

Notre Dame Students React to Trump Victory

Former president's election met with surprise, excitement, despair

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Donald J. Trump won a second term to the presidency on Tuesday night, decisively defeating vice president Kamala Harris and denying the Democrats another four years in the White House. With just over 87 percent of precincts reporting, president-elect Trump led Harris by a margin of 51 percent to 47.6 percent in the popular vote. In the electoral college, Trump beat Harris by a margin of 312 to 226.

The result marked a stunning political comeback for the former president, who became just the second president in American history to win a non-consecutive term. Trump's triumph came in spite of the fact that his political career was widely seen as finished after he left office in 2021.

After the January 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol, Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives and nearly convicted by the U.S. Senate. Prosecutors charged him with several felonies on both the state and federal levels in 2023, including in Manhattan, where he was convicted of thirty-four



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counts of falsifying business degrees. In the past year, Trump faced a Democrat-led effort to disqualify him from the ballot and suffered two assassination attempts, in one of which he was injured.

Nonetheless, Trump and his running-mate, Senator J. D. Vance of Ohio won a comfortable victory, with Trump on track to sweep every battleground state and even win the popular vote for the first time in any of his three runs.

Trump also made significant inroads in several states that were previously considered safe for vice president Harris, including New Jersey, where he trailed by just five percent after losing by seventeen in 2020. In neighboring New York, Trump was down just twelve percent after losing by twenty-three points four years ago.

Exit polls showed Trump's victory was largely driven by massive gains among Hispanic voters, urban voters, and young

men. The exit poll also showed that Trump won Catholic voters by fifteen points, a ten point increase from his margin in 2020.

Some of these trends appeared to have been captured in the *Irish Rover* September 2024 presidential poll, which showed Trump massively outperforming his prior margins with students on campus—especially men and those who identified as Catholic.

Notre Dame students and

faculty responded in a variety of different ways to the results of the election.

One Alumni Hall junior, a Trump voter, told the *Rover* that he was “stunned” by the outcome of the race. “I just can’t believe it. I was at least expecting it to be tight, but this looks like a complete blowout to me. It’s a total rejection of the last four years, whether that be high prices, unchecked immigration, or mismanagement abroad,” he said.

“I hope he follows through on his promises, particularly on cutting inflation and initiating mass deportations,” the student continued.

Another student, a sophomore from Ryan Hall, agreed with that analysis and expressed her optimism about the outcome. “I think that Kamala thought that she could win by honing in on abortion, but that clearly failed as a strategy. People want to know how they’re going to afford things. They want to know how the president is going to advance policies that actually improve their lives.”

“[Kamala] didn’t offer that, and I actually think she turned off a lot of people, especially

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Catholic Culture Takes Center Stage at Annual dCEC Fall Conference

Scholars, artists, students gather to reflect on Catholic imagination

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At its 24th annual Fall Conference, the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture (dCEC) reflected on the Catholic imagination and the modern world. The conference, which took place from October 31 to November 2, drew 1,238 scholars, artists, and students, making it the Center's largest yet. It featured more than 175 speakers, performances, and discussions, all centered around and showcasing Catholic culture. The Fall Conference is not only the dCEC's largest annual event, but it has also grown to become Notre Dame's largest interdisciplinary conference.

The conference's theme, “Ever Ancient, Ever New: On Catholic Imagination,” aligns closely with the work of the dCEC's new director, Jennifer Newsome Martin, John J. Cavanagh Associate Professor in the Program of Liberal Studies. In an interview with the *Rover*, Martin said that although the theme was chosen before her tenure began, it was a “providential accident” to line up so closely with her areas of research, including “imagination, aesthetics, religion, literature, [and] creativity.”

Martin continued, “Reflection on Catholic culture and imagination, and this orientation to the capaciousness of all the goods of the world, is really

important in reminding us that we serve an infinite God.”

The dCEC partnered with the biennial Catholic Imagination Conference, which was first hosted at the University of Southern California in 2015. Dana Gioia, founder of the Catholic Imagination Conference and former California Poet Laureate, delivered the Josef Pieper Keynote on Thursday, October 31.

His talk emphasized the beauty and individuality of good writing. After giving his story of becoming a Catholic writer, Gioia recited seven poems. Isaac Michael, a senior at Benedictine College, called the talk a “perfect

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Notre Dame Hosts London Philharmonic Orchestra

Performance highlights DPAC's 20th anniversary year

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The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) hosted the London Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO) on October 16, marking the world-renowned orchestra's first performance at Notre Dame since 2006. The concert—packed with students and professors alike—was part of DPAC's 20th anniversary celebration this year and was held in Leighton Concert Hall.

Founded in 1932, the LPO is recognized as one of the world's finest orchestras, and alongside their popular concerts, they have also recorded music for television, radio, and movie soundtracks.

Mark Vines, LPO's President and Co-Principal Horn, commented to the *Rover*, “It was such a privilege for the LPO to perform at the beautiful Notre Dame campus in October. There was a palpable sense of enthusiasm coming from the young audience, which in turn gave the orchestra a welcome boost of energy in the middle of a long concert tour.”

Ted Barron, Executive Director of DPAC, told the *Rover*, “We make it a priority to host a range of artists at the Center, some of whom are at the early stages of their career and others who are more established. The [LPO] would fall into the latter category, which helps us to realize the original vision for the Center

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J. D. Vance for 2025 Commencement Speaker

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The recent election of former President Donald Trump will have effects on the country as a whole, but for Notre Dame, one step should be abundantly clear: Father Dowd should invite vice president-elect J. D. Vance to deliver the 2025 commencement address.

Notre Dame has a tradition of honoring sitting U.S. presidents or vice presidents with awards and invitations to deliver the commencement address. During the past two presidential administrations, then-university president Father John Jenkins, C.S.C. extended the invite during their first year in office.

Past commencement speakers have also included Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and Barack Obama.

In 2009, Barack Obama spoke at Notre Dame's commencement ceremony, prompting legitimate outrage from students, professors, and alumni because of his outspoken pro-abortion sentiments.

In 2016, Notre Dame controversially honored then-vice president Joe Biden with the Laetare Medal, described as the "most prestigious award given to American Catholics." The recipient is a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled

the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church, and enriched the heritage of humanity."

Notre Dame then invited Biden in 2021 to be the commencement speaker during his first year as president. Due to scheduling conflicts, he did not deliver the address.

Despite Joe Biden's position as a "Catholic" public figure, his actions as vice-president and president have been anything but illustrative of "the ideals of the Church." His rampant support for unchecked abortion, contraception, and LGBT rights are only a few examples of the scandalous divides between Catholic teaching and Democratic policy.

And in 2023, Pope Francis called Biden's support of abortion rights an "incoherence."

But now, the election of the Trump-Vance ticket presents Notre Dame with the opportunity to invite a *faithful* Catholic to deliver the 2025 commencement address.

Vance, raised largely by his Christian grandmother, converted to Catholicism in 2019. In an interview shortly after his conversion, Vance spoke extensively about his spiritual journey to Catholicism, which was largely intellectual in motivation. He shared his personal devotion to St. Augustine, saying he "gave me a way to understand Christian faith in a strongly intellectual way."

Vance, unlike Biden, is a pro-life politician, defending the teachings of the Catholic Church that defend the human dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. In the same interview, Vance said, "[My views on public policy] was one of the things that drew

me to the Catholic Church. I saw a real overlap between what I would like to see and what the Catholic Church would like to see. I hope my faith makes me more compassionate and to identify with people who are struggling."

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, a non-profit pro-life organization, gave Vance an "A+" rating for his pro-life legislation, saying he "has voted consistently to defend the lives of the unborn and infants."

Vance is also strong in his defense of religious liberty. At an October rally held in Wisconsin, he said, "We cannot have an American government that is persecuting Christians for living their faith. We should be rewarding people and encouraging people to live their faith."

This is not to say that Vance's political stances have been perfect, nor will he be perfect during his term as vice president. During the campaign, his support of IVF and the abortion pill mifepristone concerned Catholics—and for good reason. These positions ought to be condemned wholeheartedly, and Catholics ought not distinguish between political parties in their criticism of immoral policies.

But Vance's rare deviation from Catholic teaching differs significantly from Biden's. For Biden, abortion access is a centerpiece of his politics, and he has touted it proudly. On the other hand, Vance's fluctuation on the abortion issue is a limiting factor of a policy platform that is, as a whole, vehemently pro-life and pro-family.

Vance himself is open about the challenges of being a faithfully Catholic politician: "At a fundamental level, being in public life is in part a

popularity contest. When you're trying to do things that make you liked by as many people as possible, you're not likely to do things that are consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church. I'm a Christian, and a conservative, and a Republican, so I have definite views about what that means. But you have to be humble, and realize that politics are essentially a temporal game."

