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Senior Service Capstone



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JMJ

Dear Members of the Saint Ignatius Community,

Walking around the campus these past few weeks reminds me that our school year does not end with the last exam at the end of May. This summer, our enrichment programs and sports camps continued to fill the campus with young folks from 5th to 12th grade. More than two thousand students are on campus for the six weeks of programs that are offered. Maureen Lonergan '04, our Director of Summer Programs, has created meaningful opportunities. Whether a 5th grader is taking an art class or one of our current students is enrolled in an advanced math class, there is a sense of joy amongst the student body. This program serves as a fine introduction to the school for prospective school families as well.

As you read through this issue, you will see that the cover story is only the beginning of the chronicle of the past few months. The Senior Service Capstone program will enable seniors to put their Faith into action. I want to thank Mr. Peter Corrigan, Director of Student Formation, and his staff for the successful test program last January and for organizing next January's all-senior program. Our students will serve at approximately eighty-five different sites throughout the Chicago area.

Each year brings faculty and staff transitions. The Superior of our Saint Ignatius Jesuit Community, Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., has been missioned to parish work in Cincinnati. Father is completing his fourth "tour of duty" at Saint Ignatius. Fr. Christopher Manahan, S.J. has been named the new Superior.

We need to acknowledge and thank the following women and men as they retire from active ministry at the school: Kathryn Borg, Tony Evensen, Libby Lucas, Eileen Novak, Tony Rosinia '84 and Megan Kennedy '91. A special thank you is extended to Kristyn Hartman, our Director of Communications. Kristyn will be pursuing a sabbatical to undertake writing a book on the Vietnam War. We have added two additional religious women Sr. Juditta Njau and Sr. Bernadette Wanza of the Little Sisters of Saint Francis. We will say goodbye to Fr. Patrick Mugishu, S.J. as he is called back to Africa to run a school for his province.

You will see in this issue that we have thanked Martin Cabrera for his ten years of Board service, the last four years as Chair. His exemplary leadership, his passion for our Mission and his family's generosity have helped to set our course for a bright future for our students. We welcome our alum, Matt Tully '06 as our new Chairman. He and his four siblings along with his parents, Tom and Ellen, are true Ignatians.

As in past summers, we continue to make new improvements to the campus. The IT infrastructure has been rebuilt, including upgrades

from a 4th generation to a 7th generation WiFi configuration, the most advanced it can be. The demand for computing power continues to grow exponentially. The last two of our gymnasiums are now air-conditioned and the construction of new tennis courts is beyond the halfway point. Various offices and classrooms have been moved or reconfigured to accommodate our record number of students.

Faith Formation remains a cornerstone of our Mission. Dozens of students have journeyed to various areas in the United States to assist the marginalized. They mirror the important tenet of Faith in the service of others. A number of religious and our students assisted our Vicariate in the preparation of hundreds of students from a dozen and one-half parishes for their confirmation retreat. We were honored to welcome Fr. Mathew Ippel, S.J. as he celebrated his first Mass after ordination. Ten Jesuits and six religious sisters coordinated the Midwest Province's first Magis Conference in July. The program welcomed more than 60 late college and recent college graduates and gave them the opportunity to explore their Faith more deeply. They spent two weekends living on campus with an intervening week of service in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. Fr. Paul Shelton, S.J. and the Province Vocation Office created a meaningful experience. We look forward to celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius on July 31.

As we conclude another fiscal year, I and our community remain humbled by the extraordinary support and generosity of our benefactors. You continue to come together in your prayers and material support to make sure that our students of today and tomorrow will continue to carry forth into the world that bright flame of Faith, Hope and Commitment to others that are the hallmarks of our Jesuit Catholic school.

You know that you are always welcome to visit the campus. Please do so when you are in the neighborhood. We and our students look forward to welcoming you.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



Some members of our Junior Wolfpack having fun in the classroom.

MISSION STATEMENT

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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A.M.D.G. IN ACTION

WALKING IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS - THE SENIOR SERVICE CAPSTONE

For three weeks, it was a different kind of classroom. On those cold January mornings, instead of heading to campus, Patrick Rostan '25 made his way to a place where, for the entire school day, he **volunteered** his time.

As he looked back on the Capstone, Patrick said, "I think I've definitely grown in my Faith, connecting like this, and just seeing everyone who needs help in our world...I think that's a critical part of what it means to be Catholic. It's a huge part of our Mission at Ignatius to serve others, and...I wanted to experience that."

His service site - the place he reported to every school day for three weeks - was Care For Real on Chicago's far North Side. The agency offers referral services and distributes food and

clothing, in addition to baby and personal care items to clients in need. It is an oasis of hope fueled, in part, by people who give the organization and the people it serves their time. That nexus point is where Patrick and four other Saint Ignatius College Prep seniors seized the opportunity to really understand what it means to be Men and Women For and With Others.

"The lessons we've learned here are just so vital to becoming good humans after high school," said Gabby O'Brien '25. "I think this experience really taught me how to humanize everyone - to look at people with no bias, and to have an open mind. You have to treat everyone the same, whether they're a volunteer or a client. So it's really taught me to bring down barriers." Gabby's mom, Therese Plunkett, called the Capstone "one of the most meaningful experiences" her daughter had at Saint Ignatius. "While I am a true believer in working hard and getting good grades," she said, "I also think it's important for students to realize that those things should not define them, and that academic success alone is not what makes a person truly valuable in their community."

That was strong feedback from what was the very first Saint Ignatius College Prep **Senior Service Capstone**, which 30 students helped to pilot at the very beginning of 2025. Those students served Chicago and suburban communities at 13 different agencies including senior living facilities, food banks and schools. Each site offered students an opportunity to focus on service in an uninterrupted way - and it's growing. All 384 members of the Class of 2026 will participate in the Capstone. The commitment represents a change to the Ignatius curriculum that emphasizes embracing the community all around the school.



Members of the Class of '25 give the Senior Service Capstone a thumb-up!



Living to serve



Senior Service Capstone participants meet for dinner in the Brunswick Room to talk about their service experiences.

St. Ignatius of Loyola said, “Love is shown more in deeds than in words.” The Senior Service Capstone is a way for our students to manifest that quote – to truly be Jesuit. “We take them out of the classroom for three weeks, and we put them in the community where they’re learning lessons,” said Prefect of Studies, Dr. Sterling Brown, who added, “They’re still being educated, and they’re educating others.”

Saint Ignatius College Prep President John Chandler offered, “It is something that helps to form the hearts and minds of our students...For our students to be able to engage with those less fortunate, those who have needs, is a great gift...”

The Student Formation and Ministry team has taken the lead in diligently forming relationships and cultivating the partner sites where our seniors will serve. Since January, they have worked to expand the offerings for the Class of 2026 to include agencies that aid veterans and young people who have special needs, along with creative projects that help welcome unhoused people into transitional housing. Much research has gone into developing the overall program. A few of our peer Jesuit schools, including St. Louis University High served as models for the Saint Ignatius effort, which will be quite unique here in Chicago.

“Not every school is willing to give students the gift of time for three weeks to deeply invest in communities,” said Formation and Ministry Director Peter Corrigan. He and his team know that planning for this trailblazing, Faith-focused endeavor takes work, but it’s well worth it. Mr. Corrigan shared, “It’s an amazing institutional commitment that allows our students to develop and hone these mutually enriching relationships at great depth. We want our

students to become people who genuinely and deeply care about members in our community. We imagine the Senior Capstone as an extension of the classroom – a classroom without walls – learning from diverse perspectives, putting gifts and talents into action and forming real relationships.”

At the heart of the Capstone is an opportunity to bring the Prayer for Generosity to life.

Every student knows the words which include this passage, “Lord, teach me to be generous; Teach me to serve you as you deserve.” Our pilot program seniors described experiences that animated those words. Dr. Brown said, “The Senior Service Capstone gives the Wolfpack more soul because it allows us to rally around our community, which is at the heart of who we are and what we do. We are a community that cares for our city.”

As this article goes to print, the goal is to identify more than 80 sites all around the Chicago area where members of the Class of 2026 will be able to put care into action. Mr. Chandler said, “It is my hope that the students will walk away with two things. One: They will actually see the impact they can make on the lives of folks around them; that it’s not simply a requirement or a box to be checked, but something that will actually help to transform lives, much the same way that their lives have been transformed at Saint Ignatius these past three years.” He continued, “The second thing is that we hope that it will form a foundation for them into the future of the importance of service; that it’s not something that we just do to fulfill a requirement, but it is something we wear, where we wear our heart on our sleeve.”



WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE

OUR SERVICE SITE PARTNERSHIPS

We paid a visit to Care for Real, and watched as students filled boxes with fresh produce and goods for people who are food insecure. In their three weeks at the site, the seniors also met the agency's clients, got to know some of them and worked with them. Program and Partnership Manager Jari Ramos-Orbe was grateful they could fill an essential volunteer gap that opens when college students return to campus after Christmas break.

"It was really great to have a consistent group of volunteers...who came in every day from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. From the beginning, they were ready to go. They came in with the values and expectations of what makes a good volunteer, a good service-learning student," she said, "So it was really wonderful to see them grow and be open to communicating with not only clients, but other volunteers from different walks of life."

Ms. Ramos-Orbe also talked about the impact the students had. She said, "They were warm to our clients from the very beginning, and we did not have to have those conversations on how to treat people with dignity, how to show up for somebody in need. They already came with that background and that understanding...They were really helpful in meeting clients where they're at."

That's what it's all about. Student Formation and Ministry Director Peter Corrigan said, "We're so excited about the possibility of crafting and creating some time for students to explore, learn and put into practice the values they've learned throughout their time at Ignatius."

At the end of the 2025 service experience, Ms. Ramos-Orbe put an exclamation point on the Capstone endeavor and partnership. "I think I can say for myself and the rest of the staff that if we were to give a letter grade to these students, we'd give an A +++, and we wish they weren't leaving. It was a really great experience, and we look forward to continuing this next year!"

Care for Real is, indeed, returning as a Senior Service Capstone partner!
If you'd like to learn more about how your agency can participate in this mutually beneficial program, please scan the QR code here:



Formation and Ministry Director Peter Corrigan at partner site, Care for Real, with Program and Partnership Manager Jari Ramos-Orbe.



Scan the QR code to hear
school leaders answer
questions about the Senior
Service Capstone.



PLANNING FOR TIME OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

While planning the Capstone, school leaders continue to talk through parental and student questions regarding learning time. When students are serving in the community for three weeks, they're not in the classroom for traditional academic endeavors. The 30 pioneering students missed classes to participate in the pilot year. They juggled their service work with ongoing school work and assignments, a split focus that initially caused some concern.

"Yeah, I actually wasn't one of the students who jumped on the opportunity immediately," said Patrick Rostan '25. "I was really worried about missing class, but it ended up working out. It's super hard...to have time for service. So allowing it to be incorporated into our schedule so smoothly...to delve in so deeply...is great."

The Senior Service Capstone is a way for our students to more fully express our motto of being Men and Women for and With Others. In 2026, it will be a requirement for graduation, so the entire senior class will share in the experience. Dr. Brown said, "We are excited about the opportunity in front of all our students. To have time where we get to live out the Mission of our school is a blessing that we are excited and grateful for. We want our students to focus on the work they're doing in the community. Their commitment to service should be at the forefront of their thinking during this time."

Even so, Dr. Brown and the Director of Formation and Ministry, Mr. Peter Corrigan, know and understand that some students and parents worry about missed class

time and keeping up with advanced placement material, especially in mixed-grade classes. In addition to adding days to the back end of the school calendar, Mr. Corrigan said, "We have committed teachers who have been working for more than a year to plan for the change, and to refine AP curriculae so their classes are responsive to the most current AP test standards. We have amazing educators who support students, and we're going to work through this together."

From the classroom to athletics and activities, families have also had questions about how students will participate in sports and clubs with the all-school-day, on-site service work. Mr. Corrigan explained, "During the placement process students will share priorities around scheduling needs. This will allow for attendance of before-school activities and after-school activities. Winter athletes will be placed in closer proximity to school to allow for easier commutes back to campus to fulfill their commitments."

Saint Ignatius staff members are happy to help families navigate this new turf. In fact, they have answered some of the frequently asked questions on video. You can access the recording by clicking on the QR code above.



Members of the Class of '25 helped pilot the Senior Service Capstone at St. Jerome.

155th Annual Commencement

Congrats to the Class of 2025! This past May, the UIC Credit Union 1 Arena was filled with excitement as our graduates and their families came together for the 155th Annual Commencement Ceremony. We are incredibly proud of each and every student who dedicated years of hard work to reach this momentous occasion. To our newest alumni: As you step into your next chapter, we send you our warmest wishes for success, adventure and the boundless joy of making your mark on the world.

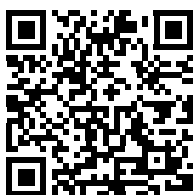


Senior Scholar Award winner Matthew Del Preto.



Ignatius of the Year Award winner Adrian Rosado.

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2024-2025 SCHOOL AWARDS

Now that the school year has ended, we are filled with joy and pride reflecting on the accomplishments of our incredible students. The Class of 2025 has consistently demonstrated what it means to embody the "Grad at Grad" ideals in their daily lives. Their dedication, leadership and commitment to excellence have truly shone brightly. We're thrilled to recognize and celebrate a few outstanding individuals who have gone above and beyond. Please join us in extending heartfelt congratulations to our Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior of the Year award recipients amongst others. Their hard work and positive contributions have made a significant impact on our community.



SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS.

- Athlete of the Year Award - Nathan Jack Sanchez
- Athlete of the Year Award - Margaret Wade Helms
- Athanasius Kircher, S.J. Computer Science Award - Matthew David Del Preto
- Ignatius H. Whitehead, S.J. Latin Award - Nadia Irene Millar
- Matteo Ricci, S.J. Chinese Award - Veronica Elisabeth Rauch
- Matteo Ricci, S.J. French Award - John William Ennis
- Matteo Ricci, S.J. Spanish Award - Matthew David Del Preto
- John B. Esmaker, S.J. / Edward L. Fergus, S.J. Science Award - Samantha Alexandra Steinhofer
- Giuseppe Castiglione, S.J. Visual Arts Award - Teresa Estefania Barajas
- Ernest A. Schmidt Math Award - Matthew Michael Schmitt
- Michael J. Sullivan, Ph.D. '59 Math Award - Matthew David Del Preto
- Daniel A. Lord, S.J. Formation & Ministry Award - Adrian Alejandro Rosado
- Karl Rahner, S.J. Theology Award - Christopher George Morris
- James and Genevieve McLaughlin Performing Arts Award - Veronica Elisabeth Rauch



Students gathered for awards at Church of the Holy family during the Commissioning Mass and Jubilee Reunion.

- Bernard A. Foote, S.J. English Award - Rory Kathleen Church
- Hilaire Belloc Social Studies Award - Hannah Genevieve Kopeck
- Martha Tolton & Fr. Augustus Tolton Award for School Culture: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion - Nathan Jonathan Ruiz
- Frank P. Rapis Student Activities Award - Talia Vivian Lichterman
- Jesuit Schools Network Award - Deo Femi Campbell
- Jesuit Schools Network Award - Grace Mary Knuth
- Florian Zimecki, S.J. Award - Freshman of the Year - Aaron Elias Marquez
- Ronald Jemiola Award - Sophomore of the Year - Maire Aran Hirt
- Carmen J. Pintozi Award - Junior of the Year - Kathleen Irene Krasnewich
- Senior Scholar Award - Matthew Del Preto
- Ignatian of the Year Award - Adrian Rosado
- Jesuit Schools Network Awards - Deo Femi Campbell and Grace Mary Knuth
- Raymond T. Grant, S.J. Educator of the Year Award - Mrs. Hallie Fahey



Congratulations to Mrs. Hallie Fahey and all the student award winners! Congratulations to the Class of 2025. Ite Inflammate Omnia!

CLASS OF 2025

THE CLASS OF 2025 IS MATRICULATING AT THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The number listed after the name of each school is the total number of Saint Ignatius College Prep graduates who enrolled in the Fall of 2025.



- Auburn University (1)
- Boston College (14)
- Boston University (4)
- Brown University (1)
- Bryn Mawr College (1)
- Cal Poly (1)
- Carleton College (1)
- Carnegie Mellon University (1)
- Carroll University (1)
- Carthage College (2)
- Case Western Reserve Univ. (1)
- City Colleges of Chicago (1)
- Colby College (2)
- Colgate University (1)
- College of the Holy Cross (4)
- Colorado State University (1)
- Cornell University (1)
- Creighton University (3)
- Dartmouth College (1)
- Denison University (2)
- DePaul University (3)
- Dickinson College (1)
- Dominican University (2)
- Duke University (1)
- ESSCA d'Angers (1)
- Florida State University (1)
- Fordham University (5)
- Georgetown University (7)
- Georgia Institute of Tech (1)
- Grand Valley State University (1)
- Hampton University (2)
- Howard University (3)
- Indiana State University (1)
- Indiana Univ.-Bloomington (24)
- Indiana University-Northwest (1)
- John Carroll University (2)
- Lafayette College (1)
- Loyola University Chicago (8)
- Loyola University Maryland (1)
- Loyola University New Orleans (1)
- Marquette University (15)
- Massachusetts Institute of Tech (1)
- Miami University-Oxford (18)
- Michigan State University (1)
- Middlebury College (1)
- Milwaukee School of Eng. (1)
- Morehouse College (1)
- Morgan State University (1)
- New York University (1)
- Northeastern University (1)
- Northern Illinois University (3)
- Northwestern University (5)
- Ohio University (1)
- Pennsylvania State University (2)
- Providence College (3)
- Purdue University Ft. Wayne (1)
- Purdue University (7)
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech (1)
- Saint Louis University (1)
- Saint Mary's College (3)
- Santa Clara University (3)
- School of the Art Inst. Chicago (1)
- Southeast Missouri State Univ. (1)
- Southern Methodist Univ. (3)
- Stanford University (1)
- Syracuse University (6)
- Technologico de Monterrey (1)
- Texas Christian University (5)
- The American Univ. of Rome (1)
- The Ohio State University (1)
- The University of Alabama (2)
- The University of Tampa (1)
- The University of Tennessee (3)
- Tulane University of Louisiana (3)
- Union College - NY (1)
- U.S. Military Academy (1)
- United States Naval Academy (2)
- Univ. California-Los Angeles (1)
- Univ. California-Santa Barbara (1)
- University of Central Florida (1)
- University of Chicago (2)
- University of Colorado Boulder (5)
- University of Connecticut (1)
- University of Florida (1)
- University of Georgia (2)
- Univ. IL Urbana-Champaign (38)
- University of Illinois Chicago (2)
- University of Iowa (5)
- University of Kentucky (1)
- University of Louisville (1)
- University of Maryland (1)
- University of Miami (2)
- University of Michigan (12)
- University of Minnesota (2)
- University of Mississippi (1)
- University of Missouri (2)
- University of Nebraska (1)
- University of Notre Dame (18)
- University of Rochester (2)
- University of South Carolina (6)
- Univ. of Southern California (2)
- University of St. Andrews (1)
- University of St. Francis (1)
- University of Virginia (1)
- University of Washington (1)
- University of Wisconsin (9)
- Vanderbilt University (3)
- Villanova University (1)
- Wake Forest University (1)
- Washington Univ. in St Louis (4)
- Wellesley College (1)
- Western Michigan University (2)
- Xavier University of Louisiana (1)
- Yale University (1)
- Gap Year (2)

A Heartfelt Thank You!

Celebrating Martin Cabrera's Service to Saint Ignatius College Prep

“Words often fall short when expressing the depth of gratitude we feel for truly exceptional service. However, we must try to convey the profound impact Martin Cabrera has had on Saint Ignatius College Prep as he concludes his tenure as Chairman of the Board of Trustees,” said school president, John Chandler. Since 2014, Martin has embodied the Ignatian principle of showing love through action, dedicating himself tirelessly to making our school a more faith-filled, kinder, inclusive and loving community.

Martin and his wife, Liz, have generously shared the fruits of their labor, standing as two of Saint Ignatius' most significant benefactors. Their invaluable investment has been instrumental in enabling us to fulfill our Mission, preparing young people to lead lives of Faith, love, service and leadership. This commitment stems from Martin's deep appreciation for the Jesuit, Catholic formation and education offered at Saint Ignatius, a tradition cherished within his family. He proudly supported his two daughters through their transformative “Wolfpack experience,” guiding them toward becoming true “Grads at Grad.” He now looks forward to watching his three sons become future Ignatians.

Beyond personal contributions, Martin's vision and leadership have left an indelible mark on the school's culture. He was a driving force behind the creation of the San Ignacio Society, a vital initiative dedicated to uniting and celebrating our school's Latin American community. His recent efforts culminated in the inaugural Celebración Gala, a resounding success that raised more than \$1 million for financial aid, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to accessibility and opportunity for all students.

“Martin's influence extends far beyond the school's walls. His region-wide commitment to community service shines as a beacon of light in Chicago, making Saint Ignatius College Prep



Martin Cabrera speaks to guests at Celebración.

immensely proud to count him as a member of the Wolfpack,” said John Chandler.

To Mr. Martin Cabrera, the School Officers, Students, Staff, Faculty and Alumni offer their sincerest congratulations on his distinguished and honorable service to Saint Ignatius College Prep. We express our deepest gratitude for his 11 years of dedication on the Board. As a testament to his selfless service and enduring impact, we are honored to name him a Lifetime Trustee. Thank you, Martin, for your unwavering commitment and for helping to shape Saint Ignatius College Prep into the extraordinary institution it is today.



Martin Cabrera at the Class of 2025 graduation.

Matt Tully '06 Becomes New Board Chair

Twenty years ago, the young man who would become the Saint Ignatius College Prep Board of Trustees Chairman – who the school's leader, John Chandler, describes as “one of our strongest and staunchest advocates” – was a teenager who walked the halls, took classes, participated in retreats, and played sports. At the time, Matthew D. Tully '06 never imagined his adult path would bring him back to 1076 West Roosevelt Road. Matt explains, when he was a student “I was so focused on just trying to keep up with my much smarter, nicer, harder working, and better looking twin sister - Bridget Tully Vrabel '06!”

That focus had its rewards. After graduating, Matt went on to study government and economics at Georgetown University. Following commencement and a summer internship on Capitol Hill, the Wolfpack alum remained in Washington, D.C., where he interned in the White House Office of the Chief of Staff before serving as a White House staff member, working in both the Office of Management and Budget and the Council of Economic Advisers. In January 2012, he returned to Chicago to pursue a law degree at Loyola University School of Law.

Following in his father Thomas' footsteps, Matt joined the firm his dad founded, Tully & Associates, as a real estate tax analyst in 2012 and then as a full time attorney in 2015. By 2021 he was Managing Partner. Mr. Chandler, who has known Matt and the Tully family for decades, says, “Matt's father has always approached work and life with an unmistakable blend of passion, principle, and purpose. It's clear the apple hasn't fallen far from the tree. And his mother, Ellen—herself a former member of this Board of Trustees—instilled in Matt and his siblings a deep appreciation for the value of caring for others, the strength of family, and the dignity of hard work.”

Matt lives what he learned at home...and at Saint Ignatius. He is a dedicated Man for Others, serving on the boards of the Big Shoulders Fund and the Lurie Foundation. He is also Vice President of the University Club of Chicago and a Director of the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholars Foundation. His memberships include the Economic Club of Chicago, the Irish Fellowship Club and the



Matt '06 and Molly '10 with
Michael Danaher Tully –
Class of 2043 hopeful!



Molly '10 and Matt '06 celebrate their wedding at Saint Ignatius.

Celtic Legal Society, and for years now, he has served as a member of the Saint Ignatius College Prep Board of Trustees, having recently chaired the Development Committee. “As a former student, it gives me great joy to welcome back a young man who remains as passionate today about Saint Ignatius as he was when he was a student here,” says Mr. Chandler.

Molly Manus Tully '10, Matt's biggest fan, says her husband's love for their shared alma mater runs deep. “Matt is passionate about the school and the opportunity it provides for students across our city and beyond.” She adds, “He's a leader in every sense of the word. I know he will prioritize making the Ignatius education and formative experience accessible to as many deserving families as possible.”

As proud new parents to Michael Danaher Tully (aspirational Class of 2043), they know how important it is to guide and support the future. “The school provided an incredible educational and personal foundation for us and our siblings” says Molly, “and we are blessed to still have such strong ties to the community. We are always proud to say we are alumni, and are excited to begin to instill Ignatian values in our son, Michael, and any future children we are blessed with - until they can become members of the Wolfpack themselves!”

You could call it a cycle of gratitude. Matt says “gratitude” is the first and deepest word that comes to mind every time he's on campus. “Gratitude for the formation I received - intellectual, spiritual, and personal,” he says, and continues, “Gratitude for the teachers who challenged me, the classmates who inspired me, coaches who believed in me, and the values that still ground me today. Gratitude to my parents who worked hard to provide me with what I believe is the finest college prep education in Chicago.”

MATT TULLY — IN HIS OWN WORDS

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH DURING YOUR TENURE AS THE CHAIR OF THE SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

My focus is on stewardship and transformation. I want to ensure that Saint Ignatius continues to lead in forming students who are not only academically prepared, but spiritually grounded and socially aware. By almost every measure, we're thriving as a school right now, but there's still important work ahead. The Board of Trustees has an ambitious vision for the future of our campus—one that includes the construction of Sodality Hall, a new facility designed to house community gathering spaces, the arts, entrepreneurship classrooms, and state-of-the-art science instruction. I know that President John Chandler and the Board are fully united in their commitment to bringing this next step in our shared dream to life.

We must also respond boldly to the moment we're in. Artificial Intelligence is reshaping our world and the world our students will inherit. Our curriculum, our outstanding teachers, and even our physical spaces must evolve with urgency. It's not enough to keep up; we must lead -- with discernment, courage, and a spirit rooted in our Jesuit identity.

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Together. There's no other way. It's going to take everyone -- students, faculty, alumni, parents and really the entire city. If we're going to be a beacon of light and the premier high school in Chicago (I may be a bit biased) -- then we need both shared vision and shared commitment.

I've always remembered the quote: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." We have big ambitions for the future of Saint Ignatius, and I'm asking everyone -- bring your help, your ideas, and your gifts. Let's build this together.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OF YOUR TIME AS A STUDENT?

Some are probably best left off the record -- I don't think the statute of limitations has expired yet! Others, like getting cut from the sophomore basketball team and realizing my athletic career as a short, slow, Irish athlete was coming to end, are something I've come to laugh about -- after years of very expensive therapy, of course.

