

LIVING THE LANCER LIFE

Do you have good news to share with the Notre Dame community? Please take a few minutes to tell us what you have been up to since graduating. Click [here](#) to complete the form.



Chris Alberto '09 and wife, Samantha, welcomed the newest member of their family, Christopher Angel Alberto II, who was born on September 23, 2020. Little Christopher is also the grandson of ND alum, **George Alberto '80**. God bless you all!

Living Notre Dame's Mission even after retirement.

The Notre Dame retiree group recently donated a dogwood tree in honor of all St. Vincent's healthcare heroes. The tree is planted in front of the Medical Center near the flagpole.

Attending the tree dedication ceremony was **Diane Auger '79**, Vice President, Strategy & Regional Development at St. Vincent's, Former ND Principal Armand Fabbri P'83,'85, Retired Guidance Director Kay Kenney and Retired Religion Faculty Member Jeff Kiernan P'88,90,92,97,98.



Congratulations to Richard Meehan '63 who recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the CT Law Tribune. *The Connecticut Law Tribune* honors those attorneys and judges who have made a remarkable difference in the legal profession in Connecticut - whether in shaping the law, achieving outsized results for their clients, being an outstanding jurist or assisting those in need of legal services.

In his youth, a trip in a sea plane started a lifelong love of flying for **Al Barnash '72**. Following his time at ND, Al graduated from UCONN with a degree in Civil Engineering and spent over a decade working as a loss control specialist for Aetna in their Construction Division. In 1978, while working full time, he began taking flight lessons. He continued on to get all the necessary components needed to become a pilot by teaching Private, Instrument, Commercial and Multi-Engine ratings. In 1988, he landed his first job as a pilot with Jetstream International Airlines. Though the economy didn't always allow for smooth sailing, after working for a variety of airlines he retired as a Captain from JetBlue in 2019. He is now living in Pennsylvania with his wife, who still serves as a flight attendant. What a great story of turning a childhood dream into a reality!



For **Rachael Watcke '16**, a last minute decision to attend the University of Bridgeport's Design School turned out to be life changing. Knowing she found her passion right away, she wanted to apply her classroom learning to real life applications and landed an internship position at Jan Hiltz Interiors of Westport beginning in her sophomore year. A member of the President's List every semester, and a Magna Cum Laude graduate, Rachael accepted a full time position as an Interior Designer at Jan Hiltz Interiors upon graduation. In her role, she has the opportunity to work closely with an array of professionals to bring their clients' dreams to life. On a personal note, she got engaged to **Zak Bouve '14** last week! Congratulations on all your accomplishments Rachael! And, best wishes to you and Zak for a lifetime of happiness!