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Congrats to Lance Castille and Margaret Schmid who were crowned Prom King and Queen!

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message from the
ADMINISTRATORS

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 30, 2021

Dear Notre Dame Family,

As we near the end of the school year and prepare for numerous events, ceremonies, milestones and celebrations; we ask that you pray for all our students—that they may experience God's love, the support of family and friends, the satisfaction of a job well-done, the joy and excitement of future endeavors, and that they will be kept safe from injury and harm. We are thankful to God and to Our Lady for helping us to navigate the obstacles of our journey this year

Congratulations to our student athletes who have represented us in spring sports and activities! Our softball team will play tomorrow for the state championship, our baseball team will play next week, as well as our golf team, and Nick Gautreaux will throw the discus in the state track and field finals. Your hard work and PIO spirit are evident.

Mrs. Mandy has sent out a notice via email to Seniors and their parents giving all guidelines for Senior Mass, Graduation Practice and Graduation. Please refer to these instructions for dates, times, mode of dress and instructions for who can attend. She has also sent out information about Junior Ring Mass to our Juniors and their families. We ask your cooperation so that these ceremonies can be as trouble-free and smooth as possible.

Please be reminded that NO STUDENT will be allowed to take final exams if there is an outstanding debt to the school. This is local and diocesan policy. The obligations include tuition, class dues, cafeteria, text books, library, athletic dues, uniforms and subsidy (if not paid). Prompt attention to these matters will facilitate final exam administration. There can be no exceptions made to this policy.

As we approach the end of the year, please help us reinforce the idea that it is important to finish the year with great work ethic and pride. This means adequate preparation for exams, adherence to school policies and attendance at closing ceremonies. We thank you, once again, for your prayers and support. May Our Lady continue to richly bless every member of the NDHS family.

Blessings,

5/2 ... Athletic Crawfish Boil

5/10-13 ... Senior Exams

5/12 ... Senior Farewell
Mass & Awards,
ND Gym, 9:30am

5/19 ... Graduation Practice
Church Point, 10am

5/19 ... Athletic Banquet
Rayne Civic Center
6:00pm

5/21 ... Graduation, 9am
Our Lady of the
Sacred Heart Church
(No School)

5/24-27 ... Final Exams

5/26... Junior Ring Mass,
ND Gym, 10:15am



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Reasons For Working Your Way Through High School

High school students benefit from part-time employment, but they need **time management skills**. Learning to budget time and to use it well is a skill that many students don't learn until they're in college or in their actual careers. Yet knowing how to handle numerous responsibilities helps students prepare for the **academic vigor of college**.

Going from school to extracurricular activities and then to a job means having to do homework late at night, or, in some cases, working ahead during the weekends to ensure everything is complete for the coming week. It's possible for students to over commit themselves out of a desire to make more money or because they are not yet adept at time management.

While the line between how much work is too much may seem nebulous, experts have found that **students who work more than 15 to 20 hours a week see a decrease in academic performance**. Teens shouldn't exceed the recommended number of hours at their jobs, nor should they spend sleeping or studying time at work.

Federal Rules:

Working hours for 14- and 15-year-olds are limited to:

Non-school hours

3 hours in a school day

18 hours in a school week

8 hours on a non-school day

40 hours on a non-school week

Students who are 16 and 17 can work unlimited hours. Because teens over 16 can work unlimited hours, they have the most responsibility for balancing school and work. Parents of students ages 16 to 18 should make sure their jobs **don't expect them to work late hours** and should carefully monitor work schedules. If students appear to be spending too much time at work, parents should help them refocus on their studies.

-Caitrin Blake-

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Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before. -Bonnie Blair

60%

of employers **screen candidates via social media.**

Post like everyone is looking.

Keep it clean.

No-no's: Timeline posts involving profanity, bitter political rants, bad-mouthing companies or bosses.

Keep it professional.

Many recruiters frown upon too many selfies. Bad spelling and grammar can suggest that you don't communicate well.

