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A Message from President Yam

Fearless and Faithful.

These two powerful words captured my imagination when I first heard them describing Notre Dame of Maryland University. As I begin my inaugural year as President, I am finding that they resonate with an incredible energy and honesty.

To be fearless and faithful requires a great deal from an institution or an individual. It means being firmly grounded in history, tradition, and core values while boldly pursuing opportunities for innovation, growth, and leadership. It means that the moral compass is a steadfast guide, even through times of great change.

And for Notre Dame, it also means that we remain staunch advocates of our mission, as we have for 120 years: to position students, especially women, for success. In doing so, we have created a strong and vital community of fearless and faithful students, faculty, graduates, supporters and friends.

Just a few examples:

We were blessed this summer by a \$1.5 million gift from the family foundation of alumna Kay Pitts '96 to the School of Nursing. Kay was an R.N. raising a family while attending Notre Dame on weekends. It was tough, but she persevered, and with the support of her professors, she finished her nursing degree after 15 years. Now she is giving back to the school that gave so much to her.

We are fearless in service: For the second year in a row, hundreds of NDMU students, faculty, staff and graduates will volunteer for Project Homeless Connect, serving some of Baltimore's neediest. And immediately after Rachel De la Haya '14 and Charisma Edmonds-Massey '14 joined the ranks of fearless NDMU alums, they started packing for an adventure to Tanzania, where they spent part of the summer teaching computer skills to disabled children. Their experience was funded by the Davis Projects for Peace—this is the eighth straight year Notre Dame students have been awarded this prestigious national grant. I can't wait to hear their stories—and will be sure to share them with you.

We are faithful to our mission of educating people to transform the world. Last fall, our undergraduate student Ethics Bowl team went to a regional competition. Our students in many other disciplines learned how to do research while working alongside faculty mentors. One of our standout biology students, Brittany Dunkerly, was the subject of a feature this summer in the *Huffington Post* on her work in a Johns Hopkins School of Medicine lab as part of Notre Dame's Sister Alma Science Year.

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Dr. Marylou Yam
President of NDMU

The Notre Dame Fund Faithfully Supports NDMU's Mission

As the campus is buzzing with the start of another year of growth and learning, we are counting our blessings and feeling extraordinarily thankful for our faithful supporters. Each year, our loyal benefactors make gifts to The Notre Dame Fund that help to address the many needs that tuition alone cannot—financial aid, technology upgrades, support of student programs, and more.

Make a gift to The Notre Dame Fund today!

The Notre Dame Fund is vital to our ability to remain a fearless institution for today's students and tomorrow's leaders. Your support will ensure that generations of students will continue to join the ranks of Notre Dame's amazing teachers, humanists, caregivers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and humanitarians, each of whom is playing a critical role in transforming our world for the better.

►► Make your gift using the enclosed envelope, call us at 410-532-3185, or visit us at ndm.edu/giving. Thank you!



A sky scene by NDMU professor of art Kevin Raines, M.F.A.

A Message From President Yam continued...

We've added three more members of our NDMU community to our list of 15 Teachers of the Year in the past six years: Anne Cross '83 from Baltimore County, Laura Collins M'08 from Calvert County and Karen Reineke, Ph.D. candidate, from St. Mary's County. On the literary front, English majors Marilyn Ehm '14 and Rachel Jones '13 have been invited to read from their work at the Baltimore Book Festival in late September. And three of our English faculty, Jeana DelRosso, Gene Farrington and Shelley Puhak, and one of our philosophy faculty, Maeve O'Donovan, published works in the past year.

A physical symbol of our fearless and faithful heritage, The Merrick Tower on Gibbons Hall is currently wrapped in scaffolding, evidence of our efforts to preserve this historic structure, which, owing to its prominent location, can be seen for miles. Inside, classrooms are being updated with new seating and technology. Renovations to Doyle Dining Hall are nearing completion, and we'll soon have the opportunity to show off our entire campus: Google photographers visited this summer and are assembling a virtual "Campus View" tour—Google's first ever!

And I look forward to cheering our fearless Gators on this fall at Alumnae Field and the MBK Gymnasium. Please join us—and bring your family! I look forward to getting to know you as together we faithfully advance the mission of Notre Dame.

News from the Schools

School of Arts and Sciences

Art Professor Exhibits Landscapes in Scotland

Notre Dame's art students are fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from internationally recognized instructors such as NDMU professor of art Kevin Raines, M.F.A., who exhibited his landscape paintings this summer at a conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. The conference, called *Moving Mountains: Studies in Place, Society and Cultural Representations*, convened artists, architects, philosophers, and others to discuss the impact of mountains and mountain environments on art, architecture, and other aspects of culture and society. All of Mr. Raines' landscapes were depictions of the Adirondack Mountains of New York, where he lives when he's not teaching at Notre Dame.

