

## Alumni Survey Responses

We heard you! Thank you to the many individuals who responded to our survey to help create a vision and plan for the newly reconstituted Alumni Association. We are delighted to share some of our findings.

**Memories and Reflections:** Overall respondents had fond memories of their time at NDNU, citing their professors, courses, classmates and campus as “incredible, unforgettable, formative and enlightening.”

- “I loved NDNU. There were some challenging moments, but all in all, I am happy I got my education from here. My favorite faculty member was Dr. Don.”
- “Being part of the student government, clubs and orientation team really made the experience of NDNU special. I loved getting to know the Sisters of ND and have become an associate since graduating.”
- “NDNU prepared me for teaching in public schools with my credential for K-8 multiple subject and secondary authorization in Music up to high school. I am retired now; but have been substitute teaching almost every day because the training keeps on giving me more to give.”
- “Attending the-then College of Notre Dame was one of the best moves and times of my life. There were several faculty and staff who helped me develop personally and intellectually. By the time I graduated, I had been involved in a number of groups and clubs in a leadership role. I ran into one of the Sisters at a restaurant 20+ years after graduating and she remembered me! They were such wonderful people when I was there.”
- “I found NDNU so accessible to me as a mother and full-time professional. I don't know how I might have managed to get my education elsewhere.”

**Recommendations:** As we expected, effective communication to alumni emerged as a top priority. While the monthly alumni eNewsletter is a good start, one alum advised “Look for the small stories. There are so many.”

Many expressed interest in attending social events like BBQs, retreats, and mixers while others suggested in-person and online events that involve discussion around topical issues and professional networking opportunities. Creating a contact page for students to keep in touch was another suggestion.

**Going Forward:** A dedicated section for alumni on the NDNU website is in process, with the goal of rolling it out in the next few months. The site will house all of our eNewsletters, events and activities, and down the road, will provide a means by which alumni can keep everyone informed about their lives, as well as opportunities to get in touch with one another. Stay tuned!

Next Thursday, we will be kicking off what we hope will be an ongoing series of social events with a Happy Hour here on campus. [Click here to register for the event.](#) We also look forward to establishing an Alumni Association Steering Committee to help guide our efforts in planning meaningful events and activities.

**What Did We Miss?** Are there additional suggestions or feedback that would be helpful? [Click here to let us know.](#)