

# The Spartan Speaker

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## In the Principal's Office:

### “e.g. *exempli gratia* (for the sake of example)”

I have to admit that I don't like giving examples when these examples could cause people to be absent from a list. With that being said, I am going to give some examples. I apologize to those who weren't included but could have been inserted.

The time is 1:14 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2014. I am in school but

there is no one else here even though this is a scheduled school day. What was not scheduled was the killing of one Pennsylvania State Trooper, Corporal Bryon Dickson, and the wounding of another, Trooper Alex Douglass. The perpetrator is still at large.

Also, at this time, the NFL (National Football League) is undergoing a crisis of its own. They aren't sure what their role is in the domestic abuse problems of their players.

In addition, the United States is investigating the most appropriate approach to the various crises around the world.

These are three examples of inhumanity. Let's not argue the worst situation. Let's take a different look today and let's look at those who have offered their careers to helping others. This approach may seem a little too simplistic during these intense times but somehow we arrived at this point and someone has to stop the problems before they begin or aid them once they are in process.

I want to speak of our graduates (of course). A few issues ago, this Alumni Newsletter featured one graduate, Vince Rauss ('81), and spotlighted his career as a PA State Trooper. This issue is highlighting a more recent graduate, Doug Hardy ('08), as he continues his career in the military. Here are two Notre Dame graduates who put and are putting their lives on the line for the rest of us. These are obvious heroes.

As I said, these young men are just two examples and these examples are only referring to ND grads. There are so many more working for good that I dislike leaving people out but I also would not want to diminish the contributions these grads and so many more are making to create a peace we all can enjoy.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be highlighting two more ND graduates and showing how they and/or their families are thinking of others and trying to make their lives better. Let me start with the Run4kelly. Kelly Golat

('94) lost her battle with melanoma age of 24. She demonstrated great bravery in this fight and was an example to us all as she approached this illness. When she died, a few of her classmates wanted to help others who would fall victim to this type of cancer. They began the “Run4kelly” which is hosted by Notre Dame on the first Saturday of October each year. The proceeds go to melanoma research and a scholarship for an ND graduate. Also on that day were free melanoma screenings to detect any early symptoms of this potential killer.

This year, right after the run, another ND graduate will be honored. Deirdre Gurry ('94) will be promoted to the

rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force. This will take place in downtown Stroudsburg. This is another young person who has offered herself in the defense of her country.

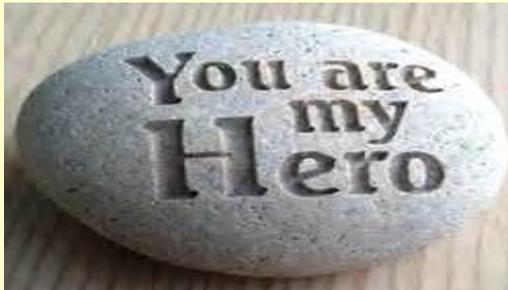
One last example. Notre Dame currently has four teachers who are ND alumni. They are Mrs. Patricia Brink DeFranco ('76),

Ann Barwick Mullen ('76), Jennifer Carr Curtis ('95) and Laura Quintiliani (about to be Kaminski) ('08). You may want to argue about the idea of a hero with teachers but values need to be taught and lived and parents and teachers are our main models and relayers of these values. We count on them to be mentors for our children.

Today, especially today, we need to be preparing for a peaceful future. We need strong, committed individuals who will lead all of us toward this better way of life. Let us pay homage to those who have taken up this challenge with “boots on the ground” or in the air, protecting our highways and neighborhoods, and reinforcing our Christian and family values especially in our Catholic schools. For “the sake of example”, allow me to share these names as we answer the call to be peacemakers in our world.

~Jeffrey N. Lyons  
Principal

Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



## *Join us! Public event calendar for the Notre Dame Schools*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Thanksgiving Liturgy
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Jr./Sr. High School Christmas Concert
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Elementary School Christmas Concert
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:40 am	New Year's Liturgy
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 am	March for Life Bus Trip to DC
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Catholic Schools Week Open House
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	4:15 pm	Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:40 am	Blessing of Throats
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:40 am	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
March 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30 pm/7:30 pm/3:00 pm	Senior High School Musical
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Winner's Circle Drawing
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Elementary School Spring Concert
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:40 am	Ascension Thursday Liturgy
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Senior High School Graduation

## Spartan Spotlight:

**Doug Hardy: “Life Is About Taking Chances”**

As a 2008 senior in Notre Dame’s advanced business class, Doug Hardy learned to invest in the stock market. That May, he teamed with friend Zach Lewis to win the class’s investing competition by a record margin. “Doug and Zach won by a mile”, said teacher Roger Barren. “They studied hard and were risk-takers. If it was real money, they would have made about \$20,000!”

