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Power Plant will undergo improve-
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WHAT’S GOING ON

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NOTRE DAME AMONG TOP
PRODUCERS OF FULBRIGHT
STUDENTS FOR FOURTH
STRAIGHT YEAR

During the 2017-18 academic year, 29 Notre Dame students and alumni were awarded Fulbright U.S. Student Program grants, sec-
ond among all research institutions in the U.S., according to the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Edu-
cational and Cultural Affairs. This is the fourth consecutive year that Notre Dame has been recognized as a top Fulbright producer, as reported annually in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program is the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program, providing more than 300,000 students with the op-
portunity to exchange ideas and con-
tribute to solutions to shared inter-
national concerns based on academic
merit and leadership potential.

PEOPLE

CREPP SELECTED FOR NAS
COMMITTEE ON EXOPLANETS

Justin Crepp, Freimann Assistant Professor of Physics, has been selected to serve on the Exoplanet Science Strategy committee that’s part of the upcoming 2020-2030 National Academy of Sciences decadal sur-
vey in astronomy, astrophysics and planetary science. Crepp is one of 14 committee members, a select group of experts in the field, tasked with

identifying priorities within the field that they believe should be addressed within the next decade.

CLARK AWARDED
$1.1M KECK GRANT

Patricia Clark, Rev. John
Cantieni Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been
awarded a $1.1 million, four-
year grant from the W. M. Keck
Foundation to develop an innovative approach to replicate in test tubes a universal component of protein
folding within cells. Results from this medical research grant could shed new light on how deadly bacterial infections spread.

WELCH TO SERVE IN
MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL
RESEARCH ROLE

Building on a strong collaboration
between the state’s leading univer-
sities, Christopher Welch, chief sci-
centic officer for Welch Innovation
LLC, will join Notre Dame, Indiana
University and Purdue University as
director of the Indiana Consortium
for the Analytical Sciences, in the first
multi-institutional hire between the
three universities. In his new role,
Welch will focus on creating new
joint research activities in the analyt-
cal sciences, utilizing resources from
each of the three institutions, and
building new opportunities for col-
laboration with industry, government
departments, private research organiza-
tions and other academic institutions.

MCKIBBEN WINS
ACLS FELLOWSHIP

Sarah McKibben, an associate
professor of Irish language and
literature, has won a prestigious fel-
lowship from the American Council
of Learned Societies for her book
project, “Tradition Transformed:
Bardic Poetry and Patronage in Early
Modern Ireland, c. 1560-1660.”
McKibben, who is also a faculty
fellow in the Keough-Naughton
Institute for Irish Studies, focuses
her scholarship on bardic poetry in
Ireland during the 16th and 17th
centuries.

SCRANTON AWARDED LANNAN
FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

Roy Scranton, an associate profes-
sor in the Department of English, has
won a fellowship from the Lannan
Foundation in recognition of his fic-
tion writing. Since 1989, the foundation has
given literary awards and fellow-
ships to both established and emerg-
ving writers "of distinctive literary merit who demonstrate potential for continued outstanding work." It looks to honor work that "challenges our understanding of the world," and past honorees include George Saunders, Edwidge Danticat, Barbara Ehrenreich, Elizabeth Kolbert, Don
Mee Choi and Philip Metres.
Scranton joined the faculty in 2016 after earning his Ph.D. at
Princeton University. An Army
veteran who served in the Iraq war,
Scranton was a recipient of the
War, Poem,” draws upon his military experience in questioning hero narratives built
up around soldiers and considering
the effects violence has on the people who live where wars are fought.
His 2015 nonfiction book, "Learning to Die in the Anthropocene," is a reflection and treatise on the implications of global warming and the need for serious contemplation about the end of the Earth as hu-

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE STAFF
SERVE IN STATE AND
NATIONAL ROLES

Jennifer Bruckert, assistant regis-
trar, is serving as president of the
Indiana Association of Collegiate
Registrars and Admissions Officers
for 2018. She will lead the IACRAO
October conference.

Liz Rosencrantz, senior assistant
registrar, was instrumental in bring-
ning the Indiana Association of Colle-
giate Registrars and Admissions Of-
cicers group to the University for its
annual conference, which will be held
in October. The group is expected to
bring more than 100 participants to campus.

Christina Wojtysiak, senior re-
porting specialist and Veterans Affairs
certification officer, will serve on the
American Association of Collegiate
Registrars and Admissions Officers
Veterans Reporting and Support
Group. This group will assess the
feasibility of aligning the veterans
reporting process with existing en-
rollment and compliance reporting
business processes.
Mustillo appointed dean of College of Arts and Letters

Will lead the University's largest and oldest college
BY PATRICK GIBBONS, PROVOST'S OFFICE
Sarah A. Mustillo, department chair and professor of sociology, has been appointed J.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters by University President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. She succeeds John McGreevy, who is stepping down July 1 after serving 10 years as dean. As dean, Mustillo will lead Notre Dame's largest and oldest college, comprising 20 departments and more than 170 faculty members.

