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The IND Alumnae Association Newsletter

A Note from our President

Hello Everyone,

We recently held a retreat for the Board of Directors, the primary goal of which was to create a five-year plan. We identified a number of issues, the biggest of which was our longevity. If you have read our recent issues or seen our social media posts, you know how difficult it has been for us to find volunteers. But if we're being honest with ourselves, even with all the volunteers in the world, there is an inevitable conclusion to our organization. Not only are there no new members being added, it feels as though the energy and the passion we once had as a group is waning.

When I was on the IND board, there was a student who spoke about how, when she went to public school, none of her teachers cared what she did. They didn't care if she learned; they didn't even care if she showed up to class. But she got into IND on a basketball scholarship and couldn't believe how much the teachers and administrators cared about her — not just about her education but as a human being. She said that being at IND helped her discover a love for learning, and a drive to become a better version of herself. Another girl spoke about how she was the first person in her family (on either side) to get into college, and how proud they were of her, and how proud she was of herself. These are the types of stories that made me feel strongly about supporting other girls' schools and about continuing the legacy of IND. These are the stories that cemented my love for this school and everything it stood for.

When we first started this non-profit just over five years ago, we had grand ideas of sending our financial support to other city schools to "keep them from suffering the same fate as IND", which was a noble, well-intentioned goal. But that's not what we're doing. We raise enough money to make very nice gifts to other girls' schools each year, but not enough to change their financial situation. And it's not unreasonable to think that, in the not-too-distant future, our volunteer base dwindles to the point where we can no longer run incredibly successful crab feast fundraisers (See page 3!) or other events. Whether that happens in five years or twenty, we should be prepared for it. Which bodes the question, what do we want our legacy as a non-profit organization, and as a school, to be?

Based on conversations with the Board as well as feedback we've received during our general meeting and from other alumnae throughout the year, it's clear that we don't want to be forgotten. But how do we want to be remembered? Speaking for myself, I want people to remember IND as a place where girls learned not only the importance of a good education, but how to use that education to find your voice and your place in the world. And as a community, I want people to think of IND women as the type of who don't wait for things to happen; we roll up our sleeves and get things done — which is exactly how this non-profit came to be.

The Board has decided that effective immediately, we will be pausing our tuition gift giving initiatives and will begin to build an endowment fund. The school(s) that will receive the endowment have not yet been decided upon, but our aim is to send it where its most needed. Once the endowments are given, we can continue to add to them for as long as we can. And no matter what happens to this organization, we will have created a legacy for IND in Baltimore and one that supports girls' education in perpetuity. We will be remembered as champions of education, and as those who gave back to our community, even when we didn't have to.

Please spread the word to your fellow classmates about what we're doing. We are always searching for helping hands... up until now that meant hands to help us run our committees and events. But now we've widened our search and are in need of hands to help us build a legacy that will last. We hope to hear from you soon.

Kelly Eick '06

St. Patrick's Day Bingo

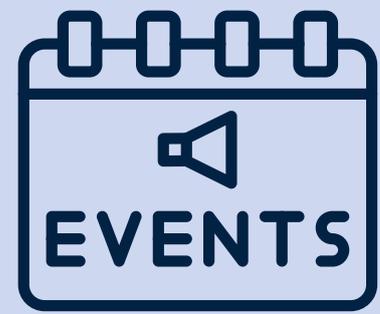
You don't need to be Irish to test your luck at our St. Patrick's Day Bingo 🍀

Join us on Friday, March 13th at Columbus Gardens on Klosterman Rd. for what is sure to be a bunch of festive fun. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Tickets includes 20 games and a door prize entry. To reserve a table, you must purchase at least 8 tickets. Otherwise, the tables are first come, first served. Doors open at 6pm, games start at 7pm.

Columbus Gardens will be offering ham, turkey, and chicken Caesar wraps for \$10 and shrimp salad wraps for \$11. All wraps are served with chips. The deadline to register and pre-order food is Friday, March 6th. Beer, wine, soda, and mixed drinks will be available for purchase.

Please note: Attendees are permitted to bring light snacks to enjoy at their tables. Columbus Gardens does not allow deliveries of food during the event. No outside alcohol is permitted.

Come out, bring your friends, and test your luck o'the draw!



We have some exciting events scheduled for 2026!