Notre Dame is inseparably involved in U.S. politics. She seeks to form students, who, instructed by their faith, become forces for good in the world. Inviting Vance to be the commencement speaker would demonstrate the importance for Notre Dame students to let their Catholic faith be the guiding force in their lives. It would show students that one does not have to sacrifice one's faith to be successful, and further, that all success is ultimately rooted in living out the faith.

As the nation's leading Catholic university, Notre Dame has the responsibility to prepare its students to be leaders of the country, presenting them with role models of statesmanship and virtue.

At the 2025 commencement ceremony, J. D. Vance would be just that.

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NOVO Like a Champion Today

Spring 2025 course recommendations

The following courses are recommended on the basis of the professor’s demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and the positive experiences of the *Rover* staff. This is by no means a complete list of every excellent class offered in the upcoming spring semester, but we hope that this will provide readers with a starting point as they prepare to register for classes. The updated list can be found online at our website, irishrover.net.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

Classics

- Rebels in Myth: From Antigone to the Joker, Aldo Tagliabue (CLAS 10210)
- Ancient Virtue, Tadeusz Mazurek (CLLA 20400)
- Love and Loathing: Greek Culture and Roman Literature, Brian Krostenko (CLLA 40063)
- Latin Survey II: Roman Literary Culture in the Early Empire, Elizabeth Mazurek (CLLA 40520)

Constitutional studies

- Southern Constitutionalism and the American Tradition, Donald Stelluto (POLS 30653)
- Moderation in an Immoderate Age, Tyler Castle (CNST 30651)

Economics

- Principles of Microeconomics, Kirk Doran (ECON 10010/20010)
- Introduction to Economics and Catholic Thought, Joseph Kaboski (ECON 33150)

French

- Between the Lines: An Introduction to French Literary Analysis, Fr. Gregory Haake (ROFR 30310)
- Sorin Translation and Digital Exhibit, Fr. Gregory Haake (ROFR 33360)

History

- Cities and Suburbs in Postwar America, Fr. Stephen Koeth (HIST 30877)
- The Crusades, Deborah Tor (HIST 30375)

Philosophy

- Introduction to Philosophy, David Cory (PHIL 10101)
- Thought of Aquinas, John O’Callaghan (PHIL 20805)
- Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, David Cory (PHIL 30301)
- Business and the Common Good, Dave O’Connor (PHIL 30310)
- Joint Seminar in Philosophy and Theology, Joshua Lim & Therese Cory (PHIL 43801)
- Aquinas on God, John O’Callaghan (PHIL 43806)

Program of Liberal Studies

- Great Books Seminar I, Jenny Martin (PLS 23101)
- Great Books Seminar II, Fr. Matthew Gummess, O. Carm. (PLS 23102)
- Literature II: Shakespeare and Milton, Matthew Rickard (PLS 30202)
- Great Books Seminar III, Matthew Rickard (PLS 33101)
- Metaphysics and Epistemology, Felicitas Munzel (PLS 40302)

Theology

- Foundations of Theology: Biblical and Historical, Ian Gerdon (THEO 10001)
- Foundations of Theology: Biblical/Historical, Anthony Pagliarini (THEO 10001)
- Foundations of Theology: Biblical and Historical, Jay Martin (THEO 10002)

Theology (continued)

- From Bernard to Bernadette: The Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, Sr. Ann Astell (THEO 20246)
- Theology and Ecology, Fr. Terry Ehrman (THEO 20626)
- Introduction to Christian Ethics, Fr. Paulinus Odozor (THEO 20666)
- Meaningful Life in Business, Mary Hirschfeld (THEO 20677)
- Faith and Human Flourishing, William Mattison (THEO 20680)
- Discernment: Theology & Practice, Leonard DeLorenzo (THEO 20807)
- The Mystery of Death: Theological & Philosophical Perspectives, Jay Martin (THEO 20848)
- C.S. Lewis on God, Evil, Virtue & Vice, William Mattison (THEO 30609)
- New Testament Introduction, Nathan Eubank (THEO 40108)
- The Christian Theological Tradition, Cyril O’Regan (THEO 40202)
- Catholicism and the City: Good Urbanism as Human Flourishing, Env. Stewardship, and Sacramentality, Philip Bess (THEO 40208)
- An Introduction to Christian Spirituality, John Betz (THEO 40861)
- Saints & Stories, Katie Cavadini (THEO 40220)
- Sacramental Theology, Fr. Kevin Grove (THEO 40435)
- Theology of Work, Mary Hirschfeld (THEO 40645)
- Thomas Aquinas on Extraordinary Knowledge, Joshua Lim & Therese Cory (THEO 43206)

MENDOZA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- Meaningful Life in Business, Mary Hirschfeld (BES 20702)
- Meaningful Life in Business, John Sikorski (BES 20702)
- Business Law Concepts, Laura Hollis (BALW 30100)
- Management Competency, Laura Hollis (MGTO 30200)
- Business and the Common Good, Mary Hirschfeld (BES 30310)
- Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Laura Hollis (MGTO 30500)
- Why Business?, James Otteson (BES 30795)
- O’Hara Scholars Colloquium, David O’Connor (BES 33200)
- Economic Sins, James Otteson (BES 43100)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Math

- Finite Mathematics, Brian Mulholland (MATH 10120)
- Calculus I, Brian Mulholland (MATH 10550)
- Calculus I, Kathryn Mulholland (MATH 10550)
- Calculus II, Kathryn Mulholland (MATH 10560)

Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering

- Mechanics II, Mike Seelinger (AME 20222)
- Career Choices Mechanical Engineering, Mike Seelinger and Kerry Meyers (AME 20290)

Engineering

- Engineering and the Human Vocation, David Richter (EG 20560)
- Advanced Integrated Engineering and Business Topics, Mike Kitz & Todd Taylor (EG 40422)

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

- Theology and Ecology, Fr. Terry Ehrman (STV 20626)
- Science, Theology, and Creation, Fr. Terry Ehrman (STV 20888)
- Business Law Concepts, Laura Hollis (BALW 30100)

CORE REQUIREMENTS

- Writing & Rhetoric, Ian Gerdon (WR 13100)
- Writing & Rhetoric, Matthew Capdevielle (WR 13100)
- Literature University Seminar, Elizabeth Mazurek (CLAS 13186)
- Literature University Seminar, Susannah Monta (ENGL 13186)
- History University Seminar, Fr. Stephen Koeth (HIST 13184)
- History University Seminar, Fr. Stephen Koeth (HIST 13184)
- College Seminar, Brian Krostenko (CSEM 23102)
- College Seminar: The Roots of the Ring, Dave O’Connor (CSEM 23102)
- College Seminar: Time and Mortality, Deborah Tor (CSEM 23102)





Faith Resources Vary at Study Abroad Locations

Students, administrators review opportunities for spiritual growth

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As Notre Dame students apply for study abroad programs for the spring and summer, many consider how their faith experience may differ from campus during their time overseas. Faculty members and students who have gone abroad reflected on the contrasting opportunities and resources available on campus and abroad.

Study abroad programs are popular at Notre Dame, with 77 percent of students enrolling at some point during their undergraduate studies. The university offers over 90 study abroad programs and is ranked second in the nation for study abroad participation.

In interviews with the *Rover*, faculty members and students who participated in study abroad programs shared insights on Notre Dame's unique opportunities to receive the sacraments and grow in faith while abroad.

Patrick Schmitz, head of campus ministry at Notre Dame's Dublin campus, told the *Rover* that the guiding philosophy for encouraging faith abroad is "invitation, but not expectation." He explained, "Throughout the semester numerous opportunities for the students are provided to enrich their faith lives. I will invite them to Masses I am going to, to lectures, or to service events, but I will not force them to [go]."

Schmitz continued, "If students do not or cannot make a certain event, I will keep inviting them to faith experiences. One day they may be able to join. I have also found that, since semesters are so short, many students do not find the experiences that truly



Image by Notre Dame Study Abroad

enrich their faith lives without a little help! Providing invitations can kickstart engagement with the faith experiences."

According to some, a study abroad experience allows many students to grow in their lives of faith, even while being far from campus.

Reflecting on her time in Jerusalem in the summer of 2022, student Elise Wollemborg said to the *Rover*, "Taking a theology class at Notre Dame is a unique faith experience in itself, but doing so in the Holy Land is an opportunity like no other."

"To study Christ in the same environment He was in is truly incredible," she continued. Wollemborg further described Jerusalem's unique opportunities, including "[going] to sites that Jesus lived, preached, and walked on for lectures, [and] learning about them from people who dedicated their entire lives to him."

Molly O'Leary, Campus Ministry fellow at Notre Dame's Dublin campus, described her work to curate an immersive faith experience in Dublin through pilgrimages and hikes that, according to her co-worker Schmitz, "allow[s] students to

disengage from their busy lives and the busy campuses and streets of Dublin."

