

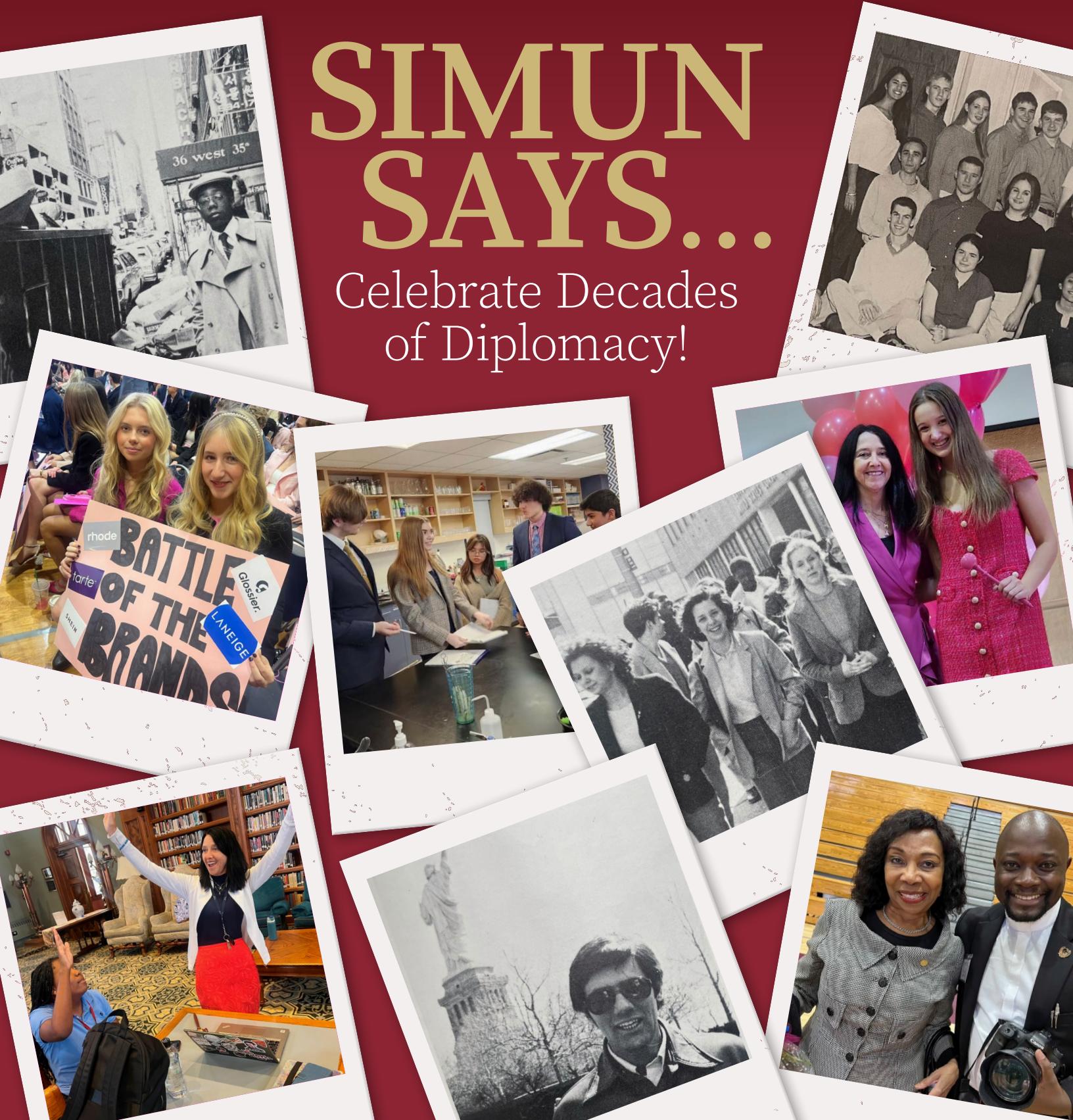


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## SIMUN SAYS...

Celebrate Decades  
of Diplomacy!





# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JMJ

Dear Members of the Saint Ignatius College Prep Community,

Our cover story on Ms. Diane Haleas and our student's accomplishments in the Model UN program reminds me of how truly "international" our school has always been. The Society of Jesus, our sponsor, spans six continents. Our founder, Father Arnold Damen, S.J. was a Dutch-Belgian missionary. Our original student body consisted primarily of Irish immigrant students. Through our 155 years, we have welcomed just about every immigrant group that has come to Chicago. Today our hallways are filled with first and second-generation Americans from Sudan, India, Ukraine, Chile and around the globe. It's no wonder that our students so successfully represent citizens of the world. We offer our thanks to all the participants and organizers who pull this together. We also thank the Jiganti and Rigsbee families for their financial support, which makes this opportunity possible for our students who wish to participate, regardless of their financial resources.

In this issue, you will see a recap of our first semester and the impact that faculty, students, parents and alumni are making each day, on and off the campus. Your support allows us to create a vibrant opportunity for Faith and academic development. We are happy to report that the six new tennis courts are under construction adjacent to Rice Park on Maxwell Street. The new Transitus connecting Church of the Holy Family and the school has been completed. Planning and fundraising continue for the Sodality Hall project, which will allow us to introduce cutting-edge programs in science, technology, entrepreneurship and business development. We are humbly asking for your support of Gloriam 2025 on March 1st which raises funds to support our financial aid students and programs. The winter sports teams continue to achieve success, while spring teams are getting ready to start shortly. Thirty seniors entered into our trial "Capstone Program" dedicating the first three weeks of the semester as full-time volunteers in Chicago area service and outreach agencies. These pioneers will serve as the first wave of what will become an annual service commitment for our seniors.

Sister Edelquine, LSSF has assumed the position of First Years Chaplain. Fr. Endashaw Debrework, S.J. from our Central African Province, has joined the Development and Adult Formation offices. The new year is young, yet the calendar is filled with so many things for our community to celebrate and participate in this semester.

In the spirit of our internationality, we say, thank you, merci, gracias, danke, grazie, 谢谢, dhanyavaad, dyakuyu. May you and your families experience a joyous New Year as you continue to explore the path that our Lord and Blessed Mother have led you to.

With humble gratitude,

John J. Chandler  
President

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Saint Ignatius College Prep, a Jesuit Catholic school in the heart of Chicago, is a diverse community dedicated to educating young men and women for lives of faith, love, service and leadership. Through outstanding teaching and personal formation, the school challenges its talented student body to intellectual excellence, integrity, and life-long learning and growth. Inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ, this community strives to use God's gifts to promote Catholic social justice for the greater glory of God.

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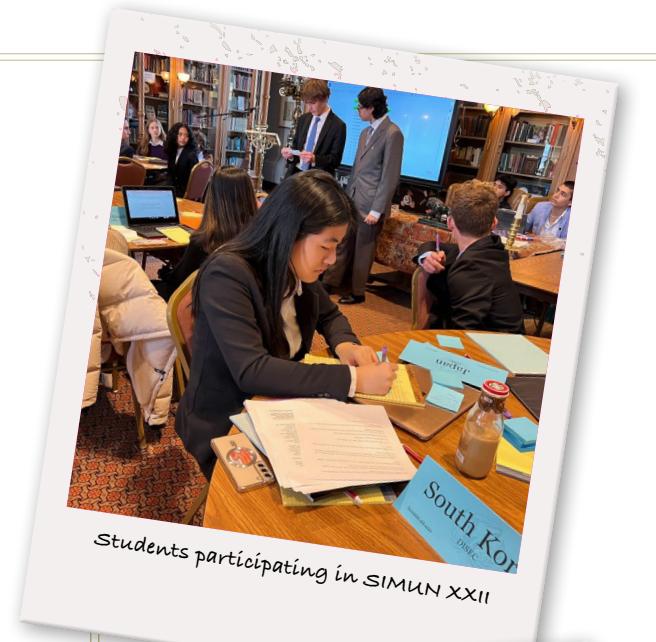


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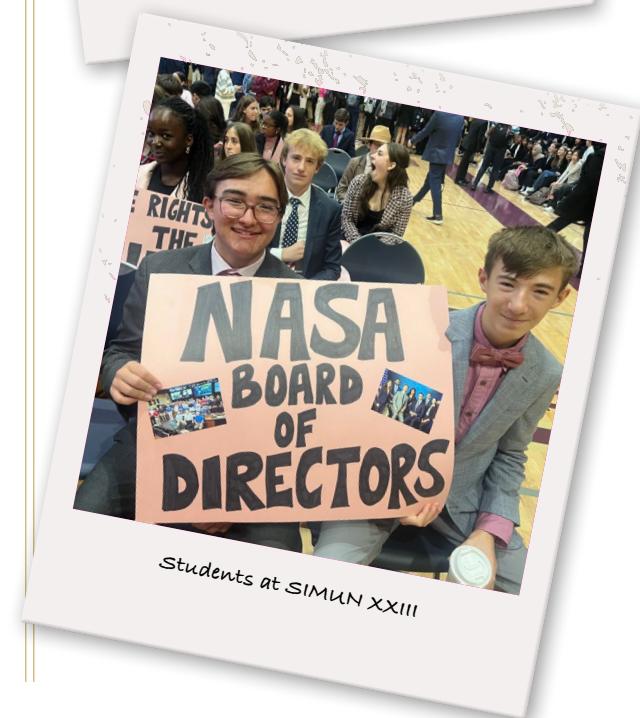
NAIMUN 2022 — SIMUN's first National Championship



Students participating in SIMUN XXII



SIMUN meeting after school



Students at SIMUN XXIII

# It was impossible to ignore the energy in the room... You could feel it.

More than one thousand students from schools across Illinois and beyond packed the Gentile '42 Gym for the largest one-day high school Model United Nations conference in the country.

As members of the Saint Ignatius College Prep team hosted SIMUN XXIII, Ms. Diane Haleas, their program director, sat in the front row taking it all in with a smile. It was almost as if she was thinking what she later gave voice to during an interview for this article:

"I just love the kids. I really do. It feels very fulfilling."

The club she has led with passion and dedication for 25 years, has come a long way since its Wolfpack rebirth in 1999. Around that time, two Ignatius students who went to Georgetown University for a summer program, returned with the idea to restart Model UN at 1076 West Roosevelt Road.



Program Director Diane Haleas at SIMUN XXIII



SIMUN students at Francis Parker MUN Conference 2024



Public speaking is one of the SIMUN skills

The students who were on a mission to bring the club back, spoke with Ms. Haleas about it because she teaches comparative politics. Soon, they were off and running. Seven students got on board to research, explore and confront a range of global issues. Under Ms. Haleas' guidance, that small group of students – like all the young men and women who would follow in their footsteps – dove into diplomacy and discovered the real challenges and rewards of international relations.

Reflecting on those early days, Ms. Haleas said, "I knew 'zero' when I started this. I was excited by the students' excitement, and it was my area of teaching, but I had no vision in the beginning because I didn't know anything about it. SIMUN evolved over time because of the students. They wanted to take it to new levels, and I supported it."

