



## Alumni E-Newsletter, July 2022



### The Road Ahead: An Interview with James Fogal, Interim Dean, School of Business and Management



**Q: What distinguishes NDNU's School of Business and Management (SBM) from other schools offering graduate business degrees? What's coming down the road?**

Our vision is "to provide an education which affords our graduates abilities and values to make contributions in their profession and their community" and how we do that is by executing on the mission of "providing applied learning and foundational knowledge to prepare graduates for professional advancement." This is why SBM faculty strive to push our

students out of their comfort zones by exposing them to difficult scenarios and letting them dive right in to develop different strategies to overcome the problem. This often entails working in teams and doing a lot of writing and presentation work, areas that initially are uncomfortable for many students. The end result is that students not only master the situation at hand, but also build confidence by seeing their contributions in real time.

In addition to our MBA and MPA degrees, we're on the cusp of launching two additional programs, both highly technical – a Master's in Business Administration – STEM and a Master's in Technology Management. The MBA-STEM program was designed from the ground up for a data rich world. The program bridges the gap by providing the tech-commercialization knowledge for how to make things work.

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### "The Notre Dame Community Raised Me" - Spotlight on Adili Skillin, '94



Left - Adili, his partner and sons.  
Above - Adili's mother's '62 College of Notre Dame graduation with family.

**Adili Skillin** comes from a long line of family members with ties to the Notre Dame learning community. His aunt, Sr. Veronica Skillin, was past President of then College of Notre Dame (CND); his mother attended both Notre Dame High School in San Francisco and CND, and Adili himself is a '94 grad.

"I literally grew up with the Sisters of Notre Dame, both in San Francisco

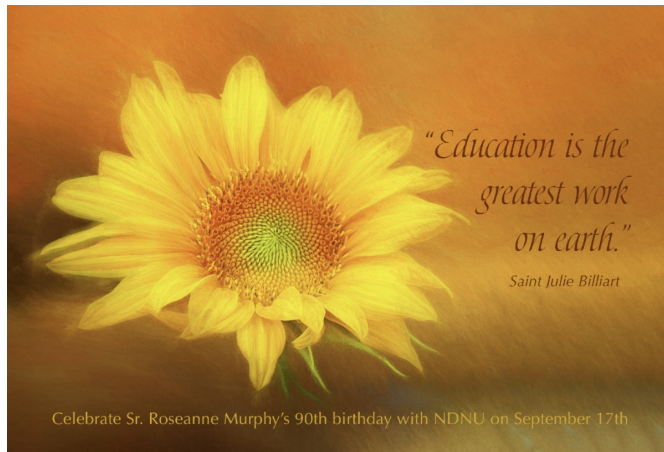
and Belmont. My mother and I used to drive down from the city and visit the Sisters all the time. They always showed me a lot of love."

Born and raised in San Francisco in a single parent home, Adili, whose name means “righteous one” in Swahili, attended public school before entering Mission Dolores Academy in fifth grade. He hails from a big Irish, Italian, and African American family, where it was not uncommon for multiple family members to enter the clergy. In addition to his Aunt Veronica, affectionately called “Toots” by her family members, two of his uncles became priests.

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## Submit Your Favorite Stories and Testimonials! Save the Date for Sr. Roseanne Murphy's 90th Birthday Celebration



We are gearing up for a fun and memorable celebration for **Sr. Roseanne Murphy's birthday!** The event will be held on Saturday, September 17th, from 5:00 to 7:00PM on the NDNU campus.

We would love to get your favorite stories about Sr. Roseanne, along with anything else you would like to share about this superb educator. These stories and quotes will be compiled into a commemorative book and shared with Sr. Roseanne at the September 17th

event. Please send your stories our way at [alumni@ndnu.edu](mailto:alumni@ndnu.edu).

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## NDNU to Host STEM Day for Teachers and Educators on August 10th

Join us on Wednesday, August 10th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM for presentations, hands-on activities, and demonstrations by Bay Area STEM museums and agencies.

**STEM Day** is conducted in collaboration with Civil Air Patrol and the NASA Ames Center Educator Professional Development Collaborative. This is a great opportunity to test out materials for your classroom, learn about available resources, and network with fellow classmates and colleagues.

The event is free; please register [here](#).

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