An expert in the social causes of childhood mental illness and statistical methods used in social science research, Mustillo joined the Notre Dame faculty in 2014, after serving seven years as a professor of sociology at Purdue University and six years on the faculty at Duke University School of Medicine. She has served as chair of the Department of Sociology since 2016. Mustillo earned her master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from Duke University, after graduating magna cum laude from Notre Dame in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and gender studies. Her research includes medical sociology, statistics, social epidemiology and social psychology. She is co-editor of the American Sociological Review, the author of more than 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and a frequent speaker at domestic and international conferences on topics ranging from child mental health and wellness to advanced statistical methods.

Mustillo has served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator on several multimillion-dollar grant-funded studies and is presently co-investigator on a $2.4 million study of sibling socialization of alcohol and drug use from early through late adulthood, funded by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. In the classroom, Mustillo has been honored with a number of awards for teaching and scholarship excellence, including a fellowship from the Center for Instructional Excellence at Purdue. Mustillo said she is looking forward to leading the College of Arts and Letters.

By Patrick Gibbons, Provost's Office

Nobel laureate Yunus to speak as part of Notre Dame Forum

Muhammad Yunus, a social entrepreneur, banker and economist from Bangladesh who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for founding the Grameen Bank and pioneering the concepts of microcredit and microfinance, will deliver a keynote address at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, as part of this year's Notre Dame Forum. The 2017-18 Notre Dame Forum explores the challenges and opportunities posed by globalization. Yunus' talk will take place in the DeBartolo Family Ballroom of the Duncan Student Center.

Yunus will discuss his pioneering work in the field of poverty alleviation and sustainability with Ray Offenheiser, director of the Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development in the Keough School of Global Affairs. Yunus will also receive the Ford Family Notre Dame Award for International Development and Solidarity from the Kellogg Institute during his visit to campus. The award recognizes substantial contributions to human development through research, practice, public service or philanthropy. Yunus' work was inspired by his mother's refusal to turn away anyone asking for help. He speaks to unleashing human creativity as the key to solving intractable problems such as poverty, unemployment, disease and environmental degradation.

"Each person has tremendous potential," he writes in his recent book, "A World of Three Zeros: The New Economics of Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment, and Zero Net Carbon Emissions," which will be the subject of discussion and discussion groups prior to the forum event. "So he or she alone can influence the lives of others within the communities, nations, within and beyond her or his own time." More information about Notre Dame Forum events is available at forum.nd.edu.

Is your home network safe?

Security steps at home protect Notre Dame services, too
BY LENETTE VOTAVA, OIT

Years ago, your home network was probably just a computer or two connected with wires. Those wires gave you internet access at home. After a while you added a wireless router and a couple of smartphones. Then your game console needed internet access, plus your smart TV and maybe a new game console needed internet access. While you added a wireless router and an all-powerful and can control your whole network. The passwords that come with these things are often simple and easy to guess. They might include names or words like "password," "welcome," or "hello." These passwords are easy to guess. They are easy to crack.

Additionally, each of your devices needs a password, passphrase or passcode. And because smartphones, tablets and laptops are portable, they need a passcode, password or passphrase.

Use a strong password

The password you use for the administrator account on your Wi-Fi router and the password for WPA2 should be hard to guess. Passwords like 12345678 or any sequence of numbers or letters are not strong passwords.

Consider using a passphrase. This is just a sentence with the words jammed together, like mydogisawesome. Passphrases are more difficult to guess, and they keep your network safer.

Use a guest network

Instead of sharing your password or passphrase for your Wi-Fi network with family and friends who visit your home, some Wi-Fi routers let you set up a "guest" network. It allows visitors access to your home network without giving access to all of your devices. If you choose to set this up, be sure to use WPA2 security and use a strong password or passphrase.

Protective measures to protect your files

The information you keep on your phones, tablets and computers is important. Pictures, appointments and contacts may be impossible to retrieve if your device is damaged or hacked or if you have accidentally deleted something. An online backup service is a good investment. For iPhones the iCloud service is trouble-free. A service like Google Drive can be used with a backup application to store your important information online. For your computer, you may want to consider getting a network-attached drive to copy your important files to. An even safer option is to take advantage of any of the many online backup services like Backblaze, Carbonite, Norton and Acronis, to name a few.

Use auto update

Your computer and the software that runs on it are being updated all the time. These updates add new features to your software. Updates also help protect you from threats like the recent Meltdown and Spectre security vulnerabilities. Most computers and software can be set to update automatically. Turn on the automatic update anytime this option is available. It’s like the old saying, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Help protect Notre Dame’s network

These tips can ensure the safety of your home network, your computers and devices. Please consider taking as many of these suggestions as you can. Many of us connect to Notre Dame services from home. Taking these steps to secure your home network helps to protect not only you, but the University as well.
Maestro’s father and son marketing professors

BY BRITTANY COLLINS KAUFMAN, ND WORKS

For Bill and Jim Wilkie, there’s just something about Notre Dame. Bill (BBA ’56), the Alouianos and its dean of marketing in Mendoza, earned his marketing degree here in the 1960s. After going on to get his Ph.D. and MBA at Stanford University, he built his career at Purdue, Harvard and the University of Florida — but when Notre Dame came knocking in the ’80s, he couldn’t say no.

