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School Mission Drives Strategic Planning Process

*"Always plan ahead. It wasn't
raining when Noah built the ark.."*

The late Cardinal Richard Cushing,
Archbishop of Boston

With the wisdom of that perspective in mind—but not pressured by any real or metaphorical deluge threatening the school—in December 2009 the Loyola High School Board of Directors approved developing a multi-year strategic plan.

This endeavor was first proposed to the Board by Mr. Tim McCabe, S.J., then-Director of Development, who suggested that the school would benefit by drawing together into one systematic framework the various measures and initiatives to improve the school that were already in place. A lively discussion of the pros and cons of embarking on a strategic planning process ensued. Some Board members were instinctively convinced of the necessity of undertaking this project, but others were more reticent, noting that organizations sometimes expend a great deal of time and energy (and money) to produce large, highly-detailed, but ultimately unwieldy plans.

Eventually, Board members reached consensus: with the understanding that "less is more," Loyola would undertake its first truly comprehensive strategic plan. The Board then directed Fr. Dave Mastrangelo, S.J., Loyola's President, to begin the process.

Fr. Mastrangelo and other school leaders agreed that they should seek an outside consultant to spearhead and guide this project. As a result, they invited Mr. Richard Hall to consider leading this effort. The previous year, Hall had offered his services to Loyola, after retiring from DTE Energy with more than 30 years' experience in management, planning, and performance review. In addition, he had the added benefit of bringing something of an "insider's" understanding

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of Loyola, as his son, Kevin, had been a math instructor here for five years.

Fortunately, Hall responded to the invitation without hesitation, reiterating his interest in helping the school as it sought to evaluate itself and plan intelligently for the future. From the beginning, it was clear he was the ideal choice to shape and direct our efforts in formulating a plan, and he never tired of reminding us that "a short, well-executed plan wins every time over one that is lengthy and poorly-executed."

The first order of business was to form a steering committee. Members who served for the past two years are Mr. Tom Dobbs, former public school superintendent, former Loyola Principal, and current counselor; Mr. Richard Hall; Mrs. DeLisa Jones, Principal; Mr. Wyatt Jones III '98, Dean of Students; and Fr. Mastrangelo, S.J.

From the very start, and by design, all discussions were set in the context of the school's overall mission and its guiding principles, such as its heritage as a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition, its commitment to reach out to an often-underserved urban male population, and its emphasis on forming the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. Of particular interest was the importance of maintaining the school's Ignatian character well into the future, even in the wake of declining Jesuit presence—a reality affecting all Jesuit institutions.

The committee began by reviewing the Mission Statement itself. Mrs. DeLisa Jones recommended one subtle but important change in wording. As she pointed out, saying the school exists "for young men in Detroit challenged by an urban environment" gives the impression that all young men in the city are so challenged and runs the risk of negatively stereotyping them. Rather, she proposed beginning the statement with "Loyola High School of Detroit," which clearly locates the school and which also severs the automatic,

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Loyola,

For nineteen years—just over a third of my life—I have been blessed to be at Loyola High School. (In case you are curious, or if you just like math puzzles, were I three years older, my time here would equal exactly one-third of my life.) I began as a full-time teacher, then served as principal, and now do so as president.

Over the last several years, I have been discussing my status at Loyola with my provincials: earlier with Fr. Bob Scullin, and now with Fr. Tim Kesicki. The timetable for ending my tenure here was vague—usually “two or three or four more years.” However, as much as I love being at Loyola, even I realized that my time here would eventually come to an end; and soon it will. In the summer of 2012, I will be stepping down as president of Loyola.



Rev. Mark W. Luedtke, S.J.

I am very happy to report that the Loyola Board of Directors has elected one of its own, Fr. Mark Luedtke, S.J., to serve as president, effective July 1, 2012. He has the blessing and support of the leaders of our two sponsoring entities: Archbishop Allan Vigneron and Fr. Kesicki. I know Fr. Luedtke is very pleased with this assignment and is eager to begin his work at Loyola.

Fr. Luedtke is a native of Chicago and a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and Georgetown University. After working in retail sales and marketing after college, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1999. He taught and worked in campus ministry during his three-year regency at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago. Upon completion of his studies at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, he was ordained to the priesthood in 2010. For the past three semesters, he has been interning at Jesuit high schools in Sacramento, San Francisco, and New York City. In January, he will move to Detroit and begin immersing himself in the Loyola community.

As for me, I have been pummeled with questions by those who have been aware of my impending transition. Most commonly, I have been asked, “Do you know where you’re going?” My typical—and truthful—response: “I’m clueless.”

They then look at me, as if to ask, “So what else is new?”

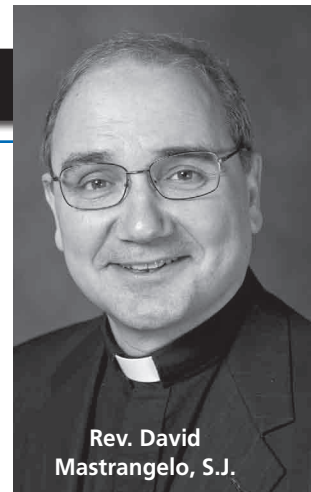
Or another common query: “Do you have any say in where you will be assigned?” Response: “Yes. I would like to stay in secondary education, but ultimately it’s up to the provincial. As we in the Society like to say—with a little irreverence but a lot of respect: ‘We discern. He decides.’”