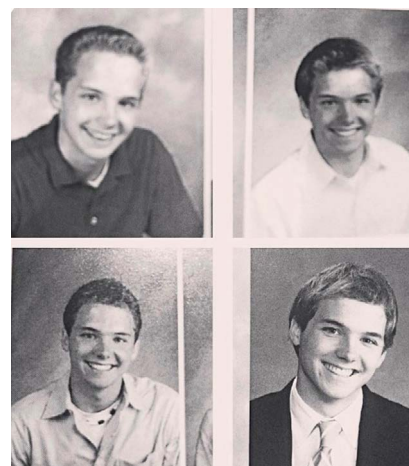
But in all seriousness, it's the teachers who changed my life who stand out. Among the many were Ms. Haleas, who taught AP Comparative Politics. She helped ignite my passion for global affairs and steered me toward Georgetown University. Sister Therese DeCanio, who taught Macroeconomics, was as tough as they come, but she challenged me to think critically and take my studies seriously.

Our greatest asset has always been our faculty, coaches, and staff. These are people who pour themselves into students' lives -- often transforming them in ways we don't fully appreciate until years later. I owe so much to their care and commitment during my four years. We're so blessed to have the very best Jesuits, faculty, and staff who are in the building today and I'm eternally grateful for all that they do for our students.

HOW DO YOU FOLLOW MARTIN CABRERA? WHAT DOES HE MEAN TO YOU AND TO THE SCHOOL?

Martin Cabrera is truly one of a kind, and I'm honored the call him a mentor and friend. He embodies servant leadership—leading with conviction, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to opportunity, excellence, and Faith, all for the greater glory of God.

Martin guided Saint Ignatius through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and moments of deep racial reckoning



Yearbook photos of Matt Tully '06
(his sister collected them).

in our city and nation. Alongside Malik Murray '92, he co-founded the School Culture: DEIB Committee. As Board Chair, he presided over record-setting years in enrollment, fundraising, and achievement across academics and athletics. Our school is stronger, more inclusive, and more grounded in Faith because of his steady hand and heartfelt devotion.

To follow Martin is not to fill his shoes—it's to honor the path he helped to shape, a path walked by so many before him as Board Chair as well as our incredible past presidents, from Fr. Arnold Damen, S.J., to Fr. Donald Rowe, S.J., to Fr. Brian Paulson, S.J., to Fr. Michael Caruso, S.J. and others. My goal, alongside our incredible Board of Trustees, is to build upon the foundation Martin laid: to further our Mission, to expand access for families who dream of an Ignatius education by increasing financial aid, and to continue forming young people of competence, conscience, and compassion.

Martin has raised the bar for what leadership in Jesuit education looks like. I hope to carry that vision forward—with humility, with determination—and I know he won't be far. I'll be turning to him often in the years ahead for his insight, wisdom, and friendship.

French-African Adventure



Meeting children in Senegal

A trip that took our students halfway around the world had its roots in a Texas A&M classroom. The course was African literature. Enthusiastic “Aggie,” Kellye Guzik, who later would become a teacher at Saint Ignatius College Prep, was there learning all she could about the language she loved. Ms. Guzik says the Ivory Coast professor at the head of the class, sparked her interest in Francophone, or French-speaking Africa. It was an interest that only grew.

Flash forward to the year 2024. Ms. Guzik took an opportunity to travel to Senegal with other French teachers and learned a valuable lesson. “I knew it would be a wonderful experience for Saint Ignatius students,” she said.

From words to action, Ms. Guzik presented the idea to the Prefect’s Office, where it received approval. The result was a spring break Senegal immersion trip in 2025 for 18 upper-level French students.

“I really enjoyed experiencing a new culture for the first time,” said Chase Honore ’26. He continued, “At first I was nervous about going, but I was open to growth, and I didn’t regret it.”

Turns out, the learning outweighed whatever reservations or fears students might have had. During the West African trip they developed their French-speaking skills (and even tried speaking Wolof, a local language), while their travels exposed them to all kinds of new things. They had a crash course in Batik – a form of Senegalese art that melds sketching, painting and wax. They also participated in a cultural drumming session and enjoyed the food of Senegal.



Celebrating Mass in Senegal

From the cultural to the educational, the trip certainly made it possible to bring book lessons to life. Our students traveled to Gorée Island where they visited what once was a slave house where human beings were shipped to America. Syed Mohammad Khalil '26 said, "It was eye-opening to see how you can still feel the weight of that history, today."

Making real connections was a big goal of their adventure. The Saint Ignatius group visited places where they met kids of all ages and could put their language skills to work. They celebrated the Mass in French. Paige Strumm '28 noted, "One big difference I heard was in worship music – the passion and the volume. You could tell how much they wanted to be there."

Places of learning were high priority. Josie Dugenske '26 "really loved going to the pre-school and teaching kids about Chicago." A visit to an orphanage made a huge impression on Elise Bailey '27, offering a window into a world where people her age were overcoming true hardship with help. She said, "I learned that most of those children were getting an opportunity to



Students share their Batik creations.

pursue their dreams. A lot of them had been on the streets near Dakar. Their families didn't have resources to care for them. The orphanage was helping them for later in life."

On the trip, care for people extended to care for our common home. Our students helped remove trash from a beach on the western-most point of continental Africa, and they involved local children in the effort.

Teachers, Ms. Guzik, Ms. Erin Johnson and Mr. Matt Sparapani enjoyed watching the students expand their worlds. Ms. Guzik said, "I've never been so proud to be a French teacher for those 10 days. Ms. Johnson chimed in, "Watching you guys get out there, try new things and go with the flow – you did us and Ignatius proud."

The students' hope going forward is that there will be future travel to French-speaking African countries, bearing in mind that 54% of the people on the planet who use French daily live in Africa (according to Organisation internationale de la Francophonie). It's about connections, impressions and lessons that last a lifetime. Cyrus Darki '27 mentioned he "still talks with some of the young people he met in Senegal on social media." Evelyn Blackwell '27 shared, "It made me feel so connected. We may not have the same lives, but we have similar experiences. This was about seeing the real way people live and experiencing a rich culture."



Meeting children in Senegal.

National Merit Finalists Named

We are thrilled to announce that six exceptional students from the Saint Ignatius College Prep Class of 2025 have achieved finalist standing in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship competition. Sofia Alvarez, Abhiram Batchu, Francis Duffy, Yusouf Hakim, Connor Mangone, and Veronica Rauch have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence and dedication throughout their high school careers.



Sofia Alvarez



Abhiram Batchu



Francis Duffy

This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to their hard work, intellectual curiosity and commitment to learning. Their success not only reflects their individual talents but also the high-quality education and supportive environment fostered at Saint Ignatius College Prep. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor! The future looks bright!



Yusouf Hakim



Connor Mangone



Veronica Rauch

We Salute Our Retiring Faculty and Staff!

Each of these individuals have had a remarkable career at Saint Ignatius College Prep. They have all left an indelible mark on countless students. Your dedication, passion and unwavering commitment have shaped young minds and guided them toward bright futures. Thank you for the laughter shared, the lessons taught, and the unwavering support you've provided.



Kathryn Borg
Math
2007 Start Year



Tony Evensen
Math
1994 Start Year



Libby Lucas
Director of Events and Parent
Organization
2012 Start Year



Eileen Novak
School Counseling
2015 Start Year



Tony Rosinia '84
Technology
1984 Start Year

Years of Service Milestones



Please join us in congratulating these faculty and staff for reaching the following milestones of service to Saint Ignatius College Prep.

5 years:

Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J. and Mahalia Gilot

10 years:

Andrea Lamacki, Kevin Lombard, Eileen Novak, Lisa Reyes, Mike Vermylen and Tom Weiler

15 years:

Cheryl Grens, Margaret Miranda, Lisa Yann-Tillar and Danielle Pierce

20 years:

Stephen Cahill, Heather DeJonker, Erik Eastman, Jim Gaffey, Matt Haffner, Sean O'Connor, Kim Pagels, Wendy Schmiedeler, Cheri Smith, Matt Sparapani and Chuck Thompson

25 years:

Kevin Bellie, Tina Bobor-Tsanakas, Kitty Hooper, Tom Kaldonski, Gene Shlikhutka and Dave Stephens

45 years:

Tom McKenna



Top Math Honors

Let's give a huge round of applause to Kathleen Krasnewich '26, this year's recipient of the prestigious Sullivan Math Award! Pictured here with Math Department Chair, Ms. Sheila Walsh '10, and Prefect of Studies, Dr. Sterling Brown, Kathleen's exceptional achievements in mathematics are truly inspiring. The Michael J. Sullivan, Ph.D. '59 Academic Excellence Endowment

in Mathematics proudly funds this annual award, recognizing a rising senior who demonstrates exemplary performance in math. But it's not just about the grades. The Sullivan Award also celebrates the qualities of integrity, a strong drive and unwavering perseverance in the pursuit of academic and personal excellence. Congratulations, Kathleen, on this well-deserved honor!

Art Club Creates Greek Urn for New Installation

The Saint Ignatius College Prep Art Club was recently chosen to paint a piece of public art for the Greektown Arts Committee and the Chicago Greektown Educational Foundation, a fantastic opportunity to share their creativity with the city. The project? A four-foot-tall urn sculpture, vibrantly painted with a Greek-floral theme. The painting class and Art Club students only had two weeks to complete the urn. It was finished just in time and is a true testament to the student's collaborative spirit.

The urn is titled "The Blooming of Chloris." Chloris is the Greek goddess of flowers and spring. Our Urn depicts the Greek Goddess Chloris imagined in the traditional Minoan style. The Minoans are a bronze age Greek society known for their ceramic vessels. The Minoans were a joyous people who appreciated the arts and lived on Crete. We limited our color scheme to mimic colors seen in Minoan pottery. Each of the flowers surrounding the goddess was designed by a member of the Saint Ignatius Art Club. Here is a list of everyone who worked on the urn. Teachers: Emily Steffen and Teegan Ness. Students: Mia Aggarwal '26, Delia Bergin '27, Sophie Buquid '27, Christian Chora '27, Elsie Fernandez '26, Molly Hirt '27, Quinn Hurley '28, Andrew Inga '26, Amanda Lei '26, Areli Marceleno '26, Mary Rauch '27 and Sara Wallace '27.

On June 5, all the hard work culminated in a joyful ribbon-cutting ceremony and unveiling of the public art exhibit on Halsted Street in Greektown. Our urn, alongside creations from other talented Chicago artists, will be on display for all to admire for years to come. To commemorate our contribution, a plaque with the names of our Art Club members and our school's name proudly sits next to the urn. We are so excited to be part of Greektown's vibrant and ever-changing art scene.



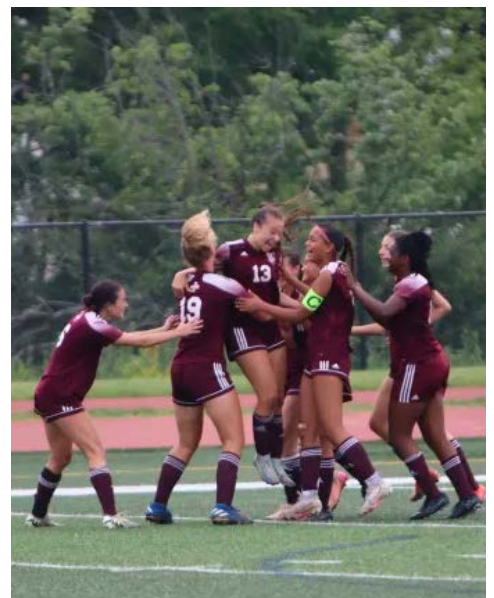
Girls Soccer Wins State Championship for First Time!

The Girls Soccer team is bringing home the hardware! In a thrilling match held in Naperville at North Central College, the Wolfpack defeated Peoria Notre Dame 1-0 to secure the IHSA 2A State Championship. The atmosphere was electric as Lili Garcia '26 scored a late goal at the 76-minute mark off a free kick, securing the lead for the Wolfpack. MC Galante '25 was a wall in goal, shutting out the Irish and preserving the victory.

This monumental win marks the program's first-ever state championship and the school's fifth IHSA state title overall. The team showcased incredible resilience throughout the IHSA Playoffs, winning an impressive seven consecutive games. Their journey to the championship included victories against Nazareth Academy, Crystal Lake Central, DePaul Prep, Westinghouse, Walter Payton and Lakeview High School. The team concluded the season with a 19-9-1 record.

Head Coach Pam Whitehead expressed her pride in the team's journey, stating, "Over the season, we had some

bumps, but it just made us grittier and stickier. I'm so proud of them." Congratulations to the Girls Soccer team on this historic achievement!



A State Champ and 3rd Place Finish!

Girls Track & Field earned a 3A trophy at the IHSA State Finals back in May at Eastern Illinois, finishing in third place and only nine points from the first-place team. Three Wolfpack competitors earned All-State honors - Annika Swan '26, Ally Shutler '28 and Maliyah Miller '26. Annika Swan '26 won both the 800-meter (2.10.08) and 1600-meter (4.48.94) races, breaking her own personal record in the 800 meters, becoming the first IHSA State champion in the history of the girls track and field program! Ally Shutler '28 finished second in both the 3200 meter and 1600-meter races and broke her own school record in the 3200-meter race. Maliyah Miller '26 finished third in the 200 meter and sixth in the 100-meter races, setting school records in both events. The 4x800 relay team of Lizeth Montes '25, Elle Sheaffer '27, Greta Sheaffer '28 and Gabriella Duque '26 advanced to the finals and finished 10th. The 4x100 relay team of Tori Scott '26, Sophia Mendoza '27, Chika Ezike '27 and Caroline McCann '28 finished 35th. Elizabeth Schmiedeler '25 (42nd in Pole Vault) and Sadie McGuire '26 (30th in Shot Put) represented the team in the field events.

