

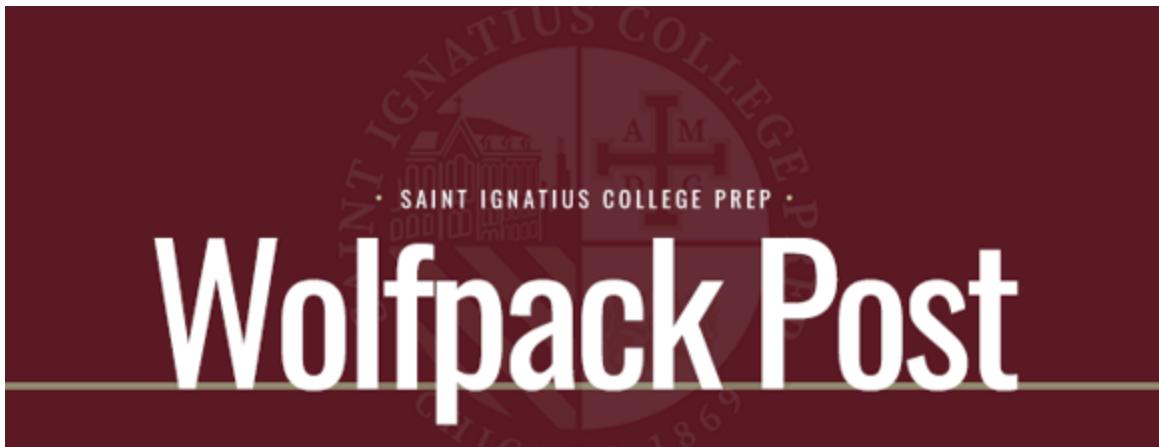


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Your Wolfpack Post - February 8, 2024

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
 February 8, 9 & 10

LIGHT OPERA PERFORMANCES

McLaughlin Theater

Evening times: 7:00 p.m./Saturday
 Matinee: 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY - MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, February 16 and Monday,
 February 19 (President's Day)

NO CLASSES

*For a full list of events, please see our
 school calendar.*

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth
 Intellectually Competent

SAFETY AND SECURITY REMINDERS



Hello Saint Ignatius College Prep!

As we go about our busy days, vigilance regarding personal safety and security can sometimes slide to the back burner. We live in a world where that can't be the case.

Religious
Loving
Committed to Doing Justice

PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES

VENTRA CARD



Please be aware of your surroundings both in the building and outside of it. Our top piece of advice regarding personal property: If you can't have your eyes on your belongings, make sure you can store them in a secure place.

Also, At the start of each semester we like to remind students and their families about **safe parking practices**. Please review the bullet points below with your student regarding parking on campus:

- Always lock your doors.
- Roll up and lock your windows.
- Do not leave valuables in sight - (phones, pagers, purses, wallets, etc., invite theft)
- Put valuables and packages in the trunk or out of sight before arriving at the parking lot.
- Do not hide a spare key in or on your car - Someone could find it.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately by calling the front desk 312-421-5900.
- If you feel unsafe or if an emergency arises, call 911 immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

ACADEMICS

2024-2025 REGISTRATION

Registration for the class of 2025 concludes tomorrow, Friday, February 9.

Registration assemblies for 2024-2025 are:

Class of 2026: Wednesday, February 21

Class of 2027: Wednesday, March 13

For further information, please contact your student's School Counselor.



2024-2025 CALENDAR UPDATE!

In an effort to better align with the planned Spring Break dates of other schools within the Archdiocese, we have moved Spring Break to March 24-28, 2025. You can find next year's updated "skeleton calendar" attached and [linked HERE](#), outlining major dates for the 2024-2025 school year. You can also find the calendar on Ignatius.org with all the other important forms and documents on the Parents/Guardians Page. Just click [HERE](#).

CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION INFORMATION

Seniors and families, we are excited to celebrate your Saint Ignatius College Prep career at graduation on Thursday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m.

The Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony will be held at **UIC Credit Union 1 Arena** at **525 S. Racine Avenue**. Paid parking (\$10) is available in the parking garage next to the arena and the lot across the street from the arena. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for seating. Graduates are to arrive at 5:00 p.m. The ceremony will conclude in under two hours.

Each student receives ten tickets for graduation. Students/families can request additional tickets using the

[Graduation Ticket Request Form](#). Graduates do not need a ticket. Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice on Tuesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. Seniors must report to the Gentile Gym at 9:30 a.m. the morning of Tuesday, May 14. Attendance at graduation practice is mandatory. Caps and gowns will be distributed during Seniors' last week of classes in May.

