

# 2019-2020 Impact Report





*“As members of the Cavanaugh Council & President’s Circle, you play a critical role in advancing Notre Dame’s mission as we seek to offer an unsurpassed undergraduate education and advance human understanding through ground-breaking research and scholarship, while ensuring that our Catholic character informs all of our endeavors. I am deeply grateful for your dedication to the University and for the trust you place in me as president. Thank you for your generosity and for all you do in service of Notre Dame.”*

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REV. JOHN I. JENKINS, C.S.C.  
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME





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“Notre Dame’s purpose, community, commitment to educational and professional excellence, and deep religious engagement have helped me to grow as a student and human being. None of this would have been possible without the generous contribution I received from the Cavanaugh Council & the President’s Circle, for which I am deeply grateful.”

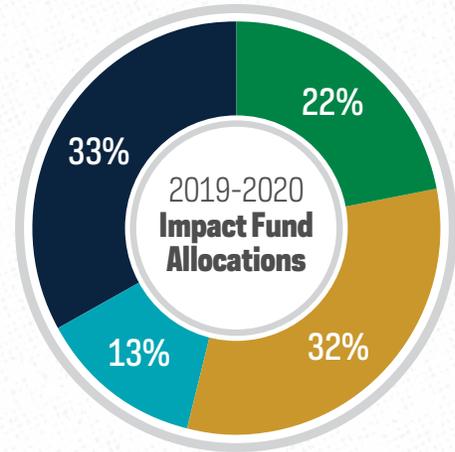
**GABRIEL SILVA SIMÕES '22**  
**CCPC SCHOLAR**  
**COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR**





## 2019-2020 Impact Fund Allocations

The Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle contributed \$22.5 million to the Presidential Impact Fund in 2019-2020. This fund helps address critical needs within the University, including:



- Undergraduate Financial Aid  
\$7,505,106
- Undergraduate Education  
\$4,927,000
- Catholic Mission  
\$7,113,211
- Research & Scholarship  
\$2,970,000

"I cherish Notre Dame's Catholic identity and community, which would be lacking if I went to school anywhere else. Attending Mass at the Basilica, the 11 P.M. Rosary, and the Consecration to Mary have been instrumental in my life, especially as I was first adjusting to college. My faith is a priority in my life, and Notre Dame has allowed me to grow in this faith and in my relationships with God and those around me....The opportunity to live and study at Our Lady's University is one of the greatest gifts I have ever received."

MARY BIESE '22  
CCPC SCHOLAR  
NEUROSCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR MAJOR



## *Catholic Mission*

“Religious liberty is our first freedom. All freedom rests upon this foundation. Without freedom of conscience—to believe, and then to live our lives as our beliefs require us—nothing else matters. This is why the Religious Liberty Initiative is so crucial to me. It is why I came to Notre Dame. If we at Notre Dame do not stand up to defend religious freedom, who will?”

**G. MARCUS COLE**  
**JOSEPH A. MATSON DEAN**  
**AND PROFESSOR OF LAW**



## I Fighting for Religious Freedom

The Religious Liberty Initiative at Notre Dame Law School is a unique venture combining faculty scholarship, world-class student training in trial and appellate litigation, and overall advocacy focusing on emergent threats to religious liberty.

The Religious Liberty Clinic will serve as the heart of the Initiative. A world-renowned faculty director will identify cases and controversies for staff attorneys, paralegals, and law student fellows to tackle. The focus on religious liberty in both trial court and appellate litigation, surrounded by distinguished and mission-driven scholars and litigators, combined with Notre Dame's ability to take on the weightiest cases, sets this Clinic apart.

The initial and ongoing development of the Religious Liberty Initiative will occur through annual strategy summits, the first of which will take place at Notre Dame in 2020. Top religious liberty scholars and advocates will convene to help shape the strategy of the Clinic, while also training a network of lawyers to identify cases and controversies for the Clinic to consider pursuing in defense of religious liberty.



"While we must never fail to be honest and forthright about terrible acts of abuse and failures of oversight, the Forum is designed to be constructive and forward-looking, as we seek to identify avenues for change that could have broad application both in the Church and in other institutions."

