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ND Day Fun!



Students Compete for Bragging Rights!

Editor Michael Hodgskin

On May 12th, Notre Dame had our first “ND Day” in two years, a day dedicated to the students where we all participated in fun games to celebrate the end of the year with an abundance of school spirit. This has been our first ND Day since October 25th, 2019, and we are so happy to bring the celebratory day back.

With a lot of planning and dedication, the school’s Student Council has brought this day to life. Each grade from freshmen to seniors volunteered a color for their class shirt, and on ND Day we all were dressed in our designated attire. Freshmen wore red, sophomores wore turquoise, juniors wore purple, and seniors wore neon orange.

After Mrs. Friel began her 13.1 mile run, the first major activity of the day was the thrilling Senior vs. Staff volleyball game, which had the school roaring with cheers and excitement as we watched our favorite classmates face off against our beloved teachers. Once the game ended, the student body enjoyed a quick snack and donut break, and then went outside to gather around the front of the building to cheer on Mrs. Friel as she crossed the finish line, completing her challenge.

Soon after, we all enjoyed our first Talent Show in two years, which featured students competing with their astonishing talents for a winning cash prize, and it ended with a surprising dance performance by our teachers. Following the entertaining show was the class games, the activities that all of the students were waiting for. These games included pie eating, scooter races, hula hooping, a relay race to see how many layers of clothes a student could get on, and many more.

After winners of each grade were declared, we all sat down for lunch and watched Notre Dame’s famous Powder Puff game, where the junior girls and the senior girls played each other in football, all coached by none other than the actual football players themselves.

This day has been long awaited by the entire student body, and we are all so glad to finally bring it back and participate in this fun day dedicated to our school and our students. It was a great day to be a Crusader!

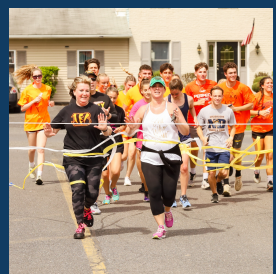


And the winners are...

- Austin Karwacki - 1st Place Talent Show
- Catherine Mahoney - 2nd Place Talent Show
- Terry Hersh & Helena Schmidt - 3rd Place Talent Show
- Katherine Gianforcaro - 4th Place Talent Show
- Ava McFarland & Lauren Uliana - ND Spirit Award

Seniors - ND Day Class Games

Juniors - Powder Puff Game



Mrs. Friel Completes 13.1

Running with ND Support!

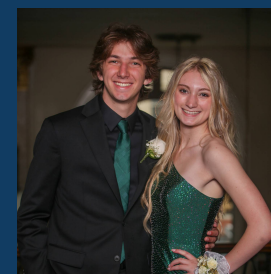
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Bittersweet Memories!

Seniors reflect fondly on their time at ND!

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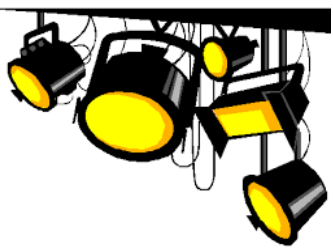
Dancing the Night Away!

Juniors and Seniors enjoy Prom!

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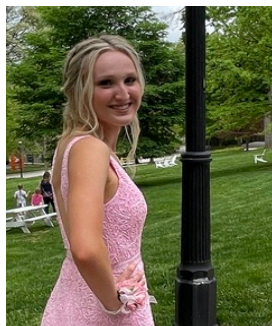


Spotlight: *The* *Crusader*



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Grade: 11th

Memory of 11th Grade: Cheering at football games and Journalism class!

Summer Plans: Touring colleges and surfing at the beach!

**Michael
Hodgskin**



Grade: 11th

Memory of 11th Grade: Attending prom with my girlfriend and having fun with my friends!

Summer Plans: Traveling to Topsail Beach, NC with my family.

**Lauren
Raniszewski**



Grade: 11th

Memory of 11th Grade: Getting out of math class to receive a memorable Promposal and gracing the ND stage as Chip!

