

# LIVING THE LANCER LIFE

## ALUMNI CORNER



*Jorge Simón dreamed of effecting change on a grand scale, and this guiding philosophy would lead him through a decades-long career in public service.*

After graduating from Notre Dame, **Jorge Simón '69** attended the University of Dayton, Ohio for an undergraduate degree in social work. He began

his career by working for the Department of Children and Family Services at Long Lane Reform School in Middletown, first as a cottage father and then as a caseworker. While there, he enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Connecticut, and would eventually pursue a joint law degree. Upon earning his MSW, Jorge was hired as a social worker for the American School for the Deaf while simultaneously studying for his J.D.

Jorge received his law degree in 1982 and began working as a prosecutor for the Office of the Chief State's Attorney. He later opened a private practice, operating primarily as a defense attorney, and in 1991 was appointed Corporation Council for the City of Hartford. In 1996, our ambitious Lancer took up the gavel as a Superior Court Judge.

His first assignment on the bench was in New Haven, where he was tasked with starting Connecticut's very first drug court. In this capacity, Jorge worked with a designated team to help individuals struggling with addiction in the criminal justice system receive rehabilitation. The New Haven court was very successful, and Jorge's team eventually helped mentor other states. After four years, Jorge left to work in numerous other courts, mostly as a presiding judge over criminal and divorce pre-trial cases.

In 2019, the Honorable Judge Jorge Simón retired after twenty three years on the bench. He now spends much of his time biking, hiking, traveling with his wife and visiting his grandchildren in the Michigan area.

We hope you join us in thanking Jorge for his many years of service to the greater community, he is truly an inspiring Lancer!



*A 2014 graduate and the son of our main office secretary, Brigitte, John Shkreli is a talented young professional taking the business world by storm.*

This Lancer alumni studied finance at Fordham University, where he had the privilege of interning with the Madison Square Garden Company as well as Point72, a hedge fund located in Stamford, CT.

After graduating from college in 2018, John spent three years working full time in the finance department of Point72. However, with the rise of COVID-19, John chose to move back

home and pursue a new career path. In 2020, he began a yearlong program through Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering to learn python coding and computer science. Equipped with a new set of skills, John was picked up by One River Asset Management as an operations associate in early 2022. In March of 2023, the digital side of their business was acquired by Coinbase, where John now works in operations and trading.

Nearly a decade later, John's experience at Notre Dame is still making a difference in his career. "Operations is people-facing", John said. "I think Notre Dame's close-knit community taught me how to interact with people I don't know and form relationships with individuals from all walks of life." Congratulations, John. We wish you the best of luck on your new career path and we hope to see you back at Notre Dame soon!

## LANCER COMMUNITY



On Saturday, February 11, **Sierra O'Keefe '18** was selected as the 2023 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen. The parade committee celebrated a big milestone that evening, as Sierra is the 65th parade queen to be crowned! To be selected, Sierra wrote essays and participated in a full day competition that included a traditional Irish breakfast, a private interview and an on-stage portion with three judges. Sierra graduated from Assumption University and is currently a student at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a goal of becoming an optometrist. Congratulations, Sierra!

*Pictured above is Sierrria with **Carolyn Shea Rand '07**, who was parade queen in 2012 and has been a member of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee ever since.*



### 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!**

Click [HERE](#) to view Notre Dame's Lancer Life newspaper!



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