Or this one, by a student: “So does this mean you’re gonna retire.” Response: “*So how old do you think I am?*”

It is far too early to start saying my thank yous and goodbyes. For now, though, I want to reiterate how blessed I am to have been at Loyola all these years and how grateful I am to Fr. Kesicki for assigning Mark to Loyola—and to Mark himself for being so willing to serve in this capacity. I truly believe that Loyola’s best years are yet to come. As we enter the holiday season, may we grow in gratitude for all our blessings, and may God continue to guide this unique and wonderful mission entrusted to our care.

Sincerely,

David Mastrangelo, S.J., President



Rev. David Mastrangelo, S.J.

Loyola welcomes two new members to the Board of Directors.



Cathy Rozanski McNamara
Senior Manager
BDO USA, LLP



Rev. Charles Christian Adams
Presiding Pastor
Hartford Memorial Baptist Church

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Afreda Baker

Greetings...

Each year seems to pass more quickly than the last, and we are in the busy time of the year—winter holidays. Most of us are well on our way with plans for family dinners and holiday parties. It's such a "family time" of the year. Some of us are sitting around the fireplace drinking hot chocolate, while the younger ones are out having fun in the snow. But we all enjoy the festival of lights during Christmas, and we are all reminded of our blessings.

I would invite you to take some time to read this edition of *Landmark*. We have included the 2010-2011 Annual Report, which provides highlights of the past fiscal year's activities and lists all of our donors.

We're already making progress on our goals for this year. We've hired a new Academic Assistant Principal, who is eager to help us develop our academic programs. The Fr. Malcolm Carron Scholarship Dinner, held in early October, was a huge success. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Antoine M. Garibaldi, President of the University of Detroit Mercy, who delivered a wonderful message and who was received well by all.

Soon, we will go live with our new, enhanced webpage. You will be able to view the newsletter on-line and make your donations with greater ease. To keep our records current, if

we don't have it already, please forward your e-mail address to abaker@loyolahsdetroit.org.

By now, you should have already received the Annual Appeal letter. This Appeal is our most important fundraiser of the year. To take advantage of a full tax credit for 2011, make sure your contribution is postmarked by December 31, 2011.

Last but not least, we continue to devote energy to ensure the long-term health of the school by focusing on building up our endowment. If you would like to meet and discuss how you can contribute to this fund, with an immediate contribution or with a planned gift, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Most of what I described above could not happen without gifts of time and support from our donors. I want to thank you for your faithfulness and ongoing commitment to Loyola. I will continue to share the most up-to-date news with you. Together, we are truly making a difference in educating our young men to be "Men for Others."

HELP SPICE UP OUR TIGERS EVENT!

We are seeking an exciting raffle prize, e.g., a vacation timeshare, a 3-4 day cruise, etc., as well as interesting silent auction items for our 2012 Tigers' Event. For more information, or to discuss this, please call or e-mail me. Thank you!

**Save the date: Tigers Event
Friday, June 1, 2012 (tentative)
Tigers v. the New York Yankees**

IRA REMINDER

The Individual Account Charitable Rollover reinstatement benefit was extended through 2011. This allows individuals 70 1/2 or older to make charitable donations up to \$100,000 from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to public charities without any mandate to report it as taxable income. The payout can satisfy the required minimal distribution.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers offer a Matching Gift Program, which ultimately increases the value of your gift. If your employer is a participant in this program, please have your employer complete the required form(s) and forward them to Loyola. If you have any questions about your donation or about Matching Gift programs, please contact me at (313) 861-2407 x 103 or abaker@loyolahsdetroit.org



The Magis Society of Loyola High School, Detroit

We are grateful to these individuals for their willingness to do more for Loyola. May this list serve as a simple way of recognizing and thanking those who have remembered Loyola in their estate plans.

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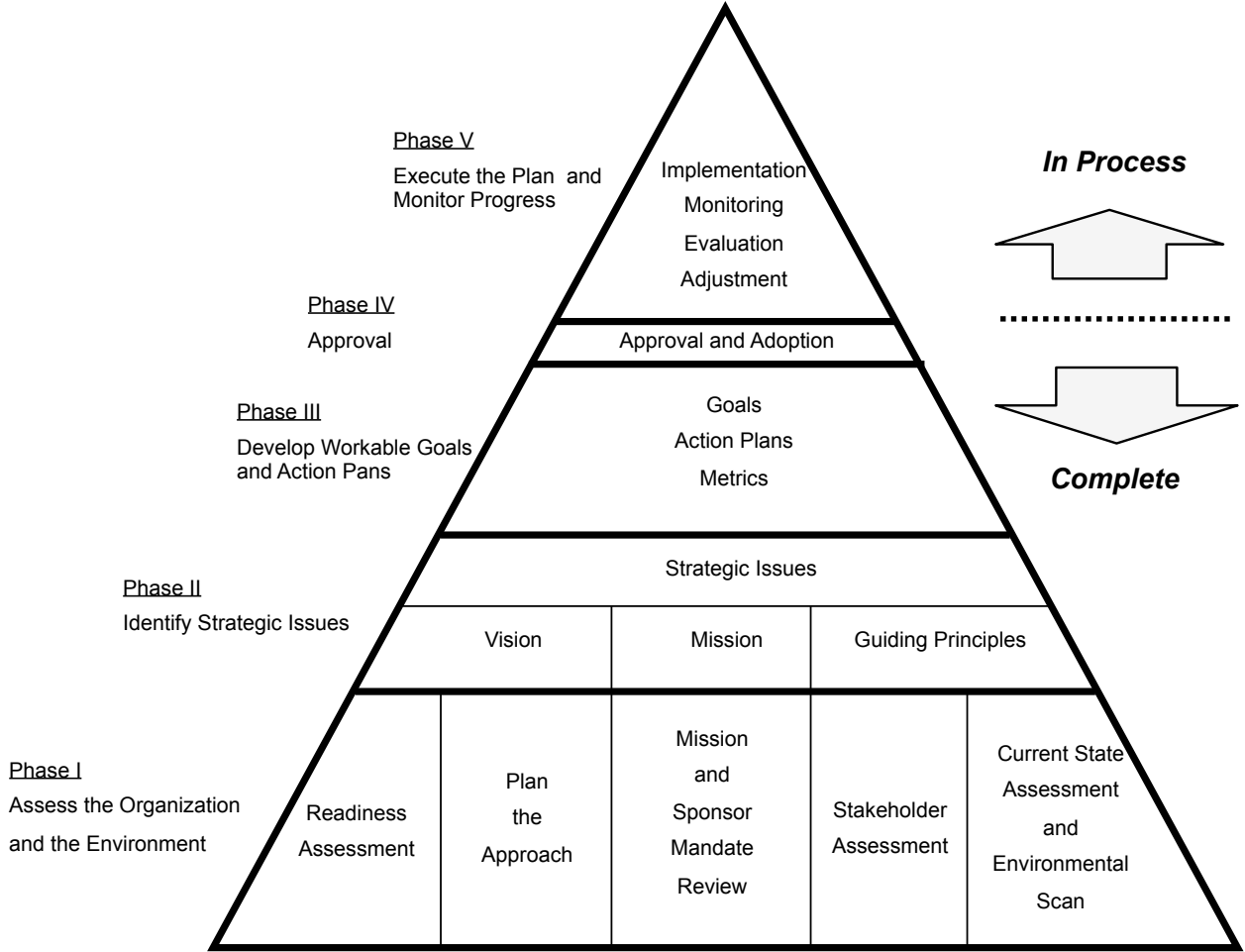
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Richard Hall and DeLisa Jones keep the faculty involved in the strategic planning process.