Summer Plans: Spending time with friends and visiting Disney World!



Mrs. Friel's 13.1

Running with Student and Faculty Support!

Editor Rosetta Shupe



Kicking off ND day, Mrs. Friel began her half marathon run by running down Kramer's way. All along the sides of the road, students were lined up to cheer her on as she began her journey. In the past, Mrs. Friel had been an avid runner; however, after becoming a mother she took a break from running. In support of mental health, Mrs. Friel decided to run a half marathon, but was sick the day of the race, which resulted in her running in on ND day.

Meeting up with a new group of students every mile gave me something to look forward to!

During the run, Mrs. Friel reminisced on the fact that it was not as challenging as she expected, thanks to the students. "I was also motivated to run knowing that the students and faculty would be cheering me on as I finished the race." Mrs. Friel also added that she would love for the run to become a tradition on ND day, and that she would like to thank the school and especially Mrs. Fenton for helping her throughout the day.





Senior Thoughts for the Underclassmen

Never take time for granted, time flies. Enjoy every minute of senior year, have fun!
G. Perna

To underclassman, Work hard and it will pay off but make sure to take time to have fun and appreciate what you have!
L. Daukshus

MAKE MEMORIES AND HAVE FUN!
P. BIALEK

"I felt very supported by the ND teachers and staff this year and had the privilege of getting to know many of them better. Kairos was my favorite part of senior year. I would recommend the Fall Kairos to next year's class more than the Spring Kairos because retreatants have the opportunity to be leaders in the spring and it gives them a chance to grow closer to their classmates earlier in the year.

J. Lengen

Don't look back and regret not doing or saying something; take risks, and have fun!
S. Kaulius

If you don't bring your raincoat, it will rain.
L. Pierson

ATTENTION CRUSADER COMMUNITY!

KEEP AN EYE ON THE LOCAL PAPER, THE BEHTLEHEM PRESS! THEY WILL BE RUNNING STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS ON SEVERAL OF OUR OUTSTANDING ND SENIORS! ALSO, OUR OWN EDITOR, MICHAEL HODGSKIN, WILL BE FEATURED AS A WRITER FOR THE NEWSPAPER.

Senior Reflections: Looking Back Before Moving On

Annie Hohl

Looking back on my years at ND, my favorite memories come to mind - from the beginning of the school year with bonfires and football games, homecoming and fall sports season, pep rallies and spirit week all the way to the end of the year with prom and finals week. There were definitely challenges along the way, indefinitely the largest being when COVID hit in March of my sophomore year. We were split apart not only as a class but also as a school. When we finally were able to be back in the building with masks and social distancing, it took a while to adjust to old times and all the fun activities we didn't get to do for two years, but we finally got there! With the help of the entire student body, administration, and faculty, our senior year has been filled with so many great memories. I'll miss the people and the classes I've been with for the past for years. It's hard to think that our time together is over. It feels like just yesterday I was just walking into Mr. Fenton's American Cultures class as a freshman.

To all the underclassmen, enjoy your time here. Don't waste time wishing for it to be over, because once you get there, you'll be wishing to go back!

In August, I will be attending The University of Scranton majoring in nursing and playing on the field hockey team. I'm excited to start a new chapter of my life and meet new people!

Katherine Lopez

As the year comes to a close, I'll will miss countless people and so many things about ND! The people and events have shaped my life physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Each year I look forward to football games with the student section's loud demeanor and the endless school spirit everyone possesses. My friends and I would scream at the top of our lungs for the people we knew on the field, and, even when they lost, we still supported them like a family.

Notre Dame's community and administration make every event enjoyable for everyone - from thon, bonfire building, homecoming, prom, retreats (Kairos), and even classes; some, in particular, are fun because of how the teachers go above and beyond what they teach: Mr. Regnet provides a stress-free environment, even in an AP Biology class, and Mrs. Klabunde's comfortable, homey classroom never fails to feel welcoming.

