

# REVIEW

FALL 2013



**“The very best institutions are those whose mission is lived daily. Notre Dame is such an institution. I am eager to tell Notre Dame’s story.”**  
 — President Joan Develin Coley, Ph.D.

## A Message from President Joan Develin Coley, Ph.D.

**E**ight days into her presidency, Joan Develin Coley, Ph.D. is still settling into her office in Gibbons Hall. She has had little time to populate the office with personal effects, however, as she has filled her first days attending to the priority that matters most: exploring the community she has newly joined; meeting with faculty, trustees, School Sisters of Notre Dame and administrators, and helping to ready the campus for the return of students. Dr. Coley served for 38 years at McDaniel College, first as faculty member and Provost, then as President before retiring in 2010. She graciously steals some time from a packed appointment calendar to share her first impressions of Notre Dame of Maryland University and her ambitions for the coming year.

**Since you retired as President of McDaniel College, you have been asked a number of times to consider a presidency but have never entertained the possibility. Yet you said “yes” to Notre Dame. Why?** One, I had an instinct that the fit would be a good one. I have always known Notre Dame to be an excellent institution with superb teachers. As I weighed the opportunity, I knew that I was going to love being a part of this community. Second, after three years of retirement I was ready for the challenge. My husband, Lee Rice, was ready too, which is an important consideration, since spouses have an important role to play in the life of the community, including being a supportive partner. He’s happy I’m engaged, and he’s happy to be involved again in academia.

**So your instincts about a “good fit” have proven correct?** On my first day, I met with trustees, senior administrators and School Sisters of Notre Dame. Everyone handed me thick reports which they encouraged me to study. It was a trunkful of reading. Sister Eileen, Vice President for Mission, gave me a slim envelope and told me, “Read this first.” What she gave me was the story of the School Sisters. Everything I read about the congregation connected with me. The only thing I’ve ever wanted to be is a teacher, and here was a special group of women who see education as a way to transform the world. Their belief in the power of education affirms what every good teacher believes in her heart. I knew the match was perfect.

**Notre Dame is a Catholic university. You profess a different faith tradition. Is that a challenge?** The University has always enrolled students of different faiths, so my example, while a first, is not wholly outside our tradition of welcoming all. The mission of the University is embodied in the mission of the SSNDs, a mission I deeply admire. I hope that the way I live my life shows that I reflect that mission. And I would not, could not, take on this position if I didn’t absolutely believe in the value of a Catholic education and every aspect of its mission.

### You say that you are not a placeholder President. What do you mean?

No institution can afford to sit still. Momentum is a precious resource that is sustained by action, not by caution. During the term of my leadership, I intend to move the University forward. I honor the accomplishments of my predecessors in this office, and I am committed to building upon them.

### How does your lifelong love for teaching contribute to your approach to being President?

My leadership style is definitely influenced by my experiences as a teacher. For example, when a colleague makes a mistake, we discuss it from the perspective of what can be learned from the experience. As a reading specialist, I act as a diagnostician, and I have transferred that skill into my leadership approach. Presidents get the credit when an institution succeeds, but the truth is that success is always a team effort.

### Have you had any opportunities to meet with alumnae and alumni?

I had lunch today with alumnae and alumni residing in the Oak Crest Retirement Community. They were such accomplished and interesting women and men whose deep love for Notre Dame was unmistakable. Our graduates are the living embodiment of the University as they carry the spark of Notre Dame into the world. I look forward to meeting many more.

### What has surprised or pleased you most in the short time you have been at Notre Dame?

I have never been offered God's blessing by so many people so many times. This community's generosity of spirit is wonderful.

*For the full interview and more information on Dr. Coley, visit [ndm.edu/about/office-of-the-president](http://ndm.edu/about/office-of-the-president)*

## Women's College

### Exciting Changes

- The Academic and Career Enrichment (ACE) Center is now the **Career and Student Success Center**, enabling our licensed career counselors to engage



undergraduate and graduate students from their first year through their time preparing for graduation and the next steps after Notre Dame.

