

LIVING THE LANCER LIFE

ALUMNI CORNER



*An avid Notre Dame athlete, **Sean Buzzee '19** has kept the ball rolling during his time at DeSales University. While pursuing his undergraduate degree in homeland security, Sean played in nearly every Division III soccer match over the course of his four years.*

He is currently working toward his master's degree in the same field while also serving as the graduate assistant coach for the women's soccer team at DeSales.

During his time at Notre Dame, Sean was an active participant in Lancer athletics—playing on the boys' soccer and baseball teams, as well as running indoor track. In fact, Sean was a member of the 2018 Class S State Championship team during his junior year! He is still close with many of the friends that he made at Notre Dame and keeps in

regular contact with them. He went on to say that some of his best friends are people that he met on Jefferson Street, and mentioned Joanna Cipriano as a teacher who was influential to him.

Sean recalled the Notre Dame service trip to Camden, New Jersey as a moment that has stuck with him. Though his time in Camden was short, it was no less meaningful. He shared how what he saw on the trip put things into perspective for him with regard to how lucky he was in his own life. He feels blessed to have had the chance to make a difference in that community, no matter how small. Sean's memory of this trip is a testament to Notre Dame's emphasis on service and just how powerful helping a community in need can be. A big congratulations to Sean on all that he has accomplished. We wish him the best on his academic and athletic journeys!

***Christina Cheeseman '19** is reaching new heights in pursuit of higher education. After graduating from Notre Dame, Christina attended Florida Southern College, where she would earn her bachelor's degree in biology a year early. She is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Florida, as she hopes to one day practice as a pediatrician.*

While speaking about her time at ND, Christina said that Notre Dame gave her the opportunity to be challenged academically and socially. In other words, she was encouraged to excel in the classroom and immerse herself in extracurricular activities. This allowed her to flourish not only at Notre Dame, but also in her higher education pursuits. Christina specifically acknowledged Dr. Callaghan's AP Humanities class for helping to prepare her for the rigors of college and beyond, while also allowing her to gain a better understanding and appreciation for others' life experiences.

A sophomore year transfer student, Christina was welcomed with open arms. She quickly made friends and is still close with many of them to this day. However, her ties to ND don't stop there. Her father, **Dr. Steven Cheeseman, P'17, '19** is the superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Bridgeport and currently serves on the ND Board of Directors. Christina is grateful to count herself among the members of the ever-growing Notre Dame family. Congratulations to Christina on all of her achievements. Here's to her continued success in medical school!



IN THE COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Post University Men's Basketball Coach **Marc Kuntz '96**, whose team was ranked 23rd in the Division II national poll on Tuesday, December 12th. This marks the first time the Eagles have received a national ranking. Way to go, Marc!



Notre Dame is excited to announce the hiring of our new baseball coach, **Jeff Rago**. Coach Rago is a longtime educator and coach in Fairfield County. He is currently employed by the Trumbull School District as a counselor at the middle school level, a position he has held for over 20 years.

Coach Rago was the head baseball coach at Joel Barlow from 2008-2015, and was responsible for building the successful program from the ground up, developing the youth, AAU, and American Legion system in the two-town region.

Most recently, he has served as the assistant varsity coach at Weston High School. He comes highly recommended from the local baseball community, and his familiarity with the SWC will be an advantage. Coach Rago distinguished himself from the other highly qualified candidates with his vision to develop our players as both student-athletes and high character people, and we look forward to him getting our baseball program back to the successful level we all expect. He is excited to meet with players and parents after winter break!



Prayer Intentions

Notre Dame has a long-standing tradition of using prayer to facilitate healing. In this spirit, we invite you to submit prayer intentions to be shared with our Lancer family. It is our hope that through the power of prayer we can shine light on those in the community who need it most.

Click [HERE](#) to submit an intention and we will be sure to offer it to our school in the days ahead.

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The Office of Alumni Relations invites all alumni, alumni parents and current families who own a business to submit their information to the Lancer Business Directory.

The purpose of the Business Directory is to give members of the Notre Dame family the opportunity to support each other in business and professional endeavors! We will share this information on our website and will strive to keep the list updated as we receive new submissions.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Business Directory and complete our form.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

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