Mr. Raines has a unique style of painting that enables him to capture the most pristine landscapes. He identifies unique biological ecosystems and then accesses remote sites by foot or boat in order to paint in the field. He is currently working with The Adirondack Council, a watchdog and advocate for the six-million-acre Adirondack Park in New York, on a series of 120-plus paintings and field studies that will begin a tour of New York beginning in June 2015.

►► To see some of Mr. Raines' landscapes, visit kevinrainesart.com.

Earn a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Risk Management!

Do you work in a field where you assess risk or make strategic decisions in the face of uncertainty? Then Notre Dame's post-baccalaureate Certificate in Risk Management might be the essential credential you need to take that next step in your career.

Notre Dame has launched an online graduate certificate in Risk Management that will qualify recipients to become risk managers, risk assessors, or risk communicators. The six-course, 18-credit certificate will take one year to complete. The first course will begin on October 27.

Program director Charles Yoe, Ph.D., professor of economics, is an internationally recognized authority on risk analysis and brings decades of experience in risk management to bear in designing this curriculum and leading the program.

►► For more information, visit ndm.edu/risk-management.

NDMU Students Featured on the Huffington Post

Two of our fearless Notre Dame students were recently featured in a series of articles in the *Huffington Post* on the summer experiences of students at women's colleges.

Brittany Dunkerly, class of 2015, is a biology major and a participant in Notre Dame's Sister Alma Science Year program. Brittany spent her summer (and will spend the remainder of this academic year) conducting research in a cardiac pathology lab at the world-renowned Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Ashleigh Hughes, class of 2015, is a political science major with an international relations minor who learned mediation and conflict resolution techniques during her summer internship in the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Maryland Attorney General, where she helped mediate disputes between consumers and businesses.

Brittany and Ashleigh are just two Notre Dame students who pursued exciting internships or international travel experiences this summer

School of Education

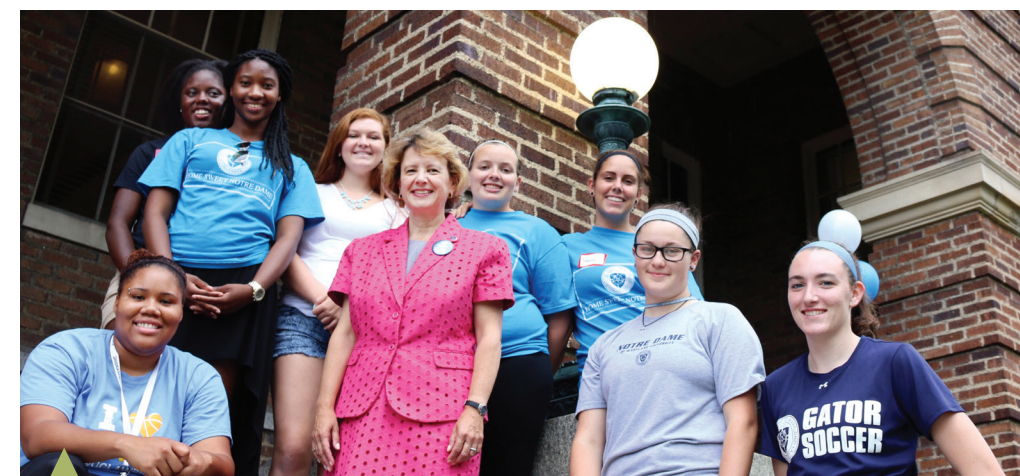
New Books by Education Faculty

Two members of the School of Education faculty have recently published new works that augment Notre Dame's efforts to prepare educators who change schools, communities and lives.

Ryan Schaaf, M.S., assistant professor of technology, has written *Making School a Game Worth Playing: Digital Games in the Classroom*, in which he makes the case for using gaming to instruct the digital generation. And Mary Fitzgerald, SSND, M.Ed., '70, associate professor of education, is a co-author of *Leadership Succession Planning in Catholic Education*, which provides a rationale and planning guideline for board chairs, superintendents, and superiors of religious communities to use when hiring a new leader.

Education Faculty Make STEM Fun

Science and math are fascinating—but are they fun enough to convince a group of kids to study them during summer vacation? Juliann Dupuis, Ph.D., and Lisa Pallett, M.S., from the School of Education found a way. Continuing Notre Dame's leadership in STEM education, they ran an innovative STEM Summer Camp in July for children in grades 3–5, who used science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to learn about the Chesapeake Bay. They devised the best way to clean up an oil spill, discussed the concept of buoyancy through engineering examples of boats and buoys, tested water for salinity and turbidity to determine the best places to grow oysters, determined the percentage of water in the world that is fresh water, went on a virtual field trip to the Chesapeake Bay, and much more. All this, and swimming too!



