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The cover is a picture collage of Loyola students from the 2020-2021 school year. The combination of the mask and mask less photos are a reflection of the many changes and challenges that the Loyola community overcame this year.

Photo top left: Meghan Croston’21 and Truman Graves ’21 in freshmen robotics class.

Photo middle left: Flaminia Melchionna ’21 and George McLean ’21 on graduation day in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Photo top middle right: Smiling seniors, Amber Delgado ’21 and Dayelin De la Cruz ’21.

Photo middle right: Juniors posing during Spirit Week! First row left to right; Klein Arias Simon ’22 and Nico Corporon ’22. Back row left to right; Ailish Long ’22, Julia Grifo ’22, and Elizabeth Morris ’22.

Photo bottom left: Juliette DeSpirito ’21 and Lexa Honeck ’21 gardening in Camden, NJ on a service trip.

Photo bottom right: Seniors and teachers on the annual Belize trip. Left to right: Amber Delgado ’21, Dayelin De la Cruz, ’21, Eleni Vasiliades ’21, Noelle Morano ’02, Alex White ’21, and Harry Egner.
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Dear Loyola Family,

The 2020-21 school year was a challenging one in many ways, but my reflections in looking back on the year bring me to a sense of gratitude rather than focusing on those aforementioned challenges. At our end-of-year faculty meeting I thanked our faculty, staff and administrators for doing all they could possibly do for our student body as we all battled the effects of COVID. Not too long before that meeting, I thanked our student body for their incredible resilience and, separately, I acknowledged a group of parent volunteers for being the backbone of what we refer to as our “Loyola family.” In between, I also expressed my gratitude to our trustees for the strategic leadership that they provide which helps define our Loyola School of today and tomorrow, a school which seeks equality and a sense of belonging for all.

Speaking of the Loyola of tomorrow, we learned a great deal this year in our online and hybrid instruction experience. We hope to and plan to reopen this fall in-person, though we understand that there were facets of the online instruction offered to our students that stimulated their learning experience. At the same time, though, we know that the most important part of any educational experience remains the interaction of teacher and student. Famed entrepreneur Richard Branson has concluded, “While gadgets like smartphones and tablets certainly do have a huge positive impact upon my working life, it is the people around me who really make the difference.” That will always be true at Loyola School.

Filippo Galluppi, a graduate of Loyola’s class of 1947 who passed away this academic year, published a management book in 2013 entitled *The Missing Human Factor – How to Engage Human Beings in Order to Create Cooperation and Loyalty.* Filippo, a trained engineer and inventor, asserted that loyalty and cooperation are characteristics that are necessary for high performing businesses; I believe that is true for great school communities too, and I know that Loyola School is blessed with both characteristics. In his acknowledgements, Filippo writes of Loyola, “Someone asked me a few years ago what it was that this school has taught me that made me feel close for so long.” He thought a great deal about the question and resolved that, “Loyola had taught me to think (and) to reflect on and discern what is really important.” Some 64 years later, we continue to work to make that true for our students today.
Enjoy our Loyola Magazine and the articles and sections that talk about our pandemic school year; the wonderful life of Fr. Mike Sehler, S.J.; alumni, Herman Wolz '52 and Dee Tubridy '95; our Global Perspective Class and their interactions with our grads; our Strategic Plan and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan and an update on our INES Program; our new Director of Admissions, Mr. Atif Lodhi; and other notable 2020-21 accomplishments which were the results of the hard work and dedication of students, faculty, administrators, volunteers, coaches and moderators, parents and friends...all who worked in collaboration in their commitment to our Loyola School.

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Tony Oroszlany '87
President
A Message from the Principal

Dear Members of the Loyola School Community,

This year’s theme for the school year, “Growing Stronger Together,” certainly rang true! What a difficult year it has been – maybe the most difficult of my 47 years as an educator. The stress of assessing the changing COVID situation and of adopting efforts to respond to our circumstances as they evolved was constant. Looking back, however, the year is not without its bright spots. It was a year of challenges met, and met extremely well by the Loyola community – a year of growing stronger together. While many of us enter the summer feeling a bit drained, both physically and emotionally, we also look ahead with optimism to what appears to be a fully in-person fall re-opening under much closer to normal circumstances.