With Hardy, it was a glimpse into the persona of a guy who could accomplish what he put his mind to...and who wasn’t afraid to take chances. He recalled humorously that sometimes those “chances” led him to the office of the Dean of Students. But that would benefit Hardy as he took his greatest chance of all, joining the United States Marine Corps after graduation from ND. “Well, I did get to spend a lot of time with Mr. Gormley! He

definitely helped me prepare for some of the things I’ve been involved with. I’ve thought of him at times when I knew I was dealing with stuff in the Marines that he did as well.”

Today he stands tall as Sergeant Douglas Hardy who is an Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician!

“We locate, access, identify, render safe, neutralize, and dispose of hazards of foreign & domestic, conventional, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, & high-yield explosives,”



Hardy explained. “Unexploded Explosive Ordnance, Improvised Explosive Devices, & Weapons of Mass Destruction that present a threat to operations, installations, personnel, or material all come under our watch.” Wow, a risk-taker indeed! “Notre Dame sets very high expectations and emphasizes a strong work-ethic”, Hardy continued. “I’m not sure I really appreciated the impact that had on me until I was faced with situations that required 100% focus and attention to detail.”

Most of all though, Hardy appreciates the relationships he made at Notre Dame. He remembers bus rides & practices in boys’ soccer season and helping train the girls’ soccer team every spring. “The most important thing that I carry with me are the lifelong friendships that I have.

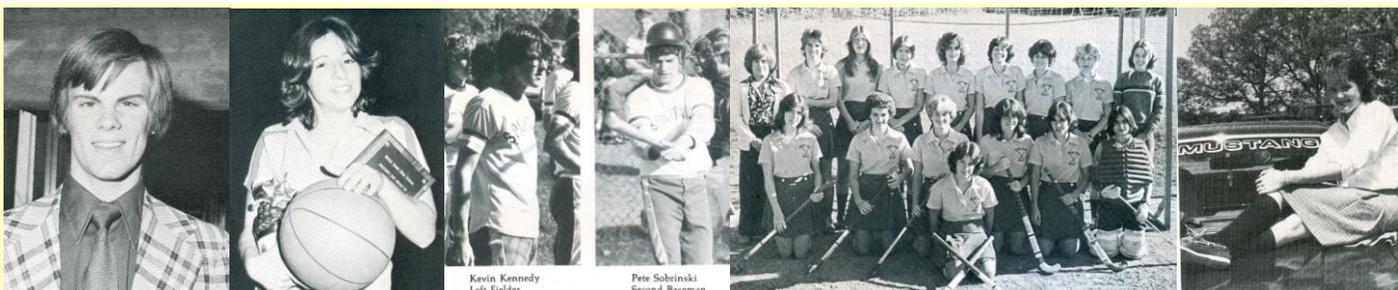
“We started out together in kindergarten and graduated together as seniors. I’ve travelled quite a bit with this job in the U.S. and around the world. I just got back from Spain and Italy. Last year I spent some time in Washington, DC, working with the Secret Service detail attached to President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

“That was pretty cool. But it does not matter if it’s been weeks, months, or even years...my friends are always the same. It’s nice knowing that. Hopefully I’ll make it back for the Thanksgiving soccer game this November.”