- The Office of Residence Life has piloted **a living and learning community program within the residence halls** for students interested in health and wellness, multicultural affairs and service, as well as for our "Exploratory Gators" who are undecided regarding their academic paths.
- Embracing past Notre Dame traditions, the **NDMU Anchorage Program will promote success and involvement** for all incoming Women's College students by connecting them to current NDMU students as well as to important student services and resources. Transfer students also can be paired with current students so that they are involved and connected both to their sister class as well as their graduating class.
- **The Student Success Committee** is focused on information sharing among appropriate University offices to identify a "point of contact" for students who may need academic or other support. These students are assigned to a staff member who works with them, one on one, to ensure students are connected to appropriate support systems.

### Dr. Mildred B. Otenasek House of the Morrissy Honors Program

The Morrissy Honors Program at Notre Dame is moving into a new home this fall! The Otenasek House opens for honors classes this semester. To be dedicated as the Dr. Mildred B. Otenasek House of

the Morrissy Honors Program with a ribbon-cutting ceremony set for Saturday, September 28, during Family Weekend, the house is a fitting tribute to Dr. Mildred "Millie" Otenasek '36, who passed away last November at the age of 98. Over the course of more than 80 years, Millie was a leader, teacher, benefactor and friend to us all at Notre Dame of Maryland University.

We are requesting donations to make this house a home for our students. Items needed range from a conference table and chairs for the seminar room to Gibson Island chairs for the front porch. To make a contribution to the Otenasek House, please contact Brent Swinton at 410-532-5556 or [bswinton@ndm.edu](mailto:bswinton@ndm.edu).

### Trailblazers Program Celebrates Three Years of Making a Difference for First-Generation Students

NDMU's Trailblazer Scholars Program celebrated its three-year anniversary supporting first-generation college students. This program has grown to a community of 100 students within the Women's College this year.

The Trailblazers program was launched in 2010 to provide first-generation students with the specific tools, incentives and support they need to persist and graduate. Participation is voluntary and includes a number of outreach, personal development and academic enrichment opportunities.

The members of the first class of Trailblazers are now seniors and are preparing to make their way into the world as Notre Dame grads. One senior, named Cindy, credits the academic counseling she received as part of Trailblazers with helping her make the decision to change her major to education and is on the way to becoming a classroom teacher. And her fellow Trailblazers were always friendly faces in the dining hall, especially in her first year. "Trailblazers are like having another family," she said. "I can always count on their support."

## Women's College Class of 2017

We are excited to welcome the class of 2017 to Notre Dame of Maryland University! The class of 165 students represents 11 states and six countries.

Here are some notable facts about our newest students:

- The average SAT score of our incoming class increased 40 points over last year;
- The average GPA of our new group is 3.65;
- The class of 2017 represents 11 states and six countries, including Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Taiwan and Turkey; and
- 65 percent of the incoming class lives on campus.

## College of Adult Undergraduate Studies and College of Graduate Studies

Nearly 400 new students entered NDMU in the College of Adult Undergraduate Studies, College of Graduate Studies and School of Pharmacy programs this fall. Highlights include the following:

- College of Adult Undergraduate Studies is launching a nursing cohort at Southern Maryland Hospital Center in Clinton, as well as two new nursing cohorts this fall as part of a strong partnership at Anne Arundel Medical Center.
- Through a renewed relationship at Mercy Medical Center, we will offer a Nursing RN to BSN cohort, as well as the opportunity for Women's College nurses to complete some of their clinical rotations.

- The Department of Business and Economics announces "Leadership in Action: Coached Leadership Practicum," an exciting new course for graduate students in our Leadership and Management and Nonprofit Management programs. The course will put into action NDMU's deep commitment to prepare our students to be leaders to transform the world. Students will implement a Leadership Project aligned with the student's values and aspirations. In addition, each student will be assigned a trained volunteer coach who will support and guide him or her throughout the project. We will provide complimentary training to coaches from a variety of backgrounds and strongly believe that the experience will be life changing for coaches as well as for our students.

To be considered as a coach, please complete an application at [ndm.edu/leadershipcoach](http://ndm.edu/leadershipcoach) by October 1, 2013.

- Notre Dame of Maryland University School of Pharmacy has received full accreditation status from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), the official accrediting body of pharmacy programs at U.S. colleges and universities. The School of Pharmacy, a key component in Notre Dame's recent transition to University status, awarded its first doctorates in May and welcomed a very impressive incoming class of students representing 16 states and three countries.

