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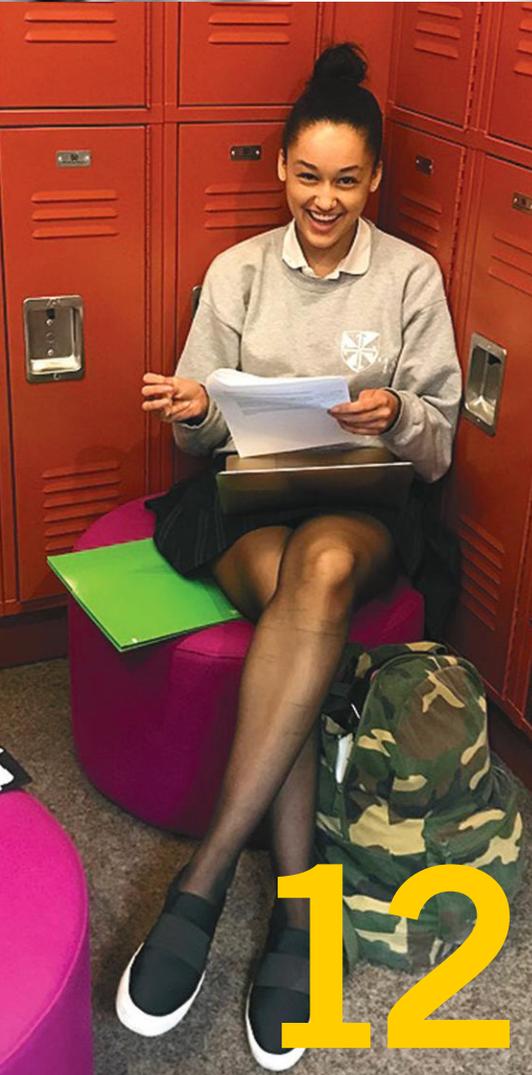


DOMINICAN ACADEMY

Where Smart Girls Become Intelligent Women



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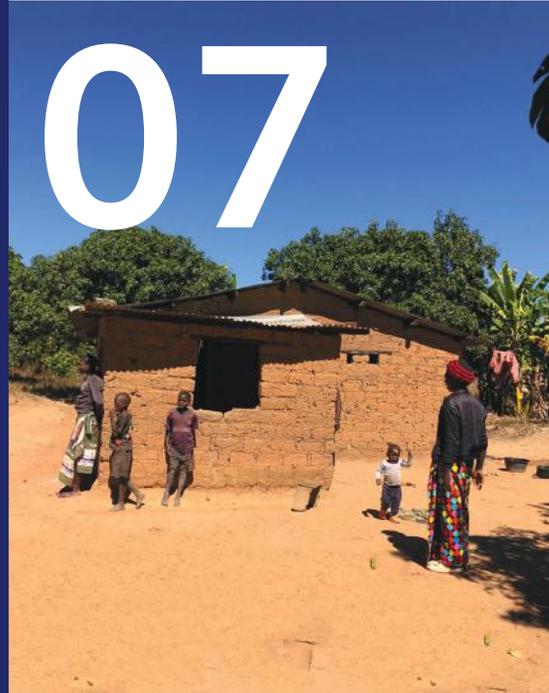
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A Note



FROM SR. MARGARET ORMOND, PRESIDENT

Dearest Friends of D.A.,

I am excited to write to share with you the simple truths of our many highlights and achievements from this past year at Dominican Academy. Within this issue of *Veritas*, you will see how our community is truly blessed!

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to our 53 recent graduates. The Class of 2018 is quite exceptional, receiving over 13.5 million in scholarships. You can read about their outstanding achievements at D.A. as well as a list of the fine academic institutions they now attend. In addition, you will see our Valedictory Address which truly shines a light on the remarkable intelligence and grace of the D.A. graduate.

It is my delight to introduce our new Principal who will oversee the ongoing enhancements to our distinctive curriculum. We now offer 13 Advanced Placement courses, over 20 elective courses, and a new Independent Study Program that includes AP

Environmental Science. We also are thrilled to welcome three new faculty members. I am confident that their experience and expertise will make them invaluable assets to the D.A. community, particularly our students.

I rejoice at the completion of our expansive renovation project. Over the past two summers, we successfully transformed our beloved home at 44 East 68th Street into a 21st Century building equipped to meet the needs of 21st Century students. Rest assured these enhancements improve the daily experience for our students while preserving the treasured iconic features that make D.A. our home.

Most importantly, this issue of *Veritas* captures our current students sharing meaningful experiences that are so uniquely D.A. In these pages you will travel with our students across the globe from Spain to Zambia and everywhere in between. You will see

highlights from Masses, dances, and academic symposiums. Through study, community, just actions and prayer, D.A. students truly flourish and excel at all the opportunities presented to them.

I encourage you to write to us and share your news. Tell us which *Veritas* story takes you back to your days at D.A.! I look forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming weeks and months. First up, Classes '3 and '8 mark your calendars for our All Class Reunion for years ending in '3 and '8 on Saturday, October 13th.

