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The IND Alumnae Association Newsletter

Summer 2026

A Note from our President

Dear fellow alumnae,

I am honored to begin this tenure with a note of gratitude! I found it important to reflect on how the INDAA 'got here.' I would like to express my gratitude to all of those who served in this capacity (and well before me) to have the INDAA in a place where we are fortunate to disperse such significant dollars to our fellow all-girl schools to continue the valuable education that they provide. It has not been lost on me how much work, discipline, financial responsibility and smart decision making that has been made along the way to get us to this place. While I am not surprised (because we are IND educated women), it is truly incredible that in just five years, we've been able to make gifts of impact to Mercy High School, Mount de Sales Academy, The Catholic High School of Baltimore, Notre Dame Prep and Maryvale. Within those gifts, tuition assistance and learning opportunities were provided, school rings were purchased, graduation dresses were purchased and inevitably these experiences may have changed the trajectory or a choice made by a teenage girl around Baltimore. Let's not forget the amount of support the INDAA has provided to the neighborhood surrounding our beloved IND with Thanksgiving meals and back to school supplies.

As your new president, I hope to bring all of the perspectives to the table as we continue our decision-making. My own experience, professionally and personally, allows me the benefit to see things through the lens of not only an IND graduate, but also as a SSND educated woman of eight years, a marketing and communications professional, a teacher (dance), and as a mom who has sacrificed to educate her children in lifelong Catholic education. The cost of education in Baltimore today is significant and our work here has already made a difference.

If you haven't been involved but would like to be, please reach out! If you've been involved and are tired, thank you! There is no replacement for what and how IND benefited us, but it is through us and our works and deeds that we keep the 'spirit of IND' alive. Whether that is through volunteering with the INDAA, being a leader in your chosen profession, being a dedicated grandmother, mother or aunt, or all of those together, I hope we all remember to show compassion, love and kindness wherever we may be...that is how we truly honor one another and IND.

Yours in service,

Debbie Ballwanz Henry '93

Crab Feast 2026



Please join us at Conrad's Ruth Villa on September 19th, 2026 from 1pm to 5pm for an afternoon of friendship and great food on the water! The crab feast is our biggest fundraiser, and we look forward to seeing everyone there. The event is open to all who are interested so grab your family and friends!

Adult tickets (12+) are \$85 and child tickets (4-11) are \$35. Your ticket includes all you can eat steamed crabs, roast beef and turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, salads, beer, wine, and seltzers!

If you would like to reserve a table for a group of ten or more, please have everyone in your party purchase their tickets and have one person email the names of those in your group to contact@INDalumnae.org by September 5, 2026. We will do our best to accommodate group seating requests.

Be sure to follow us on social media!

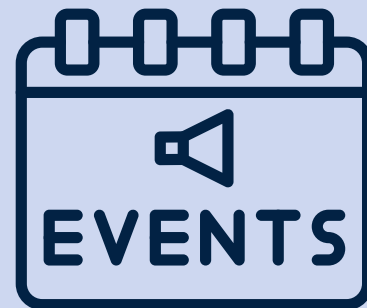


We are active on both Facebook and Instagram - like and follow both pages to stay up to date with all things INDAA! Please note, our Facebook page is not the same as the private IND Alumnae Facebook group, so if you aren't following our public page, you won't see the latest news from us!

Facebook Profile



Instagram Profile



We have some exciting events scheduled for the rest of 2026!

33rd Annual Crab Feast

at Conrad's Ruth Villa

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

Alumnae Weekend

Cash Bingo

at Columbus Gardens

Friday, November 6th, 2026

Alumnae Weekend

Celebration Mass & Luncheon

at Notre Dame

University of Maryland

Sunday, November 8th, 2026

Mass at 9:30am, followed by lunch. The Heritage Room will be open for visitors at 1pm.

Keep up to date with upcoming events and get-togethers by visiting our website, or by following us on social media.