I will always remember the lessons teachers have taught, the people I have met, and the nights we all danced at prom and homecoming as a family.

As I move on, I will be attending DeSales University, majoring in medical studies on the 3+2 Accelerated Physician Assistant program. I am looking forward to the years I will have at DeSales and I am excited to meet so many more wonderful people while also keeping up my faith, seeing as DeSales is a Catholic University; however, I am also sad to leave the majority of people I have grown up with all my life, since middle school.

ND's Top Senior Scholars!

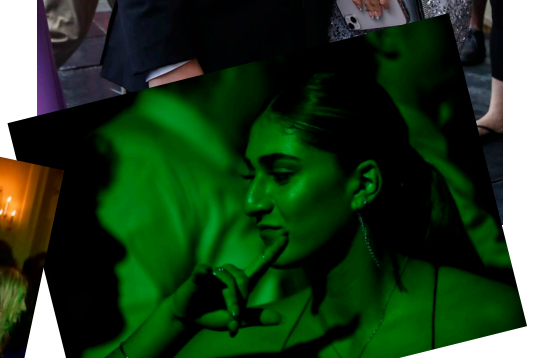
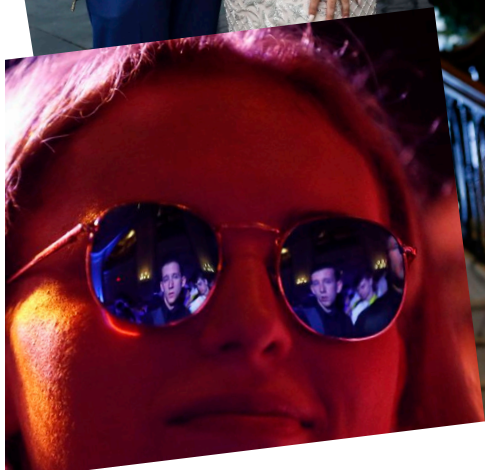
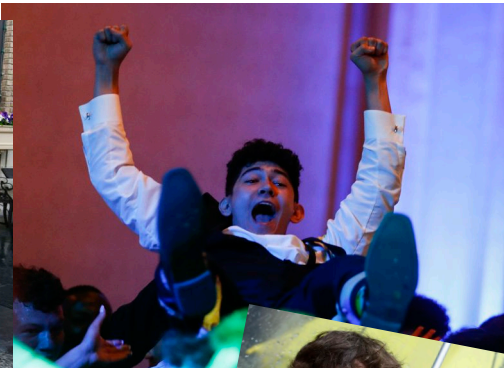
Congratulations to this year's Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and the Top 10% of the Notre Dame Class of 2022!

David Banko, Cory Burgess, Raegan Cooper, Annemarie Hohl, Sheila Miller - Valedictorian, Ryan Kothstein, Jaden Lengen, Leo McMenimen, Isabella Miles, Alexandra Nehme, Collin Quintano, William Skopal, Lucille Weed, Lucas Annalsingh - Salutatorian



Juniors and Seniors Dance the Night Away at Prom!

Students donned their best attire and enjoyed a fantastic evening at Hotel Bethlehem!





FREE SPEECH

Elon's Motives in Buying Out Twitter

Lucas Anmolsingh & Jacob Seibert

Twitter's Motives to be Sold

Elon Musk will soon be the owner of the social media giant Twitter. The social media company recently announced that it has accepted the Tesla and Space X CEO's \$44 billion offer to take the company private. That means the world's richest man is about to have the power to develop an entire social media platform used by more than 200 million people every day. Musk intends to use this power in a few specific ways.

His first proposal is to loosen up content rules in the name of free speech. Musk describes himself as heavily pro free speech and has criticized what he sees as excessive moderation on online platforms.



"Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated."
E. Musk

Musk's next goal is to create an edit button so users can change their tweets. Unlike other social media apps, it is not possible to change the content of tweets on Twitter once it's published by a person. Musk has said he supports letting people change what their tweets say although it is coming with much controversy.