Our successes in the past school year have been numerous. Among those successes:

- Our great facilities staff last summer reorganized the entire building for six-foot socially distanced, technologically enhanced learning, and for safe environments for faculty workspaces and the student cafeteria. In late April, the staff reorganized once again to allow for a three-foot socially distanced return to the building to which we were able to transition. Now they are completing the change back to the setup of the building for a normal opening of the school year.

- Faculty members demonstrated true openness to growth drawing on their creativity and flexibility in adjusting their teaching strategies to meet the hybrid model of instruction we used for almost the entire year. One week, half of our students were in their physical classrooms while the other half participated synchronously from home in the virtual Zoom classroom; then the groups switched places on alternating weeks. This called for new instructional and assessment techniques which the faculty readily embraced.

- The Equity and Inclusion Committee created action steps designed to help Loyola be an antiracist and anti-bias school with intentionality. Among the steps we are taking or have taken: creating additional affinity groups for students so that they may share with those who have a common background or experience; undertaking a review of curriculum to insure that a diverse set of voices is heard and studied; and strengthening professional development for all staff in the area of equity and inclusion.

- Many co-curricular activities were able to function virtually. Our drama productions and school concerts took place on Zoom and showcased our students’ musical and theatrical abilities. Speech and debate activities happened virtually, and junior Olivia Pasquerella became the national champion in the category of Student Congress. Spring athletics teams were able to hold several interscholastic competitions in May.
Loyola’s Ignatian identity continued to be a priority, despite the restrictions that prevented retreats from taking place at their originally scheduled times. Days of reflection replaced overnight retreats until we were able to have in-person, overnight events in the fourth quarter. Grad at Grad student and faculty talks took place at Zoom assemblies during the year. The faculty retreat, which was an online experience, allowed us to “Pause to Recenter,” rooted in Ignatian spirituality. Students participated in service opportunities, most virtual; a trip to the Romero Center in Camden and the trip to Belize took place at the end of the school year.

Our challenges in the year ahead remain many as we move back to in-person instruction with a student body that has had an interrupted experience of the normal culture of the school. Only our seniors will have had a full year of “normal school.” There are action plans to be implemented from our Equity and Inclusion Committee work and from our Strategic Plan initiatives. In addition, Loyola will begin its self-study for the Jesuit Province Sponsorship Review process in preparation for the province visit in the fall of 2022.

Our work at Loyola would not be possible without the generous support from you – Loyola’s alumni, parents, and friends. Thank you for that support, which helps to form young people of conscience and compassion who are committed to help change the world in the spirit of St. Ignatius. Please keep us in your prayers in the year ahead, and know that you are in ours.

Best wishes, and God bless!

James Lyness
Principal
On May 20, 2021, Fr. Mike Sehler joined our Lord in everlasting life after a brief battle with cancer. Fr. Sehler served Loyola for 24 years and, while we deeply mourn his loss, we celebrate the wonderful life he lived and that he is now at peace with Christ.

Below is a beautiful tribute to Fr. Sehler written by current student Olivia Pasquerella ’22

“I was Fr. Sehler’s Latin student for two years and, in that time, I learned that the language of the ancient Romans had more words for death than I can count. There’s mortem and letum and obitus and excessus and decessus and…well, the list just goes on and on.

But the words I learned for death in Fr. Sehler’s Latin class are not the ones that stick with me the most. The vocabulary seemingly burned the most into my mind, the words where I can normally rely on my own memory rather than consult an online Latin dictionary, are more along the lines of words like sapientia (wisdom), virtus (courage), and animo (spirit). Now, at the end of my Loyola Latin career, I realize that the Latin words used to depict Romans of great character are not just the ones I recall most easily, but they are also the ones that Fr. Sehler exemplified and lived to the fullest in all ways. He was wise, courageous, and, above all, he had spirit.
There was not a single class period with Fr. Sehler where he did not also share his sapientia (wisdom) with his pupils. He would tell us about his life experiences as a priest and educator, share his extensive knowledge of ancient history, and explore the morals contained in Roman and Greek legends. When we translated the legend of Icarus, the man who flew on wax wings too close to the Sun, Fr. Sehler did not just make sure we had an accurate grasp of the grammar and mechanics of the passage, but he also explained its deeper message about letting pride turn into blind, deadly ambition. Our class would routinely encourage Fr. Sehler to keep speaking about whatever the day’s hot topic was - not just because we wanted to delay the daily quiz, but because we recognized that he was a man with a life lived fully and had so much wisdom to offer because of it.