With great joy and gratitude,

Sr. Margaret Ormond pp

Sr. Margaret Ormond, O.P.'60
President



Katherine DeMatteo
Valedictorian

Natalie DiMattia
Salutatorian

Julia Larkin
All Dominican Girl

Andrea Silva
Mother Stephanie Award
Recipient

Class of 2018

THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018 ARE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Kiyan Alexander
Howard University

Reem Aoun
Villanova University

Julianna Capuano
Loyola University Maryland

Destiny Carpitella
University of Scranton

Katie Caulfield
University at Buffalo
Honors College

Alanna Clark
Loyola University Chicago

Katherine Cook
Saint Joseph's University

Ravenne Cooper
University of Scranton

Daniella Corsico-Sánchez
Sarah Lawrence College

Isabella Cosentino
Fashion Institute of
Technology

Ciara Coyle
Manhattan College

Alessandra Cruz
Cornell University

Gabriella Cuellar
Loyola University Maryland

Carina D'Urso
Macaulay Honors College
— Brooklyn College

Katherine DeMatteo
Georgetown University

Justina DiDonato
Fordham University

Natalie DiMattia
College of the Holy Cross

Gaëlle Duchâtellier
University of Miami

Edie Duque
Stony Brook University

Mary Flynn
University of California
Los Angeles

Sabrina Fuentes
Goldsmiths, University
of London

Gabriela Gagliano
University of Georgia

Amanda Gil
Quinnipiac University

Natalie Grasso
Syracuse University

Rachel Hagopian
Hampshire College

Kerry Higgins
Tulane University

Nicole Iori
Cornell University

Jayleen Jimenez
Vaughn College of
Aeronautics and Technology

THE CLASS OF 2018
RECEIVED OVER
\$13.5 MILLION
IN COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS!



Connie Koutsos
Syracuse University

Tina Koutsos
Binghamton University

Kathleen Lane
University of Notre Dame

Julia Larkin
American University

Angelica Macapinlac
Georgia Institute of
Technology

Kathryn McKee
University at Buffalo

Grace McGuigan
Connecticut College

Victoria Monteleone
Fordham University

Emily Morris
Bucknell University

Ashley Mota
The Sophie Davis School
of Biomedical Education
at City College

Madeleine Notes
Wesleyan University

Ana Inez Olszewski
College of William and Mary

LexiAna Pellegrini
George Washington
University

Elisa Peralta
George Washington
University

Ollie Pytlik
New York University

Alexandra Rachiele
Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute

Laura Rapp
St. John's University

Sabrina Sicilia
Lafayette College

Andrea Silva
Saint Louis University

Yu Sun
School of Visual Arts

Caroline Tracey
University of Notre Dame

Chia-Ling Tsai
Pennsylvania State University

Madden Tuffy
Bucknell University

Xiaochen Wang
University of California San
Diego

Sharon Wong
University of California Los
Angeles



Valedictory

ADDRESS — KATHERINE DEMATTEO, '18

“Good afternoon Ms. Cadette Detwiler, Sr. Margaret Ormond, Dr. Grimes, faculty, staff, family, friends, and members of the class of 2018. At our freshman orientation, we played a get-to-know-you Bingo game. Each space on the bingo card had a fact and we had to find a person to match it. To this day, I carry the card with me in my folder.

If our D.A. education had a Bingo card, what would fill the spaces? Knows all her derivative rules? Can name every principle of Catholic social teaching? Inevitably, we will forget some of those bingo facts. Freshman library section 103 might forget the date of the infamous chapel fire — sorry Ms Louis, we might forget the plot of the Scarlet Letter — sorry Ms Weil, and the AP Chemistry class might even forget Avogadro’s number - sorry Sister Pat! But I am of the opinion that those facts don’t really matter - that’s not what’s really on our D.A. bingo card and that’s not why we came here. All of the knowledge we acquired is not what makes us D.A. girls.

D.A. taught us how to love — wholeheartedly and fervently. It’s not about the facts, it’s about the people we have become. The first space on our bingo card is “loves learning.” We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the teachers who encouraged us to find what we love and to our superhuman, selfless

mothers who sent us here and made us the passionate women we are today. There is no one mold that fits a D.A. girl except that we are endlessly curious and passionate — we are future musicians and models, doctors and dentists, activists and art historians, engineers and entrepreneurs, pilots and presidents. D.A. girls are not passively passionate — the Class of 2018 actually knows how to create things, to take initiative, to make change. Now, go into the world and pursue your passions for good. Life is too short to not be doing what you love.

The next space on the D.A. girl bingo card is “loves others.” Class of 2018, you are the most open-hearted people I know, and so willing to give yourself in service of others. That may take the form of advocacy, helping the homeless, peer tutoring and more, but however we do it, D.A. girls are setting the example for how to love the world. Just as you have done here, go enrich your new communities with your open minds and generous hearts. There is no better time than now to use your voice to fight for a more just world. The world is in desperate need of empowered women with voices of love.

Of course, we wouldn’t be D.A. girls if we weren’t experts at loving each other. Sometimes it’s the little things — decorating each other’s lockers, bringing each other Loco Coco or

Chipotle at lunch, or sharing study guides. But let’s be honest — being sisters isn’t always easy. Loving each other is the big things, too—being a shoulder to cry on, being each other’s biggest fans, forgiving, and remaining loyal through the troughs and the peaks. True love means we have to put in the work, but it is always, always worth it. The most important lesson D.A. taught us is rooted in our kinship: That unconditional love, the final space on our bingo card, is what makes life worth living. Spread the joy of agape everywhere you go.

Maybe you don’t still carry your freshman bingo card with you like I do, but after today, we will all carry our D.A. bingo with us in everything we do. I’m not going to remember all the facts I learned, but going to D.A. made me a better and more loving person. That’s why we came here and that’s why we need to leave. The purpose of a D.A. education begins right now: it’s what we do with it that matters. Take all of the love you learned here and set the world on fire. To my teachers, sisters, friends, to D.A. — I love you, times a million, times 6.02×10^{23} , with all my heart. With abundant and indomitable love - for our passions, those in need, and each other - we all win D.A. bingo! And when the world stands in awe, they will know what it truly means to be a D.A. girl.”

Interview

WITH DR. LESLIE POOLE PETIT, P'14 & '19 — PRINCIPAL



THIS INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY REILLY TRACY, '17 FOR A JOURNALISM CLASS AT MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY.

