

Changing Seasons

College has a calendar of its own, with shifts of seasons meant to awaken, thrill, challenge and reset, sometimes all at once. Summer is one of those times where people think of students resetting ourselves and bank accounts with trips to the beach and gig jobs. For our scholars, summer is a chance to travel to far-flung locales and embark on professional internships (Dublin, Rome, and both coasts of the US), to take classes (Berlin and DC), and to engage in service (Ghana, South Africa, Puerto Rico, among other sites in the new [ND Bridge Program](#)). It's also a chance to root more deeply at Notre Dame, working with [Pre-College Programs](#) and University Housing, and doing bench research in the lab (see: spinal neuron conduits) and clinical research at the William J. Shaw Center for Children and Families. Check us out on Instagram and LinkedIn, as we highlight these incredible experiences and the scholars committing to a summer of growth.

This newsletter highlights this Spring 2023 with its academic and professional trips to Ireland and New York City, respectively. Our Spring Break Immersions remind us how incredibly generous our campus and site partners are and how committed our community is to providing the most enriching experiences possible for our program.

We also said farewell and see you soon to our truly remarkable 7th cohort. These scholars know all about resets and challenges, but proved they could still make a mark at Our Lady's University. Thankfully, graduating cohorts means we will soon welcome a matriculating cohort. Our staff is deep in Orientation planning and can't wait to get the family back together in August.

Thank you to all who made this 10th year a resounding success! We're keeping the celebrations going through the fall and we hope to see many of you at our annual tailgate on September 16, 2023. Make plans now to visit campus and reconnect with the very best scholars on campus!

See you soon!

Maria, Amanda, and Sarah

2023 Salutatorian

Miguel Coste, Jr. '23

We had a lot to celebrate this year at Commencement this year. The University of Notre Dame named Miguel Salutatorian out of a pool of Valedictory candidates from each college. As such, he gave the invocation at the ceremony. Fr. Jenkins even mentioned Miguel's six year old niece, Bella, in his introduction. He was charmed, as we were,



Miguel Coste, Jr. '23

that Bella had been counting down the days until Miguel's graduation. We are all extraordinarily proud of him.

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“Coming to Notre Dame, AnBryce was a huge help. I don’t think I’d become salutatorian without AnBryce and all the support I received as a first generation student.”



Elicia Dennis ND '18, '23

Graduate Spotlights: Elicia Dennis and Amanda Hammond.

Elicia Dennis became our second Double Domer with her Master's of Data Science. (MDS) Elicia is an award-winning Web Content Strategist in the College of Arts and Letters. She also President of the Notre Dame Black Faculty and Staff Association and is on the AN-Bryce Foundation Alumni Advisory Council.

Recently, Elicia received Notre Dame's Inclusion Award, recognizing an employee who lives and models diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging at the University.

Associate Director, Amanda Hammond, received her Master's of Nonprofit Administration (MNA) with honors. Amanda was also inducted into Nu Lambda Mu. Her graduate thesis focused on a decennial review of AnBryce and included a survey of a former and current AnBryce Scholars resulting in a trove of data for use with out continuous improvement initaitve.

Amanda will teach a Moreau First Year Experience course in the fall. In her free time she is also certified swimming judge.



Amanda Hammond ND '23

Graduation Goodbyes



The Welters family with our 2023 graduates, alumni, and faculty director, Dr. Maria McKenna.



Taylor Locust majored in Art and Gender Studies and will be working with the South Bend Boys and Girls Club. Aaron Jalca majored in Political Science Economics and will be a Research Associate at Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunity (LEO) at Notre Dame



Carlondrea (Lala) Petty majored in Pre Professional Studies and Spanish. She will be an intern with the San Francisco 49ers this summer. In the fall she will travel to the Canary Islands as a Fulbright ETA Fellow.



Miguel Coste, Jr. majored in Neuroscience and Behavior. He will be a Technical Solutions Engineer at Epic Systems in Wisconsin. Carlos Flores graduated from the School of Architecture and will be an Architectural Designer for Yellowhouse Architects in Miami.



Lesli Romero and Bryan Barriga completed their Civil Engineering degrees and will return to campus in the fall as part of the Reilly Dual Degree Program, where students graduate in 5 years with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree. Lesli's additional degree will be in Art History and Bryan's will be in Economics. Lesli is working at Clark Constuction in Washington, DC and Bryan is working at Turner Construction in Anaheim.

Global Immersion 2023: Ireland

This year's class of global travellers were lucky enough to spend the week leading up to St. Patrick's Day at our Notre Dame Global Gateways in Dublin and Kylemore Abbey, Ireland. Activities included a star studded Irish music performance at the National Concert Hall, visits to the National Gallery, Chester Beatty Museum, The Epic Irish Emigration Museum, the National Museum of Ireland, the Museum of Country Life, and Trinity College's Book of Kells and Long Room. A walking tour of Dublin's Docklands, rainy hikes tracing the potato famine, a Sheep Farm visit, and a local St. Patrick's Day parade and traditional Irish music and dance rounded out the week. We are so very grateful for our Global Gateway partners and the care they put into our annual visits!



Cohort 10 in Dublin with Anbryce staff, Professor Patrick Clauss and Professor Kevin Whalen



Alex, Isabel, Macy and Emi at the EPIC Museum in Dublin



Sonia, Mary, and Isabel at the St Patrick's Day Parade



Kanysha, Eva, Alex, and Josh at Kylemore Abbey



Liz at Tom Nee's Sheep Farm



Cohort 10 and staff at ND Global Gateway's, O'Connell House in Dublin



Kanysha in Dublin

Network Immersion 2023: New York City

This year's Network Immersion took place in New York City and boy was it a full week! We could not have done it without tremendous support from several wonderful people. We are very grateful to the entire Welters family and Thelma Duggin, Brian Maher and Christina Glorioso at NBC, Byron Spruell at the NBA, Carly Murphy at Christie's, John Murphy of John Murphy & Associates, Greg Calnon at Goldman Sachs, Fred Giuffrida and Pam Joyner, Rob Little and Stephen Smith, and our amazing partners in Development (Jess, Stu, Kim, Steve, Ryan, George, and Bill).





Lunch and gallery visit at the home of Fred Giuffrida and Pam Joyner



Dinner with ND and NYU AnBryce scholars



Lunch with ND alumni at NBC/Universal



Derrick and Alan at the Statue of Liberty



Watching home videos with Tom Mendoza



Representing County Wexford at the St Patrick's Day Parade

Wecome Cohort 11!

A very big AnBryce welcome to our incoming Cohort 11. These ten scholars made a big impression on us during selection and we are so excited to add them to our AnBryce family.

- Branden Browning - Kemp, TX
- Michaela Cooper - Saint Louis, MO
- Izzy Espinosa - Bowling Green, OH
- Janet Gomez-Trejo - Chicago, IL
- Yaritza Padilla - Inglewood CA
- Mia Patlan - Gun Barrel, TX
- Kacper Szyller - Milford, NJ
- Frank Tran - San Jose, CA
- Ioane Tuaeopepe - Kapolei, HI
- Ashly Turcios-Sierra - Gatlinburg, TN



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