Bill moved his family, including his eldest son, Will, his daughter Allie (MNA ’09); and young son Jim (BBA ’09), now assistant professor of marketing in Mendoza, to South Bend. Jim grew up attending sports games and spending time with his father on-campus — he even has a photo of himself as a 5-year-old with then-President Rev. Monk Malloy, C.S.C. When it was time to apply to colleges, he knew where he wanted to go.

“I wasn’t really pressured, per se, to go here, but I always felt that there’s just something about Notre Dame,” says Jim, who graduated in 2005. Now I’d probably wind up here,” says Bill, who was recused from the decision-making process, “If you ask me, it’s not something I would have chosen to go to, but I always felt that it was probably the initial spark that motivated me to actually pursue becoming a professor.”

After earning his doctorate at Northwestern, Jim drew interest from Yale, Johns Hopkins, Notre Dame and Georgetown, among others, for his next career move. But he had married a Notre Dame alumna, Marjin Amato (BA ’07), had family here and had a newborn, Morgan, at home. For him, the choice was clear.

“It made a lot of sense to take this opportunity here and had a newborn, Morgan, at home. He's her favorite player now,” Jim says. “I feel that the potential excites me about his future in academia. In my sixth year, I'm comfortable viewing them as colleagues and I feel that the same is true for them. So I got to start the next chapter in my life by coming home, which is pretty nice.”

As a parent, I didn't want to be pushy about what he wanted to do,” says Bill, who was recused from considering Jim’s candidacy. “But I’m happy with how it turned out.”

Both Wilkies enjoy working together in Mendoza. They don’t interact much professionally — even though they’re both marketing professors, they have different areas of interest — but they like getting to spend time with each other on campus.

They enjoy their students, too, many of whom take classes from both Wilkies.

“I benefit from the fact that they’ve had him first because they like him, so they come in thinking they’ll like me,” Bill jokes. “But there’s one thing Bill loves to do that Jim didn’t inherit.

“I wear Hawaiian shirts every day to protest the South Bend weather in the wintertime,” Bill says. “Jim will show up to talk to my class, and he has this slide of himself in a Hawaiian shirt which he bought in Fiji on his honeymoon. He makes sure to tell them, “This is my only Hawaiian shirt,” and they get a laugh.”

Now the next generation of Wilkies is growing up on campus. “This year I’ve started to take my daughter, Morgan (age 6), to sporting events on campus, and she’s really getting into it. One of the basketball players was in my class this past year and I introduced her to him, and he’s her favorite player now,” Jim says. “She and my son, Owen (age 3), already know most of the Victory March and am sure will continue to be lifelong fans of the school.”

Getting a Taste of Black History Month

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Meet your Human Resources Consultant
A strategic partner that can help you (and your team) achieve more

**The role of HRCs**

- Guidance and support to managers and employees
- Emphasis on issues related to performance management and employee relations

**How can I partner with HRCs?**

- Organizational strategy
- Culture
- Talent
- Employee Development
- Structure

**Did You Know?**

Faculty and staff new to Notre Dame often comment that the Human Resources department isn’t like those they’ve experienced before. Elsewhere, a trip to HR might be something to dread. But at Notre Dame, HR is so much more than a place to address workplace grievances or fill out paperwork. What differentiates Notre Dame’s Office of Human Resources is that it’s personalized and personable.

For example, 11 Human Resources Consultants, or HRCs, provide guidance and support to managers and employees in designated departments, colleges and institutes. Mark Kocovski, director of HR Consulting, says everyone wants to know the HRC assigned to their office. (See sidebar to find yours.)

The HRCs specialize in performance management and employee relations. They understand operational facets of the office they support including organizational strategy, structure, culture, talent and processes to provide guidance for leadership and employees.

“There are a few different ways to look at the role of an HRC,” Kocovski says. “Your HRC is a strategic partner who can proactively help your team achieve more. That could be through training or organizational processes to provide guidance for leadership and employees.”

One employee noted, “I recently found myself in a very stressful situation and needed to make some serious decisions about my future with Notre Dame. My HRC was most helpful in offering me options and helping me prioritize my game plan. I am delighted to say that I consider myself a success story and am thankful for the guidance and encouragement HR was able to offer.”

For more information about your HRC, go to trnda.me/hrcs or give them a call through the askHR call center, 574-631-5900.
Samantha Salden Teach
School of Architecture
Assistant dean for graduate studies and assistant professor

Samantha Salden Teach found her way through early challenges as an undergraduate student at Notre Dame. She now helps her own students through them.