"We are very proud of all of our students," said Dr. Anne Lin, Dean of the School of Pharmacy. "In just a few short years, we have students who have completed competitive internships at national organizations, health care systems and federal agencies; been appointed to student committees of national organizations; and been accepted into post-graduate residency programs."

- The School of Education is now offering professional development for teacher leaders through **ACES: Academy of Catholic Educators**, collaborating with Catholic elementary schools to provide quality professional development programs supporting research-based best practices in education. Training will be tailored to the individual needs of each school/faculty on topics such as Common Core State Standards, STEM education and technology integration.

## Father Bob Retires

Our beloved Chaplain, Rev. Robert T. Kennedy, J.D., J.U.D. (affectionately known to all as "Father Bob"), is retiring after six years of dedicated service to NDMU. During his tenure, Fr. Bob has touched the lives of countless members of our community with his gentle wisdom, keen intellect, joyful spirit and great kindness.

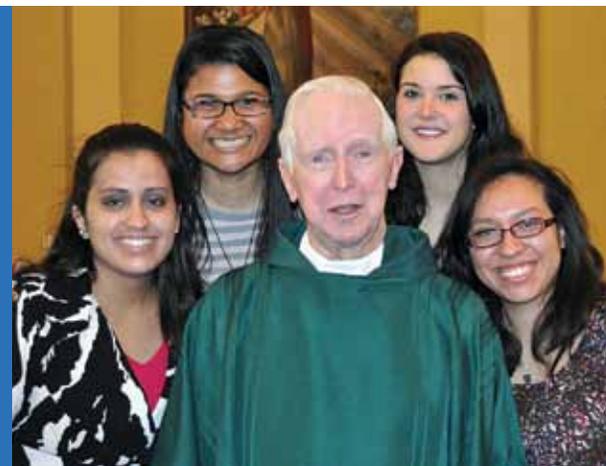
## Recent Grants

Notre Dame of Maryland University has been recognized by a number of foundations and private entities as a place



◀ Cleaya Antes, left, and Taylor Combs, both class of '17, on the porch of the Dr. Mildred B. Otenasek House of the Morrissy Honors Program.

▶ Father Bob was a trusted advisor to the University on issues of Catholic identity.



to invest in our mission of educating leaders to transform the world.

In fiscal year 2013, 28 grant applications were submitted on behalf of the University, resulting in \$1.197 million in awards from 11 private foundations and six public entities. These awards demonstrate confidence in the excellence and potential of NDMU faculty, staff and students.

2013 grantors who made awards to Notre Dame include:

- Council of Independent Colleges
- CVS Caremark
- Hattie M. Strong Foundation
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Kiefer Foundation, Inc.

- Kristin Mitchell Foundation
- Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Foundation
- Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)
- Maryland Hospital Association
- Maryland State Arts Council
- Network 2000
- Raskob Foundation

## The President's Residence!

For more than a century, NDMU has enjoyed the benefits of close proximity and goodwill of the Homeland neighborhood. With the acquisition of a lovely home located at 100 St. Albans Way, our presidents will have the pleasure of living in this special community. During seven months of renovations, the house

has been complemented by generous donations of elegant furnishings from close friends and alumnae of Notre Dame, notably through those who are members of the *100 St. Albans Society*, which ensures that Notre Dame President's Residence will be elegantly appointed and become the premier gathering space for our campus community and guests.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors who made this possible. For a full listing of donors to the *100 St. Albans Society*, please visit our Giving page, [www.ndm.edu/giving](http://www.ndm.edu/giving).

Contact Patricia A. Bosse, Vice President for Advancement, [pbosse@ndm.edu](mailto:pbosse@ndm.edu) or 410-532-3165, for information about joining *100 St. Albans Society*.



## University Academic Building Opens

The beginning of the fall semester saw the opening of the beautiful new University Academic Building, a state-of-the-art 36,500-square-foot facility featuring technologically rich classrooms and instructional resource space. The building is intended for use by the entire University community and will house the

School of Nursing and the Technology Resource Center.