Strategic Planning Project Building Blocks

Loyola followed a disciplined process to assess the current situation, identify crucial concerns and develop plans to address critical issues.



Adapted from Creating and Implementing Your Strategic Plan
John M. Bryson and Farnum K. Alston

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negative link between “Detroit” and “challenged.” Committee members, and later the Board, agreed with her suggestion and adopted the proposed change.

Hall then widened the circle of discussion and organized a series of focus groups of students, faculty, and staff. Participants offered insights and input into the school’s current state and suggested ways to better implement the school’s mission. Each group engaged in classic “SWOC” analysis, i.e., looking at the school’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges.

The steering committee continued to monitor and assess the strategic planning process, keeping faculty and staff and Board members involved in the discussions and apprised of how the process was progressing.

At its June 2011 meeting, the Board of Directors gave its official approval to a comprehensive strategic plan, and in doing so, committed itself to pursuing the initiatives contained in the plan. Board Chair Mark Van Faussien noted that “the strategic planning process was an evolutionary step for our maturing institution. We owe it to our many constituents to be good stewards of our precious resources. The plan keeps us focused on the best ways to use these resources in service of the school’s mission.”

Fr. Mastrangelo, somewhat of a convert to the planning process, believes that “the process of developing the plan has helped the various groups within the school community broaden their horizons and see the ‘big picture.’” In addition, “Instead of seeking improvements on an ad hoc basis, the plan will help us pursue change in a more organized way and will challenge the school to pursue comprehensive, qualitative changes that will lead to a greater degree of excellence and to more effective ways to implement the school’s mission.”

With his characteristic bluntness born of his northern English roots, Richard Hall offered this perspective: “Loyola’s strategic plan is an excellent road map that the school can use for many years. All that remains is to ‘get on with it.’” Fortunately, with his continued guidance, the school—at all levels—is committed to doing just that.

The following are selected highlights of Loyola’s Strategic Plan:

- To develop a plan to drive and monitor the **execution of the Strategic Plan**
- To strengthen a school-wide mindset for **“continuous improvement”** for all aspects of the school
 - To enhance an appreciation for the **use of data** and its usefulness in seeking continuous improvement
 - To develop a comprehensive, 3-year **program in Ignatian spirituality** for all staff and Board members
 - To develop a plan for **mentoring new teachers** using veteran instructors and administrators
- To enhance a comprehensive **student recruitment and retention** program so as to maintain enrollment at maximum levels
- To organize the curriculum into **“centers of excellence”** with academic leaders designated for each center
 - To increase students’ **academic performance** and enhance their **college/work-readiness**
 - To assess **disciplinary structures and procedures**
- To upgrade the school’s **technological infrastructure** and make greater use of **instructional technology** in the classroom
- To strengthen ties with existing **LWEP partners** and identify new ones
- To increase the school’s **endowment** (currently around \$4 million) so as to safeguard the school’s long-term financial viability
 - To develop a comprehensive **public relations plan** to increase awareness of the school
- To develop a 3-year **budgeting and financial planning** process
- To develop a prioritized, 3-year **facilities maintenance** plan
- To develop a prioritized, multi-year **master facilities** plan

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Annual Fr. Malcolm Carron Scholarship Dinner Honors the Familiar and Welcomes the New

Jockeying for a spot in the crowded fall fundraising calendar, this year's Fr. Malcolm Carron Scholarship Dinner was held Tuesday, October 4, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

The evening began with Mass in the main chapel. Assisted by Jesuit brethren from Manresa, UD Jesuit, and UD Mercy, Fr. David Mastrangelo, S.J., led the liturgy, which fell on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, one of Ignatius of Loyola's main spiritual guides. **Ms. Peggy Bartz** made another appearance as ad hoc music director, angelically blending a variety of adolescent voices into one unified choir.