“I’ve had the opportunity to work with virtually every student that has passed through the school in the last several years as an adviser, instructor or both. As I see these genuinely good people going out into the world and doing meaningful work, I take great pride in having played a role in their successes and their development.

It was genuinely good people like these who drew Salden Teach to Notre Dame. She committed after attending an alumni event in Minneapolis. “The people I met were smart and ambitious, but sincere and kind. I wanted to be around people like that,” she remembers.

After graduation Salden Teach made her way to Atlanta to begin her professional life at Historical Concepts, a traditional architecture and planning firm. While there, she was exposed to a wide variety of projects and was able to take on increasing amounts of leadership. “I found myself at 25 leading a team on a huge project, working with other designers, clients and contractors who were often closer to my parents’ age than my own.”

After four years in Atlanta, Salden Teach returned to Notre Dame for graduate studies. She then joined the School of Architecture faculty, moving from direct practice to transforming the profession through education. She began as an adviser for student organizations, then moved to committee chair and informal mentor. For the last several years, Salden Teach has served in administrative roles, first as director of graduate studies and then as assistant dean.

As an administrator, she has played a key role in the creation of the school’s new Strategic Plan for Diversity, Inclusion and has worked to address systemic issues related to historically underrepresented groups in the architecture profession. Salden Teach has also been a leader in recent curriculum reviews for the graduate program in architecture and urban design and in the development of new programs.

“Teaching design in a classical manner is not a singular thing,” Salden Teach says. “We get to explore design through the clarity of common human and structural principles, but their adaptation to a variety of cultures, climates, materials and programs around the world opens us to almost unlimited opportunity.”

Lakshmi Iyer
Keough School of Global Affairs and College of Arts and Letters
Associate professor of economics and global affairs

As India experienced unprecedented economic growth during the 1990s, laying the foundation for its emergence as the world’s fifth largest economy, Lakshmi Iyer opted to pursue a Ph.D. in economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Iyer holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in statistics from the Indian Statistical Institute.

Iyer joined the Notre Dame faculty in January 2017 after teaching for more than a decade at the Harvard Business School. She holds a joint appointment in the Department of Economics and the Keough School of Global Affairs. Within the Keough School, Iyer also directs the sustainable development concentration in the Master of Global Affairs program.

Iyer’s research analyzes the role of political power within emerging market countries, including the legacy of colonial rule. “For hundreds of years economists have been trying to answer the question, ‘Why are some places poor while others are rich?’” Iyer says. “I have come to feel that political institutions, political rules and the actors within those systems play a very large role. If the system is rigged against you or not structured properly, individual efforts are not going to be enough.”

The political participation of women in India is a central focus of Iyer’s current research. A death of female political leaders is a global problem, Iyer says, with women ac-

Kristen Collett-Schmitt
Mendoza College of Business
Associate teaching professor of finance, director of special projects

Since arriving at Notre Dame, Kristen Collett-Schmitt has built a reputation as a gifted finance teacher who regularly garners prestigious and meaningful teaching awards, including a spot on Poets & Quants’ “Top 40 Undergraduate Business School Professors” list in 2017.

She helped design and launch Mendoza’s first-ever online course for undergraduates, and she is providing accreditation guidance for the master’s program Notre Dame is launching with Balkh University in Afghanistan, among her many current special projects.

Collett-Schmitt attended Bel-larmine University, a small Catholic liberal arts school in Louisville. In her senior year, she decided to earn a doctorate and become an economics professor. She landed a full scholarship to North Carolina State University, where she threw herself into the doctoral program, signing on to be a teaching assistant, which meant leading lab sections for 400-student classes.

On the occasion of International Women’s Day, we meet seven scholars whose work has advanced the conversation on gender equality, women in leadership and the role of education.

For hundreds of years economists have been trying to answer the question, ‘Why are some places poor while others are rich?’” Iyer says. “It’s similar to the Me Too movement in that way.”

Iyer also has investigated whether a woman winning a political election at the state level inspired other women to enter politics. She was disappointed to find this is not the case. “Similar studies around the globe confirm this result is not unique to India. ‘This tells us we need to have more proactive policies in place to include women in the political process,’” Iyer says. “I’m investigating how we can create a pipeline for more women candidates and also how we can include more women at local political levels. I’m excited to see if such programs can make a difference.”

During her first semester at Men-
don, Collett-Schmitt met the chal-
lenges of teaching with a lot of hard work, undertaking teacher-training programs. In fact, her teaching is now her research as well, as she has translated her techniques into a publication and presentations that she shares with fellow economists.