The Tesla CEO also aspires to open up Twitter's algorithm to the public. Musk has said that the software that determines what people see and how widely content spreads on Twitter should be cracked open. He supports placing Twitter's algorithm on GitHub, a site popular with programmers for sharing computer code.

Lastly, Musk plans to launch a war on twitter bots and scams. Combating the tons of bots on Twitter fake accounts that are programmed to respond to tweets on certain topics is another change Musk favors. Musk's business empire has been known to attract its fair share of bots. In addition, many speculate that Musk will open the platform back up to former President Donald Trump. Musk has not publicly said whether he would allow former President Donald Trump back on the platform after the company permanently suspended him for comments that supposedly broke their rules of conduct during the U.S. Capitol siege last January.

Science tells us that with every push comes a pull of opposite force to that same degree. Translating this law into business, we understand that if Musk's motive for buying out Twitter was that of rebranding and promoting free speech-related ideals, Twitter must also in turn have a motive to being bought out. Twitter's CEO, Jack Dorsey, co-founded the app all the way back in 2006. He envisioned it as a public platform made to create a community-like online hub for users to efficiently share their views, communicate with each other, and post about relevant topics. Facing much controversy and upheaval however, Dorsey stepped down from the official CEO title in 2021, leaving the job to the interim Parag Agrawal but still retaining 2% of Twitter in stock value. Around this time, Twitter is still resting as a predominant social media powerhouse. However, it's most successful year was 2014, when Twitter reached its climax of annual revenue growth.



Being at an ALL-TIME low in 2020, Twitter clearly had to go through some rebranding. In spite of all these efforts, their numbers in 2022 simply did not compare to that of its 2014 era. Seeing this, we can form a logical correlation between Twitter's agreeing to be bought out and their low engagement. For example, if Twitter had been at a record high in yearly growth in 2022, Agrawal might not have agreed to sell it to Elon Musk. The low growth might reflect society's current outlook on Twitter, behind the controversy surrounding the issue of freedom of speech in social media. Moreover, if we look back at Dorsey's removal, he still owns 2%, which may not seem like a high amount but in actuality its estimated worth is over \$978 million. So, with a substantial profit to be made from selling it and left with no real indication that Twitter's stock will ever rise to that of its early 2010's heights, the leaders of Twitter made the consensus to sell it, leaving Dorsey to make roughly 1 billion dollars! Had none of those factors existed, Musk might not have even wanted to buy Twitter in the first place! Thus, it is the amalgamation of both Elon's motivation, Twitter's self recognition that they were on the decline, a last chance for profit, and political upheaval that resulted in Musk's purchasing of Twitter!



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A Tale as Old as Time

Editor Lauren Raniszewski

What do you call a show that performed five times, happened five times, was sold out, and overall amazing? The answer to this question is Notre Dame Theatre Company's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The cast and crew worked from January to April to make this show possible and in return we had sold out every night. We performed for senior citizens, then for the feeder schools, and lastly the public. We had bumps and bruises along the way, but had so much fun putting it together.