After the Mass, 200 guests, staff, and students made their way into the gymnasium, festively decorated in a fall pumpkin theme, for a social and buffet dinner. Loyola's Principal, **DeLisa Jones**, offered the blessing before dinner. For the most part, supporters of the event were quite familiar with Loyola, having been part of the school for many years. Their interaction with the students provided them with an insight into the present-day school and reminded them of the obvious heart of Loyola's mission: its students.

Toward the end of the dinner, Board Chair **Mark Van Faussien** offered his own welcome to those in attendance and expressed his gratitude for their support. His remarks were then echoed by **Alfreda Baker**, who is now in her second year as Loyola's Director of Development.

Following these remarks came the presentation of the annual *Magis Award*. Seniors **Ronald Bradford** and **Julian Turner** read a citation honoring **Pat** and **Charlie Rutherford**, two of Loyola's most dedicated, faithful, and beloved supporters. With his typical, gracious humility, Charlie accepted the award for Pat and himself. He closed his remarks with Sir Winston Churchill's famous dictum, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Without a doubt, Sir Winston could have been speaking about Pat and Charlie.

For the first time, the Fr. Carron Dinner featured a keynote speaker. Loyola was delighted and privileged to welcome **Dr. Antoine Garibaldi**, who became President of UD Mercy this past summer. Dr. Garibaldi and his wife, **Carol**, moved to Detroit from Erie, PA, where he had been President of Gannon University for ten years.



Dr. Antoine & Carol Garibaldi



Fr. Dave Mastrangelo, S.J., Julian Turner '12, Ronald Bradford '12, Pat & Charlie Rutherford, Alfreda Baker, and Mark Van Faussien



Fr. Mark Luedtke, S.J., Devonte Jones '12, and Julian Turner '12



Jalen Johnson '12

FR. MALCOLM CARRON SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

In his remarks, Dr. Garibaldi invoked the memory of Fr. Malcolm Carron, S.J., and the legacy he left at the University of Detroit, UD Jesuit, and Loyola. He also spoke about a major area of his own professional scholarship, the education of African-American males, and noted that Loyola was successfully addressing this need. (In addition, it should be noted that Dr. Garibaldi tailored the length of his thoughtful talk to take into account the critical Tigers-Yankees playoff game happening that evening at Comerica Park, and he was tactful enough to overlook the handful of guests who were discreetly trying to keep up with the score as he spoke.)

Once again, "from soup to nuts," the year's Fr. Malcolm Carron Scholarship Dinner was a celebration of friends who share a passion for the mission of Loyola High School.



Toby Sharpe '13, Ms. Sandy Battle, Dennis White '14, Isiah Bryant '14, DuJuan Cumberlander '14, Willie Boykins '12, Justin King '12, Kwaishon Bell '12, and Dervice Haugabook '12, with Ms. Peggy Bartz



Jerry Neyer and Isiah Bryant '14



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Summer Training Program Prepares Students for the Work World

The Loyola Work Experience Program (LWEP) can be pretty scary to a lot of our guys, especially if they've never held a formal job before. They are being asked to go into an environment with which most of them are totally unfamiliar and to interact with a variety of professionals they don't know.

It's a "no brainer" that the better we prepare our young men ahead of time, the more at ease and successful they will be. We are fortunate to have resources in the form of knowledgeable people who are willing to share their time and expertise to give our students a leg-up when they begin their LWEP jobs.

At the beginning of August, students enthusiastically broke from their summer vacations to participate in an intense five-day training program provided by Loyola staff members and several of the students' LWEP supervisors. These supervisors giving of their time to help our young men included the following:

- Returning presenter **Mr. Marc Bland** from R.L. Polk spoke about appearance and how it affects first impressions.
- **Ms. Tracy Hart** from Crain Communication worked with the LWEP students on basic filing, with much of the session featuring hands-on practice.

- **Ms. Andria Love-Berkeley** from St. Vincent de Paul demonstrated interviewing techniques.
- **Ms. Zenobia Awada** from the City of Detroit Mayor's Office spoke about the importance of a good attitude at work, home, and school.
- **Ms. Shelia Crosby** of R.L. Polk worked with the students on phone etiquette.
- **Ms. Lisa Hing** from Michigan Health Plan spoke about receiving feedback and how to react constructively to both positive and negative feedback from supervisors.
- **Mr. Charles Pugh**, President of the Detroit City Council, presented a section on public speaking.

An important component, technical writing, was taught by Ms. Marion Tate, Loyola English teacher, who has an extensive background in this area. Training included creating a portfolio that included a brochure, developing an instruction manual, and compiling a business package (letters, memos, basic advertising, flyers, and letterhead).

This training is supplemented throughout the school year with more sessions of training. In addition, students are challenged to reflect on their work experiences and to learn from them.

LWEP Students Meet Steven Polk & Rev. Jesse Jackson

On September 9, R. L. Polk Chairman and CEO Stephen Polk and President Tim Rogers met with Rev. Jesse Jackson to sign an agreement for a one-year partnership between R. L. Polk and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. The primary goal of the partnership is to educate auto manufacturers, automotive-focused businesses, and auto consumers on the growing impact that minority communities are having on the auto industry as a whole.

Mr. Polk invited the young men of LWEP to not only meet the senior leaders of both organizations, but to join these leaders for part of the meeting. The students also had an opportunity to speak with Rev. Jackson about Loyola and LWEP. Rev. Jackson invited the students to attend the 12th Annual Rainbow PUSH Automotive Summit in October, where they participated in a variety of panel discussions and presentations throughout the day.