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## I Examining the Sexual Abuse Crisis

Father Jenkins called for this year's Notre Dame Forum to examine the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church and explore possible reforms, aiming to illuminate a way forward in a challenging time for the Church.

During the Forum's inaugural event, an expert panel—featuring Juan Carlos Cruz, a sex abuse survivors' advocate; Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori; Kathleen McChesney, a former FBI executive assistant director; and religion journalist Peter Steinfelds—discussed the importance of victims being heard, the need for better seminarian selection, and holding the accused accountable. The second Forum event saw Archbishop of Malta Charles Scicluna, adjunct secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, engage students and discuss concrete steps the Vatican is taking to address the scandal.

Additional Forum events are planned in the spring semester.





"I want to give hope to disadvantaged and marginalized people in the same way some incredible people gave hope and opportunity to me while I was living in extreme poverty. I want to pay forward all the good that I have received in life."

**DJIBA SOUMAORO '19**  
**HESBURGH GLOBAL FELLOW**

## I Educating Future Global Leaders

A native of Mali, Djiba Soumaoro was the first of his eleven siblings to pursue a formal education. The Keough School of Global Affairs gave him this opportunity through its Hesburgh Global Fellowship—a scholarship awarded to one student in the Master of Global Affairs program to pursue work focused on peace, justice, development, or related fields. Interning with Catholic Relief Services in the U.S., Mali, and Senegal gave Djiba a greater understanding of structural violence and allowed him to practice conflict analysis skills. This education enabled him to return to his home country and work for the Ouelessebouyou Alliance, transforming the quality of life for the people of Mali through sustainable health and education programs.

The Keough School's Master of Global Affairs program, a two-year professional degree launched in 2017, is preparing future leaders to address global challenges with rigorous hands-on problem solving through partnerships around the globe—in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Washington D.C. Through this scholarship initiative, students from the world's poorest countries receive a transformative education, while elevating the classroom with their global perspective.

"The heart of democracy is addressing significant questions in open, reasoned discussion that will inform voters as they prepare to cast their votes."

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## I Hosting Our Presidential Candidates

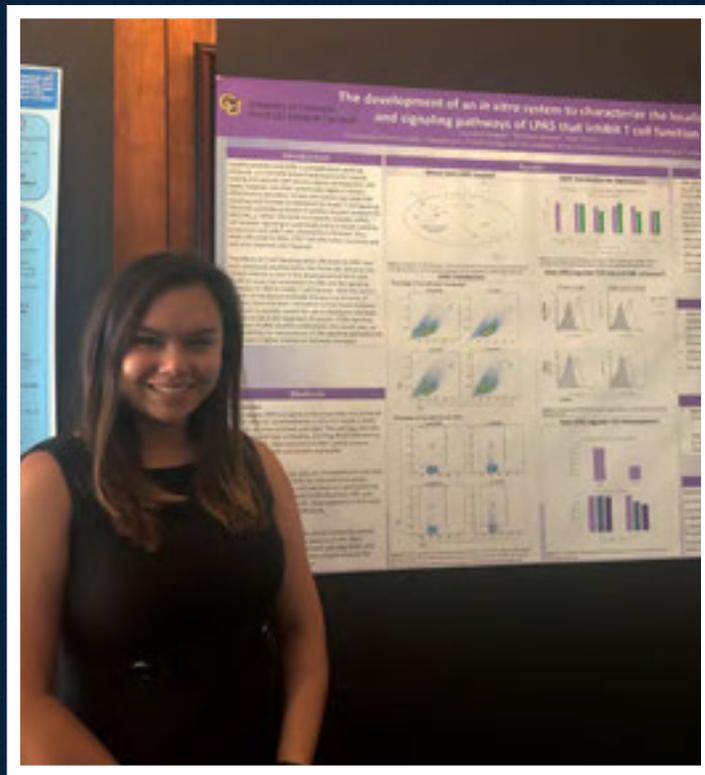
Engaging in civil discourse has always been of paramount importance at the University. As Fr. Jenkins stated, “Our goal at Notre Dame is to be a great Catholic University— a truly great university that is also what Pope John Paul II said a Catholic university is meant to be: ‘a primary and privileged place for a fruitful dialogue between the Gospel and culture.’”



