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A Message from President Marylou Yam, Ph.D.

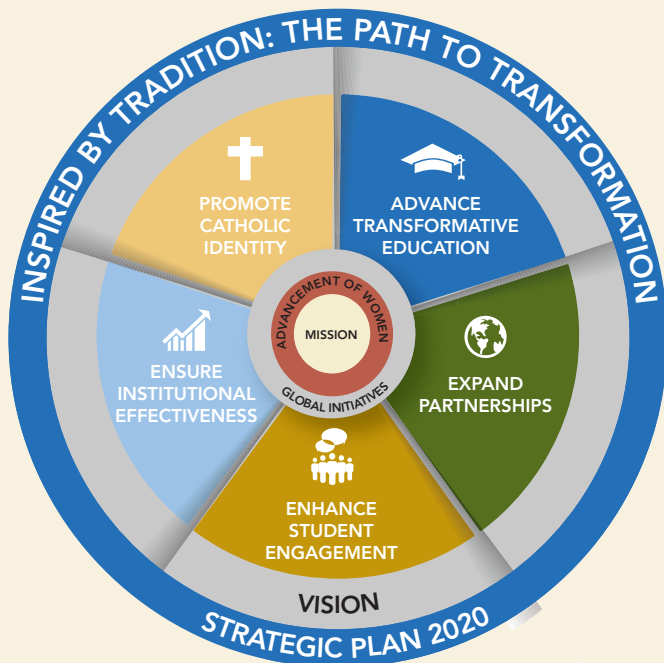


It's a new academic year, and just as our students returned to campus with goals and dreams for their future, Notre Dame embarked upon its 121st academic year with a new strategic plan that will guide us through the next five years.

Rooted in our mission, the plan is structured around five goals that are framed by two guiding pillars: the advancement of women and global initiatives.

Only recently approved, we have already made great strides in implementing the plan. To the right are just a few highlights from the spring and summer.

We are off to a great start! As an institution with a tradition as rich as ours, a mission as powerful as ours, and a dedicated and faithful community of supporters, donors, and alumnae and alumni, we are blessed beyond measure, and I have no doubt of our success.



Our Strategic Plan in Action



NDMU is the only college or university in Maryland with **NGO status**, granted in March by the United Nations. The designation allows for expanded student and faculty involvement in UN initiatives. Read more at ndm.edu/news/NGO.



Our new **Visiting Ambassador Program** brought to campus Romania's first woman ambassador, who gave a rousing and inspirational speech on how and why women create positive change in the world.



We received a **\$3.2 million matching grant from the state of Maryland** that will enable us to continue to make significant upgrades to renovate classrooms and other spaces in our iconic Gibbons Hall.



Starting this fall, the Career Center launched a **guaranteed internship program**. Participating employers include Under Armour, the CIA, Discovery Communications, and T. Rowe Price.

See inside for more accomplishments.

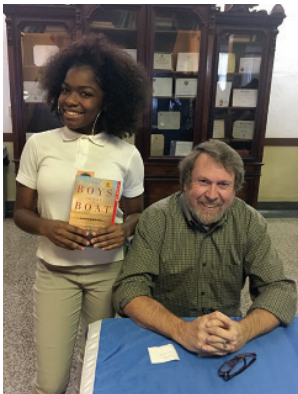
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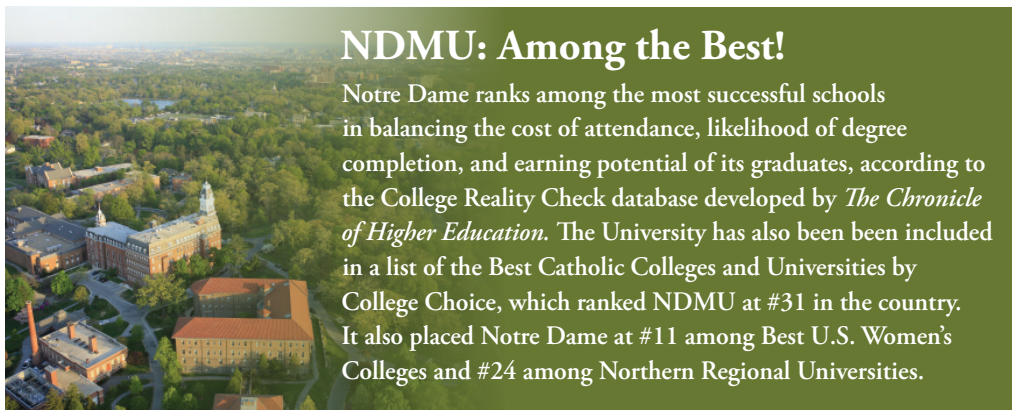
In 2005, at their 45th Reunion, the Class of 1960 envisioned a space on campus dedicated to their parents and future generations of students. Ten years later, they returned to campus for their 55th Reunion to dedicate the Gateway Heritage Plaza, situated between the University Academic Building and Knott Science Center. With the help of their Little Sister Class of 1962, they raised all funds necessary to see their vision become a reality.