In her third year of teaching, seven weeks before her identical twin girls were due, Collett-Schmitt discovered during a routine checkup that daugh-
ter Mackenzie had no heartbeat. She was immediately taken to the hospi-
tal, where the babies were delivered. The surviving twins, Harper, was tak-
en to the neonatal intensive care unit. Harper today is a healthy 7-year-
old, and Collett-Schmitt and her husband used the experience to create the Mackenzie Taylor Schmitt Me-morial Fund, which purchases neces-
sities for premature babies at the local Beacon Children’s Hospital. They also provide preemie clothing to fam-
ilies through their own organization, Wishes for Premies.

As a teacher, Collett-Schmitt finds that her experiences — good and bad — have become yet another way to reach and teach her students.

“A lot of students come to Notre Dame having never failed or knowing what it’s like not to be the best and were sheltered from hardship as I was,” she says. “And then it’s devas-
tating for them when they don’t do well on an exam.

“So I tell them about failing my exams or sharing the story about my daughter,” says Collett-Schmitt. “And I say, ‘I thought my life was over. But you have to prepare for failure. You can grow, and you can go on.’
McAward, an associate professor of law and director of the Jennifer Mason McAward Center for Civil and Human Rights at Notre Dame, leads a unit that is devoted and implemented BRIDGES for lawyers to be more effective and collectively and our privilege to use these tools to advance the dignity of each person.

In the next 20 years, she hopes her studies will have proven to have major impact.

Growing up, D’Souza-Schory had an interest in biology and organic chemistry, and her parents, neither of whom are scientists, supported her endeavors. Her parents juggled dual careers and taught her the importance of integrity, empathy, education, and a strong work ethic.

She completed her studies for a bachelors degree in India by age 19, and was working toward her masters degree when one mentor suggested she pursue a doctoral degree. Another mentor, the female head of her department, told her she should consider studying abroad.

"It was just a 'what if' statement in a conversation," she notes, but the comment shifted D’Souza-Schory’s outlook. She soon found herself pursuing her doctorate at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, with her parents’ blessing.

Though her parents were her first mentors, D’Souza-Schory says she’s been blessed with others — predecessors and postdoctoral advisors who were outstanding scientists, as well as department heads at medical schools. Working with them was a unique privilege, she says. She references those experiences as she mentors students in her lab and leads others in her role as chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Promoting diversity and inclusive excellence within the department is important for her, she says, because wide-ranging perspectives engender a richer intellectual environment.

That’s why one recruiting and hiring metric she’s focused on is the battle against “implicit bias” — unconscious thoughts that label women, men and people of different cultures and races in stereotypical ways. It pervades society and is an important issue that needs addressing, she says.

But she commends Notre Dame’s progressive culture. “Science, like it should, transcends gender and race,” D’Souza-Schory says. “We must provide our students the very best education in a diverse intellectual community. It is important that we grow diversity to build excellence in all our endeavors.”

Ashley Thrall

College of Engineering

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At Princeton, Thrall learned bridge engineering from Ted Zoli, the national bridge chief engineer of HNTB Corp. A class project on movable bridges under his mentorship turned into her Ph.D. dissertation and ultimately inspired her interest in kinetic structures.

After Thrall arrived at Notre Dame in 2011, she founded and directs the Kinetic Structures Laboratory — a state-of-the-art facility within the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences that is focused on investigating the behavior of a variety of moving and deploying structures.

Through a National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program award, she and her graduate students are developing new approaches to rapidly deployable steel bridges. This research aims to develop technologies that can be used for disaster relief, military operations or accelerated construction of permanent infrastructure.

With support from the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, she and her team of students designed, analyzed and experimentally tested a half-scale prototype of an origami-inspired shelter that is quickly deployable and that conserves energy in heating and cooling. This work included constructing a full-scale prototype and led to two utility patents.

Thrall enjoys the educational aspects of her position. Outside of her teaching and mentoring activities at Notre Dame, she has also developed and implemented BRIDGES (Building Relationships to Inspire and Drive Girls to Pursue Engineering) continued on next page
‘Living out our faith by how we welcome and protect those who need us’

Sister Norma Pimentel, M.J., champion of immigrants, to receive 2018 Laetare Medal

BY AMANDA SIKOSTAD, MEDIA RELATIONS

Sister Norma Pimentel, M.J., executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley and long-time advocate for immigrants and refugees, will receive the 2018 Laetare Medal — the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics — at Notre Dame’s 173rd Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 28.

“Jesus said, ‘When I was a stranger, you invited me in.’ Sister Norma Pimentel has given her life to welcoming Christ in the immigrant and refugee,” said Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. “In awarding her the Laetare Medal, Notre Dame celebrates her witness of seeking and generously serving Christ in the most vulnerable.”

Sister Pimentel, a religious sister of the Missionaries of Jesus, has overseen the charitable arm of the Diocese of Brownsville (Texas) since 2008, providing a range of services that includes emergency food and shelter, housing assistance, clinical counseling and pregnancy care to all Christians — and results in compassion to those in need.