President Marylou Yam with students and volunteers at Move-in Day. Nearly 300 students are living in the residence halls on campus, the highest total in many years.

Making School A GAME WORTH PLAYING

DIGITAL GAMES IN THE CLASSROOM



The first book by Assistant Professor of Technology Ryan Schaaf, M.S., *Making School a Game Worth Playing: Digital Games in the Classroom*, makes the case for using gaming to instruct the digital generation.

Athletics

The Gators Welcome Two New Coaches

NDMU has named new coaches for the softball and lacrosse teams.

Cheri Johns is the new head softball coach and office manager in the athletics department. Ms. Johns comes to Notre Dame after spending the past four seasons as an assistant coach at Eastern University in Philadelphia.

Erin Sturgis DaSilva '02 is the new head coach of the Gators lacrosse team. A member of NDMU's Athletics Hall of Fame, Mrs. DaSilva takes over the lacrosse program after serving as an assistant to the team from 2009 through the 2013 season and helping guide the team to three Colonial States Athletic Conference playoff appearances. Mrs. DaSilva also serves as the school's soccer coach and in her first season in 2011, she guided the squad to their first winning record since the 2006 season.

►► Come out and root on your Gators this fall! For schedules, stats, and other info, visit notredamegators.com.

Recent Grants

Notre Dame received more than \$1.2 million in grants in the last fiscal year from generous organizations who are investing in the lives of our students. These grants are a vote of confidence in the work Notre Dame is doing in the classroom and in the community. Among the noteworthy recent grants:

►► The School of Nursing was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Maryland Hospital Association's Who Will Care? Fund for Nurse Education to help expand clinical placements for nursing students in the new entry-level baccalaureate program.

►► The School of Nursing was also awarded its fourth grant in seven years for \$300,000 from the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Nurse Support Program II to fund the development of the senior year of the nursing school's new entry-level baccalaureate program and to continue growth of its respected RN-to-BSN program for working nurses.

►► The School of Nursing was awarded a \$100,000 capital grant from the Hearst Foundations for the School of Nursing's Center for Caring with Technology, a state-of-the-art clinical education facility featuring three sophisticated simulation labs.

►► The University was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to hire an architect to create a preservation plan for historic Gibbons Hall.

School of Nursing

\$1.5 Million Gift Will Create Nursing Endowed Chair

Notre Dame of Maryland University has received a \$1.5 million gift from The Pitts Family Foundation—among the largest gifts received from a university alumna—which will fund the Frances Kay Pitts Endowed Chair for Nursing Leadership and Innovation. Mrs. Pitts graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing in 1996 from Notre Dame.

During a recent visit to Notre Dame, Mrs. Pitts said she was highly impressed by the nursing school's Center for Caring with Technology, which uses sophisticated simulation experiences to aid students in developing essential nursing skills, while also enabling them to practice and feel first-hand the exhilarating human experience of caring.

"These students will be prepared when they enter the workplace. It's amazing to see the level of technology that is helping them to learn the many skills you need as a nurse," she said. "To think that this endowed chair will enable these opportunities to expand even more—it's exciting for me. It makes me proud to be part of it."

Nursing and Business Alumna Named CEO of Carroll Hospital Center

Speaking of nursing and leadership, we are extremely proud that our fearless Notre Dame alumna Leslie Simmons '94, M'97, has been named president and CEO of Carroll Hospital Center, located in Westminster, Maryland. Ms. Simmons, who is a registered nurse, previously served as president of the hospital. Ms. Simmons, who earned both a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in management administration from Notre Dame, was recognized as one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women in 2012.

School of Pharmacy

Pharmacy Students Named Schweitzer Fellows

Our School of Pharmacy prepares pharmacists to be leaders in improving societal health. We are proud that two of our School of Pharmacy students, Shefali Patel, Class of 2015, and Aisha Amin, Class of 2016, have been awarded 2014 Baltimore Albert Schweitzer Fellowships, which enable graduate students to carry out a service project to improve health in vulnerable communities.

Ms. Patel and Ms. Amin are based at Esperanza Center, a program of Catholic Charities that provides immigrants with health care, language classes, referrals for services, immigration-related legal assistance, and educational and social services. They will be working with participants in two programs—No Show and Hernia Projects—and will be targeting patients who missed their appointments.

Service is an integral part of the School of Pharmacy curriculum, exemplified by its Advocating program, which pairs students with community service organizations for all four years of their pharmacy program.