In the spirit of the Magis, SIMUN and Ms. Haleas took on more and more with the help of benefactors. The Mel Jiganti '50 Model UN Endowment fueled transformative growth. Donations from people like Stephen and Lisa Rigsbee, whose son Henry '15 was in SIMUN, have made a huge difference too. As a result, local conferences gave way to domestic travel for competition, which led to international Model UN journeys to places like China and Russia. The latter trip had profound meaning for Ms. Haleas. "Growing up a child of the Cold War, I really wanted to understand the diplomatic difficulties as a girl," she said, "Then standing in Red Square as an adult, I cried because that's something I never expected to experience as a child."

## Did you know...

Saint Ignatius College Prep President John Chandler was the first person to introduce Model UN to the Wolfpack? "My interest in international affairs and world issues had a lot to do with it," said Mr. Chandler, "This was a time period in our curriculum that we were globally focused in our social studies department."



His stand-out memory in his four years as moderator was the New York city conference that included time at the United Nations. He said, "A diverse group of city kids who had never left Chicago came together on an international platform in New York." The group covered a lot of ground while they were there, learning about their assigned countries and how to interact with young people from different backgrounds. Mr. Chandler says the highlight of the country assignments "was Saint Ignatius representing the former Soviet Union."



Tom Egan '79, who was among the club's student pioneers, remembers it well. "It was one of the most exciting weeks of my life. For a 17-year-old kid from the South Side of Chicago to go to Manhattan, was an amazing experience."

Saint Ignatius College Prep Assistant Prefect of Studies, Maura Maloney '80, who was the first woman to graduate

from Saint Ignatius, also attended one of those early conferences. "What was a very small club with a one-trip component, has evolved into a pivotal program. I always think it's more like a class," she continued, asking, "Where else do we get a group of kids to do more research and write more papers?"



SIMUN's "founding father" is happy to see how far the club has come, especially considering it disappeared for a while. After Mr. Chandler's time as moderator ended, SIMUN went into a kind of hibernation for myriad reasons, but it came roaring back under Ms. Haleas' leadership. "It's a great equalizer for our school community, no matter where you're from or your resources," said Mr. Chandler, who observed, "Ms. Haleas has done an extraordinary job. I cannot think of any other school that has had that continuity of leadership with a person who brings the joy to it that she does."

He says the generous outside support is also key. Mr. Chandler credits Jack Jiganti '58 and his wife Dorothy with establishing the Mel Jiganti '50 Endowment to support students who might not have the financial means, but who have ample passion and an interest in learning about Model UN diplomacy. Bottom line: the endowment has made SIMUN a reality for many students.

The teacher isn't the only one who's had incredible experiences thanks to Model UN. Every conference, near or far, is a growth opportunity for the club's current 150 members. As they take positions for the countries they represent, they develop a range of skills—from researching and writing, to public speaking, problem-solving, negotiation, debate and critical thought.

"On an even deeper level, in the way she manages the team, Ms. Haleas fosters family," said Evan Mehta '25. The Crisis Director for SIMUN XXIII took time to explain how Ms. Haleas makes sure they always know that in their individual SIMUN endeavors, they're contributing to the greater group. He said, "Here, everyone is always looking to help someone else...It's not about what award you take home. It's about what award you help your team take home." That ethos guides the students to work with and support each other – and to bring up the ranks. Seniors routinely mentor the newest SIMUN members.

"It's so much different now," said Ms. Haleas, "We know what we're doing. It's become a machine. We have a system in place for developing kids, getting kids excited and building a supportive environment." The tone she sets - and everyone's commitment to it - has its rewards. Since 1999, SIMUN has brought home more than 60 "Best Large Delegation Awards." The team won its first national championship in 2022 - one of Ms. Haleas' favorite memories. "They were the Covid kids who stuck out three-day competitions online. When they were able to start coming back in person," she said, "they really formed a bond...and to see them reach that goal, it brought such joy."

This year's Secretary General, Sasha Eckler '25, says she's proud to be part of the "esprit de corps" culture Ms. Haleas has created. When she was new to SIMUN, Sasha received an award for being the best in her committee at a conference competition. She said, "I just remember walking back to the team. I didn't care about the gavel I was carrying in my hand (gavels go to the best delegate in a committee). What I really noticed was the seniors who helped me along the way. They stood up from their seats and were cheering, and THAT was amazing."

Even better: Sasha says the very busy Ms. Haleas took time to create congratulatory posters for her, which she kept and treasures. She also recently had a full-circle moment with the team when two of the freshmen she mentored gaveled their own committees.



SIMUN trip to Shanghai 2013



The senior student said, "Ms. Haleas has really changed my life. I've realized what it means to be on a team. She has shown me that leadership...is about serving other people and fostering a welcoming environment that allows everyone to succeed."

Along the way, SIMUN students build lifelong bonds. Evan says volunteering for Ms. Haleas' middle school Model UN summer camps (PACKMUN) has helped him find some of his best friends. "Whether it's the daily kickball tournaments we hold during lunches...or the different clothing themes for each day...the camps have been a highlight of my summers," he said.

SIMUN alumni take it even further. Adam Akan '22, who was Secretary General his senior year when SIMUN brought home a national championship, and who recently restarted the Model UN team at the University of Notre Dame, said, "SIMUN illuminated for me the direction I wanted to go in life. The experiences I had... motivated me to pick up my political science/global affairs double major at Notre Dame, and helped kindle my love for policymaking and international affairs...The team showed me how interested I am in the process of crafting policy and affecting change through government, and I am excited to do so once I graduate." Furthermore, Mr. Akan says what he learned from Ms. Haleas' teaching and training helped him seed, grow and lead his team at The University of Notre Dame.

He's not the only one who's spread the good SIMUN word. Peter Haleas '10, who, like two of his siblings, served on their mom's team, has started a Model UN program at Chicago's Cristo Rey Jesuit High School where he teaches English. SIMUN XXIII was their first-ever competition. "My mom introduced me to it," he said, "and now I've introduced it to Cristo Rey. It fits like a glove, elevating what my students realize they can do and who they can be. It gives them the skills to seize more and dream more." He says he "proudly carries the torch," and that he's been inspired "by my mom for a very long time."

Her son's work is a point of pride for Ms. Haleas. She says it's just one of the things that shows her time with SIMUN has been well-spent. "I had to make some sacrifices for all this...all the travel, being away from my family, but I do believe it was worth it to see so many of these young people become leaders and do great things."

The positive domino effect is one reason Ms. Haleas helps other programs get off the ground and offers advice rooted in her 25 years of experience. She pays it forward because she knows she hasn't gone it alone. She says she's grateful people see value in the club and support it with the Jiganti Endowment and another in her name that advances SIMUN.



SIMUN in Russia, 2011



SIMUN in China, 2017



Program Director Diane Haleas and son, Peter Haleas '10, at SIMUN XXIII

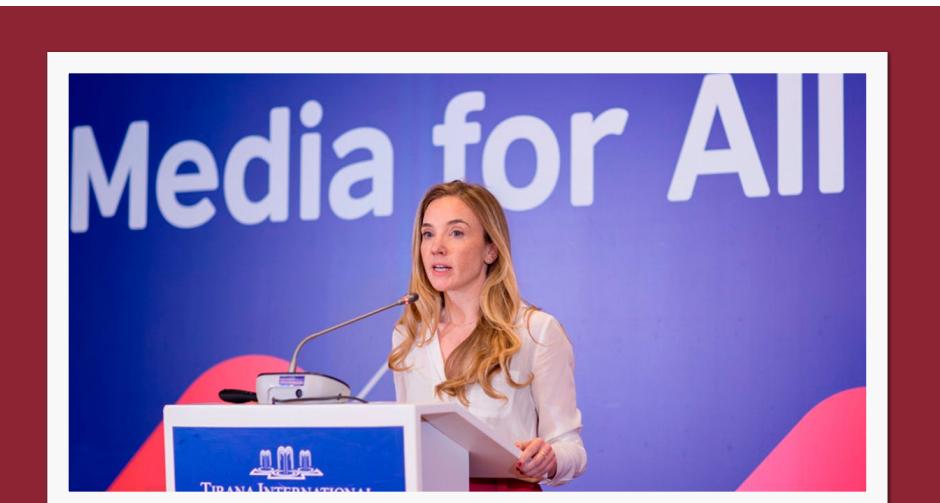


Even Mehta '25 and SIMUN friends capture a moment

She's also thankful for the people who've contributed their time over the years, including trip chaperones. Their involvement sparks team evolution. For example, Fr. Patrick Mugisho, S.J. introduced a spiritual component that Ms. Haleas says has fostered the community-building she values so much.

"I needed a chaperone, and Fr. Mugisho responded. He was new to the school. I didn't know him. He showed up at the airport, and I'm like 'Who's this guy?' He got excited about SIMUN, and was really interested in the kids. He suggested a prayer service, and the students loved it," she said. Midnight Masses after conference sessions have become a beloved tradition.

They also say something about who we are. We call on our students to be open to growth, intellectually competent, loving, committed to social justice and religious. Ms. Haleas sees all of that in SIMUN. "It teaches how to be involved, engaged, informed, kind and open...It's a way to put all those Grad at Grad values into action," said Haleas. On a more micro level, she hopes she's teaching her students the value of being committed to something and being committed to other people. "I hope our students get a better understanding of themselves... other perspectives, global issues, global awareness and a growth mindset," she said. "It's about a willingness to listen and engage – not to withdraw, but to be involved. What you have to say matters, and what other people have to say matters, too." ●



## *A total game-changer.*

That's how Joire Craig '09 describes her Saint Ignatius Model United Nations experience.

"Whenever people ask me how I got to be where I am, I always tell them I had a teacher who pulled me aside and encouraged me to join Model UN. I have been lucky enough to have a successful career, and all of it comes back to what Ms. Haleas and Model UN instilled in me."

Her resume is certainly impressive. Ms. Craig advises public figures, heads of state and politicians. She runs her own consultancy - the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry and Megan Markle, are among her clients. She's worked in Eastern European countries including Moldova and Ukraine and is a senior resident fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue based in London, Berlin and Washington, D.C. Ms. Craig also dedicates her time to child online safety and the fight against state-backed disinformation (with an analytical eye on how the current info ecosystem is eroding trust in democracy).

Like current student Sasha Eckler '25, Ms. Craig was the SIMUN Secretary General her senior year. If you look at her post high school trajectory, the future looks bright for today's Model Un students. She says, "It's really teaching kids how to think critically and experience the world through a global lens." Ms. Craig credits Model UN with challenging young people to know their facts, think on their feet, establish common ground, build consensus and influence others.

She's found a practical application for that range of skills in her real life pursuits, and it all goes back to that moment Ms. Haleas suggested she join SIMUN. So you can understand why, with every major achievement, Ms. Craig says "I text Ms. Haleas."

*SIMUN will get a chance to speak and listen on another big diplomatic stage in February. The team is currently preparing for the North American International Model United Nations conference (NAIMUN) at Georgetown University.*

## National Merit Semifinalists Named

We are very proud to announce our incredible National Merit Semifinalists for the Class of 2025! These six exceptional students—Sofia Alvarez '25, Abhiram Batchu '25, Francis Duffy '25, Yusouf Hakim '25, Connor Mangone '25 and Veronica Rauch '25—have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, placing them in the top 1% of PSAT test-takers nationwide. This prestigious recognition is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and intellectual curiosity.

