

# MENDOZA EXCHANGE

News & info for faculty and staff at Mendoza College of Business

## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

DECEMBER 14, 2020

### Merry Christmas

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10*

The Bible verses of Luke 2:10 are part of the story of Christ's birth in the Gospel of Luke. This year, the phrase that resonated with me is the angel's imperative: "Do not be afraid." On a dark, lonely hillside, the angel declared to the shepherds that despite all appearances, there was reason for "great joy" – the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This past year has brought us many reasons to be afraid. Yet, as we count down the days until Christmas and the end of 2020, there are also many reasons to be filled with gratitude and hope. I'm very thankful to all of you for your perseverance, hard work, patience and grace in facing challenge after challenge, and I am particularly proud of how you served our students this fall semester.

In this last Dean's Message of 2020, I wish you peace and rest in the days ahead, special times with your families and loved ones and a blessed 2021.

Merry Christmas,  
Martijn

## MENDOZA HAPPENINGS

Submissions welcome! Click [here](#) or email [mendozabusiness@nd.edu](mailto:mendozabusiness@nd.edu).

### UPCOMING COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EVENTS

♦ **SAVE THE DATE! New Year, New You: January 20-22; online.** Learning opportunities to improve your skills and help you achieve your personal and professional goals! All events will be on Zoom. More information, including detailed session information and speaker bios will be coming soon.

♦ **SAVE THE DATE! Notre Dame Ethics Week: Beginning with Empathy: Listening and Learning from Others: The week of February 16; Tuesday to Friday at noon each day, online.** The 24th annual Ethics Week will feature discussion on topics such as the science and practice of standing under another's experience, empathy and racial justice, working toward the common ground and empathy in healthcare. More information on the events and how to register is forthcoming.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY

♦ [Associate Director of Web Marketing](#)

## FAC/STAFF UPDATES & INFO

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### KUDOS

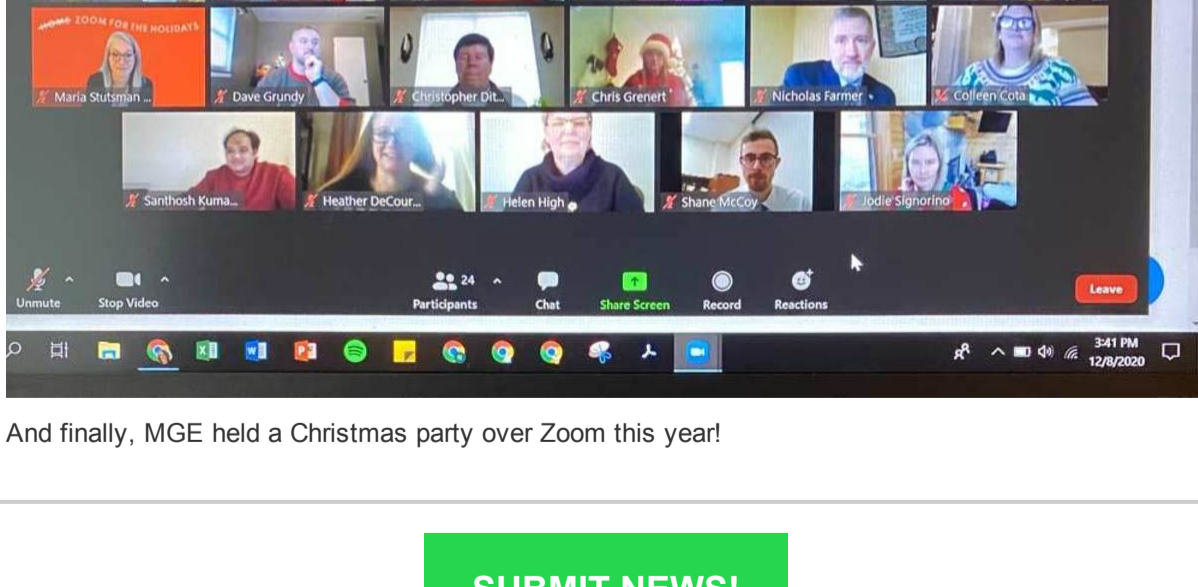
♦ The MSBA-Chicago class wrapped up their program with their capstone presentations on Saturday and enjoyed a cold but fun time on the football field.