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Q: Someone could tell me 99 positive things about me and one negative, and I will dwell on that one thing. Why do I do this?

A: We humans are really good at dwelling on stuff that makes us feel bad. This negativity bias was helpful to our ancestors when survival depended on avoiding distress, danger, and discomfort. It helps explain why criticism stings so much and why a negative comment eclipses anything positive. Just because we are hardwired to be sensitive doesn't mean that we must take everything so personally. One of the best strategies to defang the sting of criticism is to dissect it! Recognize that the negative comment is about something specific and not an indictment of you as a human being. If your boss thought your presentation wasn't good enough, it does not mean that you are not enough. You are not your presentation. When you separate the comment from yourself, you gain perspective and will be more open to hearing what the other person has to say.

-Dr. Samantha Boardman, Cornell Instructor



RELIGION NEWS

With the current school year coming to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank our Notre Dame community for continuing to support us in our greatest work here at school, forming true disciples of Jesus Christ. This monumental effort begins in the home, is continued in our many Catholic feeder schools, encouraged by the community, and is then entrusted to us here at Notre Dame to continue that work. We have been privileged to see our students grow and thrive in their faith.

While we haven't been able to have the usual prayer services, Bible studies, Apologetics groups, retreats and Campus Ministry activities that a 'normal' year would have allowed for, our faith certainly wasn't put on hold.

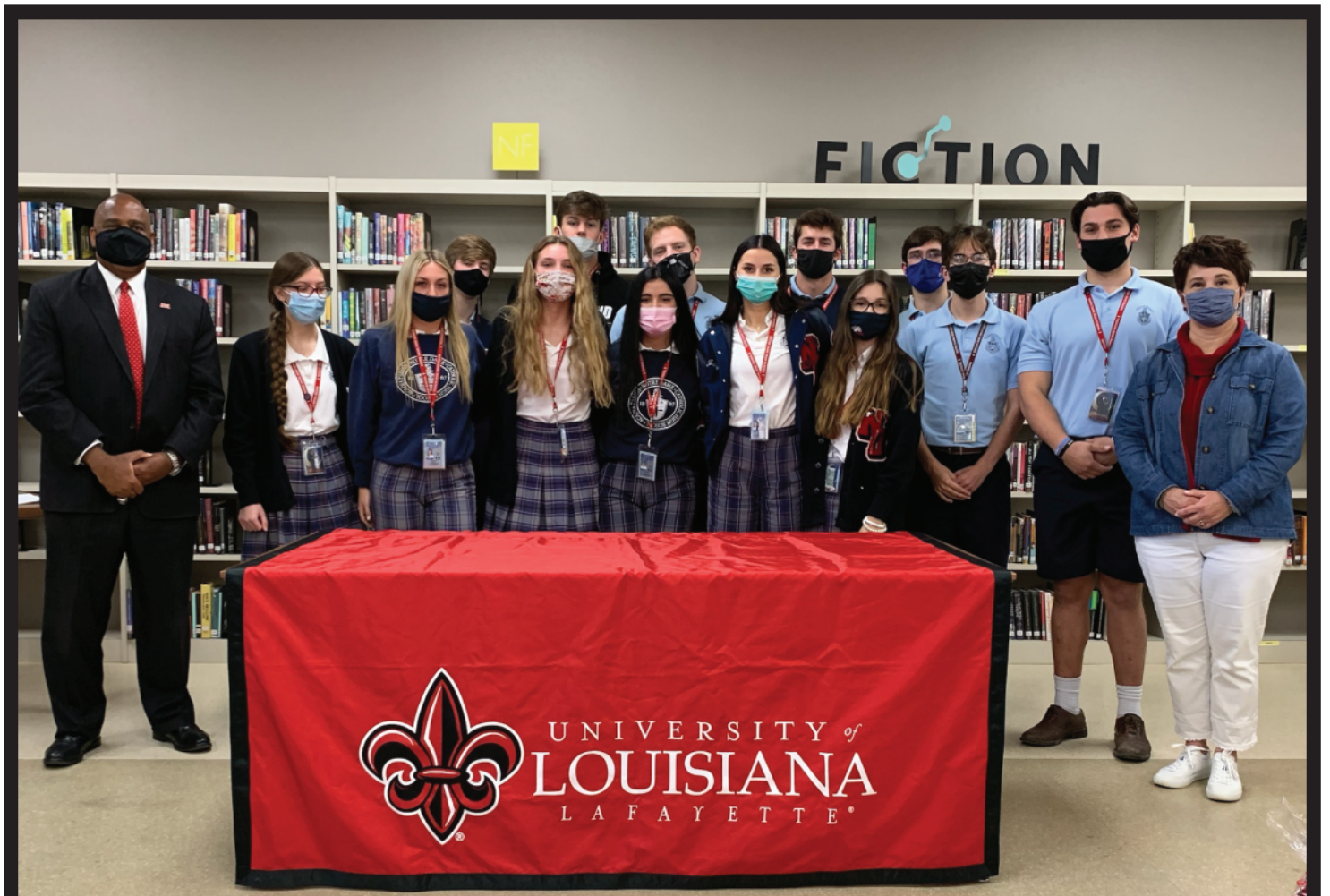
One of the hidden blessings of this year was to see our students grow to have a deeper appreciation for the Sacraments. While all of the 'extra' might have been stripped away, we were able to ensure that the Sacraments, the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, remained present and available to our students.

