



# THE JUGGLER JOURNAL

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## NOTRE DAME TO PARTNER WITH UTICA COLLEGE

Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School and Utica College are thrilled to announce a partnership to offer Notre Dame students a unique experience. Beginning on January 21st, Notre Dame students will be able to enroll in the Utica College 1 credit Personal Finance course, the same course offered on the UC Campus. Thanks to the support of alumni and community donors, the cost to initiate the program has been provided for the students.

Thanks to the Utica College partnership, Notre Dame has received significant financial support to update a classroom that will be the site of all business classes. Rehabilitation included fresh paint, new flooring, new furniture, new shades, and a new 65" OneScreen. This technology serves as a tablet mounted on the wall, offering a visual and learning aid to students.

Classroom updates were provided by a local contractor, as well as additional assistance from the NJROTC cadets. Special thanks to all the students, parent volunteers, and especially donors that made this possible!



*NJROTC Cadets preparing room*



*Room mostly complete. Technology to be delivered in February*



## FULL STEAM AHEAD



In December, Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School welcomed Andrew Zaffarano to grow our STEAM offerings. Mr. Zaffarano brings more than 30 years of experience in educating the concepts of engineering, from teaching woodworking to robotics throughout his career. Mr. Zaffarano will be growing Notre Dame's Project Lead the Way and beginning the Engineering By Design platform for the students of the Jr./Sr. High School.

According to Mr. Zaffarano, "I heard of the opportunity at Notre Dame by chance. I was in the right place at the right time. I met with Mr. Kane, the Executive Principal, and immediately fell in love with the school. I enjoyed

walking through the hallways seeing crucifixes in the hallways and classrooms. It reminded me of my Catholic grammar school and brought back all of those positive memories. My plan is to make the same impressions on my students as my teachers left on me."

## ND STUDENT NEWS

- In celebration of Christmas, Notre Dame students held a Christmas Spirit Week leading up to the holiday break. Each day, students dressed down in themes such as “Blue & Gold Day,” “Character Day: Elves, Reindeer, and Santa,” “Ugly Christmas Sweater Day,” “PJ Day,” and “Red & Green Day.” Faculty and staff, as well as the students, were all encouraged to participate, and the morale of the school was higher than ever expected—certainly ending the year on a high note.
- Notre Dame was once again host to the annual Stuff The Bus, where local schools and companies collect toys for children in the community. On December 17th, representatives from multiple agencies throughout the Mohawk Valley came to Notre Dame and received toys to distribute to their constituents. Notre Dame is proud to not only collect toys from the Jr./Sr. High School students, but to also be the host of such an exciting and meaningful event.



- Over the Christmas break, the 6th grade basketball team had the opportunity to go on the court at the Carrier Dome when the Syracuse Orange played Niagara. They were on the court for the National Anthem and scrimmaged on the court at half time in front of 17,000 people.





## NOTRE DAME STUDENT & FACULTY WISH LIST

If you would like to purchase one or more of these items, please contact Kayla Hartman, Director of Development, at 315-724-5118 ext. 17 or email [khartman@notredameutica.org](mailto:khartman@notredameutica.org), for more information on how to do so.

*1 Classroom Rehabilitation—\$11,000 (see front page)*

*1 Poster Printer—\$5,600*

*1 Backdrop Track for Msgr. Willenburg Stage—\$2,900*

*5 Mobile Data Collectors for Science Department—\$329 each*

*6 Elasti-Launchers for Physics—\$179 each*

*1 12 ft. Ladder—\$100*

*5 Easels for Art Displays—\$23 each*

*1 French Language Expansion Pack—\$100*

*1 French Festival Banners & Signs—\$80*

## CALLING ALL THOSE IN REUNION YEARS!

**40th Reunion**—The Class of 1980 is planning a 40th Reunion on September 19, 2020 at Hinman Farms in Vernon, NY. Contact Amy Zillioux at 315-534-5586, Vanessa Kauth Graham at 315-717-3366, or Lisa Mastronicola Milano at 607-759-7347.

