

We are Grateful

AnBryce Scholars Initiative Staff and Students

Thanksgiving greetings to our friends and family! We have much to talk about and share since our communication pause last Spring to focus on our students. Though we may have been mostly silent, we remained so grateful for all of you and your partnerships. The text messages, lounge snacks, and offers to share time and treasure have made such a difference to all of us living and supporting each other in a global pandemic.

In this newsletter you will find links to the stories we have lived this past year and the news we are excited to share. We are grateful for the time to get our bearings and get creative with our engagement; and, we are excited to resume our regular communications in the new year. Our community is so much richer for your collaboration; and, we hope you have a blessed holiday season.

[Find our Directors' Fall Letter here.](#)



Carlondrea (Lala) Petty

Scholar Spotlight: Carlondrea Petty '23

"Effervescently capable", "amazingly encouraging", "spiritual and spirited" are just some of the descriptors of our Fall '20 Scholar Spotlight, Carlondrea (Lala) Petty.

We are so excited to share this South Bend native and class of 2023 stand-out with you! Like many of our scholars, she did not hit "pause" when classes moved online and internships disappeared or went virtual. To read about Lala's summer and why her ideas are getting her noticed at Notre Dame, click on the link below.

[More Here...](#)

A 2020 Covid Retrospective: Witnessing Leadership in Action

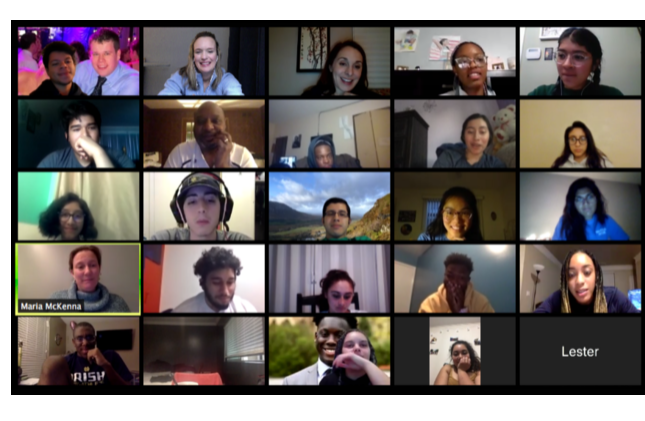
Maria McKenna

I don't know about you, but it feels almost dream-like to think of the pre-pandemic world. I certainly took travel, touch, and togetherness for granted. And as much as I thought I appreciated our students, I don't think I appreciated them enough. In our AnBryce community, we consider the leadership capacity of our students as one of their primary gifts to our Notre Dame community. Over this past year, I've never been more proud of the leadership our students exhibited and I'd be remiss if I didn't share just a few examples with the world.



Class of 2024

Elsewhere in the newsletter and on our website you'll see longer stories of particular scholars and their achievements. You'll also read about our students' professional accomplishments but here I'd just like to share a few of the moments of quiet leadership over the past few months that, absent a global pandemic, I might have missed in the bustle of life. This is only a glimpse of the daily goodness I see among our students. [Enjoy...](#)



Living that Zoom life this summer

Program Spotlight: Summer 2020

This summer was one of the most challenging for our scholars. Abruptly leaving campus in the spring, seeing internships disappear or move to a virtual platform, adjusting to a return to campus instead of a flight to a much-anticipated study abroad location, our scholars went through the proverbial wringer of emotions. We are so grateful to our staff

and supporting partners who provided community and enrichment online throughout the summer. We were also so impressed with how scholars rallied to engage with their now-virtual internships, sought out opportunities in their local communities, and picked up professional certifications.

We asked some of our scholars and some of their employers to reflect on Summer 2020. This is part of a larger effort to better showcase the amazing ways our scholars grow and stretch themselves over the summer and gain important life and professional skills for their lives after college.

[Reflections on Summer 2020...](#)

Spring Break Travels

In the last bit of "normal" last Spring, scholars left Notre Dame for a Global Immersion and a Network Immersion over Spring Break. Our Directors, through scheduling magic, were able to spend time on both trips and help with the early departure from Ireland. (A special thanks to Lisa Caulfield and the Kylemore staff for our emergency extended stay; and, thanks to Eimear Clowry, in Dublin, for helping us coordinate (and uncoordinate) the second half of our trip. We are also hugely grateful to Marcia Fewell at Anthony Travel for the amazing work getting us back to the US and getting our students back home.)

