

Dear Notre Dame Student,

As you begin your Notre Dame journey, I want to encourage you to make the most of your experience. Throughout my time at Notre Dame, I was able to build strong friendships with God, my classmates, and my family. By being involved in tennis, soccer, and many clubs, I created many life-long friendships. These friends have taught me to respect, love, and help others at all times. By engaging in faith-filled activities such as class retreats and mission trips, I gained useful knowledge I will use for life. These trips taught me to serve others while growing closer to God. Altogether, my high school experience taught me how to be ready for the real-world. I hope you will be willing to participate in school activities whether you like sports or drama or music or art! If you are true to yourself, you will succeed academically and spiritually at Notre Dame. Throughout this year, I will say an Our Father each night for you in hope that you have a great high school experience at Notre Dame. Take advantage of your time in high school because before you know it, it will be over!

- Grace, Class of 2018, Cape Girardeau