

Season Success!

With the many restrictions resulting from the pandemic, Notre Dame's fall athletic season was challenging, to say the least. Despite the hurdles, however, the ND Dragons showed their fire power on the soccer and cross-country teams and pushed through to successful completions.

The varsity and junior varsity soccer teams had strong seasons with the players working cohesively and strategically together. They had a setback in October when a person associated with the soccer program tested positive for COVID-19. This forced the ND soccer players to quarantine for 14 days. (This person was not a Notre Dame student and had not been inside the school building.) Despite this gap in their practice schedule, the varsity team came back strong and ended up competing in the semi-final's playoff game against Xaverian School in Brooklyn. They did not come home with a win, but they did finish with enthusiasm, grit, and fortitude.

The cross-country had competitive seasons as well, ending the fall schedules with their highest league finish ever. Varsity finished 7th out of 15 schools; JV finished 3rd. In addition, Brigid McCabe '21 defended her title as CHSAA Cross Country Intersectional Champion! She won her final CHSAA race and ended the season undefeated in a seasonal best time. She had help from her teammates, with Brianna Martinez-Burns '22 as the ND second (and 32 overall) in a season's best time. And Brianna was only one spot ahead Annie Piscitelli '23, who broke 18 minutes for the first time ever to set a personal record. All runners excelled this season, and together brought the teams to their best times yet.

Coach Daryn Johnson gave special recognition to Emely Abreu '21, Cecelia Horrigan '21, and Brigid McCabe '21, who were three of the original members that helped found this team four years ago. Coach Johnson also announced that Brigid had won the State Heisman High School Award and is a national finalist for the Heisman Scholarship! The Heisman High School Scholarship program recognizes the nation's most esteemed high

school seniors by celebrating and rewarding outstanding male and female scholar-athletes who understand that the most important victories happen not only on the field, but also in their schools and communities.

Notre Dame congratulates Brigid and all of the ND athletes for their personal triumphs and team successes!

GO DRAGONS!