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In Conversation with Mike and Lisa Callagy

We are delighted to feature Mike and Lisa Callagy for this month's alumni spotlight. Mike and Lisa were born and raised in the Bay Area: Mike grew up right here in the Belmont, and Lisa in Menlo Park. They attended private Catholic High Schools, Serra and Notre Dame Belmont respectively, before starting undergraduate school at then-College of Notre Dame (CND) in the early-80s. Mike and Lisa also earned their master's degrees at NDNU as well.

We hope you enjoy reading this article as much as we did talking with this remarkable couple!

Tell us more about why you chose then-CND.

Mike: I grew up here in Belmont, about four or five blocks from CND. In high school, I wasn't very academically focused, but I was very much into basketball. I knew I wanted to stay in this area and play hoops. CND was the perfect place for me, and I'm so glad I chose it. I went to Catholic school my whole life, so it was a natural transition for me. It was the absolute best decision I ever made because I truly found my academic footing there. I had countless professors that inspired, guided, and believed in me.

Lisa's story is much more interesting than mine. She finished high school at 16 and started taking classes at Foothill College. A year later, she was a sophomore at CND at the ripe old age of 17. Lisa was very connected to CND before ever attending. She went to the high school right next door, her mother often taught classes at the University, and her stepfather was the Chief Financial Officer at the time. It was just the right place for both of us.



How did you two meet?

Lisa: We met in our sophomore year in college. A friend and I attended a CPR class that Mike was teaching and later that week, I had a dream that Mike and I got married! Mike and I went our separate ways for little bit since we were in different undergraduate programs, him in History and me in Business Administration. Our first date was several months later, at a movie theater in Foster City. In fact, it's just three blocks away from where we live today. We saw a movie that was required for a course I was taking. While we didn't share many classes together, we made it work.

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Recap of Our Annual Donor-Scholar Reception

NDNU endowed scholarship donors and student recipients came together earlier this month for a special reception in their honor. This annual event is an opportunity for students to meet, thank, and build a rapport with those individuals whose financial contributions help support their NDNU journey.

The program included an opening prayer, an NDNU update from President Beth Martin, and remarks by Giselle Parry, donor and former faculty member. Dr. Parry, Dr. Martin and Sr. Roseanne Murphy are pictured.

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