To see students lining up for Tuesday confessions in the chapel, to see them getting excited when it was "their turn" to be able to go to Mass and receive the Eucharist... these are the moments that were highlighted during this pandemic. When so much seems to have been taken away, Jesus remains. His love, His mercy, His Grace given to us through the Sacraments is always there for us. This is the purpose of our school, to bring our students closer and closer to Jesus Christ. And 2020-2021 brought this mission and purpose to the forefront of our minds.

Once again, thank you for your constant support and prayers for our school, our students, and our mission of Catholic education and formation. If you would like to support our Catholic formation or Campus Ministry program in a special way, please do not hesitate to contact Religion Administrator and Campus Minister, James Franke at jfranke@ndpios.com.

God bless and have a happy, holy, and healthy summer!!!

--James Franke



Congratulations to these thirteen Notre Dame seniors who were honored at our UL-Lafayette Academic Signing. Together they have received over \$160,000 in award dollars and have an average GPA of 3.8 and ACT of 29 ! Pictured with Dr. Dwayne Bowie, UL Vice-President of Enrollment Management are: Ava Baudoin, Sydnie Dailey, Jude Hebert, Melise Maloz, Parker Seilhan, Gabrielle Welch, George Herbert, Jadyn Devillier, Nick Gautreaux, Gracie Miller, Matthew Taylor, Jack Himel, Lance Castille, Mandy Miller, ND Development Director



Happy Birthday!



May Birthdays

1- Jack Guidry
3- Abigayle Daigle
4- Sydnie Dailey
5- Andrea Mouton
6- Ben Francis
8- Peyton Maloz

9- Abigale Jennings
15- Kyla Abshire
16- Koen Hensgens
16- Walker Venable
16- Jayden Andrepont
17- Logan LaPointe
19- Nicholas Doucet

19- Keeffer Kelbaugh
19- Katherine Privat
22- Julianna Miller
23- Luke Hoffpauir
25- Halle Smith
25- Katie Doucet

7- Mrs. Marla Faust

13- Mrs. Mandy Miller

28- Mrs. Sheila Rothermel



NDHS Library collects Community Coffee labels. Would you please help us collect enough labels to help pay for databases? No amount is too small. This is an easy way to support our library. Every little bit helps!



