DEAR LOYOLANS,

As we move into the home stretch of the school year, here at Loyola we are shaking off the chill of a long winter and soaking up the renewing warmth of spring. The season was filled with milestones, including reaching the $300 million mark in our capital campaign, reflecting on the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s birth, and commemorating 100 years of the School of Law. But in feting major events and achievements, we should not overlook what really makes Loyola remarkable: the persistent, dedicated work that all the members of our community engage in every day.

In this issue, we honor just a few of the faculty members who spend years working in their fields in order to add to our cumulative knowledge, change the way people think, and improve the world—in ways both big and small. We bring you the story of Matt Smith, an alum who spent years tracking the details of his uncle’s mysterious death in World War II so that he might better know a family member and understand the tragedies of war. And on page 16, read about a student project to learn about and record the life stories of the humble and devoted Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This issue of Loyola magazine is not about breakthroughs or fanfares. It is about the progress that results from accumulated years of dogged determination, inspiration, and hard work.

Finally, I would like to encourage all readers to send me your thoughts and reactions to the stories in this magazine. I invite letters on magazine content or Loyola happenings for publication in future issues, and please keep sending in your class notes. I hope you will use this magazine as a tool to learn about and remain connected with your alma mater and your fellow alumni.

Thank you for reading.

ANASTASIA BUSIEK
Editor

2008 PRESIDENT’S REPORT UPDATE

Please accept our apologies for the following errors and omissions.

Clauss Brothers Inc. was omitted from the Corporations and Foundations list.
Patricia and Steven Friedland (MD ’89) were omitted from the Society of the Shield listing.
Grant Thornton Foundation was omitted from the Corporations and Foundations list.
Lori and Robert Kolb, PhD: Mrs. Kolb was omitted from the Executive Society listing.
Jane Neufeld (MD ’90) was omitted from the list of University Faculty and Staff Donors.
Lynn (MUND ’81, MEd ’88, PhD ’95) and Charles Werner were omitted from the Executive Society listing.

In celebration of the upcoming Earth Day, we at Loyola magazine are renewing our commitment to being an ecologically responsible publication. As of this issue, we are Forest Service Council-certified, and we have also increased the post-consumer waste content of the paper we print on from 10 percent to 30 percent. We continue to use EnviroTech-classified ink made from soy, linseed, and cotton. Please recycle after reading.
Research at work
Loyola faculty engage in many kinds of research in many different fields in order to make the world a better place. Here are glimpses into just six of the hundreds of projects underway.

Stories from the sisters
Loyola students get to know the BVMs and help preserve their memories.

Tracing the bloodline
Matt Smith (BA ’85) investigates the death of an uncle he never knew.
Doris Kearns Goodwin signing copies of her best-seller Team of Rivals after her speech

Thinkin’ Lincoln

Noted historian Doris Kearns Goodwin packs the house.

“The Sign Said It All”—SOLD OUT—as Doris Kearns Goodwin addressed an attentive crowd on February 11, the day before Abraham Lincoln’s 200th birthday. Goodwin’s hugely popular lecture served as the centerpiece of the University’s year-long “Bicentennial Celebration: Loyola, Lincoln, and Leadership” series and was also part of the University’s 100-year anniversary. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author drew from her book Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln to show how great leaders often defy tough odds to make history. Goodwin painted a portrait of a highly ethical, intelligent, and charismatic man who kept adversaries and friends alike on their toes. “He would kill anybody in debates. He was so good at debates,” Goodwin said, adding that he had a keen—and often crude—sense of humor. “He could stand on par with Jon Stewart, Steven Colbert, and Jay Leno without missing a beat, and people would feel a sense of his person as a result of that.”

The life and work of Abraham Lincoln have a particular relevance in this bicentennial year, as another Illinois politician guides the nation through choppy waters. Asked about what Lincoln would say to President Obama, to whom he has been widely compared, Goodwin responded, “I think the main thing that [Lincoln] would do would be to assure Obama that he had been through difficult times before and that somehow this country has the strength to get through these difficult moments.”

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School of Communication open for business

Loyola’s new School of Communication moved into its new home at 51 E. Pearson last December and classes started in January.

Upon completion, the school will occupy the first three floors of The Clare. Classrooms, offices, and other facilities are located at the building’s base, and plans for a state-of-the-art convergence media lab are in the works.

The sleek new building complements the faculty’s forward-thinking, 21st-century vision. All classrooms are electronically controlled, and every computer lab is fully stocked with Apple technology. Best of all, students and faculty now share a central space that will enhance a sense of community.

The school currently offers three Bachelor of Arts degrees: Advertising & Public Relations, Communication, and Journalism. The school is also a key partner in Loyola’s interdisciplinary International Film and Media Studies program.

Turn up the volume

This summer, WLUW-FM radio officially makes its move to the Water Tower Campus as a part of the School of Communication. The station will take up residence in the third floor of the Terry Student Center in Baumhart Hall, but will keep a connection with the Lake Shore Campus through a satellite studio in Damen Hall.

Loyola also welcomes Danielle Basci as WLUW’s new general manager. Previously, Basci worked in Chicago as a producer for “Business Matters” radio; on-air and as a producer in Kansas City at a local NPR affiliate; and as station manager, host, and producer for KJHK-FM at the University of Kansas, her alma mater.

As the station undergoes some changes in programming with its new affiliation and studio location, Basci will help to develop this new chapter in WLUW’s history. If you’re nearby (and we do mean nearby—the station’s signal doesn’t extend much beyond Rogers Park), set your FM dial to 88.7 to hear music and news you won’t find anywhere else.

Hello, Ho Chi Minh

LOYOLA HAS FORMED a partnership with the Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training to establish a University Representative Office in Ho Chi Minh City. Loyola is the first American university to have a site location in Vietnam. Initial plans include an English as a Second Language (ESL) program for health care professionals, a leadership program for Vietnamese professionals and administrators, and a study abroad program for U.S students. Stay tuned for more on this exciting new partnership.

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RISING STAR

Baumhart Hall was recently awarded the Energy Star, which identifies Baumhart as one of the most energy-efficient buildings in the nation. Energy Star is a joint program of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy.
Celebrating a century

**Loyola University Chicago**

**School of Law**

**100 YEARS**

Since 1908

A proud heritage... an ambitious future

Loyola University Chicago School of Law marked its 100th anniversary with an exciting year of special events to honor a century of excellence in legal education in the Jesuit tradition. The premier event, a Centennial Gala for alumni and friends, was held at Chicago’s Field Museum on February 28. Close to 650 Loyola law faculty, staff, students, and alumni from every decade since the 1940s attended the black-tie gala. “This event was the centerpiece of the whole year,” says School of Law Dean David Yellen.

**LUMA UPDATE**

**RODIN: IN HIS OWN WORDS**

**JUNE 13–AUGUST 16**

This summer, LUMA is proud to exhibit Rodin: In His Own Words, Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation. This traveling exhibition features the work of the French artist Auguste Rodin, whose most famous sculptures include *The Thinker* and the Gates of Hell. In His Own Words features 35 bronze sculptures spanning the length of Rodin’s artistic legacy, as well as excerpts of Rodin’s writing and photographs that reveal the artist’s thought processes and artistic techniques. The sculptures are paired with quotations from Rodin, which illuminate his ideas about art. At the height of his career, Rodin was regarded as the greatest sculptor since Michelangelo.

LUMA is thrilled to collaborate with the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation in presenting this significant Rodin exhibition. LUMA will also offer public programs in conjunction with the exhibit, including a French chamber music series and a series of lectures on Rodin and French art traditions by recognized scholars.

For details, visit LUC.edu/LUMA.

**All Access Loyola**

**DO THE TUNNELS** between the old Jesuit Residence Hall and Madonna della Strada still exist? What was in Lewis Towers before Loyola moved in? Ever wondered what goes on inside the steam plant at the Lake Shore Campus?

Get your questions answered as part of a new video series, “All Access Loyola.” Produced by University Marketing and Communications with the help of Loyola students, a tour of the steam plant is the first in the series that will take you to the hidden spaces and tucked away places on the Water Tower and Lake Shore campuses. Stay tuned all year as we uncover some of Loyola’s mysteries and history.

Check it out at blogs.LUC.edu/allaccess
When the going gets tough

LOYOLA IS KEENLY AWARE of the financial hardship facing everyone in the country. The University is committed to maintaining a high level of service while managing expenses. As we set the foundation for future growth through our capital campaign, we are also mindful of the need to conserve and to use every dollar to its best effect. Here are just a few examples of where our money goes and how we’re trimming costs:

• Loyola provides over $100 million in financial aid each year.
• 91 percent of undergrads receive some form of financial aid, almost all of which comes from the annual operating budget.
• We created a special hardship financial aid budget to help students whose parents have been severely affected.
• All departments have developed contingency plans to reduce operating expenses.
• Capital spending was slowed and certain projects are being deferred.
• The University is working with vendors to improve service and reduce costs.
• Loyola has reduced energy consumption in its facilities and negotiated a long-term energy contract to provide predictable energy prices.
• Full-time faculty will teach more classes.

Q My corporation is looking for a director of internal audit. A few of us interviewed a strong candidate. During the interview process, we asked him why he was looking to leave his current company. He said that the recruiter had called him, he had listened to our opportunity, and decided that it was of interest to him. Prior to making him the offer, one of our managers learned from a mutual acquaintance that this same candidate had interviewed a few weeks earlier at another company, but was not selected for that job. Should the candidate be eliminated from consideration, given the sensitivity of the position, for lying about his job search? Or is his response an acceptable negotiating tactic to prevent him from losing leverage during the interview process?

A Let’s begin with the facts: you’re hiring a director of internal audit. You need to be able to trust this person. You need to know that he is not a liar. Are you sure this candidate is lying to you? If you’re not sure, how do you find out?

It is possible that your candidate was not actively searching for a job and, coincidentally, another firm also approached him with a job offer. Assuming that the candidate is not lying, he is under no obligation to tell you about other interviews he might be having. In revealing that he was not offered the other position, he would clearly be losing leverage when negotiating for the job. If this is the case, he is acting in good faith and has done nothing wrong.

Here is what I’d do. I’d directly confront him and explain my concerns. I’d tell him that, based on his credentials and experience, I want to hire him, but that I have some character questions that I need to resolve before I can go forward. My experience has been that, if he is an honest person, he will give you a reasonable explanation. On the other hand, if this person is an experienced liar, he might be able to look you straight in the eye and be totally convincing.

Here’s the hard part. If you are not comfortable with the answers he provides, given the sensitivity and importance of the job, I would not hire the candidate. Unfortunately, ethics is not an exact science. There are no fool-proof litmus tests for character and integrity. In the end, trusting anyone—a co-worker, family member, or friend—is a judgment call.

Do you have a conundrum at work? Wondering how to maneuver a sticky business situation? Submit your questions to EthicsExpert@luc.edu.

PARIS–CHICAGO: THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF JEAN-CHRISTOPHE BALLOT

JUNE 13–AUGUST 23

French architectural photographer Jean-Christophe Ballot celebrates the special relationship between sister cities Chicago and Paris. The exhibition, specially curated for the Chicago public, juxtaposes formally similar photographs of Chicago with images of Paris, creating a rich visual conversation between the two urban centers.

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MARCH 28–MAY 17

German-based architects Behnisch Architekten and TransSolar ClimateEngineering have long collaborated to show that high-quality environments can be created through responsible consumption of natural resources. This exhibit features architectural projects that illustrate this principle.
GannonConnect

The Gannon Center is proud to introduce GannonConnect, a new network for Gannon Scholars alumnae. GannonConnect will distribute updates and encourage online dialogue via an e-newsletter and blog. Graduates can use the GannonConnect network to share ideas and resources, to stay connected to the program and the University, and to provide mentoring and potential networking opportunities to a growing group of women.

Gannon alumnae are invited to a special event marking the launch of GannonConnect, the 25th anniversary of the Gannon Scholars Leadership Program, and the 15th anniversary of Gannon Reach Out, an annual community service event. The celebration will take place at Piper Hall on the Lake Shore Campus on April 4, 2009.

To share ideas for the network, or to get involved or donate, please contact Mónica Ramírez at 561.676.3202 or gannonconnect@gmail.com.

Use your network

SOCIAL NETWORKING: a way to keep in touch through Web sites and online forums. The Alumni Association now has groups on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter. All of these tools can help you connect with the worldwide network of over 130,000 Loyolans and stay up-to-date on your alma mater. Learn more about how to connect with these tools at LUC.edu/alumni/socialnetworking.

LinkedIn

With nearly 3,000 members (and growing by the day), Loyola’s LinkedIn group can help you manage your network of contacts for professional and career development purposes. Start leveraging the power of your relationships today.

Facebook

Loyola’s Facebook group is open to anyone. It’s a place to learn about what’s happening on campus, find out about upcoming events, see event photos, and reconnect with classmates.

twitter

Follow LU Wolf on Twitter, which sends short updates to your computer, cell phone, or PDA, and find out what LU and the Alumni Association are up to.