Being named a National Merit Semifinalist is a remarkable accomplishment, and we celebrate each of these students and their journey. Their success not only reflects their individual accomplishments but also highlights the commitment to academic excellence fostered within our community. We are inspired by their achievements and eagerly anticipate witnessing their continued growth and contributions in the years to come. Their journey is a powerful reminder that with perseverance and passion, anything is possible.



## Congrats to National Merit Commended Students

Please join us in congratulating the 26 members of the Wolfpack who were recently named Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students are recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying SAT test. Congratulations on this amazing achievement! The students can be seen here with Dir. of College Counseling, Mr. Schmidt, Our Prefect of Studies, Dr. Sterling Brown and Asst. Prefect of Studies, Mrs. Maura Maloney '80. The Commended students are: Lucy Bruns '25, William Chong '25, Rory Church '25, Nathan Co '25, Matthew Del Preto '25, Nadia Dudick '25, Alexandra Eckler '25, John Ennis '25, Jake Forrest '25, Maeve Griffin '25, Emma Hurley '25, Caroline Justeau '25, Nicholas Lopez '25, Hugh lynch '25, William McAfee '25, Natalie McDonald '25, Will Meeker '25, Nadia Millar '25, Blythe Mishkin '25, Emmett Murphy '25, Sarah Novy '25, Evelyn Scalia '25, Matthew Schmitt '25, Mary Schmitz '25, Lucy Sidrys '25 and Greer Waller '25.



Scan the QR code to see the ABC 7 "Countdown Chicago" video with Saint Ignatius College Prep

# Countdown Chicago 2025!

**S**aint Ignatius College Prep was in a big spotlight on New Year's Eve! Our beloved campus was the site for *Countdown Chicago 2025*, the annual end-of-year production that airs on ABC 7.

Years running now, it's the most watched broadcast in the city of Chicago. That means eyes all over Chicagoland got a look at 1076 West Roosevelt Road. They also got to see some of our students and President John Chandler, who were part of the production.



The collaboration with ABC 7, the Jesse White Tumblers and the South Shore Drill Team told the story of a dreadfully boring high school dance that two teachers (Morning Anchor Terrell Brown and Chief Meteorologist Cheryl Scott) brought to life. Mr. Brown and Ms. Scott danced through the third floor gym, our hallways, the Foglia library, Tully Hall and the Quad. The celebratory ending was on Fornelli '51 Field, where the whole cast danced under the skyline.

The overall effort would not have been possible were it not for the contributions of the following:

- Ryan Bergin, Saint Ignatius College Prep Director of Publications
- Dr. Sterling Brown, Saint Ignatius College Prep Prefect
- Henry Ceffalio, Saint Ignatius College Prep Archivist
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- Anatoliy Krasnyuk, Saint Ignatius College Prep Operations
- Francesca Kromkowski, Student Choreography Instructor
- Dan Lopatka, Composer
- Jerry Lopez, Saint Ignatius College Prep Operations
- Joe Malatesta, Saint Ignatius College Prep Director of Operations
- Chris Marks, Wolfpack Media teacher and moderator
- Steve Stemper, Saint Ignatius College Prep Operations
- Katie Wiencek, Saint Ignatius College Prep Dance Team Coach
- The Students of Saint Ignatius College Prep

Our students helped land this project (we were competing against other schools) by orchestrating a flash mob dance (kudos to the Saint Ignatius College Prep Dance Team) and a "clap in" for the ABC 7 Team. Student enthusiasm certainly helped our site win in the selection process. Thank you!!

# Saint Ignatius Harlequins Present *High School Musical*

All of the performances were held on the Bob Newhart '47 stage inside the McLaughlin Theatre. *High School Musical* is about Troy Bolton, the star athlete at a small-town high school, who falls for nerdy beauty Gabriella Montez at a holiday karaoke party. When they return to campus, Troy and Gabriella audition for the upcoming school musical. Meanwhile, the jealous Sharpay Evans conspires to squelch their chances. The two must struggle to make it to auditions while also meeting their existing obligations to the basketball team and the academic decathlon.

The Saint Ignatius Harlequins absolutely sparkled on the Bob Newhart '47 stage in the McLaughlin Theatre with their vibrant production of *High School Musical*! Each performance was bursting with energy, showcasing the incredible talent of the student actors, singers and dancers. From the iconic songs to the heartwarming story, the Harlequins truly brought the magic of East High to life. The audience was captivated by their infectious enthusiasm, leaving everyone feeling joyful and uplifted. It was a wonderful celebration of teamwork and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire cast, crew and directors.



## LONG-DISTANCE CALL

The students in Mr. Anderson's freshman honors physics class at Saint Ignatius College Prep experienced a truly extraordinary moment recently. They had the incredible opportunity to connect via video call with none other than astronaut Suni Williams, currently aboard the International Space Station! This wasn't just any video call; Suni Williams is Mr. Anderson's Naval Academy classmate and a pilot of the recent Starliner mission. Imagine the awe and inspiration as these young minds, just beginning their journey into the world of physics, spoke directly with someone orbiting our planet.

While her mission was originally slated for eight days, Suni is now scheduled to remain on the ISS until February, providing her with an extended period to conduct vital scientific research. She generously shared insights with the class about some of the fascinating experiments being undertaken on the space station, opening their eyes to the real-world applications of the concepts they are learning. This unique encounter served as a powerful reminder that the boundaries of learning extend far beyond the classroom walls and that the possibilities for exploration and discovery are truly limitless. It's not every day that you get to converse with someone living and working on the ISS, an experience that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on these future scientists and innovators.



# World Classrooms

Saint Ignatius College Prep students enrolled in AP Environmental Science embarked on an enriching off-campus learning adventure this past fall. Their field trip served as a culminating experience for a project focused on urban development and its ecological implications. The students were given the opportunity to visit "The Invert," an innovative subterranean project currently under development on Chicago's Southeast side. This project aims to revitalize the area by transforming the former site of a historic steel mill.

Following their visit to The Invert, the students traveled to Ozinga Concrete to gain firsthand knowledge of concrete production. There, they toured the company's research and development facility and learned about sustainable manufacturing practices aimed at reducing concrete's carbon footprint. The trip provided invaluable practical insights to complement their classroom learning. According to teacher Chris Marks, the experience was "a ton of fun" and highly engaging for the students. These unique field trips not only enhanced their understanding of environmental science concepts but also provided students with real-world examples of sustainable solutions and urban renewal efforts.



# Learning About Vocations

Saint Ignatius College Prep recently hosted a special lunch during National Vocation Awareness Week, bringing together students and individuals who have embraced religious vocations. The event fostered open conversation and shared experiences, offering invaluable insights into different paths of service. Attendees had the opportunity to hear firsthand from men and women who have answered a call to religious life, gaining a deeper understanding of their individual journeys.

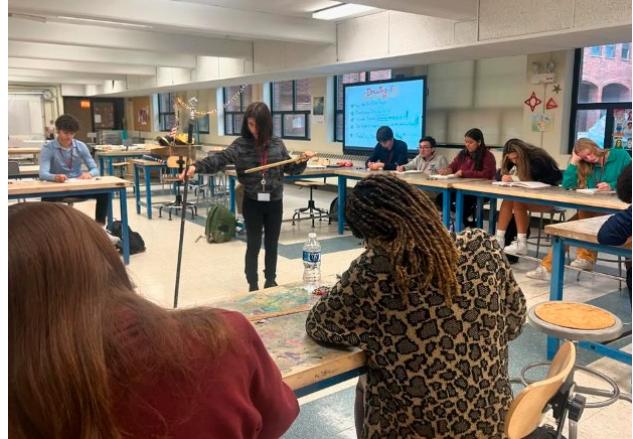
Sister Sarah Simmons, among the participants, beautifully articulated her passion and fulfillment. She shared, "I'm happy to be here because I love my life. Religious life is the greatest gift and joy. That's what God wants for us - that's what vocations are all about. It's important to show others so they know this is a wonderful, beautiful option." Her words resonated with the students, highlighting the profound joy and purpose that can be found in a religious vocation. This event served as a critical reminder that exploring various vocations involves seeing and hearing from those who have already embarked on different paths. It underscored the importance of dialogue and exposure in helping individuals discover their own unique callings.



## Figure Drawing Bootcamp

Ms. Steffen's Studio Drawing classes recently concluded an intensive "Figure Drawing Bootcamp," a focused unit designed to translate theoretical knowledge of human anatomy into practical application. Students engaged in dynamic exercises utilizing live models and creating gesture drawings with oil pastels and pencils. The Bootcamp's primary objective was to develop the ability to quickly and accurately capture the underlying structure and proportions of the human form.

Through a series of timed poses, ranging from rapid ten-second sketches to more extended twenty-minute drawings, students honed their skills in capturing the essence of the human figure. This process not only enhanced their drawing abilities but also provided valuable insights into the role of an artist's model and the importance of proper studio etiquette. Students alternated between being the artist and the model, fostering a deeper understanding and respect for both roles. This immersive experience served as a foundational lead-in to a field trip at the Field Museum of Chicago. There, students had the unique opportunity to meet with the museum's artist-in-residence and further refine their gesture drawing skills within the inspiring context of the museum's exhibits.



## Walsh Construction Bridge Building Contest

The McLaughlin Room buzzed with a different kind of energy this winter, a vibrant hum of anticipation and collaboration. Saint Ignatius College Prep's Physics students, alongside their dedicated teachers, were immersed in the final preparations for the annual Walsh Construction Bridge Building Competition. It's more than just an event; it's a testament to the power of applied learning, a chance to translate textbook theories into tangible structures. These aren't just students; they're budding engineers, and architects of miniature marvels, each carefully adjusting, measuring and reinforcing their creations. Seeing our students work together, problem-solve and celebrate each small victory was a powerful reminder of the learning and camaraderie that thrives within our walls. The Walsh Construction Bridge Competition isn't just a culmination of a school year; it's a bridge itself, connecting classroom concepts to real-world applications and most importantly, building lasting bonds between students and their passion for science. It's certainly one of the most anticipated and most fun events of the school year!



## NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Please extend a warm Wolfpack welcome to Beata Swacha, our new Chief Financial Officer. She is taking over this roll from Greg Gleason who served as CFO for over 30 years. Mrs. Swacha followed her professional path to Saint Ignatius College Prep, but that's just the most recent part of her story. Born in Poland, Mrs. Swacha says she's always been analytical, open to working with others and interested in financial matters. She also says when she was a child her nickname was "boska" (which means "boss lady") because she took charge of things that needed to be done.

Mrs. Swacha has dedicated a couple of decades to building a career in finance, strategy and leadership. She is the mother of three beautiful teenagers and she loves working with young people. It's one of the reasons she's excited to be here at 1076 West Roosevelt Road. She talked about the opportunity the CFO position offers:

"My faith has always been my foundation in life, and to be able to marry that with what I'm good at professionally is something I never thought I'd be able to do," said Mrs. Swacha. "It's my job to make sure Saint Ignatius is positioned to continue providing this unbelievable experience for generations to come. My role is to help make dreams come true and leave the school in a better place for the next 150 years."