Fr. Sehler was also a man of virtus, or courage. Cicero, a Roman philosopher whose works Fr. Sehler enjoyed discussing, has a great quote about courage. I’ll spare you my marred Latin pronunciation and share it with you in English: “Live as brave men; and if fortune is adverse, front its blows with brave hearts.” When a pandemic struck last year in Fr. Sehler’s final months of teaching in a career that spanned decades, he braved its blows with a brave heart. Although never technologically gifted, he managed a way to maintain the liveliness of his classes in the confines of a Zoom room because I think he knew that we needed it. And although his battle with cancer was brief, I am sure he approached it with a brave heart because that was exactly how he lived.

Finally, Fr. Sehler was the perfect embodiment of animo - spirit. One day, he came into class with retro photos. They were of him as a young man with a huge mass of curly hair on trend with the 1980s, spiritedly playing basketball. Our class had no clue he used to be a redhead. Another day, he entered the classroom with his dog, Rocko. It sunk its teeth into Andrew Naber before turning its ferocity to Jimmy. Good thing the dog was invisible, and Fr. Sehler was only pretending, the talented actor he was. His barks and growls were quite convincing. Our class was known for antics, but more than that, it was a refuge where we could laugh and hear a good story. Recently, I found myself sifting through old emails from Fr. Sehler. He was no longer our teacher, but he still emailed our entire class at the beginning of this school year to wish us good luck. At Christmas, he sent us holiday wishes and said he hoped to see us again very soon. We never did get to see him again, but we don’t have to know that he was and will always be a man of ultimate wisdom, courage, and spirit.”

CLICK HERE for an article written by the Jesuits USA East about the life of Fr. Sehler.

REQUIESCE IN PACE
Fr. Mike Sehler Memory Wall

Fr. Mike Sehler was more than a man, a Jesuit, a colleague. He was warm, kind, curious, and loving. He made time to understand others, he made time for the finer things in life and he enjoyed it as we all should.

-Harry Egner, History Teacher

From learning "amo, amare, amavi, amatum" in Wheelock's to translating the Aeneid, you treated me with patience and generosity of heart. I will always treasure your impact on my life.

Love, Daniela Pierro '19

Such a phenomenal human. Fr. Sehler was more than a man, a Jesuit, a colleague. He was warm, kind, curious, and loving. He made time to understand others, he made time for the finer things in life and he enjoyed it as we all should.

-Harry Egner, History Teacher

I hope you're enjoying the new white wings along with the white lab coat!

Miss you,
Thank you,
Jim Lyness, Principal

My favorite memories of Father Sehler were when he would say mass during the summers at Pt Lookout. His homilies were always wonderful - and never went too long.

-John Coghlan '01

Thank you for always being so kind. You will be missed.

-Charlotte Smith '23

Father Sehler was a light to the Loyola community. His constant smile, sense of humor, and warm heart could turn anyone’s day into a good one. He will be missed by all who knew him, but knowing that he is with God warms my heart.

Rest In Peace Fr. Sehler.

-Mauro DeCillis '21

Mike, from my very first day you made me feel welcome and part of the community. Even after you retired, you continued to encourage me through your emails. I’m honored to have called you a friend.

-Jess Holden, Dean of Academics

Fr. Sehler was such a kind and gentle man and a wonderful teacher and mentor to me. I am so grateful that he married me and my husband almost 10 years ago. We feel blessed to have known him. With love and fond memories,

-Angie Vivolo Lewis '02

Fr. Sehler,
You will always be remembered as one of my favorite teachers. Thanks for all the valuable lessons in and out of the classroom.

