

## *May 2006 Graduating Senior Survey Results*

*Question: As you complete your undergraduate study at Notre Dame, What does the College's positioning statement "Learn for Life" mean to you?*

### Accelerated College

- ❖ Much of what I have experienced at NDM will remain with me for life, both from an academic perspective and a social one.
- ❖ It means a second or real chance to fill your goals at any age.
- ❖ This was one of the most challenging undertakings I have ever done in my whole life! I will never forget so many things. It will be there with me for the rest of my life!
- ❖ Learn for life means that learning does not end at the conclusion of your studies at the college, but should continue throughout your life.
- ❖ Education/knowledge is life.
- ❖ Indicates the academic, emotional, and to a degree, spiritual, experiences that take place at CND are carried throughout life.
- ❖ We never stop learning, and what we do learn at Notre Dame can be applied throughout the rest of our days.
- ❖ Everyone is welcome at any age. This was important to me since I am nearly 50.
- ❖ Even though I'm 51 yrs. old I'm still learning and enjoying it.
- ❖ The knowledge obtained can be applied to professional and personal life in all the roads we travel.
- ❖ Education is a constant and continuing process.
- ❖ Life is a series of experiences we can learn from. It is incumbent upon us to not only learn from our life experiences and each other, but to mentor those who follow us in an effort to foster a circle of knowledge that will improve all of us personally, professionally, ethically, and intellectually.
- ❖ Learn for Life means that this is just the beginning, the foundation, for my life, work, etc. This college laid a wonderful foundation for me and I will continue to pursue my interests further with additional education as needed.
- ❖ To me the statement "Learn for Life" means that the experience and knowledge that I gained at Notre Dame will help me with life choices whether it's to further my career or spirituality.
- ❖ One should never stop the learning process, and CND has made it very

accessible for adult learners.

- ❖ Not only will what I have learned at CND stay with me for life, but I have learned a lot about life and acquired a greater appreciation for life.
- ❖ Learning is a lifelong process. Never stop learning. And the things you learn today will help you and others later in life.
- ❖ To take what I have learned and apply it in all facets of my life for the rest of my life
- ❖ To never stop learning.
- ❖ Graduating from CND is just the beginning, there is much more to learn, see, do, and help.
- ❖ I think it means it's never too late to learn something new or to change your ways.
- ❖ For me personally, what I learned in my studies at the College will stay with me for life and allow me to enjoy my journey with even more appreciation of this miracle!
- ❖ Something one can hold on to as far as what you have learned. Once you have that experience long lasting. You can use in your job skills and further your education.

### *Weekend College*

- ❖ As an older student it's what I learned in life that helped me "Learn for Life".
- ❖ "Learn for Life" means that in order to enhance your present life you must continue to learn on a daily basis. You must obtain and retain new information to be successful.
- ❖ Learning takes place in all aspects of our lives, not just in the classroom. "Learn for Life" means that after we leave Notre Dame we will still continue to grow in knowledge.
- ❖ I am 46 years old and was determined to take care of my academic "unfinished business" even if it took until I was 90. When people ask what I will do with my degree after spring, I say with much satisfaction and assurance "I don't know" and then I think to myself "what ever I want not that I believe in myself." I think that is what "learn for life" means to me.
- ❖ "Learn for Life" means a lot to me considering I am a weekend student with a fulltime job and a family to care for. I am even considering the possibility of coming back to Notre Dame for a Master's Degree.
- ❖ It means that there are options here at Notre Dame that are available to people at various stages of in their lives.
- ❖ Every day I will continue to learn from the situations I deal with.
- ❖ What you learn you shall be able to use it for the rest of your life. Also, the

college is there to help you.

- ❖ What I have learned at Notre Dame I can take with me into my workplace and social arena's.
- ❖ I am a student who is advanced in age. I decided to complete my academic goals for personal enhancement. The experience was very rewarding for me.
- ❖ That you will learn what you need for life, and continue learning for life.
- ❖ Continuing to educate yourself for improvement.
- ❖ Knowledge acquired through education is one of the most precious possessions you can own. It belongs to you alone and no one can take it away -what you learn becomes a part of who you are how and how you perform -it becomes a part of your life.
- ❖ Learn for Life allows working individuals to continue their education through a weekend program.
- ❖ Notre Dame's education prepares individuals to become successful in every aspect of life.
- ❖ As a weekend college student it has tremendous meaning. I am 36years old and finally getting my Bachelor's degree. I have returned to college and made a great accomplishment. We are always learning, no matter how old or where we find ourselves in life.

