Dear Rockne Heritage Fund members,

Thank you for your generosity through the Rockne Heritage Fund. Your gifts make it possible for our coaches, players, and support staff to continuously strive for greatness in competition, the classroom, and the community.

In the last year, we have seen great success in competition, including the following achievements: Men’s Basketball’s reached a second consecutive Elite Eight; in it’s third year of ACC competition, Women’s Basketball’s claimed its third consecutive ACC Championship; Women’s Soccer won the regular season ACC Championship; 10 current or former student-athletes competed in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games; and Molly Seidel won NCAA Championships in the 3,000 and 5,000 meter races. While we enjoy success in competition, we are extremely proud that our student-athletes have achieved the nation’s #1 Graduation Success Rate for the 10th consecutive year.

In the following stories, you will read a few examples of the tremendous impact of your generosity. Thanks to you, our student-athletes have been afforded the opportunity to have life-changing experiences as members of the Fighting Irish. You make the dream of wearing Blue and Gold a reality!

Go Irish!

Alex Romagnolo
Director, Rockne Heritage Fund
In the 2015-2016 academic year, Rockne Heritage Fund benefactors made gifts totaling $3.65 million. Your generosity provided more than 700 student-athletes with the resources to excel in all aspects of student life. Thank you for your continued dedication to the Fighting Irish.

Student-Athlete Scholarships
$3,000,000

Sport specific funds are being used for:
Community Service Experiences, International Trips, Improving Equipment, Enhanced Recruiting Efforts, Study Abroad Experiences

Sport Specific Funding
$650,000
Kaela Little  Women’s Soccer  
Hometown: Tulsa, OK  
Major: IT Management and Psychology  
Class of 2017  

Before I visited Notre Dame, everyone was telling me about the beauty of the campus and how the University was a family. I heard them, but I didn’t understand. However, as soon as I was able to visit with the coaches, support staff, and players, I realized that the school really is just one big family. Sitting in the airport to leave, I had a gut feeling that Notre Dame was the place for me. I will never forget that moment. I was just excited, knowing that Notre Dame would play a huge role in shaping me as a soccer player and, more importantly, as a person.

Now that my senior season is over and I’ve had a chance to look back on my last four years, so many memories stick out to me. I will always cherish the on-field accomplishments, including being ranked #1 in Notre Dame history with 38 solo shutouts and a save percentage of 83.8%. But more than that, it’s been my experiences off the field with my teammates and classmates that I will never forget.

I’ve been fortunate enough to volunteer once a week with my teammates at Perley Elementary School in South Bend. Working with those young kids and helping to bring smiles to their faces always brightens my day and week. Also, last summer I had the chance to study abroad in South Africa with a group of twenty students-athletes. The coursework in psychology was great and rewarding, but the hands-on experience of working with Hoops for Hope to construct basketball courts for children in small shanty-towns was life-changing. Seeing the difference that we were able to make in three short weeks has inspired me to want to go back as soon as possible.

As my senior year comes to an end and I think about what is next, I’m filled with excitement. I am confident that Notre Dame prepared me to play soccer professionally if the opportunity arises. I also know that my education in the classroom and in the community has helped identify my passions off the field and prepared me to succeed, no matter what comes next in my journey. Thank you.
VJ Beachem  Men’s Basketball
Hometown: Fort Wayne, IN
Major: Marketing
Class of 2017

In high school I was lucky enough to be recruited by schools from all across the country. In that process, Notre Dame always stood out to me. Coach Brey’s success was definitely a factor. But, the University’s emphasis on educating the “whole” student-athlete really stuck with me. I’ve always known that my education is going to play a vital role in my life.

That thought process remained true this past summer when I had the chance to attend the NBA combine. It was a great experience, and I’m grateful that I went through it, but I always had the thought of graduating in the back of my head. At the end of the road, basketball is going to end and my life is going to continue. For the rest of my journey to be a success, I need an education, and there is no better place to get that than at the University of Notre Dame.

Since deciding to return to the University, I’ve been focused on growing personally on and off the court, as well as mentoring the younger guys on the team. The experience of adjusting to balancing school and athletics, while helping my team go to back-to-back Elite Eights has prepared me extremely well to be a leader.

There is no question in my mind that coming back was the best decision I’ve made. I’m going to walk across the stage in May with a degree from the University of Notre Dame and lifelong friendships. My last three years have been great, and I’m looking forward to whatever is next in my journey. Whatever it may be, playing in the NBA, becoming an agent, or something else, I’m confident that my teammates, coaches, tutors, and professors have prepared me to succeed, and that would not be possible without you.
Kim Sullivan  Softball
Hometown: Indianapolis, IN
Class of 2017

After committing to Notre Dame as a sophomore in high school, I had my sights set on big things at Notre Dame as a member of the softball team. However, after I arrived, I realized that I was going to need some time to adjust. Learning how to balance academics, student government, and athletics was definitely a challenge that has helped me become a stronger person.

During my first couple years on the team, I learned to accept the role of being a good teammate at all times, cheering people on while figuring out my role as a player. In my junior year, I began to relax and have fun, and it led to me becoming the top pinch hitter in the ACC!

While this success was great, Notre Dame has offered me so much more off the field than I could have imagined. I have been involved in student government for three years, serving as the Director of Constituent Services this year as a member of student body president and student-athlete Corey Robinson’s cabinet. Along with student-government, Notre Dame has allowed me to explore the intersection of science and business as a Science Business major. This exploration opened doors for internship opportunities and resulted in me landing a job that starts the fall after graduation.

Now, as I look forward to my last season as a member of the team, I’m looking forward to just having fun (and winning) with my teammates. I will never forget the memory of learning we would host a regional in the NCAA tournament, and I hope to recreate that memory this year!

Notre Dame has been the best decision of my life and it wouldn’t have even been a possibility without you.
# Benefactor Experiences

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* Ticket and parking lottery applications do not guarantee seats or parking. Special Contributor Status improves odds in the lottery. Away game applications at the Green level are only available to alumni and alumni widows. 🎟️ Hosted every home game; must register; based on availability. 💯 Naming rights on seatbacks in Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center, available to new members or members with five consecutive years of giving at listed level.
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