RSS

Subscribe to the Alumni Association’s news feed to get the latest details about alumni events and programs.

JFRC conference on Mediterranean women

IN RECENT DECADES, the Mediterranean region has undergone a great population shift as the area has changed from a source of emigrants to a destination for immigrants. Even as many Mediterranean countries have recently struggled with poverty and unemployment, large populations fleeing persecution and ethnic strife have arrived on their shores.

This April, the John Felice Rome Center will host an international conference discussing migrant women’s challenges and contributions in the new Mediterranean world. The conference, featuring speakers from around the globe, will focus on faith and tradition, politics and human rights, media and arts, and Mediterranean feminism.

Susana Cavallo, PhD, professor of Spanish and associate director of the JFRC, is the conference coordinator. For more information, please visit LUC.edu/romecenter/internationalconference.shtml.

FRONTLINES

APRIL 17–19
The Changing Face of the Mediterranean: Migrant Women’s Creativity and Constraints

Frontline Seamanship

If you or someone you know drives a vehicle, it’s essential to know how to handle various emergencies. First, you’ll learn the basic facts about how a car operates. This course will then focus on what to do when a car breaks down. Pre-registration is required and students must be 16 years of age.

THOUGHT FOR FOOD

Loyola’s Solutions To Environmental Problems (STEP) program is taking on a new challenge this spring semester. Students in the STEP: Food Systems course will learn about the events leading up to the agricultural and green revolutions and the effects of the current industrial food system on global sustainability. Students will also work as a team to compost food waste generated at the Lake Shore Campus. The course was developed by the team whose proposal captured a $75,000 grant at the Environmental Protection Agency’s Expo Award program last spring.

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rummage sale

Come browse the items at the annual rummage sale on April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Alumni House. All proceeds will benefit the programs at Loyola’s Alumni Association. The sale will include brand new and gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories, books, home goods, and more. Don’t miss this chance to support your alma mater and get great deals on quality items! You can also bring your own items to sell as a vendor for $20. Contact the Alumni Association at 561.676.7100 for more information or to register as a vendor.

ALUMNI CAREER SUPPORT

LUC.edu/alumni/career

Tap into a variety of career services, job fairs, and networking opportunities. See page 35 for more information.
Finding success on the paralegal path

Worried about your job in this tough economy? Michelle Tay Mitchell isn’t.

A 2003 graduate of Loyola University Chicago’s paralegal program, Mitchell is working in an industry that saw a 62 percent increase in demand over the past year and, according to the Department of Labor, will continue to grow through 2014.

Mitchell began her path as a paralegal when she came to Loyola for an open house looking to make a career transition. Having moved to Chicago from Oregon, she hoped to start a family and was concerned that she would not be able to balance her home life with her job in event marketing.

After her graduation and the birth of her first child, she received a call from a law firm who had been given her resume by Jean Hellman Ryan, director of the Institute for Paralegal Studies at Loyola. Mitchell returned the call and interviewed for the position that same afternoon. Almost five years later, she is still working part time at that firm and is proud of both her career and her work-life balance.

“This job has been everything I could hope for,” Mitchell says.

Today, Mitchell is a member of the Loyola paralegal program’s advisory committee. The program can be completed in as little as eight months, or can be spread out in order to fit the student’s pace and schedule.

For more information about Loyola’s paralegal and other postgraduate programs, visit LUC.edu/SCPS.

2009 Women’s Leadership Conference and Certificate

On Friday, May 22, the School of Continuing and Professional Studies will host its second annual Women’s Leadership Conference. Keynote speaker and Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez (BS ’82) will share her success story and discuss risk-taking in our changing world. Join Alvarez and an array of fascinating women as they speak on pressing issues and the challenges of this turbulent economy.

The conference will also feature a graduation ceremony for the recipients of the 2008–2009 Certificate in Women’s Leadership program.

Summer in the city

3-WEEK PROGRAM
June 29–July 17, 2009

6-WEEK PROGRAM
June 29–August 7, 2009

Do you know a high school student who loves to learn and get rewarded with college credit? Students in Loyola’s Pre-Collegiate Summer Scholars program can study environmental biology, develop creative writing skills, or learn more about the law and civil rights, among many other offerings. Students have the option of living on campus to get a taste of college life. We are expecting a record number of applications, and deadlines are fast approaching, so sign up today.

For more information, visit LUC.edu/summerscholars or call Karladora Chavez at 312.915.6565.

Educational Membership Program

Exclusively for Residents of The Clare at Water Tower

As a valued part of the Loyola community, residents of The Clare can join the Educational Membership Program, allowing them access to Loyola classes, buildings, shuttles, and other benefits.

For more information, contact Carla Maria Kayanan at the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at 312.915.6505 or ckayanan@luc.edu.
Everybody loves a good flick, but changing the way you watch a film can increase your enjoyment and understanding of cinema. Father Gene Phillips, a celebrated professor of film studies at Loyola, has provided a few pointers on how to watch a film with a critical eye. Illustrated by examples from classic films, the primer below provides some basics on how to look beyond the plot and see a film as a work of art. You'll find something new every time you watch your favorite movie.

**Search for visual symbolism.**
Example: The classic *Citizen Kane* opens and closes with a shot of a wire fence and a “no trespassing” sign. This symbolizes the wall Kane has built around himself as well as the impossibility of the viewer ever fully understanding the character. This is known as the director’s “shorthand.”

**Pay attention to camera angles.**
Example: In *The Maltese Falcon*, John Huston shoots the villain, Casper Gutman, from below, which makes him look more imposing—and more threatening.

**Note the costume design.**
Some directors like to use a specific pattern of colors to make a point about a character. Example: In *North by Northwest*, Alfred Hitchcock put the hero’s mother in flashy colors because she is a frivolous character. The enemy spy wears darker colors to reflect her severe personality.

**Listen for musical cues.**
Example: In Francis Ford Coppola’s *The Conversation*, the musical theme associated with Harry Caul, a surveillance expert, is played on a single piano, implying that Harry is a lonely, isolated creature.

**Delve into greater meanings.**
Example: The theme of George Cukor’s *The Marrying Kind* is the conflict between illusion and reality. In the film, a married couple wants to have a perfect marriage (illusion), but must face the fact that no marriage is perfect (reality).
RESEARCH at work

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. It’s the power to solve problems and shed new light on things once mysterious. It’s the power to challenge assumptions and unveil the truth. That is why the faculty at Loyola teaches bright minds to think, to analyze, to reach for greater understanding, and to pursue research at the highest levels of their disciplines. Our faculty members find new perspectives and new ideas through scholarship, experimentation, and experience.

IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, read about six of the hundreds of research projects underway at Loyola. From introducing new medical treatments to improving governmental policies, scholars at Loyola are transforming the way we think and the world we live in.
Communication

The new media frontier

ADRIENNE MASSANARI, an instructor in the new School of Communication, specializes in new media. As the term implies, Massanari studies and teaches the forms of electronic communication that have only been a part of the American lifestyle for about a decade. One of her main interests is information architecture—a field that, broadly defined, is the organization of information within a Web site. The discipline exists at the confluence of several better-known fields, such as graphic design, journalism, and library science.

“The blueprints for a Web site are called wire frames,” Massanari explains. “If you think about information as a physical space, information architects are building and filling the spaces in ways that are meant to be helpful to the user.” In order to make a Web site easy to navigate, information architects categorize the content and think about how the structure and design lend themselves to user interaction.

“Our job is to have empathy for the people who will be using the product,” Massanari says.

Although it is a young field, information architecture has already seen a profound shift with the advent of Web 2.0, the recent wave of user-generated content through social networking sites, blogs, Web site commenting, etc. The Web is now a collective, interactive effort to which anyone can contribute, but someone still has to create the navigation structures behind it.

Civilization

Digging into Mexico’s past

LOCATED IN SOUTHERN VERACRUZ, Mexico, the Tuxtla mountain region has been continuously occupied for 3,000 years. Bordering the Gulf of Mexico, it’s the site of a volcanic uplift, and is a notably fertile region that is home to distinct plant and animal communities.

The area is also rich in history. Once part of the Olmec homeland, the site was on the fringes of Mayan civilization and was then part of the extraction economy of the Aztecs. When the Spanish arrived, Hernán Cortéz, the conquistador, claimed the area as his own.

Since the 1980s, Philip Arnold, professor of anthropology at Loyola University Chicago, has studied the pre-Columbian history of the region using a distinctive methodology. Rather than focusing on a single archeological site, which might yield clues about a specific culture during a specific time period, Arnold selects a series of sites that represent a range of cultures and eras.

“One site does not a civilization make,” explains Arnold. “By studying a variety of sites, we can develop a chronological framework for the whole region. We recover stone tools and ceramics, the occasional human burial, and the remains of houses and other structures that differ from culture to culture, and from time to time.”

Arnold and his crew, which often includes graduate students and Loyola undergraduates, piece together these fragments in order to gain a better understanding of the sequence of cultures that existed in southern Veracruz for centuries and centuries.

Loyola undergraduates taking a well-deserved break during excavations in Mexico. Left to right: Erika Pereda (’10), Colleen Karwoski (’09), and Danny Beacher (’09)
In 2008, a year dominated by election news, the role of women in American politics was front and center. For months, it was nearly impossible to read a paper or watch the news without confronting attitudes toward female candidates. This subject happens to be the expertise of Richard Matland, PhD, the Helen Houlanah Rigali Chair in Political Science. For two decades, he has studied women in politics, both in the United States and abroad. His work has taken him to Indonesia, Macedonia, Egypt, Hungary, Peru, Sweden, Norway, Jordan, and Turkey.

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Global politics

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“Some IAs and digital librarians freaked out when it started to seem like just anyone could create a haphazard classification system,” Massanari says. “But everyone has pretty much embraced it now.”

So where does new media go from here? Massanari says she expects it to continue in the direction of user-generated content and perpetual contact.

“It’s going to be interesting,” she says. “We’ll see increasing kinds of do-it-yourself technology. The iPhone has moved things away from the computer, and people are now figuring out how to jailbreak their iPhones [installing third-party applications not approved by Apple].”

In other words, the user now has greater access to information than ever before and a greater ability to control it. But on the flip side, the constant connection means a greater responsibility to participate and respond—to always be available.

“The same questions always come up,” Massanari says. “For example, when does the workday end?” Like any technology, digital communication both simplifies and complicates. Massanari and her colleagues at the School of Communication will continue to monitor and study the cutting edge of this rapidly evolving field.

Adrienne Massanari and School of Communication Dean Don Heider are currently collaborating on an ethnographic study of Second Life.

Global politics

Women on the ballot

IN 2008, A YEAR DOMINATED BY election news, the role of women in American politics was front and center. For months, it was nearly impossible to read a paper or watch the news without confronting attitudes toward female candidates. This subject happens to be the expertise of Richard Matland, PhD, the Helen Houlanah Rigali Chair in Political Science. For two decades, he has studied women in politics, both in the United States and abroad. His work has taken him to Indonesia, Macedonia, Egypt, Hungary, Peru, Sweden, Norway, Jordan, and Turkey.

Matland often begins presentations by displaying a list of the countries with the highest representation of women in national legislative bodies. Rwanda ranks first, due to electoral quotas guaranteeing women a large share of the parliamentary seats. Sweden snags the number two spot, followed by Cuba, Finland, and the Netherlands rounding out the top five. And here’s the big reveal: the United States is not in the top 10. Nor in the top 20. In fact, it ranks about 82nd, right ahead of Mauritius, and right behind Uzbekistan—“not exactly our peers in most other rankings,” as Matland puts it. A large part of Matland’s research focuses on the effect of electoral systems on women’s representation in legislatures. He believes that it is the American electoral system, and not necessarily the bias of voters, that keeps our number of women legislators so comparatively low.

This is related to another part of Matland’s research, both in the United States and abroad, which looks at how voters perceive women as political candidates. “How does a candidate’s gender affect how people vote?” Matland asks. He and colleague Gunes Murat Tezcur, also of the poli sci department, conducted experiments in Turkey to answer this question. Their results indicate that a candidate’s gender does affect voters, but in a limited way. “If you provide people with no information other than gender, then they’ll vote based on that, and it’ll look like that was important,” Matland says. He believes that previous experiments have not taken the whole picture into account. “Part of what I’m doing is trying to counteract misleading research done in the past. People don’t go in and vote for names with no information—people almost always have some other info, even if it’s just party affiliation. That’s what really drives the voter—party identification and policy proposals.” In other words, gender does send a signal, but it’s a weak signal.

His conclusion? “People will vote for women—it’s the parties’ responsibility to recruit women and promote them as candidates,” Matland says. He sees a window of opportunity, both for women and for democracy. What remains to be seen is how societies worldwide will work to open it.

Professor Matland has worked for the United Nations, Organization of American States, National Democratic Institute, Inter-Parliamentary Union, International IDEA, and a number of other international organizations providing information on women’s representation in national legislatures. He and his colleague Olga Avdeyeva in the political science department will travel around Russia this summer to conduct research similar to Matland’s work in Turkey.
Exploring virtual worlds

NOTING A LACK OF scholarly analysis on the subject, Don Heider, dean of the new School of Communication, recently published a collection of research on the sociology, politics, and communication practices of a virtual world called Second Life.