O'Leary hosts an event on the Dublin campus each week called "Solas," which provides a time to build community within the cohort and to check in on spiritual well-being. At Solas meetings, the students abroad can gather in person to reconnect with their community after class through faith-based activities.

O'Leary told the *Rover*, "The events range from doing *Lectio Divina* prayers, and Emmaus walks, to just checking in while doing a fun activity like decorating cupcakes! It's great to have an hour of the week to check in with others and take a break from the busy schedule of studying abroad."

Similar events and experiences take place on other Notre Dame study-abroad campuses. Whether this be on the Notre Dame abroad campus or in the local neighborhood, each location has unique activities, Masses, traditions, sacred spaces, or relics to venerate. O'Leary touched on the "beautiful chapel in Dublin, [where] the design [displays] elements inspired by Irish religious tradition." She also mentioned that "students

[in Dublin] can travel to Rome for a Holy Week and Easter pilgrimage. They visit sites of religious and Irish significance in Rome and Vatican City."

However, she acknowledged that it is not simply the location that makes these trips special for spiritual development, but the company. O'Leary explained, "Oftentimes the religious experiences are times when the cohort can gather in community, and the students always love taking advantage of these times".

Agreeing with O'Leary, Wollemborg commented that her Jerusalem trip helped her connect with people who "are some of [her] closest friends to this day."

While highlighting the many amazing opportunities to form relationships and grow in faith, O'Leary acknowledged, "When students are abroad, their faith life looks different than what is at [the main] Notre Dame [campus]."

Some students lamented the lack of structured support in the practice of their faith while abroad.

In an interview with the *Rover*, senior Madeline Viz shared this sentiment about her spring 2024 semester abroad in

London. "It's not campus. It's a different city, [and], in most cases, it's a larger city, where you have to navigate that on your own," said Viz.

She continued, "For me, who didn't go into study abroad knowing a lot of people in the program or not having close friends in the program going in, I kind of had to navigate my faith life by myself." Viz explained that the community is not the same, leaving students with the responsibility of being accountable for their spiritual journey, which she adds "is not always a bad thing."

For the next academic year, semester study abroad applications have already closed, but summer study abroad applications remain open until November 15.

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Notre Dame Hosts Inaugural Equal Protection Summit

Scholars, students discuss future of pro-life movement

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The "Equal Protection Summit," held from October 16–18 at the University of Notre Dame, marked a significant moment in the ongoing national conversation about the legal and constitutional status of life in the womb. Hosted by Americans United for Life (AUL), the oldest pro-life organization in the U.S., the summit was described as the "first-ever conference on the personhood of human lives and the constitutional implications thereof."

In the wake of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, AUL's inaugural summit focused on the legal personhood of the unborn under the 14th

Amendment, asking: What happens in the legal fight against abortion, now that the foundation of *Roe v. Wade* is gone?

The inaugural conference attracted nearly 100 attendees, approximately a quarter of whom were Notre Dame law students.

Summit organizer Merlot Fogarty, who graduated from Notre Dame in 2024, explained to the *Rover*, "[AUL] chose Notre Dame as the host for the summit because we know that many key conversations about the future of the pro-life movement are happening at both the graduate and undergraduate levels." She continued, "I wanted to ensure that students were invited to attend because I knew how fruitful conversations between

professionals and students would be on this issue."

Fogarty, who served as president of Notre Dame Right to Life during her time on campus, made a deliberate effort to ensure that all sessions included ample time for Q&A, allowing students to engage directly with seasoned professionals. "Often, students bring questions and ideas that haven't yet been thought of by those deeply immersed in the profession," she noted.

The summit brought together leaders from more than fifteen national pro-life organizations, as well as distinguished scholars and prominent figures in the pro-life movement.

One of the standout sessions was given by Emma Waters, a policy analyst from the Heritage Foundation. Waters addressed

the growing intersection of long-term women's health concerns and the pro-life movement. She emphasized the need for a paradigm shift in how the movement views women's health—moving beyond the artificial solutions to control fertility and parenthood, and focusing instead on education about the natural function of the female body and fertility.

Waters' insights on restorative women's health struck a chord with many attendees including Fogarty, who mentioned that Waters' approach is "something the pro-life movement has yet to tap into." Fogarty continued, "Women are given the band-aids of birth control, abortion, and IVF rather than being educated about taking care of themselves and getting to the root cause

of health issues." This fosters a "growing distrust between women and their doctors, which only grows when crisis pregnancies arise."

The summit also offered insights into how local and state-level pro-life groups can collaborate to influence the broader cultural and legal environment. "At the local level, there are so many smaller pro-life groups doing positive work," Melanie Lyon, Voices for Life executive director, told the *Rover*. "If we work together, we can work toward creating a culture that affirms equal protection."

Voices for Life is a local Hoosier pro-life grassroots organization located in South Bend that works on the frontlines to spread

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the pro-life message throughout the state of Indiana through sidewalk advocacy, door-to-door outreach, and fundraisers.

Lyon said that the breakout sessions placed a key emphasis on “the importance of unity and collaboration among pro-life groups.” She added, “Slowly, but surely, we are moving the cultural needle towards life. We just need people willing to participate in this work all around Indiana.”

Notre Dame law student Sean Tehan said that the summit displayed how the “pro-life movement takes a multifaceted approach to its goal of making abortion not just illegal, but unthinkable. This holistic response has legal, political, cultural, and sociological dimensions.”

Tehan added, “The summit showed me that we have a lot of work left to do in the movement. I have worked in the pro-life movement for many years and going to an event like this one only reminds me how passionate, loving, and devoted the pro-life movement is.”

John Mize, CEO of AUL, remarked that “the body of work we [have produced] together at



Image by Americans United for Life

the Equal Protection Summit will become our playbook for the pro-life movement, just as AUL’s Palmer House Conference on Overturning *Roe* in 1984 became the long-term strategy for a Supreme Court victory in *Dobbs*.”

When asked about AUL’s goal to secure constitutional personhood, Steven Aden, AUL’s Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel, remarked to the *Rover*, “This is certainly a generational goal, but we are committed to

achieving it in the long haul. We recall well that, for many years, only a few visionary individuals believed in AUL’s long-term goal of seeing *Roe* overturned, and that has now been accomplished.”

Aden continued, “The Summit proved to be a resounding success, bringing together scholars, pro-life advocates, and law students from across the nation to discuss how the ‘principle of equal protection’ in the 14th amendment can be applied to protect human life in

the womb.”

At the closing banquet, AUL presented Rich Lowry, *National Review* editor-in-chief, with the “Victor G. Rosenblum Pro-Life Champion Award.” Mark Miller, AUL board member, praised Lowry and *National Review* for their unwavering commitment to the pro-life cause for over 60 years, continuing the legacy of the magazine’s founder, William F. Buckley, Jr.

Aden noted that the summit speakers and scholars all spoke

of the “‘principle of equal protection’—the understanding that all human persons deserve the equal protection of the law, and most importantly, the right to live. Whenever that principle is expressed in state legislation, Congressional legislation, or the courts, respect for human life moves forward.”

Regarding the future of the pro-life movement, the summit provided a roadmap for how pro-life advocacy can evolve in the coming year. Overall, the discussions reinforced the need for sustained and multifaceted efforts. From legal reforms to cultural engagement, AUL argued that the pro-life movement must be proactive in creating a future to protect the rights of the preborn under the law.

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Notre Dame Receives AI Research Grant

Lilly Endowment, Inc. donates to Institute for Ethics and Common Good

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The Lilly Endowment recently awarded the University of Notre Dame a 539,000 dollar grant for its “Faith-Based Frameworks in AI Ethics” project. The award was announced on October 10 by the recently founded Institute for Ethics and the Common Good (ECG), which leads the AI research project.

The Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private philanthropic foundation based in Indianapolis that works for the “promotion and support of religious, educational or charitable purposes.” According to its website, the Endowment gives grants to charitable organizations and aims to “deepen and enrich the religious lives of Christians in the United States.”

The 2024 grant is not the first time Notre Dame has received funding from the Lilly Endowment.

In June 2023, Notre Dame received a 1,250,000 dollar grant from the Lilly Endowment under the organization’s “Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative,” which supports the “pivotal role parents play in the religious lives of their children.” Other recipients of grants from the Endowment in the past include Adult and Child Health and Advocates for Children and Families, Inc.

The Institute for Ethics and the Common Good (ECG) is part of Notre Dame’s Ethics Initiative, outlined in the 2033

Strategic Framework released last year by the university. The ECG aims to make Notre Dame a “premier global destination for the study of ethics.”

The ECG’s Faith-Based Frameworks for AI Ethics project is a one-year program that seeks to “engage and build a network of leaders in higher education, technology, and a diverse array of faith-based communities focused on developing faith-based ethical frameworks and applying them to emerging debates around artificial general intelligence (AGI).”

