A Message from Notre Dame

WELCOME BACK, KNIGHTS!

A New School Year Begins Online

As we reach the sixth-month mark of “safer at home” restrictions, Notre Dame has begun the 2020-21 school year with online classes. We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and assessing information and directives from various sources, including the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, the State of California, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and other public officials and agencies. Our top priority is to ensure the health and safety of our students, parents, employees, and other campus visitors.

The Notre Dame technology team has done an amazing job in giving the teachers the tools they need to continue offering a top-quality educational experience for our students. Teachers and
students are connecting on Zoom and happy to be back in class. The faculty is doing an outstanding job in keeping the students engaged, which is exactly what they need during this stressful time.

Governor Newsom recently announced a revised process for reopening counties based on a four-tiered, color-coded system that tracks counties by the number of COVID-19 cases recorded each day and the percentage of positive cases out of the total number of tests administered. Los Angeles County is currently in the purple tier, which is the highest level and indicates a widespread risk of infection. Once Los Angeles County moves to the red tier and remains there for two consecutive weeks, schools will be permitted to reopen. This decision is out of our control, but once the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health tells us we can return to in-person learning, we will launch our hybrid plan in which half the students at a time will be on campus while the other half are online. We hope that this plan will be in intermediate step to having all of our students safely on campus. Please join us in our prayers for an end to the pandemic.

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A Prayer for September

*Each September, we remember the events of September 11, 2001.*

*Adapted from a prayer by Pope Benedict at Ground Zero*

O God of love, compassion, and healing, we ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all the loved ones we have lost, and especially those who died on September 11, 2001 - the heroic first-responders, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of that tragedy simply because of where they were on that day.

We ask you, in your compassion, to bring healing to those who still suffer from the events of that day. Heal, too, the pain of all grieving families. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

In remembering the events of September 11, 2001, may we resolve to put aside our differences and join together in the task of renewing our nation and world.

God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family.

God of peace, bring your peace to our world; peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Amen

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School News

**NDHS President Search**

We are pleased to announce that the search is underway to find the next President of Notre Dame High School. Click below to learn more about our search, meet the search committee, and find our latest updates.
Welcome Class of 2024!

We are excited to have our new freshman class as part of the ND family. We have been able to welcome the class at orientation, and even enjoy a movie together - virtually! Even if we can't be in the same place, we can still be together!

VIRTUAL MOVIE KNIGHT

Welcome to NDHS

We have some new faces at Notre Dame this year!

Click the link below to find out more about our new faculty and staff members.

MEET OUR NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Congratulations Samantha Uytioco '20!

Congratulations to Samantha Uytioco '20 who was the winner of the 2020 Congressional Art Competition! The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, hundreds of thousands of high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION
**Full Circle Consulting**

Over the last few weeks at NDHS, our faculty began a virtual workshop series with Full Circle Consulting Systems.

As a united community, we are committed to educating ourselves more about social justice issues, and making sure that ND continues to be a place of not only educational promise, but also a place of safety, justice, and healing for our students.

**NDHS IS COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

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**NDHS Athletics**

**NDHS Athletic Department Update**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the CIF has combined high school sports from the usual three seasons to two seasons. Click the link to learn more.

**NDHS 2020-21 SPORTS UPDATE**

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**Alumni News**

**R.I.P. Greg Stubblefield '77**

Gregory “Greg” R. Stubblefield ’77 passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, following a lengthy battle with cancer. Together with his brother Rick ’75, Greg has led charitable support of the NDHS library renovation in 2013 (now the Barry Stubblefield Library), the stadium improvement project concluded in 2019, and most recently endowed a scholarship in the name of the Stubblefield Family.

**R.I.P. GREG STUBBLEFIELD ’77**

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**Paul Erickson ’80 Nominated for CFO of the Year**
Paul Erickson ‘80 has been nominated for CFO of the Year by the L.A. Business Journal. The awards recognize top finance professionals for their ongoing efforts and contributions to their organizations.

VIRTUAL AWARD CEREMONY ON 9/23 AT 2:00 PM

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Giancarlo Stanton ’07 Nominated for 2020 Roberto Clemente Award

For his work helping the community battle the COVID-19 pandemic, Giancarlo Stanton ’07 has been named as the Yankees’ nominee for the prestigious Roberto Clemente Award. The award is given annually to an MLB player who demonstrates the values that Clemente displayed in his commitment to community.

2020 ROBERTO CLEMENTE AWARD

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NDHS Reunion Update

Due to the limitations placed on social gatherings by the State of California, there will not be any in-person alumni events scheduled before 2021.


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Events
Planning has begun for Notre Dame’s 2020 Virtual Auction & Gala, A Roaring ’20s Knight. Even though our community will not be gathering for an in-person event, we are still raising money for student scholarships in a fun, virtual setting featuring a live auction, silent auction, and entertainment.

We are seeking sponsors and donations of items for our live and silent auction, which help make this event a great success as ND’s largest annual fundraiser.

A popular auction item is wine. Drive-through/drop-off for wine donations will be available in the Woodman parking lot on two weekends:

- Friday 9/25, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm and Saturday 9/26, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Friday 10/2, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm and Saturday 10/3, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Donations of wine can also be dropped off at school by appointment through October 11. Please remember to include your completed wine donation form.

Proceeds from the auction are directed to the Holy Cross Scholarship Fund to make a Notre Dame education possible for many students who could not otherwise afford it.

Please contact Lynn Silberberg, Event Manager, for more information or to volunteer at (818) 933-3605 or silberberg@ndhs.org. For information, forms, and registration, please visit:

www.ndhs.org/roaring20s

In Memoriam

Steve Cuccinello ’66
Greg Stubblefield ’77
Parker Chalmers ’02
Lo-Ree Ewing, mother of Scott ’83

Please join our faculty, staff, and students in prayer for the repose of the souls of our departed alumni, parents, and friends. Please report community deaths to our Advancement Office so we can
remember the deceased and offer prayers of support for families. If you would like to make a contribution (of any amount) to NDHS in memory of a friend or loved one, the NDHS Advancement Office will acknowledge your gift to you and notify the family of your thoughtfulness.

To make a donation in memory of a loved one, please click here.