



O'HARA

SOCIETY



2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT



"Father O'Hara founded this business school in 1921 against some opposition. There were members of the Notre Dame faculty who believed that studying business amounted to vocational training, and that business as a discipline did not belong at a great Catholic liberal arts university. But Father O'Hara had a different vision—one of integration. He understood that studying business and preparing students for life in business is never either/or. It is always both/and. Business is about both the human person (and thus social science and liberal arts) and about technical analysis and practical skills.

Father O'Hara persevered, and the vision that drove him then still drives us today. Father O'Hara said, and I quote, *'The primary function of commerce is service to mankind. Business has a code of ethics based very largely on divine principles. When this code is followed, commerce can and does advance civilization.'* That is our founding charge. That is what we mean by our imperative today to 'grow the good in business.' And it is as urgent now as it was then."

Commencement address to Mendoza College of Business Class of 2026

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

\$3.4M

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

28

full-tuition fellowships
funded

4.4%

of tuition funded across
all programs

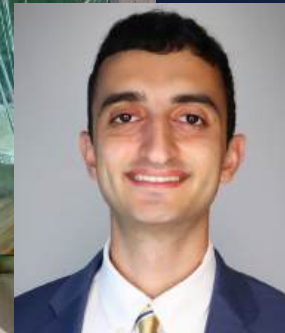
494

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



CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Mendoza's approach to graduate education is distinctively Catholic in its commitment to ethics, moral leadership, and Catholic Social Teaching. It also provides a universal experience, welcoming students of all backgrounds and faiths who share a passion for human dignity and service. As Cardinal O'Hara envisioned, our community continues to *Grow the Good in Business* to improve the human condition worldwide.



"Notre Dame is more than an institution of higher learning. It is a place where lifelong friends, committed mentors, and a loving community all uplift us to a higher calling—a vocation. My challenge is and has been to integrate Catholic life with the practice of business. Not just to attend Mass between a busy schedule, but to incorporate the life-giving Sacraments with every aspect of my being, especially my profession. You have made this possible."

Diab Eid '26 MBA

GLOBAL IMMERSIONS

Before a student can manage a \$26 million portfolio in Applied Investment Management (AIM) or partner with humanitarian groups in post-conflict communities through Meyer Business on the Frontlines, they first need a way to get to Notre Dame.

Fellowship support through the O'Hara Society bridges that gap by opening doors for students from all backgrounds and financial circumstances. Your gifts allow Mendoza to recruit exceptional candidates committed to using business to drive positive change. Once on campus, fellowship recipients take full advantage of Mendoza's hands-on curriculum—gaining real client experience, building global perspective, and learning how to lead organizations ethically.



"One of the most life-changing experiences of my time here was participating in Business on the Frontlines in Uganda with St. Bakhita's. Working alongside local leaders and communities there stretched me personally, professionally, and spiritually. It reframed how I think about business; not just as a vehicle for performance, but as a responsibility to serve, to uplift, and to act with integrity. I left Uganda with a clearer sense of purpose and a deeper commitment to leading with both competence and heart. That experience is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

Katie Wiggin '26 MBA



"In Business on the Frontlines: Local Impact, my team partnered with a nonprofit addressing food insecurity in South Bend. Through conversations with community members, we discovered that beyond access to food, there was a real need for cooking education and confidence. That experience reinforced for me that meaningful impact comes from listening first and building solutions alongside the people you serve."

James Smart '26 MBA

ALUMNI NETWORK

Notre Dame's alumni community is routinely ranked among the most effective in higher education, not just because of its scale, but because of its spirit. With 48,000 Mendoza graduates embedded in a broader network of 150,000 Notre Dame alumni worldwide, our graduates join a community deeply committed to opening doors and supporting one another. They serve as mentors to students, hire Irish graduates, and provide professional guidance and insight, all grounded in a shared understanding of what it means to use business as a force for good.

O'Hara Society fellowships bring mission-driven students into the Notre Dame family. Your support gives talented individuals access to a network that supports their careers—and challenges them to lead with integrity and purpose—for the rest of their lives.



"Beyond the classroom, I have been moved by the power of the Notre Dame alumni network. No matter the graduation year, alumni take a genuine interest in my journey, and the pride they show when they realize I am a fellow Domer is truly special."

Umer Butt '26 MBA



"One of the things that I have enjoyed most about being at Notre Dame has been meeting alumni and other individuals who have had fascinating careers in accounting, including guest speakers from the SEC and FBI."

Molly Murray '26 MSA



"It is one of the greatest gifts of my life that I have been able to pursue a Notre Dame education, and I am proud to be a soon-to-be Double Domer."

Jack Rowe '26 MBA

Thank You

Your O'Hara Society membership paves the way for the next generation of values-driven business leaders. These expressions of gratitude reflect the impact of your generosity on graduate students whose Notre Dame journey is made possible by your annual support.

"I want to sincerely thank you for your generous financial gift. I would not be able to pursue my MBA without additional funding, so I am incredibly grateful for your generosity. Please know of my prayers for you and your families."

—Lauren Serfas '27 MBA

"The MBA gave me a career, friends, and a family that I will cherish forever. I am extremely grateful for the support offered by the members of the John Cardinal O'Hara Society."

—Muhammed Saad Kamil '26 MBA, '26 MGA

"Your support inspires me to work hard, strive for excellence, and give back to the community in the future, eventually materializing myself as part of 'a force for good' from Notre Dame."

—Joe Bih '26 EMBA

"Thank you for your heart to give, and for being a conduit for students like me to pursue our dream of becoming Notre Dame alumni. I anxiously anticipate the day when I will be able to support students along their journey, just as I have been supported these past years."

—Amber Clarke '26 EMBA

"Ultimately, this journey would not have been possible without your generosity. I am profoundly thankful to be part of the Notre Dame family and to carry forward the values of integrity, excellence, and service that Notre Dame represents. Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart!"

—Jamie Halperin '26 MBA





Dear members of the O'Hara Society,

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to the Mendoza College of Business. Your membership in the O'Hara Society provides the fellowship aid that brings extraordinary students to Notre Dame, where business is pursued as a true vocation.

By easing financial burdens, your gifts allow our students to receive a world-class business education, immerse themselves in hands-on learning, and step out into the world backed by a global family of 150,000 alumni. Your generosity ensures that values-driven leaders are formed to serve the common good and make a lasting, positive impact on their communities.

We are deeply grateful for all you do to strengthen Our Lady's University.

With gratitude,

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