In response to learning she had been named the 2018 Laetare Medalist, Sister Pimentel said: “I am truly honored to receive this award. This year’s Laetare Medal brings forth the cries of the suffering for the world to hear. I would like to thank the University of Notre Dame for this recognition and for being a voice for immigrants in our midst.”

Sister Pimentel received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Pan American University, a master’s degree in theology from St. Mary’s University and a master’s degree in counseling psychology from Loyola University Chicago.

In her reflection on immigrants and their presence in American life, Sister Pimentel said some of her most formative and pivotal experiences took place only a few weeks after the preserved final vows with the Missionaries of Jesus. Border patrol agents would be immigrant families to the sisters’ convent, often late at night. Sister Pimentel said Sister Juliana Garcia, her religious superior, would arrive the next day to be with the family, often late at night. Sister Pimentel said Sister Juliana Garcia, her religious superior, at the time, would immediately prepare a room to welcome the family when they arrived. She added, “The mother and her children would become part of our community family for about a week so, and I quickly learned the importance of living out our faith by how we welcome and protect those who need us.”

For Sister Pimentel, the call to compassion to those in need extends to all Christians — and results in radical transformation.

“Scripture comes to life and our faith becomes flesh,” she said. “It is not until you find yourself in front of the face of the immigrant child or mother that you will understand this. It is a moment of realizing we are all on the same family.”

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Sister Pimentel received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Pan American University, a master’s degree in theology from St. Mary’s University and a master’s degree in counseling psychology from Loyola University Chicago.

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College of Arts and Letters
Professor of political science, director of the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, and C. Robert and Margaret Hanley Family Director of the Notre Dame Washington Program

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APRIL SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The University congratulates those employees celebrating significant service anniversaries:

50 years
H.G. Campbell, Campus Technology Services

45 years
Lawrence Robinson, Custodial Services

40 years
John E. Heister, Athletics Media Relations

35 years
Sherry L. DePuy, UNDERC

25 years
Marilynn E. Coleman, South Dining Hall
Michael W. Fossett, Office of the Controller
Douglas A. Healy, Campus Dining Administration
Charles E. Schneur, Development

20 years
Roberta A. Anderson, Assumption Parahy
Kelley J. Collins, Provost’s Office
Isaac N. Holmes, Campus Technology Services
Richard F. Klee, Office of the Controller
Kathryn D. Pitts, University Press

15 years
Michelle L. Burgess, Investment Office
Masaru K. Kunoz, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Law T. Pham, South Dining Hall
Jacquelyn R. Rucker, Community Relations
Laurens F. Sarker, Morris Inn

10 years
Kimberly A. Biagini, Development
Susan M. Hurley, Human Resources

Joseph E. Nagle, Equipment Room
Kara J. Palmer, Mendoza College of Business
Julie M. Pavlak, IT Service Delivery
Justin M. Rittenhouse, Hesburgh Libraries
Kelley M. Shroock, Investment Office
Margaret E. Stuedivant, Morris Inn
Crisonel F. Worm, Golf Course Operations

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEW EMPLOYEES

The University welcomes the following employees who began work in January and February:

Brandon J. Aitken, Prodip Dhal, Amy S. Garland, Dion L. Johnson, Kristin M. Pavlak and Hong V. Tran, Morris Inn
Kassandra M. Archer and Tiara R. Hemphill, Campus Technology Services, Holy Cross House
Sharon K. Bacon, Alicia D. Cammums and Stephen A. White, Law School
Christopher M. Baskin, Darwin Beacham, Larry Black, Terry Joseph, Nicholas G. Lenzinski, Christopher J. O’Leary and Robert A. Stine, Football
Lea Valentine F. Buzshady, Alumni Association
Brian M. Benedict and Shannon B. Longo, Annual Giving Programs
Daushane M. Bishop, Jonathan E. Bowman, Devin L. Brown, Mary H. Dasoud, LaTonya Flaks, Shuantell N. Jayme, Kevin M. Jones, Sarah A. Taylor and Earl E. Walker, Custodial Services
Gilberto A. Carlos Barraza and RaSheda Humphrey, Procurement Services
Timothy Checkley, Customer IT Solutions
Michael R. Clayton and Katie E. Layman, Security
Erin B. Corcoran, Hannah E. Heintzlecht and Caroline S. Hughes, Knoc Institute
David C. Chatka, Finance and Administration
John C. Ditman, NPD Administration
Marcus L. Dittmer, Lorecia McKinney, Min Hee Myung and Kathleen M. Webb, Mendoza College of Business
Ryan W. Fahey, Brian A. Plotkin and Chad E. Riley, Men’s Soccer Mark J. Futa, George Mandaradas, William L. Ribera and Sean R. Sharpe, Development
Elizabeth A. Ganger, GBP Careers Service
Sydney L. Griffin, Athletic Administration
Stephanie L. Hase, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts
Steven Heilman, Mathematics
Rachel Heidin, Saint Paul Museum
Paul G. Henderson, GBP Admissions
Benjamin R. Hoggan and Timothy R. Riley, VP and Associate Provost for Innovation