Meghan Sullivan, director of the ECG and professor of philosophy, told *Notre Dame News*, “This project will encourage broader dialogue about the role that concepts such as dignity, embodiment, love, transcendence and being created in the image of God should play in how we understand and use this technology.”

Sullivan continued, “These concepts—at the bedrock of many faith-based traditions—are vital for how we advance the common good in the era of AGI.”

David Go, vice president and assistant provost for academic strategy, told *Notre Dame News* that the Lilly grant will allow the ECG to “convene a diverse group of technology experts, scholars and religious leaders for important conversations about artificial general intelligence and all the ways it could impact our society.” Go continued, “Notre Dame has a special obligation

to address the most significant ethical questions of the day ... and this conference will enable our University-wide Ethics Initiative to engage others in doing just that.”

One program under the ECG, the Jenkins Center for Virtue Ethics, caused some controversy at Notre Dame last year due to its apparent similarity to the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture (dCEC). David O’Connor, professor of philosophy, told the *Rover* at the time that virtue ethics “shifts the center of gravity from a specifically Catholic initiative in the dCEC to a specifically neutral paradigm within the academic study of philosophy and, indeed, within the philosophy department.”

Although the two centers have similar missions, the dCEC focuses on engaging with specifically Catholic culture through research. While the ECG is “inspired” by Catholic

tradition, it seeks to promote “broad ethical inquiry,” a wider scope of ethics research.

The dCEC has also given presentations in AI research. This fall, the center hosted a talk by Father Michael Baggot titled “AI, Transhumanism, and Human Flourishing.” Baggot explained the benefits and costs of AI in the field of medicine, and the dangers of artificial intimacy.

David Keppel, a freshman, told the *Rover* “I felt encouraged that the Catholic Church is putting time and thought into considering these seemingly ‘sci-fi’ questions, because it is becoming glaringly apparent that the day may come when we must confront a digital reality.”

Last year, after the dCEC’s fall conference, Daniel Schermerhorn, a computer engineering major, talked to the *Rover* after hearing the lectures on AI, “Persons: Created, Artificial, and Natural” and

“Personhood, Relationality, and Responsibility: Jewish Philosophers on Contemporary Technology.”

Schermerhorn told the *Rover*, “As a Catholic software engineer, I have a responsibility to respond to the unethical usage of advanced AI. ... I hope to further my understanding of this issue in order to become a persuasive voice for the promotion of Catholic morality in the software industry.”

The ECG did not respond to the *Rover*’s request for comment. The dCEC declined to comment on the Lilly Endowment grant for AI research.

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introduction to the conference.” He told the *Rover*, “[Gioia] showed, by his example, the lasting relevance and beauty of true poetry and our world’s need for it.”

Plenary events also included a Friday keynote address by Judith Wolfe of the University of St. Andrews and a closing roundtable discussion between Martin and three Catholic poets and authors. Wolfe’s talk, titled “The Theological Imagination,” encouraged listeners to actively use imagination to elevate their understanding of the self and the faith. She remarked, “When we use metaphor, we may be closer to talking about the real world” than when we do not.

Martin praised Wolfe’s address, saying, “The way that she began that lecture with images, and then with poetry... and the way she thinks of it all the way up to and cresting in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I thought that was a really beautiful way to pull all of these things together in a really organic manner.”

A unique aspect of this year’s Fall Conference was the



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many performances that took place, owing to the theme of creativity. Conference attendees were welcomed to not only intellectualize about Catholic culture, but enter into it through film screenings, poetry recitations, and musical performances.

One such performance was given by Isaac Parlin, a Catholic pianist pursuing a Master of Music in piano performance at The Juilliard School. In conversation with Nicholas Chong, Associate Professor of Musicology at Rutgers University, Parlin discussed the life and work of Franz Liszt. According to the presentation, Liszt was a devoted Catholic composer and performer in the

19th century whose faith heavily influenced his compositions.

In addition to his talk, which illuminated the historical and theological background of Liszt’s repertoire, Parlin performed five Liszt compositions on the piano.

Levi Wojtalik, a seminarian of the Diocese of Indianapolis, told the *Rover*, “I appreciated the theological reflections that [Parlin] gave because I don’t think I would have understood those pieces without them. He gave a vision into Liszt’s spirituality in writing these pieces that often we miss—especially on the *Sursum Corda* piece,” which included dissonance but an eventual return to God at the melodious

close. “That’s what it means to lift up your hearts, to come back to God,” said Wojtalik.

Another unique feature of the 2024 Fall Conference is that it took place over the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Martin remarked, “[These holidays] invoked a great cloud of witnesses to be part of this community—the living and the dead.” She further remarked that attendees benefitted from “not just thinking with them from the past, but also thinking with the people we’ve lost ... trying to articulate the fundamental beauty and mystery of divine life.”

In one of the conference’s colloquia sessions, Elizabeth Lev, professor of Christian art and architecture at Duquesne University’s Rome campus, and Thomas Williams, professor at St. John’s University, spoke on a similar topic. Their talk, entitled “Death in the Catholic Imagination,” provided a survey of the history of Catholic depictions of death as represented in art. Attendee

Isaac Michael told the *Rover*, “The talk gave me a fascinating new window into the role of death as the fundamental hinge of Christianity and humanity as a whole.”

Martin told the *Rover* that she received at least six emails from conference participants, poets and non-poets alike, who were so inspired by the events of the conference that they wrote a poem themselves. She commented, “It was so inspiring. It just bubbled over, and they created something else beautiful.”

A full list of events and recordings of conference keynotes can be found on the dCEC website.

The dCEC is also welcoming proposals for next year’s Fall Conference, which will be themed “Living Tradition.”

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McGrath Institute Introduces Sullivan Undergraduate Saints Fellowship *Program features course, international pilgrimage, and student-led service groups*

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The McGrath Institute for Church Life has launched the Sullivan Undergraduate Saints (SUS) Fellowship, a program dedicated to immersing students in the lives and virtues of the saints. This fellowship, a core part of the Sullivan Family Saints Initiative (SFSI), seeks to form leaders who will carry forward the spirit of the saints through service, prayer, and community at Notre Dame and beyond.

In an interview with the *Rover*, Leonard DeLorenzo, McGrath’s Director of Undergraduate Studies and the SUS Fellowship, explained the inspiration behind the fellowship: “This fellowship is a signature project of our broader Sullivan Family Saints Initiative, which bears the mission of renewing scholarship on the saints and promoting devotion to the saints.”

DeLorenzo emphasized that this initiative is not only about deepening academic engagement with the saints, but also about encouraging students to embody the saints’ virtues in their daily lives. “We created this fellowship to benefit students now (both the fellows themselves and those who benefit from their work) and to help form them for lifelong discipleship after the pattern of the saints,” he added.

According to an article on McGrath’s website, selected fellows engage in a rigorous, faith-based program designed to foster spiritual growth



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and community leadership. This journey begins with a semester-long theology course on the saints, continues with an immersive pilgrimage to France, and culminates with the fellows leading groups of peers in prayer and charitable service. “The undergraduate fellowship is a clear and powerful means for both building up evangelizing leadership among our undergraduate students and offering, through our fellows, an immersion into the habits of prayer and charity of the saints,” DeLorenzo added.

According to DeLorenzo, the fellowship’s model has struck a chord with students, many of whom see it as an opportunity to create meaningful connections within the Notre Dame community. He noted that “many of them have spoken about the need in college life for order, for discerning one’s call and mission, and for building community with others in faith or in seeking after faith.”

DeLorenzo sees this fellowship

as a transformative element for Notre Dame’s campus culture. In an era when students often crave purpose and connection, he hopes that the fellows “can encourage their friends and classmates [to] take a chance on following the way of a saint and see where it takes [them]. I think that kind of risk taking is good and healthy and integrating for our campus culture,” he said.

Candidates are chosen for their leadership potential, interest in the lives of the saints, and desire for spiritual growth. Once selected, fellows embark on a year-long journey designed to be both academically enriching and personally challenging.

One junior applicant told the *Rover*, “I am enthusiastic about all the different aspects of the fellowship, all centered around the study of the lives and traditions surrounding various saints. I’m also interested in the opportunity to organize and lead a prayer and service group next semester; it is definitely a great way to participate in the

apostolate.”

For DeLorenzo, this fellowship represents a powerful model of peer leadership rooted in faith, designed to help students not only in their spiritual lives during college but also in the years that follow. “College is a time of formation; this fellowship and the good that comes from it through the fellows can become a powerful type of formation for our students,” he added.

In the spring, fellows and a chaplain will travel to France, visiting significant sites associated with notable saints, such as Lisieux and Lourdes. The pilgrimage is not only a journey of faith but also an opportunity for cultural immersion, allowing students to connect deeply with the history and context that shaped their chosen saints. This international pilgrimage, fully funded by the fellowship, represents a capstone experience, enriching students’ understanding and appreciation of the saints while preparing them for their leadership roles.