"This facility will enhance the educational experience across campus and will prepare our nursing students to change patients' lives every day," said Sr. Christine DeVinne, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

A centerpiece of the new building is the Center for Caring with Technology, which

includes simulation labs for labor and delivery, pediatrics, patient rooms and an observation room. These simulation labs are essential to providing high-quality education for our undergraduate nursing program, which began in fall 2011, and will enhance the existing graduate nursing and RN-to-BSN programs in the School of Nursing. A building dedication and blessing will be held October 18.



*100 St. Albans Society* launched with Preview of the President's Residence.

◀ Jennifer Reynolds and Gill Shelhoss view "before" photos in the living room; Rosemary Garrett Hartley '48 and Edie McParland Donohue '60

## University Events

### LITERATURE

#### **An Evening with Author Julia Alvarez** Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Spend an evening with Julia Alvarez, author of *In the Time of the Butterflies*, this year's Common Read selection.

*Check events.ndm.edu for updates.*

#### **An Evening with Author Erika Robuck** Wednesday, November 20, 2013

5:30 p.m., Doyle Formal Lounge

Join us for a Jazz Age-themed literary evening with Maryland writer Erika Robuck, author of the historical novels *Call Me Zelda*, *Hemingway's Girl* and *Fallen Beauty*, to be published in spring 2014. Hosted by the Continuing Education Chapter of the Alumnae and Alumni Association.

*Register at ndm.edu/robuck*

### POWER HOUR PLUS EVENTS

A dynamic series of networking events, just-for-fun activities and professional and personal development workshops conducted by engaging, knowledgeable speakers. Check [ndm.edu/alum](http://ndm.edu/alum) for updates and costs.

#### **Make Your Move: Navigating Career Transition**

Saturday, October 12, 2013

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

Keynote speaker: Nicholas Lore, career coach and author; includes a panel discussion and guided session with career personality assessment tool Compass.

*Register at ndm.edu/powerhourplus*

#### **Path to Excellence Career Transitions: Stories and advice from successful women who took the leap**

Wednesday, October 23

Every year, professional women of a variety of backgrounds and fields attend *The Daily Record's* Path to Excellence to network, share best practices and create mentoring relationships. Notre Dame is a sponsor of this year's event.

#### **New York Bus Trip**

Saturday, November 2, 2013

7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

New York, New York! Join Notre Dame graduates and the Networking Committee for a day trip to the Big Apple. Space is limited—register early!

*Register at ndm.edu/nycbus*

#### **It's a LinkedIn World—Are You Living In It?**

Thursday, January 16, 2014

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

Learn techniques for crafting a powerful LinkedIn profile and using your network to create new opportunities. Led by Colleen McKenna, principal of Intero Advisory, who has coached more than 3,000 professionals on using LinkedIn to achieve their professional goals. A wine and cheese networking reception will precede the workshop.

*Registration opens October 15*

### MUSIC

#### **Casey Rafn, piano**

Saturday, October 19, 2013, 7 p.m.,

LeClerc Auditorium

Casey Rafn, winner of the 2011 Liszt-Garrison International Piano Competition, Young Artist Category, performs in the United States and abroad. This program will include works by Beethoven, Prokofiev and Liszt.

*More information: 410-532-5386*

#### **Sharon Christman, soprano;**

#### **Ivo Kaltchev, piano**

Saturday, November 2, 2013, 7 p.m.,

LeClerc Auditorium

Sharon Christman has sung in major opera houses and concert venues throughout the world. Ivo Kaltchev, prizewinner of international piano competitions, enjoys a successful career as performer and recording artist.

*More information: 410-532-5386*

#### **Music for the Christmas Season**

Sunday, December 8, 2013, 2 p.m.,

Marikle Chapel of the Annunciation

Directed by Stephen Holmes, the Notre Dame of Maryland University Concert Choir will perform a selection of music inspired by the season.

*More information: 410-532-5386*

### ART

#### **Basics: Erika Kim Milenkovic**

Exhibit: October 21 through

November 22, 2013

Reception: Saturday, October 26,  
4 to 6 p.m.

Gallery Talk: Wednesday,

November 13, noon, Gormley Gallery,  
Fourier Hall, 2nd floor

In her work, Erika Kim Milenkovic explores the human and natural world by examining how things live, grow, age and die. Ms. Milenkovic uses materials that are ubiquitous in modern society, such as newspaper, advertisements, and junk mail, to archive the daily human experience.