### Women's College

- ❖ That we will all gain the skills needed to be a "life long learner" and continue to learn even after we graduate. We will know where to turn for information and have the skills needed to advance our educations further.
- ❖ This is an important message that I will carry with me forever!
- ❖ As a biology/nursing major, I know my classroom time will never stop as it is a field of constant change.
- ❖ As a current and future educator, I fully believe that learning never ends. Learning didn't just occur in the classroom, but with every interaction with other students/faculty/staff. What we gained from these experiences is just as important, and will carry us as we move into the professional stage of our lives.
- ❖ It means to me that CND has given me the knowledge and understanding to carry over on to other institutions. It also means to me that I do not stop using what I have learned at CND once I leave.
- ❖ That we learn different ways of knowing things, so that we can carry that information with us and not just try to pass the class, but absorb it in order to recall it at an adult cocktail party.
- ❖ It stresses the need to continue your education, inside and outside the classroom.

- ❖ The school has taught me to approach every experience as something from which to learn. I know that as I graduate from this undergrad program, my pursuit of knowledge will never end.
- ❖ It means that learning doesn't stop when you are out of the class room. It is a never ending process that will span your life.
- ❖ This is a statement that I hold dearly--graduates of CND are truly prepared to transform the world, and I know personally, are eager to continue studies. College makes one year for more education! At every stage in one's life, there is the opportunity to learn further both academically and personally. I find this exciting.
- ❖ The lessons we learn in college are ones that will be important as we enter the "real world." They will not only help us in every day situations but will also allow us to share our knowledge with those around us.
- ❖ "Learn for Life" means that we are learning what we need not only in our careers, but valuable life skills as well.
- ❖ "Learn for life" at this stage in my education describes the undergrad degree I have just received that is the basis for everything else I am going to learn. But I am also aware of the continuing education program and now am starting to acknowledge the fact that in order to develop myself; I must continue to education myself.
- ❖ I have learned much during my time at the College, and I believe that almost all of them are applicable to my future. I think that what I have learned will be carried with me for a long time, enabling me to live for life.
- ❖ To me it means that life is an ongoing process, we are all constantly changing and growing. There is never any point in your life when you can not learn something; you have to desire knowledge in order to let yourself learn for life.
- ❖ The understanding that one can never know everything, and the desire to continue education in some form throughout your life. The college has instilled in me a foundation for continued education and further instilled that desire.
- ❖ Education opens doors.
- ❖ It means that learning never ends, not when you leave the walls of a classroom or when you walk across the stage. Learning is an ongoing process.
- ❖ To never stop continuing to learn, whether it is in a classroom or in your everyday life.
- ❖ Education here leaves a life long impact on you as a person and cannot be replaced.
- ❖ Learning is not always found in books.
- ❖ I think, as a teacher, it hits home. This is why I want to teach. I want to

learn for life. I am happy to represent that motto.

- ❖ Just what it says. The college creates life long learners!
- ❖ Learn for life to me mean that I will take my knowledge from the college and expand it through different learning opportunities and experiences.
- ❖ Education is investment for lifetime.
- ❖ It means that life is a learning process, and that school is only one part of it (out of many). My studies and quest for self-improvement will continue throughout my life, whether or not I am in school, but college certainly opened my mind up to new options and ideas.
- ❖ This statement means that my Notre Dame education was not just about academics. While I found the intensive study and research opportunities an integral part of my undergraduate career, my objective learning was supplemented with a liberal arts education that has prepared me to enter the diverse, modern world.
- ❖ Simply that. That what we have learned from this institution will not only serve us now but also in the long run. I also interpret it to mean that learning does not stop within the confines of this campus. It is a continuing process that continues for a lifetime.
- ❖ Education truly is a life long experience. We do not cease to learn once we have earned a degree. Education has the ability to do wonderful and powerful things; it can even transform you as an individual. My education is the most valuable thing God has granted me, and the best part about it is that no one can take it away!
- ❖ Means the experience I have acquired from Notre Dame will help me in rest of my life.
- ❖ CND certainly encourage life long learning. Life skills are valued and appreciated.
- ❖ Persevering through any challenges with a great education.
- ❖ Learn for Life means taking not just the academic knowledge but life experiences and applying them not only to your life but also use those experiences to enhance the life of another.
- ❖ It means that the education you take from here will stay with you for the rest of your life. You learn a lot here that can be applied to every day situations, and you will remember the college when realize how much education you really left here with.
- ❖ The college's statement "Learn for Life" means a lot to me after my experiences at Notre Dame. After seeing all the programs at Notre Dame (Renaissance, Weekend, and Masters) it is apparent that learning is indeed for life. There are so many things that I have learned here that I will carry with me forever. Attending a women's college has given me the confidence to know that I can succeed in this world. The basics that I have learned here will help pave the way for my future.

- ❖ For me, "Learn for Life" refers to the strong academic foundation I have gained from my studies at Notre Dame. I can already see how I will revisit, reflect and renew this broad knowledge base throughout my life. Notre Dame has infused excitement in me to continue learning - a true student for life.
- ❖ It means the learning process never ends and that I should want to continue evolving as a person.

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