INDAA Networking Event

at Ovenbird Bakery

Thursday, March 5th, 2026

5:00pm - 7:00pm

St Patrick's Day Bingo

at Columbus Gardens

Friday, March 13th, 2026

6:00pm - 10:00pm

Hildie's Spaghetti Dinner

at various pickup locations and times

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

INDAA Orioles Game

at Camden Yards

Saturday, June 27th, 2026

Game starts at 7:05pm

33rd Annual Crab Feast

at Conrad's Ruth Villa

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

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

Crab Feast Save The Date

Our annual Crab Feast is back! Join us at Conrad's Ruth Villa on **Saturday, September 19th** for one of our most anticipated traditions of the year. This signature event is a chance to come together over some of Maryland's best crabs, great drinks, and even better company. Year after year, the Crab Feast brings familiar faces, longtime friends, and new memories to the table — making it a true highlight of our calendar. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another unforgettable afternoon.

Stay tuned for more information to come regarding event details and sponsorships!



Crab Feast '25



The INDAA's 32nd Annual Crab Feast at Conrad's Ruth Villa was a standout celebration, marked by perfect weather, outstanding food, and the unmistakable energy that comes from IND alumnae coming together. Guests enjoyed a classic Maryland crab feast experience while reconnecting with classmates, sharing stories, and celebrating meaningful class reunions that highlighted the strength and spirit of the our IND community. The afternoon was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a shared appreciation for this long-standing tradition that so many look forward to each year.

We are especially proud to announce that this year's Crab Feast was our most successful fundraiser to date, raising more than \$30,000 in support of INDAA and its ongoing initiatives. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Crab Feast planning committee and the exceptional leadership of chairperson, Terry Wicklin Koogle '78. Once again, Terry and the committee expertly brought together every detail to create an event that was not only memorable, but impactful, ensuring the continued success of this cherished IND tradition.

We are currently seeking a dedicated chairperson to oversee the planning of the 2026 Crab Feast. Are you an event planner? Can you organize gatherings in your sleep? You are just who we need! Please email us today if you or someone you know is interested in helping us be successful with this event!



CLASS REUNIONS

A new year brings a new set of reunions! We already have details for a few but if you would like to start planning your reunion (or if you have already started), please let us know!

All information can be sent to contact@indalumnae.org.

Class of 1956 (70th)

Reunion luncheon will be held at the Peppermill on Thursday, April 16th, at 12pm.

For additional information and to RSVP contact Nancy Marsiglia by email: nancymarsiglia@gmail.com

Class of 1961 (65th)

No current plans. If you are interested in organizing a reunion, please email the INDAA.

Class of 1966 (60th)

For more information as plans develop, contact Debbi Meushaw by email debimeushaw@gmail.com or call/text 410-409-3495.

Class of 1971 (55th)

Saturday, October 5th at the home of Cathy Shuler Snellinger. For additional information, please contact Karen Swink Trenchard by email kst1153@aol.com or by text 410-207-1160.

Class of 1976 (50th)

The committee has initiated plans, but no date has been set. For more information and/or to help with locating classmates, please email Kathy Stout Bivons at kbivons@comcast.net

Class of 1981 (45th)

No date has been set. To help plan the reunion or to share updated contact information, email Terry Little-Wiley at pandaterry2000@yahoo.com.

Class of 1986 (40th)

No current plans. If you are interested in organizing a reunion, please email the INDAA.

Class of 1991 (35th)

Plans are in the works for a reunion at the INDAA Crab Feast on Saturday, September 19th, at Conrad's Ruth Villa. For additional information and to help plan the event contact Nichelle Lashley via email: njlashley@gmail.com

Class of 1996 (30th)

No current plans. If you are interested in organizing a reunion, please email the INDAA.

Class of 2001 (25th)

No date has been set. To help plan the reunion or to share updated contact information, email Despina Moniodis at dessie1701@gmail.com or go to the IND Class of 2001 Facebook page.

Class of 2006 (20th)

No date has been set. To help plan the reunion or give suggestions, email Tiffani Coster at Tiffani.coster@gmail.com.

Class of 2011 (15th)

No current plans. If you are interested in organizing a reunion, please email the INDAA.

Class of 2016 (10th)

Reunion is currently being planned. Please keep an eye open for a survey to evaluate interest and availability. Any questions can be directed towards Lexi Hegeman at lexihegeman@gmail.com.

Class of 2021 (5th)

No date has been set. To help plan the reunion or to share updated contact information, email Cecilie Nilsen at cecilie113@gmail.com.

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.

OPEN HOUSE DATES
(All open houses are from 10am to 2pm)

February 21st, 2026

March 14th, 2026

April 18th, 2026

May 16th, 2026

June 13th, 2026

ALUMNAE WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE
TBD

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

Accounting Officer's Report



Our financial position remains strong and we continue to be grateful for the generosity of our alumnae. The finance committee is actively working on an annual budget, and they continue to work closely with our bookkeeper to ensure accuracy.

--The Finance Committee

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!



Instagram



Facebook

Meet our New VP!