LWEP students at R.L. Polk provide a photo-op with Rev. Jesse Jackson: Davice Haugabook '12, Lloyd Henderson '13, Davonte Jones '12, Miles Brown '12, Dennis White '13, and Markus Mims '13.

Raynard Allen '99, having earned a Physical Education degree from Kaplan University, is now a gym teacher at Four Corners Montessori Academy in Madison Heights, MI. He loves his job working with kids and feels he's making a difference. Raynard is married and has a young daughter.

Jason Simmons '99, earned an Associate's Degree in Science from Henry Ford Community College and has been working for MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) for about four years in the Regional Engineering Department. Jason continues to be one of our more loyal Loyola alumni fans, going to football and basketball games whenever he can.

Eddie Owens '02 is a sergeant in the United States Marines stationed in Germany at Ramstein Air Base. He is an MP serving as part of the post security personnel. Eddie says he misses the States from time to time but is enjoying the easy access he has to other countries in Europe and being exposed to different types of cultures.

Allante Wells '07 is currently a Lance Corporal in the United States Marines Recon Division. He is stationed at Tarawa Terrace, North Carolina. Allante has been serving in the in the Marines for almost three years and enjoys the lifestyle, especially the traveling.

Sharmaake Sabrie '07 is immersed in a 6-month internship with the International Criminal Court at The Hague. The native of Mogadishu, Somalia, puts to good use his working knowledge of Somali, Swahili, Arabic, and English. He expects to complete his B.A. in International Relations at Michigan State this spring.

Randall Nichols '08 is a political science major at Michigan State University. He and two fellow students, Jordon Abrams and Terry Ward, are hoping to launch "Guide Right Initiative," a program that aims to bring high school students to the MSU campus and inspire and motivate them to pursue a college education.

Kevin Martin '10 is studying nursing at Wayne State University. He will continue his studies in the Austin, Texas, area, where he and his family will move after the holidays. He hopes to become a nurse practitioner with a specialty in anesthesiology.



Spanning some 15 years, Loyola's alumni, winded but proud, defeat the younger, more physically fit varsity basketball team for the fourth year in a row.

Mrs. Hillen Shares Her Experiences in East African Jesuit School

Veteran theology teacher **Mrs. Bonney Hillen** had the opportunity to travel to Dodoma, Tanzania, for three weeks this past summer. Traveling with 13 other high school educators from the Chicago-Detroit Province, she spent time visiting the new St. Peter Claver Jesuit High School in Dodoma, the new capital of the country. Serving as Headmaster is **Fr. Marty Connell, S.J.**, Toledo native and member of our province.

In addition to meeting with students and teachers at St. Peter Claver, the group met with a number of other educators from other Jesuit schools throughout East Africa. Although the schools represented in these meetings were quite varied in terms of culture,



Mrs. Bonney Hillen with her new friend, Endore, on the grounds of St. Peter Claver High School in Dodoma, Tanzania

background, and size, participants immediately recognized their commonality grounded in the basic Ignatian themes that are at the heart of their institutions. While there, she also got the chance to visit and help at a facility that cares for the aged and the blind.

The experience had an immediate impact on Mrs. Hillen. For starters, she noted that “I realized how blessed and fortunate I am to live in a developed country and how I so often take the very basics in life for granted.” And the experience continues to impact her. “It was wonderful to come home,” she notes, “but I left part of my heart in Africa. This experience really opened my eyes to the rest of the world and the reality of poverty. This trip really ignited my desire to serve others.”

Not only did she herself benefit greatly from this experience, but she shared her reflections with the entire Loyola staff at their retreat in August and continues to work in her experiences with her classes of freshmen and juniors.

In the Footsteps of St. Ignatius: An Experience of a Lifetime

“The pilgrimage ‘In the footsteps of Saint Ignatius’ was an experience to be treasured,” said **Ms. Kathy Gross**. “Standing on the mountain at Montserrat, seeing the glory of God, and getting a sense of the challenges an individual faced over 500 years ago as he trekked the region seeking the will of God: this is something you must experience to really comprehend.”

Once again, the Chicago-Detroit Province sponsored a summer pilgrimage to Spain and Italy for 45 teachers and staff members of province high schools. The aim of the trip was to help travelers experience something of the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola by visiting and praying at some of the main places that were key in his own spiritual journey.

Traveling with Kathy were English teacher **Marion Tate** and Business Manager **Elaine Frazier**. All three felt significantly impacted by their experiences. “I learned that to do extraordinary things, stated Marion, “I must stay connected to God and allow God to continue to prepare me in whatever way he chooses.” Elaine Frazier commented that “this pilgrimage was far more meaningful than anything I could have imagined. The most spiritual part was the time we spent at Montserrat. It was such a wonderful time, and I wish everyone could go.”

The 12-day trip allowed for rich interaction among colleagues from a dozen Jesuit schools, in a setting far different from those of ordinary meetings. Upon their return, Loyola’s trio agreed: “This trip was an adventure for the body and for the soul.”



Pilgrimage: Marion Tate, Kathy Gross, and Elaine Frazier at Manresa, Spain

Appalachia Immersion Trip Takes Learning Outside the Classroom

"I felt so valued when I was able to help a woman get back into her home two years after a flood had destroyed it," stated **Evan Hall '12**, upon the end of his week-long service immersion trip to the Appalachian town of Matewan, West Virginia.

This was a typical reflection from the 8 students who participated in this trip: **Terry Davis '12, Miles Farris '12, Evan Hall '12, Tim Hunter '13, Christopher Johnson '12, Nsirim Owhor '14, Hasean Quinn '13, and Dennis White '13**. They were accompanied by Loyola staff members **Ms. Kathy Gross** and **Mr. Victor Doman** (and his wife, **Kim**).