Crowned by the historical arch that for years welcomed people at the original Charles Street entrance to campus, the Plaza is a metaphorical testament to the interconnectedness between Notre Dame, the students it has helped to mold, and the countless others it has yet to inspire and empower.

One Maryland One Book Author Tour Comes to NDMU



In late September, Notre Dame was one of the sites selected to host an author lecture as part of the Maryland Humanities Council's One Maryland One Book program. This year's book, authored by Daniel James Brown, is *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics*. Baltimore City and Prince George's County high school students and members of the NDMU community were treated to the author's recounting of how this critically acclaimed book came into being and the challenges faced by the American rowing team that led our nation to victory at Hitler's Olympics. One Maryland One Book aims to unite a diverse audience across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book. "We might read alone," said President Marylou Yam in her welcoming remarks, "but discussion helps us experience a book together."



NDMU: Among the Best!

Notre Dame ranks among the most successful schools in balancing the cost of attendance, likelihood of degree completion, and earning potential of its graduates, according to the College Reality Check database developed by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The University has also been included in a list of the Best Catholic Colleges and Universities by College Choice, which ranked NDMU at #31 in the country. It also placed Notre Dame at #11 among Best U.S. Women's Colleges and #24 among Northern Regional Universities.

Blazing Success for First-Generation Students





The School Sisters of Notre Dame Midwest-Atlantic Province have provided a generous \$100,000 grant for the Trailblazers Program—an academic support and career readiness program for first-generation students at NDMU.

Over 25 percent of the Women's College's students—more than 150 young women—voluntarily participate in the program. Active Trailblazers consistently perform at higher academic levels and have significantly higher retention rates than their first-generation peers and, in some cases, than all students. By spring 2016, about 60 students are expected to have completed the four-year program and have earned their bachelor's degrees. A third of them have graduated *cum laude* or *magna cum laude*. Learn more at ndm.edu/trailblazers.



Cindy Contreras, one of four daughters of a single mother who is a refugee from El Salvador, is a proud graduate of the Trailblazers Program. She was the first of her family to attend college and relied on Trailblazers for support in navigating a challenging academic program and a complex financial aid system. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in education at Notre Dame and is student teaching at a local elementary school. "I love what I'm doing, and I love Trailblazers for helping me get here!" she says.

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-  ENHANCE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Service, Scholarships, and Scrubs

New program to provide support for Caroline Center women





The Caroline Center in East Baltimore, an SSND-sponsored organization that educates women for careers with potential for advancement, will benefit from a new partnership with NDMU that will provide their clients with financial and academic support to help them enter meaningful careers and reach their full potential. The program also features service opportunities for Notre Dame students, faculty, and staff.

“Service, Scholarships, and Scrubs” will provide a scholarship to regularly support a Caroline Center client who wants to improve her career prospects by earning a bachelor’s degree at NDMU. Notre Dame will provide mentoring, campus visits, and “lunch and learns,” which will help Caroline Center clients learn about our nursing and pharmacy programs and the future careers they might consider. Through the Scrub Fund, NDMU community members and others purchased scrub tops—often an added expense for women with limited financial means—for clients who need them to participate in the Center’s healthcare training programs.

For more on the work of the Caroline Center: caroline-center.org

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What’s Your NDMU Story?

The best way to share with others the value of a Notre Dame education is through our stories. Tell us yours!

