

# LIVING THE LANCER LIFE



**Scott Bannon '92** is a Lancer through and through. As the son, parent and sibling of Notre Dame graduates, Scott's family tree is rooted in the Notre Dame tradition. "There is a longstanding connection to ND", Scott said. "Both my mom and dad graduated in 1965, my brother graduated in 1989, and I graduated in 1992. More recently, my son graduated in 2021, and my daughter will graduate in 2023."

After earning his high school diploma, Scott studied sociology and criminal justice at Southern Connecticut State University. Upon receiving his undergraduate degree, Scott spent two years working for Vitam, a youth treatment center for juveniles ages 13-17. While there, Scott decided to go back to school, and later received his Master of Education from Sacred Heart University.

Scott would begin his career in education by teaching third and fifth grade in the Fairfield Public School system. He then served as both an assistant principal and principal in New Fairfield, Fairfield and the Diocese of Bridgeport before returning to his alma mater.

Now as the assistant principal of Notre Dame, Scott helps our Lancers reach their full potential. From overseeing the student body to working with parents and collaborating with the guidance department, Scott strives to create a safe and nurturing environment for our school.

Thank you, Scott. Your dedication to our Lancers is commendable and we appreciate all that you do!

Congratulations to **Sara Macary '22** on being named the Northeast-10's women's basketball Rookie of the Week.



This is the second time Sara has received the honor in the 2022-23 season. Keep up the great work!



**Mary Beth Stone '66**, has built her life around education. After graduating from Notre Dame High School, this aspiring educator pursued a degree in English at Barry University in Miami, Florida. Upon receiving her undergraduate degree, Mary Beth attended Fairfield University for her Master of Education. She began her career by teaching at Bassick High School for seven years, and it was during this time that she married her husband, John. The pair have been married for nearly 50 years and have two sons, Chris and Jeff, as well as six grandchildren.

Mary Beth chose to stay home when her first son was born, but returned to the classroom when her younger son, **Jeff Stone '98**, was four years old. She would then spend over twenty five years teaching middle school language arts at St. Thomas, St. Ambrose and Assumption schools. Mary Beth also worked in the Norwalk Public School system as both an ESL and GED teacher for five years.

While she may be retired, Mary Beth is still very active in the field of education. She was a substitute teacher in Trumbull Public Schools for approximately five years while also helping out at Notre Dame from time to time. More recently, Mary Beth has focused her attention on her alma mater. She has spent the past two years as a valued Notre Dame substitute teacher, and we are very grateful to have her on our team. Thank you for continuing to share your expertise with the next generation of Lancers!

On December 15th, the Sacred Heart University Admissions staff hand delivered acceptance letters to **Marcello Badoloto '23 and Christopher Colon '23** right here at Notre Dame!



Join us in congratulating these two students on their early acceptance to SHU. We are so proud!



Thank you to the Notre Dame hockey team for generously giving **Coach Johnson, Mr. Bannon '92 and Dr. Cip** their very own jerseys!

Pictured: **Julian Pastore '23, Timothy Finkenzeller '23, Colby LaSalle '23 and Tyler Bassett '23.**

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Click [HERE](#) to view Notre Dame's Lancer Life newspaper!



Some lucky ND Fairfield applicants received their acceptance letters from the comfort of their own home! Thank you to our board of directors, Notre Dame Admissions staff and **Dr. Cip** for delivering the exciting news.

Click [HERE](#) to view acceptance pictures.

The Estrada family is hard at work preparing for the upcoming Barnum Festival, and as the 2023 Ring Master, **George Estrada '79, P'98,'05**, is invested in making this year's event a huge success.



To help his father bring in new patrons, **Brian Estrada '05** is co-chairing a cornhole fundraiser for the Barnum Festival. The event will take place at the Sports Plex in Fairfield on Saturday, January 21st. For event details and to register, click [HERE](#).

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

THE FIELD HOUSE AT FAIRFIELD SPORTSPLEX

6:30 PM START • \$80 PER TEAM

IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF PT BARNUM, THIS WILL BE A ZANY TOURNAMENT LIKE NO OTHER!

FOR INFORMATION VISIT [BARNUMFESTIVAL.ORG/EVENTS](http://BARNUMFESTIVAL.ORG/EVENTS)

Best of luck George and Brian, we are confident that the 2023 festival will be the event of the year!



**Eric and Molly (Gahagan '07) Garcia** welcomed their first child, Samuel Angel Garcia, on October 21, 2022. He was 8lbs, 8oz and 21.75" long. Welcome to the Lancer family, Samuel!



Please send Little Lancer birth announcements to Nick Grew at [ngrew@notredame.org](mailto:ngrew@notredame.org).