We'd like to take the opportunity to officially announce our new Vice President, Debbie (Ballwanz) Henry '93! Debbie is the Director of Marketing and Business Development at the law firm of Gordon Feinblatt LLC, a 70+ lawyer, Maryland based firm. She began her journey at Gordon Feinblatt as a Marketing Coordinator 25 years ago and has enjoyed that her role, responsibilities, and the field of legal marketing evolved over this time. She has served as a past Chair of the Baltimore Local Steering Committee of the Legal Marketing Association and on various committees throughout the firm.



Outside of work, Debbie's passion for dance has been a lifelong pursuit, starting when she was a toddler. Since college, she has shared her love of ballet (her favorite), tap, and jazz by teaching classes. She's also actively involved in her parish, serves on the parish activities committee and serves on its school board. In her spare time, you'll find her cheering on her sons in their many sports and academic endeavors, volunteering to that end at Archbishop Curley, walking with her dogs, and high-fiving workouts on Peloton.

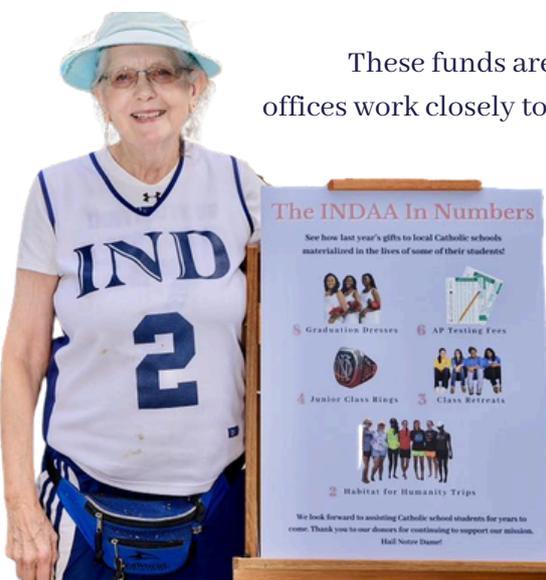
Please join us in welcoming Debbie to the INDAA!

2025 in Donations

Have you ever wondered what happens to your donations to the INDAA? Every gift entrusted to the INDAA directly supports and strengthens women's education in Baltimore, creating meaningful opportunities for young women to learn, grow, and lead.

In 2025 alone, the INDAA has contributed more than \$25,000 in assistance to all five Catholic girls' schools in the Baltimore area: The Catholic High School of Baltimore, Maryvale Preparatory School, Mercy High School, Mount de Sales Academy, and Notre Dame Preparatory School. These funds have provided vital tuition support for students facing significant financial hardship, helping them remain enrolled and, in some cases, complete their senior year. Beyond tuition, INDAA gifts have addressed critical non-tuition expenses that might otherwise prevent students from fully participating in school life. Support has covered Advanced Placement testing fees, athletic participation costs, service immersion trips, leadership conferences, transportation, school rings, uniforms, etc.

These funds are distributed intentionally and thoughtfully. School leaders and business offices work closely to identify families with genuine financial need, ensuring that assistance is not arbitrary but mission-driven and deeply impactful.



At Mount de Sales Academy in particular, special care is taken when possible to identify a student with an IND connection, such as a mother who attended, so that our donated funds continue to strengthen and honor our shared alumnae legacy. Whether helping a student attend a leadership conference, participate in a service trip, or simply remain in the classroom, INDAA donations remove barriers and open doors. Because of your generosity, young women across Baltimore are not only able to attend Catholic schools—they are able to thrive within them.



Nominations Needed!



The INDAA Nominations Committee is seeking nominees for the executive board through March 20. The INDAA Executive Board Officers serve a two-year term for no more than two consecutive terms. This is the election year for President and Secretary.

We are also seeking nominations to complete a one-year term as the Accounting Officer.

If you would like to nominate someone or nominate yourself, please send the following information about the nominee to contact@indalumnae.org and include: Name (Maiden), Class Year, Email, Phone Number, Position(s) of interest and no more than 250 words describing the qualifications for the position.

If you are nominating someone else, please also provide your name, class year, email, and phone number. Please also indicate if the nominee knows that you submitted her name.