Go to ndm.edu/yourstory

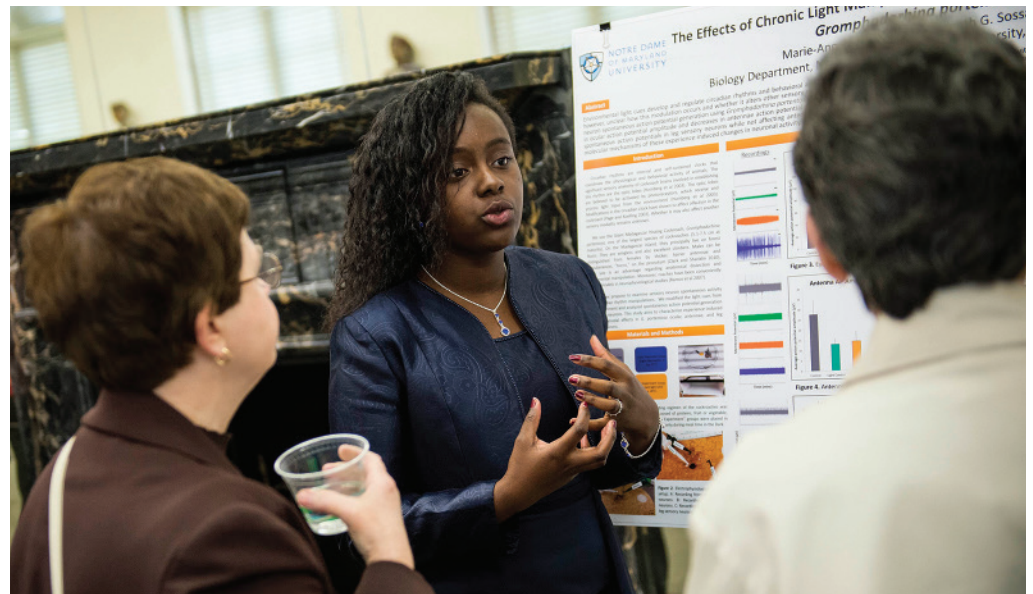


4 Under 40 Literary Event

This fall, NDMU hosted its fourth annual 4 Under 40 Series, which features four women writers under the age of 40. The writers provided insight to students about their creative processes and experiences as women writers at this luncheon event, which was followed by a Q&A panel session for Morrissey Honors students in the NDM100 first-year seminar course. This year’s speakers included (from left) Bettina Judd, Morgan Babst, and Tawnysha Greene. An emergency prevented author Hala Alyan from attending.



An Intellectual Tradition: Nancy Kreiter Student Research Day



This year’s opening speaker, Angelique Besold ’08, Ph.D., who recently completed her doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences, told students her experience at Notre Dame ignited a passion for research.

“You actually get to discover things that no one else in the world knows, things that are so unique that people want to publish a paper about it so it can be shared with everyone,” she said. “How cool is that?”

Each year, the University showcases our students’ intellectual endeavors at Nancy Kreiter Student Research Day, which features student research, panel discussions, and presentations. This campus celebration and acknowledgement of student research and creativity reaffirms Notre Dame’s commitment to challenging women and men to strive for intellectual and professional excellence.

A list of 2015 Nancy Kreiter Student Research Day Award Winners can be found on the NDMU website—enter “Kreiter” in the search bar.

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Fearless Grads Promote Health in Pakistan



“Notre Dame has really prepared us to be compassionate global citizens and partake in a project across the world like this,” says Amal. “Our classroom and leadership experiences have played a very important part in giving us confidence and teaching us how our dream of transforming the world can become a reality.” See more photos of Amal and Saba in Pakistan on their blog: pakhamarapakistan.wordpress.com

Amal Malik '15 (r) and Saba Shahzad '15 spent the summer in Pakistan working on a water and sanitation project they designed through a prestigious Davis Projects for Peace grant. This is the ninth straight year that NDMU students have been awarded the competitive national grant. *Pak Hamara Pakistan (Our Pure Pakistan)* provided filtration hand pumps for clean drinking water and education on the importance of hand washing to prevent the spread of disease to impoverished people residing in remote villages bordering Lahore, Pakistan.

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“Be Fearless. Be Persuasive. Reimagine the World.”



First Visiting Ambassador Advocates for Transformation



With these words, Ambassador Simona-Mirela Miculescu, the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations, challenged NDMU students to effect positive change in the world. She visited campus in March as the University’s first annual Visiting Ambassador, one of a number of international initiatives outlined in our Strategic Plan.

Ambassador Miculescu, the first woman in Romania to reach the rank of ambassador, has made the cause of gender equality her life’s work. She urged her Knott Auditorium audience to get involved in the global campaign for gender equality because “empowering women is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do.”

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Common Reading for 2015: Five Days at Memorial



This fall marks the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. In the Notre Dame spirit of calling forth social justice questions, and in recognition of this anniversary, the Common Reading Committee selected *Five Days at Memorial* by Sheri Fink as the 2015 Common Reading.

