



*Institute of Notre Dame  
Alumnae Association  
Baltimore, Maryland*

**INDAA Distinguished Alumna Award**

The Institute of Notre Dame Alumnae Association's Distinguished Alumna Award is presented annually to an IND graduate who embodies the INDAA mission and values, i.e., "The Spirit of IND," in all facets of her life - an alumna who:

- *Has demonstrated sustained devotion to her alma mater, including service to IND and/or the IND Alumnae Association*
- *Has contributed to her community through volunteer service and/or her professional endeavors and accomplishments.*

*All alumnae of the Institute of Notre Dame are eligible for this award, except current members of the INDAA Board of Directors, i.e., officers and committee chairs. Posthumous nominations are welcome. Anyone familiar with a potential nominee's qualifications may submit a nomination. The person who nominates need not have an affiliation with IND or the IND Alumnae Association.*

Nominations will be open from July 25<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Please complete and submit the nomination form. Supporting documentation is not required, but the nominee's résumé, professional bio, LinkedIn profile, and additional letters of support/endorsement may help the committee in their consideration. Only fully completed nomination forms will be considered.

Please send your nomination, either by mail or email to:

IND Alumnae Association  
722 Dulaney Valley Road  
Suite 129  
Towson, MD 21204  
or  
[contact@INDAlumnae.org](mailto:contact@INDAlumnae.org)

The INDAA Nominating Committee will review all nominations and will forward their recommendation(s) to the INDAA Board of Directors who will make the final selection. The award will be presented during Alumnae Weekend in November.

Any questions concerning the award or nomination process should be sent to the INDAA email address: [contact@INDAlumnae.org](mailto:contact@INDAlumnae.org).



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#### **Mission Statement**

**To honor the legacy of our alma mater by celebrating our abiding sisterhood, championing education in the SSND tradition, and transforming our communities through service.**

#### **Values Statements**

Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and IND, espoused three interrelated core beliefs: that the fostering of wholeness and unity is central to Jesus' mission, that each individual is a unique image of God possessing dignity and worth, and that, it is by education that, 'the world can be changed through the transformation of persons.' (SSND Constitution, *You Are Sent*, para.22)

To that end, as an organization, we value:

**One Mind, One Heart:** Generations of IND women have come together in sisterhood for a common purpose. We are united by determination, pride, passion, and open-mindedness grounded in an abiding love for our Alma Mater and its traditions

**Holistic Education:** Encompassing scholarship, service, spirituality and self-discovery, an IND education has impelled young women to successful careers and ultimately, leadership roles in fields as diverse as healthcare, community service, the arts, industry, the military, and the halls of Congress. As an organization, we celebrate our own stories and work to ensure that other young women have experiences similar to our own.

**Service.** Commitment to service was unique at IND. We have been instilled with a sense of responsibility and passion for serving those in need- within the local, as well as the broader community.

**Humility.** We honor one another's experience, listen to and respect others' viewpoints as we value each individual.

**Diversity:** The strength of the Institute of Notre Dame has always been rooted in the many individuals who were drawn to IND from far and wide and who found a home there. We appreciate and learn from these varied cultures, backgrounds, and life experiences, creating a wonderful tapestry that broadens our horizons.

**Optimism:** We are confident that by utilizing the talents and resources of our IND family and Baltimore community, the mission and spirit of IND will be kept alive.

#### **Vision Statement**

The Institute of Notre Dame Alumnae Association (INDAA) will be a large network of members who further their bond with one another through social and philanthropic activities. In addition, with supporters' help, we will grow educational opportunities for girls and make Baltimore a better community. Collectively through these actions, we will carry the IND torch into the future.



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**2025**

**Distinguished Alumna Award  
Nomination Form**

*Application Window: July 25th to September 15th*

**Your Award Nominee**

Name (please include her name while at IND): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted By**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

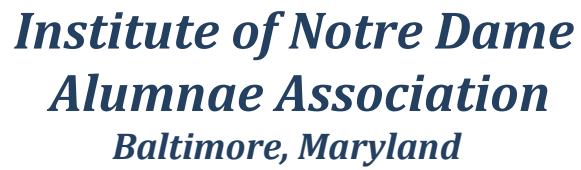
Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year (if IND Alumna): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us about your nominee and why you believe she deserves this award. Please be as specific as possible in describing her qualifications based on the award criteria. Responses should be 250-750 words in length.**

- **(Required)** What would you like us to know about your nominee? Please share any stories or examples of her character and how she embodies the "Spirit of IND".
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **(Required)** Please describe how the nominee has "demonstrated sustained devotion to her alma mater, including service to IND and/or the IND Alumnae Association".



- **(Required)** Please describe how the nominee has “contributed to her community through volunteer service and/or her professional endeavors and accomplishments”.
- **(Optional)** Links or attachments that support your nominee’s eligibility, such as a professional biography, her resume, LinkedIn profile, news articles, videos, additional letters of support/endorsement, etc.