In addition to nurturing their personal spiritual growth, each fellow will lead a small group of students, fostering a collective exploration of faith and service inspired by a chosen saint. The fellowship intentionally invites students from all stages of belief. DeLorenzo remarked, “Some of the students whom the fellows lead may already have strong lives of faith, but I expect and hope that many of them will not.”

“Each fellow will recruit, form, and lead a group of

undergraduate students for an entire academic year,” he explained. These groups will engage regularly in prayer together and also participate in charitable service inspired by the fellowship’s patron saints. “This is student-led, conducted through the bonds of friendship,” he said, emphasizing the fellowship’s commitment to fostering connections among peers.

While the SUS Fellowship is selective, opportunities for broader participation will be available. “There will not be too many fellows on an annual basis, but there will be opportunities to join these fellows in their groups of prayer and charity,” DeLorenzo noted.

“We will make these fellows known when they are selected: If you are seeking or at least open to this kind of formation and community, I hope you will reach out to one of the fellows to let them know you want to be part of what they’ll be offering,” he said.

For any students interested in the fellowship, the annual application opens each September. More information can be found on the McGrath website.

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Hallow Founders Speak at Notre Dame

Students react positively to alumni-established prayer app

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Notre Dame Student Government and Campus Ministry hosted “The Hallow Story,” a panel featuring Notre Dame graduates Alex Jones, Alessandro DiSanto, and Erich Kerekes, the founders of the Hallow app, Cate Von Dohlen, Hallow’s Chief of Staff, and Father Pete McCormick, C.S.C. The panel, held on October 8, discussed Hallow’s founding, mission, and success.

The Hallow app, launched in 2018, is now the top prayer and meditation app in the world. The app offers users a wide variety of ways to pray and meditate, including content by Father Mike Schmitz, Bishop Barron, Jonathan Roumie, and others.

Joshua Johnson, Student Government’s Director of Faith, told the *Rover* that Student Government hosted this event “hoping that students [would be able] to see a perspective of life outside of Notre Dame, in which faith remains relevant in one’s career and normal life.”

Johnson continued, saying that Student Government also hoped that “students especially interested in business and entrepreneurship might be inspired and moved to discern God’s voice in their own lives, pursue the integration of faith into their career aspirations, and bring Christ to people in that manner.”

Von Dohlen, who served as a moderator for the panel, began by asking Fr. McCormick to discuss



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his connection to the founders of Hallow. Fr. McCormick, who now serves as the Assistant Vice President of Campus Ministry, shared with attendees that he was the dorm rector for two of Hallow’s founders, Jones and DiSanto. While admitting that he did not see founding the most successful prayer app in the future of these men, Fr. McCormick expressed his pride in the work they have accomplished and the men they have become.

Von Dohlen then asked Jones, DiSanto, and Kerekes to share what led each of them to help start Hallow.

Jones explained that he was raised Catholic, but fell away from

the faith. During a stressful time in his life, he started to practice secular meditation, but he was not completely satisfied. He began to explore ways to connect practicing meditation with the Catholic faith, by asking a variety of people if and how meditation and Catholicism were connected. Through this, Jones learned about different forms of Catholic meditation and reconnected with his faith. Feeling that God was calling him to do something with what he had learned, he quit his job and started Hallow.

Similar to Jones, DiSanto and Kerekes also felt called by God to found Hallow. Upon graduation from Notre Dame, DiSanto began

a successful business career. After talking with Jones about Catholic meditation, he began the practice himself, which deepened his prayer life. Ultimately, DiSanto felt God calling him to quit his job and help start Hallow.

For Kerekes, starting Hallow meant leaving a good job right before a promotion and moving away from close family and friends in his native Chicago area. Like the other founders, Kerekes chose to answer God’s call, despite not knowing whether Hallow would be successful or not.

At the end of the evening, attendees asked the panelists a variety of questions about faith, business, and the connection between the two.

When asked how he thought the event went from an organizer’s perspective, Johnson said, “The event was wonderful! We had a line of students out the door of Jordan Auditorium in Mendoza and students were interested and interactive, asking questions that the three founders enjoyed.”

Attendees were also pleased with the event. One Notre Dame student, Olivia Sayani, told the *Rover*, “I use Hallow often, so when I found out the founders were coming, I was excited.” She continued, saying, “It was beautiful to see [the founders] trust in God. I took away that God’s plan is always greater than our own.”

Sophomore Kateri Mantooth had similar thoughts, commenting, “[The founders] truly gave up everything to

follow [God] by starting Hallow.” Mantooth also described the panelists as “very down to earth people and very relatable, as they themselves were Notre Dame students.”

Johnson echoed their sentiments, saying, “The founders emphasized a unique note about their decision to drop everything. ... If Hallow doesn’t work out, then there was a reason why God brought them to that point; there was a reason why the app was made; and they’ve planted the seeds for someone else to come along and fulfill the goal for social ministry through technology in the modern world. And if it is successful, then thanks be to God!”

Hallow’s list of advisors also includes several notable figures close to Notre Dame: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; John Cavadini, professor of theology and director of the McGrath Institute for Church Life; and Father Kevin Grove, C.S.C., associate professor of theology. The Hallow app is free to download, and Notre Dame, in partnership with Hallow, provides students and faculty with free access to the premium version of the app.

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Condoleezza Rice, Fr. Dowd Discuss Foreign Policy

Former secretary of state featured in Notre Dame Forum

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Former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice discussed her recent article in *Foreign Affairs* titled “The Perils of Isolationism,” in an October 11 conversation with Notre Dame President Father Robert Dowd, C.S.C. Fr. Dowd pressed Rice on topics such as American relations with Russia and China, isolationism, and geopolitics in the modern age.

Under President George W. Bush, Rice served as national security advisor from 2001 to 2005 and secretary of state from 2005 to 2009. Since 2020, Rice has served as director of Stanford University’s Hoover Institution.

The conversation, a part of the 2024–25 Notre Dame Forum, attracted a crowd that wrapped around the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and filled the Leighton Concert Hall to capacity.

Rice began the conversation by calling out “the emerging four horsemen of the apocalypse, ... populism, nativism, isolationism, and protectionism,” which, according to Rice, chip away at

the foundations of democracy and have increasingly dominated the national narrative in recent years. In Rice’s view, America has a steep challenge to combat these domestic issues while keeping an eye turned towards future international conflict.

Rice maintained a cautionary tone throughout the conversation, especially when speaking on Russia and China. Rice repeatedly warned, “Great powers don’t mind their business; they try to shape the world,” cautioning that China and Russia will take up this role if allowed.

Rice encouraged “a workable relationship with China ... and a more nuanced policy” so that the temperatures can be lowered in the growing international rivalry. Rice said the best way for America to “[build] bridges between the Chinese people and the people of the United States” is to admit more Chinese students to American universities and teach them about democratic values.

After hearing Rice’s perspective, freshman Ryan Domsalla shared with the *Rover* his opinion that America



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must urgently demonstrate the benefits of democracy to the Global South to deter Chinese influence: “I think America could do a better job of challenging the Belt and Road Initiative by offering our own public and private investments in African countries.”

Freshman Nathan Ward agreed that “we must indeed ‘build bridges’ with the [Global South], safeguarding and

promoting democracy and free government as many of these nations continue to build their own governmental structures.” According to Rice, these bridges are key to discouraging more nations from entering the Belt and Road Initiatives, which Rice argued are false promises of development that don’t materialize.

Having spoken about China at length, Fr. Dowd moved the

conversation toward Russia. Rice recalled her time in the Bush administration and her face-to-face meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin. “[Putin] always had this ambition of reconstituting the Russian Empire—not the Soviet Union—the Russian Empire,” she said.

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Rice argued, Putin launched a devastating war of attrition against Ukraine. Rice stated that this war was predictable because “great powers don’t mind their own business. It’ll either be us, or the Chinese, or the Russians. I’ll take us.”

Ward commented, “His little anecdote really got to the heart of her speech because it showed

that if we disappear, other authoritarian powers would rapidly fill the vacuum.” There is “a need for the U.S. to remain an active beacon of freedom throughout the world,” he said.

Rice expressed this idea succinctly: “To whom much is given, much is expected.”

According to Rice, Putin made “three miscalculations” when drawing up his invasion of Ukraine: “He really didn’t understand that Ukraine is

a distinct nationality, ... he thought his army was good, ... and third, he thought nobody would respond.” After expecting to invade Kiev within a few days of beginning the war in 2022, Putin has resorted to spending over 35 percent of Russia’s GDP on maintaining his military, Rice noted.

Reflecting on the discussion, Freshman Paul Masaka explained his justification for limited American involvement in the

war to the *Rover*: “America as a superpower has an obligation to give a helping hand, but we shouldn’t overextend our influence in the world or use force.” Masaka shares Rice’s fear that increased American involvement could trigger Article 5 of the NATO treaty: “An armed attack against one ... shall be considered an attack against them all.”