The book recounts the struggle of caregivers at New Orleans Memorial Medical Center in serving their patients during the hurricane, and the subsequent questions of legal and moral responsibility raised by this crisis. Ms. Fink is a recipient of numerous honors, including the National Magazine Award, the Overseas Press Club Lowell Thomas Award, and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting. She earned a doctorate in neuroscience and a medical degree from Stanford University. She is a staff writer for *The New York Times*.

Ms. Fink spoke on campus on October 13.



More than 30 Japanese high school students in an English language/science program enrolled in our English Language Institute this summer, and toured area science museums and facilities during their stay.



Inauguration Preview



April 17 marked the inauguration of our 14th president, Marylou Yam, Ph.D. President Yam set a forward-looking tone in her address: “I ask you to join with me as we work together, rooted in our values and energized by our vision, to achieve the transformation that our mission promises. We are the authors of the next chapters in Notre Dame’s history!” Visit ndm.edu/inauguration for coverage of the event, and read more in the upcoming issue of *Universitas*, the NDMU magazine.

International Women’s Festival Will Come to NDMU



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WOW-Women of the World is a global, high profile movement of festivals that celebrate women and girls as forces for positive change and take a frank look at gender equality. Launched in 2011 in London, WOWs have engaged and inspired tens of thousands across five continents, including participants in Australia, Egypt, India, Pakistan, the U.K., and most recently, at WOW-Harlem at the Apollo Theatre. Notre Dame of Maryland University is proud to bring WOW to Baltimore in 2016.

WOW festivals—which feature prominent speakers and performers, panelists, and networking and mentoring events—are powerful agents of change in their host cities because their diversity and timeliness emerge from public planning sessions called Thinkins. You can lend your voice to this world-class event by sharing your ideas on topics, speakers, and entertainers at an upcoming Thinkin on campus. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided, and no preparation is necessary—just bring your good ideas! The sessions will be led by Jude Kelly, CBE, WOW co-founder and director of the internationally renowned London arts institution, Southbank Centre, which is hosting WOW-Baltimore in partnership with NDMU.

Learn more about WOW happenings and sign up for a Thinkin at ndm.edu/WOW and facebook.com/wowbaltimore.

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NDMU Events

From author visits to athletic events to trips off campus to tips for career success, there’s always something to do at Notre Dame! For a full listing of all that’s happening, visit events.ndm.edu.

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New York City Bus Trip

Saturday, October 24, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Busta Lecture in Business

Insights from Women Leaders in STEM: Inspiring the Next Generation

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

7 p.m., LeClerc Auditorium

Adult Programs Information Session

For men and women interested in NDMU’s degree-completion and graduate programs.

Thursday, November 12

5:30 p.m., Fourier Hall

Get Acquainted Day

For prospective Women’s College Students

Friday, November 13, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Winter Open House

For prospective Women’s College Students

Saturday, December 12, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Financial Investment Workshop and Networking Reception

Saturday, February 6, 2016

2 to 4:30 p.m., Doyle Formal Lounge



Our students are thrilled with the renovations to Doyle Dining Hall. The Formal Lounge was also updated.



Rear Admiral Pamela M. Schweitzer, the first woman to serve as the U.S. Public Health Services’s Chief Professional Officer of Pharmacy, was the keynote speaker for the School of Pharmacy’s White Coat Ceremony.





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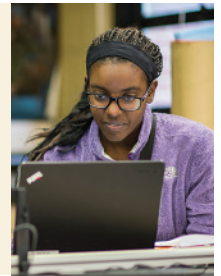
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THE 12TH ANNUAL CHARLES J. BUSTA III LECTURE IN BUSINESS

INSIGHTS FROM WOMEN LEADERS IN STEM: INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

A PANEL DISCUSSION



JUDITH A. BRITZ, PH.D.
*Former Executive Director
BioMaryland Center*



ALISON G. BROWN
*Senior Vice President &
Chief Strategy Officer
University of Maryland
Medical System*



GLORIA A. FLACH
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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015 AT 7 P.M.
LE CLERC AUDITORIUM, CHARLES STREET CAMPUS**

Moderated by La Vida Cooper '03, *Branch Head, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center*

Attracting and retaining women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields has become a national priority and a primary concern for many employers. A prestigious group of Baltimore executives discuss how they achieved success in their fields. Please join us for this annual event honoring women leaders in business. To register, go to ndm.edu/busta or call 410-532-5201. Free of charge and open to the public with registration.