

# I'm Noways Tired Dr. Richard Pierce, Co-Faculty Director

I don't want to write this piece. Every morning since Tuesday last, I've awoken to news about the death of George Floyd, an unarmed, handcuffed black man in the custody of police officers from the Minneapolis police department. I knew that the questions would come via text, email, or phone from former students asking, in one form or another, "How long must we endure?" And I would have to try to occupy the role of a sage attempting to reconcile recent happenings with incidents from the past. I don't feel knowledgeable. I feel tired. As a historian of modern United States history, I'm well acquainted with the racial atrocities that

pockmark the country's past. In my classes, we confront those atrocities of gang violence, police indifference and brutality, and systemic practices that have, collectively, been used to marginalize and maintain African American's second-class citizen status. We study those events from our comfortable perch at a prominent university among a student body that has come of age in the 21st Century, which allows us to sometimes fool ourselves into believing that racial atrocities are elements of the distant past. And then we see a police officer almost casually apparently suffocate a man that was in his custody. And I knew the questions would come. Read More Here...

## We would like to hold a collective Time for Prayer to pray for each of our

**Scholar Spotlight** 

**A Time for Prayer** 

### scholars, their burdens, and their communities. We will send out a

prayer template for those who would like to use one. Time TBD, more details to come. Please email us if you would like to include something in particular.



## We delivered the goodies, ND Diploma frames and dinner to Seniors during Graduation

**Graduation in a Box** 

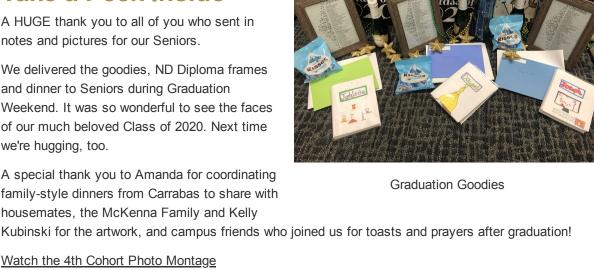
A HUGE thank you to all of you who sent in

Take a Peek Inside

notes and pictures for our Seniors.

Weekend. It was so wonderful to see the faces of our much beloved Class of 2020. Next time

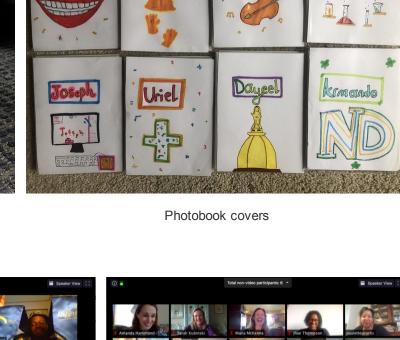
we're hugging, too. A special thank you to Amanda for coordinating family-style dinners from Carrabas to share with housemates, the McKenna Family and Kelly Watch the 4th Cohort Photo Montage

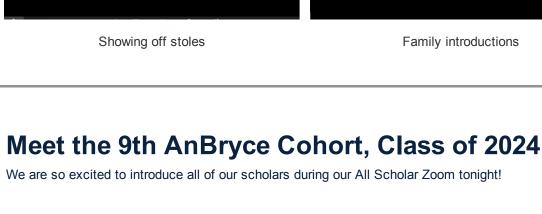


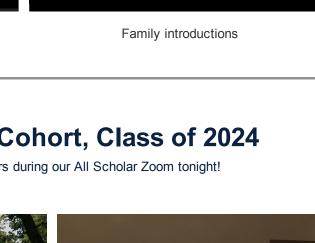
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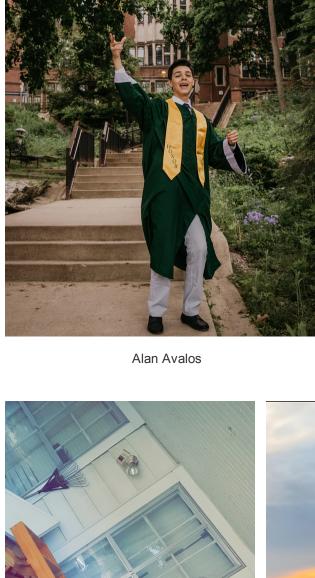
Each senior received a unique

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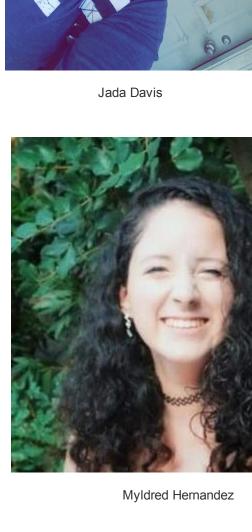








Logan Balfantz





Aiden Robertson (by Kelly Kubinski)

**Happy Birthday!** 

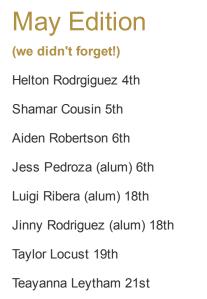
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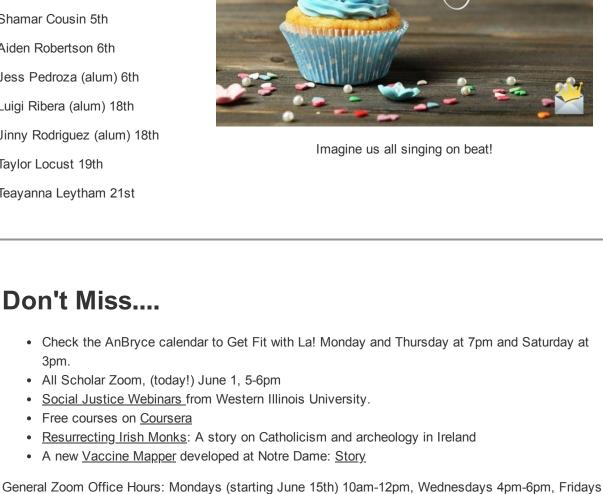
Tarik Brown 13th

Michelle Zapata Riveros



 Free courses on <u>Coursera</u> 1pm-3pm. Join the Zooms to chat or have breakout sessions with staff. (Please note, you can always email to schedule an alternate time to meet with staff.) Dr. Pierce will have office hours on Wednesdays from 4pm-5pm. • Dr. McKenna will have office hours on Mondays from 11am-12pm (starting June 15). She will be available on Fridays from 1pm-2pm until the 15th.

Don't Miss....



## in class and you should email her if you need to meet. • Sarah will have office hours on Mondays from 10am-11am (starting June 15) and will lead general office hours when Amanda is in class.

**Good News!** Bryan and Helton are building Alumni Hall on Minecraft. Good luck!

Congrats! Tia has an internship with Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship in St Louis. Congrats! Rachel is starting an EMT course, this week. Good luck!

Jordan is working with ND Listens and will start caddying soon. Fairways and greens!

see you processing grief and trying to advocate for change. We see you educating yourselves and others. We see you asking tough questions. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay strong.

We see you. We see you showing up and speaking out. We see you supporting your friends and families and communities. We

Rafa is doing a remote internship with FarmaField, an agribusiness investing company in Nebraska.

• Amanda will have office hours on Wednesdays from 5pm-6pm, and will be available for drop ins during most Office Hours this summer. Don't forget: from June 22 to July 10th, Amanda will be

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