ND Tennis players participated in the State Tennis Tournament and had a good showing! From left: Morgan Belaire, Margaret Schmid, Joey Brinkman, Mary Grace Burleigh, Ryan Goss, Lily Heidtman and Coach DeAnn Goss

ATHLETIC NEWS

The Athletic Crawfish Boil is this Sunday, May 2. Crawfish pickup will be at the Frog Festival Pavilion in Rayne.

Unpaid athletic dues and uniforms still out will result in students not being able to take final exams.

The senior athletic banquet will be May 19, 6:00 PM at the Rayne Civic Center Ballroom. Senior athletes, cheerleaders, dancers, trainers and managers will be honored. We regret that only parents of these students may attend.



**GOOD LUCK TO THE VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM
ON THE ROAD TO STATE! QUARTERFINAL
PLAY BEGINS NEXT WEEK!!**





**Congratulations on a great season to our
Pio Track team !!
Boys - 2nd Place in District
Girls - 2nd Place in District**

**Good Luck to:
Nick Gautreaux
Discus**

**He will compete in the state meet
next Friday at LSU!**



**Congrats to the ND Golf Team and coaches!!
Heading to STATE next week!**

**Congrats & Good Luck to the Lady Pio Softball Team
Headed to the Championship Game on Saturday at 3pm in Sulphur!**



COVID PREVENTED US FROM HAVING OUR ACADEMIC PEP RALLY AND CELEBRAING OUR STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVMENTS, BUT WE WANTED TO SHARE THEIR EARNED PLACEMENT IN AN HONOR GROUP (BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD, PLATINUM) FOR ALL THREE NINE WEEKS THIS SCHOOL YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS!

SENIORS

Chloe' Alleman - Gold & Platinum
 Morgan Alleman - Platinum
 Ava Baudoin - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Jillian Bourgeois - Platinum
 Jake Breaux - Bronze, Silver & Platinum
 Joey Brinkman - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Katie Brouillette - Gold & Platinum
 Lauren Broussard - Gold
 Ireland Carter - Platinum
 Lance Castille - Platinum
 Tyler Cates - Bronze & Silver
 Lauren Comeaux - Gold
 Amanda Cormier - Platinum
 Sydnie Dailey - Platinum
 Alexis Dalfrey - Gold
 Jady'n Devillier - Platinum
 Jeanne Dugas - Gold & Platinum
 Nicholas Gautreaux - Platinum
 Audrey Gilder - Gold & Platinum
 Alaya Granger - Platinum
 Boyd Gray - Platinum
 Page Gray - Platinum
 Meg Guidry - Gold & Platinum
 Gabriel Hebert - Silver & Gold
 Jude Hebert - Gold & Platinum
 George Herbert - Platinum
 Grace Higginbotham - Gold
 Lydia Higginbotham - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Jack Himel - Platinum
 Hunter Hoffpauir - Gold & Platinum
 Lauren Hoffpauir - Bronze & Silver
 Analei Jennings - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Avery Keller - Bronze & Silver
 Alaina Kibodeaux - Gold & Platinum
 Emma Lambert - Gold & Platinum
 David Landry - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Josh Lejeune - Platinum
 Emma Leonards - Gold
 Gabe Leonards - Silver & Platinum
 Parker Link - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Leah Lowery - Silver & Gold
 Melise Maloz - Gold & Platinum
 Parker McNees - Silver & Gold
 Morgan Meche - Silver & Gold
 Emma Menard - Silver
 Ethan Menard - Bronze & Silver
 Peyton Menard - Silver & Gold
 Gracie Miller - Gold & Platinum
 Gabrielle Mouton - Bronze
 Gracie Mouton - Gold & Platinum
 Mackenzie Olinger - Platinum
 Katherine Privat - Bronze, Silver & Platinum
 Collin Reiners - Silver
 Hudson Reviere - Bronze & Silver
 John Rivette - Gold & Platinum
 Emma Robichaux - Bronze & Silver
 Addison Rose - Bronze & Silver
 Sullivan Rue - Platinum
 Margaret Schmid - Gold & Platinum
 Parker Seilhan - Gold & Platinum
 Bailey Sittig - Silver & Platinum
 Blake Smith - Platinum
 Lauren Stewart - Gold & Platinum
 Matthew Taylor - Platinum
 Alexis Thibodeaux - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Dominic Thibodeaux - Gold & Platinum
 Hayden Thomas - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Camille Trahan - Silver & Gold
 William Vice - Platinum
 Paige Vincent - Bronze
 Connor Walker - Bronze
 Gabrielle Welch - Platinum
 Kayli Zaunbrecher - Gold & Platinum