**50th Reunion—ND 1970**— The ND 1970 Planning Committee has decided that on the weekend of October 10, 2020, celebrations will take place. Stay tuned for more information!

**50th Reunion—UCA 1970**— Keep an eye out for festivities in June 2020 in Utica!



*1968 50th Reunion in 2018. Pictured from left to right: Lou Raya, Bernie Creedon, Joe Donnelly, Alex D'Acunto, and Bob Weresynski.*



*1965 50th Reunion in 2015.*

## ALUMNI UPDATES

- Diane (Cremisio) Bradshaw, UCA 1975, is celebrating 1 year as President of Bradshaw Law Group P.C. in Manhattan. The law firm is a full service boutique law firm featuring a team of talented litigators and transactional attorneys with over 30 years of collective experience.
- Congratulations to all those honored by the Marian Club and Brother More Hall of Fame Dinner in October. The Marian Club honored Tom (ND 1964) and Jeanne (Bannigan, UCA 1965) Sebastian. The Hall of Fame honored 4 individual athletes as well as the 2001 New York State Class C High School Baseball Championship team. Congrats to all the honorees from this year as well as the past. For more details, read the article below on the evening and how to participate in next year's celebration!
- Interested in participating in our Alumni Association? How about a planning committee for an all-alumni reunion? Contact Kayla at [khartman@syrdiocese.org](mailto:khartman@syrdiocese.org) to get involved today!

**\*Would you like your recent accomplishment or announcement included on the next Juggler Journal?**  
Contact Kayla at [khartman@syrdiocese.org](mailto:khartman@syrdiocese.org).

## MARIAN CLUB AND HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION DINNER



Graduates and friends of Notre Dame gathered to celebrate as the Brother More C.F.X. Hall of Fame inducted four members and one team into the Hall of Fame and the Marian Club honored Tom and Jeanne Sebastian at a joint dinner this past fall. Each year, the Marian Club of Notre Dame and the Brother More CFX Sports Hall of Fame honor those individuals who have had an important impact on the school and students through their continued support for Catholic education and in the great history of Notre Dame athletics.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Class of the Notre Dame High School Brother More CFX, Sports Hall of Fame honored the following inductees, Don Guido (1967), Josh Haggas (1989), Tobian (Toby) Thomas (1993),

Ashley Broadhust (2004) and the 2001 NYS Class C High School Baseball Championship team.

Proceeds from this special event help to fund Marian Club Scholarships at Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School, providing an opportunity for current and future students to enjoy the benefits of a quality Catholic education. Don't miss out on the opportunity to connect with old and new friends at this year's event to be held on **Thursday, October 15, 2020.**

Nominations to the Hall of Fame were submitted by alumni, parents, relatives, friends, and members of the communities served by Notre Dame. Graduates of St. Francis de Sales, Utica Catholic Academy, and Notre Dame are eligible for consideration. Each nominee's credentials are carefully evaluated by a volunteer Hall of Fame selection committee, comprised of Utica Catholic School alumni from several different decades, as well as current and former Notre Dame staff members. Nomination forms are available online [here](http://www.notredameutica.org/events/photo-galleries/brother-more-cf-x-hall-fame-marian-club-recognition-dinner-2019).

Want to see more photos from the event? <http://www.notredameutica.org/events/photo-galleries/brother-more-cf-x-hall-fame-marian-club-recognition-dinner-2019>

## LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETY

Leadership at Notre Dame means partnering with alumni, family, and friends who support our mission in a variety of ways. Notre Dame is proud to boast its thousands of leaders around the world, with their roots beginning within our very own walls. We are grateful to the members of our Leadership Giving Society—those individuals from our local and global communities who believe in and support the excellence of a Notre Dame education. All are welcome to become a member of this Leadership Giving Society with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more each year or anyone making a monthly gift of \$84 or more. Beyond granting exceptional opportunities for the students of Notre Dame, membership also includes special access and privileges.

