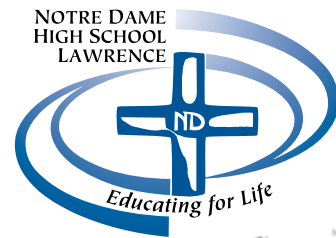


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Principal Dr. Tom Ryan (C) purchasing raffle tickets from NDHS students  
Cristina Nunez '12 (L) and Nelly Alba '12 (R).

## OUR BEST CELEBRATION EVER!

Notre Dame High School hosted 325 guests at a wonderful evening of dinner, dancing, raffles and auctions with our community of donors, Corporate Work Study partners and friends at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Shining Stars Gala** on Friday, April 29, 2011. The Wyndham Andover Hotel ballroom rocked to the sounds of 12 member band *Disco Vortex*. After dinner, guests were invited to the dance floor following a surprise "flash mob" dance that included NDHS staff, student ambassadors and Board members. The evening was emceed by Nicole Oliverio of Channel 7 News.

NDHS is extremely grateful to our Gold Sponsors, TD Bank and Emerson Ecologics; our Silver Sponsors, Emmanuel College, Johnson O'Hare Co., and Nuance Communications; all auction item donors; and all attendees for their wonderful support of our students. Thanks to their generosity, we raised \$105,000 for NDHS students.

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*"Education is the key to peace everywhere. If we are truly our brother's keeper...we are obligated to help children wherever we can reach their full potential."*  
- Honoree Suzanne Wright of the Ibrahim El-Hefni Technical Training Foundation

## CLASS OF '11 COMMENCES

The Class of 2011 graduated before an enthusiastic crowd at St. Mary of the Assumption Church on Saturday, June 11, 2011. The graduation procession was led by Marshall Gabriella Suarez '12 and President of Notre Dame High School, Sr. Mary Murphy, SNDdeN, Ph.D. The graduates were greeted by a large crowd of well-wishers as they entered the church.

Yashana Rivera, Class President, commented about the phases that were a big part of their last four years before officially opening the ceremony with the invocation. Sr. Mary Murphy spoke passionately about the mission of the school and the importance of carrying out the goals of each student – to earn a college degree.

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L-R Tiffanie Rosario '11 and Vicky Velez '11.

# BEST CELEBRATION EVER! (continued from page 1)

Honoree Suzanne Wright of the Ibrahim El-Hefni Technical Training Foundation moved so many as she shared her belief that donating to educate those in need will bring about peace.

Senior Ambar Sabino spoke of the transformative power of her NDHS education. Thanks to the generosity of our donors who made her NDHS education possible, Ambar will attend College of the Holy Cross and plans to one day own a company that will hire NDHS students.



(L-R) Incarnation Parish volunteers Andi Taffe, Mary Ahern, Elizabeth Kossuth and Helen Sullivan.



(L-R) Jean Poth of Northern Essex Community College, NECC President Lane Glenn with wife Kim, Honoree Suzanne Wright of the Ibrahim El-Hefni Technical Training Foundation and David Hartleb.

*Visit our website for more Gala photos and a video presentation!*  
[www.ndhslaw.org](http://www.ndhslaw.org)



New NDHS Board Member Danelle Radney and husband Gordon preview the faculty-donated wine basket at the silent auction.

## Julie Tarara, Ph.D. '84: St. Mary Alumna to Leave Bequest to NDHS

"I attended St. Mary High School because of a generous scholarship," says Dr. Julie Tarara '84. "I was among the first in my family who went to college." Now a Lead Scientist for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Washington State, Dr. Tarara runs a research program in the western U.S.

"I was motivated to include NDHS in my will for two reasons: first, I believe in the Cristo Rey model, and second, I believe in paying back for the assistance that was given to me during my own education so that we can, as they say, 'pay forward' for a young person today to have this educational and life opportunity. I know firsthand how immensely life-changing a solid education can be."

For more information about leaving a bequest, please call Mary Opanasets, Director of Development, at (978) 689-8222 x18, 9 am to 5 pm EST, Monday through Friday, or email [mopanasets@ndhslaw.org](mailto:mopanasets@ndhslaw.org).



# CLASS OF '11 COMMENCES

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The class of 2011 boasts two Valedictorians: Liz Cintron and Yaritza Vargas. Liz's speech related their school experiences with the "Seven Habits of Successful People" book. Yaritza's comments focused on leaving a secure world and moving on to a world where correct decisions would be the key to success.

Graduates were introduced by Dean of Students, Enid Ortiz, and presented diplomas by Sr. Mary Murphy, SNDdeN, Sr. Maryalyce Gilfeather, SNDdeN, Director of Corporate Work Study and Dr. Thomas Ryan, Principal.



*The Class of 2011.*



*Catherine Perez '11 receives the Corporate Work Study Program Award from Sr. Maryalyce Gilfeather, SND.*



*Ambar Sabino '11 singing "You've Got a Friend" by Carole King.*



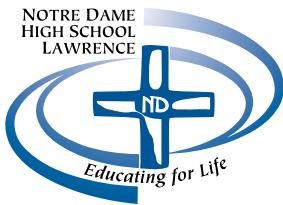
*Kelvin Martinez '11 and his date at the prom.*

## Spring Happenings @ NDHS

College Counselor Aliali Belkus organized NDHS' 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Sunset Slam**. Twenty-two students presented poetry and songs to over 100 community members, faculty, staff, family, students, and alumni who enjoyed a festive evening. We can't wait to do it again next year!

Alumni Counselor Jon Krol hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Ms. & Mr. NDHS Pageant** judged by a faculty and staff panel. Four couples competed in three rounds including a Celebrity Couple Impersonation. Despite a brilliant performance by the defending champions, juniors Wysnar Marte and Cristina Nunez broke the first-ever tie to take the title.

The **Junior/Senior Prom** was a great success. Our students looked beautiful and danced the night away. Faculty and staff enjoyed seeing the students arrive in their finery!



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## TEE OFF TO BENEFIT NDHS



Save the date for Notre Dame High School's first-ever Golf Tournament at Bellevue Golf Club in Melrose, MA on **Monday, October 3rd.**

Bellevue Golf Club is a private golf course designed in the classic Donald Ross tradition with challenging small greens and reasonably tight fairways.

Join us and tee off to benefit NDHS. For reservations, call or email Mary Opanasets at (978) 689-8222 x18 or [mopanasets@ndhslaw.org](mailto:mopanasets@ndhslaw.org). We look forward to seeing you out on the course!

## CORPORATE WORK STUDY: PATH TO LEADERSHIP

Sr. Maryalyce Gilfeather, SND, Director of the Corporate Work Study Program, recently received this letter of gratitude for a completed project assigned to CWSP student workers. The students' personal and professional qualities, developed at NDHS, are reflected in these words below:

*“Occasionally, we are blessed with individuals who arrive ready to do whatever is necessary to serve those in need. What is very unusual is to see this level of maturity in a young person. George and Yahalix are such individuals. I believe their decision to choose excellence has already placed them on the path to leadership.”*  
- Tom Keefe  
President, IMEC