## Bringing Latin to Life

This year's Latin Days event was a resounding success, providing a vibrant and engaging experience for more than 70 enthusiastic sixth to eighth-graders. Hosted by the Classics Club and Latin Honor Society at Saint Ignatius College Prep, this marked the 5th annual celebration of Roman culture and history. According to teacher Matt Sparapani, participants enjoyed a diverse range of activities, carefully designed to be both educational and fun. These included interactive Myth Reenactments, where students embodied iconic figures from Roman mythology, and hands-on creation of beautiful mosaics. The program also featured a taste of Roman military life with "Roman Legion Training," and culminated in the highly anticipated and always popular Chariot Races. The event successfully immersed the young attendees.



# The Wolfpack Are Cross-Country State Champs!

The girls cross country team made program and state history by winning the IHSA 2A State Championship at Detweiller Park in Peoria, IL. Winning its very first IHSA state championship with an overall team score of 76, the Wolfpack won in a dominant performance, defeating second-place DePaul College Prep by 101 points, and third-place Chatham by 141 points. The win was the largest margin of victory (boys and girls) for any of the IHSA State Championship meets this season. The Wolfpack also became the very first Chicago-based high school to win an IHSA girls cross country state championship, in any classification, in state history. The Pack was led by Annika Swan '26 (16:27.80), who finished second overall, along with Allison Shutler '28 (9th, 17:13.85) and Greta Sheaffer '28 (23rd, 17:46.21), who each received individual medals for finishing in the top-25. Lizeth Montes '25, Rory Steinhofer '28, Olivia Brophy '28 and Elle Sheaffer '27 also contributed to the state championship-winning performance.

This past fall, the Wolfpack also secured two cross-country conference championships at Loyola Academy's Munz Campus in Glenview. Girls Cross Country secured its second straight Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Championship and thirteenth overall in program history. Annika Swan '26 won her third consecutive individual title leading the Wolfpack to the championship. Ally Shutler '28, Greta Sheaffer '28, Lizeth Montes '25, Rory Steinhofer '28 and Elle Sheaffer '27 joined Swan on the All-GCAC team. Montes '25 achieved a rare distinction by earning All-GCAC honors during all four years. In the Open race, Julieta Mayorga '25 (1st) and Isabella Soriano '25 (2nd) led a group of eight top-20 finishers for the Wolfpack.

Boys Cross Country also secured the Chicago Catholic League Championship, its second league title in the past three seasons and twelfth overall in program history. Ethan Petrillo '26, Manny Alvarez '25, Nick Lopez '25, Brendan Houlahan '27 and Hugh Lynch '25 each received All-CCL honors leading the Wolfpack to the championship. In the open race, Alexander Kepler '26, Aidan Tansor '26 and Alexander Wright '25 led a group of six top-10 finishers for the Wolfpack.



# National Letter of Intent Signings

Please join us in congratulating the following students who have signed, or are committed to the application process to continue their athletic and academic careers in college next fall.



**Above, left to right:**

- Elizabeth McMahon '25 will be continuing her student-athlete work (rowing) at Indiana University.
- Eleanora Murer '25 will be continuing her student-athlete work (rowing) at the University of Notre Dame.
- Meghan Krayer '25 will be continuing her student-athlete work (soccer) at St. Mary's College.
- Maggie Helms '25 will be continuing her student-athlete (basketball) work at Washington University.
- Quinn Urquhart '25 will be continuing her student-athlete work (soccer) at Indiana State.
- Mary Galante '25 will be continuing her student-athlete (soccer) work at Lafayette College.
- Reganne Reardon '25 will be continuing her student-athlete work (basketball) at West Point.
- Phoenix Gill '25 will be continuing his student-athlete (basketball) work at Northwestern University.
- Biko Hooper-Haviland '25 will be continuing his student-athlete (swimming) work at Purdue University.



**Above, left to right:**

- Teddy Koehl '25 is heading to Washington University to continue his work as a student-athlete on the football team.
- Avery Baldwin '25 is taking her dedication to academics and sailing to Stanford.
- Marty Junkins '25 will be continuing his work as a student-athlete at Denison University where he'll be playing Lacrosse.

# Sports Briefs

**ROWING** was recognized during halftime of the football game back on September 13, with the Boys J4+ boat from last season shown for their 1st place win at SRAA Nationals. Jack Ennis '25, Fin Duffy '25, Teddy Chong '25, Jack Tarpy '25, Sally Novy '25 and Coach Len Richards were presented at midfield for their accomplishments.

**SAILING** qualified for Girls Nationals this past fall after two days of intense racing in Wilmette. The Pack then headed to San Diego in October and took on the top female sailors in the country. Congratulations to skippers Avery '25 and Cate Baldwin '28 and crews Whitney Koif '25 and Sofia Sandoval '25 as well as the team of Sophia Castrejon '26, Sarah Sandoval '26 and Frankie Ryba '27. The team finished 10th at Girls Nationals in San Diego, California.

**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING** had a huge victory over the Friars of Fenwick this fall 117-68 and achieved many personal and season bests. Colleen Tracy '26 and Angela Wideikis '26 scored first and second in the 200 freestyle. Alexis Ambrosino '28 and Chayse Massimino '27 secured second and third in the 200 IM. Madi Manning '25 won the 50 freestyle with a new personal best. Caitlin Seder '27 and Alexis Nelson '26 went first and second in the 1m diving competition. Seder '27 set a new pool record with a score of 258.60. Tracy '26 and Wideikis '26 teamed up with Margaret Hickey '26 to sweep the 100 butterfly. Liepa Niaura '26 and Livia Cremer '27 scored first and second in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Penelope Del Aguila Solis '27 went a season-best and was runner-up in the 500 freestyle. Mariposa Arroyo '27 placed second in the 100 breaststroke. Wolfpack relays scored second and third in the medley, first and second in the 200 free relay and first and third in the 400 free relay.



**BOYS GOLF** won their 14th IHSA Regional Championship this fall by ten strokes over Payton 312-322. The Pack was led by Jake Forrest '25 who shot the low round of the tournament with a 75 as the medalist. Jimmy Doherty '25 was a close second with a round of 76.

**GIRLS GOLF** won their 5th IHSA Regional title in program history this fall at Cog Hill. The Pack narrowly escaped with the one-stroke win over the Friars of Fenwick 353-354 to grab some hardware. Maggie Helms '25 led the Pack with a round of 84. The team was represented at the IHSA State Finals by individual qualifier Maggie Helms '25 who placed 47th overall. This was the highest state finish for any girls golfer in the past decade.

**HOCKEY** won the 53rd O'Grady Tournament, defeating New Trier Green (2-1), Glenbrook North (5-2), Glenbard South (6-1), Oak Park River Forest (5-1) and New Trier (6-1). Jackson Steinlauf '25 was named MVP of the tournament, with Austin Haynes '25 (Offensive Player), Hutch Dunlay '25 (Defensive Player) and Brody Netzky '25 (Goal tender) each receiving tournament honors.

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**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** won its second straight Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Championship and thirteenth overall in program history. Annika Swan '26 won her third consecutive individual title leading the Wolfpack to the championship.



**SWIMMING & DIVING:** Congratulations go to Mike Sprehe for being named an Illinois Swimming & Diving Association Sectional Diving Coach of the Year.

## Wolfpack Football Wins 94th Chicago Prep Bowl!

Our football team won the Chicago Prep Bowl for the very first time in school history when they defeated Whitney Young 47-8. Jack Wanzung '25 was the game's MVP. He ran for a pair of touchdowns and connected with Liam Hynes '25 for another. Hynes also ran in a second touchdown. Robbie Connor added another touchdown for the Wolfpack as well.



## All-Americans!

Congrats to the following swimmers who earned Scholastic All-American Status for the 23-24 school year. Swimmers must have achieved a winter junior national time standard and have a GPA over 3.50. Great job for your performance in the pool and in the classroom!

- Maya Arroyo '24
- Livia Cremer '27
- Aaron Grgurovic '24
- Stevie Grud '24
- PJ Nolan '24
- Charlie Tracy '24

# An Extra Special Feast Day Celebration!

**The Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola is always special, but July 31, 2024 was extra special.**



Our community came together at Mass at the Church of the Holy Family. Parents and school leaders filled the pews, along with some members of the Saint Ignatius College Prep Class of 2027. They joined in the celebration after fulfilling a day of service at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The inspiration for their work that day was St. Ignatius of Loyola's famous quote, "Love is shown more in deeds than in words."

After Mass, Fr. Lukas Laniauskas, S.J., who had served as the Vice President for Mission Integration at Saint Ignatius College Prep and who currently serves on the school's Board of Trustees, led the crowd to the school's quad for the unveiling of a project that had been years in the making. During the Covid pandemic, Saint Ignatius President John Chandler, asked Fr. Laniauskas to partner with him in creating a statue to commemorate the Ignatius 500. Father recalls Mr. Chandler saying, "What would it look like for us to design something that could encapsulate that which is the mission that is entrusted to Saint Ignatius College Prep?"

Fr. Laniauskas continued his story for the assembled audience. He talked about how they began to "put together a vision of what Saint Ignatius could look like... and how the statue could serve as a reminder to every student and alum and benefactor...of the person whose name the school bears."

What follows is a point-by-point explanation of the work of art in the quad:

- At the statue's feet, you see a helmet and a sword. Both point to St. Ignatius' former way of life as a knight who ultimately became a servant and saint of God.

- As you study the statue, you see that his right foot is stepping forward and his back, left foot is firmly planted on the ground, symbolizing St. Ignatius was grounded in the faith and in Christ, Jesus. At the same time, he steps forward into mission to serve the world so desperately in need.
- The traditional Jesuit cassock represented on the statue has meaning, too. It's flowing in the wind in a Baroque style. St. Ignatius lived during the Baroque period of art, and so his cassock symbolizes the drama of that time. Fr. Laniauskas explained, "The Protestant Reformation was raging, Europe discovered America in 1492 and Ignatius was born in 1491. The change in the world was significant and dramatic, symbolized in his cassock."
- In the statue representation, St. Ignatius holds a banner or standard that reads, "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam," which translates, "All for the greater glory of God." Fr. Laniauskas says this is meant to show Ignatius is not lost in the world. He points to his heart, and three letters: IHS, for the name of Jesus. The statue's upward gaze is squarely on the cross that graces the bell tower of the church. That is the direction St. Ignatius always points: to the cross; to Jesus; to the person he serves and the mission that is before him.

- Finally, the three tears you see on St. Ignatius' face represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

After blessing the statue, and inviting people to do the same, Fr. Laniauskas made sure to also convey the meaning of its placement. The four benches and lights around St. Ignatius are for our freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. "They are now given the light, and after their education," explained the Jesuit priest, "they take the light to bring into the world, having received it here."

It is the manifestation in art of that phrase you see and hear on our beloved campus: *Ite Inflammate Omnia*. Go out and set the world on fire.



# A Soldier Comes Home

The body of a deceased World War II soldier has been identified as Jeremiah Patrick Mahoney, who had ties to 1076 West Roosevelt Road. From 1939 to 1941, he was a student at what was then called St. Ignatius High School.

Mahoney was born to an Irish Catholic family in Chicago in 1925 and grew up in Englewood. He attended Visitation Grammar School and enrolled at St. Ignatius High School in 1939.