Second Life is a computerized environment where people interact with their surroundings and each other using digital alter egos known as “avatars.” Open to anyone over 18, Second Life maintains a fairly steady population of about 5 million people from around the world. Although it looks similar to a video game, it is distinctly its own phenomenon. “A video game has a purpose, a narrative, a story arc,” says Heider. “You’re trying to get points or defeat an enemy.

There are prescribed steps.” Second Life, however, has no such structure.

The first thing you do in Second Life is create an avatar. Part of Heider’s research focuses on how people choose to translate themselves into the virtual reality of Second Life. “Given the chance to be anyone, who would you be?” Heider says. “I spent two years asking people that question. The answer I got was, my avatar looks like I do, but improved: me 30 pounds lighter or 10 years younger.” Most people, despite nearly infinite possibilities, make their avatars literal representatives of themselves. “That’s interesting, because you could live in Second Life as a 40-foot-long dragon or a teddy bear, or any variant in between,” Heider says.

“After creating an avatar, the next question is, ‘What now? What do I do?’” Heider says. “And the answer is, whatever you want. Go explore. Create something or find an interesting network of people.” Good advice to anyone in a new and unfamiliar place. Just as in real life, the denizens of Second Life are always eager to be entertained. They attend music events and art exhibits with friends (except in Second Life, they teleport there). They build and furnish homes.

Although there are many things to do and see, Heider believes that the main attraction to Second Life is the chance to interact with other people. People communicate in Second Life mainly through type-chatting, forming fast friendships with people they will likely never meet in person. Heider found that people are less guarded and quicker to open up behind the anonymity of an avatar than they would be in real life. “I didn’t believe you could form a strong bond with someone under these circumstances,” Heider says. “But you certainly can—I’ve been very concerned about friends I’ve made there. The world is false, but the people are real,” Heider says. “Well, good luck with that.”

Since it garnered a BusinessWeek cover story in 2006, Second Life has fallen slightly off the mainstream radar. Ultimately, Heider sees Second Life less as a revolutionary new world and more as an innovative method of communication. “I’m not sure it’s the next Internet,” Heider says. “I don’t think it’s the next big thing. But it is interesting. It serves a social function.”

Although it is well-populated, Second Life has a low adoption rate. According to Heider, only about 1 in 20 people stay. So, as Heider says, Second Life and virtual worlds like it may not be the next big thing. For most people, they may remain little more than a novelty. But for some, it is a way of exploring new places and reaching out to people they’d never otherwise know. And only time will tell how the technology and the phenomenon, like the people who populate it, will evolve.
**Killing cancer with cold**

BY THIS TIME OF YEAR, most people in the Chicago area are tired of fighting the cold, or even fighting a cold. Thanks to a revolutionary new treatment at Loyola Hospital, doctors are now fighting with cold—against cancer. The treatment, cryospray ablation, uses super-cold liquid nitrogen to permanently zap pre-cancerous tissue in the esophagus, which the body then replaces with normal, healthy tissue.

Having a family history of cancer and being a long-time sufferer of Barrett’s esophagus, a pre-cancerous condition largely caused by acid reflux disease, Patricia Carlson worried for years about developing esophageal cancer, the fastest-growing cancer in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society.

After undergoing just one session of the painless treatment at Loyola, Carlson’s condition was more than 77 percent eliminated. Her results are typical of those of other patients who have undergone the treatment at Loyola and at the handful of medical centers in the world that employ the new therapy, says Dr. Jack Leya, associate professor of gastroenterology.

“‘This is truly revolutionary,’ Leya says. ‘I’ve never seen patients respond so quickly. I believe the future is here.’

In this new minimally invasive treatment, Leya inserts a special catheter through a small, flexible tube called an endoscope and sprays liquid nitrogen that’s cooled to -270 degrees Fahrenheit onto the pre-cancerous tissue in the esophagus. The treated tissue eventually dies and sloughs off, allowing normal tissue to grow back in its place. By pioneering this new procedure, Loyola doctors are improving the lives and health of their patients.

**Understanding migrant families**

AS THE NATION GRAPPLIES with solutions to the challenges of immigration, a lack of concrete data about migrant families presents a roadblock to creating sound policy. That’s why several Loyola faculty members are engaging in a study that will shed some light on families from Mexico, both documented and undocumented, who are living in Chicago. This is an important step toward solving both social and legislative issues surrounding Mexican nationals in the United States.

The comprehensive study is being spearheaded by Maria Vidal de Haymes and Marta Lundy, professors of social work, along with Susan Grossman, Shweta Singh, and Phil Hong from the School of Social Work, and Regina Trevino from the School of Business Administration. Vidal de Haymes is also the director of the new Institute for Migration and Global Studies and Practice. The research project replicates, in part, a national study recently carried out by the Mexican federal human service agency Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (SNDF), in which 125,000 families were surveyed to gain a better understanding of Mexican family composition and dynamics.

“Since roughly one in ten Mexican nationals resides in the United States,” says Vidal de Haymes, “in order to understand the Mexican family, you have to understand those who live here, as well as transnational family systems that defy borders.”

In light of that figure, Loyola’s School of Social Work has partnered with SNDF to add a U.S. sample to the study. Initially, the study began with 125 families and has since gained financial support from the Graduate School’s Global Initiative Incentive Fund and the Samuel and Lois Silberman Fund. The goal of the study is to interview 500 families.

In Mexico, the results from the study will be used by SNDF to guide public policy and social programming that will support families, and the hope is that the results will be used in a similar way in the United States.

“While other studies have been performed in this area, they have never been at this scale, or this comprehensive,” says Vidal de Haymes. “We hope that the findings will help shape policy recommendations that promote the well-being of immigrant families and will better integrate people into the education system and labor market.”

Immigration is a controversial and complex topic. Mexican immigrants are one of the most rapidly growing demographics. Greater knowledge and understanding of those who have crossed that border will lead to better-informed attitudes, policies, and legislation regarding this significant group of people in the United States.
Stories from the sisters
Loyola students get to know the BVMs

By BRENDAN KEATING (BA '01, JD '04)
A t the end of last semester, emotions ran high as 21 students gathered in a room in Wright Hall, a building where few Loyola students ever set foot. In their arms they carried paintings, poems, and sheets of music. In their hearts they carried the words and memories of the sisters whom they’d come to know and respect over months of interviews, storytelling, and reflection.

Many of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly referred to as “BVMs,” were in attendance, waiting for their lives to be shared on stage. Each student stood at the front of the room for five minutes and presented a piece of artwork meant to represent a moment in the life of a BVM. One student teared up during her speech and thanked her BVM partner for lending her courage during a difficult semester.

The symposium was the culmination of nearly a year’s worth of planning and the capstone of two philosophy courses, both taught by Dan Vaillancourt, professor of philosophy. Vaillancourt and his wife, Kathy, along with graduate student Hilary Bussell, worked to help students preserve the BVM legacy through memoir writing.

In 1973, Vaillancourt was hired to teach at Mundelein College, a BVM school, when he was only 23. “I started out brash, abrasive, and self-centered,” he says. “I ended my tenure with the BVMs in 1991 as a completely different person. I was more caring and sensitive; I had taken justice issues into my heart.” When the sister who originally hired him recently left Wright Hall to enter the assisted care facility at the BVM motherhouse in Dubuque, Iowa, he was struck with the sense that something was being lost, and began plotting a strategy to preserve it.

In 1991, Vaillancourt organized two intensive and innovative classes. Students would study the theory and art of memoir writing, interview a BVM over the course of a few months, and then write a memoir about a part of that BVM’s life.

Getting the course up and running presented many challenges, not least of which was persuading many reluctant BVMs, whose mission is to serve quietly and gently, to participate in the project. The Vaillancourts also recruited and selected only the most dedicated students due to the class’s rigorous workload.

The first meetings between student and sister were a little anxious, until the interviewers and subjects became more comfortable with each other. “I was surprised,” says Elena Tinaglia, a senior philosophy major, about her first encounter with Sister Mary Joe Keane. “I had some preconceptions about how the sisters would dress and act from my parents’ stories of Catholic school in the 50s. Talking to Sister Keane was eye-opening.”

Rachel Gabelman, a sophomore philosophy and ceramics major, had a similar experience: “When we first started we didn’t know how it was going to go,” she says. “But Sister Kelliher opened up very quickly. She shared so many things with me—all the good things as well as the struggles.”

The students weren’t the only ones changed by the experience. Sister Ann Harrington, professor of history and the director of Asian Studies at Loyola, was surprised by some of her student’s questions. “The first time we talked, it was just to get a general overview of my whole life, but then she started to zero in,” Sister Harrington says. “It was an unusual experience. She would ask me questions like, ‘What was the weather like that day?’ or ‘What did the trees look like?’ It got me thinking, maybe I should pay more attention to the world.”

After meeting many times with the BVMs, the students got to work composing their memoirs, which they wrote as the BVM in first-person voice. This unusual technique, says Vaillancourt, encouraged the students to really explore the interior life of the person they had interviewed. The students also crafted a work of art to represent the BVM.

The students presented their artworks at the symposium held in Wright Hall. “It was an absolutely wonderful experience,” says Sister Harrington. “I was immensely impressed by the creativity of the students—in artwork, photography, dance, playing the piano, poetry—it was very moving.”

As part of the agreement with the participating BVMs, the content generated by the course—memoirs, notes, and artworks—will be kept private. After some final editing, they will be stored in both the Gannon Center archives and the general BVM archives in Dubuque. These materials, while important, may not be the greatest outcome of these unique courses. As Vaillancourt says, “The great theologian Martin Marty has a saying, ‘If you want to find God, tell stories about human beings.’ We lived that saying the last four months.”
Alum Matt Smith investigates the death of an uncle he never knew.

By BRENDAN SHEA

Matt Smith (BA '85) walks up to a tall, Tudor-style home in Wolfenbüttel, Germany. Behind him is his wife, Elvira (BBA '86), with a camera in hand. Together, the two record what seems to be a typical Sunday morning in this quaint Lower Saxony village: newspapers are stuffed inside mailboxes; a man is out for a stroll with his dog. But for Smith and his wife, today marks a somber anniversary. Exactly 64 years to the date, on September 28, 1944, his uncle, Sgt. Sheppard Kerman, was pulled into this very house and shot point-blank with a pistol.
A 64-year mystery

SEPTEMBER 28-29, 1944
Sgt. Sheppard Kerman is killed as a POW after his plane goes down in Wolfenbüttel, Germany. The chaplain of the 303rd Bomb Group issues a Missing in Action notice to the Kerman family.

DECEMBER 8, 1944
Letter from Captain Louis C. Jurgensen says there is “every reason to believe your son will be reported safe.” Chicago newspapers later run hopeful stories.

MARCH 3, 1981
Matt Smith files a Freedom of Information request to learn more about his uncle’s death.

JULY 4, 2005
A news article appears in the Las Vegas Review Journal, which sparks a resurgence of Smith’s investigation.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2007
Smith receives a special blessing from 303rd Bomb Group veteran Bishop Emeritus René Gracida at the bomb group’s final reunion in Washington DC.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008
Smith returns to Wolfenbüttel with his wife, Elvira, to mark the 64-year anniversary of his uncle’s murder.

Matt Smith (BA ’85) in his City Hall office, surrounded by some intriguing faces, including his uncle, his boss (Mayor Daley), St. Ignatius, and JFK.
Though the precise details of the murder have been shrouded in uncertainty since World War II, over the years, Smith has dedicated himself to picking up the pieces.

“This story keeps reaching out to me,” he says. “I have no choice but to follow it wherever it will lead.”

His investigation began when he was only 17 years old. As a curious teenager, Smith decided to file a Freedom of Information request to learn more about his uncle’s death—an event that his late mother’s family rarely discussed.

Instead, Smith says, they chose to look back on the fonder memories of their brother Shep: the time he brought home a brood of ducklings from his job at the butcher shop, unable to stomach the thought of their slaughter; the time he made the Chicago papers for capturing a tavern robber. He even once dated the beautiful film noir star Jane Greer.

“It was said that he turned the heads of women, children, and small animals when he walked down the street,” Smith recalls. “He was very charismatic.”

Recounting the darker details didn’t come so easily. From his FOI report, Smith learned of the basic events surrounding his uncle’s death. Sgt. Kerman had been a member of the 303rd Bomb Group in WWII. After his B-17 bomber was gunned down over Germany, the Army acknowledged his Missing in Action status the following day, before officially notifying the family of his death a month later. But in December, a new letter surfaced suggesting Sgt. Kerman might have actually survived the crash. This was further corroborated by news reports sourcing the pilot’s mother, who received word that all of her son’s crew members survived. In fact, Sgt. Kerman had not.

