

# Irish Gazette

Faith, Knowledge and Service

## ND alumnus West reaches new heights in NCAA Tournament



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By: Erin Turner and Becca Baker

Jarrod West started playing basketball 14 years ago. Thirteen years after he started playing, he led the Notre Dame High School boys' basketball team to a state championship. [Con. Page 2]



### LUNCH MENU

Monday April 16  
Chicken Gravy on  
Biscuits Corn

Tuesday April 17  
Mac-n-cheese Salad Bar

Wednesday April 18  
Hot Ham & Cheese  
Butter Noodles Broccoli

Thursday April 19  
Salisbury Sk Mash  
Potatoes Green Beans

Friday April 20.  
Taco Salad-Nacho Chips  
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**By: Maya Dalton and Kira Riffle**

This past weekend, the Key Club went to Lakeview Resort for the 72nd Annual District Convention. Notre Dame's Key Club received 56% of all awards given. Those received include:

- Preferred Charities Award, 1st Place
- Distinguished Club Award, Silver Division, 1st Place
- Non-Traditional Scrapbook, 2nd Place
- Distinguished Club President, Trenton Mullins
- Kiwanis Family Relations Award, 1st Place
- Distinguished Club Vice President, Taylor Martino
- Volunteer Hours per Member, 1st Place
- Distinguished Club Secretary, Lauren Smith
- Major Emphasis Program Award, 1st Place
- Distinguished Club Treasurer, Kristine Waddell
- District Scholarship Recipient, Will Snider
- Distinguished Club Bulletin Editor, Amelia Angotti

## Continuation, West...

Exactly one year later, he played in the NCAA tournament against West Virginia University as a freshman starter at Marshall University.

West said it was crazy to think something like that can happen to him in such a short period of time. Going from a Class A school where he was coached by his father to playing Division I basketball for a former NBA assistant coach is a big deal in a small town.

"I've had to put in a lot of work and a lot of extra time to get onto the level of some of my teammates," said West. "They pushed me and made me want to work harder everyday."

Not only did West have to put in a lot of work just to reach the skill level of his teammates, he also needed to make an impact on the coach, which didn't seem to be too difficult for him.

"My first few months of college basketball seemed to go a lot smoother than high school," said West. "My dad and I would butt heads a lot and I would get upset and he would throw me out of practice."

West's basketball world came full circle on March 18 during Marshall's run at the NCAA tournament. After the 13-seed Thundering Herd upset Wichita State in the first round, it faced in-state rival West Virginia – the team West's father, Jarrod, once played for.

"It was very surreal to guard Jevon Carter, one of the best point guards in the country," said West.

That game in San Diego, Calif. also fell on the first anniversary of Notre Dame's triumph in the Class A boys' basketball championship game, a win that marked the first basketball title in school history.

"It was weird not being at the state tournament. I've been going for as long as I can remember, whether it was to play or just watch," said West. "Knowing that it was exactly a year to the day made it that much more exciting."



# SPORTS

## BOYS BASKETBALL RECAP

By: Clare Cistaro

The Notre Dame boys' basketball team recently ended its season with a winning record of 18-7. Their last game was at the state tournament against Trinity, and they came up a little short in double overtime 64-52.

## BASEBALL

By: Serena Sestito

Notre Dame High School's baseball team had a fun start to this year's season with a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where they had a week of baseball tournaments competing against different high school teams from multiple places such as New York, New Jersey, and other regions of West Virginia.

This upcoming week on Wednesday, the Fighting Irish will be playing a doubleheader against Liberty and Doddridge County high schools, where they have hopes to play on the newly remodeled Frank Loria Field for the first time this season.



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## SOFTBALL

By: Serena Sestito

The Lady Irish softball team recently had a game Tuesday night against Gilmer County, where they had a close win with the final score, 5-4.

Also this Thursday, the Lady Irish had a doubleheader with Tucker County, where they won both games with final scores of 12-0 and 9-1.

## TENNIS

By: Clare Cistaro

The Irish took on the Colts of Philip Barbour at their place Wednesday evening. The Irish fell a bit short to the Colts.

The Irish were back in action Thursday evening against the Crusaders at Parkersburg Catholic. Amy Frosch, Bailee Yokum and Abigail Lanham all played for the Irish to try to make it a successful match.

Friday, the Irish will play at home against Grafton to kick off the weekend.

## TRACK

By: Serena Sestito

Notre Dame's track team had a meet this past Tuesday, where senior Andrew Davis said everyone performed well and feel as if it help the team gained some confidence for this year's season.

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# Teacher Feature:

By: Gianna Martino

Mrs. Patty DuPont moved from Bergen County, New Jersey to West Virginia when she was just 10 years old. She graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1977.

In high school, she enjoyed being a part of the band and stage band all four years throughout high school. Afterwards, Mrs DuPont attended West Virginia University and Fairmont State University.

Now, she teaches here at Notre Dame High School. Her roles are the Director of Religion, religion teacher for 10th to 12th grade, soccer assistant coach, and the leader of our morning prayer.

Mrs. DuPont has also proudly accepted the 2017 Irish Legend and Eileen Ludwig Greenland National Bearing Witness Summer Institute awards.

Mrs. DuPont is married to Paul DuPont, and together they have three children: Joseph DuPont (Class of 2005), Anastasia Shaffer (Class of 2007), and Maria DuPont (Class of 2012). In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren, Julian who is 3 years old and Issac who is 3 months.



## Mrs. DuPont

**“The light of Christ is truly in the halls of Notre Dame. The students, faculty and people involved are a part of something great.”**

"I really enjoy taking Mrs. DuPont's class," said sophomore Sophia Martino. "Notre Dame teaches us about our religion, and Mrs DuPont helps deepen our understanding of faith and our prayer lives."