Background

I have gone to Catholic school my whole life—from elementary through my first masters from Boston College. My father went to Catholic elementary school and unfortunately since his mom was a single mom she couldn't afford to send him to Catholic high school so he attended Brooklyn TECH. It was VERY important to my parents to send their four daughters to Catholic school.

I attended St. Andrew Avellino in Flushing Queens which was run by the Dominican sisters. Through this day I have kept in touch with some of my teachers, especially Sr. Margaret Mary Kennedy. When my husband and I moved to Westchester, we knew we wanted to send our four children to Catholic school and our daughters to Dominican Academy in Manhattan. Prior to our eldest attending D.A., there were not many students from Westchester traveling to Manhattan for high school. I hosted the first ever Open House at our home for girls and their families to attend and learn more about D.A. This initiative has resulted in a great increase in interest and matriculated students.

When my children were young I taught part time and coordinated language programs at Fordham, Marymount College and The Westchester Italian Cultural Center. When it was time for me to work full time, Sr. Barbara, the former principal at D.A., recommended me for the Director of Admissions job at Archbishop Molloy High School. For the past five years at Molloy I have been involved in every aspect of the Catholic high school life, from serving on study skills and curriculum committees to launching an online admissions and registration program.

What will your job entail?

As principal I will oversee the academic faculty and staff, curriculum development, faculty professional development, student assessment and the daily academic operation of the school. This summer D.A. underwent phase 2 of its building renovation. The next important step for the school will be a formalized technology program. This will be part of my new job and I look forward to implementing it.

What are you looking forward to most?

I am very looking forward to my new role. I have been so committed to Dominican Academy and am thrilled to have this opportunity to serve both D.A. and the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

I have had nothing but positive experiences with everyone at D.A., I feel blessed.

Do you think that being a mother at the school factored into your decision?

I have told many that I feel being a D.A. mother has probably most prepared me for this job. I am so familiar with the school and committed to further promoting the great institution. Having four children at four different schools, in addition to working at a Catholic high school, has provided me with invaluable insight, exposure, and experience to the daily operation of D.A.

Closing Thoughts

The vitality and promotion of Catholic education and its mission is so important to me and my family. The demographics, commitment and cost of Catholic education has changed and is at a turning point now, especially in NYC. I look forward to assist D.A. in the rapidly changing environment and help the school remain at the forefront of Catholic all women schools.

Excerpts

FROM THE MUSE

ECLIPSE — KASEY, '19

The little girl asked the sun
“Can you shine bright today?”
But the sun just rose away
Above the whiteness of the clouds

The little girl asked the moon
“Can you shine bright tonight?”
But the moon just hid aside
Into the blackness of the dark

The little girl began to cry
For the sun and moon she thought
Must have bickered and fought
With humanity beforehand

Days and night flounfered by
Rising and failing with the waves
Luminiscent rays pierced

The girl was soon tall enough
To touch the gleaming sky
And asked the sun once again
“Can you please shine your light?”

The sun frowned and so did the moon
Together they let out a sigh
And with each hand on the girl's face
Did they open her eyes

HOME — CARINA, '18

A couch with cushions from my
childhood
And piano notes: each melody is a
warm smile
or a telling heartbeat
My home is a place where espresso fills
the air
I smell it and it brings me back in time

Espresso is not a drink, but a blanket to
be wrapped in
I could match that sent from miles
away
It's my childhood
I never drink espresso
I swim in it; it's like dancing among
the stars

Now the foam in my own coffee is
made of clouds

There is a corner in my mind that's
coated in coffee and saved for dreams
where my nostalgia and the future
are engaged
a place where you recognize my smile
in a crowded place
where every breath carries you and me

you could put my memories in your
pocket, like change
they sing with your every step
and someday you might smell espresso
and think of me

ENJOY TWO POEMS
WRITTEN BY OUR
STUDENTS FOR OUR
ANNUAL LITERARY
JOURNAL *THE MUSE*.

WRITTEN BY: KAYLA, BEYONCE,
SALLY, & ANNA — CLASS OF 2018



Zambia

A SERVICE IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

This June, Dominican Academy offered four students of the class of 2019 the opportunity of a lifetime: to travel to the country of Zambia for an incomparable experience. Through our sisterhood with the Fatima Secondary School for Girls in Ndola, Zambia, Beyonce King, Sally Petit, Kayla Thomsen, and Anna Woods were able to gain a firsthand glimpse into what life is like for girls our age on the other side of the globe. We were accompanied and guided by our campus minister, Ms. McCann, and principal, Dr. Grimes.

This was an immersion trip with a service-learning component. Our preparation and reflections began months before ever stepping foot in Zambia, continued each night we spent there and will also continue now that

we're back in New York. On one of the first days at Fatima Girls' School, we participated in a hospital outreach. Each week, the local hospital, also founded by the Dominican Sisters, sends a team of public health workers to more rural areas of Ndola and ministers to infants, toddlers and their mothers. Kayla and Sally helped the doctors weigh the babies since their weight is an important reflection of their health and development. Beyonce and Anna helped fill out records for the patients being tested for HIV. After the outreach, we got to see a different way of Zambian life in a rural village. We were given a tour by the head woman, who showed us many facets of life in her community from farming to cooking to playing.

We also spent two days at St. Anthony's Children's Village where orphans and children with both physical and mental disabilities are cared for. At St. Anthony's, we played with the children, practiced a ministry of accompaniment and even enjoyed singing "Jingle Bells," which felt out of season and a little confusing, but the kids loved it! Sharing smiles and laughs with the children of St. Anthony's was a beautiful way to begin to respond to Pope Francis' call to create a 'culture of encounter.'