# Do You Remember When It Was Said or Done?



Students could smoke at the '74 Prom?...The school newspaper was simply called "Newspaper"?...The Drama Club was named "the best in Monroe County or anywhere"?...Mrs. Lyons wasn't Mrs. yet?...The '75 basketball team won a then-record 9 games, with junior Mike Riley making All-Pocono?...Sister Beatrice asked her all-too-familiar question?...The French Club hit a blizzard in Canada?...Field hockey had seven ties in '77 and seven wins in '78?... "Motorcycle Nancy" Richards '79 set a record that would stand until last year?...Frisbeeing in the lounge was banned?...Now basketball coach Kevin Kennedy was one of the '80 baseball captains?...Another was now Stroudsburg golf coach Pete Sobrinski?...Jyl Connor represented ND at the Pocono Winter Carnival?...The '84 "Beat It" pom-pom routine?...Sister Gilmary led a production of "Our Town"?...Debby Matay sang "Best Friends" at class night?...The '85 yearbook staff started out with 45 people, and they created the only newspaper-style yearbook in school history?...The senior class contained two sets of identical twins?...Rob Peters '89 made a great Michael Myers?...Eileen Nawrocki's "dangling" earrings?...Melissa's Mustang?...Father Vito joined the staff and his office became the place to be?...Bob Mullen returned to basketball (like he's doing this year)?...Goalie Buffy?...Melonie's reaction to Drakkar?...The '94 Knowledge Masters placed their highest ever?...Almost Anything Goes was held outside?...Tennis won their first-ever medals?...Soccer won a state-game?...A friend asked Sa DeSa '95 to write bigger on tests (wonder why)?...Mike Duffy and Jim Sanders had the classroom all to themselves in Accounting 2?...Pat Sullivan had that crazy laugh?...The Boston Celtics officially welcomed the class of '99?...Someone asked Nick Jermolovich to spell Mississippi and he said "the river or the state"?...Dina Liberatore blamed her poor driving on "a bee in my car"?...Mike Longyore '00 was the class clown?...Lisa Miller was "frazzled"?...Mrs. Tejero danced at Homecoming?...Mr. Barren "roasted" the '04 seniors on Class Night?...Nicole Rine was like the class "mom"?...Andrea Oliveira met a movie star at the Chateau?...The class of '05 taught Sister Carol the "electric slide"?...Nicknames included Tiki, Jax, Alex, Tony Big Cat, Mal Pal, and Kriminil?...ND won TWO district championships?...Jerry Powell '09 was the Mick Jagger of Notre Dame?...Cathy Traino had a better throwing arm than most of the boys?... Ephraim Serrette faked a seizure in physics class?...Sandy O'Brien '10 carried more keys than Mr. Lyons? and no one knew his real first name?...Frankie Bertola's favorite class was "dodgeball for the hour"?... Kirby Gordon created that awesome ND slideshow?...



Kevin Kennedy  
Left Fielder

Pete Sobrinski  
Second Baseman

*Send an e-mail of your favorite ND memories to [advancement@ndhigh.org](mailto:advancement@ndhigh.org)!*



## Notre Dame Graduate Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel



Congratulations to Deirdre Gurry, Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School Class of 1994, who was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force.

Deirdre also graduated from Wilkes University in 1999 with an engineering degree and was active in the ROTC program. She is currently stationed in Italy and is included in the small percentage of female air personnel in the Air Force.

A C-17 cargo aircraft pilot, Deirdre is currently on loan to the National Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), acting as a cargo-airlift consultant.

Her swearing-in ceremony was held in Stroudsburg and was attended by family and friends, including her NDHS principal, Jeffrey Lyons.

### A Prayer for Alumni



*“May God’s blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel. May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams. May God’s gentle hand guide the decisions you make and the passions you follow. May your hearts and lives always reflect His love and truth, and may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day. Amen.”*



Congratulations  
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## Remember to Keep Us Updated

There is nothing that pleases the current Notre Dame faculty and staff more than seeing and hearing about members of the Notre Dame family. Whether it's someone completing an advanced degree or getting married or adding to your family or succeeding in a job or moving to a new place...it can easily bring a smile to those who knew you when.

Let the Advancement Office know the big and little things that are happening in your life, so we can share it with everyone else. You can call, e-mail, snail mail updates or even log onto the Notre Dame website and access the Alumni link. Go to [www.ndhigh.org](http://www.ndhigh.org), scroll to "Click here to visit our Alumni page", click on the "Update Information" button, and submit the information to share.

You can also use this link to update your mailing address (especially for those who live in Monroe County & may have had an address change), phone number, or e-mail address.

If you want to learn about the latest school happenings, Notre Dame has its own Facebook and Twitter accounts. In a couple of clicks, you can receive regular updates about the current academic, social, and athletic life at your Alma Mater.

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Association of Colleges and Schools?*

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