The group assisted with various projects in the community with the help of a VISTA volunteer, **Sandi Cox**. The projects included cleaning, plastering and painting senior centers; building a porch destroyed by floods; cleaning flooded homes of displaced people; and assisting in the transformation of a school into a community center.

In addition to their daily work assignments, the group also engaged in several reflection sessions, sharing with each other insights into what they were learning about themselves and others. For Nsirim Owher, "The most meaningful part of the trip is helping people who are in need." From Tim Hunter's perspective, "I liked that we made other people feel happy when we helped out." For Mr. Doman, in his 2nd year at Loyola teaching math, the trip helped him grow in his understanding of his own students: "I learned that our kids can really care and do great work with others."

The group also had the benefit of learning about mountain-top coal mining in the area from a professor at Wheeling Jesuit University. Other topics they explored included the history of the region and the economic, environmental and political issues surrounding current mining practices. On the final day of the trip, the group visited mountain-top mining sites, where they could see the effects of this mining on local waterways.

Special thanks go to former Loyola Board member **Tom Costello** for initiating this trip, providing the funding for it, and accompanying the group himself. "I had been to the region several times before," he noted, "but exposing these students and adults for the first time to the people there was a real treat for me."



Loyola students rebuilding a porch that had been washed away by flood waters



Dennis White '13 using his elbow grease to clean a window at Sacred Heart Elementary School, which will become a community center



Tim Hunter '13 concentrating on hammering the nail just right

Loyola Group Experiences Life in Belize

It is always instructive to leave one's "comfort zone," and that's exactly what 9 members of the Loyola community did this past summer, thanks to generous assistance from the Commonwealth Foundation.

Resource instructor **Ms. Karen Hickman** and Dean of Students **Wyatt Jones III '98** accompanied **Eriq Anderson '13**, **Kwaishon Bell '12**, **Davice Haugabook '12**, **Demetrius Heard '14**, **Deshawn Odom '11**, **K-ce Pinkett '14**, and **Julian Turner '12** to the town of Punta Gorda, Belize. They operated for a week out of the St. Peter Claver Catholic Parish Center. With the inviting waters of the Caribbean only a stone's throw away, literally, the group took an immediate liking to their new, tropical home.

Introducing the Loyola contingent to Belize were **Fr. Dick Perl**, a U.S. Jesuit who has served in Central America for decades, and **Frankie Jacobs**, a tour guide expert in all things local. The original plan for the group was to assist in the building of a community library in the tiny, remote Mayan village of San Benito Pointe, close to the Guatemalan border. However, unusually heavy rainy-season rains put a damper on their plans, as a key bridge was washed out and a main road rendered impassable.

"We discovered this glitch the hard way," noted Ms. Hickman. "On three separate days of traveling to our work site, we were turned back by ferocious tumults of water overflowing bridges, which made the trip to our village destination impossible. Each day we would set out to reach San Benito Pointe, but its remote location made it impossible to know if the bridges were washed out until we got there!"

Each day the group disappointedly returned to St. Peter's in the afternoon, having seen and experienced part of the rain forest, but not having performed any useful service for the people they hoped to meet. After these days of frustration, the group embarked on a different project and visited the village of Med Way. There, they were able to help bring light—literally—to the community church, which holds about 150 people and which had been build almost entirely by Guide Freddie.

Students wired lights in the ceiling, put in wall sockets, mixed cement, and reinforced wall plugs with the cement. Upon hooking it all up to the outside electrical panel, they crossed their fingers and flipped the switch. At first, there were a few sparks, and then they made a few adjustments. Finally, their wish of "Let there be light" came to pass. As Eriq Anderson explained, "It was a pretty neat feeling bringing lights to this church. Community elders and children were with us all the way through. They were happy to see us and worked with us both days it took to complete the project. And they thanked us constantly for coming and helping them."

Julian Turner '12 reflected on his experience in a way that really expressed the feeling of the entire group: "I feel I learned to be more appreciative of the things I have and to not complain about not having other things. It was so peaceful there. I had never experienced any place so calm. The trip has had a lasting impact on me, because on the trip I found myself."



Davice Haugabook '12 and K-Cee Pinkett '14 putting the finishing touches on the electrical wiring at the church



Team work: fixing a sidewalk together

Student Senate Officers Elected for the 2011-2012 School Year

Student Senate elections were held in September. This year's Senate officers are **Kwaishon Bell '12**, President; **Amos Houston '12**, Vice President; **James Stewart '13**, Treasurer; **Demetrius Heard '14**, Secretary; and **Markus Mims '13**, Sergeant-at-Arms. Other students elected by their peers to the Senate include **Willie Boykins '12**, **Toby Sharpe '13**, **Malik McDowell '14**, **Jordan Eaddy '14**, **Malik James-Danielson '15**, **JoVaughn Townsend '15** and **Jakobi Lundy-Bass '15**. In addition to sponsoring activities such as Spirit Week and dances, this year's Senate has also decided to sponsor monthly fundraisers for charities throughout the metro Detroit area and beyond.



Loyola debaters pictured with former Mayor of Detroit, Dennis Archer: Miles Farris '12, Jordan Officer '14, Robert Byrd '14, Kwaishon Bell '12, Anthony Ward '13, and Javon Williams '14

Debaters Continue to Make Impressive Gains

The debate team traveled to Wayne State University for its first statewide tournament of the season—and returned home victorious! Debaters **Kwaishon Bell '12** and **Miles Farris '12** won the championship for their division. Kwaishon, **Javon Williams '14**, and **Jordan Officer '14** each won top speaker medals. Because of the superior efforts of the Loyola squad, 3 Wayne State debaters were inspired to offer to help moderator **Ms. Kathy Gross** coach our students. The next edition of *Landmark* will include an update on this year's debate program—and no doubt will include a number of other awards and honors earned.