-Sean Farrelly '22
Fr. Mike Sehler Memory Wall
Loyola would like to welcome Aatif Lodhi as our new Director of Admissions. A veteran of Jesuit education, he comes to us from Fordham Prep where he served as the school’s Communications Manager since 2016. Prior to his time at Rose Hill, he served as the Director of Admissions at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy in his hometown of Detroit, Michigan. “I am humbled and honored to serve as the Director of Admissions at Loyola,” says Lodhi. “Jesuit education is a transformative experience for anyone who encounters it and to be able to share it with the young men and women of the New York metropolitan area is a vocation I take seriously. A Loyola education goes beyond the four years a student spends at 83rd and Park Avenue – it lasts a lifetime.”

“I would like to thank Ashley Pinnell and Sophie Snider for the awesome work they did this past year to enroll a diverse, talented freshman class for the fall and I am grateful that we will be working together, as a team, in the Admissions Office this fall.”

When it comes to promoting Loyola to prospective students and families, Lodhi says our biggest proponents and influencers are the ones most acquainted with the Loyola experience: our students, parents, alumni, and faculty and staff. “They are the ones who best know the school and can relay their own real experiences of Loyola and the opportunities which come out of it. And as an independent, Jesuit, co-educational school, we are able to provide these opportunities to both young men and women which is uncommon among New York City Jesuit schools.”

Lodhi graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Business Administration from Wayne State University in Detroit. He is married with four young children, ages 7, 5, 3, and 1.
When the pandemic descended upon the world last spring, Loyola shuttered its physical doors to then open up Zoom rooms to students and staff quarantining from places far away from 980 Park. An opportunity became apparent when much of the world was suddenly becoming more fluent with telecommunications. In short, Loyola could connect better with the world, including its proud alumni spread far away from its classrooms.

The Global Perspectives class is a Senior elective taught by history teacher, Mr. Harry Egner, and boasts a cozy cohort of six students who chose to learn about different cultures, social mores, and current events around the world. This year they drastically altered the curriculum to do away with a reliance on textbooks and turn more toward direct accounts of people living in the places they were studying. They had 16 guest speakers ranging from in-person perspectives to Zoom calls stretching over 5,500 miles away to Yerevan, Armenia and Tel Aviv, Israel. The class also had a standing partnership to Zoom with Prepa Ibero, a Jesuit school located in Mexico City, to discuss geopolitical issues as well as favorite shows, songs, and social media follows. One of the best silver linings of this curriculum shift was the addition of Loyola alumni to participate in the class with their unique perspectives from around the world.

They really appreciated the contributions of Prof. José Briceño ’88, Ms. Maria Amorim Queen ’94, Mr. Lucas Tramontozzi ’98, Mr. Josh Sacree ’16, and Mr. Rodrigo da Luz Vani ’19.

They spoke with Professor José Briceño about Venezuela where he lives with his family. Professor Briceño has taught theater and performance at the Jesuit College, Andrés Bello Catholic University, in Caracas and now produces and stars in a weekly television show called *Reporte Semenal* which covers news in a comedic style similar to Comedy Central’s *The Daily Show*. The students really appreciated his humorous delivery, but also his dedication and commitment to his country and its people. He spoke about using his voice to hold the Venezuelan government accountable even at the risk of himself and his family. Prof. Briceño also recounted how lessons learned at Loyola prepared him for a career that challenges authority for the benefit of those around him. He spoke about finding his interest in journalism here at Loyola working on the Spanish Language Newspaper, *El Orión*, and even challenging Loyola Administrator’s with a few philosophical dress code disagreements. One of our seniors Alex White ’21 reflected on Briceño’s talk: “He said during his talk that he did not just want to be another person to give up on Venezuela; instead,
he wants to be there amidst the problem and try to help change it from the inside out. That sentiment really resonated with me because it appended my own knowledge of Loyola service trips and experiences and I learned that to truly help a group of people, you need to be with them and get to know them more than just people in a demographic. It was comforting to see that I was not alone in my understanding of Jesuit service.”

Ms. Maria Amorim Queen ’94 spoke about life in Brazil where she lives with her husband and three children, splitting time between São Paulo and the rural interior of Brazil. Her career took her from Loyola to Georgetown and through a myriad of career opportunities as producer for a travel show, *Novos Negócios* working for Santander Bank, and now as a mediator in Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods. She spoke eloquently about how Loyola provided her the insights into being a confident professional on the world stage as well as the fortitude to evolve her career to be a role model for her daughters in a service that is desperately needed in the Brazilian justice system.