## CHRISTMAS CHEER



1. Laura Glassford writes: "I am attaching the photos that make my heart melt of my (only) grandsons, Wyatt (2-1/2 yo) and Logan (8mos). They are in Everett, Washington. We won't be able to see them over the holidays, but you bet we will be Zooming and FaceTiming!"
2. The picture that started it all, Hazel, Kristen Collett-Schmitt's adorable little girl.
3. Jennifer Cronin's sent in a picture of the "newest, tackiest 8 ft addition to the Oscar (6) and Evelyn (2) seem to approve.
4. Jessica Noffsinger and her family have a little elf for the holiday. Nine-month-old Naomi loves looking at the Christmas lights.
5. Lindsey McIntyre writes: "Attached is one of my all-time favorite Christmas pictures of Sam, my theatrical son. He goes all-in when it comes to costumes!"
6. Phil Drendall, past and present.
7. Jamie O'Brien in glasses. Jamie writes: "Topping Kristen's daughter's level of adorableness."
8. Pasha Luber writes: "You asked for it, here's your dose of cuteness!! Meet Toto Luber, bichon frise canine kid of Pasha and Justin Luber with her freshly groomed 'do! She gets away with this level of cuteness at full power. But she also spreads so much joy and so many smiles to all that meet her. We have seen her turn frowns upside down on strangers, it's a blessing."
9. Andy Wendleborn writes: "Be kind with this. My first Christmas."
10. Brian Connelly writes: "Here're my 3 boys (Kai, William and Rhys) from a few years back."
11. Amy Wilkey writes: "Here's a picture of my 4-month-old daughter, Azelie. Her older siblings took the opportunity to dress her up while we were decorating the house for Christmas. Azelie has certainly been a source of joy for our entire family during these challenging times!"
12. Carol Elliott writes: "My grandkids during our trip to the Smokies!"
13. Deb Coch and her husband with their new furbaby Caylee, a Miniature Australian Shepherd puppy.
14. Candice Cleveland writes: "Attached is a picture of my three crazy kids (Alec, Joie and Cole). They keep life interesting and fun, and Christmas is about the only time I get the three of them together for a picture anymore."
15. John Lalor's girls Tess (4), Olivia (9 months) and Maeve (2) pretend to be eggs in a carton.
16. Martijn Cremers, age 3. Wonder what was on his Christmas list?
17. Sandra Vera-Munoz writes: "Grandsons Adrian Durk (7 years old) and Julian Durk (3 1/2 years old) in front of their neighborhood's Christmas tree in the Chicago suburbs. Michelle Munoz 202, my oldest daughter, is a ND '07 grad. Our newly adopted kitty, Moti, climbed our Christmas tree and she was trying to figure out how to get down."
18. Amanda McKendree sent in a holiday photo of her daughter, Giavanna Grace.
19. Wendy and Corey Angst's kiddos are pictured from 2012.
20. Kara Palmer's kiddos with Santa during Mendoza's holiday party.
21. Erik Beardsley's little helpers Benjamin, Charlie, Katie, Max and Michael helped set up the manger scene.
22. Angela Logan, age 3, can't wait for Christmas.
23. Jule Poirier's twin grandsons sport Christmas-themed masks.
24. Kimberly Bakle writes: "I'm not saying that I was the cutest kid, but I am not NOT saying that."
25. Angela Byce's kitty helped decorate the tree.
26. Chris Henderson and his wife all dressed up as Santa and Mrs Claus. Chris writes: "We have been spreading Christmas joy for several years now and as you can tell by our masks we are being safe when we visit kids. This picture was taken right before Thanksgiving when Santa stopped to pick up a Christmas list from the granddaughter of a friend of mine."
27. Jenna Rangel and her family hang out with Santa at Bass Pro Shops. Who says Santa doesn't like fishing?
28. Liz Ganger writes: "I am truly blessed to have such a large group of close friends! We can't have our annual Christmas party in person this year, so we are going to do it virtually. Christmas still comes, friends are still friends, and we can still celebrate the birth of our Savior because not even a pandemic can stop those things! A very blessed Christmas to all!"



And finally, MGE held a Christmas party over Zoom this year!

**SUBMIT NEWS!**



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