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1971 (55th) – Saturday, October 3rd at the home of Cathy Shuler Snellinger
For more information, please contact Karen Swink Trenchard at kst1153@aol.com
or 410-207-1160

Class of 1976 (50th) – No information at this time

Class of 1981 (45th) – Saturday, September 19th from 1pm to 5pm
at the Crab Feast

Class of 1986 (40th) – No information at this time

Class of 1991 (35th) – Saturday, September 19th from 1pm to 5pm at the
Crab Feast

Class of 1996 (30th) – No information at this time

Class of 2001 (25th) – in the planning stages, please reach out to Despina Moniodis
if you would like to assist

Class of 2011 (15th) – Saturday, August 8th at 1pm, Boordy Vineyards
See IND Class of 2011 Alumnae Facebook page for more info

Class of 2016 (10th) - Saturday, September 19th from 6-10pm at Bayside Cantina in
Canton. For more information, please contact organizer Lexi Hegeman

Class of 2021 (5th) – Saturday, September 19th from 1pm to 5pm at the
Crab Feast

If you are in a class with no designated class agent and would like to help plan
your milestone reunion, contact us at contact@INDAlumnae.org.



Have you recently gotten married? Or had a baby? Maybe you
got a big promotion? Are you welcoming grandchildren to your
family? Did you graduate with your degree? We want to hear
about it!

Introducing our new column, INDsider Info! This will function
as our new “class notes section” where you can submit to have
your accomplishments or exciting updates shared.

Please send any/all of your updates & photos to our email
contact@indofmd.org!

THE HERITAGE ROOM

The IND Heritage Room houses years of history
and memories from the beloved Institute of Notre
Dame.

If you have any items to donate please contact
Debbie Batchelor (dbatchelor212@gmail.com) or
Monica Crusse (mcrusse@verizon.net).
We are currently looking for a blazer with piping
to complete a uniform display from the early
1960's.

ALUMNAE WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE
November 8th, 2025, open post-luncheon

OPEN HOUSE DATES
(All open houses are from 10am to 2pm unless
otherwise stipulated below)

September 12th, 2026
October 3rd, 2026, (10am-12pm)
NDMU Alumnae Weekend
October 17th, 2026
November 8th, 2026
Alumnae Weekend
December 19th, 2026
Christmas Open House
January 16th, 2027
February 20th, 2027
April 17th, 2027
May 15th, 2027
June 12th, 2027

The Heritage Room is located at
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Caroline Hall, Room 201

Celebrate your reunion & milestone years with us!
Recently, the class of 2006 celebrated 20 years at
the Heritage Room before heading out to Fells
Point. Reach out to Monica or Debbie to arrange
any special visits!



Crab Feast Sponsorships & Auction

We are currently seeking sponsorships for our 33rd annual crab feast!

This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and sponsorships are critical to its success. Click [here](#) to read a letter from our President to learn about sponsorship opportunities and how our funds are used. **New this year-we are offering social media publicity to our sponsors.** If you are interested in reaching our nearly 2,000 social media followers, this is the perfect opportunity!

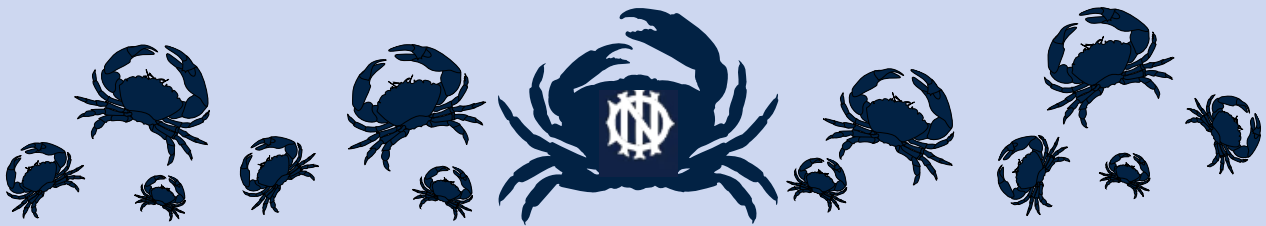
All sponsorships and donations are fully tax deductible.

We are also bringing back our Crab Feast Online Auction!

We want everyone to have the opportunity to win some incredible items, even if you aren't able to attend the crab feast! Winners will be announced at the crab feast and notified via their provided contact information.

Head to the 'Events' page of our website, INDAlumnae.org, to learn more about sponsorships and our online auction!

With your support, we will be able to not only continue but expand our mission.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The INDAA will be establishing endowed funds at both Mercy High School and Mount de Sales Academy and named to honor the legacy of IND. The primary intent of these tuition funds is to support girls who have a familial connection to IND through a mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, cousin, or some other relation. Meetings were had with all of the schools to whom the INDAA has donated and the following criteria were taken into consideration: amount of initial funding required, student population, and serving geographic locations comparable to IND. The initial contribution by the INDAA will be \$25,000 to each school. We are still finalizing the specific details with each of the schools. The board also voted to continue our initiative of providing girls' schools with money for non-tuition expenses such as books, graduation dresses, uniforms, rings, and class trips to Catholic High, Mercy, Mount de Sales Academy and Notre Dame Prep.