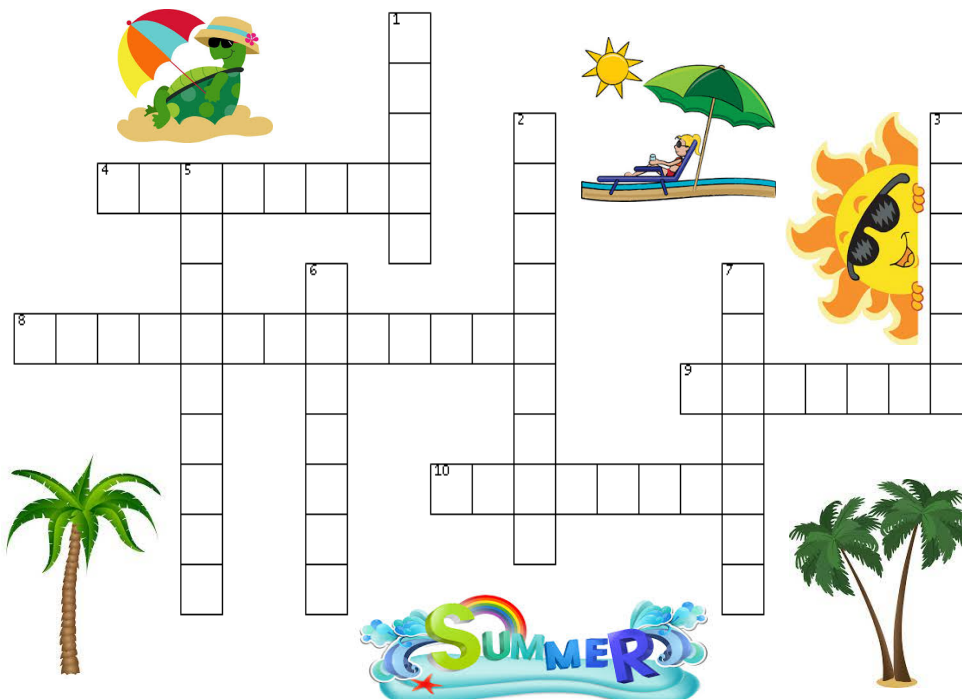
Lastly, NDTC is one big family and we can not wait for our family to expand in the new auditorium next year!



Congratulations to senior Kieran Lencheski on her Freddy Nomination for "Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role"! You lit up the stage, Lumiere!



ND Teachers Where are you spending your Summer Vacation?



Down

1. Mrs. ___ - FL, NY, CT, & Boston
2. Mr. ___ - Knobles
3. Miss ___ - Charleston, NC
5. Mrs. ___ - Wildwood Crest
6. Miss ___ - Vermont
7. Mrs. ___ - Williamsburg, VA

Across

4. Mrs. ___ - Lake Lure & OBX
8. Mrs. ___ - Cincinnati
9. Mrs. ___ - reading on her back porch.
10. Miss ___ - Nashville, TN & Atlanta, GA

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Student Perspective - NDHS Ladies Softball

By Lauren Bjelobrk

Being a member of the Notre Dame Softball team is a one-of-a-kind experience. Being a part of a team is such a good opportunity to meet people and have a great time while interacting with your peers. We make so many fun memories together throughout the course of the season. From the bus rides to the early Saturday morning practices, we always find a way to have fun.

Personally, I think that the best thing is meeting the younger girls and developing friendships. The friendships that I have developed playing softball are unlike any other and they will be ones that I will have forever. Over the course of the season, we develop such a good relationship as a team because of all the hours we spend together. Being a part of the Notre Dame softball team requires a lot of heart and dedication. We practice everyday after school; that is when we don't have games of course.

This year, we had a lot of rebuilding to do and we looked to a lot of the younger players to step up to the plate. Many of the younger players played such a significant role in the successes that we did have this season. Although we did not do as well as we had hoped to do in the league and district tournaments, we still gave every game 100% effort.

We have so many talented players on the softball team. We are looking forward to next year; however, we will miss all of our eight seniors that will be graduating: Sophia Brands (senior from Moravian Academy), Julia Cameron, Shae Kaulius, Mahlea McQueen, Anna Micklos, Haley Nedo, Grace Perna, and Ali Riker (senior from Moravian Academy). They all played such a key role in leading the team both on and off the field and we will miss them so much next year!

We will rely on the rising seniors as well as the younger players to take their place to step up and lead the team to success next year. I can't wait to see everything next season has in store for such a talented group of girls!



ND STUDENT ATHLETES MAKE HISTORY!

Lucas Guimes, Isabella Miles, & Liam Skopal

This year, Notre Dame athletes in a variety of sports across multiple grades set records, won championships, or both! We asked them what their sports mean to them and where they wanted to take their athletics in the future.