This is the first state trophy for the program in school history. Swan '25 becomes just the second female IHSA individual state champion in school history (Julietta Tracy '23, Girls Swimming & Diving; 200 IM and 100 Free).

Swan '26 said, "I am very proud of my accomplishment and the whole team. A big part of this season I attribute to the Faith I have gained from attending Saint Ignatius. I work very hard physically and always have but to fully succeed you need to do the mental work as well. Running is such a mental sport and this season I really dove into working on that. I have learned to be stronger and not be afraid of failure by trusting God and having Faith in the process. I know that this is the path God wants me to have and I'm so grateful for the opportunities He has provided me and the opportunity I have been gifted to strengthen my Faith at a school like Saint Ignatius. I am also so happy that I got to accomplish this with such a great group of girls and coaches. I think that running is such an incredible sport and that it brings people together to be the best versions of themselves and to form amazing friendships. It's been awesome to grow as a team over the past year!" Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches! Go Wolfpack!



Girls Basketball Takes 2nd in State!

The Saint Ignatius College Prep Girls Basketball team concluded an amazing season, finishing as state runner-up after a hard-fought championship game against Montini. While the final score wasn't in their favor, the Wolfpack's amazing journey and accomplishments deserve huge celebration.

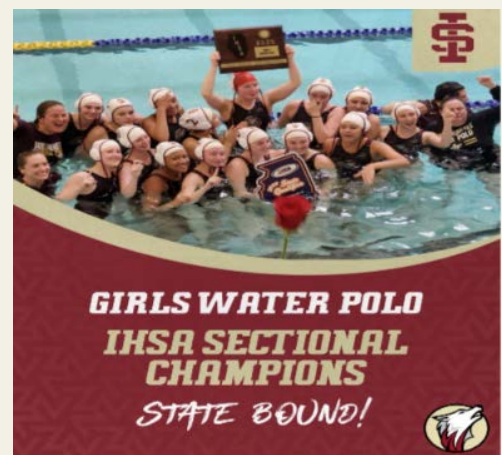
This season marked a program-best in wins, demonstrating the team's unwavering commitment and incredible progress. Reaching the state championship game was a historic first for the program, a shining example of their dedication and the exceptional leadership of their coaches.

Let's give a huge round of applause to all the players and coaches for an unforgettable season. Your achievements have created a legacy of pride and inspiration within the school community. Go Wolfpack!



Girls Water Polo - Sectional Champions!

Please join us in congratulating the Wolfpack Girls Water Polo team which advanced to the IHSA State Quarterfinals as Sectional Champions. Their hard work, dedication and terrific teamwork paid off, and we couldn't be happier for them. This remarkable achievement is a testament to their passion for the sport and their commitment to excellence. Let's give a huge round of applause to these amazing athletes for their super season. Go Wolfpack!



Saint Ignatius Rowing Seals National Gold in Heart-Stopping Finish

The Saint Ignatius Mens Rowing J4+ boat captured gold at the SRAA National Championships in Camden, NJ, powering through the Grand Final with a fierce sprint to claim first place on the national stage.

The SRAA Nationals is the premier scholastic rowing championship in the country, with more than 180 of the strongest high school programs competing for top honors. Winning here is no small feat—and this marks only the second time in program history that a Saint Ignatius crew has brought home this national title.

Their win comes on the heels of another gold-medal performance earlier this spring at the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association (MSRA) Championships, one of the most competitive regional championships in the country.

National Champions – Mens J4+: Aidan Murphy '27, Linus Quinn-Pasin '27, Danny Shutler '27, Jack Anderson '26 and Coxswain: Rohin Patel '26 | Coach: Len Richards

This was the second national championship in a row in this boat category for the Wolfpack.



What a Year for Wolfpack Hockey!

Care. Character. Compete.

That's the motto of the Saint Ignatius College Prep Hockey program – a motto the players take very seriously.

Co-Captain Danny Heidcamp '25 said his Wolfpack experience on the ice taught him valuable life lessons “about being brothers, always being there for each other and being a collective unit.” Co-Captain Austin Haynes '25 credited the group with showing him “how to work hard and overcome adversity.”

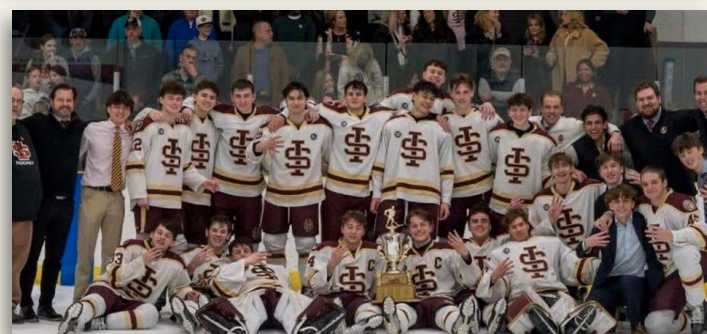
Most athletes will tell you, in sports there are always challenges. Haynes '25 talked about a five-game losing streak and low locker room energy at the beginning of the 67-game 2024-2025 season.

“Even in the lowest of lows, we stuck together and powered through every problem,” he said.

They jumped the early hurdles, and won the Thanksgiving-time O'Grady Tournament, defeating top team, New Trier-Green. Coach Spencer Montgomery called it the “first watermark of the season.” Ignatius competed their way to the quarter finals at State. While the team hoped to advance beyond the 'Final 8,' Coach Montgomery said that falling short didn't stop them from 'bringing it' at the subsequent Kennedy Cup, a Catholic schools competition.

Haynes '25 said, “The season we had was very special and filled with resiliency.”

“I'm proud of our group's response,” added Coach Montgomery. “They could have disengaged after State, but for the Kennedy Cup they cherished their time together, and re-earned it.” The Pack won the Cup for the fourth consecutive year in a row – not an easy feat. In keeping with the Jesuit idea of the Magis, or more, Coach Montgomery and crew are committed to working as hard as they can to get to



State and win. “You can almost touch it,” he said.

It will take work, but that's something this team really understands. The coach says it's not uncommon to find 10 players already on the ice at 5:45 in the morning for a 6:00 a.m. practice. He added, “The connectivity, the closeness and the care level the players show, energize me about this program and team.”

It's a program that's grown tremendously in the decade since Coach Montgomery took the reins. Ten years ago it was 27 athletes strong. Now it boasts 66 hockey players, with 23 in the incoming class.

Heidcamp '25, who considers joining the varsity hockey team the best decision he ever made, said, “I believe, and am highly confident a State win will happen someday. They have a shot at it. They just have to put in the work...I wanted to leave my jersey in a better place, and I think we did that. The juniors should keep the pace going.”

According to the coach, one of the team's favorite phrases is “Proud, Not Satisfied.” In that spirit, he was conducting one-on-one meetings with players over spring break. The objective of the meetings is to get player feedback and to set goals. Coach Montgomery said, “The students have a real opportunity, with five months before the season starts, to learn what gives them the best opportunity to achieve what they hope to achieve.”

Here's to looking forward!

A Year to Remember for Wolfpack Athletics

As Saint Ignatius Athletics concluded another successful year of sports, one particular student-athlete's experience with success this past year is unlike any other in the history of the athletic department.

Maggie Helms '25, seen in all three photos at right, is not only a valued and respected student-athlete within our community for participating in three separate varsity sports this year - Girls Golf, Girls Basketball and Girls Soccer - she is also the first Wolfpack student-athlete in history to have competed in an Illinois High School Association State Finals competition in each of its three competitive seasons (Fall, Winter and Spring) this past year.

During the Fall season, as a member of the Girls Golf program, the team won an IHSA Regional Championship and advanced to the IHSA Sectionals. While the team did not advance, Maggie qualified as an individual with an overall score of 82 to compete at the IHSA State Finals in Decatur, Illinois. At the IHSA State Finals in October, she finished with an opening round score of 80 and advanced to the second round for a final score of 83. Finishing 47th in the state, Maggie had the highest finish for the Wolfpack at IHSA State for any girls golfer in the past decade, while also earning All-GCAC and All-GCAC Academic honors.

For the Winter season, as a starter for the Girls Basketball team, the team won the IHSA Regional, Sectional and Super Sectional Championships en route to the IHSA State Semifinals for the first time in program history in Normal, Illinois. In March, winning the IHSA State Semifinal game against Washington 48-33, the Wolfpack advanced to the IHSA 3A State Championship and was narrowly defeated by Montini 50-44. For the season, Maggie averaged 7.6 points per game, 6.0 rebounds per game and 4.8 assists per game, while earning All-GCAC and All-GCAC Academic honors.

This past Spring season, as a starting defender for the Girls Soccer team, the team won the IHSA Regional, Sectional and Super Sectional Championships to advance to the IHSA State Semifinals for just the second time in program history in Naperville, Illinois. Winning the 2A State Semifinal game against Nazareth Academy 1-0, the team advanced to the IHSA 2A State Championship. In an exciting game that went down to the wire, the Wolfpack scored a late goal to defeat Peoria Notre Dame 1-0 and earn the school's very first Girls Soccer State Championship in history. Maggie concluded her season leading the defense with 47 takeaways and 72 clearances, while also earning All-GCAC Academic honors.

Maggie graduates Saint Ignatius as the 2024-25 Female Student-Athlete of the Year and is heading to Washington University to study business and play basketball. We congratulate her on her remarkable season and career for the Wolfpack and wish her the very best as a member of the Bears.



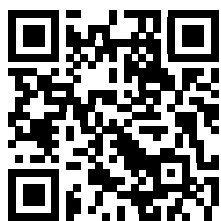
WE INVITE YOU TO GROW WITH US!

Here at Saint Ignatius, we're creating a space for cutting-edge programs in the performing and fine arts, entrepreneurship and science. Our goal is to build the

72,000 square foot, five-floor

Sodality Hall on the approximate footprint of the old building of the same name. We hope you'll join the effort to honor our storied past while we create the best possible future for our students!

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To learn more about this project, our other growth initiatives and how you can play a part, just go to the QR code. You may also contact John Chandler, 312-432-8344 or Chief Development Officer, Kevin Golden, at 312-432-8390 or kevin.golden@ignatius.org



Hall of Fame Induction



With immense joy, we celebrated the extraordinary individuals who have shaped the legacy of Saint Ignatius College Prep Athletics! It was an honor to recognize our distinguished alumni, dedicated coaches, and exceptional teams whose unwavering dedication, remarkable tenacity, and outstanding success have been instrumental in building the program we cherish today. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the deserving inductees into the Hall of Fame Class of 2025. Their contributions have left an indelible mark, inspiring future generations of the Wolfpack to strive for greatness.

This year's inductees were: 2011 Boys Water Polo Team, 2013 Boys Soccer Team, Mariah (Harris) Baker '12 - Track & Field, Sophia Dodd '13 - Volleyball, Conor Dunham '14 - Track & Field, Joseph Dunigan, Jr. '04 - Baseball, Katie Frett '01 - Volleyball & Basketball, Kelly (McNee) Innis '82 - Cross Country and Track & Field, Bob Kriz - Coach - Basketball, Joseph Ruiz '88 - Track & Field and Dave Stephens - Coach - Swimming.



WOLFPACK TAKE HOME TEAM ACADEMIC AWARDS

Each of the following Spring programs have won the IHSA Team Academic Award for the 2025 season for maintaining a cumulative GPA of over 3.0. Congratulations to each of the programs for their success in the classroom, as well as on the fields, on the courts and in the water.

- Girls Water Polo - 3.69
- Boys Water Polo - 3.54
- Boys Volleyball - 3.78
- Girls Track & Field - 3.77
- Boys Track & Field - 3.59
- Boys Tennis - 3.65
- Girls Soccer - 3.72
- Softball - 3.84
- Girls Lacrosse - 3.82
- Boys Lacrosse - 3.54
- Baseball - 3.61

Sports Briefs

We once again had another successful and memorable year that brought great joy and success to so many student-athletes at Saint Ignatius. While these facts and figures are a brief glimpse into our accomplishments this year, the true testament to our great work was the education-based mission we strive to incorporate into each of our teams and programs, highlighting the important life lessons learned as a result of hard work and teamwork. We help promote an extension of our school Mission and we create lifelong memories and experiences for our student-athletes to hold and cherish. Some important highlights from the season include:

Wrestling: Nate Sanchez '25 became Saint Ignatius College Prep's all-time career Varsity Wrestling "wins" leader with 132. That record had stood since 2002. He was also a 3x State Qualifier, 3x Regional Champion, 3x All Catholic League, 1x Sectional Champion, 1x State medalist (3rd). Nate will be attending the University of Chicago, where he will wrestle and play baseball.



Girls Basketball: Reganne Reardon '25 eclipsed the 1000-point mark back in late December. Reardon '25 is a West Point Girls Basketball commit.



Boys Swimming and Diving: Saint Ignatius College Prep Boys Swimming and Diving scored 13th overall at the IHSA State Championships. Biko Hooper-Haviland '25 became a two-time state runner-up in the 200 and 500 freestyles, breaking both varsity school records. He later teamed up with Junior Alistair Guth '26, Junior Carmine Fallara '26, and Danny Scott '28 to break the 2018, 400 freestyle varsity school record and place fourth.