One student, Arabella Fernandez ’21, wrote “Maria Queen seemed to see her time at Loyola as something everyone should experience, rather than learn similar lessons that someone would get going to any other school. She was also the only one to bring up children and how she wanted her kids to grow up in a better world. I thought that her view of Loyola and how special it was for her and her growth as a person was very genuine, and it made me feel a larger sense of gratitude for going to Loyola.” Liam Martin ’21 commented, “having come through her teenage years at Loyola, I believe it had a great influence on her. She recognizes injustice when she sees it and tries to do what she can to help by bringing attention to suffering.”

When they spoke to Lucas Tramontozzi ’98, he was Zooming in from Peru where he currently lives with his wife and two daughters and works as an Economic advisor with the U.S. State Department. He spoke to the class about working abroad in Jesuit Volunteers International and other organizations in Belize, Uganda, Ghana, and Peru. He spoke at length about the poverty, political corruption, and historical violence in Uganda as well as reasons to be hopeful with current political movements in the country.

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-Alex White ’21
Flaminia Melchionna ’21 reflected, “It was very captivating how he explained almost every part of society in Uganda, both good and bad. It is worth mentioning how he told us he didn’t want to show us the poverty of the country because a lot of the time that can be a stereotype of not even Uganda itself but Africa as a whole.”

They also spoke to some younger alumni that grew up abroad before moving to the U.S. for high school. Mr. Josh Sacree ’16 discussed his upbringing in South Africa and the Brazilian-born Rodrigo da Luz Vani ’19 spent most of his childhood in Uruguay before both moving to New York to attend Loyola School. Both of these young men talked about the stark transition of schooling in other countries and stereotypes of Americans that they had before arriving versus current perceptions that have replaced their initial impressions. These alumni gave poignant advice about heading off to college and being open to what new places, people, and experiences have to offer. Amanda McGreal ’21 echoed, “They gave a nice perspective to how Loyola and having a global education can impact how you see the world.”

One thought from Avery Marzen ’21 summarized the experience well, “I was delighted as I listened to the three speakers recount specific memories about their time at Loyola. It made me realize how many opportunities are presented to Loyola students and the doors open to us because of the education and experience we receive here. The speakers mention how Loyola prepared them for college and for the world, which was inspiring. One theme is gratitude for a Loyola education and how co-curriculars and the academic rigor of our high school contributed to success later in life. Loyola gave these speakers the opportunity to explore their own interests during the formative years of their lives and served as an outlet for creativity and fostered intellectual curiosity.”

All told, students spoke to 16 individuals whose careers ranged from a comedian, chef, UN Healthcare workers, teachers, State Department personnel, Peace Corp volunteers, and students who covered their perspectives in 18 countries including Mexico, Italy, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Venezuela, Uruguay, Brazil, Peru, Chile, South Africa, Uganda, Ghana, Namibia, Tanzania, Armenia, Israel, and China. Beyond these specific countries, presenters also spoke about study abroad programs, careers overseas as well as the ever-present elephant in the Zoom room, Covid-19, and countries’ responses in various parts of the world.

Alumni who are interested in participating in next year’s Global Perspectives class are more than welcome! Please contact Ms. Rose Bennett (rbennett@loyolany.org) or Mr. Harry Egner (hegner@loyolany.org). The six students from this past year’s class have already asked to participate as guest speakers for next year’s seniors! Ultimately, the class learned that they are all global citizens with a diverse patchwork of stories that may make them different in many ways, but more similar in their humanity than they ever knew before.
Daniel "Dee" Tubridy
Loyola Class of 1995

Daniel "Dee" Tubridy was born and raised in Rockaway, New York and graduated from Loyola in 1995. After Loyola, Dee attended Rensselaer Polytechnic University and graduated with a B.S. from the Lally School of Management and Technology. In 2009, Dee co-founded In Good Company Hospitality Group which operates a diverse range of venues in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens including Refinery Rooftop, Park Avenue Tavern, Parker & Quinn, Rockaways' most popular restaurant, The Bungalow Bar, and their latest venture, The Rockaway Hotel.

What were you like in high school?
Fun-loving, carefree, fair, and loyal.