We are in search of leaders for our new Development Committee and Communications Committee. If you are interested please email contact@indalumnae.org.



IN MEMORIAM

Alumnae

Mary Therese Sellmayer Tiedemann '42, sister of Margaret M. Sellmayer '48 (deceased), sister-in-law of Jane Rosendale Sellmayer Beck '46 (deceased), aunt of Peggy Sellmayer Rickter '70, great aunt of Sarah Rickter Sentman '95, Betsy Rickter Roe '97 (deceased), aunt-in-law of Gail Rickter Bennett '72

Kathleen Marie Enger, SSND '43

Elizabeth Kerler Young Keydash '45

Ann Patricia Buffington Engler '49

Joanne Radford Fisher '49

Margaret Rolfes '49, Mother of Ann Rolfes Matthews '82

Jean Zeller Mahon '51

Ann Bateman '53

Joan Eppler Bildstein '54

Ann Marie Bateman '53

Phyllis Rita Reymann Whelan '53

M. Patrice Geppi SSND '58, Sister of the Honorable Grace Geppi Connolly '61, Mary Geppi Tully '68 and Patricia Geppi Supplee '70

Bonnie Marie Winkelman '58

Mary Kathleen Gunning Arle '60

Mary Salles Whitaker '60

Sister Marie Anna Stelmach, OP '63, sister of Helen Stelmach Wyczalek '61

Connie Adler Matricardi '64, daughter of Mary Finbar McHale Adler '40, niece of Bess Hilditch McHale '40, cousin of Deborah McHale '67, Margaret Perticone '67, MaryLiz McHale Hewes '68, Jane McHale MacDonald '70, Jane McHale, '79, Ellen McHale '57, Beth McHale O'Connell '87, Jean McHale '91

Connie Adler Matricardi '64

Jean Morgan '65, sister of Roberta Morgan '73

Barbara Huhn '68

Diana Rizzo Krausman '70

Deborah Mason '70

Lorri Lechlinski '77, sister of Lisa Lechlinski '85

IND Family and Friends

Darlene Baker, mother of Karen Baker Sower '87

Rebecca Barry, daughter of Mary Minderlein '72

Michael Francis Carson, former IND technology and computer support staff

Edward Thomas Connelly Jr, brother of Rosemary Connelly Rappa '69, twin brother of Connie Connelly '75

Leonard DeFrank, father of Anita DeFrank Byington '72 and uncle of Diane Bolewski Fischer '72 and Marilyn "Dolly" Malstrom Preis '52

Elaine Fabrizio, sister of Anita DeFrank Byington '72 and cousin of Diane Bolewski Fischer '72

Theresa Frisby, mother of Theresa "Terry" Frisby Little '81 and grandmother of Samantha Little '16

Beverly Koogle Mondloch, sister-in-law of Terry Wicklin Koogle '78 and aunt of Christine Koogle '15

Norman Knoerlein, husband of Phyllis Koebrugge Knoerlein '63

Olivia Whittemore, mother of Karen Whittemore '85 and Kathleen Whittemore Shipley '88

Helena Weber, mother of Jeannine Weber Williams '72

To share the news of an alumna, family member, or friend of IND who has passed, please email contact@INDAlumnae.org.

SSND Helpers



INDAA welcomed a new Service Committee comprised of dedicated alumni focused on giving back to our communities, SSNDs, and each other. The committee is excited to continue the traditions of previous INDAA service projects, while also creating new initiatives rooted in compassion and love. The spirit of IND will continue to shine through in all we do!

The committee recently held their first meeting to discuss current and upcoming projects, including an exciting new project to spend time with our beloved SSNDs at several Baltimore area locations. The initiative will be called SSND Helpers, an ode to Hildie's Helpers at IND. This initiative will include planning monthly birthday celebrations and other social activities. SSND Helpers is open to all alumni and sign-up information will be forthcoming. We would love for you to join us!

If you are interested in being a part of the Service Committee, please reach out to Kristen Kuser '04 at contact@indalumnae.org.

ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S REPORT



Our financial position remains strong and we continue to be thankful for the generosity of our alumnae. Our Accounting Officers and Finance Committee continue to work closely with our bookkeeper to ensure the accuracy of our records. We hope to have an annual report available in the near future.