The next 2024–25 Notre Dame Forum event, titled

“Peaceful Co-Existence Among Israelis and Palestinians: Vision for a Shared Future,” will take place in 141 DeBartolo Hall on November 11.

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Alumni Congressmen Discuss Polarization, Political Violence

Congressmen Pat Fallon, Brendan Boyle participate in Voter Awareness Week

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The Executive Cabinet of Notre Dame’s Student Government invited Congressman Brendan Boyle, Pennsylvania Democrat and Notre Dame class of ’99, and Congressman Pat Fallon, Texas Republican and Notre Dame class of ’90, to discuss political polarization in the U.S. Congress. During the October 11 panel, the two alumni also expressed their desire for Notre Dame students to involve themselves in federal politics and become democratic participants.

Dawson Kiser, Student Body President of Notre Dame, began the event by introducing the congressmen and describing the importance of this event in the midst of Student Government’s *Voter Awareness Week*. Kiser explained, “As student’s of Our Lady’s University, we are called to engage in dialogue with open minds and open hearts and build bridges between different viewpoints.”

Junior Jack Onderdonk, Student Government Director of National Affairs and Political Engagement, served as the moderator for the panel. Onderdonk began by asking the congressmen, “How did the values that both of you learned during your time at Notre Dame impact your lives as public servants?”

In response, Boyle spoke about how his father being an Irish immigrant made Notre Dame a “privileged” experience for him, saying, “Many people assume that my parents were in politics ... but my dad was a blue-collar worker for most of his life and my mom was a school crossguard, so for me coming to Notre Dame was a dream come true.”

Fallon responded by detailing how transferring to Notre Dame

formed his work-ethic: “Because I was a transfer, I lived off campus and had to take the bus to campus every morning, so I would tell myself every morning when I had to get up at 5:30 that this is the price you’re paying for slacking off in high school.”

Onderdonk then transitioned the panel toward the current state of congressional polarization and corruption, asking, “What

had some bipartisan support.” He did, however, criticize the extreme partisanship in Congress and noted, “The vast majority of members in Congress are doing it for the right reasons, but there are some looney tunes who are in it for themselves ... you should have seen the fights we had in the Republican Caucus.”

Boyle then transitioned to speaking on the consequences of

(Republicans), we knew that was going to go [popping noises] because she would find them and she would whip them.”

Later in the event, Onderdonk asked explicitly about political polarization in Congress and beyond, to which Boyle responded, “In the previous eras of the 1960’s and 1970’s you had much more ideologically diverse parties ... and political scientists

president-elect Donald Trump. Boyle said he believed “The scariest day in Congress was January 6 ... and now we need to worry about the next January 6 in 2025, when there will be this opportunity again.”

Both congressmen recounted their own memories of January 6, as Boyle recalled “grabbing a pair of scissors, knowing that was going to be [his] weapon,” and Fallon told a humorous story about how “it was [his] third day of Congress and [he] was walking around with a club in [his] hand.”

Both congressmen spoke on the dangers of “false information” and groups like *QAnon* as well as the violence in the George Floyd riots of 2020. Specifically, Fallon stated, “We have to reject political violence wholeheartedly ... whether it is January 6, which I was never a fan of, or the George Floyd riots in the summer of 2020. You can [protest] peacefully, and it is not peaceful to burn down police stations and kill 25 people.”

In response to one of the concluding questions, Fallon mentioned the recent *Rover* presidential poll that found Notre Dame students supported president-elect Donald Trump in this presidential election: “I saw a poll about the Notre Dame students’ choice for president, and I love the fact that it was almost 50-50. Because that’s diversity of thought and that’s the most important thing you can have.”

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valuable lessons can lawmakers draw on from being involved in the 118th Congress, especially when it comes to working across the aisle?”

Fallon argued that discord is a normal part of the political process, saying, “Democracy is messy, and the Chinese congress looks upon us in Beijing and they say, ‘see how dysfunctional [the U.S. Congress] is’... but [the Chinese Government] ultimately has no legitimacy and one day it’s going to be up for debate whether we will let representative Republicans win out or let totalitarianism take over the globe.”

Fallon also pointed out that, in the past, Congress has been “highly functional and 99 percent of all legislation passed

the division among Republicans in the last Congress, stating, “In the last two years there have been some bad internal divisions [in the Republican Party] ... so if we take off the Republican head and the Democrat head, the lesson to be learned is that you need strong party discipline.”

Fallon refuted Boyle’s point about the struggles of Republican unity, saying, “If we would have had a ‘unified government,’ we would have had some major wins and accomplishments as well.” Fallon also mentioned former Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and her ability to strictly lead the Democrat Party, recalling, “When we were in the cloak room and we would see that there were five [Democrats] that were going to vote with us

of that time wanted more ideologically pure parties, but I think the old way was probably better.” He further reasoned that this gave both parties “more flexibility” in congressional votes and “both parties today have purified themselves.”

Additionally, Fallon emphasized that politics is a “relationship business” and said, “You can’t get anything done by yourself, there are just too many people [in the House of Representatives]. ... It drives me nuts when someone says, ‘I passed this bill.’ You didn’t pass it, it was we and us.”

Onderdonk then asked for the congressmen’s opinions on political violence in the country, including the assassination attempts on



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Catholics, by going all in on these divisive cultural issues,” she said. “Trump did a good job focusing on things that more directly affect people,” she added.

Some students were more cautious about the prospects of another Trump term. One Dunne Hall junior said, “I am very glad that Trump won the election. Yet, it is important for us Catholics to stay vigilant, to avoid blindly supporting all his policies. We must continue to advocate for Catholic values in his leadership and

administration, especially on issues like abortion and IVF.”

Others, however, expressed their concerns about a second Trump presidency. A Keenan Hall junior told the *Rover* that he was deeply concerned that a second Trump presidency would roll back the “rights of marginalized communities.”

“Just look at Project 2025. Trump is an authoritarian. He will strip us of our reproductive rights, ban pornography, and has engaged in vile anti-trans rhetoric,” he said. He blamed ostensible biases amongst American voters, rather than Harris’s campaign, for her loss. “I was always worried

that the country would not be ready to elect a black woman as president, and today I am ashamed to say that I was right,” he asserted.

The student also expressed his disappointment that Trump was even eligible to run in the first place. “Donald Trump tried to overthrow our democracy on January 6. The fact that he was allowed to run again after that just demonstrates how the system will always bend over backwards for white men,” he argued.

In a comment to the *Rover* on the election results, the Notre Dame College Republicans stated simply that “Trump

did what nobody thought was possible: make the greatest comeback in American political history. Trump won, Notre Dame College Republicans won, America Won.”

On the other hand, College Democrats Co-President Olivia Anderson told the *Rover* that the “College Democrats are extremely disappointed in the election results. Once again, we have seen hate win over good policy that centers all Americans. We’ll be here during the next four years, doing everything we can to promote justice for all people—at ND and beyond.”

Time will tell how the second

Trump presidency unfolds and the effects that it will have on the University of Notre Dame. The president-elect is expected to take office on January 20, 2025.

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It behooves a watchdog to bark. Good, Rover.

New Theology Class Engages Church Teachings on Gender

Abigail Favale teaches “Catholicism and the Sexes”

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This fall, the theology department offered a new class titled “Catholicism and the Sexes.” As outlined in the course description, the course seeks to provide students with an opportunity to learn about the development of the Church’s teaching on the significance of the difference between men and women, as well as its response to alternative ideas over time, such as contemporary feminist conceptions of sexual difference.

The class has 40 students and is taught by Abigail Favale, Professor of the Practice, Theology and Literature in the McGrath Institute for Church Life.

Favale explained to the *Rover* her intentions behind the class in the context of the cultural moment: “We are living in a time where there are distorted narratives of sexual difference on the broader secular left and within the Catholic right, especially online.”

Favale continued, “On one side there is the perception that the Catholic church is anti-women, which is a distorted perception, and on the other side there is growing anti-feminism within certain Catholic circles that distorts what the church teaches about men and women.”

The first half of Favale’s course traces the historical arc of Church teaching on men and women. The second half dialogues Catholic and non-Catholic conceptions of the sexes, particularly through the lens of the term “sexual difference,” which describes the significance of the distinctions and similarities between men and women. The conclusion

of “Catholicism and the Sexes” is dedicated to engaging with contemporary questions and controversies in these topics, such as female priests, transgenderism, and the meaning of marital submission in the Catholic rite of marriage.

Theo Austin, a philosophy and theology major in the class, said, “Professor Favale presents the teachings of the Catholic Church with great care, not shying away from correcting Doctors of the Church who derived their views from poor science, and yet drawing from the history of the Church, presents the view of sexual complementarity emanating from the Bible and later theologians like Edith Stein and Hildegard Von Bingen.”