UIC Credit Union 1 Arena is handicap accessible. The event will also be livestreamed. The livestream link will be shared with all Senior parents in May.

If you have any questions, please contact [Mrs. Beth Carney](#). We look forward to honoring our graduates on May 23!



ADMISSIONS

GLOBAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

Exciting news for the Class of 2026 and 2027! We are pleased to offer a unique global exchange opportunity to Santiago, Chile. Collaborating with a Jesuit partner, Colegio San Ignacio Santiago de Chile, we will be providing a cultural immersion/exchange experience for students. This two week exchange program is designed to give students a deeper understanding of Chilean culture and a chance to connect with students and families from Colegio San Ignacio. Students will travel to Chile at the end of July/early August and our Chilean exchange students will visit late August/early September. This opportunity is open to students in any of our foreign language programs. If you would like to learn more about this program, please complete this [brief form](#) by February 12. For questions, please contact [Maggie Nass](#).



ATHLETICS AT SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

A new Hall of Fame class and all kinds of athlete highlights!

Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has the wrap on what the Wolfpack's been up to one week into February. To read all about it, just click [HERE](#).



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



PREPARING FOR LENT

In a short time, Lent will begin and we will be on our 40-day journey to once again celebrate the paschal mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. This journey is crucial for our souls and also for our whole fractured world. We pray that it is a prayerful time for you and your families and that we may walk together with Jesus in seeking the peace, joy and triumph of His ultimate resurrection and conquering of sin and death.

If you'd like to attend **Ash Wednesday at Church of the Holy Family at 8:10 a.m. on February 14**, please register [HERE](#).

You can also register by calling 312-492-8442, extension 3. Parking is available on May Street just west of the Church.

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

ALL CLASS YEARS -- THREE UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIR OPTIONS:

Virtual National College Fair

Sunday, February 18

12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Register [HERE](#).

In-Person: 33rd Annual Saint Ignatius College Fair (Primarily for Saint Ignatius sophomore and junior students/families)

Thursday, March 14

Pre-Fair Workshops: 6:00 p.m.

College Fair 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

In-Person: Illinois National College Fair (INCF)

Save the date - Saturday, April 6

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Moraine Valley Community College

CLASS OF 2024

Keep in touch with your College Counselor, update Naviance with decisions and finish senior year with strong academic work!

FAFSA Update

The federal government has reported that it will not be sending its processed information to colleges until late March. This will delay financial packaging timelines for colleges and for families. Our national (NACAC) and state (IACAC) organizations are working tirelessly with the government to encourage progress in this situation. [HERE](#) is an electronic statement from the U.S. Department of Education.

CLASS OF 2025

Save the date for the College Fair on March 14.

Set up your Junior Family Meeting. **Students must complete their portion of the Junior Questionnaire prior to scheduling a family meeting.**

CLASS OF 2026

Final Reminder:

Sophomore Families: College Counseling & Course Planning Webinar (Virtual only)

Thursday, February 8 (formerly Wednesday, January 24 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

Students and Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend. The program will be recorded.

Join the webinar [HERE](#).

CLASS OF 2027

Next Coffee Talk:

Thursday, February 15, 2024 - 7:45 - 9:00 a.m.

The registration link for the in-person event is [HERE](#).

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

SCHEDULING FACULTY AND STAFF PICTURES

As freshmen, sophomores, juniors and some seniors had their school portraits this week, the Communications Office fielded a few inquiries from faculty and staff about timing for their portraits. We are in the process of scheduling two days that will be just for faculty and staff. Those picture days will take place later this spring. Look for details soon!



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS' OFFICE



LOST AND FOUND

We're one month into 2024, and the Deans Office already has collected a large number of items in the lost and found. We will likely have to make a donation by March first, as we have limited room for these items. If your student has lost something, please have them check the lost and found as soon as possible.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

GLORIAM 2024

Gloriam 2024 is sold out. To be added to a wait list, please contact [Libby Lucas](#). Click [HERE](#) to make a general donation. Click [HERE](#) for Sponsorship Levels. The Volunteer slots for Gloriam have been filled. Email [Gia DeCarlo](#) to be added to that wait list. You don't have to be at Gloriam to get in on the raffle for the SUV. Click [HERE](#) to learn more. Thank you for your continued support!