Notre Dame will host the first presidential debate in this election cycle on September 29, 2020. Since the 1950s, Notre Dame presidents have been vocal about the importance of civil discourse and the need for respectful political dialogue, making the University a perfect starting point in the upcoming three-debate series. Notre Dame looks forward to being the home of this critical discussion that will set the stage for our nation’s future.

"The summer after my freshman year at Notre Dame, I had the opportunity to conduct biomedical research. I was able to learn typical lab techniques while experimenting with receptors on T cells. Being a first generation college student, I never would have guessed that I would have such an incredible opportunity presented to me after my first year in college. Because of my experience, I want to become a doctor and run my own research lab in the future."

**JASMINE SINDELAR '22**  
**SCIENCE & ENGINEERING SCHOLAR**  
**SCIENCE-BUSINESS MAJOR**



## *Research & Scholarship*

“Working with the collection at the London Global Gateway was a priceless experience and has deepened my exploration of vocation as a story in my undergraduate thesis. In particular, I have found the story of St. George and the dragon to be symbolic of Chesterton’s vocational worldview, and the original characters of this beloved story of Chesterton’s are part of the toy theater collection. This archival work with an incredible collection gives me hope to continue studying this figure who is important to Notre Dame and to the world.”

**BRADY STILLER '20**  
**BIOLOGY AND THEOLOGY MAJOR**



BRADY STILLER '20 RESEARCHING THE G.K. CHESTERTON COLLECTION AT THE LONDON GLOBAL GATEWAY.

## I Preserving Our Catholic History

When Brady Stiller '20 began his senior thesis, he searched for sources to offer a deeper explanation for the idea that each person's vocation plays a part in salvation history. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity presented itself to Brady when he got the chance to travel to the Notre Dame London Global Gateway and study the works of G.K. Chesterton—one of the greatest Catholic literary minds of the 20th century. Thanks to Notre Dame's recent acquisition of the Chesterton Collection, Brady received access to the works of the renowned English writer, philosopher, lay theologian, literary and art critic, and staunch defender of the Catholic faith who produced hundreds of essays, novels, and short stories.

In addition to facilitating research and presenting students like Brady with opportunities to engage with the life and work of this Catholic literary genius, the Collection aims to further unite the University with the broader Roman Catholic community in the United Kingdom. The acquisition also further solidifies the connection between Chesterton and Notre Dame: he was named a visiting professor and given an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 1930.



"If I ever meet anybody who suggests there is something Calvinistic and Pluralistic about Catholicism, I shall ask: 'Have you ever heard of the University of Notre Dame?'"

**G.K. CHESTERTON**

“Biomedical science is becoming more interdisciplinary. The Integrated Biomedical Sciences (IBMS) doctoral program at Notre Dame develops scientists with a broad range of experience and instills in them the confidence to explore new areas of cross-disciplinary research. Scientists best equipped to reach across boundaries and incorporate new ideas will be able to make the greatest impact. This funding will allow us to continue to grow the IBMS Ph.D. program.”

**HOLLY GOODSON,  
IBMS PROGRAM DIRECTOR**



**RICARDO ROMERO-MORENO CONDUCTING  
RESEARCH IN KATHARINE WHITE'S CHEMISTRY LAB.**

## I Researching to Save Lives

The Integrated Biomedical Science (IBMS) graduate program at Notre Dame inspired doctoral student Ricardo Romero-Moreno to discover and pursue his passion for cancer research. The Mexico City native came into the program with a background in bioinformatics, but wanted to transition into experimental biology and chemistry. The IBMS program gave him the freedom to do this through its guaranteed first-year funding and opportunities for hands-on lab rotations. Through the interdisciplinary design of the program—combining multiple disciplines such as cancer biology, bioengineering, computer science, statistics, chemistry—Ricardo is now conducting post-doctoral research studying how changes in pH levels of healthy cells can lead to cancer.