Senior boys basketball player Brendan Boyle has become something of a Lehigh Valley celebrity after breaking the Notre Dame record for most points scored in four years. On January 25, 2022, the two-time league MVP with a career score of about 1,900 beat the previous record, which had been held by Jeff Dailey '04. Brendan credits Jeff — who, like Brendan, had played under Coach Pat Boyle, Brendan's dad — with his love for basketball, saying "basketball means the world to me because I always had a lot of older role models I looked up to, Jeff Dailey being one of them... really inspired my love for the game." Next year Brendan plans to play for Kutztown University and he says his ultimate goal is to make the most of his time there. "I'm excited for college. I'm excited to be independent, to live a new lifestyle, to meet new people, and to play with new teammates."



Raegan Cooper has been a star on the girls varsity basketball team for all four of her years at ND. Her freshman year, she was one of two freshmen on the Varsity team who made it far into the playoffs. Her junior year the Lady Crusaders team made it all the way to the State tournament quarterfinals. This season Raegan accomplished a very special record: the most three pointers made in school history (179)! Raegan has been a sharpshooter throughout her high school career and even has the record for most made three pointers in a game with eight. Raegan of course is going on to play college basketball at Ave Maria University in Florida. Her goal there is to start as a Freshman and play on the team all four years, she is also planning on studying business. Raegan is not only a great basketball player, but she is also in the top 10% of the senior class. Basketball has been a way for Raegan to meet lifelong friends and gain a love for the game of basketball. Raegan has been playing basketball ever since she was little and has gained a



Breaking Records and Making Notre Dame History!

great passion for the game. Reagan is very excited to meet all the girls on the team and begin the next chapter in her life. She will cherish the memories the basketball team gave her and will always remember her time at ND.

Notre Dame senior Cris Cucciuffio plays lacrosse for Moravian Academy as a goalie with over 315 saves for this season. On April 12, 2022, he recorded 45 saves in a single game, beating the previous Pennsylvania record of 31. To Cris, playing lacrosse is a matter of family pride. "I have fun doing it, and it means a lot to me because my whole family does it." He chose the sport because, as he put it, "I grew up playing it since I was a little wee baby." Ultimately, Cris would like to play for the Premier Lacrosse League (PLL), but first he will play for Saint Bonaventure University where he also plans to major in accounting.

ND swimming has now had its fourth successful season thanks in large part to the efforts from senior R.J. Farina. Ever since he began his career at ND in 2018, he has broken many school records and is one of the most decorated athletes in ND history. He is currently the holder of two pool records, but throughout his career he broke six. He has won a total of seven district medals while at ND, five of them being gold and the other silver. He made the state tournament all four seasons and won four total medals, three bronze and a silver. R.J. will be attending NJIT (New Jersey institute of Technology) next fall and will be swimming there. His ultimate goal would be to make the US olympic team and receive a gold medal. Some may wonder how someone like R.J. could be so successful. R.J.'s dad has been coaching division 1 swimming as long as R.J. can remember and has worked at universities such as Seton Hall, Lafayette, and currently at NJIT (where R.J. will be attending next fall) among others. R.J.'s sister is also a division 1 swimmer at Ryder University. When asked about how he started, R.J. responded "I was kinda born into it." According to R.J. swimming has been the biggest part of his life to this point. R.J.'s illustrious career left very few shortcomings. His career may be over for now, but he plans and continues his successes at college. As R.J. himself said, he truly was born to do this.

Francesco D'Avella is currently a senior at Notre Dame and is one of the best swimmers the school has ever had. Francesco has won countless awards and has even broken a record. Francesco holds the title of being a five time district champ, five time state medalist, and made all stars five times. In addition, Francesco has broken the impressive district meet record for one hundred breaststrokes. Francesco's love for swimming began around the age of five and became competitive around the age of six. Francesco first began swimming as a hobby, but ended up truly enjoying it. In addition to doing well and finding pleasure in swimming, Francesco continued to swim because it brought him closer to his family, especially his mom. Francesco has expressed how much swimming means to him because it has strengthened his relationship with his mom. In his free time, Francesco dedicates himself to being a swim instructor and lifeguard. Francesco enjoys helping children learn how to swim as well as making sure people remain safe while swimming. Francesco's end goal in his swimming career is to be a head coach of his own swim team. Next year, Francesco plans to attend Ursinus College as a business major, while continuing his