Two School of Pharmacy students have been named 2014 Baltimore Albert Schweitzer Fellows: Shefali Patel, Class of 2015, and Aisha Amin, Class of 2016.

University Events

Notre Dame Community

Honors Convocation

Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m., LeClerc Hall

New students become members of the Notre Dame community of scholars and recite the Honor Pledge at this ceremony.

From Homeless to Harvard: An Evening with Author Liz Murray

Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m., LeClerc Hall

Murray is the author of *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*, this year's Campus Common Reading, which recounts her life experience from birth until age nineteen, when she won a prestigious *New York Times* scholarship and was accepted into Harvard University.

Family Weekend

October 25–26

An annual campus tradition that brings students and their families and friends together for a weekend filled with food and fun.

Alumnae and Alumni

Reunion 2014

September 19–21

Reunion Weekend 2014 is celebrating the classes ending in 4s and 9s. Join us for a weekend of festive events! For details, go to ndm.edu/reunion.

Gerry Sandusky Lecture & Book Signing

Wednesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m., Doyle Formal Lounge

Wine and cheese reception, 7 p.m. Lecture and book signing.

Free and open to the public. Cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Widely recognized as the Voice of the Ravens, sports broadcaster Gerry Sandusky has recently released his memoir, *Forgotten Sundays: A Son's Story of Life, Loss and Love from the Sidelines of the NFL*.

Mingle, Mingle

Wednesday, October 15, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Doyle Formal Lounge

\$20 per person; includes wine and hors d'oeuvres

The focus of this fun evening will be on appropriate conversation topics for social gatherings and tips for overcoming "mingle-phobia." Led by Carol Haislip from the International School of Protocol.

An Evening with Sheri Booker '04

Thursday, October 30, 5:30 p.m., Doyle Formal Lounge

\$35 per person, dinner and cash bar

Join us for a literary evening with alum Sheri Booker '04, the author of *Nine Years Under: Coming of Age in an Inner City Funeral Home*.

New York City Bus Trip

Saturday, November 1, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

For the second year in a row, the Networking Committee of the Alumnae and Alumni Association is hosting a bus trip to New York City for Notre Dame alums and friends. The cost is \$65 per person and includes transportation to and from New York City from the Notre Dame of Maryland campus, breakfast, a raffle, and snacks.

►► For details on all alumnae and alumni events, please go to ndm.edu/alum, call 410-532-5201, or email ndmalum@ndm.edu.

Admissions

First Thursday Open House

The First Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Fourier Hall

Wine and cheese reception, program begins at 6 p.m.

Our graduate and undergraduate programs for women and men offer flexible schedules, making it easier than ever to earn or finish your degree. Choose from semester-long, weekend and accelerated courses. Visit ndm.edu/essentialcredential or call 410-532-5500.

Women's College Fall Open House

October 4, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Come and meet the Notre Dame admissions team, get great tips on the admissions process, tour Notre Dame's campus with a student ambassador and attend special information sessions.

Music

Ken & Brad Kolodner

Saturday, October 18, 7 p.m., Marikle Chapel

Ken Kolodner, regarded as one of the most accomplished hammered dulcimer players and old-time fiddle players in the United States, joins forces with his son, Brad Kolodner, a rising star in the clawhammer banjo world, to perform original and traditional old-time music "...played in the purest way: at home, with family, with heart, and a creative curiosity that lets all listeners know that a passion for traditional music yet thrives in every generation."

Joanna Kaczorowska, violin & Pablo Lavandera, piano

Saturday, November 15, 7 p.m., LeClerc Auditorium

Joanna Kaczorowska and Pablo Lavandera, internationally acclaimed for their virtuosity and impeccable ensemble, have performed as soloists in recital and with orchestra and as a duo in every major concert hall here and abroad, including Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires, Carnegie Hall, the Aspen Festival, Marlboro Festival, and the Steingraber Chamber Music Hall at the Wagner Festival in Bayreuth, Germany. The duo was awarded first prize in the 2009 Liszt-Garrison Festival and International Competition.

Music for the Christmas Season

Concert Choir of Notre Dame of Maryland University

Dr. Jennifer Brimhall, Director

Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m., Marikle Chapel

Art

Brady Wilks: Soul of The Land and Selected Works

September 2–October 9, Gormley Gallery

Opening Saturday, September 6, 4–6 p.m.

Gallery talk Wednesday, September 24, noon

Student Exhibition

December 8–12, Gormley Gallery

Reception Tuesday, December 9, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

A salon-style exhibit of work by students enrolled in art courses in the fall semester.

►► For more information on campus events, visit ndm.edu.



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