Is there a class or teacher that inspired you to open your mind to topics and experiences you never thought you'd be interested in?
I enjoyed many of the teachers. Mr. Tram, Mr. Hanser, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Boyd, and Ms. Meyers were all great; however, I was closest to Mr. A. He was always challenging me to be open minded and a leader, encouraging me to stand out from the pack, and, overall, to be more of a complete person. Physically, mentally, and spiritually.
What person or moment best reflects your thoughts on Loyola?

It may sound cliché but when I think of Loyola, I immediately think of Father Prior and the impact he had on me.

What was your favorite Loyola tradition?

I loved Alumni Night. Back then the basketball teams would play another school so it was always an electric night playing in front of a huge crowd of alumni and most of the student body. Then the after party shenanigans are stories of legend.

What advice would you give a current Loyola student?

The advice I would give Loyola students is to enjoy your four years of high school as much as you can. It goes by in the blink of an eye. Embrace the teachings of St. Ignatius to live for others. Realize the special opportunity that you have to attend this school, one of about 50 kids in your grade. Take advantage of all Loyola has to offer and then go out and change the world in whatever field you choose. Leave an imprint.
What inspired you to go into the hospitality industry and to start your own business, In Good Company Hospitality?

I grew up in the restaurant business. My father owned several restaurants throughout my childhood. He owned a waterfront restaurant in Rockaway and I held every position from dishwasher to manager. So it was always in my blood but I never planned on going into the business. In fact, by the time I graduated I swore I would never go into the business!

Tell us more about your latest venture, The Rockaway Hotel?

The Rockaway Hotel is a 53 room boutique hotel, with an event space, pool, restaurant and rooftop bar. It is located one block from Rockaway Beach and one block from the NYC Ferry. The Rockaway Hotel offers a fresh and innovative way to stay in Rockaway Beach and is your urban beach getaway with a new view of New York City. Our unparalleled focus on boutique-style service and recreational activities creates a laid back respite whether you are a lifelong New Yorker looking to escape the city or just in Rockaway Beach for a visit. Relaxed luxury and resort amenities like a heated, outdoor pool and rooftop bar come together to create an inviting and accessible neighborhood hub just one block from the beach.

CLICK HERE to learn more about The Rockaway Hotel!

Make sure to catch up with Dee at his 25th Loyola Reunion on October 16, 2021!
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

The Equity and Inclusion Committee consists of members of the administration, Board of Trustees and Admissions and Counseling Departments. The committee met monthly throughout the school year to create action steps for each of our DEI goals with the help of Martha Haakmat and Vince Watchorn from Haakmat Consulting. Together, we worked to ensure that our goals were measurable, realistic and achievable. During the 2020-2021 school year, we also began to take steps to implement some of our goals. A pilot expansion of our affinity group offerings began in the Winter of 2021. There are now affinity groups for students who identify as Black, Latinx and Asian American Pacific Islander, as well a white anti-racist group and spaces for girls of color and LGBTQ+ students. Additionally, antiracist/anti-bias trainings were held for faculty and staff, the Board of Trustees, and all students. The school will also undergo a full curriculum review in the 2021-2022 school year.

GOALS:

- Expand affinity group offerings to create more space for all students to dialogue and become more educated about racism and bias.
- Strengthen professional development for all staff in the area of diversity and inclusion.
- Expand our Loyola School tuition-free INES program for middle school girls and strengthen our relationship with the REACH program for middle school boys.
- Undertake a review of curriculum to make certain that it gives representation to multi-cultural experiences and further places our humanities courses in an enlightened social justice context. Reevaluate and share the school policy for reporting and addressing any racist and bias incidents, recognizing the importance of accountability for all.
- Examine admissions and financial aid policies to ensure equity and alignment, and fully support our first generation students and students of color through all aspects of the college admissions process.
- Recruit faculty, staff, and students of color so that Loyola lives up honestly to its mission.
- Diversify our Board of Trustees.