He continued, “The class engages many conflicting views and theories regarding who men and women are and how they ought to relate to one another. However, all of these views are considered within a Catholic framework, informed primarily by the personalism of Pope Saint John Paul II and the Creation account of Genesis.”

To help students learn accurate Church teachings on the sexes, Favale’s class intentionally analyzes Catholic doctrine as a whole, both across time and through a variety of sources, in order to avoid misunderstandings due to reading specific sources without their proper historical context. To this end, students in “Catholicism and The Sexes” are challenged to look at the underlying worldview behind each source, particularly any underlying societal assumptions made about gender at the time of its writing.

When asked of her goals for



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her students, Favale said, “I would like them to be able to engage with perspectives other than their own with charity and without fear.” In her choice of class readings, she specifically noted her intention to “strong-man” the various perspectives on gender and sexuality.

In addition to building a complete understanding of the true Catholic teaching on sexual difference, students in “Catholicism and the Sexes” read both from Catholic authors, such as Hildegard of Bingen and Pope St. John Paul II, as well as secular figures, such as Beauvoir, Butler, and Bettcher.

One of the ways in which they are prompted to think in this way is through an assignment called a framework analysis, where students are trained to recognize the underlying worldview of a text, ask what its assumptions are, and understand how those assumptions affect the understanding of the text.

Caroline Isom, a student in “Catholicism and the Sexes,” commented on her experience to the *Rover*, saying, “Professor Favale brings a wealth of

knowledge, experience, and charity that has made the class invaluable. ... [T]hese [modern theories on men and women] can be directly opposed to or even actively work against what the Church teaches

is true and good, but Professor Favale has taught me to look critically and carefully for the truth rather than immediately writing off an author or text.”

She continued, “I am now able to better articulate who I am as a woman and a human being, and how this informs my vocation. ... That’s why Professor Favale and her class are so great—I am leaving with meaningful knowledge, and an education that is also a formation, which I will carry with me indefinitely.”

Although this is the first time she has taught “Catholicism and the Sexes,” Favale has taught other classes at Notre Dame, such as “Introduction to Edith Stein’s Theology of Women” and “Religion and Literature.” When asked about her future teaching plans, Favale commented, “I hope for [Catholicism and the Sexes] to be the main course that I teach here, and I plan to offer it every year or maybe every other year.”

Favale has a background in feminist and gender studies and is the author of three books. Her second, *Into the Deep: An Unlikely Catholic Conversion*, is a memoir

of her journey to the Church as an evangelical and post-modern feminist. Favale welcomes a broader dialogue in her class, saying, “I design the course to be a place where students coming from different perspectives can come in and engage.”

Favale works both in the theology department and the McGrath Institute for Church Life. When asked about the significance of Favale’s newest class, John Cavadini, director of the McGrath Institute and professor of theology, told the *Rover*, “I like the idea of a course that offers students a sympathetic vantage point for the disciplined and thoughtful reception of the wisdom of the Church, drawn from revelation, regarding the sexes, as well as the opportunity to ‘seek understanding’ of what is received.”

Cavadini continued, “The class offers an intellectually sophisticated and sympathetic account of what the Church teaches for students to work with, engage and react to, even as various critiques of the Church’s teaching are also engaged.”

Though “Catholicism and the Sexes” is not offered this spring, students interested in learning more about theology and gender studies can read Favale’s latest book, *The Genesis of Gender: a Christian Theory*.

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Holy Cross Seminarians Welcome Students to Weekly Mass & Social

Students find faith and community at Log Chapel Mass and soirée

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The Old College Undergraduate Seminary of the Congregation of Holy Cross hosts a weekly Mass and soirée every Tuesday night at 9 p.m. Known as “Log Chapel Mass,” this event is held in the historic Log Chapel and regularly draws about 75 undergraduate students, causing many to stand in the middle aisle and overflow out the back door due to growing participation.

Unlike many other nightly dorm Masses, Log Chapel Mass features a variety of music and many opportunities to sing. During the week leading up to Mass, several Old College members gather to prepare devotional music specifically for Log Chapel Mass, which span from well-known hymns to Gregorian chant. In addition to Latin Mass parts, these songs are sung during the Mass to create an atmosphere of reverence.

To accompany the sung parts of the liturgy, Log Chapel Mass utilizes its organ, frequently played by Carroll Hall junior August Berchelman. Commenting on his experience at Mass, Berchelman told the *Rover*, “Being the main Log Chapel organist has made an impact on my life as I have been able to serve the Old College community through my passion for music.”

St. Mary’s College sophomore Audrey Litkowski explained, “I come to Log Chapel Mass

because I love the community and the style of worship. It is definitely the most reverent of all the ‘dorm’ Masses and I really appreciate that aspect.”

The director of the Old College Undergraduate Seminary, Father Karl Romkema, C.S.C., is also the regular presider at Mass. In his work helping undergraduate men to discern a call to the priesthood and religious life in the Congregation of Holy Cross, he has seen first-hand how Log Chapel Mass has influenced both the men in his community as well as the broader campus.

Fr. Romkema told the *Rover* that the weekly Log Chapel Masses “seek to provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to connect deeply with their faith and one another. These Masses foster a sense of community and purpose, and provide students with a unique glimpse of seminary life.” In addition to Fr. Romkema, other Holy Cross priests are frequently invited to celebrate Log Chapel Mass.

Following the Mass, attendees gather in the nearby Old College building for light refreshments, providing time for conversation and community. Each week features a themed soirée, planned and prepared by the Old Collegians, with coordinating refreshments. Past themes include “Kahoot,” “movie theater,” and “school lunch.”

On October 1, the feast day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Notre Dame Right to Life (RtL) co-



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hosted the weekly Log Chapel Mass and soirée with Old College as a part of RtL’s “Respect Life Week.” About 125 students attended the Mass, a record high for the semester. The following “St. Thérèse of Lisieux” soirée featured Raising Cane’s chicken, rose floral decorations, and an outdoor bonfire on the Old College porch.

Kari Teglia, a freshman in Flaherty Hall, commented to the *Rover*, “The themed soirées are always so fun and a great way to end the night in fellowship with other Catholic students.”

Old College freshman Will Buyske also expressed his appreciation for the soirées, explaining, “The soirées are a unique formation opportunity for us Old Collegians. We gain experience planning, preparing,

and hosting a community event.”

Every soirée concludes with Night Prayer, a part of the Liturgy of the Hours that all priests and seminarians must pray. Reciting excerpts from the psalms and chanting a seasonal marian antiphon, the evening ends by uniting the community in prayer.

Old Collegian Reynaldo Guillén further highlighted how soirées have helped him foster a deeper sense of community, telling the *Rover*, “I enjoy being able to host members of the tri-campus community in our home because it allows the men of Old College and me to meet students that come from a variety of backgrounds with similar and different interests. Our home becomes a place where the faith and cultures of our student communities can join together.”

The Old College Undergraduate Seminary will continue to host its weekly Log Chapel Mass and soirée every Tuesday during the fall and spring semesters. You can keep up to date with everything Old College and Log Chapel Mass related by following the Men of Old College on Instagram (@oldcollege).

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which was to give members of the Notre Dame community and the greater South Bend region access to premier performers in the performing arts.”

Barron continued, “We were very pleased to see so many students come out for this performance, much higher than we typically see for a classical music event. We worked with the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra for a large group of their members to attend the performance, but many other students attended as well, which reassures us that the arts are still central to student life.”

Vines echoed this emphasis on students: “Live music is a two way experience, and in a world full of competing forms of entertainment, it is so important for us to demonstrate to the next generation just how inspiring classical music can be.”

Vines concluded, “Hopefully we will have won over many new listeners who will go to more orchestral concerts and maybe even come to see us perform in London one day. Above all, I hope that we did your motto proud and ‘played like champions’ for you!”

The concert hall was packed with students, professors, and South Bend residents, all of



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whom shared their appreciation for the performance with the *Rover*.

Daniel Stowe, Director of Notre Dame’s Symphony Orchestra and assistant teaching professor of music, described the experience as “rewarding” for students. He told the *Rover*, “For student participants, music provides a whole-brain experience that enhances intellectual and emotional growth.”

“Certainly hosting events like these dovetails well with our efforts to provide a full range of arts education offerings on campus, both for participants in student arts organizations and for others who would support them by attending performances,” Stowe continued. “I was very happy to see a packed house there.”

The orchestra’s conductor

was Edward Gardner, and the performance repertoire featured Tania León’s “Raíces (Origins),” Sibelius’ Symphony No. 5, and Barber’s Violin Concerto with Randall Goosby as soloist. Although the evening’s program originally featured Shostakovich’s Violin Concerto No. 1 with violinist Patricia Kopatchinskaja, DPAC notified the audience on the morning of the concert that Kopatchinskaja was unable to perform due to illness, and thus the Barber concerto was played in place of Shostakovich’s.