Ricardo is one of the many graduate students who have benefited from Notre Dame's IBMS program. This unique, cross-departmental Ph.D. program organizes research and training that allows scientists to view problems holistically. Each of the 27 students in the program are required to complete research rotations in at least two departments' laboratories, preparing them to address emerging biomedical problems with innovative, unconstrained solutions.



A young man with short dark hair is crouching in a field, working with plants. He is wearing a bright red sleeveless vest over a dark shirt with white and yellow stripes on the side, and brown pants. The field has rows of green plants and dry straw mulch. The background shows more of the field and some trees under a bright sky.

“We want to ask what it means to translate the principles of Catholic Social Tradition (CST) into practices and judgments in real-world situations, and how realities on the ground challenge the fundamental principles of CST.”

**CLEMENS SEDMAK**  
PROFESSOR AND ADVISOR AT THE  
KEOUGH SCHOOL AND CENTER FOR  
SOCIAL CONCERNS

A UGANDAN ASSOCIATE AT THE BETHANY LAND INSTITUTE  
LUWEERO, UGANDA, MARCH 2019.



## Confronting Global Issues Through Faith-Based Scholarship

The Notre Dame Global Catholic Social Teaching Network (ND-GCST) recently convened three international conferences—centered around ecology in the Holy Land, application of Catholic social teaching in modern times, and preserving Catholic social tradition—and emerged with several solutions to these global problems.

Working with the Bethany Land Institute in Uganda, ND-GCST built a new agricultural school to instruct future community leaders on how Catholic social teaching principles can be represented in the design of buildings and surrounding landscape. In Puebla, Mexico, it created a questionnaire to measure social cohesion in the area—research that will translate into concrete policy recommendations for Mexican municipalities where trust may be a serious challenge to policy implementation. Through its endeavors, ND-GCST is offering a Catholic voice to global challenges.

“Being a student at Notre Dame has been more than a fulfilling experience. This University has not only enriched me intellectually and spiritually, but it has also instilled in me a desire to use my education to impact the lives of others. As a finance major and real estate minor, I’ve had the pleasure of learning from some of the best business professors in the world. I ultimately hope to go back to my home country, Lesotho, to help young entrepreneurs succeed in business. Thanks to the education I am receiving at Notre Dame, I have full confidence that this dream will become a reality.”

**KHESA BOROTHO '21**  
**CCPC MENTEE**  
**FINANCE MAJOR, REAL ESTATE MINOR**



## *Undergraduate Education*



"The new B.A. in Computer Science program is a transformational opportunity for students who are passionate about technology and the liberal arts. The world needs well-rounded computer scientists to develop new technology while also considering its impact on our daily lives. The College of Arts and Letters is producing graduates who are prepared to face that challenge."

DEAN SARAH MUSTILLO  
I.A. O'SHAUGHNESSY DEAN OF THE  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS





## Integrating Liberal Arts and Technology

Technology companies are consistently hiring liberal arts graduates because of the valuable skills they offer, such as empathy, critical thinking, and communication—yet many do not have a background in data analytics. To better prepare Arts and Letters graduates for a field where they are needed, the College of Arts and Letters collaborated with the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering to create a brand new Computer Science major. This degree program will familiarize liberal arts students with computer science, while also allowing them to dive deeper into the social sciences.

With a planned launch in fall 2020, the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science will train students to specify, design, and implement software systems, and employ these modern computer languages in the workplace. Students will be able to combine their liberal arts background, strongly rooted in ethics and critical thinking, with a sophisticated understanding of how computer science impacts the practice of a non-computing field. Companies will gain valuable employees who understand the impact decisions have on themselves, their professions, and society.

“This course will prepare our students for the new world of business—a world in which no important business decision is made without being informed by big data and analytics. Analytics and code are the new language of business that our students need in order to better understand the power of data, the ethical issues involved in technology, and to be effective communicators with engineers and data scientists. Having all of our students take a required Principles of Coding course will enable us to further integrate analytics throughout our curriculum.”