Although we did some service, the main objective of the trip was to be immersed in Zambian culture and build friendships across borders. We spent most of our time at Fatima trying to understand what life is like for



STUDENTS STOP AT MOSI-OA-TUNYA ALSO KNOWN AS 'THE SMOKE THAT THUNDERS' AND CAPTURE THE BEAUTIFUL FALLS WITH A RAINBOW IN THE BACKGROUND.

Zambia

teenagers there. We hung out with the girls every chance we got. Everywhere we turned there was a group of girls smiling and waving to us as though we were long-lost friends. Girls from every grade would walk up to us and immediately start up a conversation. Initially, we had asked ourselves, "What will connect us all? Aside from the questions we have for one another, what will we share?" Well, through those questions, we found that there was not much that we *could not* agree upon. The Fatima girls share the same interests we do: sports, music, TV shows, movies, but even more interesting than that is the specifics of those interests. All of the girls were head over heels in love with movies like *Black Panther* and *Justice League*, books by John Green, and TV shows such as *Stranger Things*. Possibly the most unifying factor of them all was music. The Fatima students loved all the same artists we do: Dua Lipa, Alessia Cara, Selena Gomez, and the list goes on for miles. They even told us to listen to some Zambian artists like

Pompi. Music seemed to be the perfect thread to tie us all together.

On our last day at Fatima we had the wonderful opportunity to shadow students. We wore their uniform, participated in their classes, and shared meals with them. The staple food in Zambia is known as nshima, a congealed starch used as a utensil for the rest of the food. Unfortunately, nshima is not popular amongst the students as they have grown tired of eating it with almost every meal of their lives. They were shocked that most of us didn't mind eating it!

In some ways, the education system in Zambia is different from that of the U.S. For example, we were surprised to learn that as a part of their curriculum from the tenth grade through twelfth grade, students have to take biology, chemistry, and physics at the same time. Additionally, the classes rely much more heavily on their textbooks and national exams for guidance. It was exciting to realize that the material does not change very much. Despite

differences in style, the information taught about organic chemistry remains constant across oceans.

Two days before we began our journey back to the U.S., we piled into the Fatima Girls' bus and embarked on a twelve hour journey south towards Livingstone, home to Victoria Falls or *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, its indigenous name meaning, "The Smoke that Thunders." As we drove through the different regions of Zambia, we saw more farms and small communities and more of the capital, Lusaka, than we did on our arrival. Our time in Livingstone was different from our time in Ndola. We stayed in a hotel, which was very close to Victoria Falls. While we were viewing the falls we saw baboons, the Zimbabwean border, bungee jumpers and most importantly one of God's greatest creations and one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls! Later that day, we went on a safari and saw elephants, buffalo, a hippopotamus, a rhinoceros, giraffes and zebras. We were all in awe about how beautiful it was to see

all these animals up close in their natural habitat. We ended our time at a restaurant that incorporated African and Caribbean cuisine, where we even tried crocodile bites and halloumi cheese, it was great!

Overall this trip was beyond awesome and we are all so grateful for the opportunity. We would like to give a special thanks to Ms. McCann, Sr. Margaret, Dr. Grimes, Sr. Angela, Sr. Chama, and Sr. Charity for all they have done for us on our trip. These experiences will stay with us forever and shape us in ways we don't yet know. There is no better way to learn about a new place than by speaking to the people who call that place home — and we did so by immersing ourselves in Zambian culture, through food, dances, and music. From shadowing the students for a day, to visiting a local village, we got a brief, but thorough introduction to Zambian culture and life at Fatima Girls' Secondary School—which shares in our mission to educate future women of faith and influence. We have grown closer as friends, grown in knowledge of ourselves and grown closer to God. This trip has deepened our sense of appreciation for the opportunity and blessing of pursuing a Dominican education, right here in New York City. We hope that one day the girls from Fatima might get to experience New York and Dominican Academy the same way we did during our stay in Zambia.



WELCOME OUR NEW TEACHERS!



ASHLEY ROSSI NEW HISTORY TEACHER

☺☺ As a passionate and experienced educator, I am so excited to continue my professional journey as a history teacher at Dominican Academy. Most of all, I am looking forward to meeting and becoming a part of the D.A. school community! ☺☺



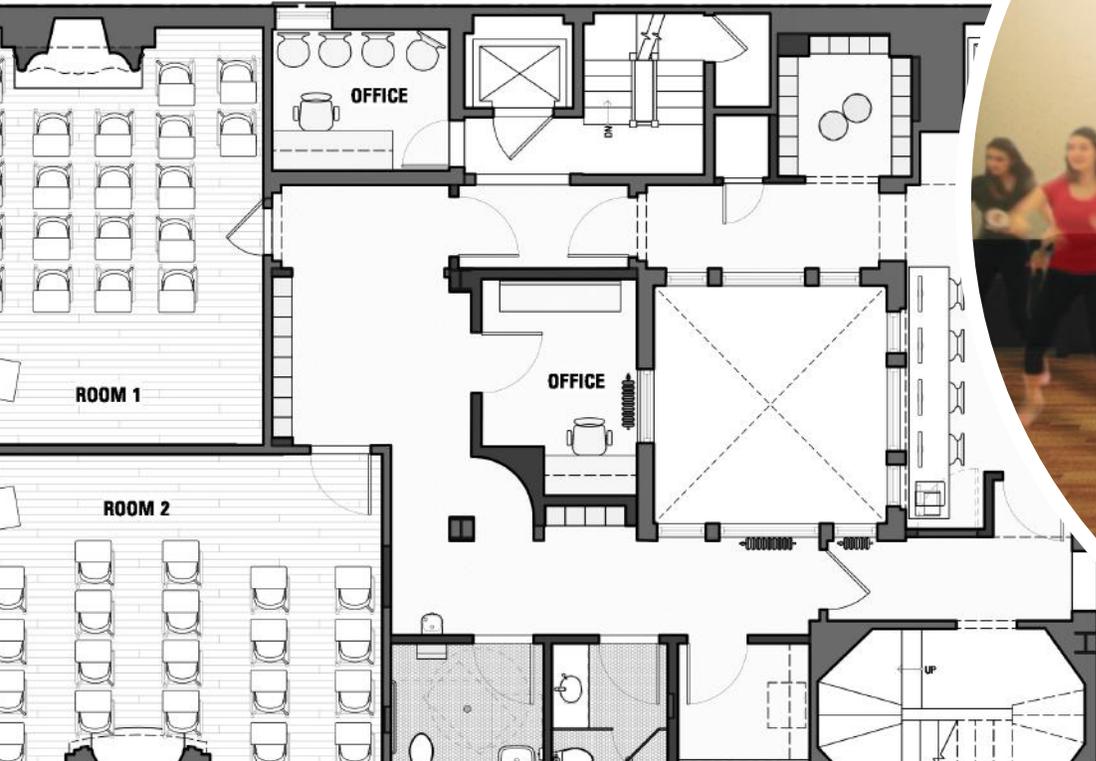
SHANNON DUFRESNE NEW LIBRARIAN/ COMMUNICATIONS