Girls Water Polo: The team won their IHSA Sectional Championship at Glenbrook South in a thrilling 5-4 OT victory over Jones. The leaders of the Pack in goals were Bella Hobson '27 (3), Maggie Dirlam '28, and Isabella Curiel '27, with Regina Torres '26 grabbing six steals.



IHSA Unified Basketball Team:

Congratulations to our Unified Basketball team for earning the IHSA Unified Division 2 Runner-up honors. Members of our school partnered with the Ray Graham school, traveling down to the state finals in Champaign, Illinois.



National Letter of Intent Signings

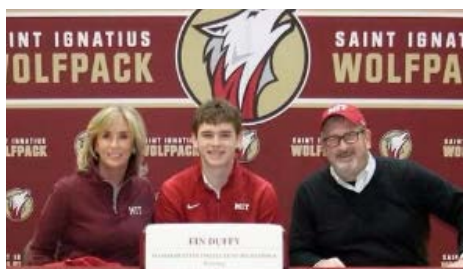
Please join us in congratulating the following students who have signed on to continue their academic and athletic careers in college this fall.



GABRIELA CILELLA '25 will be taking her tennis skills to Carleton College.



SYDNEY DEPROFIO '25 will be playing Volleyball at Colby College.



FIN DUFFY '25 will be rowing for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



JACK ENNIS '25 will be going to Yale University, where he'll be on the rowing team.



JAKE FORREST '25 is headed to Middlebury College, where he'll be a member of the golf team.



SOPHIA FREDERICKS '25 is heading to Wellesley College, where she'll be playing field hockey and softball.



PATRICK ROSTAN '25 will be heading to the College of the Holy Cross where he'll be playing soccer.



NATE SANCHEZ '25 is headed to the University of Chicago where he will be a member of the wrestling and baseball teams.



OWEN WALSH '25 will be going to the Milwaukee School of Engineering, where he'll play baseball.



JP BOBAK '25 will be playing football at Washington University.

WILL HORTON '25 will be playing basketball at Carthage College.

MEGAN McCLAIN '25 will be running cross country at St. Mary's College.

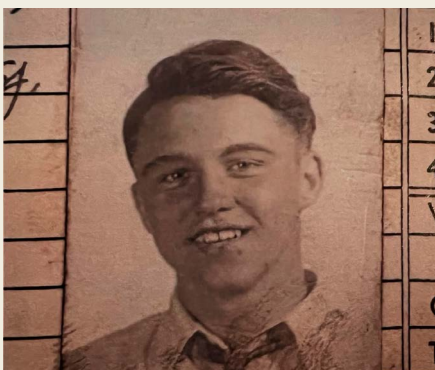
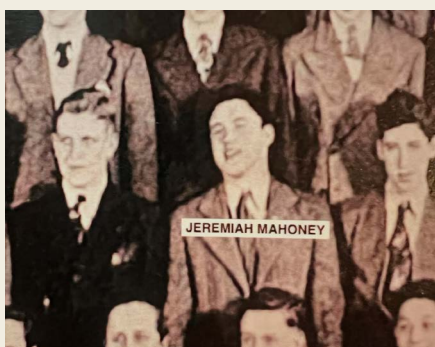
CADEN WALKER '25 will be playing soccer at Union College.

JACK WANZUNG '25 will be playing football at Vanderbilt.



A Soldier Comes Home

They never met him, but that wasn't necessary. He was family.



On the 11th of June, relatives of Jeremiah P. Mahoney came from around the country to bear witness to his flag-draped coffin as it reached its final destination at Arlington National Cemetery. His burial with full military honors, including a procession to the gravesite and a final salute, came more than eight decades after his death.

A YOUNG LIFE LOST

Just 19 years old, Army Private Mahoney was in the European Theater of Operations in January of 1945 when he was killed in fighting so fierce his buddies could not retrieve his body. Remains recovered later went unidentified until last year. Using DNA, scientists finally were able to name the unknown soldier. It was a revelation that gave way to connection.

Jeremiah Mahoney was one of us. From 1939 to 1941, he walked the halls and learned in the classrooms of 1076 West Roosevelt Road. He left Saint Ignatius College Prep after the attack on Pearl Harbor, but he didn't vanish from the fabric that makes us who we are. The campus archive has photos of Jeremiah – one from his record, and another with some of his classmates. Alumni Director Heather Santillan worked with historian Ellen Skerrett to tell the story of Jeremiah's time at Saint Ignatius for his relatives. Ms. Skerrett said, "It's an honor to give families back part of their past reflected in school records and photographs." As part of the effort that Ms. Skerrett termed "a labor of love," development team member, Michael Lanigan, delivered copies of the historic documents and pictures to Private Mahoney's descendants. He also represented Saint Ignatius at his burial.

"I felt it was my role on behalf of Saint Ignatius College Prep to stand as a point of time in that young man's life. He was not much more than a grown boy, just concluding the fall semester of his junior year," said Mr. Lanigan. "It is my hope that

our students will think about Jeremiah...and realize what he chose to surrender on the altar of freedom."

From our students, to our network of graduates, there's a message for every member of the Wolfpack in Private Mahoney's story. Mr. Lanigan explained, "I hope our alumni are proud of Jeremiah Mahoney...I hope they have a sense of pride in Saint Ignatius and the Jesuit motto of being Men and Women for and with Others. Thousands of our students and alumni live out that precept daily. Jeremiah Mahoney was a shining example."

For that reason, Saint Ignatius College Prep will pay special respect to Private Mahoney. The information Mr. Lanigan shared with Jeremiah's relatives included an invitation to an all-school Mass on November 7, 2025 recognizing alumni members of the five branches of the U.S. military. The ceremony will include the presentation of an honorary diploma for Jeremiah Mahoney. "I want his family to know he was never forgotten," said Ms. Santillan. She added, "Once an Ignatian, always an Ignatian."

The planned honor will be an opportunity for family members to experience the community that was part of Jeremiah's life. Already, they've honored his Ignatian connection in the most meaningful way. They gave the American flag that draped his casket to Mr. Lanigan. The remembrance will hang on the campus where young Jeremiah learned – forever a symbol of how he took to heart St. Ignatius' teaching that love is shown more in deeds than in words.

Cura Personalis Week

We were overjoyed to introduce our inaugural Cura Personalis Week at Saint Ignatius College Prep last semester. Embracing the spirit of caring for the whole person, the entire Saint Ignatius community was invited to participate in a week dedicated to awareness, conversation and thoughtful reflection on the various aspects of self-care and holistic wellness.

Grounded in five key themes – well-being, movement, mindfulness, balance and joy – Cura Personalis Week provided a diverse array of experiences and activities seamlessly woven into the school day. These enriching opportunities were available to all students, faculty and staff.

The week featured engaging activities like the Wolfpack Hydration Challenge, informative sessions on Teen Substance Use and Making Healthy Choices, and a Sleep Lab exploring how good sleep hygiene positively impacts our physical well-being. Participants also enjoyed opportunities for yoga and meditation, and some even took part in a social media fast, promoting digital wellness. Thank you to all the student leaders, faculty and staff, as well as the generous support of Elizabeth O'Connor Cole, who all helped make this week a possibility.



Cardinal Cupich Visit Campus

Catholic Schools Week 2025 was extra special for some Saint Ignatius College Prep freshmen. They got to speak with Cardinal Blase Joseph Cupich, who came to campus for their *Introduction to Catholicism* class. The aspirational visit became a reality after teacher Kaitlin Hasenbeck called the Archdiocese of Chicago to invite him to 1076 West Roosevelt Road.

Ms. Hasenbeck said, "This was an incredible experience for my students – one they found both meaningful and inspiring."

The Cardinal spoke about his Nebraska upbringing (he's one of nine children) and his call to the priesthood. He also talked about his monthly trips to the Vatican and some aspects of his work. While he was in the classroom, he took time to share some advice with members of the Class of 2029. In his talk, Cardinal Cupich said, "Cherish this time. Know you will build friendships of a lifetime. Treasure these years. It's a great time in your life to support each other. School is about community building. Look for the person who is excluded and bring them into the fold."

The leader of the Chicago Archdiocese said that he "strives to cultivate a sense of gratitude, to be faithful to his prayer life, and to help someone every single day."

Here are a few more things we learned about the Cardinal thanks to his question and answer session with Ms. Hasenbeck's students:

- His favorite Gospel passage is "Peace be with you."
- He says he fell in love with philosophy and theology when he was in Rome from 1971 to 1975. In his words, "I grew into my vocation."
- Cardinal Cupich is a fan of Peter, Paul and Mary and Bruce Springsteen. He also loves Lady Gaga's voice.
- He was born on the Feast of St. Joseph in 1949.
- He names Pope Francis as the most interesting person he's met. "He's a visionary and very funny," said Cardinal Cupich.
- According to the Cardinal, the most difficult thing about his job is not having enough time in the day. He wishes he could do more.

Saint Ignatius College Prep is delighted the Cardinal found time in his busy schedule to spend with our students. It was a memorable morning, indeed.



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Dr. Jim Evans '68 Looks Back on his Career in Academia and Support for Saint Ignatius



Evans '68 journey began at Saint Ignatius in 1964, where his early fascination with mathematics, particularly algebra and its ability to solve real-world problems, took root. The exceptional math faculty ignited his passion for applied math, while English, especially writing, became a complementary interest. Little did he know that these two disciplines would become the bedrock of his future academic career.

Joining the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) in his junior year, under the guidance of Fr. Cieply, a Jesuit with an engineering background,

opened his eyes to industrial engineering. A summer program at Northwestern University solidified his interest, particularly its focus on using mathematical models to optimize systems. Inspired, he pursued this path at Purdue, encouraged by Fr. Cieply, S.J. who became his mentor.

His strong foundation at Ignatius allowed him to excel at Purdue, earning both bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial engineering in just four years. Further studies led to a PhD from Georgia Tech. He found his niche in business schools, where his industrial engineering expertise perfectly aligned with the emerging field of quantitative analysis. This journey ultimately led to a fulfilling career of research, writing, and leadership, and a deep appreciation for the transformative power of education.

After 43 years on the faculty, he was ready for retirement. Looking back on his career, it was very clear to him that his success was the result of the foundations he received at Saint Ignatius and Purdue. One of the topics he wrote about in his quality management book was leadership and societal responsibility. As former GE

CEO, Jeffrey Immelt, stated, "Good leaders give back."

This became the perfect time to give back to Saint Ignatius for the education he received and the opportunities they provided him. Evans '68 wanted to help deserving students build their careers and dreams. It was also a way to honor his parents, who sacrificed to ensure he had the best education. Working with President Chandler, he established an endowment for students interested in STEM at Saint Ignatius. His initial pledge to Saint Ignatius was

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\$250,000 and he plans on increasing the endowment to at least \$500,000 in the next several years.

Evans '68 said, "My time at Saint Ignatius was outstanding. I had wonderful classmates and faculty. I look back on those years with reverence and awe in what they helped me to accomplish. After reading the letters I received from scholarship recipients, I am amazed at the courses that Saint Ignatius now offers. I know that all students are receiving the best education in America."

Join Us for Upcoming Events

Get ready to embrace the vibrant energy of fall with us! The Development Department is thrilled to announce a series of exciting events on campus this season, designed to connect you with our amazing school community. We're creating opportunities for fun, engagement and a deeper connection to the Ignatius spirit. Head over to www.ignatius.org/giving/upcoming-events to explore the full calendar, find the perfect events for you and register. We can't wait to welcome you back to campus.

8.1.25 - TOLTON SOCIETY SUMMER SOIREE

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the Saint Ignatius College Prep Tolton Society Summer Soiree. We will be honoring former Board member, Cherryl T. Thomas. This special event brings together our school community for a night of connection and celebration. It's a chance to reconnect with friends, make new acquaintances and strengthen the spirit of our shared values. Stay tuned for more details. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are open; scan the QR code.



9.5.25: BUSINESS SOCIETY TAILGATE SOCIAL

Pre-game gathering! Join us for food, friends, and Saint Ignatius spirit before the big game. Join the Business Society before the Wolfpack takes on Depaul. Varsity Game begins at 7:30 p.m. on Fornelli '51 Field. Registration is open.



9.6.25: SAN IGNACIO SOCIETY FAMILY FIESTA PICNIC

See you tomorrow at the 10th Annual San Ignacio Society Family Fiesta in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and to welcome new and returning students and their families to Saint Ignatius College Prep. Fornelli '51 Field from noon to 4 p.m.

9.18.25: PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

We're thrilled to invite our President's Club members to a special reception as a token of our gratitude! Your generous contributions, ranging from \$5,000 to \$9,999, have made a significant impact at Saint Ignatius. We deeply appreciate your commitment to our mission. We're excited to gather in Tully Hall on September 18 to celebrate your support and share our vision for the future. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow donors and learn more about the difference you are making in the lives of our students.



9.18.25: WOMEN'S SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

The Women's Society is comprised of a diverse community of parents, alumni and friends. We engage, reflect and support the school's Mission through philanthropic efforts, service and events for the Ignatius family to connect together in a meaningful way. Please plan on joining us for a fun night to kick off the school year.

We'll have sign-up sheets for volunteer committees that support our events during the year. Light refreshments will also be available.