Instead of drifting safely to nearby farms, as his fellow crew members did, Sgt. Kerman ended up in Wolfenbüttel, a town embroiled in war, where his parachute snagged near the top of a building. As he dangled in mid-air, a crowd gathered below him. According to war crime reports, Sgt. Kerman, whose dog tags bore the letter “H” for “Hebrew,” was then pulled in through the home’s window by three Nazi officials, who bickered back and forth before one finally turned and shot him. Sgt. Kerman’s body was later taken to an unmarked grave in a nearby cemetery.

In the years following the FOI report, Smith says the story sat dormant. It wasn’t until 2005, when an article appeared in the Las Vegas Review Journal with a mention of his uncle, that he ever seriously considered pursuing it again.

Through the reporter, Smith met Vicki Timmins Morgan, whose father was mentioned in the article for having been saved by Sgt. Kerman. Smith says he wanted to know more—from the survivors, their children, and anyone who may have witnessed the events following the crash.

Two years later, in the fall of 2007, Smith made his first trip to Wolfenbüttel, where he met with a historian and other locals to get a better understanding of what transpired. Smith recalls one particularly moving meeting with a woman who witnessed the final moments of Sgt. Kerman’s life from her childhood home across the street.

“I had a lump in my throat when she looked out the window and described what she was seeing,” Smith says. “Even 63 years later, she still remembered everything vividly.” She said Sgt. Kerman appeared to quietly accept his fate.

Between that trip and one this past year, Smith prepared himself for a more analytical investigation, trying as best he could to set emotions aside in order to get straight to the facts. He taught himself basic German by listening to audio tutorials during his daily commutes. He says the recent visit helped clear up some loose ends and confirmed much of what he already knew.

Although he doesn’t have any scheduled visits to Wolfenbüttel in the near future, Smith does plan to go back somewhere down the road. For now, he’s focused on trying to turn tragedy into something positive—perhaps through the creation of a scholarship, a book, or, at the very least, a simple message to let military families know that they are not alone in their suffering.

“Pursuing the story of my uncle and sharing it with people shows the broader picture of what happens to families in war,” Smith says. “A lot of people try putting it out of their minds, because it’s too painful. But with me, it’s a story I’m close enough to be a part of emotionally and spiritually, but at the same time, I’ve got enough distance to pursue it without hurting anyone.”

The story Smith has gone to great lengths to complete is not a happy one, but it has brought him a measure of satisfaction in its reconstruction. It has taken him across the ocean twice, taught him a great deal, and, in a way, allowed him to get to know an uncle he never had the chance to meet.
A match made in Edgewater: Loyola and Swift School

Located in the heart of the Edgewater neighborhood, which is home to many immigrants and refugees, Swift Specialty School is an elementary school unlike any other in Chicago. The 700 students at Swift are extremely diverse, both culturally and linguistically. More than 40 languages are spoken by students hailing from over 30 countries. “Every time a conflict erupts in the world, six months later we get an influx of children from that region,” says Harlee Till, principal of Swift Elementary.

Teaching children from such a wide range of backgrounds, and often with limited or no English skills, requires a great degree of dedication. For over 15 years, Loyola and Swift have enjoyed a symbiotic relationship, with each contributing to the other on many levels.

Loyola education students gain experience by tutoring Swift students, and Swift teachers continue their training by participating in initiatives at Loyola. Swift students benefit from Loyola’s committed tutors and student teachers, and some Loyola students even become teachers and administrators at Swift after they graduate.

The catalyst for this collaboration is Diane Schiller, professor of education at Loyola. Since 1993, Schiller has worked as a bridge between Swift and Loyola. “The relationship with Swift is essential to the School of Education,” she says. “We have opportunities for every single one of our programs here.” Schiller has brought grants, students, and expertise to the elementary CONTINUED ON PAGE 22
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School while offering valuable experience to both undergraduate and graduate students at Loyola.

Sylvia Baime, a seventh grade teacher at Swift, sees the benefits of the partnership. “Over the past 15 years I’ve taken many classes at Loyola to improve my teaching,” she explains. “Everything that Loyola is involved with I say ‘yes’ to, and I’ve gotten other teachers involved as well.”

The dedication and expertise of the staff at Swift has paid off, as Swift has seen steadily increasing test scores over the years. Even though 90 percent of the children at Swift live below the poverty level, Swift is one of the best schools in the city. “Eighty percent of our students meet or exceed standards in reading, and 85 percent meet or exceed standards in math,” says Principal Till. “That doesn’t happen unless you have teachers who know what they’re doing and who are committed to getting it done. The training that they receive at Loyola shows.”

In recognition of its long-standing partnership with Swift, Loyola University Chicago was recently awarded second place in the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Partnership Awards for Campus-Community Collaboration. The award means that $7,000 will be equally split between Loyola and Swift. The funds will be used to promote service-learning and civic engagement opportunities, further supporting an already productive partnership.

Carlos Irizarry (BSED ’04), an eighth grade science teacher at Swift, tells a story that illustrates Swift’s diverse student body and some of the challenges it presents to instructors.

“When I first started teaching, I had a student who was born in a refugee camp and came to Chicago when he was 12 years old. I saw him splashing in a water fountain and making a mess. I was anxious to maintain control in the classroom so my first instinct was to yell at him—but then I froze. I realized that he had never known a free water fountain. I had to explain to him that water will always be there when he needs it.”

Painting for peace

Twenty Loyola law students, faculty, and staff partnered with students from high schools and churches around the city to paint peace murals that will be displayed in various neighborhoods throughout Chicago. The service day, which honored the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was held at Martin Luther King College Preparatory High School on Chicago’s South Side. “It was a wonderful day of fun and fellowship and a great way to honor the spirit of Dr. King,” said Mary Bird, director of Loyola’s Public Service Programs.

WTC construction update

Now that the Clare is complete and the law school renovation is underway, Loyola is starting its next project to create classroom space on the Water Tower Campus. The newest capital project calls for the demolition of the building located at 20–24 E. Chicago Ave. A five-story, 28,000-square-foot building will go up in its place, creating 15 new Loyola classrooms on floors three, four, and five. Floors one and two, owned by J.B. Realty Inc., will contain retail space.

The project broke ground in late January and is expected to be finished around the end of this year. Upon completion, the new classrooms and study space will be accessible through 25 E. Pearson. The second phase of the project will convert the space presently containing the Rubloff Auditorium and reception room in 25 E. Pearson into streetfront retail along Chicago Avenue. This is scheduled for completion in late 2010.
Coming together in a world apart

IN JANUARY, ten Loyola faculty and staff members took a nine-day immersion trip to Kenya and Tanzania in East Africa. Tom Derdak, founder and executive director of Global Alliance for Africa (GAA), which organized the trip, says it is common for those who visit the continent to feel they are forever changed.

And he should know. As part of an informal agreement between GAA and the University, Derdak, who is an adjunct philosophy professor, has been leading Loyola groups on African immersions for the past 10 years. “It will take a long time to psychologically and philosophically process everything that happened during those nine days,” says Mark Waymack, PhD, associate professor of philosophy and one of the trip’s participants.

The trips are educational, focusing on issues that are pressing for many African nations. For participant John Drevs, Web content manager, the group’s experiences in Africa turned expectations on their heads. “You’re told you’re going to see orphanages and slums, and you form a picture of Africa in your head. But it was 180 degrees from what we thought it would be.” Those expecting a hot, dusty clime were surprised to land in the green city of Nairobi. Though over the course of their trip, the group encountered poverty, famine, and illness, they were surprised to find a sunny mentality seemingly at odds with those conditions.

The moment Drevs will most remember happened at Nyumbani Orphanage, a home for children infected with HIV. “They prepared us for a difficult situation. We expected this place and this program to be marked by sadness. But as soon as I rounded a corner at this orphanage, this kid came running up and hugged me around the legs.”

That’s not to discount the seriousness or severity of Africa’s very real problems. But perhaps this unexpected optimism is crucial to finding solutions. “We were prepared for grief, but we saw smiling kids and program directors who were hopeful about their changes of survival,” says Drevs. “In slums, people live in real poverty, but the programs we visited are about people doing good things, working together, getting out of the slums, and returning to help others do the same.”

There are no pat answers when it comes to Africa. It’s too easy to rhapsodize about hope in the midst of poverty and sickness. It’s too easy to conclude that this contradiction demonstrates some essential truth about the continent, its people, or its problems. But it is no stretch to say that experiencing it challenged Loyolans’ assumptions and showed them an Africa they didn’t expect to find.

Tom Derdak started Global Alliance for Africa in 1996 to address health care issues in East Africa. To learn more about GAA, how to get involved, and ways to contribute, please visit globalallianceafrica.org.
Lights, camera, take action

Last summer, a group of students at the John Felice Rome Center discovered that life in Italy isn’t always “la dolce vita.” As part of a summer film course at the JFRC, three students, Charlie Noell, Alexandra Platt, and James Kilton, spent four weeks shooting a documentary film about the Gypsies of Rome and the plight of all Gypsies in Italy.

Last May, while the students were settling into summer sessions at the JFRC, an unknown assailant threw a Molotov cocktail into a Gypsy camp in Naples, Italy. The incident unleashed a wave of anti-Gypsy sentiment across Italy, leading to the burning of several camps and government legislation targeting Gypsies for deportation.

Unbeknownst to most students at the JFRC, the largest Gypsy camp in Rome is a short bus ride from the center. When Noell, Platt, and Kilton were brainstorming ideas for a film, Todd Waller, associate director of student life at the JFRC, suggested a visit to the camp. Lorenza Fabretti, internship coordinator at the JFRC, accompanied the students on their first trip there.

“It was clear on the first day that we were not welcome,” says Noell. “Many journalists have portrayed Gypsies in an unflattering light. The Gypsies of Monte Mario were suspicious of our intentions.” After spending more time at the camp, however, the crew began to earn the residents’ trust.

Platt, a junior at the University of San Francisco, and Kilton, a recent alum, also from the University of San Francisco, employed their film-making skills. Noell, a Loyola senior who had spent the ’06–’07 school year at the JFRC, used his fluency in Italian to interview their subjects. All of the students worked under the tutelage of Rich Martini, a film-making professor who taught a summer session at the JFRC.

The three students traveled to the Gypsy camp five days a week for four weeks, capturing life at the camp and speaking with residents. The individuals interviewed expressed their frustration with policies that deny them citizenship in the country of their birth and won’t allow them to gain the necessary permits to work. The students also interviewed Tom Kington, a British journalist with expertise in Gypsy affairs. He voiced his concern over Italian laws that make it exceedingly difficult for Gypsies to play a productive role in society.

The weeks of work resulted in a short film, “Sono Niente,” or “I Am Nothing,” which was shown, along with six other films, at the JFRC inaugural film festival to great acclaim.

Noell is now at work promoting the film. It has been submitted to several major film festivals, including Cannes, and has been accepted at the Bologna Film Festival. Noell hopes that increased exposure will bring increased awareness of the difficulties many Gypsies face. The aspiring filmmakers have big dreams. “Right now, with ‘Sono Niente,’ we’d love to win some awards and gain some exposure,” says Noell. “We want to go back to Rome and make a longer film, something bigger and better.”

Unfortunately, the film can’t be viewed by the general public at this time, but visit romecenterfilm.blogspot.com to see the rest of the student-made films featured at the JFRC film festival.

Michigan to mariachi

WITH JUST A FEW DAYS before her debut at the Concierto Navideño in Mexico City, Katie Good (BA ’08) was feeling a little on edge.

“Rumor has it there will also be a procession and, oh yes, a piñata,” Good writes, just shortly before the annual festival hosted by the School of Mexican Music. “After six weeks of grueling mariachi rehearsals, I’m kind of hoping it’s shaped like a guitar.”

Good is a Fulbright-mtvU scholar studying “the power of music,” and blogging at fulbright.mtvu.com. It’s the perfect fit for the anthropology and radio production major, a native Michigander who is now fully committed—even at the risk of public humiliation—to better understanding a recent renaissance of traditional Mexican music. As generations of adults moved to big cities, they tended to leave their rural musical heritage behind. But now, their children are reconnecting with what was once seemingly lost.

“I hope my project will challenge the popular notion that traditional music is being stamped out by influences from the U.S. and Europe,” Good says. “As Mexico globalizes, a growing number of young people are interested in reinterpreting, not rejecting, the music of their country’s past.” Both the news and the music are good to hear.
A booming success

Many know that Darrin Williams goes by the nickname “Boomer.”
But few know that the moniker has nothing to do with his “booming” voice or his “booming” slam dunks on the basketball court.

“My aunt gave me the nickname ‘Boomer’ as a kid because I would boomerang between my mother’s home and my father’s home,” Williams explains. Despite being separated, Williams’s parents were there to guide him. Although Williams grew up in inner-city Detroit, in a neighborhood plagued by poverty and crime, the positive influence of his parents and his love of basketball propelled him to graduate from high school and earn an athletic scholarship to Loyola.

That would have been enough of a success story for many, but not for Darrin Williams. Now a redshirt senior and starting forward, the 6’8” Williams has already earned a dual degree in communication and business management, and is working on a second bachelor’s in human resources.