For more information on becoming a Leadership Giving Society member, please contact Kayla Hartman, Director of Development, at 315-724-5118 ext. 17 or [khartman@syrdiocese.org](mailto:khartman@syrdiocese.org).

Notre Dame would like to extend a special thank you to our Leadership Giving Society members for the 2019-2020 year, which began on July 1, 2019:

### *Anonymous*

*Dr. Jonathan and Jennifer (Gough)*

*Block, ND 1993*

*Dr. Paul & Stacey Caruso, ND 1987*

*Michael Chanatry, DDS, ND 1969*

*Arthur M de Grafrenried, ND 1966*

*Dr. Donald Flihan, ND 1981*

*Walter Foley, DS 1949*

*Henry Gibbons, ND 1967*

*Thomas & Sheralynn (Maurizio)*

*Harrington, ND 1974 & UCA 1975*

*James Hibey, ND 1967*

*Kevin Gavagan, friend*

*Thomas Kassouf, ND 1970*

*Robert G Kelley, ND 1967*

*James McHale, ND 1964*

*John Nicknish, DS 1951*

*Angelo Nole, ND 1979*

*Catherine Preacher, UCA 1973*

*Rising Phoenix Management Group, LLC*

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*on behalf of Ronald Cuccaro*

*Frederick Shaheen, ND 1971*

*Michael Van Waas, ND 1969*

*Donald Van Waes*

*Thomas Van Waes, ND 1967*

*Edwin J. Wadas Foundation, Inc.*

*Stefan Williams, ND 1969*

*Robert Woodhouse, ND 1968*

*On December 11th, Notre Dame NJROTC Cadets presented colors at the Syracuse University men's basketball game versus The University of Notre Dame.*





# NOTRE DAME RAFFLE

**1st PRIZE: \$50,000**  
**2nd PRIZE: \$20,000**  
**PLUS 15 OTHER CASH PRIZES!**  
**TICKETS: \$80.00 DONATION**

**ONE TICKET CAN**  
**\$50,000**  
**WIN IT!**

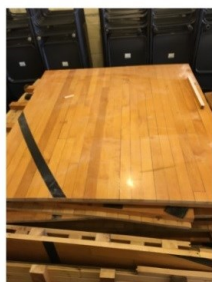
**DRAWING APRIL 19, 2020 AT ND JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 12:30PM, DRAWING STARTS AT 3PM**

Have you purchased your Raffle Ticket yet? It could be the winning \$50,000 ticket! To purchase your chance at \$50,000, [click here now](#).



BUY A PIECE OF UTICA NOTRE DAME HISTORY - ORIGINAL FLOOR OF THE MICHAEL J. WALSH GYMNASIUM 1961—2019

Michael J. Walsh Gymnasium ORIGINAL Floor Pieces For Sale. All proceeds will benefit Notre Dame. To make a purchase or learn more about our auction go to [www.notredameutica.org/athletics](http://www.notredameutica.org/athletics).



5'x5' piece.  
\$250 each  
Many are available.  
These pieces are available anytime for pick up at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School.  
Great for a table, desk, or décor in your fan cave!



Notre Dame Baseline  
ONLY ONE AVAILABLE  
3 5'x5' pieces—15' x 5'  
Minimum bid \$1,000  
Bidding will cease 12/22/19



CENTER COURT ND  
ONLY ONE AVAILABLE  
Minimum bid \$5,000  
Bidding will cease 12/22/19



A commemorative plaque that includes a piece of the floor and a photo of the court are available for \$100.

Have you joined our alumni Facebook group yet? You'll get more information on what's happening at Notre Dame. Just click [here](#) and request to join. As soon as your request is received, you will be added to the group!

## UPCOMING EVENTS—CHECK OUR ATHLETICS SCHEDULE [HERE](#).

- 9 to 5, Notre Dame's Spring Musical—February 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7pm in the Msgr. Willenburg Center. Tickets available at the door.
- Sunday, April 20th, Notre Dame Annual \$50,000 Cash Raffle