CLICK HERE to read the fall diversity, equity, and inclusion plan.
Founded in 2019, INES (Institute for Nurture, Enrichment, and Self-Empowerment) is a free educational and leadership enrichment program that prepares middle-school aged girls to succeed in top Catholic and independent high schools in New York City. INES serves students from the three Nativity model schools in the New York City area. INES accepts nominations of girls currently in the 6th grade who display early signs of academic and leadership potential. After they are nominated in the 6th grade, admitted students begin INES during the summer before 7th grade having two years to cultivate the potential they demonstrated in the elementary school years.

Students spend 20 of their August summer days in an intensive leadership and academic summer program and also commit to 24 Tuesdays and 24 Saturdays of additional learning throughout seventh and eighth grades.

This year, eleven Loyola seniors and six juniors were incredible role models to our INES students. They served as mentors and teacher’s assistants working on lesson implementation and instruction throughout the year and as mentors on Saturdays. Mentors created and facilitated lessons on high school preparation, social media, communication, mental health, and more.
INES enrolled eight young women in its first cohort in August 2019 and, this year, they are proudly graduating as INES’s first ever graduation class. They will attend Catholic high schools across the New York City area and will receive scholarships and financial aid totaling $512,500 over the next four years.

Picture left: The graduating INES students with their Loyola mentors.

INES CLASS OF 2021 HIGH SCHOOLS

Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School

Fontbonne Hall Academy

Loyola School

Notre Dame School

Saint Vincent Ferrer High School

The Ursuline School

To make a contribution to our INES program, CLICK HERE or checks can be mailed to Loyola School
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To learn more about our INES program contact
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Virtual Spring Benefit Gala

Every spring, Loyola holds its largest and most important fundraiser, the Spring Benefit Gala. Although we could not gather in person at the New York Athletic Club, it was even more critical to bring the community together to celebrate the generosity and achievements of our students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff. This year, the Spring Benefit Gala took place on Friday, April 23rd and was a virtual event featuring special entertainment, a live auction, a silent auction, and raffle.

The Loyola community tuned in that evening and the show began with a magical performance by the amazingly talented illusionist, Tom Pesce. Everyone was able to watch comfortably from their homes as Tom performed magic tricks with help from Loyola teachers. After the magic performances, Tom served as auctioneer for six special Premier Items where everyone had the opportunity to live bid from their phones.

The evening concluded with the Fund-A-Need presentation which featured a video on life at Loyola during the pandemic, including the transition to hybrid learning and what our teachers and students were grateful for now having been through this extraordinary experience. In case you missed it, the Fund-A-Need video can be viewed by CLICKING HERE. Donors had the opportunity to make gifts to three areas of interest: financial aid; technology and innovation; and extraordinary needs. Thank you to everyone who watched, bid, and donated to our Virtual Spring Benefit Gala!

Gifts to the Annual Fund benefit virtually every aspect of life at Loyola School.
CLICK HERE to make an online contribution
or checks can be mailed to Loyola School
980 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10028
Shea-Armstrong
Golf Classic

After canceling last year’s golf outing due to the pandemic, alumni, current students, parents, and friends were thrilled to come together on Monday, June 21st to enjoy a beautiful day of golf at Leewood Golf Club in Eastchester, New York. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Laura Armstrong-Weaver ’94, John Catsimatidis ’11, Diarmuid and Meghan Joye, P ’25, Mary Claire and Christopher Lagno, P’08, LoftLinks, Sara and William Miller, P’19, Thomas Shea ’74, and Bob Sheehy ’68 for their leadership and support of this year’s Golf Classic, and for the heartfelt support of all the day’s participants.

We would also like to thank our 2021 Golf Committee who generously gave of their time and resources to ensure the Classic was a success. All enjoyed a gorgeous day of golf and friendship in support of Loyola.

If you are interested in being part of the committee for next year’s Golf Classic, please contact Donna Stefanizzi at 646.346.8134 or dstefanizzi@loyolanyc.org

Picture top left: Christina Gallinari ’05, Lauren Gallinari ’07, Laura-Armstrong-Weaver ’94, and her husband, Ralph Weaver.

Picture middle left: Will Miller ’19 and Sunita Meyers ’88.

Picture bottom left: Mike Potenza with his daughter, Regina Potenza ’21, and Randy Delfranco with his son, Nicholas Delfranco ’22.

Picture top right: Mike Puntillo ’11, Fernando Morett ’13, and John Catsimatidis ’11.