“It’s been about school since day one,” Williams says. “Loyola is a great academic institution, and I wanted to take advantage of all of the opportunities offered to me.” Along the way, Williams has earned admirers among the faculty, including communication studies instructor Kevin O’Connor.

“From the first time I met Boomer in my Small Group Communications class, until his last stellar presentation, he was the epitome of a gentleman and a gentle spirit,” O’Connor says. “He is confident and composed and an engaging person.”

Williams brings those traits to the basketball court, where he’s having his most productive year, averaging 7 points and 5 rebounds a game—this after overcoming two ACL surgeries that sidelined him for almost two full seasons.

“He was a young man who realized the amount of work it takes to be a successful student athlete, and he made that commitment,” says Tom Hitcho, senior associate athletic director, who got to know Williams working with him on rehabilitation following his surgeries.

When Williams leaves Loyola this spring, his first option is to play basketball in Europe, where he hopes to draw the attention of NBA scouts.

Williams is confident, because no matter how his basketball career evolves, he has earned his college degree. “I made it through a lot,” Williams says. “I’m proud of myself that I’ve gotten this far.” And he shows no signs of stopping.
Following in the family footsteps

Danny Docherty is following in the family footsteps. Docherty, a freshman on Loyola’s cross country and track teams, comes from a family of runners. His sister, Jenny, is a senior on the track team at the University of Iowa. His other sister, Laura, runs for her high school cross country and track teams. And his youngest sibling, Kevin, is an 8th grader starting to show interest in running.

“I always knew running was in the genes.”

DANNY DOCHERTY

“I always knew running was in the genes. Everybody in my family runs,” Docherty says. But he also learned by example. Each day, he watched as his parents dragged themselves from bed for their pre-dawn run.

His parents, Jim and Bev Docherty, share a lifelong love of running that stems from their days on the track teams at the University of Iowa, where they met. Jim, an account executive with Nike, ran cross country and track, and came within a fraction of breaking the 4-minute mile barrier his senior year, running a 4:00.8 mile.

Bev, a teacher and high school track coach, ran long-distance events at Iowa, and continued a competitive career as an adult as a marathon runner. Her personal best time was 2:38, and she qualified six times for the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. She never placed in the top three to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team, but being one of 80–300 runners to make the trails every four years from 1984–2004 is a distinction in itself.

“I credit my parents for setting a good example for me, leading healthy lifestyles and showing me how discipline and hard work can lead to success,” Danny Docherty says.

Success for Docherty so far has been placing 4th in the two mile and 5th in the mile in the state his senior year at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn. As a freshman, he won his first two cross country races at Loyola before being sidelined with shin splints. He recently resumed running for the track team.

As he looks forward to a promising career, Docherty is depending on the advice and support of his parents.

“Danny has a lot of upside, as he is just learning to be a runner,” his father says. “The biggest thing he needs to learn is to listen to your body. You’ve got to push yourself hard but not too hard that you hurt yourself.”

His mother has similar advice.

“Danny is such a competitor. He does not like to lose,” Bev Docherty says. “I think Danny is learning about patience and preparation. His best years are ahead of him.”

SPORTS SHORTS

Junior guard Maggie McCloskey set an NCAA record by hitting at least one three-point field goal in 69 consecutive contests. The sharpshooting Riverside, Ill., native had her record streak snapped in a loss at UIC on Feb. 7.

The Loyola men’s soccer team finished the 2008 season ranked No. 47 in the final Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) rankings. Last fall, the Ramblers made their second trip to the NCAA Tournament in the last three years and posted a 12-6-4 overall record.

The Ramblers’ men’s basketball squad stunned No. 15 Butler, 71-67, at historic Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on Feb. 15. Freshman Jordan Hicks recorded team highs of 23 points and 8 rebounds to key the victory and give Loyola its second win over a ranked foe in the last three seasons.

With a come-from-behind victory over defending national champion Penn State on Feb. 20 at Alumni Gym, the Loyola men’s volleyball team posted its first-ever win over a No. 1 team. Freshman Mike Bunting recorded a match-high 32 kills.

Men’s basketball fans, including team chaplain Sr. Jean Dolores Schmidt, on a bus to West Lafayette, Indiana, to see the Ramblers beat Georgia 74-53 in the first round of the NIT Season Tip-Off
The renowned William G. & Mary A. Ryan Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine occupies Loyola University Hospital's new patient tower.

Loyola named top cardiovascular hospital

Loyola University Health System has been named a 2008 Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals®: Cardiovascular Benchmark Award winner. It is the only Illinois hospital to be named to the list of the nation's top 30 teaching hospitals with cardiovascular residency programs. Compared with other hospitals, hospitals on the list had higher survival rates for heart failure, angioplasty, and heart bypass and lower rates of surgical complications. On average, top hospitals also cost $1,542 less. This is the fourth year that Loyola has made the list.

U.S. News & World Report® also consistently ranks Loyola's heart program as one of the best in the country, and Loyola is the only academic medical center in Illinois to win the American Stroke Association's 2008 Gold Performance Achievement Award.

Last year, Loyola's renowned Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine expanded into the hospital’s new $120 million patient tower, and Loyola is the first hospital in Illinois to staff a Heart Attack Rapid Response Team (HARRT) at the hospital 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Loyola University Health System board member James Dowdle and his wife, Sally, have pledged $500,000 to help offset the initial costs of opening the program.

Pillar of the community (service)

Loyola has always placed a high priority on imbuing its students with a sense of responsibility and leadership in their communities. This has not gone unnoticed: Loyola was recently awarded a spot on the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The honor roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs. Loyola also received the designation of Community Engagement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, including the highest classification of Curricular Engagement and Outreach & Partnerships. Loyola was one of the 119 successfully classified institutions and one of only 38 doctorate-granting institutions nationwide to receive this designation in 2008.

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— PATRICK GREEN
director, Center for Experiential Learning

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“Through service-learning courses and community engagement programs, Loyola's mission ‘to expand knowledge in the service of humanity’ is brought to life.”

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A cut above

Loyola University Chicago has awarded the PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION to its most outstanding students for more than 45 years. Every year, each school nominates a student to receive the award. This award is bestowed by the University for those students' outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service. The award is presented at the annual President’s Ball. Historically, the President’s Ball has provided an opportunity for student leaders to celebrate the founding of Loyola.

SHEILA A. HAAS, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor and former dean of the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, received the 2008 Illinois Outstanding Nurse Leader Award, recognizing her for being highly influential in shaping quality health care in Illinois. The award was presented during the 11th Annual Power of Nursing Leadership Event on October 24, 2008, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago.

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Stritch School of Medicine

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Saint Joseph College Seminary

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School of Education

DANIEL P. VARELA
School of Continuing and Professional Studies

RICCI SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS

- Karalena Guerrieri
- Gwen Klemenz
- Megan Konopka
- Richard Pundurs
- Samantha Slewa
- Michael Wilk

Scholarship abroad

LOYOLA IS HAPPY to announce the selection of the 2009–2010 Ricci Scholars who will travel to the John Felice Rome Center and the Beijing Center for a year of study, travel, and cross-cultural research.

Students apply for this unique and prestigious scholarship as sophomores while they prepare their research proposals, conduct field research and travel as juniors, and then complete their projects as seniors at Loyola in Chicago.

Each of this year’s chosen scholars has performed academically at the highest levels of their class at Loyola and enjoys the support of faculty mentors. During their stays in Rome and Beijing they will participate in regular classes in addition to carrying out their Ricci Scholars projects.

Video victory

LOYOLA STUDENTS Chris Davis and Jamie McArthur were recently named winners of the “Why Chicago” video contest sponsored by the Chicago 2016 Olympic Committee. “Why Chicago” asked participants to produce videos that show why the city of Chicago should be chosen to host the 2016 Olympics and Paralympic Games.

Davis's and McArthur’s video received the highest number of online votes. As the winners, the students were interviewed by Zoraida Sambolin on WMAQ-TV’s NBC 5 News Today, and they will also travel to Vancouver for a behind-the-scenes tour of preparations for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

To view the award-winning video, visit www.chicago2016.org/contest.aspx.
WE HAVE SOME GREAT NEWS TO SHARE. On February 12, 2009, Loyola achieved an exciting milestone when Partner: The Campaign for the Future of Loyola reached $300 million in pledged support. That number represents gifts from thousands of donors, in dollar amounts of every size, and from first-time donors as well as Loyola’s most ardent supporters. Although the campaign still has far to go, the gifts Loyola already has received will make a tangible difference on all of our campuses. This milestone is especially notable considering the economic downturn affecting all of us and reveals a special commitment from our extended community to our work and mission.

So thank you. We gratefully acknowledge all our partners and look forward to creating the future of Loyola together.

Visit LUC.edu/partner to learn more about the capital campaign or to make a pledge. Your continued support is needed, now more than ever.

Eugene Croisant and his wife of 45 years, Barbara, were both the first in their families to go to college. They have four Loyola degrees between them: he received a bachelor’s in commerce in 1959 and a master’s in industrial relations in 1966, and she earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology in 1964 and a master’s in education in 1972.

“We believe very strongly in Loyola’s Jesuit values, its commitment to ethical leadership, and its call for social justice in the world,” says Eugene Croisant.

In a spirit of gratitude, the Croisants have established a $2.4 million charitable remainder trust that will be split evenly between the School of Business Administration and Loyola University Health System.

“I know how difficult it can be to get funds for school, and I also know that Loyola is significantly populated with first-generation college students. We wanted to do something to help,” Croisant says.

By any standard, Gene Croisant has had an illustrious career in business. He traces his determination and drive to a family tragedy at a very young age: when Croisant was only 11 years old, his father, Edward, died.

“My father’s death made me what I am today—it gave me my drive to succeed and my need to work for my family’s security,” Croisant says.

At the time, in 1950, Croisant’s brother and sister were both newly married, so he and his mother lived on their own in a Chicago apartment.

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“We watched our pennies, and, as far back as I can remember, if I wanted spending money, I had to work for it,” he recalls. Croisant’s first job, at age 12, was at a neighborhood car lot. While attending a Chicago public high school, he began working part time downtown as a check processor at what would be the beginning of a 34-year career at Continental Bank.

Like many young men at the time, Croisant participated in his high school’s Junior ROTC program. During his senior year, Croisant’s platoon won the annual citywide drill competition. The chief judge of the competition happened to be the head of military science and tactics at Loyola. He tapped Croisant on the shoulder and invited him to visit Loyola. He ended up receiving a scholarship.

As a Loyola student, Croisant was inducted into the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi. He continued to work at Continental Bank part-time. Upon graduation in 1959, he began Army training and, after a two-year stint, went right back to banking for Continental, having been offered a full-time job before his time in the Army. “I was fortunate. People everywhere in my life have stepped up to help me at different times,” he says.

In 1961, while employed at Continental, Croisant enrolled in Loyola’s Industrial Relations Institute, where he sat next to Barbara Byczek in class. They began dating and married in 1964. In 1972, at age 35, Croisant was asked to head human resources for Continental’s worldwide operation, becoming the youngest senior vice president at the bank.

His successful career took him from Chicago to Washington DC to New York. While Croisant was in New York, President George H. W. Bush appointed him to the board of Amtrak, and later asked him to serve as an organizational consultant to the White House in 1992. In 2005, Croisant finally retired.

The Croisants have two accomplished children, Thomas and Cynthia, and five grandchildren. Barbara has had an active career as a high school counselor, the owner of a travel agency, and a chairperson of the American Indian Institute.

Though retired, Croisant stays busy with charitable work and other activities. He has maintained his interest in Loyola throughout his life. He taught in the business school and was a member of the dean’s council in the 1970s. He has served on the Board of Trustees for 18 years and is now a life trustee. He was honored at last year’s Founders’ Dinner with the SBA’s Damen Award, and he also has served on a number of projects at the medical center.

The Croisants have led a full life of great responsibility and success, and, through their generosity, are helping others to do the same. “This is one more example of Gene and Barbara’s long-standing and unwavering support of Loyola,” says Loyola President Michael J. Garanzini, S.J. “We are most grateful.” The funds to both the medical center and the business school are unrestricted and will be used where they are needed most.

IPS program for parishes inspires constructive conversation

At churches across the Chicago Archdiocese, parish leaders are meeting to discuss their experiences, receive professional counseling, and make plans for the future.

“Parishes are changing,” says Daniel Gast, director of INSPIRE, the program designed to nurture religious leadership. “It’s a critical and exciting time. “

Gast says it’s easy for parish community leaders to become fragmented, tending to their own responsibilities and losing sight of larger goals. INSPIRE supports collaborative leadership within the parish. Teams follow a program proposed by Drs. Mary Elsbernd (MSIR ’99) and Peter Gilmour (BS ’64, MRE ’71) of Loyola’s Institute of Pastoral Studies, in partnership with the Chicago Archdiocese.

