

Spotlight

Renewing Athletic Commitment—and Equipment

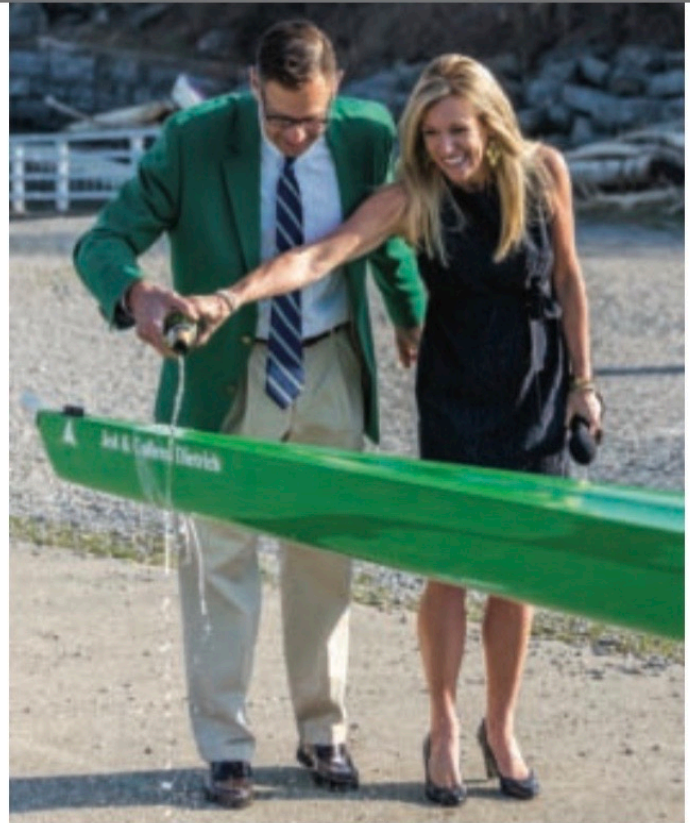
Strokes of generosity from the community

Nardin Academy crew is on the rise, with dedicated coaching, state-of-the-art equipment, and a focus on new competition opportunities. Nardin is committed to providing all of our student-athletes with an amazing experience.

Grace Dietrich '17, is one such student-athlete. She joined the crew team at Nardin, and hasn't looked back since. "The work-outs are insanely hard," she said. "But I love it for the team aspect, and the friendships that I've made. It's a great way to be a part of the Nardin community."

Our students' talent and hard work, plus parent and community support enable the program to be successful. This academic year, through the generosity of parents, alum parents, alumni and students, Nardin achieved the goal of purchasing two new boats, an eight and a four.

The boats, a 2014 Hudson S8.21 Hammerhead Super Predator Eight and a 2014 Hudson S5.21 Hammerhead Super Predator Bow Coxed Four, were funded in part by generous donors. The Joyce family named the first boat ReJoice 1987, in honor of their daughter Mary Joyce Schwarz '87 E '83, a rower, and the Dietrich family, who named the second boat Jed & Colleen Dietrich.



Jed & Colleen Dietrich. Photo Richard Gleason

"My parents love to support Nardin and the rowing team," added Grace. "Nardin is great because you can develop your academic side, and also the rest of your personality...there is a different side of yourself that you learn in crew."

Additional funds for the purchase came from both small and large gifts, family, student and community fundraising, the sale of the Cartus, plus West Side Rowing Club and manufacturers discounts.

This year, the Nardin crew community generously contributed over \$42,000 in support of the program. With this expenditure, our generous donors are seeing their financial investment realized—keeping up with state-of-the-art equipment also helps our rowers excel in competition.

Summed up Grace Dietrich: "I don't know what I would be without crew; it becomes such a part of your Nardin life. It is so tough, it costs so much of you...but you keep doing it because you get so many great things out of it."

We look forward to a strong season this year, and many more to come! ■



Top: The Joyce Family. Photo Darcy Salerno
Right: Photo Richard Gleason

