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A NOTE FROM DR. TOM CARTER III



Here we are again at one of the most inspiring times of the year for Notre Dame alumni returning to South Bend. The fall reinvigorates our deep love of sports and offers opportunities to revisit the special memories we made playing together.

We are incredibly excited to announce that LAND has been named the Official Service Provider for Notre Dame former student-athletes, managers, and trainers. This partnership with the University's Athletic Department, as part of their new 4 For Forever Program, allows us to extend the Fighting Irish spirit beyond graduation. We're honored to play a crucial role in supporting our alumni as they transition to life after Notre Dame, helping them to continue living like champions in their careers, families, and communities. [Read more in our article.](#)

The LAND team is also excited to engage with even more alumni by increasing our presence on campus during Legacy Weekends throughout the year. In addition, we are planning to host another on-campus event in the winter along with our staple Spring Event. Please be on the lookout for details on both coming your way.

Speaking of the LAND team, we're delighted to welcome Abdelrahman "Haridi" Elaraby as our new Marketing & Administrative Coordinator. Haridi brings an exceptional blend of athletic prowess and academic excellence to our organization. He is a decorated swimmer who has represented Egypt internationally and embodies the spirit of dedication and achievement that defines Notre Dame athletes. With a master's degree in Non-Profit Administration from Notre Dame, Haridi's experience in mental health advocacy and inspiring young athletes aligns perfectly with our mission.

Haridi's journey from international athlete to his role at LAND exemplifies this issue's theme: "redefining ourselves." This process of transformation and growth is something many of us experience as we strive to achieve new goals in life and work. In this spirit, our [Partnership Place](#) section highlights our new collaboration with tru®, an innovative career discovery and development platform that complements LAND's career services. We extend our gratitude to Vince Phelan, ND '88, for introducing us to tru® as Chief Marketing and Strategy Officer for BreakThrough Performance Systems and designing a special tru® subscription program for LAND to offer to former athletes.

As they transition into the professional world, former athletes must redefine their status for the job search. For many, this search represents the first time they will be the ones chasing an opportunity, rather than being sought after. Our [Career Connections](#) article offers a playbook for persistence in the job search game, with a plan of action for winning in a whole new arena.

Both Olympic champion [Amanda Polk Sobolewski](#), ND '08, and Pro Football player [Braxton Cave](#), ND '12, experienced setbacks in their athletic endeavors. But when they redefined their approach to attaining their goals, they found success and satisfaction. Read their stories in our Spotlight section.

Lastly, If you haven't already, we strongly encourage you to join our LANDing Pad app, now officially live and available on both the App Store and Google Play. This platform is designed to connect and support our Notre Dame alumni community like never before. For those who've already joined, we now ask for your help in spreading the word to your former Fighting Irish teammates and encourage them to download the app. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected Notre Dame network that continues to support and inspire one another long after our days on campus.

Thanks to you, our Class Reps and service partners, for helping LAND achieve so much in a short time. Together, we continue to define a pathway to help our fellow Fighting Irish redefine their futures. Hope you enjoy this issue of "Where To LAND" and I look forward to seeing many of you at some upcoming Legacy Weekend events!