INSPIRE originally was funded in 2003 with a five-year, $1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment’s Sustaining Pastoral Excellence program. Now, the endowment has pledged a four-year, $2 million matching grant. It is one of the largest grants in the program, with $1 million coming from the Lilly Endowment and $500,000 each coming from Loyola and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

According to Craig Dykstra, senior vice president for religion at the endowment, INSPIRE “has not only helped scores of parishes in greater Chicago, but is also providing a significant model nationwide for ways that priests and lay ministers can work together.” Five years in, parishes largely report breakthroughs and successes.

“Parishes are changing. It’s a critical and exciting time.”

—DANIEL GAST, director of INSPIRE, a partnership between Loyola and the Archdiocese of Chicago
As a young man, Jim Bouchard (BBA ’84) needed a flexible school that would also keep him motivated. Loyola was there for him.

Now, with a gift of $250,000 to the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, Bouchard is giving future students the same chance.

In 1981, Bouchard returned to Chicago from the University of San Diego after his father passed away. He was out of money and financing options, but Loyola’s University College, now known as the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, was a viable opportunity. “I needed to go out and get a job,” says Bouchard. “Taking continuing education classes was a way for me to work and pay for my education simultaneously.”

“I want to break down barriers so that others will have the opportunities that I had.”

—JIM BOUCHARD

In working a full-time job while finishing a degree, Bouchard followed in his father’s footsteps. “He put himself through night school,” says Bouchard. “He had a wife and seven kids and didn’t finish with school until he was 41 or 42. He ended up becoming very successful.”

Bouchard has also followed his father’s example in that respect. He devoted himself to learning everything he could about the manufacturing, sale, and distribution of steel. In 2003, Bouchard and his brother, Craig, founded Esmark Inc., which would become one of the largest steel companies in the country. After selling Esmark in 2008, Bouchard purchased the Esmark name back and has taken the company private again, with a focus on domestic oil and gas production. In 2007, Bouchard received the Damen Award from the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

For Bouchard, the lessons learned at Loyola went beyond business training. “I didn’t expect my theology and philosophy classes to have such a big impact on me,” he says. “I took a lot of these classes and they helped broaden my perspective; I think that played a major role in my business success.” He credits a holistic education with teaching him how to work in a team environment, how to be an effective manager, and the importance of establishing a philanthropic strategy. “I try to acknowledge the institutions that got me where I am today, and I also want to break down barriers so that others will have the opportunities that I had.”

Bouchard’s gift to Loyola’s School of Continuing and Professional Studies is about helping people who need a leg up. “There are folks out there who are like me or like my father,” says Bouchard, who is now on the Board of Trustees. “They’re going to need financial assistance to help them finish those degrees.”

With a matching gift of $250,000 from Loyola President Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., the $500,000 James P. and Carolyn K. Bouchard Endowed Scholarship Fund will help many students finish their degrees and advance in their careers.

Jeffrey Rosen, PhD, dean of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, says that this gift will be especially helpful to adult students who are working while pursuing their degrees. With this generous gift, Bouchard and Loyola have partnered to provide dedicated, nontraditional students with the opportunities that both Bouchard and his father enjoyed. As an example of how education can hone talent and ability, Bouchard provides students with both support and inspiration.
State pledges $2 million for nursing school

The state of Illinois pledged $2 million to Loyola University Health System to assist with costs in building a nursing school on the health system campus in the western suburbs. The Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing will be built alongside the University’s Stritch School of Medicine, allowing medical and nursing students to share resources.

“State officials realize that nurses are the backbone of health care in the United States and that they need to address the shortage of nurses across the state,” says Karen Alexander, senior vice president of development and external affairs. “They believe helping Loyola construct this facility will increase the growth of a new generation of highly trained nurses in Illinois.”

Currently, the classrooms, clinics, and administration offices of the school of nursing are spread across the three campuses: Lake Shore, Water Tower, and Maywood. Consolidating nursing on the health sciences campus will allow future nurses and physicians to be trained together in an environment similar to what they will experience upon graduation. The new building also will allow for improved collaboration among the nursing school, Stritch, and the health system, as well as strengthen existing relationships and promote new ties with other healthcare facilities in the western suburbs.

Nursing students will benefit from a Clinical Simulation Center planned for the new facility, which will encourage small groups of learners to develop and enhance their clinical examination skills using high-tech patient simulator models that mirror the responses of human patients. A new learning center—the Health Sciences Bridge—and is planned between the medical school’s John & Herta Cuneo Center and the new school of nursing building. By making all books and materials available in digital format and accessible by computer, it will create a technology-rich learning environment where students, teachers, and researchers can interact.

Construction of the nursing school building is expected to begin in 2009. This project already has attracted the support of the Arthur Foundation, which has made a $10 million gift to the new building.

Caravaggio beautifies the Rome Center

Once largely barren, many of the rooms and hallways of the JFRC now feature the works of one of Italy’s greatest artists: Caravaggio. Thanks to the generosity of Trustee Ruthellyn Musil and her husband, Ron, 69 of Caravaggio’s 77 known paintings now hang at the JFRC. Using an innovative process, the RAI Corporation of Italy has reproduced the paintings as high-resolution digital photographs. The prints are of astonishing quality and are printed in true-to-original-size format.

A continuation of the “Impossible Exhibit” sponsored by the RAI Corporation in 2005 at LUMA in Chicago, the JFRC Caravaggio Gallery was unveiled at a celebration late last year. Over 200 guests participated in the inauguration, including representatives of the Vatican press and many local JFRC alumni.

Since the unveiling, the new artwork has enriched the cultural life at the JFRC. “Our students stop and reflect on the paintings,” says Emilio Iodice, vice president and director of the JFRC. “Sometimes I even hear them debate his style when he was 22 versus 38.”

Drs. Renato Parascandolo and Paola Quercia of the RAI Corporation, benefactors Ron and Ruthellyn Musil, and Emilio Iodice and Susana Cavallo of the JFRC at the Caravaggio exhibit ribbon-cutting.
Philip R. May (BBA '67), a longtime Loyola supporter, is one of the inaugural participants in the University’s new Partner Pledge program. “What I am today, I owe in large part to Loyola,” says May. “Now I want to do my part.” Created as part of the University’s capital campaign, the Partner Pledge gives all donors who pledge to contribute at least $2,500 annually for five years the opportunity to create and name a fund supporting the school, scholarship, or program of their choosing, depending on the total amount of the pledge.

May has directed his Partner Pledge to the School of Business Administration’s Dean’s Venture Fund, which supports projects selected and approved by the dean in collaboration with the fund’s investors. As a Loyola business student majoring in economics, May was president of his fraternity and of the Economics-Finance Society, both experiences which he found beneficial later. “I learned a lot about leadership,” he says.

May is now owner of Philip May & Associates, a Chicago-based marketing-consulting firm for nonprofits, and is a former senior vice chairman of the advertising agency Cramer-Krasselt. The first in his family to attend college, May credits Loyola’s Jesuits with teaching him how to think. “Loyola professors encouraged us to reason and not accept things at face value,” he says.

Because of the foundation Loyola gave him, May is now happy to show his gratitude. “I believe people should support Loyola at whatever level they can,” he says. “Loyola has been good to me—it’s time for me to pay it back.”

Supporting the Partner Pledge

This is an exciting time to be a partner in Loyola’s progress. From the state-of-the-art Klarchek Information Commons at LSC to the new School of Communication facilities at WTC, innovative things are happening across our campuses. With annual support of $1,000 or more, members of the Damen Society are key to ensuring that today’s Loyola students have the best possible educational experience.

I’m proud to be part of this group of alumni, parents, and friends who set the standard of giving for other Loyolans. It feels great to know that through our commitment to the University year after year, we make a real difference in the life of Loyola.

Membership on the rise

Damen Society membership has increased steadily as more alumni, parents, and friends give $1,000 or more to support the University and its schools and units.

The Pledge

Through the Partner Pledge, endowed scholarships and programs are named in perpetuity. Term scholarships continue for the five-year period of the gift.

For more information, contact Stephanie Gunter at sgunter@luc.edu or 312.915.7292.
Scholarship keeps memory alive

“In high school, Michaela d’Afflisio did volunteer work with children in Guatemala, which set her on the course that led her to Loyola.”

So reads the inscription beneath the tree on the chapel walk. Nestled among the flowers, it remembers Michaela d’Afflisio, a young woman finding her possibilities in life.

In 2002, Michaela, then a freshman at Loyola, traveled home to New Jersey to see her family over spring break. After an evening at home with her father, Ted, and her mother, Denise, Michaela went up to her room. That night, she died of an epileptic convulsion.

This family tragedy had a profound effect on her parents and brother, Philip, as well as their large circle of family and friends. In the fervent wish to keep her dream alive, those who loved Michaela created a scholarship in her name for Loyola students needing financial assistance. The Michaela d’Afflisio Endowed Scholarship lends support to one undergraduate student each year. The tree planted for Michaela near Madonna della Strada Chapel on the Lake Shore Campus serves as a living tribute.

School of Social Work senior Sarah Guidone will complete her degree this year thanks in part to the d’Afflisio scholarship. Guidone, who has been taking classes for six years—four of which were as a part-time student working full time—is fully aware of the generosity of this family and the honor of being named this year’s scholar.

“I have been supporting myself since I was 18, and it was difficult to go to school while working full time,” says Guidone, of Northbrook. “I am so thankful for this money, because I was worried about living expenses. When I learned I was getting this scholarship, I visited Michaela’s tree. It was so emotional—learning about her story and visiting her tree. The gift was just what I needed to move forward.”

For Michaela’s family, though the heartache of losing their daughter will never subside, they take consolation in knowing they are helping other young people pursue their dreams.

“We wanted to make sure Michaela’s time at Loyola was not forgotten, that she was not just a breeze that passed through the campus where she longed to be,” says Ted d’Afflisio. “To me, when she came home from Christmas break that year, she was a transformed person,” he says. “Her time at Loyola, brief as it was, made her grow up intellectually. I could see she was different. She was just beginning to blossom as a human being.

“Michaela would have loved the idea of the scholarship,” he continues. “She could leave something to other people who can do a job that she couldn’t.”

Michaela had wanted to work with children in need. Now, through the scholarship created in her memory, many others will be enabled to do that work in her stead.
APRIL 2009
TUES., APRIL 7
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ALUMNI RECEPTION
• 6–8 PM
• Klarzech Information Commons, Fourth Floor, LSC
Join Dean David Prasse, PhD, as the School of Education gathers with its alumni, staff, faculty, and friends. Enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres as you reconnect with former classmates and network with other members of the SOE community.

WED., APRIL 15
ECONOMICS ALUMNI RECEPTION
• 6–8 PM
• Kasbeer Hall, 25 E. Pearson, WTC
Join us for an evening sure to be filled with laughter as you reconnect with fellow alumni, faculty, and students. All economics alumni are welcome. For more information visit LUC.edu/alumni/business.

FRI–SAT., APRIL 17–18
LOYOLA RUGBY ALUMNI CLASSIC
See next page for details.

SAT.–SUN., APRIL 18–19
JFRC ALL CLASS REUNION
See next page for details.

SUN., APRIL 19
PIRATES OF PENZANCE
• 2 PM show
• 5:30 PM reception
See the Loyola Department of Fine and Performing Arts production of this Gilbert and Sullivan classic, directed by Sarah Gabel, with fight choreography by Chicago artist Matt Hawkins. Cost is $25 per person and includes ticket to the show in Mullady Theatre, CFSU, plus reception following the play at Uncommon Ground on Devon.

THURS., APRIL 23
SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ENTREPRENEUR?
• 6 PM
• Kasbeer Hall, 25 E. Pearson, WTC
Learn how to get started and estimate your potential for success with advice from established entrepreneurs. Hosted by the SBA Alumni Board. For more information visit LUC.edu/alumni/business.

FRI., APRIL 24
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CONTINUING ED WORKSHOP
• 3–6:30 PM
• Maryville Academy (1150 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL)
Learn about globalization and migration with SSW professor and Immigration Studies Institute Director Maria Vidal de Haymes, PhD. Join us for networking and professional development. CEUs available. Details at LUC.edu/alumni/socialwork.

SUN., APRIL 26
DENTAL ALUMNI MASS
• 9:30 AM
• Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State, Chicago)
All are welcome at this Mass recognizing dentists. Organized by Catholic dentists in Chicago, the Mass will be followed by a pancake brunch ($15 at the door, RVSP requested).

JUNE 2009
FRI–SUN., JUNE 5–7
HALF-CENTURY CLUB REUNION
See next page for details.

SAT., JUNE 6
FOUNDERS’ DINNER
See next page for details.

JULY 2009
TUES., JULY 7
LOYOLA NIGHT AT THE CUBS
• 5 PM pre-game party at Goose Island Brewery
• 7:05 PM first pitch at Wrigley Field
Join us for this time-honored tradition! Come on out to the Friendly Confines for a night of fun with fellow Ramblers (and the Cubs). Cost is $45 per person (includes ticket to the game, food, and beer/wine/soda at the pre-game party). Limit four tickets per alum.

FAMILY WEEKEND • SEPT. 25–27, 2009
Save the date for a weekend packed with activities for all ages at Family Weekend 2009. Plans for an Alpha Kappa Psi reunion and a 1968-72 Campus Life reunion are already under way. Have an idea for an event that you would like to see over Family Weekend? Contact Beth Kondrat at ekondra@luc.edu or 312.915.6189.

