



# The Blue & Gold

## Colleen Smythe Named National Merit Finalist



Colleen Smyth '10.

NDA senior **Colleen Smythe** was named a 2010 National Merit Finalist in February. She joins a unique group that represents the 15,000 highest-scoring entrants in each state, less than one percent of each state's high school seniors.

Ms. Smythe has continually earned first honors since freshman year. She's taken numerous Advanced Placement (AP) classes including AP Chemistry, AP Calculus AB, AP Spanish, AP U.S. History, and the Honors Engineering Class.

She has been involved in Student Council for three years serving as executive secretary this year, she is editor-in-chief of VISTA, the school newspaper, and performed on the speech team. She has played various sports including volleyball, track, and is currently the team captain of cross country

An avid community volunteer, Ms. Smythe has

worked Race for the Cure, did office work for St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, and helped with the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo newsletter, *Up the Down Staircase*, for two years.

She has participated for three years in the NDA Christmas service trip to Harlan, Kentucky helping to organizing a toy store and hosting a Christmas party for local families. In addition, she has served at NDA as a tour guide and at summer volleyball camps.

She is considering The Ohio State University, the University of Dayton, and University of Michigan.

### Nominate alum for Hall of Fame: Women of Vision

The Hall of Fame: Women of Vision Award serves as a symbol to that the values, spirit, and integrity learned at NDA carry on throughout an alumna's lifetime.

Since 1989, Notre Dame Academy has welcomed 47 inductees. NDA is accepting nominations now for 2010. Awardees will be honored in May.

Awards may be given in the following categories.

• The *Christian Service Award* honors alumnae of NDA who have demonstrated strong Christian values through exemplary gospel service to God's people particularly on a national or international scale.

• The *Professional Achievement Award* honors professional career achievement that reflects the excellence and values that NDA encourages all graduates to pursue.

• The *NDA Community Award*: honors alumnae who have positively impacted the NDA community through their selfless use of their God-given gifts and their devotion of time, talent or treasure.

Download the nomination form on NDA's web site and return it no later than **March 31, 2010**. You may email the form and other materials to [alum@nda.org](mailto:alum@nda.org) or fax to 419.475.2558.

#### Upcoming

##### Alumnae Events

- *Heart & Soul: Dueling Pianos, Sat., March 20 6:30 p.m. at NDA. Individual tickets are \$50.*
- *Alumnae Easter Egg Hunt: Sat., March 27 at 10 a.m. For kids 8 and younger.*
- *Alumnae Association Meeting: Wed., April 14 at 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Alumnae Hall*
- *55+ Reunion: Fri., April 23. Mass at 11:15 a.m. Lunch afterward.*

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Liz Schurrer at [lschurrer@nda.org](mailto:lschurrer@nda.org)

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