

# Irish Gazette

Faith, Knowledge and Service

## The start of the Irish Gazette



By: **Serena Sestito**

Nick Farrell and Julia Manley working on the Gazette.

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For this year’s last edition of the Irish Gazette, what would be better than writing about how it all started?

Around this time last year, senior Julia Manley noticed that there was a lack of communication from the students point of view here at Notre Dame, and she wanted the students here to have their voices published to the public.

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**Thank you!**

Thank you to our seniors! Erin Turner, Julia Manley, Clare Cistaro, Maya Dalton and Serena Sestito.



**Rebecca Baker**

Becca will be the Editor for the 2018-2019 School year.



**Prom**

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# ND Seniors

## Disney

By: Erin Turner

The senior class left for Disney World on April 16 and was there until April 20. We boarded the school bus to Pittsburgh at 3:30 a.m. Monday morning and were off. Once in Orlando, we went straight to Animal Kingdom where we went on a safari and got to ride the amazing new Avatar ride. Tuesday morning, it was off to Epcot where we soared around the world, did a mission in space, and got to eat some amazing food from different countries. Wednesday was off to Magic Kingdom and, of course, pictures in front of the castle were a must. Splash Mountain, The Seven Dwarfs ride and Space Mountain were huge hits, too.

After a few hours in the park, we went and had a class dinner at Planet Hollywood and then back to the park for Magic hours. Thursday was our last day in a park and Hollywood Studios was it. Some more amazing food, the Toy Story games and Rock 'n' Roller Coaster were all a must. Then Friday morning, it was back to West Virginia.

### Saint Thomas Aquinas 2018 Recipient

Marielle Carter

### Saint Sebastian 2018 Recipients

Andrew Rogers

Julia Manley



### Class of 2018 Valedictorian



Maya Dalton

### Class of 2018 Salutatorian



Will Snider

# Continuation of the Gazette...

Towards the end of her junior year, she came up with the idea of starting a school newspaper, and started to put a rough draft together of what she would like the school paper to look like, and brought the idea to Dr. Morrison.

After Manley came to her with this idea, Dr. Morrison was so thrilled by Julia's enthusiasm towards the idea of starting a school newspaper. She also came up with the idea to make a new class just dedicated to the school's newspaper.

This year, the Irish Gazette staff has produced 12 issues. While the staff consists of several seniors, Manley hopes more students will become involved with this student news publication next year.

"I believe that the newspaper has been very successful over this past year, and I hope to see the success continue and grow in the near future," said Manley.

For the the upcoming school year, junior Rebecca Baker will be taking over the role of the newspaper's editor and has high hopes for next year.



## Prom

### "The Great Gatsby"



By: Kira Riffle

Prom was this past weekend for Notre Dame High School. As the seniors get ready to move on, they all get one last dance together. And that's exactly what happened Saturday.

The dance was held at Pete Dye Golf Club and the night kicked off at 6:45 p.m. with Coronation and dinner immediately following.

Erin Turner and Marielle Carter had the wonderful opportunity of being Prom princesses and Maya Dalton had the special honors of Prom queen.

As the juniors formally put on the prom, they send their best wishes to the seniors and hope they had a magical night that they'll remember forever.



# SPORTS

## BASEBALL

By: Clare Cistaro

The baseball team started sectionals on Monday. They also had a busy week playing four games in three days. Not having a home field is causing the baseball team a lot of travel time. The Irish took on Trinity on Monday, winning 14-3, then traveling to South Harrison to take on the Hawks. They came up a little short, losing 7-6. Tuesday, the boys played Elkins and lost with a final score of 10-4. Wednesday, the Irish took on Ritchie County. Senior Andrew Rogers had three hits and three RBIs and junior Sam Snider had three hits as well, along with six RBIs. They brought home a victory with a final score of 12-9.

## TENNIS

By: Gianna Martino

Notre Dame High School's tennis team is entering regionals and has had a couple of matches so far. On May 2, the team left school early to play singles. The girls played at Robert C. Byrd and the boys at Hinkle and Deegan Lake. On May 3, they had doubles and the boys' and girls' sectionals tennis tournament

The Irish were unsuccessful in those matches.

"I believe Tennis is more of a mental match than a physical," said sophomore Stephen Groves. "You need to know your opponent's strengths and weaknesses."

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# SOFTBALL

By: Clare Cistaro

This week, the Lady Irish had a very busy schedule. They took on four teams in five days for tournament play. Ending their season with a winning record of 17-7. On Monday, they took on Tygarts Valley for their first game of the day. Junior Kira Riffle threw a no hitter and was one out away from a perfect game. The Irish won 18-0. Their second game of the evening was a tough loss against Gilmer County with a score of 6-5. On Tuesday, they beat the South Harrison Hawks 6-2. Riffle threw her 400th strike out of her career during that game. On Wednesday the Lady Irish brought their season to an end. They took on Doddridge County and came up a little short losing by two runs. The final score was 7-5.

# TRACK

By: Gianna Martino

Notre Dame High School's track and field team has had four meets in the past few weeks: at Liberty April 17, at Robert C. Byrd April 28, the County Championship May 1 and a meet at South Harrison May 3

"Under Coach [Wendy] Backus, the track team has seen higher average performance than ever before," said junior Devin O'Sullivan.

Added freshman Fiona Smith: "With Coach Backus and the coaching staff, our team has grown better and closer as a family."

Up next is the regional meet on May 11 at 4 p.m. at Lewis County High School.

The state track meet is scheduled for May 18-19.

ION is looking for volunteers to help with broadcasts. Any student interested should email Nick Farrell at [nfarrell@wvillustrated.com](mailto:nfarrell@wvillustrated.com).

Check Out The Irish Online Network for games, info and more!

Go to [notredamewv.org](http://notredamewv.org) and click on the ION link



# Teacher Feature:

By: Julia Manley

“I love the nature of learning in a spiritual environment, and now I get to teach in it.”

Nick Farrell is a first-year teacher at Notre Dame High School, and he teaches the Irish Online Network students that are incorporated with the NFHS Network. Farrell is also the first advisor for the Irish Gazette at Notre Dame High School.

Farrell got his degree at Waynesburg University in 2015. His major was in Communication with three emphases: sports broadcasting, print journalism and electronic media.

After college, Farrell began his career at WBOY (Channel 12) as a news reporter, and then he became the Sports Director at WBOY a year later. After a year and a half, he was promoted to West Virginia Illustrated, where he covers the Mountaineers as a reporter and co-host with partner Anjelica Trinone.

Farrell grew up in Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania and went to Catholic school throughout his elementary, junior and high school years. Before studying at Waynesburg, he attended St. Joseph High School. Religion classes have always been involved in those school environments.



## Nick Farrell

“I love the nature of learning in a spiritual environment, and now I get to teach in it.”

“Having academics with religion creates a better environment for students,” said Farrell. “A better relationship is created between the students and God.”

“He is a great mentor,” said senior Andrew Rogers. “He has expanded my knowledge and understanding of the broadcasting field.”