JUNIORS

Evelyn Andrus - Bronze, Silver & Platinum
 Kaylee Bedel - Platinum
 Jake Benoit - Bronze & Silver
 Maci Bergeron - Silver & Gold
 Matthew Bernard - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Luke Bertrand - Bronze & Silver
 Morgan Boudreaux - Silver
 Sara Boulet - Bronze, Gold & Platinum
 Brayden Broussard - Silver & Platinum
 Karson Broussard - Bronze & Gold
 Kelsey Broussard - Silver & Platinum
 Taylor Broussard - Bronze
 Ella Cantrell - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Keely Chenevert - Bronze & Platinum
 Maggie Chiasson - Bronze
 Caleb Comeaux - Silver & Gold
 Claire Cormier - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Owen Delhomme - Bronze & Silver
 Charlotte Doucet - Silver & Platinum
 Blake Francis - Bronze & Silver
 Joseph Frank - Bronze
 Maddison Frey - Bronze & Silver
 Samantha Gallion - Bronze & Silver
 Ethan Gary - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Thomas Gattle - Gold & Platinum
 Rosemary Gielen - Bronze
 Michael Goss - Platinum
 David Guidry - Bronze & Silver
 Anna Guinn - Bronze
 Andrew Habetz - Platinum
 John Habetz - Bronze
 Emma Hanks - Platinum
 Caylyn Henry - Bronze
 Emma Hernandez - Gold & Platinum
 Graycie Hollier - Silver & Gold
 Andrus Kelbaugh - Gold & Platinum
 Joseph Landry - Bronze & Silver
 Kathryn Leblanc - Bronze & Silver
 Myra Lejeune - Bronze & Silver
 Seth Leonards - Bronze & Gold
 Laura Loewer - Bronze & Silver
 Frances Meche - Bronze, Silver & Platinum
 Taylor Meche - Bronze & Silver
 Collin Miller - Gold
 Hayden Miller - Platinum
 Landon Miller - Platinum
 Lillian Miller - Platinum
 Jillian Moody - Platinum
 Lily Morgan - Platinum
 Maddie Murrell - Gold & Platinum
 Russell Nugier - Bronze & Silver
 Madeline Oliver - Gold
 Julia Patin - Bronze & Silver
 Corine Poncho - Bronze
 Madison Price - Platinum
 Adam Reiners - Silver & Platinum
 Abigail Savoy - Platinum
 Angel Smith - Gold & Platinum
 Halle Smith - Bronze & Silver
 Nicholas Swacker - Silver & Gold
 Lindsey Trahan - Platinum
 David Trisler - Bronze
 Nikolaus Vice - Platinum
 Molly Webb - Gold & Platinum
 Ashtyn Wimberley - Bronze & Gold