Annual Belle Isle Walk Builds Community and Raises Funds



Toby Sharpe '13, James Stewart '13, and Markus Mims '13 finish up their walk around Belle Isle, unhampered by a light rain.



Richard Gold '14 and Kwaishon Bell '12 forge ahead on their walk around Belle Isle.



The seniors show their spirit at the Pep Rally on Friday afternoon.



Ms. Hillen cheers on her freshmen, who were the ultimate victors in the Tug of War.

Spirit Week Activities Mix Work and Play

Spirit-Homecoming Week was a blast, as usual, and provided a little diversion for students and teachers alike from the usual routines. The week kicked off with a show of spirit through Class Color day and a rousing game of dodge ball. Students moved through the week with a tug-of-war, a pizza-eating contest, and a fierce afternoon of basketball. The freshman put up quite a fight in the tally for class points, but the seniors were once again victorious at the week's end and received the annual Spirit Trophy on the field during halftime of the Homecoming game against Bishop Foley. On Saturday evening, students returned to school for the annual Homecoming dance, which capped off a highly successful, enjoyable, and spirited week.



BULLDOGS COMPLETE BEST SEASON & WIN FIRST DISTRICT TITLE

The 2011 varsity football season was the best in the history of Loyola football. A number of championships highlighted the season. The Bulldogs won the Catholic League Intersectional Championship, CHSL CD/Prep Bowl Championship at Ford Field, and the Region 4 State District Championship. The Bulldogs finished with an 11-1 record, losing in the Regional Final to defending state champion Hudson High.

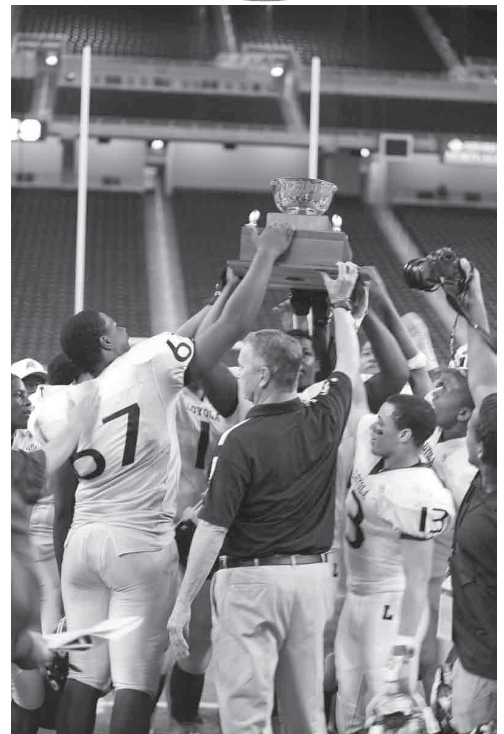
Not to be outdone, the JV Bulldogs finished with a CHSL Intersectional Championship, receiving their awards at Ford Field during the Prep Bowl festivities. The JV record was 3-3.

A number of individual honors were earned by team members (see box). The Bulldogs' coach, **John Callahan**, was named Coach of the Year for the second year in a row. We anticipate that at least one of the seniors will receive All-State recognition, but that won't be announced until after the State Tournament is completed. Congratulations are extended to this senior-led team, who accomplished many of the goals they had set for themselves early in the summer. They made all of us proud through their hard work and dedication during the entire season. Although they didn't win a state championship, they proved to many that they were one of the best football teams in the state.

We also extend congratulations to Coach Cal and his staff for the excellent coaching they provided, helping the team believe that they were champions!



Senior Wenton Lacy runs undaunted by the Shrine defense at the Prep Bowl.



The Bulldogs proudly hoist their 2nd Prep Bowl trophy at Ford Field.



Senior Amos Houston is about to pull in another long pass from QB Montel Cooks.



All-State

Amos Houston '12
Malik McDowell '14

All-City (Detroit News)

Amos Houston '12

All-Catholic

Darryl Clemons '15
Keymonn'e Gabriel '13
Amos Houston '12
Justin King '12

Wenton Lacy '12

Malik McDowell '14
Demonte Wales '12
All-League

Montel Cooks '12

Chris Davis '14
Jaylin Gaddie '12
J-Kwan Edwards '13
Donovan Jackson '12


All-Academic


Larry Lige '12




A group of 9 freshmen and sophomores, with **Mr. Tom Dobbs** in tow, joined about 250 other students from the metro Detroit area at the **"Take a Giant Step Teen Conference."** Held at Wayne State University on November 3, the conference is sponsored annually by the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute "to help young teens from diverse backgrounds recognize their similarities and become more accepting of ethnic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic differences." Mr. Dobbs was quite animated when he talked about how engaged our guys were at the conference—and how they want to go again next year.

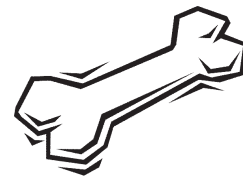
 In early October, Loyola hosted 3 visitors from the **Commonweal Foundation**. Visiting for the first time were **Ms. Barbara Bainum**, Foundation President & CEO, and **Ms. Marla McQuay**, Director of the Pathways to Success Program. On her 2nd visit to Loyola was educational consultant **Dr. Mary Helen Spiri**. The group spent 2 very profitable days visiting classes, speaking with students and teachers, and learning about the school's strategic planning process. To help understand the context of the school, the group asked for a tour of the surrounding neighborhoods, which **Jonathon Clark '97** and **Fr. Dave Mastrangelo** were happy to provide.