☺☺ It's a blessing to have this opportunity to work closely with the intelligent young women of D.A. during their formative years. I look forward to contributing to their academic experience and helping to prepare them to become future leaders grounded in spirituality and faith. ☺☺



SHIRLEY BRITO, '90 NEW MATH TEACHER

☺☺ I am honored and proud to return to Dominican Academy as an educator. I have great memories of the school that shaped the person I am today. I look forward to working with all the young women at my Alma Mater and being part of the D.A. experience. ☺☺



Foundation

FOR D.A.'S FUTURE

THE RENOVATION IS PROVIDING CURRENT STUDENTS WITH THE NECESSARY TOOLS ESSENTIAL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS EACH DAY AND PREPARING OUR D.A. GIRLS FOR COLLEGE LIFE AND BEYOND.

Fall 2018 is a very exciting time to be a D.A. girl. We just unveiled our completed building renovation, which was two summers in the making. To date, we have completely renovated our facilities to better accommodate the needs of our current students. Building upon the long-standing tradition of excellence, elegance, and intimacy that characterize the D.A. experience, this wide-ranging renovation project sets the foundation for D.A.'s future. The beautiful mansion that we call home is now transformed into a 21st Century building to meet the growing needs of 21st Century students.

The renovation project, developed with and reviewed by our Board of Trustees, along with Faculty and Staff, preserves the friendly, welcoming, and unique spirit of Dominican Academy. In partnership with CWB Architects and Structuretone Contracting, D.A. has gained 3,000 square feet of usable space. The list of enhancements and revisions includes the following improvements to our landmarked mansion:

- 2 new full-sized classrooms
- A new Performing Arts and study flex-space
- Renovated Chapel & Library Commons
- Refurbished classrooms in the Basement and on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Floors, including the Natalie Frankowski, '14 Dry Lab and Collaborative Classroom

- Enlarged student cafeteria accommodating over 75 students
- State-of-the-art security system
- New conference rooms and meeting spaces
- Additional faculty and staff offices
- 3,000 square feet of usable space gained
- Expanded technology infrastructure throughout the building

These enhancements improve the daily experience for our students while maintaining the iconic features that make D.A. our beloved home. We have already seen our success in action as the renovation is providing current students with the necessary tools essential for student success each day and preparing our D.A. girls for college life and beyond.





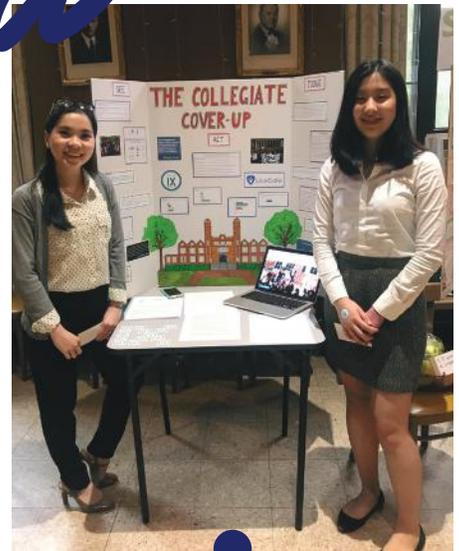
JUNIORS CELEBRATE THE TRADITION OF RING DAY WITH A MASS AND DANCE AT D.A.



A Year in Review



ALUMNAE ATTEND THE 2018 SPRING AUCTION & BENEFIT TO HONOR MR. JERRY TOMANELLI, WHO RETIRED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR



Juniors participate in our annual Advocacy Expo where they present topics to present to the school community including prison reform and the portrayal of mental illness in the media.



D.A. CELEBRATES IT'S 7 VARSITY TEAMS AT ITS ANNUAL SPORTS BANQUET

Student and Ms. Reardon-Muller, '98 are ready to lindy-hop in their poodle skirts during our Halloween festivities!



STUDENTS DRESS DOWN FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY



Students review for a test together in the new locker areas.



MORE THAN 30 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1967 CAME TO D.A. TO CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH REUNION THIS PAST FALL!

Meet Your

NEW ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD!

This past May we elected a new Board for the Alumnae Association. Below you will find each of their bios and the roles they will take on for the next two years. Also included are the list of events they are planning on hosting over the next several months. Stay tuned for more details — we hope to see you there!

MEET YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS:



Roseanne Morrison, '70 — Her goals for the Board of Directors are to continue the work of reaching out to every graduate of the school and providing meaningful motivations for contributing both time and financial resources. The priorities of the former alumnae board have set the tone, and it is our job to continue the mission of such a great educational enterprise that is faith based. She will continue the commitment to provide access and ideas for the coming years.