SOPHOMORES

Andrew Abshire - Bronze
 Graci Alleman - Gold
 Morgan Belaire - Gold & Platinum
 Samuel Bernard - Bronze & Silver
 Thad Bertrand - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Nasyr Billy - Bronze, Silver & Platinum
 Ella Boudreaux - Silver & Platinum
 Madison Boudreaux - Silver
 Angelle Bourgeois - Bronze & Silver
 Elizabeth Bourgeois - Bronze & Silver
 Jake Brouillette - Bronze
 Charlie Cantrell - Bronze
 Kaitlyn Constantin - Gold & Platinum
 Kade Cooley - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Ann Louise Cramer - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Gabriel Cramer - Bronze & Silver
 Abigail Daigle - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Ana David - Bronze
 Dawson Doucet - Gold & Platinum
 Joshua Faulk - Bronze & Silver
 Benjamin Francis - Bronze
 Macey Freed - Bronze & Silver
 Cameron Fusilier - Platinum
 Lane Gaspard - Bronze & Silver
 Addyson Gautreaux - Silver, Gold & Platinum
 Ryan Goss - Platinum
 Allie Gray - Silver & Platinum
 Amelia Gray - Bronze & Silver
 Julia Guinn - Silver
 Emma Hayes - Gold & Platinum
 Alayna Hebert - Bronze & Silver
 Lily Heidtman - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Olivia Hensgens - Gold & Platinum
 Mary Herbert - Bronze & Silver
 Ziyen Hirani - Platinum
 Aleigha Hollie - Silver & Gold
 Claudia Kibodeaux - Gold & Platinum
 Luke Laverne - Bronze
 Evan Leblanc - Bronze
 Luke J. Leblanc - Silver
 Sutter Ledbetter - Bronze
 Hunter Leonards - Bronze & Gold
 Callie Maitre - Silver & Gold
 Christian McNees - Bronze
 Branson Melancon - Silver & Gold
 Teddy Menard - Silver
 Tripp Mixon - Platinum
 Collin Moody - Platinum
 Aidan Mouton - Silver & Platinum
 Alli Mouton - Platinum
 Andrea Mouton - Bronze
 Caroline Nelson - Bronze & Silver
 James Orillion - Bronze
 Annabelle Pitts - Platinum
 Elizabeth Prevost - Bronze & Silver
 Jeremy Prevost - Bronze
 Olevia Schefcik - Silver & Gold
 Blaire Signorelli - Silver & Platinum
 Meredith Smith - Bronze & Silver
 Blair Stanford - Bronze & Silver
 Jack Viator - Silver

FRESHMEN

Ellie Adams - Platinum
 Ahnnie Albrow - Silver & Gold
 Jayden Andrepoint - Silver
 Madison Aucoin - Silver & Gold
 Lila Baudoin - Silver & Gold
 Gracie Bearb - Gold & Platinum
 Sophie Bergeron - Silver & Gold
 Gavin Bourgeois - Bronze
 Lydia Brown - Bronze
 Jack Cassedy - Bronze & Silver
 Ellen Cormier - Platinum
 Ryan Dailey - Bronze & Silver
 Emma Domingue - Silver & Gold
 Meg Dorr - Bronze
 Katie Doucet - Silver
 Justin Dupuis - Gold
 Emilie Fields - Bronze & Silver
 Aiden Fruge - Platinum
 Annalise Fruge - Bronze & Silver
 Ian Guillot - Bronze & Silver
 Mariana Guinn - Silver
 Mary Kate Harrington - Bronze & Silver
 Zack Hebert - Silver & Gold
 Mary Himel - Bronze & Silver
 Ella Hoffpauir - Platinum
 Hayden Johnson - Silver & Gold
 Rose Landry - Bronze & Silver
 Evelyn LeBeauf - Bronze & Silver
 Christopher LeLeux - Gold & Platinum
 Frances Leonards - Bronze & Silver
 Jackson Link - Bronze
 Bremin Minnix - Bronze & Silver
 Luke Privat - Bronze
 Joseph Quebodeaux - Bronze
 Haley Rivette - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Luke Schultz - Bronze
 Adam Signorelli - Bronze & Silver
 Lillie Taylor - Platinum
 Klarisse Thibodeaux - Bronze
 Mary Thomas - Silver & Gold
 Walker Venable - Bronze & Gold
 Riley Vidrine - Bronze & Silver
 Caroline Vondenstein - Bronze, Silver & Gold
 Alex Welch - Platinum
 Anna Zaunbrecher - Bronze & Silver