Mahoney would have graduated with the class of 1943, but withdrew from school on December 17, 1941 - ten days after Pearl Harbor.



Mahoney enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Europe to serve in an Anti-Tank Company. He was stationed in Northeastern France when German forces launched a major counteroffensive in late December of 1944.

Jeremiah Mahoney was killed in fighting sometime on January 17, 1945. The

intensity of the fighting necessitated an evacuation from the area and his unit was unable to recover his remains. Mahoney was just nineteen years old when he died.

In 1947, the American Graves Registration Command discovered a soldier's remains in the forest near Reipertswiller, France,

but were unable to identify the soldier. The Unknown was buried at Ardennes American Cemetery in Belgium in 1949.

In 2022, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency exhumed the soldier's remains and transferred them to a laboratory for DNA testing. This spring, they confirmed that the fallen soldier was Jeremiah Patrick Mahoney of Chicago, Illinois. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on a date to be determined later.

On Veteran's Day and every day, Saint Ignatius College Prep is proud to commemorate the sacrifice of Jeremiah Mahoney and each member of our community who has given so much - in Private Mahoney's case, everything - in the defense of this country.

# A Saint Ignatius Christmas Tradition

The holiday season is a time for joy, generosity and connection. This year, the spirit of giving was vibrantly alive as Saint Ignatius College Prep students and faculty embraced a cherished tradition. For more than twenty years, this community has rallied together to spread Christmas cheer to the children of Christopher Elementary School in Chicago.

As the sun rose on this special day, more than 100 enthusiastic students, faculty and staff members transformed their morning into a heartfelt mission of giving. Our school community adopted Christmas wish lists from the eager children at the Christopher School and selected gifts that would bring smiles and joy to the students. The excitement didn't stop there—students engaged in delightful arts and crafts with their younger counterparts while the Wolfpack Pep Band filled the air with uplifting holiday tunes, ensuring that every classroom resonated with the sounds of the season.

The culmination of this philanthropic effort resulted in the delivery of hundreds of carefully chosen gifts, a testament to the power of community and compassion. The faces of both gift-givers and receivers sparkled with joy, highlighting the true essence of the holidays—connection, love and shared happiness. This annual Christopher Christmas serves as a reminder of the incredible impact we can have when we come together with open hearts. In the end, the most precious gift exchanged was the time spent nurturing relationships and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Through such acts of kindness, we embody the spirit of the season, proving that the joy of giving enriches us all.



# Service with Heart

## Inspiring Acts of Kindness at Saint Ignatius College Prep

In an age where compassion often feels like a distant concept, the members of the Saint Ignatius College Prep Class of 2027 remind us that actions speak louder than words. Recently, these dedicated sophomores rolled up their sleeves at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, where their combined efforts resulted in the packing of more than 6,000 pounds of food. This remarkable feat means that countless families in our city, where one in five households faces food insecurity, will have nutritious meals on their tables. As St. Ignatius once said, "Love is shown more in deeds than in words." These students embodied this ethos beautifully, transforming their commitment to service into tangible support for those in need. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Greater Chicago Food Depository for providing this invaluable opportunity for our students to make a difference in their community.

The spirit of service is not limited to food packing; it extends to various forms of engagement within our local neighborhoods. During their Chicago Immersion trip, Saint Ignatius students collaborated with the Br. David Darst Center to enhance their understanding of community needs. Under the guidance of Mr. Ed Nunez, they took time to clean items at the West Lawn Public Library, discovering the wealth of resources available to local residents. The vibrant mural proclaiming "La Amada Comunidad," which translates to "the beloved community," is a poignant reminder of the collective strength and love that can flourish when we come together for a common cause.

Moreover, the spirit of giving back thrives beyond the borders of our city. Students have taken their commitment

to service to new heights, traveling to Cincinnati to volunteer at various organizations, including the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and the New Life Furniture Bank. Mr. Steve Cahill shared that their experiences, from helping individuals with disabilities at Stepping Stones to rehabilitating homes in Northern Kentucky, were not just acts of charity but transformative journeys. These moments of reflection and shared experiences deepened their understanding of community and service, highlighting the profound impact that these engagements can have on young hearts and minds.

At Saint Ignatius College Prep, service is woven into the fabric of our identity. Coach Matt Monroe's boys basketball program recently demonstrated this commitment by lending a hand at St. Procopius' annual summer fundraiser. The team's efforts exemplify the principle of being "Men and Women for Others," showing that leadership and camaraderie extend beyond the court. Each of these experiences reinforces the belief that true greatness is found not only in personal achievement but in uplifting others as well.

Through these impactful activities, the students of Saint Ignatius College Prep are not merely learning about service; they are living it. Each volunteer hour spent, every toy cleaned and every meal packed carries a ripple effect that strengthens our community and cultivates empathy in the next generation. As we reflect on their inspiring work, let us be reminded of the power of collective action and the profound difference that can be made when we serve with love and intention. Together, we can continue to build a brighter future for all.



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Networking will commence at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 11:45 a.m. in the Crystal Room located on the 5th floor. The luncheon will then begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Ballroom on the 6th floor. During the luncheon, we will honor outstanding contributions to the legal profession by presenting the Alumni Award for Excellence in the Field of Law to Carolyn Daley '98, as well as the Non-Alumni Award for Excellence in Law to Patrick Collins. These awards highlight the achievements of individuals who have made significant impacts in their respective fields.

To secure your place, please visit [ignatius.org/giving/engagement-societies/law-society](https://ignatius.org/giving/engagement-societies/law-society) for registration details. We look forward to welcoming you to an event that not only celebrates excellence in law but also fosters relationships within our professional community.

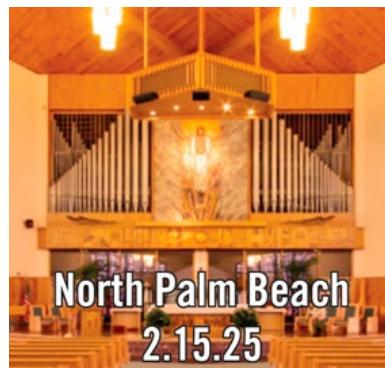


## 43rd Annual Law Luncheon – 2.6.25

You are cordially invited to attend the Law Society's 43rd Annual Law Luncheon on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the prestigious Union League Club of Chicago. This event promises to be a significant gathering for legal professionals, offering an excellent opportunity to

## ALUMNI & FRIENDS GATHERINGS – FLORIDA

You are invited to join us for mass and a reception to celebrate our shared Jesuit missions



# Gloriam

# 2025

*Beati et Grati*

## Gloriam – 3.1.25

Please join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025, for our annual Gloriam fundraiser! This is our school's biggest fundraiser for tuition assistance and we need your support.

- 5:00 p.m. Silent Auction and Cocktail Reception in Tully Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner, Live Auction and Paddle Raise in Gentile Gym
- 9:30 p.m. After Party in Tully Hall/Silent Auction closes
- 11:00 p.m. Evening concludes

Individual tickets are \$500 and are available online at [ignatius.org/giving/gloriam-2025](http://ignatius.org/giving/gloriam-2025). Interested in becoming a sponsor or table benefactor? Contact Libby Lucas with questions at [libby.lucas@ignatius.org](mailto:libby.lucas@ignatius.org) or 312-432-8369.



## Spring Reunions – 4.5.25

We are excited to announce the upcoming spring reunions, set to take place on April 5 at various locations across our campus.

This year's event will honor

multiple graduating classes, including the Class of 2020 (5 years), Class of 2015 (10 years), Class of 2010 (15 years), Class of 2005 (20 years), and Class of 2000 (25 years). It promises to be a memorable evening filled with nostalgia and reconnections. Alumni should keep an eye on their email for detailed information and registration instructions from Saint Ignatius. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you back to 1076 W. Roosevelt Road in just a few months!

## A Person for Others: Dr. John C. Wall - Class of 1924

On the 100th anniversary of his graduation from Saint Ignatius, it is fitting and appropriate that we recognize Dr. John C. Wall who truly lived his life in the service of others as the Jesuit motto calls us to do. He was a family doctor on the South Side of Chicago, practicing old-school, full-service health care that is no longer practiced. In addition to his service as a doctor, John and his wife, Geraldine, were parents to nine children.



John didn't just serve his community in Chicago, he also served his country during World War II. The 38-year-old father of nine, who survived polio, was called to duty. He served in Manchester, England for two years caring for wounded soldiers. Doctors back then were not only internists but also surgeons. Regrettably, those he helped heal were usually sent right back to the front lines. Such is life in a world war.

Although none of his children attended Saint Ignatius, John's younger brothers, two sons-in-law, and scores of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews have attended Saint Ignatius including current freshman, Elizabeth Wall '28.



## Jubilee Reunion – 5.2.25

All Saint Ignatius alumni who graduated before 1975 are invited back to campus, as guests of honor, for an all-school Mass at Church of the Holy Family. The entire student body, faculty and staff will also be in attendance. After Mass, a luncheon reception will be held on the 4th floor in the Grand Gallery and Foglia Library. Invitations with details will be sent out soon.



## San Ignacio Society Celebración Gala – 5.3.25

We invite you to join us on a special night for our inaugural fundraising gala, Celebración, hosted by the San Ignacio Society of Saint Ignatius College Prep. Celebración is the next phase in the San Ignacio Society's efforts to help the growing Latin American community at Saint Ignatius College Prep. Two pillars of the mission of Saint Ignatius College Prep are to build a school community that both reflects the city of Chicago and to support those most in need. Through Celebración, the San Ignacio Society is embracing this mission and is working to ensure that there are resources available to our talented young Latin American students capable of excelling within these historic academic walls. We will welcome Gina A. Rodriguez '02 as our guest of honor for this special evening.

 Saint Ignatius College Prep  
San Ignacio Society

Scan the QR code to register for the event



## Women's Society Signature Dinner – 5.8.25

Join us for a night of inspiration at the annual Women's Society Signature Dinner, taking place in Tully Hall on May 8, 2025. This much-anticipated event includes a wine reception and a selection of exquisite hors d'oeuvres. Guests will also enjoy a sumptuous seated dinner. The night will also feature exciting raffle prizes, adding an element of fun to the festivities. Moreover, we are proud to present the prestigious 2025 Golden Rose Award, honoring outstanding contributions to our community. Every ticket purchased will support the Society's endowment for tuition assistance at Saint Ignatius, empowering the next generation of leaders. Join us in celebrating and uplifting one another for a brighter tomorrow.



# Engagements, Weddings & Births

The listing below includes engagement, wedding and births news from 7.1.24 to 12.31.24. Please email [wolvesden@ignatius.org](mailto:wolvesden@ignatius.org) to share your engagement, wedding and birth announcements.

## ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

### Congratulations to...

Claire L. Allen '07 and Damen Pryma on their engagement  
Nicolina M. Pascua Casa '14 and Joseph A. Casa on their wedding at Church of the Holy Family on 9/21/2024

Matthew M. Cmiel '16 and Emily A. Collick on their engagement

Meghan A. Connery '13 and Corben J. Lear on their engagement

John F. Devitt '14 and Denise Fano on their engagement. They are to be married at Church of the Holy Family on 6/28/2024

Colleen A. Middleton Diers '08 and Tyler B. Diers on their wedding at Church of the Holy Family on 12/14/2024

Claire Dragich '12 and George Doherty '12 on their engagement

Aundre Hayes '84 and Dr. Dawnovise Fowler on their engagement in January, 2024

Emma K. Brown Keelan '13 and Jack O. Keelan '13 on their wedding at Church of the Holy Family

Margaret E. Kuchler '13 and Federico Prian on their engagement.