**MARTIJN CREMERS**  
**MARTIN J. GILLEN DEAN & BERNARD J. HANK**  
**PROFESSOR OF FINANCE**



## Propelling Students Into the Future of Business

Business professionals must be equipped to navigate today's world of big data and analytics. The Mendoza College of Business is addressing this need through the creation of a new course open to all business majors: Principles of Coding.

The course, which will be piloted during the 2020-21 academic year, will be offered to all of the approximately 625 first year students who enroll in the business program in the fall of 2021. Students in the inaugural Principles of Coding course will learn to automate the processes of collecting, processing, and storing data for future analysis; develop the problem-solving skills required to design and implement an automated process; become fluent with a coding language; and apply data analytic tools to extract relevant information from data to present results in a meaningful way.

"Talent, more than any other resource, is essential to achieving excellence. A single science professor can have a profound effect on the University, educating countless undergraduate and graduate students in classrooms and laboratories, while attracting millions in external research dollars. In addition to their individual contributions, talented professors like Juan Del Valle have a compounding effect—they attract other top researchers who want to collaborate, as well as outstanding graduate students who want to conduct research under them."

MARY E. GALVIN,  
WILLIAM K. WARREN FOUNDATION  
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE



JUAN DEL VALLE • WILLIAM K. WARREN FAMILY ASSOCIATE  
PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

## I Recruiting World-Class Faculty

Hiring dynamic faculty is essential to ensuring Notre Dame remains competitive in research while providing an unsurpassed undergraduate education. In the past year, the College of Science has hired eight new world-class faculty members—one being Juan Del Valle.

Del Valle, the William K. Warren Family Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, comes to Notre Dame with an impressive background, including over ten years of teaching experience and 42 publications in widely respected scientific journals. In addition to teaching an undergraduate course in Organic Structure and Reactivity, Del Valle and his research team in the organic chemistry department are working to address current challenges in drug discovery and molecular recognition by developing new drug therapies in cancer, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, and chronic lymphocytic leukemia—therapies with the potential to change lives.

“When I first received notice of my admission to the University I was beyond delighted, but I could not immediately enroll in my top choice school until I received my financial aid package. When that piece of mail arrived, I felt a huge wave of relief. I finally had the closure that I could go to my dream school without my mother having to take up another job or huge amounts of student debt.”

**SEARRA BELL '22**  
**CCPC SCHOLAR**  
**ARCHITECTURE MAJOR**



## *Undergraduate Financial Aid*

"The gift of financial aid, through my Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle Scholarship has been life-changing. It is acts of generosity such as this that provide opportunities and inspiration for students, like myself, who otherwise could not afford this opportunity. But perhaps even more importantly, gifts like this teach us the value and importance of helping others and acting to have a positive influence on society."

