



O'HARA

SOCIETY



2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT

MANUFACTURING CONSULTING
TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING
CONSUMER PRODUCTS
FINANCE INVESTMENT
ING **GROW** HEALTH
ENT **THE GOOD** NON-PROFIT
ARE **IN BUSINESS** CONSULTING
INVESTMENT BANKING
ON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT
NANCE TECHNOLOGY
CONSULTING HEALTH



“The generous gifts from our John Cardinal O’Hara Society members are crucial to the success of our students and their access to transformative opportunities. These funds directly benefit our graduate students in the form of fellowships and experiences that enhance their time at Notre Dame. An example of supported programming is the opportunity to participate in life-changing research in humanitarian operations management, building stable and prosperous communities worldwide. Our graduate students have the opportunity to explore how business schools can effectively respond to global disasters. These experiential learning opportunities are how we continue to differentiate ourselves and teach our students to grow the good in business once they leave Notre Dame.”

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Martjin Cremers".

MARTJIN CREMERS

Martin J. Gillen Dean and the Bernard J. Hank Professor of Finance
at the University of Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business



JOHN CARDINAL O'HARA SOCIETY
BY THE NUMBERS

\$3.2M

raised by the members of the
John Cardinal O'Hara Society

86%

of graduate business students
received fellowship aid

700+

students participated in
experiential learning opportunities,
from Grow Irish Week to Business
on the Frontlines to the HOPE Lab

535

graduate business students
received their degrees, ready
to *Grow the Good in Business*



INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF BUSINESS LEADERS

The Mendoza College of Business has a mission: to *Grow the Good in Business™*. Fellowship funds enable students passionate about this mission to pursue their graduate business education at the University of Notre Dame. Gifts from O'Hara Society members directly benefit these students by providing fellowship aid, bringing a transformational educational experience within reach.



“For me, choosing Notre Dame was about more than earning an MBA—Mendoza embodies the values and environment that allow me to grow both personally and professionally. From a well-rounded education to hands-on Grow Irish consulting projects and invaluable leadership opportunities, I’ve gained the confidence to step into my future as a values-driven leader. Just as important, the community and alumni network here at Mendoza is second to none—it’s a place where we fall and rise as one, supporting each other through challenges, and celebrating every success. Lastly, and most importantly, Mendoza’s commitment to its mission of *Grow the Good in Business™* continues to guide me as I build a career I’m passionate about, with purpose and integrity.”

Caroline Buckley '26 MBA





THE HOPE LAB

Your O'Hara Society gift directly fuels the innovative research of the Humanitarian Operations Management (HOPE) Lab. The lab focuses on making aid smarter and faster in times of natural disasters and armed conflicts, specifically through improving supply chains, post-disaster operations, and resource management. Your generosity translates directly into lifesaving assistance and lasting change for the world's most vulnerable populations.



MEET ALFONSO PEDRAZA-MARTINEZ

HOPE Lab Director, Professor Pedraza-Martinez, Ph.D., researches significant global challenges and the obstacles encountered by humanitarian organizations dealing with them. His work includes water management in Sub-Saharan Africa, responses to war in Latin America, and wildfire information management in North America.

The financial support from O'Hara members enables graduate students to conduct research alongside world-renowned faculty such as Professor Pedraza-Martinez, who mentors both MBA and Ph.D. candidates.

"For organizations that are constantly reacting, taking the time to reflect on what they're doing is very valuable, and we provide that space."

THE GOOD IN BUSINESS™



DEVELOPING THOUGHT LEADERS

Mendoza recently established the first and only Ph.D. in Management at a top Catholic business school to drive meaningful social change through education and research. By emphasizing ethical leadership, social impact, and human flourishing, this program is uniquely designed to produce scholars who are equipped to make a difference in both industry and academia. Gifts from O'Hara Society members have been critical in launching this program with a cohort of mission-driven graduate students.



Marialena, a member of the inaugural Mendoza Ph.D. in Analytics cohort, came to the program driven by a desire to integrate "cura personalis," or the respect for every individual in their entirety, into her work in business technology and higher education. This deeply held belief is the perfect foundation for Mendoza's unique doctoral degree, which explicitly teaches students to "consider the ethical dimension of data and its usage."

Students' ability to focus entirely on this critical work is made possible by the generous support of O'Hara Society members.

"Pursuing a Ph.D. is a big financial commitment, often involving a pay cut, and that's not easy. That's why I'm so grateful. Thanks to the O'Hara Society, I've never had to worry; everything I've needed to pursue my academic career, and more, is always covered. I honestly believe we're the most blessed Ph.D. students in the country."

Marialena Bevilacqua
Ph.D. Student, Analytics



Members of the O'Hara Society change the lives of Notre Dame graduate business students. Their words speak volumes about the impact of the Mendoza College of Business on their futures.

"What will stick with me most from my Notre Dame journey is the extraordinary generosity of those who **invested their time and energy in my success**. The community here is deeply committed to uplifting and caring for one another, and I have felt that at every step. The meaningful connections I've built and the unwavering support I've experienced will remain with me long after this program."
—Shannon Klaus '26 MBA

"For me, Notre Dame has always embodied rich tradition, academic prowess, a strong alumni network, and, of course, the iconic Fighting Irish spirit. These impressions have been further solidified during my time in the Mendoza MBA program, where the unwavering commitment to excellence, values-driven education, and sense of community mirrors the **core ethos of Notre Dame**."
—Cristina Garcia Abedrabbo '25 MBA

"My time in 'Business on the Frontlines' was a highlight of my MBA. Traveling to Kyrgyzstan and meeting with local entrepreneurs opened my eyes to the **global reach of Notre Dame** and the **power of combining social impact with business skills**."
—James Smart '26 MBA

"Notre Dame wasn't my backup plan. It was a divine alignment... Because here, **the doors don't just open. They stay open long enough for you to find your way home**. And for that, I will always find ways to give back."
—Kingsley Ukaulor '25 MBA





Dear O'Hara Society members,

On behalf of our students, *thank you.*

You are the essential foundation of the graduate business experience at Notre Dame. Your remarkable generosity, coupled with the wisdom and personal support you share, plays a defining role in shaping the success of our students.

It is an honor to hear your Notre Dame stories and see such incredible alumni and friends supporting our students' professional journeys. I look forward to welcoming many more of you back to campus and into conversation this coming year.

I am always available if you'd like to talk about our exciting College developments or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sending warm regards from Notre Dame.

Gratefully,

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