*More information: gormleygallery@ndm.edu*

#### **Student Exhibition**

Exhibit: December 9 through

December 13, 2013

Reception: Tuesday, December 10,  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Gormley Gallery,  
Fourier Hall, 2nd floor

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

*More information: gormleygallery@ndm.edu*

### ATHLETICS

Root the Gators on to victory! For a schedule of athletic events, go to [notredamegators.com](http://notredamegators.com)

### SCHOOL SISTERS CELEBRATE 180 YEARS

The School Sisters of Notre Dame celebrate the 180th anniversary of their foundation this year. Visit [ssnd.org](http://ssnd.org) to learn more about their inspirational history and mission of transforming the world through education.



## Women's Colleges Are Still Vital

### Notre Dame of Maryland University offers a model of a thriving single-sex institution

Excerpts from The Baltimore Sun op-ed August 5, 2013

By Patricia J. Mitchell '69

Chair, Notre Dame of Maryland University Board of Trustees

With the recent announcements that Wilson College in Pennsylvania and Pine Manor College in Massachusetts will join the lengthening list of formerly women-only institutions that are now co-educational—including Hood College and Goucher College here in Maryland—what hope is there for the single-sex colleges that remain? In a word: plenty.

As an alumna and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Notre Dame of Maryland University, which includes Maryland's only remaining undergraduate women's college, I see no cause to bemoan the future of single-sex education. Rather, I remain as confident as ever that there remains a fundamental place in American higher education for women's colleges.

While the examples of Wilson and Pine Manor colleges cannot be ignored, they do not tell the complete story. Many women's colleges, in fact, are thriving in large part because they have thoughtfully and deliberately recommitted to preserving their distinctive status and have done so in ways that are innovative and imaginative.

Our strategy over the past three decades has been to expand our offerings in areas of Notre Dame's traditional strength—

education, health care and leadership development—through graduate programs and a part-time undergraduate program that are open to all. While these programs are co-ed, they share common core values with our Women's College.

Yes, we welcome male students; we welcome them in increasing numbers, and we appreciate the fact that they respect our focus on educating and developing women leaders—a focus that is embedded in our institutional DNA.

We will not waver in our belief in the value of single-sex education for young women because we know that women's colleges produce confident, capable leaders at disproportionate levels. Our solution may not be right for every women's college, but it is working very well for Notre Dame.

## Notre Dame Sweeps ACO Rankings

Notre Dame of Maryland University was recognized three times by Affordable Colleges Online for our strong commitment to providing our students with a quality education with a high return on their investment.

ACO ranked the University seventh on its "Roman Catholic Colleges with High Salaries for Graduates" list, 10th on the "Highest Return on Investment Colleges" list and third on the "Top Women's Colleges with High Returns" list—above notable institutions such as Smith College, Wellesley College and Bryn Mawr College.

## The Notre Dame Fund Continues the Spirit of the Founding School Sisters

The Notre Dame Fund helps the University realize the visionary mission of the School Sisters of Notre Dame—to educate fearless women leaders to transform the world—and is critical to filling the gap between tuition and the actual cost of education for

students in need. The fund provides support for technology upgrades, student programs and many initiatives benefiting faculty and students. Your gift to The Notre Dame Fund ensures that future generations of students will be transformed into fearless leaders and ambassadors of Notre Dame of Maryland University!

Go to [ndm.edu/giving/online-donation](http://ndm.edu/giving/online-donation) to make your gift today. Show your support for our distinctive mission with a vote of confidence through your participation!

## 5 Ways You Can Help Notre Dame of Maryland University

- 1. GIVING** Vote with your dollars. Support NDMU and its power to shape lives by giving what you can.
- 2. ADVOCATING** Show your pride in Notre Dame everywhere you go. Be an ambassador by sharing your experiences and favorite stories about the University.
- 2. LOBBYING** Let your state and congressional representatives know that you expect their support on legislation that affects NDMU and higher education in Maryland.
- 4. VOLUNTEERING** Your University and community always need you! Be a positive role model by sharing your time and skills on behalf of NDMU and your favorite causes.
- 5. RECRUITING** Encourage members of your community to consider Notre Dame when looking for undergraduate or graduate schools.

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