Noreen Walsh '12 and Cameron Marotta on their wedding in Rapallo, Italy on 8/23/2024

Julia R. May '13 and Stephen R. Lestyan on their engagement.

Matthew R. McCareins '12 and Emily Steinberg on their wedding at the Chicago History Museum on 7/27/2024

Saint Ignatius College Prep current staff member, Erica Montegna, and Jim Spallina on their wedding on 10/12/2024

Daniel T. O'Hara '12 and Bridget G. Conniff on their engagement

Ryan A. Phelan '06 and Alexandra M. Phelan on their wedding at Church of the Holy Family on 11/2/2024

Claire M. Reardon '15 and Tomás Cacicedo on their engagement in July, 2024

Rosemary V. Scannell '16 and Victor M. Suarez '16 on their engagement

Josephine M. Seavers '13 and Thomas McDermott on their engagement

Lauren Hogan Sotos '11 and Thomas Sotos on their wedding. Lauren's brother, William H. Logan '08, and members of the Saint Ignatius community joined in the celebration

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Congratulations to...

Carly Nowaczyk Barkowski '15 and husband, Lucas Barkowski, on the birth of their daughter, Brenna Marie Barkowski on 7/4/2024

Robert E. Burciaga '04 and Julia Dryden on the birth of their son, Rafael John, on 4/9/2024

Brigid Hannon Esteves '10 and Wyatt Esteves on the birth of their son, Martin Francis, on 5/31/2024. Martin is welcomed by his grandfather, Edward J. Hannon '83 and uncles Edward P. Hannon '13 and John J. Hannon '16

Julia M. Haried Flesher '11 and Andrew S. Flesher on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Louise Flesher, on 9/4/2024. Charlotte is also welcomed by her uncles, James A. Haried '03 and Alex M. Haried '06

Miranda Hernandez '09 and Aaron Ortiz on the baptism of their son, Michael Emiliano Hernandez, on 10/26/2024 at Church of the Holy Family

Kathleen Murphy '06 and Keelin Wyman '06 on the baptism of their daughter, Moira Margaret Wyman, and celebrated with Moira's godmother and sister-in-law of Katie, Claire Parker Murphy '11, at Church of the Holy Family on 11/23/2024

Saint Ignatius College Prep staff member, Emily Nash, and husband, Matthew Petrich, welcome their son, Theodore Nash Petrich, born 7/19/2024

Saint Ignatius faculty member, Adrian Oryshkevych, and his wife, Tanya, on the birth of their daughter, Natalie Luba Oryshkevych on 11/20/2024

Michael '09 and Allison Rocus on the birth of their daughter, Valerie James Rocus, on 6/21/24. Valerie is welcomed by grandparents, Victor '73 and Victoria Rocus, and uncle, Steven V. Rocus '05

Korina Sanchez Wartan '07 and her husband, Patrick Wartan, on the birth of their daughter, Penelope S. Wartan, on 8/15/2024

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**Instagram** - We have more than 8.6K followers with photos of school life. [@saintignatiuschicago](https://www.instagram.com/saintignatiuschicago).



**Facebook** - School news and more than 7.3K alums connected to the page.



**LinkedIn** - A network of alumni interested in career networking. There are more than 4.9K alums in this group.



**YouTube** - Event footage and special messages with more than 100,000 channel views.

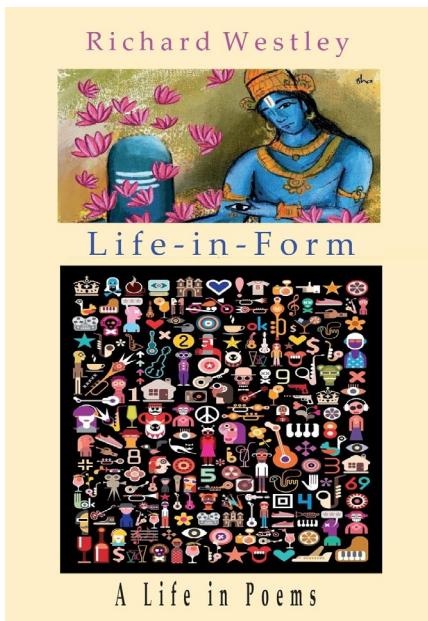
## ROME '05 NAMED TO 40 UNDER 40 LIST

Liat Rome '05 was recently honored in Bloomberg's prestigious *They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40* list. She is a partner practicing civil litigation at the law firm Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C.



## Westley '72 Publishes Poetry Book

Richard Westley '72 recently published *Life-in-Form, A Life in Poems* which is being published by Leder Press. The book is a retrospective look at 55 poems he wrote between 1975 and 2024. Leder Press Editor Paula A. Norbert said, "The book pushes the boundaries of what compelling poems look and feel like. What emerges for the dedicated reader is Westley's luminous creativity as well as his profound awareness of the poetic tradition he is heir to." The book is available through Amazon Books, Abebooks and local booksellers.



## Dumas '89 Named National President

Marc Dumas '89 was elected as the 69th National President of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at their 81st Grand Arch Council. A 1993 Founder and initiate of the Illinois Zeta Chapter at DePaul University, he's the first African American ever elected into the role in the Fraternity's 172-year history. It's the culmination of more than 30 years of volunteer service to the group in roles as wide-ranging as Chapter Advisor to National Board member.



## Ripecky '10 Named COO

Zoe Ripecky '10 was recently named Chief Operating Officer of RazomforUkraine (razomforukraine.org), a major humanitarian organization based in New York City and focused on Ukraine. Ripecky '10 has visited Ukraine multiple times since the 2022 invasion to help coordinate her organization's relief efforts. RazomforUkraine has collected and distributed millions of dollars' worth of material to suffering civilians while also informing Americans and congressional representatives of ongoing needs in Ukraine. Prior to her appointment at RazomforUkraine, she worked in investment banking at Goldman Sachs after earning an MBA at Duke University.





## Wolfpack Take Part in Emmy-Winning Production

"My Next Guest with David Letterman and John Mulaney '00" won the Emmy for Outstanding Hosted Nonfiction Series or Special. Special thanks to our Class of 2024 members who participated in the episode midway through their senior year. Kudos to John Mulaney '00, who bravely opened up about his path from addiction to sobriety in his poignant interview with David Letterman. Here's to hoping it helps someone struggling with substance use disorder. The episode served as a reminder the Wolfpack has much to be proud of: we have great students learning on a wonderful, Jesuit Catholic campus in the heart of Chicago. But that's not all. During the episode, when Mulaney '00 compared high school to college, he said he got a better education at Saint Ignatius. Congratulations all around...and to the production team who put 1076 West Roosevelt Road in the national spotlight in such a meaningful way.

### SIRHAL '99 NAMED CHIEF MERCHANDISING OFFICER

Qurate Retail Group<sup>SM</sup>, part of Qurate Retail, Inc. recently announced the appointment of Mara Sirhal '99 as its Chief Merchandising Officer for Qurate Retail Group<sup>SM</sup> – QVC US, the company's largest business unit.



## Rice '72 Wins 1st Place in IL Press Association Awards

John Rice's '72 recent newspaper column took 1st Place in the Illinois Press Association 2024 Awards. The IPA was founded in 1865 and has 450 member newspapers. It is the largest newspaper association in the country. Rice '72 has been writing part-time for the *Forest Park Review* and *Wednesday Journal* for 37 years. In addition to journalism, he also ran his own Private Detective Agency for more than 40 years.

## Simon '75 to Accept Award on Behalf of Parents

R. Matthew Simon '75 will be accepting the Chicago Bible Society's Gutenberg Award later this fall. The honor will be given to his parents Mary and Raymond F. Simon '50 *In Memoriam*, and Matt will be accepting it on their behalf. The honoree luncheon will be held on October 8 at the University Club. The Society is a 100+ year old interdenominational organization that seeks to bring the love, forgiveness and hope of the Gospel to those who are detained in the Illinois County Jail systems.

## COMISKEY GREAT GRANDDAUGHTERS VISIT IGNATIUS

Patti Bellock and Mary Sharon Kellens, the great-granddaughters of White Sox founder and owner Charles Comiskey, were delighted to discover his name in the 1870 St. Ignatius College register during their recent visit to Saint Ignatius. Charles Comiskey was among the first students to enroll in the newly opened Jesuit college, walking through the lion-head doors on Sept. 12, 1870. The historic ledger recorded that he was eleven years old; lived nearby at 142 Lytle Street (later 1111 S. Lytle); and would begin his education as a member of the Preparatory class. The dream of Rev. Arnold Damen, S.J., Chicago's St. Ignatius College followed the European model. Young students advanced year by year until they had completed studies for a Bachelor of Arts degree.

## MENCHACA '81 WINS AGUILA AWARD

2024  
HLAI Aguila Award Recipient

### Alejandro Menchaca

*Director at McAndrews, Held & Malloy Ltd.*

Aguila Award: HLAI's highest honor, the Aguila Award recognizes the exceptional efforts of outstanding members who fiercely promote the advancement of all Latinos in the legal profession regardless of their heritage or their role in the legal community. This Award is bestowed upon prestigious leaders who soar above the challenges of today, relentlessly pursue wider perspectives, and use their power and strength to support the next generation of leaders and nurture the development of their sharp legal minds.



## Evans '73 Receives 2024 Northwestern Alumni Medal

Will Evans '73 was recently named a 2024 Northwestern Alumni Medalists. This is the Northwestern Alumni Association's most prestigious award and recognizes his exceptional achievement in their careers and service to Northwestern.



## Kotarac '97 Named to RTA Board

Tom Kotarac '97 was recently nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The RTA is the regional planning, funding and oversight agency of the CTA, Metra and Pace.



## Martinez-Presiado '00 Wins Outstanding Teacher Award

Vivian Martinez-Presiado '00 recently received the Illinois State University College of Education Outstanding Teacher Award. The award was given back in August for the work she did the previous school year.



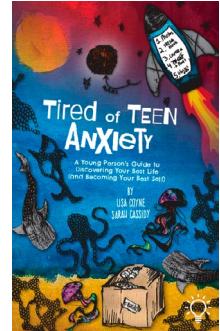


## MAY '12 EXPANDS NON-PROFIT REACH

Larissa May '12 is the founder of [halfthestoryproject.com](http://halfthestoryproject.com). She was recently featured on *CBS Mornings* and has also created a partnership with Melinda Gates, Oprah and Megan Markle. May '12 can be seen here on the far left.

## Cassidy-O'Connor '93 Publishes New Book

Dr. Sarah Cassidy-O'Connor '93 has just published her second best-selling book in the *Tired of Anxiety* series. This is the second book in a five-part mental health series that she has co-authored with Harvard University's Dr. Lisa Coyne. It is currently being translated into several other languages around the world. All of the artwork on the cover and in the book has been created by anxious teens who attend her clinic in Ireland and Dr. Coyne's clinic in Boston.