IN MEMORIAM

Alumnae

Doris Kilchenstein Lupton '48, sister of Mary Margaret Kilchenstein Jager '44 (deceased) and Angela Kilchenstein Borucki '54 (deceased), mother of Kathleen Jager SSND '70 and Beverly Jager Hundley '73
Joan E. Scarborough Quinn '49
Eva Collins Eakes '51
Doris Peterson Stout '51
Mary Louise Touhey Kennedy '52
Ann McEnroe Linderblade '53
Betty Trageser Gasper '54, sister of Eileen Trageser Olert '49 and Nancy Trageser Mattes '62, mother of Nancy Bisker Ballantine '82, grandmother of Ashley Ballentine Biero '01 and Rachel Ballentine Ballestori '04
JoAnn Marie Iglehart '60, sister of Mary Regina "Jeanie" (Iglehart) Schwind '59 and Barbara Iglehart '62
Mary Carol Heath Baranoski '58
Patricia Sharon O'Brien Heaphy '58
Janet Mackowski Rittenhouse '61
Mary Janet Jones Engers-McBride '62, sister of Phyllis Lewis '67
Donna M Wrzosek '66
Judith Ortmen Cross '67
Mary DeKowzan Davidson '67, sister of Teresa DeKowzan King '69 and Jackie DeKowzan Forrester '74
Mary Kay Healy Harman '68
Valerie Bredariol Lee '68
Debbie Veystrk '68
Ginny Aberle Jenkins '69
Debbie Manfra Stemmer '69
Kathleen McKenna Bock '81
Erin Bauguess-Kimes '95

IND Family and Friends

Joseph "Joe" Brune, husband of Sheila McGlone Brune '57, brother-in-law of Kathleen McGlone Harmon '58 and Mary Joseph McGlone Frickel '65
Frederick William Conrad, Jr., grandfather of David Conrad (Conrad's Ruth Villa)
Samuel Dalfanzo, father of Donna Dalfanzo-Wiggs '65
Howard Doerle, husband of Margaret "Maggie" Baker Doerle '66
John Flynn, brother of Katherine "Kathy" Flynn Connelly '69
Ted I. Frick, brother of Beverley Frick Tierney '69
John "Jack" Fromm, brother of Mary Pat Fromm Ball '65 and Rita Fromm '69
Jeremy Lee Goldhammer, son of Jacquelyn "Jaci" Shamer Goldhammer '67, brother of Jennifer Southworth Tucker '91
Anne M. Hamilton, mother of Suzanne Hamilton Kelley '77, Annette Hamilton '78 (deceased) and Lisa Hamilton Cain '83
Paul John Kaspar Sr, father of Beth Kaspar Hehir '82, brother of Mary Anne Kaspar-James '56 and former husband of Mary Patricia (Hickey) Kaspar Smith '56
Richard "Rick" Landers, husband of Kathleen McCarron Landers '86, son-in-law of Mary Elizabeth "Winnie" Wingate McCarron '56 (deceased), brother-in-law of Sister Patricia McCarron SSND '80 and Mary Agnes McCarron Sheridan '86
Bill Pescosolido, husband of Bernice Stallings Pescosolido '54
Louis A Reinhardt, Jr., father of Mary Reinhardt Dohmeier '81 and Kate Reinhardt '85
Roberta L. Rykowski, mother of Nicole Rykowski Green '95
Charles Leonard Shoemaker, son of Charlotte Otter Shoemaker '40, brother of Anne Shoemaker Kluza '67 and Carol Shoemaker Maciolek '70, nephew of Dorothy Otter Carroll '41 (Deceased) and Marian Otter Causey '44.
Dudley Marvin Shoemaker III, son of Charlotte Otter Shoemaker '40, brother of Anne Shoemaker Kluza '67 and Carol Shoemaker Maciolek '70, nephew of Dorothy Otter Carroll '41 (deceased) and Marian Otter Causey '44.
Norma J Steinert, mother of Dana Steinert Pickering '83
John (Jack) Vardy, husband of Charlotte Kemp Vardy '56
Rick Watson, husband of Eileen Munin Watson '70 and brother-in-law of Cathy Murnin Shanks '72

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

Committee Feature: Marketing

The Marketing Committee is a small but mighty group that exists to promote the alumnae association, its events, and its mission both online and in-person. We are always looking for creative individuals to help us in these pursuits. If this sounds like you, please reach out! Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Social Media
- Graphic Design
- Print Products (i.e. The Slate, event signage)
- Hildie's Boutique (design & distribution)
- Website Design & Management

If any of the above activities are of interest to you, or if you simply want to find out more, please reach out to the committee by sending an email to contact@indalumnae.org.

INDAA Networking Event

Join fellow alumnae for an engaging evening of connection and community at our upcoming networking event at Ovenbird Bakery in Highlandtown.

On Thursday, March 5th, from 5–7 PM, alumnae from all classes are invited to come together in a relaxed, welcoming setting to reconnect, share experiences, and build new professional and personal relationships.

Enjoy light refreshments, lively conversation, and the opportunity to expand your network while supporting a beloved local business. Whether you're looking to catch up with familiar faces or meet new ones, this event is the perfect chance to strengthen ties within our alumnae community.

