Marina's 18.65 meter throw broke the long-standing school mark of 18.14 meters.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNAE

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Betty Hill Andrews '47 (6/3/04)
Sister-in-law of Anne Andrews '50

Gladys Kaltenmeier Christiansen '33* (6/6/04)

Gloria Lawrence Flynn '42 (5/23/04)
Mother of Adore Flynn Kurtz '66 and Dierdre Flynn Mulholland '67

Sister Helen Faulds, CSJ (St. John Crucis) (6/18/04)

Mary Margaret (Peg) Quinlan Gibbons '30 (1/28/05)

Janice Hazelton Granoff '58 (5/04)

Carolyn Blitz Mast '32 (9/27/04)

Margaret (Peggy) Lawrence Gunn '34 (2/13/05)

Eleanor Cremins Neumann '38 (8/12/04)
Grandmother of High School Student, Sara Neumann '05
Sister of the late Dorothy Cremins McCabe '36

Gail Thompson O'Rourke '68 (12/12/04)
Sister of High School Alumna, Carol Thompson Rossi '71

Mary Agnes McVeigh Reagan '49 (7/22/03)

Helen M. Reddy '31 (1/27/05)
Aunt of Elaine L. Smith '75

Mary Frances Goodwin Romeo '46 (1/25/05)

Anna Marie Vette Ryan '25 (5/29/04)

Irene (Reni) Linane Walsh '54 (3/27/04)
Sister of Kathleen Linane Ehlers '55

Evelyn Brinkman Weber '40 (9/25/04)

ALUMNAE FAMILY

Joseph Alburnio (12/7/04)
Father of High School Alumna Lori Alburnio '82

Nancy Ann C. Azara (9/21/04)
Mother of NDA Board Committee Member Joseph Azara
Grandmother of Jennifer Azara '89 and Suzanne Azara Foley '93

Helen J. Bartell (1/27/05)
Grandmother of Laurie Bartell-Behringer '94

Robert Braun (2/16/05)
Father of Christine Braun '02

Mildred Trimarche Filiberti (2/7/05)
Aunt of Andrea Trimarche Demarest '79
Great-Aunt of Andrea Demarest '99 and Holly Demarest '00

James Hession (1/15/05)
Brother of Aja Hession '96

Gilbert Keteltas (8/30/04)
Father-in-law of Maryellen Hall Keteltas '58

Jennifer Kline (12/7/04)
Sister of Alexis Hollywood '95

William Lane (3/30/04)
Father of Hilary Lane '81

Robert Lauria (7/2/04)
Uncle of Christine Lauria Badalamenti '85,
Jennifer Lauria '88 and Tricia Lauria '91

Donald J. McCarthy (1/22/05)
Brother of Maureen Dugan '64

Marcella McGarry (2/2/05)
Mother of Marcella McGarry Crosson '54

Anthony Moretti, MD (11/23/04)
Uncle of Christina Moretti '04 and
High School Student Anna Moretti '08

Dolores J. Pacifico (12/11/04)
Mother of Jena Pacifico Latriano '78

Rosaria M. Perrella (12/04/04)
Mother of Elizabeth Ruchlin '77 and Anne Marie Wiley '79

Walter Schnorbus (6/4/04)
Husband of Mary Lynne Ellis Schnorbus '56

Peter James Sherry (4/1/04)
Father of Suzette Sherry Lippa '64 and Tara Sherry '84
Grandfather of Lynette Lippa Kehoe '90

Robert Stegmann (1/15/05)
Father of Jeanne Stegmann Besanty '71 and Diane Stegmann '79

John L. Telenko (5/5/03)
Father of Theresa Telenko-Giuliano '82

John R. Valenza (7/28/04)
Father of Janet Valenza Schiel '77

Robert Peter Valles (11/20/03)
Father of Tamara Valles '95

ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY

Jennie Barbiero (1/17/05)
Grandmother of 3rd Grader, Dominique Marinelli

Nicoletta Cerniglia (1/13/04)
Grandmother of Jill Pucciarelli '08

Josephine De Santis (2/13/05)
Grandmother of 9th Grader Regina DeSantis,
Mother-in-law of High School Faculty Gina DeSantis

Frances Duffy (12/20/04)
Mother-in-law of Staff Member Jean Duffy
Grandmother of Bridget '03 and Kara '01

Anthony Grieco (10/04)
Grandfather of 3rd Grade Teacher, Nancy Maneri

Alice J. Ianniello
Mother-in-law of Staff Member Terry Ianniello
Grandmother of Andrea I. Homan '86 and Jennifer Ianniello '89,

Patricia Ivani (07/30/04)
Mother of 3rd Grader, Carissa Ivani-Riccio

Patrick Quinn (11/30/04)
Grandfather of High School Student, Margaret DeJesus '04

Joseph A. Raccuia, MD (12/6/04)
Father of Alexandra '05 and Victoria '07
Husband of Roseann Reid Raccuia '76
Brother-in-law of Loraine Reid-Gilchrist '79

Margaret (Peggy) Ryan (9/27/04)
Athletic Director of Notre Dame High School 1984-2004
NDA Elementary and High School Faculty Member from 1959 to 1999
Mother of JoAnne Ryan Carroll '80 and Ellen Ryan '88

Dominic A. Santore (3/6/04)
Grandfather of High School Student, Tiana-Marie Santore '06 and
High School Alumna Mirjana Scarselli '98

Audrey M. Wisienksi (9/23/04)
Grandmother of High School Student, Kathryn LiGreci '08

Sean Woods (10/18/04)
Cousin of High School Student, Amy Woods '06 and
High School Alumna Elizabeth Woods '99

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 games of chance, cocktails and food.

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*Elementary School Family
 Liturgy & Brunch*

April 17th - 9:30 am Auditorium

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High School Career Day

April 22nd - 8:45 Library

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Alumnae Reunion

May 15th - 11:00 am Liturgy, 12:00 Brunch