IN MEMORY

The University extends sympathy to the families and friends of the recently deceased employees and retirees:

Mary Freeman, retiree, Dec. 13
Nancy Wilkerson, retiree, Dec. 21
Rory Wei Liu, professor emeritus of electrical engineering, Feb. 17
Dennis Moran, professional specialist emeritus, The Review of Politics, Feb. 21
Mary Ellen Konieczny, Henle Family Associate Professor of Sociology, Feb. 24

BY PHILLIP JOHNSON, OFFICE OF CAMPUS SAFETY

The spring season brings the potential for severe weather, including thunderstorms and tornadoes. Now is the time to make or review safety plans for campus and at home.

Watch! Warning!

What’s the difference? The National Weather Service issues watches and warnings. According to NWS, a watch means “be prepared” and a warning means “be ready to act.”

Severe thunderstorm watch: Severe thunderstorms are possible. Stay informed and be ready to act if severe thunderstorm warning is issued.

Severe thunderstorm warning: Severe weather is imminent. Damage winds and hail can be expected, presenting danger to life and property. Take shelter in a substantial building.

Tornado watch: Conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes. Stay informed and be ready to act if a tornado warning is issued.

Tornado warning: A tornado has been sighted in the area. Tornadoes are violent and can demolish well-made structures, uproot trees and hurl heavy objects through the air. See sidebar for safety tips. The St. Joseph County Emergency Management Agency’s tornado warning system will activate the sirens atop the North Dining Hall. There will be a steady tone for 3 to 5 minutes. During a tornado warning, the University will issue NDAlert messages if campus is threatened.

FYS: Tornado sirens test set for 11:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of every month and consist of a one-minute steady tone, followed by one minute of silence and a one-minute warning tone.

What to do when a tornado warning has been issued:

• Immediately take shelter in the nearest substantial building. The best protection will be in the basement, an interior room or a hallway on the lowest floor possible. Avoid windows, large rooms, auditoriums or gymnasiums.
• If feasible, put walls between yourself and the outside.
• Get under sturdy furniture and hold on to it, or crouch low to the floor and cover your head with your hands.
• Remain in a safe location until advised it is safe to return to regular activities. An all-clear is broadcast via local media and through the NDAlert public address system.

Be prepared for severe spring and summer weather.
Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day (1968)
Learning Beyond the Classics
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4
Not Rated, 25 minutes
This Disney adaptation of the A.A. Milne children's series begins with Pooh at his famous thoughtful spot when his friend Gopher warns him that it's a windday. Pooh goes off to wish Piglet a happy Windiday, but Piglet is lifted into the air by the strong winds. Pooh then acts on intuition and uses all the resources he can muster to keep things from figuratively and literally blowing away.

Symbiopsychotaxiplasm (1968)
Learning Beyond the Classics
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11
Not Rated, 75 minutes
Director William Greaves begins filming a movie scene in Central Park, an argument between a couple. At the same time, a documentary crew films the crew filming the movie. Meanwhile, a third crew films the filming of the two films. As Greaves plays the role of a demented artist and on-set conditions deteriorate, his collaborators mutiny. The result is a head-spinning landmark of experimental film that playfully strums the line between fiction/reality and art/artifice.

Faces (1968)
Learning Beyond the Classics
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18
Not Rated, 130 minutes
Seen by many as the grandfather of American independent cinema, John Cassavetes would set the stage for the fiction/reality and art/artifice that would define much of New Hollywood in the 1970s and numblecore of the 2000s. “Faces” received widespread recognition, including multiple Oscar nominations, a rarity for a film completed so suddenly outside the studio system. Here, middle-aged suburban husband Richard (John Marley) abruptly tells his wife, Marie (Gena Rowlands), that he wants a divorce. As Richard takes up with a younger woman (Gena Rowlands), Marie enjoys a night out with her friends and meets a younger man (Seymour Cassel). As the couple and those around them confront a seemingly full search for what they’ve lost — love, excitement and passion — this classic American independent film explores themes of aging and alienation.

Night of the Living Dead (1968)
Learning Beyond the Classics
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25
Not Rated, 96 minutes
A hugely important film for many reasons (e.g., how it was made, how it was distributed, the urtext that it shot-created), George Romero’s zombie classic is an urtext for the billions and billions of dollars and hours and hours of time devoted to zombies. In his low-budget classic, a disparate group of individuals takes refuge in an abandoned house when corpses begin to leave the graveyard in search of fresh human bodies to devour. The pragmatic Ben (Duane Jones) does his best to control the situation, but when the EXACTED bodies surround the house, the other survivors begin to panic. As any semblance of order within the group begins to dissipate, the zombies start to find ways inside. And one by one, the living humans become the prey of the walking dead.