**KYLE MUTSCHLER '20**  
**CCPC SCHOLAR**  
**CIVIL ENGINEERING MAJOR**



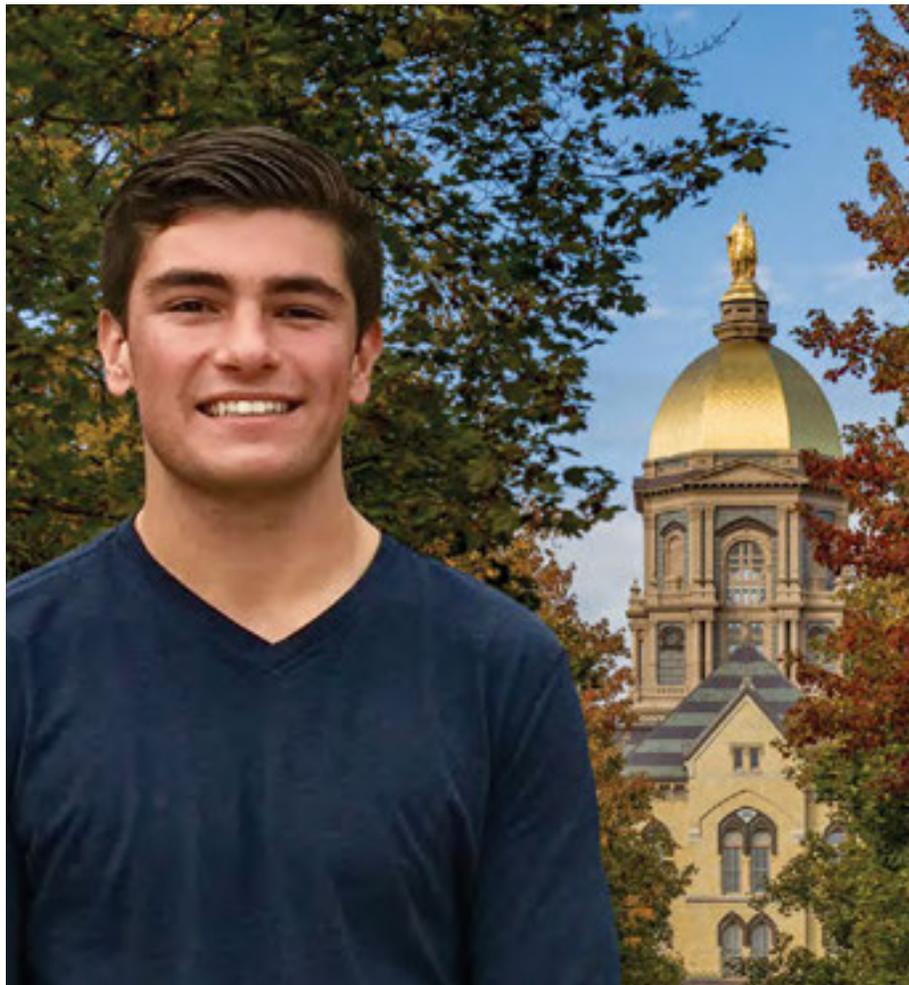
## Changing Lives Forever, One Student at a Time

This year, approximately 400 students received an average award of \$18,800 toward their Notre Dame education as part of their financial aid packages.

For students whose families earn an annual income of less than \$60,000 or who have two or more students currently attending college, attending Notre Dame without financial aid is not a realistic possibility. Many of these students are also the first in their families to attend college. Through Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle gifts, students can pursue their dreams, engage with world-class faculty, and learn and grow in a faith-based community. It is a gift that changes the trajectory of students' lives.



## *2019 Year in Review*



“My mentor’s unfettered willingness to share his wisdom with me makes him an outstanding mentor. When it comes to finance, he has seen it all, and I mean this in the broadest sense. There is not a kind of company, investment, deal, situation, or person that he has not successfully worked with. Not only has he done it all successfully, but he has done it the right way - the Notre Dame way. As I work to build my career in finance, he will serve as a brilliant example of what it means to use business as a force for good.”

**ALEX HACHIGAN '21**  
**CCPC MENTEE • FINANCE MAJOR &**  
**PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS & ECONOMICS MINOR**



## I Mentorship Program

In partnership with the Meruelo Family Center for Career Development, Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle members are paired with a current student participating in a summer internship, often in their geographic area. This presents a unique opportunity to engage with and directly impact the formation of a student at Notre Dame. A mentor commits to meeting with a student three times from the end of May to mid-August, either through in-person meetings, Zoom/Skype, or phone conversations.

Since 2013, Fr. Jenkins has allocated \$850,000 in Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle funds to the Career Center Internship Funding Program. This partnership has enabled 647 students to benefit from individualized career path, industry, and personal mentorship. Through this initiative, mentors offer the wisdom of their own experience, guidance, and introductions to their respective professional network—setting students up for extraordinary success.



REV. JOHN I. JENKINS, C.S.C. WITH CAVANAUGH COUNCIL & PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS AT THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE DURING 2019 D.C. SYMPOSIUM



## I World-Class Experiences

In 2019, Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle members were invited to eleven exclusive experiences, both at Notre Dame and around the country. These activities allowed members to engage with University leadership, join in fellowship with other members, and most importantly, meet the students who have been impacted by Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle gifts.