Nicole DeFilippi, '10 — After graduating from Fordham University in 2014, Nicole found her way back home to D.A. when she filled in as the receptionist when D.A. was in need of someone. During her time back, she rediscovered her love for the school and how much she missed being

involved. Last year she joined the board as the communications coordinator, and is excited to continue working with the board as co-president and working to bring our community even closer together!

SPECIAL EVENTS



Lacey Gutenkunst Keane, '07 — After graduating from D.A. in 2007, Lacey missed having the bond and community that she experienced in high school. She knew attending the rooftop every year was not enough involvement for her. She loves giving back to the school that shaped her!



Adrienne Mountis Bauer, '04 — Graduated from D.A. in 2004 and considers D.A. her second home (ask her more about her love for the building too). It means so much to her to be able to offer her time and support to the school.

COMMUNICATIONS/CLASS REP COORDINATORS



Aleksandra Swiech, '13 — Is eager to contribute to the school that has shaped her into the person she is today. In her four years at D.A., she and her classmates transformed from young girls to strong, smart, ambitious, kind, and capable women. Even after graduation, she was so happy to see that D.A. has taken further steps to make the student's experience even better. As a Communications/Class Representatives Coordinator she would like to bring all classes together through mentorship programs, alumnae events, and by establishing a portal where alums can update each other on our successes, share opportunities and provide a platform for support and continuous learning.



Dr. Jhanna Moore, '08 — Is a strong believer in teamwork. She enjoys listening to other people's ideas and incorporating them with her own to create the best result. She hopes to bring the opinions of the class forward so that together alumnae can make a lasting impact. Jhanna couldn't think of a better way to give back to Dominican Academy for all that it has done for her and countless other students over the years.



Allison Scacalossi, '13 — Looks forward to helping individuals who have graduated throughout the years stay in touch, and help form a cohesive, alumni network at D.A., staying on top of current news and events. This position enables her to extend my love for D.A. — a home away from home— within the larger school community

ENGAGEMENT



Morgan DeMartis, '13 — Believes that D.A. girls are one of a kind. We have this unique bond to our sisters,

teachers and school that extends throughout generations. When Morgan came home to New York after college she was so excited to get back to D.A. and find out how she could become more involved as an alumni. She is passionate about D.A. and wants to do everything to make it even better.



Emily Lirag, '05 — Is interested in finding ways to activate and engage our alumnae base. She looks forward to finding a way to connect our alums closer to our existing students by creating an engagement strategy to develop our alumnae network and ideally a program that brings in our alums to meet with students outside of Career Day.



Christiana Vasilas, '10 — Her passion for events began at Dominican Academy when a fellow alumna, offered her an internship at a non-profit organization. She is eager to join the Alumnae Association and give back to the school in the best way she can, and even inspire another D.A. girl to discover her passions too!



Kristen MacFarlane, '09 — Is ready to bring fellow alumnae together by starting a book club! If you are interested in joining, please email us at AlumAssoc@dominicanacademy.org and we will keep you updated on the first book club meeting of the year!



Alumnae Events

OCTOBER 4TH
HAPPY HOUR!

OCTOBER 13TH
ALL CLASS REUNION
(FOR CLASSES ENDING
IN '3 AND '8)

DECEMBER 20TH
YOUNG ALUMNAE
WELCOME BACK



Viva Espana!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR TRIP OVER EASTER BREAK!

This past April, 25 students traveled to Spain for a 10-day adventure in history, cuisine, and culture. Visiting six cities over ten days gave students a true understanding of many of the unique characteristics of Spanish life.

The trip started in the historic city of Seville. There students witnessed the most famous Holy Week processions in the world. Each day, hundreds of people marched through the city in elaborate costumes with scenes from the Crucifixion. These processions have been taking place for thousands of

years and the travelers were thrilled to be there on Holy Thursday and Good Friday to witness them. The group also got to connect with a D.A. alumna, Ann Marie Canavan, '98 who lives in Seville. Ann graciously spent the day leading the tour of the city, and answering questions about her daily life in Seville, study abroad, food, shopping and more!

After departing Seville, the group participated in one of the most unique experiences of their trip, a private tour and tasting at Basilippo olive oil

farm. The owner of the farm led the group through the olive oil groves and production facilities. He even provided a taste test to learn the flavor profiles of extra virgin olive oil and regular olive oil. Trying orange infused olive oil on top of chocolate ice cream was definitely a highlight for the girls!

The group journeyed through Granada and visited the Alhambra, an UNESCO world heritage site. They learned about the long and proud history of the Moores, as well as, how religious conflicts impacted



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the city for thousands of years. Of course a tour of Spain would not be complete without a stop in Barcelona to see the breathtaking architecture of Gaudí. The group walked through the Sagrada Familia — which is still under construction more than 130 years after work first began. Seeing the integration of light, color, and nature all within the walls of a Catholic Church was an awe-inspiring experience for all. Other highlights from the trip included a Flamenco dance lesson and show, a trip on the high-speed train to Madrid,

a visit to the El Prado art museum, a walking tour of Toledo and of course culinary highlights including churros con chocolate and paella!

D.A. is extremely grateful to Mrs. Jo Ann Fannon who once again provided students a wonderful opportunity to experience new parts of the world. She will be hosting the next D.A. Trip to Italy in Spring 2019 so be sure to ask her for more details if you would like to join!



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1949 As you may have seen in the *New York Times*, Margaret O'Shaughnessy Heckler, Lawmaker and Reagan Health Secretary passed away this year at the age of 87. She was a champion of women's rights in Congress and an exemplary D.A. girl.