 On October 5, 25 LWEP students had the opportunity to attend the 12th annual **Global Automotive & Energy Summit**, sponsored by the **Rainbow PUSH Coalition** and held at the MGM Grand Conference Center. Students had the opportunity to rub elbows with a number of executives from area companies. The day started with a Leadership Breakfast and Panel Discussion on the state of the economy, which was followed by several breakout sessions that covered a variety of topics. The featured speaker at lunch was **Rev. Jesse Jackson**. Students walked away with a greater appreciation for the automotive industry and its importance to the area.


 **Ms. Kathy Gross** accompanied four students to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History to hear **Professor Kevin Boyle** of The Ohio State University talk about his award-winning account of the 1925 murder of Dr. Ossian Sweet in Detroit, ***The Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age***. The students had an opportunity to not only speak with the author one-on-one, but also to meet **Circuit Court Judge Leo Bowman** and Museum President & CEO **Juanita Moore**. Through the Michigan Humanities Council's Great Michigan Read, Loyola will be receiving 30 free copies of the book, and students will share discussion points with the book club.

 A group of area attorneys who are proud of their Catholic school upbringing have formed the **Bishop Gallagher Society**. The initial gathering of this group was held on November 15 at Catholic Central High School. Featured speakers for the evening were U.S. District Court **Judge Victoria Roberts** and **Mr. Tom Rashid**, former Director of the Catholic League and currently Associate Director of the


Michigan High School Athletic Association. **Fr. Dave Mastrangelo** and his counterpart at Detroit Cristo Rey High School, **Mr. Mike Khoury**, were invited to speak about their respective schools.





 **Ms. Demetria Johnson** has added yet another hat to the many she wears as school-wide administrative assistant. Having taken the oath and having received her official seal, Ms. Johnson is now ready for duty as a certified Notary Public.

 Former Board Member **Mr. Tom Costello** sponsored a table for Loyola at the recent Humanitarian Tribute Luncheon, sponsored by the **Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion**, where Tom serves as President and CEO. Both Tom and event emcee **Mr. Chuck Stokes** gave a surprise "shout out" to the school—nice (and free) publicity before the hundreds of attendees.

 Responding to changing patterns of student recruitment, **Admissions Director Michael Black '01** organized Loyola's first fall Open House on November 13. Teachers and staff members were on hand to welcome prospective students and their parents. Tours began with a spirited, upbeat 2-minute video that features Loyola students and parents, but the highlight of the tours were the student-guides themselves.

 Loyola's Principal, **Mrs. DeLisa Jones**, attended the annual **JSEA Principals' Conference**, which was held in New Rochelle, NY. As always, the 3 days together gave participants ample opportunities to share their experiences and develop a greater awareness of the Ignatian identity that is the common element of all the schools, regardless of their age, location, or makeup. The group ventured out of their hotel for an informative visit to Fordham Prep, located in the heart of the Bronx.

 The **Loyola Honor Society** welcomed 9 new members on November 14th. Each new member spoke on 1 of the 4 guiding principles of the organization: academic integrity, character, leadership, or service to the community. These students, along with the 9 returning members, meet monthly with their co-moderators, **Mr. Jonathon Clark '97** and **Mr. Joe Kidder**. The group typically spearheads several service projects during the year.

 He didn't hide the engagement ring in mashed potatoes, nor did he place a billboard ad on the Lodge Freeway, or get down on one knee during halftime at a Loyola football game. Instead, **Mr. Michael Black '01**, Admissions Director, quietly proposed to the lovely **Somerset Mack** with just the two of them having a quiet dinner at his home. We don't know how quietly she responded, but we do know she said "yes." A wedding is planned for next October. Congratulations, Ms. Mack and Mr. Black!



LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL 2011-2012 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

			FR. / J.V. / VAR.
Friday, November 25	Lansing Eastern (Scrimmage)	Away	10:00 a.m. (Fr. & J.V.)
Saturday, November 26	Lansing Eastern (Scrimmage)	Away	10:00 a.m. (Varsity)
Saturday, December 3	Warren DeLaSalle (Scrimmage)	Home	10:00 a.m. (All Levels)
Tuesday, December 6	Rochester High School	Away	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Friday, December 16	Ann Arbor Fr. Gabriel Richard	Home	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Saturday, December 17	Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central	Home	2:00 / 3:30 / 5:00
Thursday, December 23	Loyola Christmas Scrimmage	Home	10:00 a.m. (Varsity)
Wed., December 28	Loyola Holiday Tournament	Home	TBD
Friday, December 30	Loyola Holiday Tournament	Home	TBD
Tuesday, January 3	Novi Catholic Central	Away	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Friday, January 6	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	Away	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Tuesday, January 10	Macomb Lutheran North	Away	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Friday, January 13	Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook	Home	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Friday, January 20	Dearborn Divine Child	Away	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Monday, January 23	Madison Heights Bishop Foley	Home	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Tuesday, January 31	Allen Park Cabrini	Home	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Friday, February 3	Royal Oak Shrine	Away	6:00 / 7:30
Tuesday, February 7	Dearborn Divine Child	Home	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Friday, February 10	Madison Heights Bishop Foley	Away	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Tuesday, February 14	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	Home	4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30
Thursday, March 1	Detroit Pershing	Home	6:00 (Varsity)

CATHOLIC LEAGUE PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 18	(Saturday) Quarter-Finals	@ TBA
February 21 & 22	(Tues., Wed.) Semi-Finals	@ TBA
February 26	(Sunday) Championships	@ Calihan Hall
MHSAA Districts begin Monday, March 5th		