## Gilbert '16 Makes U.S. Bobsled Team

Dylan Gilbert '16 was recently named to the USA World Cup Bobsled team. Gilbert said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the USA with some of the greatest athletes around."



## Alumni & Friends Named to List of Notable Latinos

Several members of the Saint Ignatius family were recently named to the *Crain's Chicago Business* 2024 Notable Latino Leaders list. They include: Pete Amaro '01 (Managing partner-L'Attitude Ventures), Martin Cabrera (Founder & CEO of Cabrera Capital Markets and Board Chairman of Saint Ignatius), Lou Sandoval (Pres. & CEO of IL Chamber of Commerce & parent of a current Ignatius student), Maya Solis (Executive Dir. of UNO-It Only Takes One & parent of a current Ignatius student).

## Goel '23 Receives Listening Society's Highest Award

The National Lead Listening Society recently gave its Young Achievement Award to Shiv A. Goel '23 during its 2024 Transformational Listening Conference. Goel '23 is a sophomore at Saint Louis University (SLU) studying Health Management. He became a co-founder of the Lead Listening Society during his sophomore year at Ignatius. Since arriving at SLU, he has established a chapter of the Lead Listening Society. He is also leading an initiative to publish a book, *Breathe then Listen: 13 Student Accounts on Breaking the Sound Barrier*. Goel '23 loves serving the cognitively disabled through Special Olympics Missouri, Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis and KEEN St. Louis. He was also awarded the distinguished 1818 Community Engagement Grant from SLU to work with these communities utilizing the various techniques of listening.



## Marasso '04 Launches New Law Firm

Bruno R. Marasso '04 recently launched Marasso Law LLC. The firm will focus on representing individuals injured in motor vehicle collisions as well as other personal injury matters. Marasso '04 has resolved many cases. In May, he was part of a team that obtained a \$2 million verdict on a medical malpractice case. He is a past president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers and is involved in the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the American Association of Justice. [marassolaw.com](http://marassolaw.com).



## Bennett '16 Earns Fellowship

Gabby Bennett '16 is a graduate student at the University of Chicago and was recently awarded the Obama Foundation Scholars Program Fellowship. Only 18 students are selected each cycle. Congrats Gabby!



## Khuans '08 Earns Promotion

Nicollette L. Khuans '08 was recently promoted to partner at the law firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. She currently practices in the firm's commercial litigation practice group. See more at [www.taftlaw.com](http://www.taftlaw.com).



# A Look Back

## CLASS OF '67 MASS AND LUNCH REUNION - 7.26.24

We had a great turnout for this year's summer gathering. Spirits were high as members of the class celebrated mass together in the 5th-floor Cuneo Chapel on campus. The group then headed over to May Street and the Alumni Lounge to enjoy a cookout on the Class of '67 Skydeck. Thank you to everyone that attended.

Here's a recap of some of the events from the first half of the school year. Thank you for coming out to celebrate as a community and for all of your support of Saint Ignatius. Click the QR Code here to see photos for the events listed below.



## TOLTON SOCIETY SUMMER PICNIC - 7.27.24

Thank you to everyone who came to the semi-annual Tolton Society Summer Cookout! The gathering brought together Tolton Society members, alumni and families for a day of fellowship and fun.



## FAMILIES OF COLOR RECEPTION - 8.12.24

Saint Ignatius College Prep's Department of School Culture—Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was pleased to invite all incoming families to the Annual Families of Color Reception. This community-building event was held on August 12 in Tully Hall. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities. Seen here is Dr. Helen Williams (freshman mom), along with Colleen McClain & Gina Joslin '95 from the Parent Org. Board.

## BUSINESS SOCIETY / PARENT ORG. "BACK TO SCHOOL" SOCIAL - 8.15.24

Current parents/guardians, alumni and society members came together to host this social. It was an evening of networking, engaging people about the Saint Ignatius community and answering questions about the Business Society and how to become involved in the Parent Organization.

## SAN IGNACIO SOCIETY WELCOME BACK PARTY - 9.7.24

Thank you to everyone who came to the 9th Annual San Ignacio Society Family Fiesta. The day was held in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and to welcome new and returning students and their families. All members of the Ignatius family enjoyed great food, drinks and fellowship.



## PARENT ORG BACKYARD BBQ - 9.12.24

The Saint Ignatius College Prep Parent Organization hosted hundreds for a smokin' good time at the Backyard BBQ on Thursday, September 12! The evening included a BBQ buffet, beer, wine, soft drinks and lots of fun. Thank you to everyone for supporting our school community.



## WOMEN'S SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE - 9.18.24

We had a wonderful evening getting to know each other and learning about the Women's Society. Our Society is a diverse community of parents, alumni and friends of the school who support the mission through philanthropic efforts, service and events. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out this school year!



## 38TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC 9.26.24

Thank you to all of the alumni, parents, guardians and friends who joined us to support the 38th Annual Golf Classic for Tuition Assistance. You helped raise \$233,000.00! Your commitment and dedication to our community continues to pay it forward by creating a lasting legacy. Thank you again! We cannot wait to see you back at Cog Hill on Thursday, September 25, 2025.





## CHAIRMAN'S DINNER - 10.10.24

The annual Chairman's Dinner is more than just a gathering; it is a heartfelt celebration of generosity and commitment to education. This year, we extend our deepest gratitude to all attendees who have contributed at the remarkable level of \$5,000 or more during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A special highlight was the presentation of the 2024 Dei Gloriam Award to William '74 and JoAnn Kunkel, individuals whose lives embody the principles espoused by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Their dedication to the church and Catholic education serves as an inspiring reminder of our shared mission: to live for the greater glory of God. As we honor their extraordinary contributions, may we all strive to reflect this Jesuit ideal in our own lives, fostering a sense of community and purpose within our school. Thank you for being a part of this impactful evening and for your unwavering support!

## FALL CLASS REUNIONS, 10.19.24

The hallways and event spaces were filled with laughter and excitement during the Fall Reunions. For those who came back to campus, we enjoyed hosting you and your classmates. For those who were not able to join us, you were missed but in our thoughts. As the campus evolves and grows, please continue to stay connected and join us. We welcome you back at any time for a tour, conversation or just simply to say "Hello!"



Class of 1974

Saint Ignatius College Prep

50th Reunion



Class of 1979

Saint Ignatius College Prep

45th Reunion



Class of 1984

Saint Ignatius College Prep

40th Reunion



Class of 1989

Saint Ignatius College Prep

35th Reunion



Class of 1999

Saint Ignatius College Prep

25th Reunion

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1974



1979



1984



1989



1999

## DC ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION - 10.23.24

More than 70 alumni and friends of Saint Ignatius gathered at the University Club in Washington D.C. Alumni from 1947 to 2017 celebrated their common bond and enjoyed meeting and reconnecting with fellow DC alumni. Rob Cimo '90 generously hosted the event. Saint Ignatius College Prep President, John Chandler, shared recent news from school including the accomplishments of our talented student body and our bold plans for the future, including Sodality Hall. Former Saint Ignatius President and current President of the Jesuit Conference, The Very Rev. Brian G. Paulson, S.J., also attended and shared his thoughts on the continued progress and the important plans for the future at Saint Ignatius.



## NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI & FRIENDS GATHERING - 10.24.24

More than 60 alumni and friends of Saint Ignatius gathered on Thursday evening, October 24th in midtown Manhattan to meet fellow New York area Saint Ignatius alumni and reconnect with old friends. Alumni from seven decades, including five recent graduates currently attending area Universities, as well as 12 members of the Class of 2017 added to the high energy of the event. Saint Ignatius President John Chandler was warmly greeted and led the group in the prayer to St. Ignatius. He shared recent news from school, the accomplishments of our talented student body and our bold plans for the future, including Sodality Hall.



## WOMEN'S SOCIETY SHOPPING EVENT - 11.7.24

Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual shopping event! There was a festive mood and large crowds in Tully Hall catching up with friends, making new ones and finding that perfect Christmas gift. All proceeds went to the Women's Society's Endowment for tuition assistance at Saint Ignatius. The Women's Society supports the Ignatius tradition of being Women for Others by being philanthropic leaders for the benefit of the current Saint Ignatius students.



## 13TH ANNUAL BUSINESS SOCIETY LUNCHEON - 11.14.24

The 13th Annual Saint Ignatius Business Society Luncheon was held at the Union League Club of Chicago, bringing together many from our school community. The society is comprised of a diverse community connected through a shared belief in the power of the Ignatius experience. This was echoed through our 2024 Award Recipients' words as they accepted the Alumni Award for Excellence in the Field of Business, the Award for Excellence in the Field of Business and the Presidential Award for Distinguished Neighborhood Partner. Thank you to everyone who joined the networking hour, who listened to the 2024 Entrepreneur class students as they talked about their projects and who enjoyed lunch together. To the Business Society Committee, thank you for supporting an event that continues to grow each year.



Peggy and Steve Lombardo



Dr. Edwin J. Harris '61

## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - 11.20.24

We were filled with joy and gratitude after a wonderful President's Reception held on November 20, 2024, inside the beautiful Tully Hall. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us on this special evening. This event is a wonderful tradition at Saint Ignatius College Prep, honoring our incredibly generous benefactors who contributed between \$2,500 and \$4,999 during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Your support makes a profound difference in our community and we are truly grateful for your commitment to our Mission. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our students, and we cannot thank you enough for being part of their journey.



## CLASS OF 2024 YEARBOOK SIGNING PARTY - 12.30.24

Tully Hall was buzzing with joyful energy as the Class of 2024 returned for their yearbook signing party! It was a wonderful sight to see these recent graduates reconnect, sharing laughs and stories as they flipped through their yearbooks. The air was filled with happy reunions, warm hugs and genuine smiles. Being back on campus brought back so many fond memories and the excitement of them seeing each other again was palpable. It was a perfect afternoon celebrating the bond of the Class of 2024 and the unforgettable times they shared together.



# In Memoriam

We pray for the departed souls of our alumni and friends who have passed away between 7.1.24 to 12.31.24. If any of the deceased or their relationships are listed in error, please email [tracy.terrell@ignatius.org](mailto:tracy.terrell@ignatius.org) so our records can be corrected.