WOMEN'S SOCIETY GAME NIGHT

Join us for the 2nd Annual Women's Society Game Night **Wednesday, February 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in Tully Hall at Saint Ignatius College Prep! We will have BOTH tables for experienced players and tables for beginners. The night will start with an introduction to Texas Hold 'Em rules and we will play several rounds. No experience is needed but experienced players are welcome!! Snacks and beverages will be served. There is no cost to attend. Click [HERE](#) to register.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY PICKLEBALL NIGHT

Save the Date: **Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** We're playing Pickleball in the 3rd-floor gym at Saint Ignatius College Prep, and this will be a mini-tournament! You'll be able to register as a team (of 2) or as an individual matched with someone who plays at your level. Player registration will be limited, but we will have spectator spots, too! Registration will open soon.



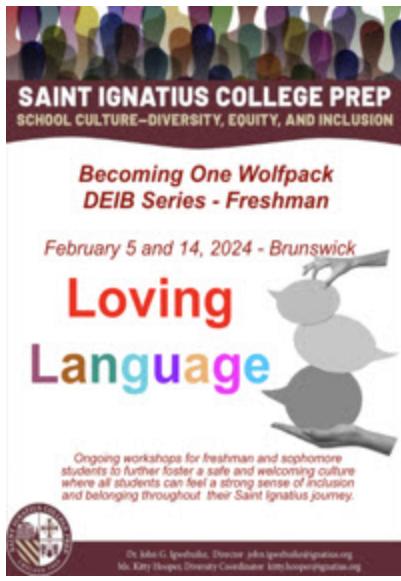
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

February 1 marks the beginning of Black History Month celebrations. Founded by historian Carter G. Woodson, black history week was first celebrated on Feb. 12, 1926, to commemorate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent. The date coincides with the birthdays of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln. Black History Month, also known as National African American History Month, is an annual celebration in honor of the achievements of black Americans and is a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in the story of the United States of America. Saint Ignatius College Prep is proud to join our nation in commemorating, celebrating and honoring Black History Month. Saint Ignatius College Prep will bring a delegation of students to the Chicago Archdiocese's 46th Annual African American Heritage Prayer Service.

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2024

Saint Ignatius College Prep will usher in the Lunar Year celebrations with cultural awareness, food, announcements, and fellowship. Lunar New Year is an essential traditional holiday in China and Asian countries. It takes place over several days and is a time for merriment and remembrance with families and friends in celebration of a fresh start together. Traditional customs for the Lunar New Year include gifts of red envelopes and oranges as well as special foods such as dumplings and long noodles. This Lunar New Year begins on February 10, 2024, and marks the beginning of the year of the Wood Dragon. Special thanks to the Alliance of Saint Ignatius Asians (Club ASIA), the moderator (Ms. Boka), and Dr. Miriam Leung for enriching our school community's global citizenship and opportunities for deeper cultural awareness.



FEBRUARY BECOMING ONE WOLFPACK DEIB SERIES FOCUSES ON LOVING LANGUAGE

The next Becoming One Wolfpack: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Series focuses on Loving Language (freshman) and Microaffirmations (sophomores) as we strive to be men and women who are "upstanders" for others. All freshmen and sophomores will receive notices of their assigned session times. In the Jesuit tradition, these B1WP Series invite students to discern deeply how they can further foster a deepening sense of belonging for all in our community.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ANTI-BIAS AND ANTI-RACISM COHORT FOR 2024-2025

The Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism Cohort fosters student flourishing at Saint Ignatius College Prep. The Cohort has assisted in the following areas: the SAFE Report Form, Mix-It-Up Day, Ignatian Value Days, Jesuit Day of Solidarity, Night of Remembrance, the Saint Ignatius Confronting Racism 5-Point Plan, and other programs to foster belonging.

Students interested in joining the Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism Cohort should contact [Dr. John Igwebuike](#).

WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY

In advancing our commitment to our Confronting Racism 5-Point Plan, the Saint Ignatius community is invited to a JARS Webinar – A Descendant's Story: Dr. Lynn Locklear Nehemiah. A DNA test in 2017 prompted the research of family history as well as the links that the Jesuits and the University of Maryland have to slavery. Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Register [HERE](#).

FINE ARTS NEWS

IN THE RUNNING...

Phantasm has been nominated for a Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for our Spring 2023 magazine issue. Finalists are chosen based on exemplary student artwork, writing and magazine design, from more than 600 publications both across the United States as well as internationally. We will find out if we win Silver or Gold at the CSPA conference in March.