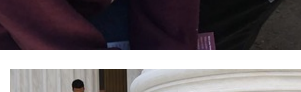
The Network Immersion was in direct partnership with the AnBryce Foundation and the AnBryce Scholars program at NYU. We are excited to make this part of our rotation of Network Immersions (currently alternating with San Francisco, CA).

For more about our Network Immersion to DC and to see a video of the trip highlights, visit [here](#).

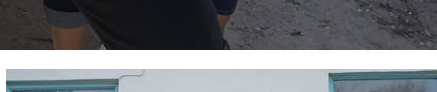
For reflections from our Global Immersion to Kylemore Abbey in Ireland, visit [here](#).



Hikes, hikes and more hikes



Supreme Court



Village visits

News from our partners at the IDEA Center:

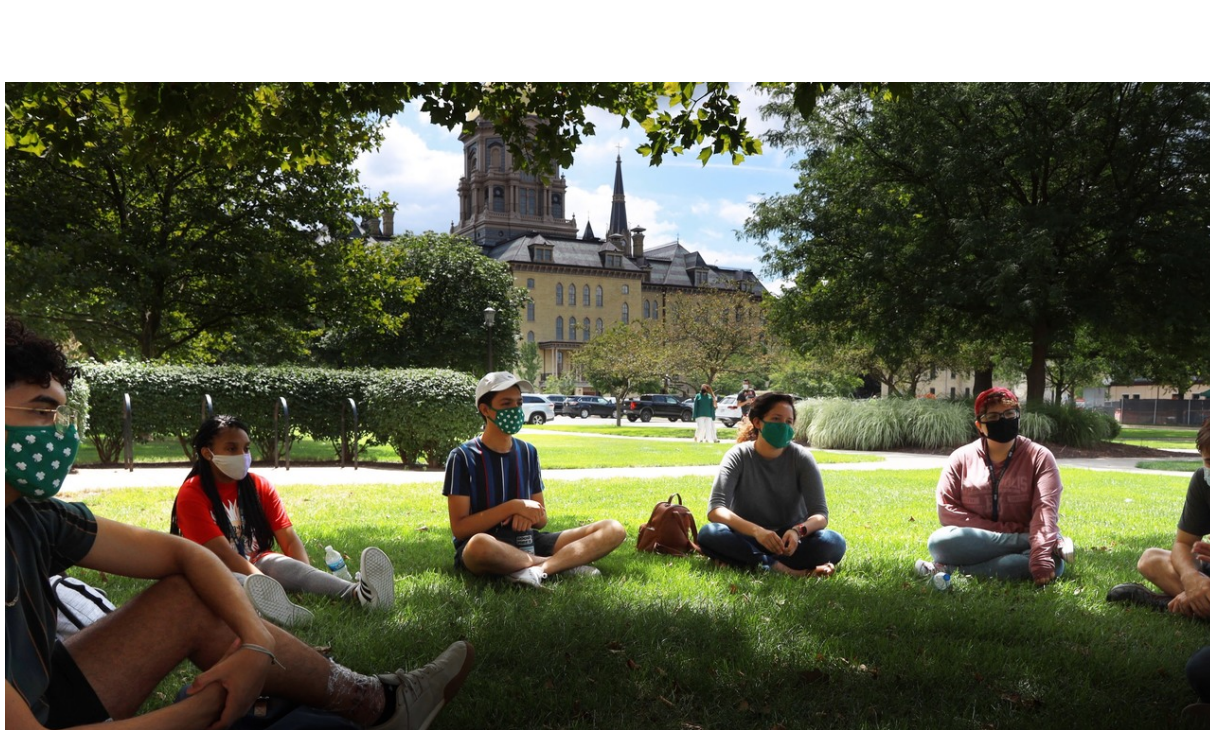
+ Read a feature article about student Intern and AnBryce Senior Isel Otero Torres [here](#).

+ Freshman Aiden Robertson made it to Round Two of the McCloskey Competition.

+ Freshman Myldred Hernandez is part of the inaugural IDEA Center Fellows Program.

Orientation

We were so lucky to welcome our Freshmen to campus early to have Orientation this year! A huge thank you to Program Manager, Amanda Hammond, and the Office of Student Housing for advocating so strongly for this opportunity. In a year of changes, we also adapted the purpose and format of Orientation to better serve our freshmen and their families. [Read More about Orientation Here...](#)



Learning about health and wellness opportunities at Notre Dame

I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do.

LEONARDO DA VINCI
Scientist, Artist, Astronomer and Mathematician