1958 Jeanne McAnaney writes: Unfortunately these notes bring the sad news that Ellen Hansen Baukney passed away in March of a rare brain disease. My repeated efforts to reach Ellen by phone and email since hurricane Irma brought no response. I tracked down her daughter, Heather Baukney in Colorado and Joann Liberali Cardone heard from her about Ellen. Olivia "Sandy" Radda Foley and Marilyn Buckley Aniano are both dealing with health challenges as is Sheila Fannon McArdle's daughter, so keep the prayers coming. Olivia Radda Foley is hoping to attend the wedding of her oldest granddaughter in Seattle. Unfortunately, it is the weekend of the 60th reunion but we will excuse her with all our good wishes. On the brighter side, the proud class of '58 continues to keep travel agents in business. Alphabetically by country, Joann was recently in Albania where she visited Mother Theresa's birthplace.

Dorothy Filoramo was in France in June studying at the birthplace of the order of nuns at Dominican College. John and Pat Mostyn Aker recently went to Ireland where they visited her grandfather's birthplace. Frank and Barbara Onderchek Black were recently in Switzerland and Amsterdam and Frank was in Saskatchewan for the elk hunting season. Not sure if any birthplaces were involved but next year I hope he hunts somewhere that's easier to spell. On the domestic front Mary Walsh Fox's 5th grade granddaughter sang the National Anthem with the Tiburon Schools Chorus at a SF Giants game and played Glinda in the Wizard of Oz at school. Her younger sister declared her "the best witch ever". Lynn Reynolds Cauty claims that life in South Florida is like watching paint dry but we know she only does that in between her efforts to support the cultural life of South Florida. Beth Wagner Dougherty continues her happy job as the bicoastal babysitter for her two grandchildren in LA. My passport had a restful year, our only flying was to exotic Cincinnati for family functions including our granddaughter's highschool graduation. She will join her brother at Notre Dame, no surprise there. They are the fourth generation of Ed's family to join the Fighting Irish. This incident was too late for the last Veritas but it is too good not to share. Lauretta Clancy Leddy and Maureen McPartland Brokaw were meeting me for lunch at a restaurant on 56th St. on a day when Pres. Trump was down the block at Trump Tower. At first security wouldn't allow their car into the street but they sweet talked their way past

the barricade to the garage where they were met by more security with bomb sniffing dogs. The dogs sniffed at them and then Maureen had to open her trunk to be inspected. It was loaded with an assortment of odds and ends that she was planning to take to the thrift shop which did not impress either the dogs or the security detail. They had mixed feelings about being found not to pose any threat. Above all, please plan to attend our 60th reunion in October. Dorothy and Lauretta have organized a special couple of days of events for our class to reconnect and reminisce over that always popular adult beverage. As usual we look forward to learning what you've been doing and where you've been doing it. Many thanks to all who donated to the D.A. Annual Fund, you help keep our proud class in the top ranks. been doing it. Many thanks to all who donated to the D.A. Annual Fund, you help keep our proud class in the top ranks.

1965 Sister Marganne Drago (Margaret Drago), MM, MA, DMA, is presently the Pastoral Associate and Director of Sacred Liturgy and Music in Morrisville, PA at St. John the Evangelist Church.

1966 We are saddened to report that our cherished classmate Linda Kracji Raynor passed away on April 17. She was named the "All Dominican Girl" of our class and remained so her whole life. We miss her. Class of '66.



1969 Several members of the Class of '69 gathered in Palm Beach Gardens, FL for Barbara Compiani's annual St. Patrick's Day party. L to R: Alice Consigli Onady, Marise Mack Allen, Barbara Compiani Mitrione, Joanne Guarasci Yost, and Ann Marie Flynn. Barbara welcomed her first grandchild on April 11: Bennett Reid Dinsdale.

1967 D.A. alums and sisters from 3 graduating classes celebrating — a daughter/niece's upcoming wedding, and a birthday. Nancy O'Brien Walker, Class of 1967, Noreen Doyle 67, Mary Ellen Doyle, 66, Joanne Lee 67, Betsey O'Brien Courtney, 64.



1968 Jo Ann Schilling Fannon, '68 received the Rosalind Morrissey Community Service Award from the New York Blood Center. Jo Ann is a long time volunteer with the Croton Community Blood Program, and has been Chairperson for fifteen years. The CCBP is the largest community blood program in the tri-state area, collecting an average of 500 pints annually.

1969 Denise Midroy became grandmama to Bruce Jerome Miller on May 26th '17. Also joined Maureen Fahy Grone & Caty Myers Jusko on their annual gadabout in February, this time to Key West, yay baby!



1970 May 11, 2018 — Some members of the Class of 1970 enjoying their annual dinner gathering at the Isle of Capri restaurant!

1976 Carole van Almelo will be relocating back to Manhattan for this year, working for Publicis Groupe, as a VP Creative. She will also be working with D.A. on a website devoted to the Art and Architecture of the School. She is looking forward to seeing her classmates. Husband Doug and her sons are on the West Coast, so everyone will commute!



1977 Mary Jo Schneider Bennett writes: In May, my daughter, Fiona graduated Magna Cum Laude from Carroll College in Helena, Montana with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She accepted a position in Madison, Wisconsin as a Pediatric Intensive Care Nurse.



1980 Laura McDermott Dumbach writes: I am delighted to report that my son, Thomas Dumbach, graduated from Harvard University in May 2018, magna cum laude in Classics. It was great fun to join him at my alma mater for the festivities. Next fall he will pursue a Masters degree in Classics at the University of Oxford and will reside in Blackfriars Hall, which is governed by the English Province of the Dominican Friars. Talk about coming full circle!



1985 Siobhan Pender, daughter of Patricia Hillman Pender, graduated with high honors from Notre Dame School of Manhattan on June 5th. She will be attending Boston College in the fall — just like her mom!