Despite the last-minute change, Mayleen Liu, senior violinist in the Notre Dame orchestra, praised the updated repertoire. “I especially enjoyed watching Randall perform the Barber concerto,” Liu told the *Rover*. “His lyrical and expressive playing demonstrated the dedication and

skill required to bring music to life at such a high level.”

Other members of the student orchestra also enjoyed the concert.

Senior violinist Hannah Edwards said to the *Rover*, “It was the first professional symphony concert that some of my friends saw, and it was so special to be able to experience that with them! I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to see such a world-renowned ensemble on campus.”

Junior violinist Mary Elizabeth Balof viewed the performance in light of the broader cultural tension between contemporary arts and “traditional art form[s].” Balof explained, “There is a lot of pressure these days to focus on the more modern and ‘controversial’ forms of art, but I think that oldies are oldies for a reason, and I loved to see Notre Dame continuing to expose its students to such a developed and traditional art form, especially as it is one that I hold particularly dear.”

Notre Dame students and professors were not the only ones to praise the concert.

Brian Strayer, professor emeritus of history at nearby Andrews University, is a frequent attendee of concerts at Notre Dame. Strayer expressed his appreciation for his past experiences, and the “superb” LPO concert was no exception.

“I particularly liked the Sibelius number,” Strayer told the *Rover*, “but was intellectually challenged by the León and Barber pieces as we don’t often hear their music played at the Howard Performing Arts Center at Andrews University.”

Strayer continued, “As a Christian, I believe that God created us to appreciate beauty in whatever form it takes—nature, art, architecture, music, literature, etc. Attending musical concerts feeds my soul; it inspires me and helps me appreciate the creative spirit implanted in human nature.”

For the next DPAC performance, the Glee Club will have their annual fall concert at 8 p.m. on November 8. Tickets can be found online at the DPAC website.

Michael Canady is a junior classics major from Falls Church, Virginia. Although he had the natural ability to play oboe for the LPO, his older brothers bullied him too much for sounding like a “dying duck,” and his talent was wasted. Condolences can be sent to mcanady2@nd.edu.



Reflections of a Humor Editor

*"Humor is itself the chief antidote to pride and ... the hammer of fools." - G. K. Chesterton.*JAMES WHITAKER
Humor Editor

Opinion

When I came aboard the *Rover* masthead in 2022 and was offered the position of Humor editor, I didn't realize that it was a somewhat bespoke position. It then became a learning process as the section figured out what it was supposed to be. We had to start asking: What are we trying to do with our humor section? What does it look like for a newspaper to have a humor section, especially a Catholic one?

In short, it behooves a watchdog to bark, but every dog must be allowed to play.

At one level, Catholic humor means a plethora of styles and senses of humor, insofar as Catholic means "absolutely every." We have no dedicated staff writers for the section, and instead have a perpetual open call for submissions. While it is a task of the *Rover* to defend objective Truth and Goodness, it seems fitting for the Humor section to imitate (in some simple way) the variety of subjective charisms and saints of the Church. Whether it was

Augustine or Wesley who said it, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

I'm proud to say that the humor section has a range and intentionally so. In order to have an even-handed treatment of the culture, at both a popular and a local level, it requires a celebration of things that are delightful as well as a scorn for things that are wrong. The section would fail if we did not have a Rudolph for every Thompson, a Grannis for every Bartleby.

But to approach it philosophically for a moment, the standard theory of humor nowadays is that it comes from the recognition of incongruity. Wordplay, for example, amuses us because of the way it disrupts the word we expected to hear. All kinds of humor, whether it be cerebral and philosophical, scathing and critical, or delightfully and simply foolish, only has its worth because we know how things ought to be. Now too much of a disruption descends into nonsense, and too little is simple misspeaking. In the same way, some things

may be too grave to be funny, others are too sacred to be joked about, and others still are simply mistakes.

When one looks around the world, he is confronted with many incongruities. How else should we describe the Fall, if not as when incongruity began to dominate in the world? Things surely are not as they should be—and sometimes that departure from the ideal is actually laughable.

But this is where the Christian will differ from the atheist. If the atheist should laugh at the world's incongruities, his laugh could only be the grim and hollow laugh of the hopeless. He would be like a convict who laughs with derision when his executioner trips over himself and drops his axe. Humor for him is nothing else than a brief and accidental distraction from his present anxiety.

For the Catholic, however, humor becomes much richer in light of hope. If the humor of a joke comes from knowing how things ought to be, then a Christian can laugh at the world's inanities as a parent laughs at the child's absurdity or as a movie-



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watcher at a blooper reel. The world falls short of heaven in a myriad of ways; and for those who have the eyes to see it, the world is filled with a myriad of jokes. He also laughs with confidence in heaven, for if life is only a rehearsal for death, then it is the rehearsal of a comedy.

It is a Catholic's duty to laugh at things, to laugh at wordplay and irony and children and limericks and even potty-humor. I dare even to say that there are two kinds of laughter necessary for salvation. One must laugh at the world, since Christian scorn for this life means not taking it too seriously. St. Lawrence knew

as much. One must also laugh at himself—if he does not see what's so funny about himself, then it has been too long since his last Confession.

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Just One More Conference Away From World Peace

Kroc Center finds, world yet to be informed

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Staff Writer

The Kroc Center for International Peace Studies, known across campus for their seminars, lectures, addresses, webinars, colloquia, dialogues, keynotes, symposia, workshops, addresses, panels, fora, symposia, roundtables, conferences, webinars, addresses, conventions, retreats, keynotes, colloquia, and talks (not to mention their renowned discussions) recently announced that world peace is finally achievable with "just one more interfaith panel."

This is a more optimistic view than the one that the Kroc Center has long maintained; for the last ten years, world peace has been "two to four more lectures away." The furthest the world has ever been from peace was in 2003, when the Kroc Center estimated that it would take as many as fifteen more colloquia to finally end war globally, a huge increase from the six symposia that Francis Fukuyama thought were needed at the end of the nineties.

For more information about the new estimate, the *Rover* spoke with Emily Cumenism, director of the Kroc Center's "Just One More" initiative. "Just One More" is aimed at continuously bringing about world peace through "the next event."

"Our current theory," Ms.



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Cumenism explained, "is that after our next interfaith seminar, the chemical reactions involved in the use of gunpowder will stop working. There's another camp, although they're less popular at the Kroc Center, that believes that when the Israelis, Palestinians, Ukrainians, Russians, Azerbaijanis, Armenians, Chinese, Venezuelans, Haitians, Houthis, Pakistanis, Indians, gang members, drug cartels, polluters, police, Republicans, Democrats, opponents of the Kroc Center, and other evil-doers finally hear the words of our next roundtable, they will

all, in unison, realize that peace is the answer. A few fringe theorists hypothesize that our next talk will actually cause crop yields to triple, a second Holy Land to sprout into existence, and cars to run on good vibes alone."

"What we all agree on, however," she emphasized, "is that it is desperately necessary that we host another workshop, which will then solve all of our problems. We see this all the time; people quit working towards the goals for which they've sunk so much cost right before they finally achieve them. Ninety percent of gamblers quit right before they would have

finally hit it big. Even in my past job, where I was a lobbyist for asphalt companies, I saw city planners stop adding lanes to highways just one lane before they would finally eradicate traffic."

Hu Mann-Ature, a visiting scholar at the Kroc Center, disagreed. "I'm not sure that the problem is systemic, at least not in the way that my colleagues think it is. We can't ever lecture away concupiscence, the Fall, or the bedrock fact of scarcity. In fact, I thi— AHHHHHH!!"

Mr. Mann-Ature's quote was interrupted by a manic-eyed Emily Cumenism, who

tackled him. Ms. Cumenism then began to break down, with sobs of "Just one more! Please! One more and I promise that we'll be done. Please, I'm actually begging you!"

[Editor's Note: This reporter is currently being held hostage by the Kroc Center in the Jenkins-Nanovic basement.]

The Center is demanding that Fr. Dowd ban war globally, endow a permanent position for each Kroc staff member, and give the opening address at their next 12 fora. For

more information on the Center's upcoming events, go to kroc.nd.edu.

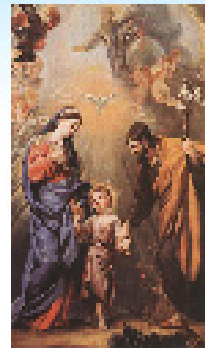
Will Grannis is just one more all-nighter away from getting his workload under control, just one more cookie away from starting that wedding diet, and just one more dollar away from finally having enough money. He comes from a city that's just one more bill away from solving America's problems. He can receive just one more email at wgrannis@nd.edu.

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with John H. Evans
(McKenna Hall 215/216, 12:30pm)

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(101 DeBartolo Hall, 6:30 p.m.)

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(7:00 p.m.)

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