CAREER SERVICES FOR ALUMNI
Tap into a variety of career services, job fairs, and networking opportunities. Alumni Relations has partnered with Loyola’s Career Development Center and Career Management Services (for the School of Business) to provide alumni with lifelong career connections and resources.

Driving Your Job Search in a Changing Economy
Sponsored by Career Management Services, all alumni are welcome to attend part or all of this four-part career workshop series offered in April.

TUES., APRIL 21
Get a Financial Life
Beth Kobliner, New York Times best-selling author and financial journalist, will address critical personal finance issues from credit card debt and student loans to investing and long-term savings.

For more information, visit LUC.edu/alumni/career.
JOHN FELICE ROME CENTER
ALL CLASS REUNION
April 18–19
• Reception/Dinner  
  Saturday, April 18  
  at Embassy of Italy
• Mass and Brunch  
  Sunday, April 19  
  Mass at Dahlgren Chapel  
  (Georgetown University)  
  Brunch at Urbana (Hotel Palomar)
JFRC alumni are welcome to Washington DC for a weekend of reminiscing and celebration. Details and registration online at LUC.edu/alumni/jfrc.

HALF-CENTURY CLUB REUNION
June 5–7
• Welcome Reception  
  Friday, June 5, at 7 PM  
  Kasbeer Hall, 15th Floor,  
  25 E. Pearson (WTC)
Kick off the weekend with a welcome reception to reconnect with friends and classmates. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. $15/person, cash bar.
• Mass  
  Sunday, June 7, at 10:30 AM  
  Madonna della Strada Chapel
Celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist in Madonna della Strada and then enjoy a special brunch where you can meet and mingle with fellow classmates. Members of the Class of 1959 will be inducted into the Half-Century Club. All members of the Half-Century Club are welcome to attend both the Mass and brunch.

LOYOLA RUGBY ALUMNI CLASSIC
April 17–18
• Welcome Reception  
  Friday, April 17, at 9 PM  
  Paddy Long’s, 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy.
• Alumni Match  
  Saturday, April 18, at 1 PM kick-off  
  Montrose Harbor at Wilson Ave. and Lake Shore Drive
• Post-match Social  
  Saturday, April 18, at 6 PM  
  Black Rock Pub, 3614 N. Damen
$30 per person includes three hours of select beer, a buffet, and a donation. Raffle and end-of-season awards will be distributed.

NEW YEAR,
NEW E-MONTHLY
A new design of our Alumni e-Monthly has arrived. Are you not receiving this monthly publication with important alumni news, events, and services? Please update your information online or call the alumni office at 1.800.5.LOYOLA.
Check it out at LUC.edu/alumni/emonthly.

FOUNDERS’ DINNER
JUNE 6, 2009
6:00 PM cocktail reception
7:00 PM dinner
LAKE SHORE CAMPUS

For more information, please call 312.915.7662.
See this year’s awardees at LUC.edu/founders.
All proceeds benefit the Presidential Scholarship Fund.

JFRC All Class Reunion 2008
A faith that does justice

National Day of Service • Saturday, April 18

Loyola’s Alumni Association is sponsoring its second annual National Day of Service. On Saturday, April 18, alumni will engage in activities designed to strengthen our communities and beautify our environment.

Loyola alumni will return to the National Museum of Mexican Art in Pilsen to tutor adult learners of English. Students from Poder Learning Center, an agency providing tuition-free classes on Chicago’s Southwest Side, will pair up with volunteers for informal conversations. Using the museum’s stunning collection, alums will invite the ESL students to practice their English language skills by talking about the works of art.

On Chicago’s North Side, volunteers will gather at the Howard Area Community Center (HACC), Rogers Park’s largest social service agency. “Historically, Loyola graduates and students have worked at the center,” says John T. Fitzgerald (A&S ’65, LAW ’68), former HACC board member and executive director. Fitzgerald and other NDS volunteers will help with capital improvements at a HACC building on Morse Avenue.

Give back to your community! Join Loyola for the 2009 National Day of Service. As you consider this opportunity, remember: the reward for service rendered is far greater than the effort expended.

CHICAGOLD VOLUNTEER SITES

- Chicago Jesuit Academy
- Forest Preserve District of Cook County Skokie Lagoons
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Brown Elephant Resale Shop
- Poder Learning Center & the National Museum of Mexican Art
- Howard Area Community Center
- Lakeview Pantry West
- Lakeview Pantry West

Give More. Get More. Loyola alumni across the country will participate in projects in their communities on Saturday, April 18, as part of the Loyola National Day of Service.

“I enjoyed volunteering my time, service, and strength to the children. Personally, I am a school social worker, and I know schools need all the help they can get. Plus, the children deserve it!”

—2008 CHICAGO JESUIT ACADEMY VOLUNTEER

To learn more about each site or to register, visit LUC.edu/alumni/serve/nds or contact Clara Dina Hinojosa at 312.915.6741.
More than 55,000 Loyola alumni live outside the Chicagoland area, current Loyola students come from all 50 states, and we’ve got friends around the globe! Rambler Clubs aren’t just for alumni (Loyola parents are welcome at all activities).

**SANTA FE / ALBUQUERQUE**
Eight alumni and friends enjoyed a tour of the country’s oldest capital city. The fun and informative tour concluded with lunch at the renowned Shed Restaurant.

**MILWAUKEE**
Food, drinks, and basketball were on the menu when this club hosted a “Root for the Ramblers” night on Wednesday, January 28. The evening started at Trinity Three Irish Pubs and then moved to U.S. Cellular Arena where alums watched the Loyola men’s basketball team take on the UWM Panthers. Next on tap for this group will be a Brewers game this summer. But before that, come hear about plans related to Partner: The Campaign for the Future of Loyola at a special luncheon at the Wisconsin Club on Saturday, March 28.

**LOS ANGELES**
As a follow-up to last year’s extremely successful event, LA will once again be hosting a Dodgers vs. Cubs game this summer. Mark your calendar for August 22 and plan on coming out to Dodger Stadium. And, new this year due to popular demand, the group will host an Angels vs. White Sox game on Sunday, September 13.

**NEW YORK**
Join University and health systems leaders as they share plans related to Partner: The Campaign for the Future of Loyola at a special cocktail reception on Wednesday, April 22, at the New York Athletic Club. And, check out the Mets’ new digs on Sunday, September 6, when they take on the Cubs. Don’t miss this great chance to meet and mingle with fellow Loyolans, see the new Citi Field, and watch a ball game!

**PHOENIX**
The weather was the only way to know the game was in Arizona as 90 alumni, parents, and friends gathered at Hohokam Field on February 28 to watch the Cubs vs. White Sox. Decked out in blue and red or white and black (though everyone was maroon and gold at heart), the group had a great time enjoying a pregame lunch and game at the spring training home of the Cubs.

**SAN FRANCISCO**
A variety of activities are planned for the spring and summer! To kick things off, compete in the ING Bay to Breakers 12K on Sunday, May 17. Then, on Saturday, June 6, bring the family and head out to Brentwood for cherry picking. To close out the summer, join us Saturday, September 26, when the Cubs come to town to take on the Giants.

**DENVER**
On January 8, 30 alumni, friends, and family members got together for the inaugural Denver Rambler Club event, an Avalanche vs. Blackhawks NHL Game. The group met up in the arena prior to the game for dinner and Loyola giveaways. This summer, join the club at the Rockies vs. Cubs game on Saturday, August 8.

**ST. LOUIS**
The I-55 series is coming to town and so is Loyola. Join fellow Loyolans Saturday, September 19, when the Cubs come to town to take on the Cardinals in this classic rivalry.

**WASHINGTON DC**
Once again Loyola will be joining the Cubs in DC. This year, meet fellow Ramblers on Saturday, July 18, for an afternoon of giveaways, food, and, of course, baseball.

For info on all the events listed and ways to get involved with a Rambler Club in your area, check out: [LUC.edu/alumni/clubs](http://LUC.edu/alumni/clubs).

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**Ramblers give back and make a difference**

**PARTICIPATING RAMBLER CLUBS**
- Denver
- Los Angeles
- Milwaukee
- New York
- Phoenix
- San Francisco
- Washington DC

Join fellow Ramblers across the country for the second annual National Day of Service on Saturday, April 18. Come out and make a difference in your community.

[Read more about NDS on page 37.](#)
Phyllis Haladay (NURS-BSN ’59) lives in Florida with her husband, Bill. They have six children; the oldest is 50 and the youngest 27. She went back to school at the University of South Florida and graduated with a master’s degree in counseling in 1979. Since then, she has been the nursing services administrator of two hospitals and started her own consulting company for rehabilitation. Currently, she is doing psychiatric nursing for Medicare patients in their homes.

Year in 2003. She is married to David L. Anderson (BA ’69, Med ’73).

Arthur R. Colaianni (BA ’69), whose pen name is Arthur Cola, is now a writer after spending 35 years in education. His book, Papa and the Leprechaun King: The Secret Legend of the Shamrock, will be published in 2009. Colaianni’s next novel, The Shamrock Crown and the Legend of Excalibur, should be out next year. He has partnered with CIE Tours to develop two travel programs that follow the plots of his novels through Wales, England, and Ireland.

John H. Gerding, DDS (DENT ’70) has been elected vice president of the Chicago Dental Society.

Dan K. Webb (JD ’70), leading defense attorney, chairman of Winston & Strawn, LLP, in Chicago, and the former U.S. attorney, has been named Chicago Lawyer magazine’s 2008 Person of the Year.

Denis Curran (BS ’71, Med ’76, EdD ’89) has been accepted by the Bishop of Fort Worth, Texas, to be a Catholic priest for that diocese. Curran began two years of seminary training in January at Hales Corners, Wis.

John Ronan (BA ’67) recently published a new book of poetry, Marrowbone Lane. Reviews are strong.

Patrick Sweeney, MD, PhD (A&S ’67), director of the Women & Infants Hospital’s Division of Ambulatory Care, was given the Women & Infants’ Medical Staff Association Distinguished Service Award at the hospital’s annual meeting.

Virginia Anderson (BA ’69) recently retired as a Latin teacher from Barrington Middle School in Barrington, Ill. Anderson taught Latin for over 30 years and was named Illinois Latin Teacher of the Year in 2003. She is married to David L. Anderson (BA ’69, Med ’73).

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John Mitterer (BA ’73) is working at CSC, a global consulting, systems integration, and outsourcing company in Schaumburg, Ill.

Mary Ellen (Kramer) Mitterer (BA ’73) is teaching Spanish at Geneva High School in Geneva, Ill.

Gale A. Yee, PhD (BA ’73, MA ’75), was appointed the Nancy W. King Professor of Biblical Studies Chair at the Episcopal Divinity School in October 2008.

Jack O’Keefe (PhD ’74) recently published a historical thriller, Brother Sleeper Agent, about an Irish plot to assassinate Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill during World War II.

Melvin C. Terrell (Med ’74), retired vice president for student affairs at NEIU, was granted the title of vice president emeritus by the NEIU Board of Trustees.

Paul Lombardo (MA ’75), professor of law in the Center for Law, Health, and Society at Georgia State University College of Law, recently published a new book, Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Eugenics, the Supreme Court and Buck v. Bell. His book is the first complete study of the notorious U.S. Supreme Court decision that led to more than 60,000 involuntary sterilizations of people described as “feebbleminded and socially inadequate.”

Pat Luehrs (BS ’77, MSW ’80) completed her PsyD at the Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles. She has a private practice in Pasadena.

Charles A. Nozicka, DO, FAAP, FAAEM (BS ’78) was appointed medical director of pediatric emergency medicine at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, Ill., and associate clinical professor of emergency medicine at Rosalind Franklin University / The Chicago Medical School in Great Lakes, Ill.

Julie Garbarczyk Hyzy (SBA ’81) released a second novel in her White House Chef Mystery series called Hail to the Chef. Following State of the Onion, it features Olivia Paras, who feeds the First Family and saves the world in her spare time. It is Hyzy’s sixth book. Hyzy and her husband, Curt Hyzy (BBA ’81), live in Tinley Park, Ill.

Michael Rice (SBA ’81), a managing director in the Chicago offices of Novantas LLC, chaired the 2008 Middle Market Commercial Banking Symposium (sponsored by SourceMedia) and was involved in developing its agenda and session content. At the symposium, Rice also presented the findings of the Novantas 2008 Middle Market Customer Acquisition Survey.

Robert K. Rasmussen (BA ’82) is the dean of the University of Southern California Gould School of Law and was elected to the American Law Institute.

Rev. Jimmie L. Flewellen (MPS ’83) now is retired from his position as the first African-American Catholic chaplain for the United States Justice Department. He is still active at his parish, St. Jude Thaddeus. Rev. Flewellen was honored by the state of Georgia on May 28, 2008, for his work. This honor is reflected in the Georgia State Archives.