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT



LENTEN RESOURCES

By Monday, February 12, 2024, we will publish a list of prayerful resources for the Lenten Season on the [Adult Formation and Ministry page](#) of Ignatius.org. Please know that you are all in our prayers.

COME PRAY WITH US

We invite all parents and alumni to gather to pray with Scripture from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Our next gathering will be

on **February 21**. We have a wonderful community and would love for you to join us. Please email [Gail Krema](#) for the Zoom link.

AN IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN/CONSIDER JOINING OTHER DADS AND ALUMNI FOR A SILENT RETREAT IN THE NEW YEAR

[Unexpected Turns: The Conversions of St. Ignatius Loyola](#)

March 8 - 10, 2024

Retreat Leader: Fr. Michael J. Graham, S.J.

Against the background of his Spiritual Exercises, we will explore the life of St. Ignatius Loyola, focusing on a series of "conversions" where life as he expected took different turns. These turns all required him to adapt to where God seemed to be leading him - just as the twists and turns in our own lives force us to reflect on and adapt to where God is calling us. The retreat will introduce a variety of ways to pray.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

LENT AT SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

The liturgical season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Students at Saint Ignatius will have a variety of ways to deepen their response of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during the season of Lent. All students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the end of February and first week of March via their Theology classes.

FINAL IGNATIAN VALUES DAY - "THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL: A DECADE WITH POPE FRANCIS"

On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, we will celebrate our final Ignatian Values Day.

Over the past ten years, Pope Francis has challenged the Church to grow in love of God and one another, especially those people on the margins. He writes, "I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

With this vision in mind, Pope Francis has uplifted many missional priorities for Catholics and all people of good will: "We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

In the spirit of the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm, we seek to constantly pray, reflect and act on the guidance of the Holy Father. As such, this IVD will be constructed as a "Summit Model" day with many breakout sessions and opportunities to engage with Francis' vision for being Church." Look for more information in the coming weeks.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE SERVICE REQUIREMENT UPDATES

End-of-year deadlines for service are April 24 for freshmen and April 26 for sophomores. Sophomores will also have a final service reflection due May 1; more info will be shared in March. As a reminder, all students should see Mr. Doyle to discuss each new service opportunity before beginning service. For more detailed requirements for service hours, please see [this document for freshmen](#) and [this document for sophomores](#). With any questions, please contact [Mr. Doyle](#).

Students who did not complete half of the yearly total by the fall semester deadline have received an incomplete mark for service on their report card. If they have any questions about the incomplete, they should see Mr. Doyle as soon as possible.

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT NEWS



KUDOS TO THE CLASSICS CLUB!

Our Classics Club, moderated by Latin teachers Magister Sparapani and Dr. Cirulli, attended the 2024 Illinois Junior Classical League State Convention, February 1-3 in Willowbrook. The delegation earned third place overall and per capita for Spirit thanks to the leadership of our Classics Club Executive Board: Nadia Millar, Simbo Ejeta, Teddy Chong, Christopher Morris and Ava O'Hara. The Friendly Hand Service Award was earned for a project that provided warm clothes and hygiene items for recent migrants to Chicago. Our Lower Level Certamen Team took 3rd place in state thanks to freshmen Nathan Barrett, Clare Augustyn and Elsa Pacelli. Thirteen different Ignatius delegates earned 74 individual awards. Christopher Morris was elected 2nd Vice-President on the Student Board for 2024-25. *Venimus, Vidimus, Vicimus!*

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Lucila Espedido

NHS APPLICATION DEADLINES

Juniors applying to the National Honor Society for this Spring, don't forget that your deadline to submit teacher, coach and moderator recommendation requests is **Friday, February 9**. Your completed application is due by 3 p.m. on **Friday, February 23**. Questions? Please see Madame Guzik in room 345 or send her an email by clicking [HERE](#).

PARENT ORGANIZATION

JUNIOR PARENT/GUARDIAN SOCIAL

The Famed Empire Room will transport you back to the era of jazz crooners. **Junior parents and guardians** please join us for an evening of conversation and cocktails.

Register for the Junior Parent/Guardian Social. The date is Thursday, February 22, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Palmer House. Tickets are \$67. Click [HERE](#) to register.

SOPHOMORE PARENT/GUARDIAN SOCIAL

Get ready for a fabulous dose of community, conversation and Italian cuisine lite bites!