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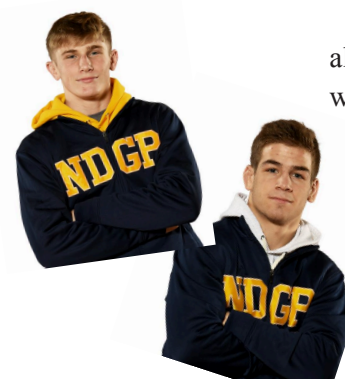
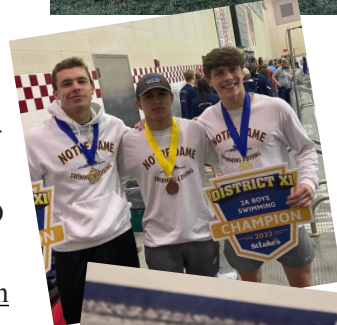
career as a swimmer by joining Ursinus' swim team. Not only is Francesco an impeccable swimmer, but he is also a great friend, studious student, and ultimately a hard and dedicated worker.

Brandon Chletsos is currently a senior at Notre Dame and is one of ND's most impressive wrestlers. Brandon holds the title of being a state champ, 4 time state placewinner, Escape the Rock Champ, Ironman Placewinner, Beast of the East Placewinner, Powerade Placewinner, School Wins, Record Holder 153 wins, and school most wins in a season 53 wins. Brandon's most impressive accomplishments would be that this year he became a Pennsylvania State Champion in wrestling. Brandon first got into wrestling through his family. Brandon described the reason for his interest in wrestling as something to take his energy out on. Furthermore, Brandon found joy in being a wrestler and made his career competitive. When asked what the sport of wrestling meant to him, Brandon said "everything." Next year Brandon plans on continuing his wrestling career at Rutgers University as a business major. Brandon's end goal in wrestling is to win a Division 1 NCAA Title. Brandon Chletsos is the perfect example of a student athlete who puts endless time and effort into the sport of wrestling as well as his academic career at Notre Dame.

Junior wrestler Holden Garcia played the 2021-22 season with 41 wins to 9 losses, a feat that earned him the title of #1 in the state. When reflecting on his first three years at Notre Dame, Holden says that "honestly, wrestling is the reason I came here. I saw a great opportunity with ND and Coach Matt." He, like many others, says that he plays his sport because he grew up with it. "I kinda got thrown into it in kindergarten, my dad took me to a practice. I liked it and won my first tournament, and kept going from there." In addition to his wrestling, Holden also performs well academically and is a member of the National Honor Society. He says that his wrestling and academics benefit each other, saying "The mindset we develop in school and in wrestling helps me in both." Holden looks forward to the summer, but is excited to return to school as a senior next year.

Senior wrestler Evan Maag had 43 wins in his 2021-22 season, the most on the team. He set a record by being ND's first ever 4 time district champion. He has an entertaining reason for starting wrestling: "I was basically a hot-headed kid, I wanted to fight people, so I ended up doing that...I fell in love with the sport." Evan says that being around the same group of people for as long he has — the coaches and athletes — has been a particularly meaningful part of his sport. He also credits wrestling with helping him get into a good college. Next year, Evan will attend George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia where he will continue to wrestle. Ultimately, his goal is to place in the NCAA All-American wrestling tournament.

We are sure that, although they have done great things already, all of these incredible athletes have even brighter futures ahead, whether it's with the Crusaders or elsewhere.



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 8 - Dutter-Goodman
 9 - Brinker
 10 - Boccardi
 Down
 1 - Miles
 2 - Steinruck
 3 - Ketter
 5 - Angelucci
 6 - Holland
 7 - Carter