## **JANUARY 25-26**

### **Winter Family Weekend**

- Notre Dame Hockey vs. Michigan State
- Notre Dame Men's Basketball vs. Virginia
- Friday Reception and Saturday Mass, Student Speaking Program, Pre-Game Tailgate

## **APRIL 3-4**

### **Biennial Washington D.C. Symposium**

- Presentations and panel discussions featuring 22 of the United States most prominent figures in politics and journalism

## **JUNE 25**

### **Bi-Annual Conference Call**

- Conference Call with Fr. John Jenkins and John Affleck-Graves, Executive Vice President

## **SEPTEMBER 13**

### **New Member Welcome Reception**

- Notre Dame vs. New Mexico
- Friday Reception hosted by David and Beth Park

## **SEPTEMBER 27-28**

### **Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle Golden Dome Weekend**

- Notre Dame vs. University of Virginia
- Friday Reception at Foley's (O'Neill Hall) featuring guest speaker Coach Lou Holtz
- Saturday Mass, Student Impact Program featuring Fr. John Jenkins, followed by a Pre-Game Tailgate on Irish Green

## **OCTOBER 4**

### **Legacy Member Reception**

- Notre Dame vs. Bowling Green
- Reception in Remick Commons, Visitation Hall for founding and longstanding members (8+ years)



## OCTOBER 11-12

### Cavanaugh Council Experience Weekend

- Notre Dame vs. USC
- Friday Reception in Walsh Family Hall School of Architecture in the Stoa
- Saturday Mass with Fr. John Jenkins, followed by a Pre-Game Brunch with Cavanaugh Council & President's Scholarship recipients.

## NOVEMBER 15

### New Member Welcome Reception

- Notre Dame vs. Navy
- Reception hosted by Tom and Tami McNeil

## NOVEMBER 22

### March to Victory Closing Reception

- Notre Dame vs. Boston College
- Reception at the Mendoza College of Business Atrium

## DECEMBER 3

### Bi-Annual Conference Call

- Conference Call with Fr. John Jenkins and Shannon Cullinan, Executive Vice President

## YEAR-LONG

### Regional Events

- Receptions hosted by Marianne and David Chao and Rob and Tara Cain



## EVENT SPEAKERS

- **William Barr** - United States Attorney General
- **Peter Buttigieg** - Mayor, South Bend, IN
- **Pat Cipollone** - White House Counsel
- **Kellyanne Conway** - Counselor to the United States President
- **Christopher Coons** - United States Senator for Delaware
- **Robert Costa** - National Political Reporter, *The Washington Post*
- **Susan Davis** - Congressional Correspondent, National Public Radio
- **Lindsey Graham** - United States Senator for South Carolina
- **Hakeem Jeffries** - Congressman for New York & Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus
- **Amy Klobuchar** - United States Senator for Minnesota
- **Lawrence Kudlow** - Director, National Economic Council
- **Amy McAuliffe** - National Intelligence Council Chair
- **Mitchell McConnell** - Senate Majority Leader
- **Denis McDonough** - Former White House Chief of Staff
- **Nancy Pelosi** - Speaker of the House
- **Michael Pence** - Vice President of the United States
- **Admiral John Richardson** - Chief of Naval Operations
- **Wilbur Ross** - Secretary of Commerce
- **Gerald Seib** - Executive Washington Editor, *The Wall Street Journal*
- **Mark Shields** - Political Analyst, PBS NewsHour
- **Karen Tumulty** - Columnist, *The Washington Post*
- **Todd Young** - United States Senator for Indiana





## Event Spotlight: Washington D.C. Symposium

The Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle's eighth Washington D.C. Symposium was a two-day deep dive into the critical issues facing our world today. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from 22 guest speakers—both prominent political figures and respected journalists—on issues of national and global importance. These once-in-a-lifetime experiences were held at venues including the United States Institute of Peace, the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture, the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, and the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium.

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## | Thank You

Your commitment allows Fr. Jenkins to address the University's most critical needs and advance its sacred mission. On behalf of the Notre Dame family, thank you for your dedication and leadership as members of the Cavanaugh Council & President's Circle.







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