Mark your calendars for the Sophomore Parent/Guardian Social. The date is Wednesday, February 28, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Quartino Ristorante at [626 N. State Street](https://www.quartinoristorante.com). Tickets are \$60. Click [HERE](#) to register. Hope to see you there!

Are you interested in volunteering with the Parent Organization? Please let us know [HERE](#).

SUMMER PROGRAMS



GET READY TO REGISTER!

Our Saint Ignatius College Prep Summer Programs offer more than 40 different academic classes, enrichment workshops, sports camps and other activities for both prospective and current students. Summer at Saint Ignatius is PACKed with exciting and engaging opportunities to learn, grow, and deepen your student's faith. Check out our summer offerings [HERE](#) and plan some time with the Wolfpack in Summer 2024. Registration opens mid-February.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Saint Ignatius is excited to offer paid internships for young alums interested in education to work in our robust and diverse Summer Programs. Any young alumni who are interested are encouraged to read the job descriptions posted [HERE](#) and reach out to [Maureen Lonergan](#), Director of Summer Programs, with any questions.

- Teaching Internship Program: Young alumni intern with an Ignatius educator to assist in Reading, Grammar and Writing or Algebra courses for incoming freshmen.
- Administrative Internship Program: Young alumni intern with the Director of Summer Programs to assist in the daily management of the Summer Programs.
- Pack Camp Program: Young alumni intern with Pack Camp Adult Coordinator to assist with daily activities.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

GOOD LUCK TO THE CHESS TEAM!

Our Chess Team will compete in the IHSA State Competition this weekend from February 9 - 11 in Peoria, Illinois. Go Wolfpack!

ORCHESIS DANCE SHOW

Orchesis members will perform in their annual dance show on Friday February 23 in the McLaughlin Theater at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available. Just click [HERE](#).

PING PONG CLUB - JESUIT BATTLE FOR THE PADDLE

On Tuesday, February 27, the Saint Ignatius College Prep Ping Pong Club will host Loyola Academy in the annual Jesuit Battle for the Paddle. This will be the 16th annual meeting of our schools in a structured tournament. The winning team gets to keep the Golden Paddle for the following year.

The action will begin at 4:00 p.m. in Tully Hall on February 27!

LATINX CONFERENCE

Don't miss your chance to register for the Latinx Conference! This year's Latinx Conference takes place on Saturday March 2, 2024. The goal of the Latinx Conference is to empower and unify the Latinx high school community of Chicago by building connections and developing leadership skills while embracing the uniqueness of all cultures within the Latinx community. This event is free for Saint Ignatius College Prep students. You can use the link [HERE](#) to sign up, or email [Karin Alfaro](#) for more information.

J PROM

Juniors, save the date for your JProm! Your class' dance will be held here at Saint Ignatius on Saturday March 23rd from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. Keep an eye on your email and listen for the homeroom announcements for more information.

GENEROSITY FAR AND WIDE!



Here at Saint Ignatius College Prep, we are so fortunate that people care about our Mission, not just on campus, but clear across the country. The first weekend in February was a busy one for President John Chandler and Saint Ignatius Board Member, Rev. Lukas Laniauskas, S.J., who is also President of Church of the Holy Family. They traveled to Florida to spend time with members of the Wolfpack in the Sunshine State to update them personally about goings on at Saint Ignatius and the Church. Many thanks to the Thomas Lynch Family in Naples and the Sean O'Scannlain Family in West Palm Beach for hosting gatherings after special Masses in each location. We are also grateful for the alumni, parents, grandparents and benefactors who joined us at the gatherings, and who are committed to educating young men and women for lives of faith, love, service and leadership. #AMDG

FINAL THOUGHT...

Going forward, we will be using this space for community "shout-outs."

This edition's comes from teacher and SIMUN Program Director Diane Haleas. She wrote about SIMUN's annual team event called DUALMUNC. The "Dual" part refers to the focus of the event: Veteran SIMUN members helping less experienced SIMUN members improve their Model UN skills. Her shout-out is for Sophia Siok '24:

"Sophia Siok, our DUALMUNC Secretary General, demonstrated what real SIMUN leadership looks like: Steadfast commitment, genuine care for our team, determination, hard work and PASSION. Her example serves as a model for all of us!"

Ms. Haleas also had kudos for the team in general. She wrote, "How wonderful to see both brand new SIMUN team members and the most veteran and accomplished seniors make improvements to their skills. That is the type of teamwork that leads to success!"

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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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