9.19.25: TOLTON SOCIETY TAILGATE SOCIAL

Before the excitement of the home football game, join us in an evening of camaraderie, laughter and shared Saint Ignatius pride. This special gathering, hosted by the Tolton Society, offers a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow students, alumni, parents and faculty. Don't miss this chance to build lasting memories and strengthen the bonds that make our community so special. The Wolfpack will take on Mt. Carmel beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Fornelli '51 Field.



9.25.25: 39TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Get ready to tee off for a great cause! We're thrilled to announce the 39th Annual Golf Classic for Tuition Assistance, where alumni, parents and friends unite for a day of fun and philanthropy. Last year, we raised over \$250,000 thanks to nearly 500 golfers – let's make this year even bigger! Join us for a fantastic day of golf, camaraderie and support for Saint Ignatius College Prep students. Your participation helps us provide an excellent education grounded in catholic Jesuit. We're incredibly grateful for our dedicated committee, sponsors, golfers and volunteers.

Thank you for your continued partnership and generosity. Scan the QR code for registration and sponsorship opportunities.



9.27.25 - CLASS OF 1965 REUNION

Class of '65 - 60 Years Later! Come celebrate six decades of memories, friendships and Saint Ignatius pride. This may be the most important reunion yet...we have stories to share, adventures to recount and friendships to celebrate. Know a classmate? Bring them along. We may be older, but the Class of 1965 is something special. Registration is now open.

- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Welcome Reception
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Dinner
- 9:00 p.m. - Class Photo



10.2.25: CHAIRMAN'S DINNER

We're excited to host this year's Chairman's Dinner in the Tully Hall on October 2, 2025. This is our special way of expressing heartfelt gratitude to the generous individuals who've contributed \$10,000 or more to our school's success during the past fiscal year. The Chairman's Dinner is more than just a meal; it's a celebration of your unwavering support and belief in our Mission. It's also a chance to connect with fellow philanthropists, learn about the impact of your generosity and enjoy an evening of camaraderie. We deeply appreciate your commitment to our school community and look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.



OCTOBER, 2025 - ALUMNI & FRIENDS IN NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON, DC.

Stay tuned for details coming soon!

Join Us for Upcoming Events

10.11.25 - FALL REUNIONS ('75, '80, '85, '90, '95)

Get ready to reconnect and reminisce! We're thrilled to invite you to a Saint Ignatius Wolfpack alumni celebration, a chance to rekindle old friendships and forge new memories. You will catch up with familiar faces, sharing stories of the past and celebrate where life has taken us all. It's an opportunity to laugh, reminisce and renew the bonds that make the Wolfpack so special. Registration is open at the QR code here. We can't wait to welcome you back



- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - School Tours
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Alumni Mass and Alumni Medal Induction at Church of the Holy Family
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Class reception and photo



11.6.25: WOMEN'S SOCIETY SHOPPING EVENT

Get ready for a fantastic evening of shopping and giving back. Every November, Tully Hall transforms into a vibrant marketplace with more than 40 amazing vendors at the Women's Society Shopping Event. Come browse through unique clothing, handmade crafts, sparkling jewelry, stunning art and delicious food - all in one place! It's the perfect opportunity to find that special something while supporting a great cause. All the proceeds from this evening go directly to the Women's Society Financial Aid Endowment, helping students achieve their educational dreams. We can't wait to see you there!



11.13.25: 14TH ANNUAL BUSINESS SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Please join us on November 13, 2025, for this year's luncheon. We'll be celebrating outstanding achievements in the business world by presenting the Award for Excellence to both an alum and a non-alum. Plus, we'll be honoring a special community contributor with the Presidential Award for Distinguished Neighborhood Business Partner. Join us at the prestigious Union League Club of Chicago for a morning of networking, starting with check-in and a cash bar at 11:00 a.m. The meal and awards ceremony will begin at 12:00 p.m. We can't wait to see you there.



11.20.25: 2ND ANNUAL ALUMNI CHESS NIGHT

Alumni Chess players are invited to come join current players for an evening of games, food and camaraderie in the McLaughlin Room from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration is open.



12.26.25: THE TOLTON SOCIETY HOLIDAY GATHERING

Come and enjoy food and fellowship on Friday, December 26th from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Hosted by the Tolton Society and Terri Evans '94. Details coming soon.

12.30.25: CLASS OF 2025 YEARBOOK SIGNING AND PICKUP

Your Senior Year in Print! Join the Class of 2025 for yearbook pickup, signatures and one last winter break hangout. Tuesday, December 30, 4:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m. Registration open.



A Century of Connections

Saint Ignatius, Ireland, and a Family's Enduring Legacy

One of the cherished traditions at Saint Ignatius College Prep is the display of graduating classes' composite photos, a visual timeline of the school's rich history. Among the oldest on display, the Class of 1925, holds a special significance, particularly the portrait of Edward C. Coakley '25, whose story intertwines with the school and a deep-rooted connection to Ireland.

Jim Sweany '66 shares a remarkable lineage with Edward C. Coakley '25, tracing their ancestry back to Sheersha Faha, County Kerry, Ireland. In the aftermath of the Irish Famine (1845-1852), Cornelius Coakley and Lucy Brick's descendants would eventually find their way to Chicago. Their son, Patrick, was the first to immigrate to the United States, marrying Nora and settling in the Bridgeport area. Patrick and Nora's large family included Patrick E. Coakley, who later married Catherine Clare. Their son, Edward C. Coakley, would walk the halls of Saint Ignatius, graduating in 1925, and ultimately dedicating his life to the priesthood.

Born on Christmas Day in 1905, Rev. Coakley pursued his early education at St. Ignatius and Loyola University Chicago before entering Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. Ordained in 1933, he served as an assistant pastor at St. Peter's Church in Rockford. Sadly, his life was cut short at the age of 61 in 1966, the very year Jim Sweany '66 and Mike

Urbut '66 graduated from Saint Ignatius, creating a poignant intersection of family history and school milestones.

The legacy of the Coakley family at Saint Ignatius continues to flourish, with generations of cousins following in Edward's footsteps. The list of graduates demonstrates the family's commitment to Catholic Education spanning nearly 100 years:

- 1925 Fr. Edward C. Coakley
- 1931 Jerimiah J. Coakley
- 1957 Fr. John (Jack) P. Coakley, S.J.
- 1966 Jim Sweany
- 1966 Mike Urbut
- 2003 Sean Sweany (married to Alessandra Vaccaro '05, whose siblings, Lucien '05 and Lilly '07, are also Ignatius graduates.)
- 2005 Sarah Urbut
- 2008 Jack Sweany
- 2009 Katie Coakley Kerin
- 2009 Dave Raminski

Fr. Jack Coakley, S.J., was an honor roll student at Saint Ignatius and went onto become a Jesuit. He spent most of his priesthood ministry in pastoral care and counseling at various locations, including St. Xavier H.S. in Cincinnati, Loyola Academy in Wilmette and chaplaincy at Loyola Hospital in Maywood, IL.

The connection to Ireland remains strong, with Jim Sweany '66 leading the charge. His first visit in 1967 sparked a lifelong love affair with the country, resulting in 54 trips to date. What's even more remarkable is that 140 members and friends of his extended family have travelled with him to Ireland over the years, with another large family trip planned for this summer when more than 60 will make the voyage. The enduring bond between Saint Ignatius, the Coakley family, and their Irish heritage serves as a wonderful reminder of the lasting power of family, faith and tradition.



John P. Coakley's '57 graduation photo.



Edward C. Coakley's '25 graduation photo.



The first gathering of the American and Ireland Coakley clans on July 6, 1983 in Killarney, Ireland. This was the first of six "Erinbound" trips to Ireland for the American clan to see the country and see their relatives.

MCGOVERN '82 APPOINTED ARCHBISHOP

Bishop Michael McGovern '82 has been appointed as the sixth Archbishop of Omaha. Prior to this appointment, Archbishop-Designate McGovern '82 served as the Bishop of Belleville, IL. In a released statement, McGovern '82 expressed his acceptance of the new role "with gratitude and humility," signaling a commitment to serving the community of Omaha with dedication and an open heart.



DARLEY '81 REACHES \$1 BILLION IN SALES

Darley Company is a leading provider of material support and training to the U.S. Department of Defense. The company focuses on special operational, fire and emergency equipment. In 2007 they were awarded a tailored logistics supply contract from the Defense Logistics Agency. Since that time the company, led by Paul Darley '81, recently hit \$1 billion in sales. See more at www.darley.com.



BURKE '84 RE-ELECTED MAYOR

Kelly Burke '84 has been re-elected as Mayor of Evergreen Park, IL, securing a decisive win last month. This victory marks Burke's second term as mayor, adding to her extensive record of public service. Prior to this role, she honorably served as a Democratic state representative for the 36th District. Burke's dedication to Evergreen Park is further underscored by her successful run for village trustee in 2019. In 2021, she made history by becoming the first female mayor of the village, paving the way for continued progress and leadership.



COSTELLO, S.J. '62 HONORED BY LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Rev. John Costello, S.J. '62, Vice Chancellor Emeritus of Loyola University, was recently recognized for his remarkable 23 years of dedicated service. Fr. Costello's vision shaped the school's Council of Regents, leaving an indelible mark on the school. The evening culminated in the announcement of the Rev. John Costello, S.J. Endowed Scholarship. This annual scholarship will empower deserving Loyola University School of Law students, ensuring Fr. Costello's commitment to education and opportunity continues for generations to come. It's a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to Loyola and its students.



LOMBARDO FAMILY NAMED RESTAURATEUR OF THE YEAR

The next generation of the Lombardo Family, owners and operators at Gibsons Restaurant Group, were honored this past spring at the Illinois Restaurant Association's Annual Meeting held at the Union League Club. Siblings and Ignatius alum, Steve Lombardo, III '92 (Chief Executive Officer), Michael Lombardo '93 (Chief Strategy Officer), Liz Lombardo Stark '96 (Director of Marketing and PR and First Vice Chairperson of the Board at the Illinois Restaurant Association) and Christa Lombardo Vrabel '97 (Director of Digital Experience) were awarded "Restaurateur of the Year" for their work and leadership in the hospitality industry.



KOZICKI '16 NAMED TO 40 UNDER 40 CLUB

Deirdre Kozicki '16 was recently named to the Irish Echo "40 Under 40" list. Kozicki is an award-winning Media Planning Manager at Beauty Co Lab, overseeing La Roche-Posay, SkinBetter Science and Vichy. A graduate of Fordham University, she combines her passion for marketing with a deep commitment to the Irish-American community.



RIVERA '01 OPENS NEW BREWERY

Enrique Rivera '01 recently opened Monochrome Brewing (monochromebrewing.com), Pilsen's latest brewery. Monochrome Brewing distinguishes itself by celebrating Mexican flavors and the rich craft beer culture. His vision extends beyond just brewing beer; he aims to create a community hub that reflects the unique character of Pilsen. By incorporating Mexican-inspired elements into their offerings, Monochrome Brewing seeks to honor the local heritage and provide a welcoming space for all.

YOSHIMURA '64 MARKS 50 YEARS ON SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

When he walked into 30 Rockefeller Center to interview for a job on a TV show that didn't exist yet, Leo Yoshimura '64 had no idea what to expect. He hadn't heard anything about this weekly series coming to NBC and the young set designer wasn't looking to work in comedy. The interview for the job that he would keep for the rest of his career amounted to one question: When are you available? As it turned out, he was available the next week--and for the next 50 years.



LOVERDE '09 FORMS LAW FIRM

Dominic C. LoVerde '09 recently formed LoVerde Law, LLC, a Chicago-based law firm devoted to representing clients and families in catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases. LoVerde '09 has helped recover more than \$300 million for his clients and several of his verdicts and settlements are record-breaking. LoVerde '09 teaches trial advocacy and holds leadership roles with various bar associations and charitable organizations locally and nationally. Saint Ignatius played an instrumental role in his career. In 2005, LoVerde '09 had a debate in Fr. Jeremiah Lynch's, S.J., world history course, after which Fr. Lynch strongly suggested he pursue a career as a trial lawyer. He remains forever grateful for that advice, and 20 years later he continues to pursue his passion and career.



CARBAJAL '02 OPENS THIRD RESTAURANT LOCATION

Marcos Carbajal '02 recently celebrated the grand opening of his third Carnitas Uruapan restaurant in Little Village. The event was a vibrant blend of community, family and Ignatius pride, honoring the Carbajal family's 50-year legacy in the Mexican American community. Alongside his father, Mr. Inocencio, founder of the original Pilsen location, Carbajal '02 welcomed Saint Ignatius alumni, Alderman Michael Rodriguez and U.S. Representative Jesús G. "Chuy" García. Carnitas Uruapan continues to serve traditional carnitas, solidifying its place as a community cornerstone. Carbajal '02 can be seen here (2nd from right) with his wife and Saint Ignatius Development Office members, Jesus Bravo '00 and Kevin Golden.

DEFILIPPIS '16 LAUNCHES THEATRE COMPANY

Michael DeFilippis '16 has founded a classical theatre company based in Manhattan, called New American Ensemble. He currently serves as its Artistic Director. The group has produced two shows in the past year, most recently the New York premiere production of an adaptation of Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, which he directed. If you are interested in supporting New American Ensemble, find out more at their website, newamericanensemble.com.