1993 Cristina Lopez O'Keeffe moved to Switzerland for a work opportunity offered to her husband with the Central Bank (BIS). They moved to Basel in August 2016 with their three

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daughters (Dalia 11, Juliana 8 and Patricia 6). They would love to show any alumna around this beautiful city and countryside. Feel free to reach out to her!



1994 Helen Zuman writes: *Mating in Captivity*, my memoir of five years in a cult I joined after graduating from Harvard, was published by She Writes Press in May 2018. Get signed copies and learn about upcoming events at helenzuman.com.



1998 Ann Marie Canavan writes: Last June my family (me, my husband Andrew, daughters Rebecca, 11 and Delilah, 9) bought a beautiful home in Staten Island, NY. Also, I just finished up my second year teaching at St. Anselm Catholic Academy in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

2002 Christine Crespo '02 got engaged last November to her fiancé, Marc Ewen. They were introduced by Olivia Olbrei '02 in 2012. Christine and Marc will be getting married in Scotland this October.



2002 On September 2, 2017, Yelena Bogdan MD, '02, married her longtime partner Bradley J. Dunn, JD, MBA, at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, thus achieving her promise to herself to walk down the aisle twice in the same church, wearing a wedding dress (the first time being graduation of course!). In attendance were Sr Martha Kunesh and Sr Christine Cosgrove (former D.A. principal and vice principal), Ms. Perrone, and Sr Margaret Ciccolella, all of whom Yelena was very close to during her school days. Fellow D.A. alumnae Tracy Patts '03, Agnes Koch '02, and Aileen Pina (nee Robledo) '02, were also present for the special day.

2003 Catherine Lukaszewski writes: I have settled in to the rhythm of life on the West Coast after moving to Los Angeles in May of 2016. The move West posed some new challenges — including the need to master driving at age 31! I recently assumed a newly created position,

Laboratory Coordinator, at the Getty Conservation Institute, and am thrilled to be returning to the conservation world after managing the laboratories and Study Collection at New York University's Institute of Fine Arts Conservation Center for the six years prior to my departure for LA. I spend most of my spare time exploring the multitude of magical neighborhoods that form this sprawling city and its environs and have become particularly enamored of the historic buildings in the Los Angeles area, especially all that Deco! I have enjoyed keeping in touch with many fellow D.A. girls, as well as several beloved faculty members. — Catherine (Cat) Lukaszewski



2004 Jennifer Murray Burt writes: My husband John Burt and I welcome our first bundle of joy, Elizabeth Bianca on December 11, 2017. She was born weighing 9lb 12oz and 22 inches long.



2006 Deirdre Keane graduated with her doctorate of nursing practice this summer at Columbia University with summa cum laude. She is a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit nurse practitioner at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She will be starting her MBA this fall at NYU Stern School of Business.

2006 Sr. Maria Veritas Marks, O.P., took her final religious vows on July 25, 2018. Her congregation is The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist and her vows were taken at Christ the King Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

2007 Madeleine B. Metzler, '07 is excited to announce her engagement to Justin Sousa. Justin proposed to Madeleine on July 14th after the final dance of this season of Lincoln Center's Midsummer Night Swing. The couple of four years looks forward to sharing their joy with family, friends, and felines at their impending nuptials, date TBD!



2008 Liz Cappello received her MD from the Medical College of Georgia in May 2018. She will be starting her residency in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, Virginia in July.

2009 Briana Pigott Meginniss writes: On November 4, I married my husband Keinan Meginniss. We met in law school at Georgetown University Law Center and said "I do" at St. Ann's in Yonkers, NY followed by a reception at the CV Rich Mansion in White Plains, NY. Elizabeth McGill (nee Kiyashka) '09 served as one of my bridesmaids. We then honeymooned on a river cruise along the Danube River.

2010 Jennifer Stewart just finished her third year in the Counseling Psychology PhD program at Fordham University. She received her Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling last August and has three years left to her doctorate.

2013 Katrina Bernhardt spent the summer working as a Consumer R&D summer intern at Johnson & Johnson. She will complete my graduate program to earn an M.S. in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University in December 2018.

2014 Emily Stewart graduated Boston University in May 2018 with a B.S. in Hospitality Administration and Management. She will be moving back to New York City in June to work as an Assistant Rooms Operations Manager at the Marriott Downtown.



2014 Clarissa Gonzalez graduated from Loyola University Maryland with her B.A and is an AmeriCorps Vista Fellow. She will be working at SEAMAAC — a non-profit that serves refugees!

2014 Claire Callahan recently received the Fulbright grant to teach English for a year in South Korea. She is studying in South Korea at Yonsei University and will be teaching elementary school in Sejong City. Claire is having an amazing experience learning about the history and culture of the country!

2017 Casey Barton Spent the summer working at Maidstone Club in East Hampton.



IN MEMORIAM

Jack Antinori

Ellen Hansen Baukney, '58

Virginia Bau, '52

Alice Besheer, P'85, GP'11

Maria Soledad Cabigas, '69

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John J. Mahoney

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Shelagh Heffernan O'Neil, '48

Michael J. O'Shaughnessy

Christine Zenka Pirrone, '67

Mary Alice Keller Plisco, '60

Linda A. Kracji Raynor, '66

John Rice

Margaret Brogger Richardson, '67

Mary Virginia Weisner Shea, '38

Margaret Murphy Teahan, '57

Mary Ann Varga, '62

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OCTOBER 13

Reunion for Classes ending in '3 and '8

OCTOBER 20

Open House for 7th & 8th Graders (10am–2pm)

OCTOBER 24

Mini Open House for 7th and 8th Graders (4pm–6pm)

DECEMBER 20

Young Alumnae Welcome Back (Graduates 2015–2018)

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Spring Auction & Benefit

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