Earl E. Rubino, CLU (BBA ’83), president and CEO of the Rubino Group, LLC, was recently named, for the 20th consecutive year, to the Guardian Life Insurance Company of America Leader’s Club. To obtain
ALMA MATTERS

Robert A. Vitas, CFRE (BA ’84, PhD ’89), has been named vice president of the IFT Foundation. Vitas will play a leading role in the foundation’s goal of connecting people, resources, and information to raise the standard of food science and technology in the world.

Alfred A. “Fred” Spitzzeri (JD ’86) recently was nominated at the Naperville Township Republican Caucus for reelection as a Naperville Township trustee and will be on the ballot in the April general election. He has served as a trustee for seven years and recently completed a term as president of the DuPage County Bar Association (2007–08).

Lisa A. Festle, RN-NIC, MSN, APN/CCNS (BSN ’87, MSN ’93), recently was selected by the National Association of Neonatal Nurses to receive the Robyn Main Excellence in Clinical Practice Award. The award was presented at the NANN annual conference in September. Festle is a staff nurse at Loyola University Hospital Systems Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Rosemary De Angelis Laird (BS ’87) co-wrote a book entitled Take Your Oxygen First: Protecting Your Health and Happiness While Caring for a Loved One with Memory Loss, along with Leezah Gibbons and James Huysman. It is being published in May 2009.

Brenda Reeb (BA ’87, Rome ’84) has written a book entitled Design Talk: Understanding the Roles of Usability Practitioners, Web Designers, and Web Developers in User-Centered Web Design. Since 2001, Reeb has practiced usability methods in Web design at the River Campus Libraries of the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

She has worked as a librarian in academic research libraries since 1994.

Dr. Muriel Hawkins (PhD ’89) was recently honored for her legacy of promoting diversity and providing a sense of welcome and inclusion among students who compose the growing multicultural student population at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

M. Grace Sielaff’s (MUND ’92) commercial and residential interior design firm, M. Grace Designs Inc. (MGDI) was contracted by Hanamint, a distributor and manufacturer of midmarket cast aluminum furniture and accessories, to redesign the company’s Merchandise Mart showroom in Chicago, Ill. MGDI used Green designs to renovate this space.

Jason Kuzniar (BA ’96) was named a new partner of the international law practice Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP. He is a graduate of Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Jennifer Metz Maxwell (MBB ’96) wrote an editorial as a guest columnist for the Baltimore Examiner in December called “This Christmas: Bucking the Trend.”

Catherine Coffaro (BA ’97) married William Talatzko on October 4, 2008. The couple resides in Wauwatosa, Wis.

Jacquelyn Frausto (BS ’97), a Chicago police officer, recently earned a PhD in business administration from Argosy University. She is married to Daniel Frausto. The couple has three children: Danie (4), Diego (1), and David (1).

John Sadowski (BA ’98, Rome ’97) and his wife, Sherry, welcomed their second child in September, a baby girl named Willow. They have one son, Jonah, who is now two. Mr. Sadowski is a Ramsey County assistant public defender in St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Sadowski is an E.R. nurse at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

James Shea’s (BS ’98) first poetry collection, Star in the Eye, was selected as winner of the 2008 Fence Modern Poets Series and was named by the Chicago Sun-Times as one of its “Favorite Books of 2008.” Shea teaches creative writing and literature at DePaul University and Columbia College Chicago. His poems have been published in numerous journals.

Melissa C. Serpico Kambhout (A&S ’99) earned a BFA at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and launched a line of clothing in 2006. She opened a clothing storefront called Serpico in the fall of 2008 in Chicago.

2000s

Melissa Daniel (BS ’01, Rome ’00, MBA ’04) married Denton Cunningham Jacobs on May 17, 2008, in Chicago. The couple went to Turkey on their honeymoon.

Ufuoma Otu (BA ’01) played a lead role in landing her firm the Public Relations Society of America 2008 National Capital Award for Crisis Communications Program of the Year. Otu works for Media & Communications Strategies, LLC, a Washington DC-based public, media, and government relations firm.

Liz Hoffman (BA ’02) founded a theater group called Project 891 Theater Company in Chicago. Hoffman founded the group with the hope of infusing the local theater scene with a bit of history.

Dr. George E. MacKinnon III (PhD ’02) was appointed by the University of Dallas as the founding dean and professor of the university’s new pharmacy school, scheduled to open in 2011. Before his appointment, Dr. MacKinnon was vice president of academic affairs at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

David J. Schwanner (BA ’02, JD ’05) and his wife, Candis, were blessed with the birth of their first son, Nicholas Robert Schwanner, in July 2008. Schwanner has spent his entire career with the firm of Morici, Figlioli & Associates representing the seriously injured.

Sonal Shah (A&S ’02) is playing new intern Dr. Sunny Dey on SCRUBS this season (7 episodes) and is the star of the Web series SCRUBS: INTERNS on ABC.com (12 episodes).

Meghan Anzelo (BA ’03, BS ’03) received her PhD in physics from Northwestern University last June. She is a consultant at Travelers insurance in personal insurance research.

Ann Konkoly, RN (BS ’03, BSN ’04), earned an MS from UIC in maternal-child nursing in May 2008.

Marc Wezowski (BS ’03, MS ’06) earned a JD from the University of Michigan in 2009.

Kristen Fenton (MSW ’05), has joined Paradigm Shift, a U.S. nonprofit, and is training South African churches to fight poverty in their communities by utilizing the highly successful tool of microfinance.

Evelyn Salazar (A&S ’08), who worked with Loyola University Chicago Department of Philosophy chair Dr. Paul Moser’s project, Beauty: The Sources, has been selected in a national competition to present the Latin American research to U.S. senators and representatives in Washington.

Laura Sienas (BS ’08), completed a ride-and-build tour with Habitat for Humanity that covered over 4,000 miles, 12 states and 10 building days over this past summer. Sienas was supported by Loyola, which held a mass collection for her during the spring of 2008. Photos of her tour are available at: www.picasaweb.google.com/laurasienas.
IN MEMORIAM

Adelaide B. Agnew (BA ’34)
Margaret G. Pongruber (MUND ’36)
Humphrey H. Cordes (BA ’37)
Dorothy J. Milak (MUND ’38)
Robert G. Denkewalter (BS ’39)
Rosemary Denkewalter (MUND ’39)
John P. Driscoll (LLB ’39)
Samuel R. Marotta (BS ’39)
Marie Fabrizio (MUND ’40)
Gerard M. Leis (BS ’40)
Benjamin Vinikour, DDS (DENT ’40)
Frances A. O’Shaughnessy (PhB ’41)
Fred P. Alonzi (LLB ’41)
John T. Chedester, DDS (DENT ’42)
Clement H. Novak (BA ’42)
James A. Schuler, MD (SSOM ’48)
Frank A. Kreuz (BS ’48)
Robert C. Brown, MD (SSOM ’48)
Gerald J. Kennedy (BS ’47, MEd ’56)
Elinor J. Duval (MUND ’46)
Blanche T. Clark (BSEd ’44)
Jack A. Lyons (BA ’43)
Blanche T. Clark (BSEd ’44)

IN MEMORIAM

Anthony A. Degnan (BS ’65)
Stanley E. Sawicki (MSW ’64)
William P. Walsh (BA ’63, PhD ’77)
Ruth E. Kennon (MSW ’64)
Stanley E. Sawicki (MSW ’64)
Anthony A. Degnan (BS ’65)

IN MEMORIAM

James G. Fitzgerald (BS ’65)
Irene A. Volle (MUND ’65, MBA ’78)
Fr. Murarak Anwar Amar, PhD (BA ’66)
Gerald J. Brooks (JD ’66)
John W. Hannon (BBA ’66)
Herbert J. Singer (JD ’66)
Alfred W. Von Smolinski (PhD ’66)
James G. Vokovick (BS ’66)
Joan C. Innis (MUND ’67)
Mary M. Angelica (BA ’68)
Karen A. Bala (BACLs ’68)
Marie A. Favaro (BA ’68, MSW ’70)
Judith A. Hofherr (MUND ’68)
Olga Kaszubowski (Ed ’68)
Robert J. McCarthy (Rome ’67–68)
Raymond J. Pavoiskis (BA ’68)
Daniel E. White (BBA ’68, MBA ’73)
Patricia Kennedy (BSEd ’69)
Jeanne E. Lammert (BS ’69, MS ’67)
Edwin S. Malloy Jr., MD (SSOM ’69)
Lawrence P. McGrail (BS ’69)
Br. Thomas F. O’Malley (MEd ’69)
Vincent J. Rubino (BS ’69)
Jon V. Stevenson (BA ’69)
John H. Baier (MBA ’70)
Timothy F. Comeford (MBA ’70)
Edward D. Dillon (BS ’70)
Marilyn R. Fiduccia (MEd ’70, PhD ’77)
Barbara A. Liederman (BSN ’70, MSN ’73)
Joseph P. Zbilut (BACLs ’70)
Arthur G. Davis Jr. (MISR ’71)
Floyd M. Banks (MEd ’72, EEd ’80)
John D. Fingl (BS ’72)
L. Michael Glick

IN MEMORIAM

John H. Whittington
Robert A. Thomas, MD
Horace E. Tennes
John K. Smith
June O. Sawicki
Herbert M. Rubinstein
John J. O’Connell
Rocco S. Pacelli
Emily A. Pavlik
Joseph Pendergast, SJ
Robert Preucil
Otto Raddatz
Sumner Rahr
John J. Rastovac
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Bernice T. Zellick

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Frank Busch
(BSEd ’73)

Head Coach, Men’s and Women’s Swimming, University of Arizona
Three-time Olympics Swimming Coach
Six-time NCAA Coach of the Year

“A CHANCE ENCOUNTER
I met my wife, Patty (BSN ’73), a couple of days before classes started sophomore year. I just bumped into her on the steps in front of Mertz at an outdoor concert. We got married in 1972, during the summer before our senior year.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES
I’ll never forget—during the Vietnam War protests in the spring of freshman year, the Jesuits were very in tune to what was going on. Classes were being cancelled on almost every campus in the country. And especially after the ’68 convention in Chicago, the Jesuits understood that there were a lot of young people who were passionate about the issue. I remember that as a pretty special time.

LETTING THE GOOD TIMES ROLL
The guys I played water polo with and swam with were great guys, and our water polo coach, Ralph Erickson, was legendary. We had some moments in practice that were off-the-wall crazy. The guys will know what I’m talking about. He was an unforgettable character, and we had some interesting times together.

GOING FOR GOLD
In 2000 at Sydney I was on the staff of South Africa’s team. In ’04, I was part of the U.S. women’s staff, and in Beijing I coached for the U.S. men’s team. Michael [Phelps] made the games special with everything he accomplished, and the relay teams made us really proud. It’s an amazing experience to have your athletes represent their country.

FAVORITE EVENT
I like relays, because they signify team unity.

WHY SWIMMING?
Swimming is one of the most demanding sports, in terms of time that an individual has to put in. I work with dedicated, disciplined, driven, young people. You see the passion in their eyes.

OF WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD?
My family [Busch and his wife have five children]. They’re wonderful humans and they’re contributing to society. As far as my career and coaching, I’m most proud of the fact that the people I’ve been associated with have kept in touch with me. They’re still in my life, and that means a lot.

WHAT’S NEXT?
In my 37th year of marriage, my wife and I have taken maybe three or four vacations. I have a granddaughter now, which has changed my life. I’m trying to spend time with my family. Family is everything.

“I’m very fortunate to be where I am. I’m a person that’s living his dream.”
—FRANK BUSCH
(BSEd ’73)
BLAST FROM THE PAST

1963: Pool ignites protest

IF YOU WENT TO the 17th floor of Lewis Towers today, it wouldn’t look like much. But the floor once housed a swimming pool that played an unlikely part in the Civil Rights Movement of the early ’60s.

In the summer of 1963, a group of Loyola students, nuns, and a priest picketed outside the Illinois Club for Catholic Women in protest against alleged discrimination. At issue was the refusal of the Illinois Club for Catholic Women to allow black women enrolled at Loyola to use the club’s pool located on the 17th floor of Lewis Towers, which, at the time, was not managed by Loyola.

Small student demonstrations began in May, and the ranks of protesters grew steadily. Seven Franciscan sisters, the first ever to protest in habits, and a priest joined the picketing lines on July 1, after which the story made the national news, including photos in the *New York Times* and *Time* magazine. After the story garnered national attention, the ICCW conceded and promised to open the pool to all. There are conflicting stories as to whether the ICCW actually carried through on its promise, but there is no doubt that the protest marked a significant point in the movement then unfolding on the national stage.

Loyola, which has never discriminated based on race, creed, or color, now owns and manages all of Lewis Towers, although the ICCW still maintains an office on the fifth floor. The swimming pool, like the protest that made it famous, is history.


Students and clergy protest outside Lewis Towers, 1963.
On a chilly 24° Saturday in December, about 60 volunteers braved the frigid waters of Lake Michigan for the annual IC Plunge. Through the Invisible Conflicts student group, the event raised over $15,000 for organizations helping children in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.