WALSH '16 NAMED CHICAGO ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUEEN

Cara Walsh '16 was crowned Queen of the 2025 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade! Congratulations to Cara on this honor — one that has even more than an alumni Wolfpack connection. Saint Ignatius College Prep Math Department Chair Sheila Walsh was one of many alumni there to support her sister. Cara writes, "This year's parade theme, 'Trades, Technology and Education,' feels especially meaningful to me, as Saint Ignatius College Prep played such a foundational role in my educational journey."



RESTCO '09 EARNS PROMOTION AND AWARD

Healthcare marketer, AbelsonTaylor Group, recently promoted Amy Restco '09 to Group Director of Engagement Strategy in recognition of her success in developing winning brand strategies and delivering customer experiences that drive change. Restco '09 was also the recipient of a CLIO award, the highest award in the healthcare marketing field. The award recognized her among a select class of 20 global healthcare influencers.

A CHANCE MEETING OF ALUMNI

Brian Peters '99 and Bridget Baker (nee Cummings '97) recently met while standing waist deep in Tampa Bay, while serving as veterinarians for wild dolphin health assessments as part of Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Sarasota Dolphin Research Program. They were delighted to discover that not only did they grow up within three miles of each other on the Northwest side of Chicago, but that they are also fellow Ignatius alums! Dr. Peters owns a companion animal veterinary practice, Petology Animal Hospital, in Naples, FL. Dr. Baker is a research assistant professor of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida (UF) and Co-Director of UF's Marine Animal Rescue program.



TWARDAK '02 NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE WBAI

Please join us in congratulating Katie Twardak '02. On June 26, she will be sworn in as the President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. She will be the second Ignatius graduate to hold this title. Kate Conway '02 was the other graduate to hold this position.



CRONIN '18 SINGS NATIONAL ANTHEM AT BULLS GAME

Mackenzie Cronin, a proud Saint Ignatius alumna from the class of 2018, recently had the distinct honor of singing the National Anthem at a Chicago Bulls game. This remarkable opportunity showcased not only her exceptional vocal talent but also her dedication and passion for music honed during her time at Saint Ignatius. Go to the QR code to watch her performance.



Engagements, Weddings & Births

The listing below includes engagement, wedding and birth news from 1.1.25 to 6.30.25. Please email wolvesden@ignatius.org to share your birth, adoption, wedding or engagement announcements.

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Congratulations to...

Michael O. Adegoke '15 and Lauren Clark on their engagement.

Lewis B. Burik '15 and Reece Kamins on their engagement on 3/1/24. They are to be married on 7/12/25.

John F. Devitt '14 and Denise Fano on their wedding at Church of the Holy Family on 6/28/2025.

Brittany McGhee '07 married Matthew Dino at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish on December 23, 2024. Many members of the class of 2007 were in the bridal party as well as the celebration. Those in attendance were: Dianne Wolfe Bowden '07, Syrie Roche Scott '07

Brigid A. Doherty '13 and Charles T. White '12 on their engagement.

Cristina Guerrero '08 and Michael Kallenbach on their engagement.

James H. Irwin '15 and Abby Los on their engagement on 11/30/24. They are to be married on 11/8/25.

Grace Devitt Kutsulis '15 and Zachary Kutsulis on their wedding at Church of the Holy Family on 6/7/2025.

Catherine G. Lenti '14 and Tyrone J. Clark on their engagement. They are to be married at Church of the Holy Family in August 2026.

James Lynch '07 and Grace Luetkemeyer '12 were recently engaged in February 2025. They will celebrate their marriage at St. Clement Church in August 2026.

Matthew Maniscalco '09 and Stacy Amstadt on their engagement.

Abigail E. McCarthy '17 and Jack C. Donegan on their engagement. They are to be married at Church of the Holy Family in 2026.

Allison L. Montemar '15 and David W. McGarr '15 on their wedding at Church of the Holy Family on 3/21/25.

Thomas M. Micun '17 and Madison Arnold on their engagement.

Krista M. Miloslavich '13 and Nigel Pollard on their engagement.

Kelsey Lynch Mulvaney '07 and Robert Mulvaney '08 on their wedding in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on 4/19/2024. Thirty Ignatians from classes of 1975 to 2027 joined in the celebration.

Alexandra W. O'Grady '18 and Quinlan F. Burns on their engagement.

Beatrice M. Pacyga '11 and Michael C. Lacenere on their wedding at S.S. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Lemont, IL on 05/31/25.

Brian R. Pankauskas '07 and Natalie M. Durot on their engagement.

Giuliana Rotunno '08 and Aaron Prom on their engagement.

Brian Santino '15 and Grace McCarthy on their wedding. They were married on 8/3/2024 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Batavia, IL

Lt Daniel Santino US Marine '16 and Dr. Maria Weisgerber on their wedding on 3/1/2025. They were married at the Chapel at St Ursula Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio

Elizabeth A. Sherlock '14 and Jackson Hayes on their engagement in April 2024 in New York City. Elizabeth and Jackson are to be married on 6/7/2025 in Hillsboro Beach, FL.

Maggie Suszka '14 and Timmy Haehl (Harvard '18) on their engagement. They are to be married at St. Clement Church on 8/9/2025.

Madeleine Suszka '15 and Guy van Heesewijk on their engagement. They are to be married at St. Clement Church in 2026.

Brendan T. Sweeney '09 and Alexandra Mudd on their engagement.

Brigid A. Doherty '13 and Charles T. White '12 on their engagement.

Sarah Zegart '18 and Nicolas Meister on their engagement on 4/24/2025.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to...

Brendan G. Coolidge '13 and his wife, Diana, on the birth of their first child, Carter Coolidge. Carter is welcomed by his grandmother Elizabeth Coolidge '84 and brothers Ryan Coolidge '16 and Jack Coolidge '20.

Sam P. Gutilla '12 and wife, Sydney, welcomed a son, Charles Joseph, on December 10, 2024. Charlie was recently baptized at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge, and his proud godparents are Anna Kelley '24 and David Bedell '12.

Caroline Monnot Patek '07 and husband John Foley, on the birth of their daughter, Sloane Marion Foley on 2/21/2025.

Joseph Perez '08 and his wife, Joanne Wagner-Perez, on the baptism of their daughter, Isabelle Adina Perez on 6/28/2025 at Church of the Holy Family.

Laura Postilion '84 on the birth of her first grandchild, Sofia Grace Casey, born on 10/27/24 to her son, Tom Casey, and his wife, Bella Fritsch.

Patrick J. Roth '95 and his wife, Lauren, on the birth of their son, Daniel John Roth, on 10/22/2024.

Saint Ignatius staff member, Peter Spizziri, on the birth of his daughter, Annalisa Rose Spizziri.



- Instagram** – We have more than 9.5K followers with photos of school life. @saintignatiuschicago.
- Facebook** – School news and more than 7.6K alums connected to the page.
- LinkedIn** – A network of alumni interested in career networking. There are more than 6.1K alums in this group.
- YouTube** – Event footage and special messages with more than 100,000 channel views.

A Look Back

Now that the school year has come to a close, it's a fitting time to reflect on the whirlwind of events that marked the second half. The past six months have been filled with growth, learning and camaraderie at Saint Ignatius. We celebrated milestones, supported each other through challenges and created memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer on our students, participate in school events and contribute to the vibrant spirit of our community.

SAN IGNACIO SOCIETY COAT DRIVE

In January, the San Ignacio Society, in collaboration with FAM, ALAS, Latin X, and Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, orchestrated a coat drive that exemplified the spirit of unity and giving. Volunteers gathered, not just to wrap coats, but to share stories and build connections, fostering a true sense of fellowship. The collected coats were donated to Cradles to Crayons Chicago, an organization dedicated to supporting families and children facing hardship. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to this collaborative effort.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME - 1.24.25

Back in January we celebrated the newest members of the Saint Ignatius Athletic Hall of Fame. These individuals represent the pinnacle of athletic achievement, sportsmanship and dedication to the Wolfpack spirit. Their hard work, perseverance and unwavering commitment have not only brought glory to our school but have also inspired countless others to strive for excellence.

Beyond their individual accomplishments, these inductees embody the values we hold dear. They are role models for our current students and a testament to the enduring legacy of Saint Ignatius athletics. Congratulations!

2025 Inductees: 2011 Boys Water Polo Team, 2013 Boys Soccer Team, Mariah (Harris) Baker '12 - Track & Field, Sophia Dodd '13 - Volleyball, Conor Dunham '14 - Track & Field, Joseph Dunigan, Jr. '04 - Baseball, Katie Frett '01 - Volleyball & Basketball, Kelly (McNee) Innis '82 - Cross Country and Track & Field, Bob Kriz - Coach - Basketball, Joseph Ruiz '88 - Track & Field and Dave Stephens - Coach - Swimming.



43RD ANNUAL LAW SOCIETY LUNCHEON - 2.6.25

The Law Society recently honored Carolyn Daley '98 with the Alumni Award of Excellence in the Field of Law, recognizing her outstanding contributions and achievements. Patrick Collins was also celebrated, receiving the Award of Excellence in the Field of Law for his exceptional work and dedication to the legal profession. The Law Society extends its sincere gratitude to its members and friends of the community for their support. Your participation has been instrumental in the continued growth and success of this annual event, which celebrates excellence and recognizes the remarkable achievements of individuals in the field of law.



10TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT - HONORING KEVIN G. BARRON - 2.8.25

The Parent Organization hosted Trivia Night with a packed Tully Hall of parents, alumni and friends. Kevin Barron launched the idea to host the first Trivia Night at Saint Ignatius in 2015 as a way to connect people for fellowship and fun. His enthusiasm and welcoming spirit helped grow the event from a small gathering in the McLaughlin Room to a full house in Tully Hall. The evening celebrated Kevin's spirit, his humor and his ability to bring people together.



ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERINGS IN FL: NAPLES, TAMPA AND NORTH PALM BEACH – 2.12-15.25

The vibrant spirit of Saint Ignatius lives not just in the classroom, but in the joyful gatherings of our alumni and friends across Florida! These events, peppered throughout the Sunshine State, are a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with classmates, forge new bonds and reminisce about the good old days. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our generous hosts (Sam '61 and Mimi Krug and Cyrus '53 Mitzi Freidheim) who opened their homes and hearts, creating warm and welcoming spaces for Ignatian camaraderie. These gatherings truly embody the enduring friendships and shared experiences that define our school community.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY BINGO NIGHT - 2.19.25

Thank you to the more than 75 members of our school community who came together for an evening of laughter, "friendly" competition and food. The energy in the room was electric as the numbers were called. All proceeds from the night went to the Women's Society's endowment for tuition assistance.



GLORIAM 2025!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who championed our mission of ensuring that talented students can access the transformative education offered at Saint Ignatius College Prep. Your generous contributions to our Tuition Assistance program directly impact the lives of deserving students, empowering them to reach their full potential. By investing in these bright minds, you are not just funding education; you are shaping a brighter future for us all. Thank you for your unwavering support and for believing in the power of education to change lives!



WOLVES DEN STUDENT PRESENTATIONS - 4.15.25

Thank you to the students who presented their entrepreneurial projects to parents, mentors, alumni and friends in McLaughlin Theater. Wolves' Den Pitches included the following: Foregolf Guys, Fitgrind, Wolfpack Weekly, Wolfpack Pens, Beat the Crease, Quickbuys Essentials, and Tip Off Tactics. Thank you to our Mentors: Dave Alfano, Fred Conforti '59, Sandra Napoli-D'Arco, Catherine Lamb-Heinz, Danielle Hrzic '91, John Leonard '99 and John Solimine '93. We also thank our Judges: Brian Crannell '89, Kevin Duff, Karin O'Connor, Kevin Quinn, Rob Savage, Patrick Singler '02 and Zach Szofer '08.



SPRING REUNIONS ('95, '05, '10, '15, '20) – 4.5.25

We were thrilled to welcome over 500 alumni back to campus on Saturday, April 5th. The evening was filled with warmth and reconnection, beginning with tours showcasing the exciting changes on campus. Mass at the Church of the Holy Family followed before the class receptions. The campus was filled with laughter as alumni shared stories, reminisced about cherished memories and caught up on each other's lives. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for this special celebration. For those who couldn't make it, we missed you and hope to see you back on campus soon. Don't wait for the next reunion – we'd love to welcome you anytime!



JUBILEE MASS AND LUNCHEON - 5.2.25

A wave of joyful nostalgia washed over the Church of the Holy Family as alumni celebrating 50+ years since graduation joined current students for the First Friday Mass. It was a heartwarming sight, bridging generations through shared faith and school spirit. The celebration continued in the Brunswick Room with a luncheon with lots of laughter and stories. The alumni reminisced about their school days, sharing cherished memories and reconnecting with familiar faces. President John Chandler then shared exciting updates about the campus and its future, further igniting their pride and connection to the institution they hold dear.



CELEBRACIÓN - 5.3.25

What a joyful night it was! A huge thank you to the Saint Ignatius College Prep San Ignacio Society, the dedicated Development Team, Board Chair, Martin Cabrera, and especially our honored guest, the amazing actress Gina Rodriguez '02. The evening was filled with authentic conversation, delicious dinner and lively dancing, all in support of a fantastic cause. This very special gathering successfully raised money for financial aid, directly benefiting our students. We're already brimming with excitement for Celebración 2026. Be sure to mark your calendars for August 7, 2026 – we can't wait to celebrate with you again.