## ALUMNI

**Anthony J. Arini '64**  
**Leonard S. Belmonte '52**, grandfather of Kyle B. Luburic '20 and Alexandra B. Luburic '24  
**Dr. George E. Bryar, LTC, U.S. Army (Retired) '54**, father of Sharon Bryar Eichinger '81, Julie Bryar Smith '82, Elizabeth Bryar Raser '83, Colin M. Bryar '85, Dr. Paul J. Bryar, M.D. '85, Kevin G. Bryar '88 and the late Jessica L. Bryar '90, father-in-law of **Janeth A. Campos '93**  
**Keenan G. Casey '14**, son-in-law of Paul C. Darley '81  
**Lionel B. Collins, II '81**  
**Charles R. Czerwinski '72**  
**Gregory P. Devane '70**, brother of Mark F. Devane '69, David S. Devane '71, Brian B. Devane '72, Kieran M. Devane '74, brother-in-law of Anne Foote Devane '82 and nephew of the late Jerome M. Devane '52  
**Jerome "Jerry" F. Doruska '51**  
**Kenneth J. Giovannetti '45**  
**Robert W. "Bob" Gorski '52**, (Dec'd March 2016)  
**Jose I. Guerra '67**  
**Lawrence C. Hagemann '51**, grandson of the late James Murphy 1901  
**Thomas J. Haggerty, Sr. '57**, father of Thomas J. Haggerty, Jr. '81, Tessa Haggerty McGuire '84, and Christian D. Haggerty '96, brother of the late Richard E. Haggerty, Jr. '40 and uncle of the late Richard E. Haggerty, III '66  
**James T. Haggerty '70**  
**Robert G. Healy '76**, brother of William R. Healy '71, James A. Healy '81 and Jerome M. Healy '81  
**John D. Hinkamp, Sr. '46**, brother of the late Dr. Joseph F. Hinkamp, M.D. '44  
**John J. Holmes '66**, brother of William H. Holmes '68  
**Nadege M. Ibarra '10**  
**Algirdas J. Juozaitis '65**  
**James S. Karel '44**  
**John R. Kelly '67**, brother of Kevin F. Kelly '66  
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**Frank A. Slivka '59**, brother of David Slivka '65  
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**Patrick E. Truhlar '60**, (Dec'd January 2024)

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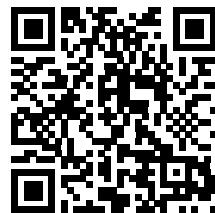
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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Henry Ceffalo - Archivist

Watch a video about our plans for the new Sodality Hall by scanning the code.



# Sodality Hall

A Story of the Past and a Vision for the Future



Church of the Holy Family and St. Ignatius College Campus. Sodality Hall is the building in the back left corner. Saint Ignatius College Prep Archives

**A**sodality is, in essence, a community. Sodality derives from the Latin *sodalis*, or companion, and means an organization of Catholics who gather to hone their faith and community. The first Sodality Hall stood next to St. Ignatius College from 1878 to 1960 and housed the sodalities of Church of the Holy Family and St. Ignatius College. For many of the immigrant families arriving in Chicago in the late nineteenth century, Sodality Hall was more than just a building - it was a place of companionship, learning and faith that was a vital pillar of their community.

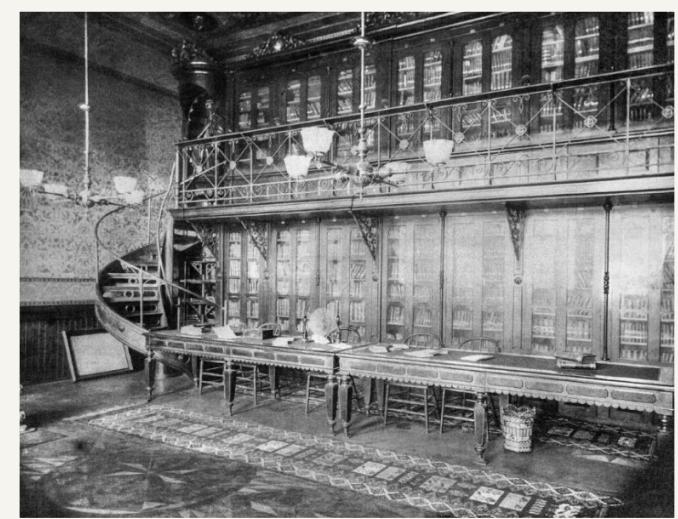
The original Sodality Hall began to take shape on a September morning in 1878 when several thousand Chicago Catholics marched from Saint Patrick's Church to Church of the Holy Family to lay the cornerstone for the building. Bishop Thomas Foley was

the leader of the procession from Old St. Pat's. His generosity to the Jesuits was immense - he had donated \$1,000 toward a Natural History Museum in 1874 to thank Fr. Arnold Damen, S.J. for welcoming him into St. Ignatius College and allowing him to use the offices during the Great Chicago Fire.

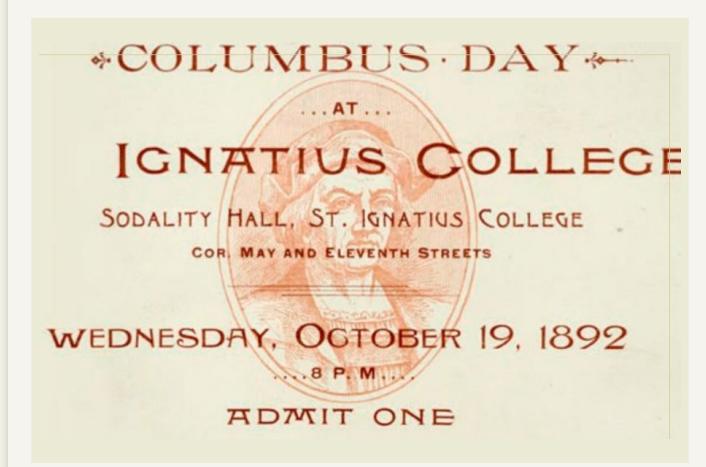
The cornerstone of the building told its own story. Inside was a time capsule that included newspapers, school catalogs, coins and photographs of Pope Leo XIII and Bishop Foley. The capsule included a document featuring the building's contract in Latin, the seal of St. Ignatius College and the names of the President of the United States, Governor of Illinois, Mayor of Chicago and President of St. Ignatius College. This document is preserved today in the Saint Ignatius College Prep Archives.

Sodality Hall was proposed by the fourth President of St. Ignatius College, Thomas H. Miles, S.J. He enlisted the help of architect Gregoire Vigeant, a French Canadian who made Chicago his home and designed Notre Dame de Chicago and the United Church of Hyde Park. Vigeant chose a Romanesque Revival architectural style for Sodality Hall which, paired with the Gothic notes of Holy Family and the French Second Empire influence of St. Ignatius College. It created a truly unique blend of European architectural styles along Chicago's Jesuit corridor.

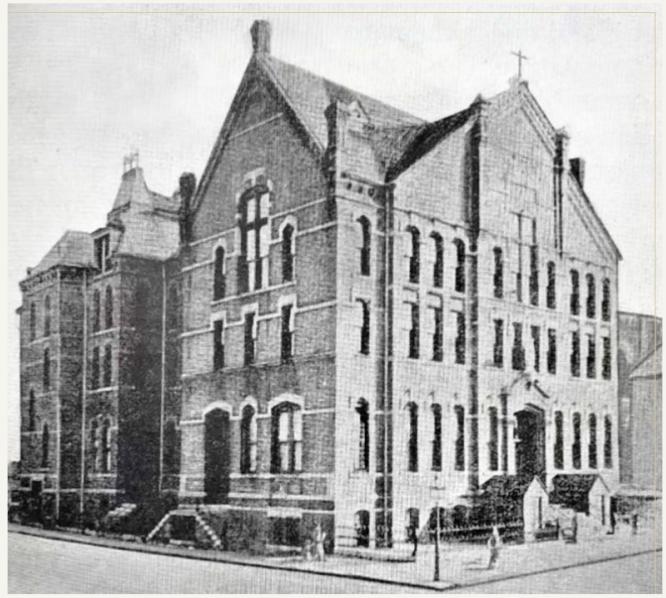
The sodalities across the Jesuit campus were a crucial component in fulfilling the Jesuit mission of learning and service. Groups like the Married Men's Sodality, Young Lady's Sodality and the Sodality of St. Ignatius College had a home at Sodality Hall. These organizations ran community libraries, hosted night school classes and lectures, raised funds for the church, donated religious art and statues and organized outreach to Chicago's poor. The sodalities helped promote culture and camaraderie across the community and organized baseball teams, choirs, bands and theater groups.



Married Men's Sodality Library. This room was repurposed as the principal's office that Fr. Giovangelo remembers from Holy Family School. *Jesuit Archives and Research Center*



St. Ignatius College hosted numerous events in Sodality Hall, including this Columbus Day event from 1892. *Saint Ignatius College Prep Archives*.



Sodality Hall exterior. *Saint Ignatius College Prep Archives*

Few photos exist of the interior of Sodality Hall and the original plans of the building have not been recovered. However, many alumni of Holy Family School, which resided in Sodality Hall from 1933 to 1960, remember fondly the beauty of the building.

"When you walked into Sodality Hall you immediately recognized that the space was sacred," shared Fr. Steven Giovangelo, who attended grammar school in the building in the late 1950s. "The Sacred Heart and the Virgin Mary were depicted all over," he recalled. "There were life-size statues of each in the entrance and photographs of them in every room." Sodality's chapel featured stained glass windows and woodworking likely from Sebastian Buscher, who'd carved the wood statues in Holy Family.

The various offices, libraries and reading rooms were adorned with chandeliers and ornately carved bookshelves. "I remember the principal's office was all books, head to toe," Fr. Giovangelo

told me. "There was a wrought iron wraparound staircase that went up to the second floor of books. It felt like something out of *Harry Potter*."

Sodality Hall was the birthplace of the Catholic Order of Foresters in 1883, a national fraternal organization now headquartered in Naperville. St. Ignatius College frequently used Sodality Hall as a space for special events for community and learning. St. Ignatius hosted lectures from visitors, concerts, theatrical performances and oratorical competitions in the building. The rich tradition of Jesuit science flourished at Sodality Hall, with scientific demonstrations and lectures from the school's Students Scientific Circle frequently hosted there.

Sodality Hall allowed St. Ignatius College to adapt to the changing historical circumstances of the twentieth century. During World War I, Loyola University's temporary ROTC troop was established and headquartered in Sodality Hall. The building helped prepare American troops for service in Europe and gave the school the opportunity to serve its country. In the 1920s, increased enrollment forced branches of St. Ignatius College to temporarily relocate to Sodality Hall. Many older parishioners like Fr. Giovangelo remember Sodality Hall as the building that housed Holy Family School from 1933 to 1960.

Sodality Hall was, at its core, a space where the church and school community went to thrive. With sports, service, performances and prayer, the building truly lived up to its name and enabled community at Church of the Holy Family and St. Ignatius College for eighty-eight years.

The building came down in 1960, but its spirit survives to this day. The project that began in 1878 and shaped so many lives will inform the future as we develop our vision for the new Sodality Hall. The proposed spaces include music rooms, science classrooms, performing arts venues and reception halls – all spaces where today's Wolfpack will live, learn, find community and prosper.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 6 Class of 2024 Yearbook Signing
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No Classes
- 24 Athletic Hall Of Fame Ceremony Reception
- 26 Catholic Schools Week Begins

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Frophi Formal Dance for Freshmen/Sophomores
- 6 43rd Annual Law Luncheon
- 8 10th Annual Trivia Night honoring Kevin G. Barron
- 14 Kairos 190 / 191 Departs
- 22 Junior Prom

### MARCH

- 1 Gloriam
- 5 Ash Wednesday Mass
- 24 Spring break Begins

### APRIL

- 4 Spring Pep Rally
- 5 Spring Reunions for 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020
- 6 Junior Family Mass with Ring Blessing
- 10 College Fair
- 17 Easter Break Begins
- 26 Senior Prom

### MAY

- 2 Mass of Mission and Thanksgiving & Jubilee Reunion
- 3 San Ignacio Society Celebración Gala
- 8 Women's Society Signature Dinner
- 21 Baccalaureate Mass
- 22 Graduation