The Met Live in HD: Cosi Fan Tutte
The Met: Live in HD
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19
1 p.m. Saturday, April 21
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25
1 p.m. Saturday, April 28
Not Rated, 211 minutes; one intermission; encore broadcast
A musical explosion of adolescent angst and repressed sexuality. “Spring Awakening” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Schenck
The Met: Live in HD
1 p.m. Saturday, April 21
2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21
2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26
7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28
Not Rated, 167 minutes; one intermission; live broadcast
For the first time ever, Massenet’s sumptuous take on the Cinderella story comes to the Met. Joyce DiDonato stars in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role, with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the title role.

Spring Awakening
Department of Film, Television, and Theatre
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19
7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20
2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21
2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22
Patricia George Deeco Theatre; $20

The Mill and the Cross
Learning Beyond the Classics
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25
Not Rated, 130 minutes

DPAC New Season
The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Presenting Series celebrates 14 seasons of collabora-
tive programming initiatives in the arts at Notre Dame with an April 29 announcement of the 2018-2019 season lineup. Season tickets go on sale Monday, July 10, and single ticket sales begin Monday, Aug. 20. Sign up for the center’s weekly email at perform-
ingarts.nd.edu to receive all 2018-2019 season updates.
Patti LuPone: Don’t Monkey with Broadway

In “Don’t Monkey with Broadway,” two-time Tony Award-winner Patti LuPone explores, through indelible interpretations of classic Broadway show tunes by the likes of Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart, Julie Styne, Stephen Schwartz, Charles Strouse, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin, how her lifelong love affair with Broadway began and her concern for what the Great White Way is becoming today. Co-sponsored by the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre.

Friday, April 20
7:30 p.m.
Leighton Concert Hall
$65

‘In a Civilized Nation: Newspapers, Magazines and the Print Revolution in 19th-Century Peru’

An exhibition in the Hesburgh Library's Rare Books and Special Collections gallery details the history of newspapers, magazines and the periodical print revolution in the colony and nation of Peru. The exhibition draws on the strengths of the library’s José E. Durand Peruvian History collection. A Peruvian scholar and bibliophile, Durand (1925-1990) sought out and amassed an unparalleled collection of early Peruvian imprints and periodicals, including an impressive array of 19th-century newspapers, circulars and popular song and verse imprints. The gallery is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit rarebooks.library.nd.edu/exhibits.
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BY GWEN O’BRIEN, INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Looking for a way to break out of the cubicle and get to know your neighbors? A good old-fashioned field day may be in order.

That’s how College of Science administrators responded to staff feedback from the 2016 ND Voice, an employee engagement survey administered every two years.

“Our staff was looking for in-person, back-and-forth touchpoints with people from other departments who are in leadership positions, but also across labs. We’ve got people who are fairly isolated, siloed in different buildings,” explains Bill O’Hayer, senior director of finance and administration in the College of Science.

So, instead of the typical format for the annual staff meeting, in February the College of Science hosted the Brain-Body Field Day.

Staff from administrative offices and research labs were randomly assigned to teams — identifiable by colored bandanas — and took part in games that tested participants’ coordination, non-dominant hand skills and ability to memorize and play rhythms on hand drums.

In addition to team building, it was an experiential science learning opportunity.

“They learned about neuroplasticity, a mechanism of learning and memory,” says Nancy Michael, director of undergraduate studies for the neuroscience and behavior major, the newest and one of the college’s most popular majors.

The professor and 20 of her students facilitated field day as a version of brain awareness fairs they present in the South Bend community. She says neuroplasticity activities are good for adults.

“They get to a certain point in our careers, we just do the same thing over and over again. With any job, there’s initially a really steep learning curve and then it’s pretty stable. So, the same set of synapses are used over and over again, while lots of other ones don’t get used much,” she says.

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O’Hayer practices neuroplasticity and even taught himself to play two-handed ping pong.

“T’m a self-learner. A collector of useful tools, if you will. When I see a really useful tool, I learn it and kind of put in my tool bag and keep it there until it’s time to use it,” he says.

When the survey results came out, O’Hayer dug into his figurative bag and pulled out neuroplasticity and the “never leave the playground” philosophy of Stephen Jepson.

“T’ll show you my videos to come up with the field day activities. “One of our emphases in the College of Science is continuous improvement, and this was a unique way to give people some tools to explore that further,” says Spencer.

Patton couldn’t resist participating in Brain-Body Field Day herself. “Today was also about wellness, which is a big part of HR. It’s important for employees to focus on every aspect of their wellness.”

By Keenan Coulter, ‘18

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Brain-Body Field Day featured 10 activities. Rhythms to You’s Nicole Nicole Williams led staff members on the hand drums. Kathy Phillips, Deanna McCool, Mike Brozen and Mike Rapley are two-handed ping pong players. Grant Osborn, Linda Rock and April VanDenDriessche and Kendama. Lotta Barnes, right, plays bocceballs.

Photos: Barbara Johnston

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