WOMEN'S SOCIETY SIGNATURE DINNER - 5.8.25

On May 8, 2025, we were privileged to host our annual Women's Society Signature Dinner, uniting over 300 women in a celebration of community and friendship, with a shared purpose of supporting our students. All proceeds from this special evening directly benefited our school's Tuition Assistance program, making a tangible difference in the lives of deserving students. A highlight of the dinner was the presentation of the Golden Rose Award to Julie Garvey Davis '86. Julie's unwavering support and profound impact on the Saint Ignatius community, demonstrated in countless ways over many years, made her a truly deserving honoree. Her dedication embodies the spirit of giving back and uplifting others. Thank you, Julie, for being a true woman for others.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Henry Ceffalio

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Letters from the Front

The Lost WWII Chronicle of Saint Ignatius

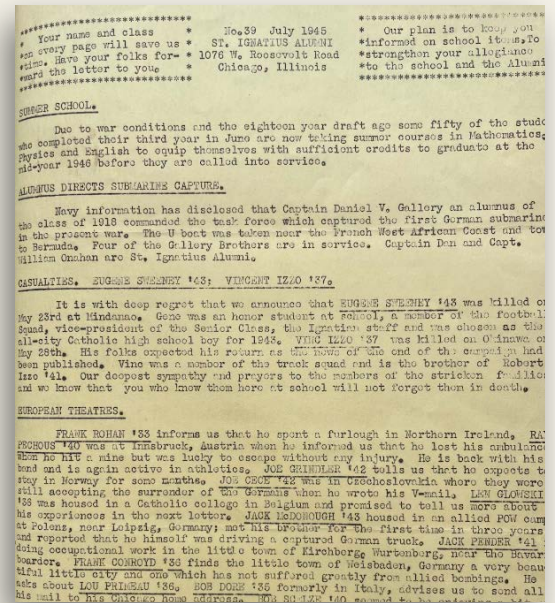
On the second floor of bookcases in the Brunswick Room, hiding behind a stack of yearbooks and dusty science manuals, I found a hardcover book that looked like it hadn't been touched in years. When I opened its pages, words jumped out at me that reminded me of my American history classes - basic training, battalion, Iwo Jima, Normandy. I looked at the spine: "Saint Ignatius Alumni Servicemen's Newsletter, 1942-1946." When I took the book to my desk, I realized that what I found was one of the most valuable sources for understanding the heroism, the tragedy and the day-to-day experiences of the Saint Ignatius alumni who fought in the Second World War.

The document is a bound collection of monthly alumni newsletters sent by Fr. Joseph Bilstein, S.J., to alumni across the globe during World War II. Fr. Bilstein graduated from Saint Ignatius in 1919 and was serving as the Director of the Alumni Association. He requested that graduates send letters to the alumni office on Roosevelt Road stating where they were stationed and how they could be reached. Although the original letters have not been found, Fr. Bilstein faithfully compiled and published the information he received. His newsletters ranged from brief updates on where a graduate was stationed to vivid anecdotes from the front lines.

One sentence in a long paragraph listing the locations of Ignatians reads "Joe Cella '39 has moved to Santa Ana Air Base" and "Ed Hosek '35 is at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and wants to be remembered to all the lads of 4D of '35." These letters were vital connection points for alumni that offered one of the few ways which they could learn about the status of their classmates. Did they enlist? Where were they serving? Most crucially - were they still alive?

It is clear the extent to which Saint Ignatius alumni viewed these letters as a thread of hope, familiarity and home in moments of uncertainty. Bob Nolan '43 wrote to Fr. Bilstein, "Despite having crossed two continents, an ocean and a sea, I can always expect the Alumni newsletter." George Pick '43 wrote in January of 1945, "you'll never believe what the alumni newsletter means to boys out here." One can imagine Bob and George, each of them fresh out of high school, opening Fr. Bilstein's newsletter with anticipation countless miles from home.

The most striking testimony about the importance of the newsletter comes from Ernest Stumpo '43, which Fr. Bilstein reproduced in whole in the March 1945 newsletter: "I went all through France, Belgium, and up to Germany. There was one time when I



A sample of the newsletter that Ignatian servicemen would have received.



President of Saint Ignatius Fr. Nicholas Mann, S.J., with Fr. Bilstein at his left, welcomes back alumni who had served to campus. (1943)

received your newsletter sitting in a slit trench of an outpost of the Siegfried line. I just read it and read it. I prayed

and prayed and received all that I asked even the sparing of my life. I brought a few followers into the Church and I have others going with me. I pray for all and I love to receive the paper. May God bless you for a work which is doing good which you can never fully realize.”

What is clear from Ernest Stumpo’s letter is the anxiety that you could be killed at any moment. More than fifty alumni of Saint Ignatius died in the war, and nearly each one of Fr. Bilstein’s letters begin with the announcement of a young man injured, missing or confirmed dead. The July 1945 letter echoes with this tragedy: “It is with deep regret that we announce that Eugene Sweeney ’43 was killed on May 23rd at Mindanao. Gene was an honor student at school, a member of the football squad, vice-president of the Senior Class, (member of) the Ignatian staff and was chosen as the all-city Catholic high school boy for 1943.” Two summers ago, Fr. Bilstein had announced in the newsletter Gene Sweeney’s award from the Catholic Youth Organization. Now, he was announcing his death.

In an atmosphere of such loss and devastation, young Ignatians relied on their Faith to persevere. Alumni consistently wrote to Fr. Bilstein that they had visited Catholic churches abroad, tracked down Jesuit chaplains and prayed their rosaries. A note from Frank Hudon ’42, a naval officer writing from Morocco just after Christmas of 1943, best encapsulates the power of Faith in war: “I’ll never forget the Mass at Casablanca on Christmas Eve. The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines all kneeling on the hard deck singing carols brought me nearer to Christ than ever before. The sermon was beautiful, and I could have listened for hours.”

Another way Ignatians persevered was with each other. Though alumni had been sent to all corners of the world, they often reported running into their classmates. Many writers passed on to Fr. Bilstein the whereabouts of their classmates who they’d seen or were serving with, and reported that they’d passed on a copy of the newsletter. Jim Golden ’40 and Steve Jais ’40 crossed paths in the Southwest Pacific in 1944 and “immediately recognized each other and immediately thought of Ignatius.” Writing from Australia, Jim Wolfe ’35 claimed “it seems quite the usual thing to run into an Iggy man wherever you go.”

But it was not just former students who contributed to the war. At least ten Jesuits who’d worked at Saint Ignatius served as Chaplains. Jesuit Chaplains went to the front lines to provide spiritual counseling, say Mass (often in improvised conditions) and, regrettably, give last rites to dying soldiers. One of these Jesuits was former Saint Ignatius teacher Fr. Joseph Boggins, S.J. Fr. Boggins was the first Jesuit to enter the South Pacific area, according to Fr. Bilstein, and he appeared in a 1943 edition of Life Magazine photographed standing next to comedian Joe E. Brown. Fr. Boggins reported that he could spend “an hour reading Ignatius News Letters” and that he had run into and counseled one of his former students at Saint Ignatius.

Even in the midst of war, Fr. Bilstein still updated Saint Ignatius alumni on subjects that would be part of our

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We invite alumni, parents and friends of Saint Ignatius College Prep to contribute to our school’s rich history. Do you have an object, document or story that helps tell the story of Saint Ignatius? Use the QRD code here to organize your potential donation. Please review our collection scope philosophy before you make your donation.



Eugene Sweeney ’43 was the Vice President of the Senior Class in 1943 and one of the most accomplished young men of his class. He was killed in the Pacific in 1945.



It was Fr. Joseph Bilstein, S.J who wrote the alumni newsletters. He was a Chicago native who graduated from Saint Ignatius in 1919 and worked at Saint Ignatius from 1937 to 1949.

alumni newsletter today: victories from the track and football teams, productions from the Harlequins, improvements of the campus and dates for alumni events. This speaks to the power of the school’s Jesuit Mission: no matter what is happening in the world Saint Ignatius College Prep will continue to educate students in preparation for lives of Faith, love, service and leadership.

And it is the Mission of the school that reverberates throughout this document. Something that is often lost to history are the stories of those who served. We have plaques, memorials and holidays to honor those who fought, but what is often lost, and what this document revives, is their voices. Their voices show how the Jesuit Mission that they learned at Saint Ignatius - to lead, to have faith and, most importantly, to serve - helped them fight honorably in the largest war in human history.



Scan the QR code to see more photos

JOIN US FOR VETERAN’S DAY MASS ON NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Saint Ignatius will host a Veteran’s Day Mass on November 7th in the Church of the Holy Family to honor those who have served our country. We invite all members of the Saint Ignatius community to join us in prayerful remembrance and gratitude. Register here to join us.

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 so our records can be corrected.

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Funeral Homily for Fr. James Vorwoldt, S.J.

Fr. Vorwoldt, S.J. taught in the Arts Department at Saint Ignatius College Prep for over 30 years. He had a profound impact on generations of Ignatius students and will be greatly missed. Please read the funeral homily recently given by Fr. George Winzenburg, S.J. from the St. Camillus Jesuit Community.



IN MEMORIAM - JAMES VORWOLDT, S.J.

We are gathered to remember Fr. Jim Vorwoldt and God's abundant love for him. Jim trusted the promise God made to all pilgrims who journey through life, that God's gift of everlasting glory is trustworthy: "If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him" (2 Tim. 11-12a).

Jim was a pilgrim in search of a home. On his journey he was a priest, an artist, a poet, a photographer, a teacher, and a friend to students. He ministered as Pope Francis urged: Go to the people on the margins and Smell like the sheep. Jim's flock was his students at St. Ignatius College Prep. In the words of a Jesuit friend [Fr. Michael Class], Jim was "an apostle to the different, the loners, and the troubled. He taught art not only as a visual medium but also as a window to the student's soul. Students learned to get in touch with their inner selves through what they expressed in drawing, painting, sculpture and photography."

Jim understood "the different and the loners" because he himself had a difficult childhood and faced many trials. His advice to his students applied to him: "Don't get caught up in what people say; stay the course; deal with what comes."

At age 18, just before striking out on his own, he fell and broke his right leg. A surgeon used a piece of metal to mend the fracture. Years later, the hardware deteriorated and the bone became infected. Jim struggled to accept that the wound would never heal. His surrender to what he could not change put him in the ranks of the just, of whom it is written in the Book of Wisdom: 'Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself' (Wis. 3:5-6).

A hobby Jim enjoyed was building model ships. Balsa wood, sandpaper, paint, glue, and tools covered his desk. The tiny ships undoubtedly reminded him of his travels to Greece, where visitors' dreams take shape by gazing at the Aegean Sea and its changing colors and vast horizon. Chicago, where Jim lived for many years, was not Athens, but its architecture and people captivated him. He loved the city, especially its lakefront about which he wrote this poem:

The sailboat glides by so softly / Yet I'm trapped on the land / Gull-wise I yearn to glide and dip and splash / Feasting on hidden delights below / Clasp wet wings to myself / Sitting rocked slowly by the currents / Survey the pale green vista of my world / Then soaring up above the waters / Teasing the concrete spires of the city / Lost in peaceful summer's evening / Waiting for the first spark of the stars.

I've wondered if Jim ever felt like St. Paul who was once shipwrecked [Acts 27]. Recall that Paul and other prisoners set sail for Italy. Their ship met headwinds as it crossed the open sea. The ship was pounded so violently by a storm that it ran aground on a sandbar and broke up under the pounding of the waves. Paul's life was spared, and we can only imagine

his elation. Jim expressed such elation in a poem he wrote: "Save the world Jesus / Save your people Jesus / Save all of us who are so weak / You are the first and the last / Stop time and hold us in the / present—in your love / Let us breathe your name / Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

We, too, breathe God's name. We pray to be set free from whatever holds us captive, whether it is suffering, an unfulfilled dream, or sin. Thanks to God, we are saved by Christ's death and resurrection. And our salvation has already begun. The Risen Christ empowers us to flourish as human beings and fills us with joy. St. Paul expressed this in his letter to the Church in Ephesus: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are God's handiwork [God's work of art]" (Eph. 2:8-10).

Fr. Jim Vorwoldt was God's work of art. Yes, he had rough edges, but he was willing to be like a grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, that it might rise and produce much fruit (John 12:24). Jim desired to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. He lived his dream to "go out and set the world on fire" (St. Ignatius Loyola). Let me close with another one of Jim's poems.

I sing a song of fire / Unquenchable burning within / My heart a frail furnace / Tenderly kept alive / By the Spirit's breathing / In the quiet center / I find the Other refining / Torching-welding-burnishing / The rough jagged parts / To a smooth golden luster / Walking midst the noisy throng / His voice speaks peace / Peace to me, peace to all / How I yearn to touch them / To let the sparks fly / My heart to their hearts / I sing and cry my hidden song / To see the fire-light / Brighten the darkness around / I sing a song of fire.



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FOR FINANCIAL AID

COG HILL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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Shotgun Start for all: Noon

Cocktail reception after golf

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JULY

31 Feast of St. Ignatius

AUGUST

1 Tolton Summer Soiree

16 Alumni Boys Soccer Game

SEPTEMBER

5 Business Society Tailgate Social

10 Women's Society Open House

18 President's Reception

19 Tolton Society Tailgate Social

25 39th Annual Golf Classic

27 Class of 1965 - 60th Reunion

OCTOBER

2 Chairman's Dinner

11 Fall Reunions ('95, '90, '85, '80, '75)

NOVEMBER

6 Women's Society Shopping Event

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