Picture bottom right: Bob Sheehy ’68, John Sheehy ’66, Ed Byrne ’69, and Jim Sheehy ’69.
Established in 1900, Loyola School is an independent, coeducational, Jesuit high school, the only school of its kind in this vibrant New York City. Loyola provides a rigorous college preparatory education that is marked by individual attention and by a close-knit, talented, and diverse community of students and parents, and teachers and administrators. This community bonds to collaborate in the transformation of “women and men for others.”

Loyola School is a very special place. Rooted in Jesuit ideals and traditions, alongside our independent status and dedication to innovation, students flourish! With a student enrollment of approximately 220, the class size average of 15 students promotes personal attention and individual participation. Over its 120 year history, Loyola School has graduated actors and actresses; lawyers and doctors; college athletes, teachers and theologians; NASA and civil engineers; Pulitzer Prize, Grammy, Emmy, and National Book Award winners; a Rhodes scholar and a NYC mayor; bankers and industrialists; an NFL founding family; and thousands of life-long friendships.

Loyola School has launched this new five year student-centered strategic vision, Inspiring Excellence, to advance our recognition as a preeminent college preparatory learning community focused on developing well-rounded, Ignatian leaders committed to the service of others through excellence in teaching and learning. This vision acknowledges our rich history and forges us ahead to embrace the great opportunities a hope-filled future will hold.

CLICK HERE to read Loyola's Strategic Plan.
THE 1952 LOYOLA

It's the summer of 1945; Herman Wolz '52, a Loyola sixth grader, is sitting in the classroom as they announce the Allies' victory over Japan— or VJ Day—to the mark of the end of World War II. Unlike the coed high school that we all know today, Loyola was a very different place back when Herman was a student. It was an all-boys military academy that went from middle school through high school. Students were required to wear a military uniform until 1948 when the dress code requirement was changed to suits with collars and ties.

Herman started at Loyola around the fourth grade after transferring from a school in Englewood, NJ. His father worked in the city and decided to move the family to the Upper East Side. Herman's mother was a devout Catholic and scoured the city for Catholic schools before choosing Loyola. Herman commuted to Loyola everyday by walking or taking the bus from their apartment on 91st and Madison.
Q: How many students were in your class?

A: "We had five students total, including me. I was valedictorian. The whole school only consisted of 50 boys."

Q: What sports were there?

A: "The only sport I recollect having was basketball. Jim Ceribelli '52 and Robert Gasser '52 were the stars of the basketball team. I was the basketball manager my freshman to junior year and played my senior year. Since Loyola didn't have an auditorium or gym, Loyola would use the Military Armory for games. We played against mostly other Catholic schools."

Q: What did you do for fun?

A: "We used to go to the New York Athletic Club, most students had junior memberships. The Loyola prom, athletic banquet, and any other big Loyola functions were always held at the NYAC. I enjoyed going to the movies, Broadway shows, and to a Yankees game to see the star player, Joe DiMaggio."

Q: Favorite teachers?

A: "Fr. Prior, known back then as Mr. Prior since he hadn't been ordained yet and Fr. Guterl. Our headmaster was Fr. Peter Daly who served as a Navy chaplain during the second World War."
IN THE YEAR OF 1952...

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE TOLL WAS 50 CENTS EACH WAY.

LOVE THE THEATER? A TICKET TO A BROADWAY SHOW WAS $12.

A TAXI RIDE METER STARTED AT ONLY .27 CENTS!

Picture top left: The Loyola 1952 basketball team.

Picture top right: The Class of 1952.

Picture bottom left: Loyola students preparing their art projects.

Picture bottom right: The Loyola play and oratorical contest.
CLASS
LOYOLA SCHOOL
of 2021
GRADUATION
June 4th, 2021 marked the 121st commencement ceremony for the Loyola School community. The graduates, numbering 55 young women and men, along with family members, gathered together in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Loyola’s beloved facilities superintendent, Mr. Juan Toro, was chosen this year to address the Class of 2021. Mr. Toro remarked how special this generation is having to take on new responsibilities and roles in the fight against a global pandemic. “When I say that you are a special generation, it is not just a compliment, because you have truly shown resilience and strength of character by accomplishing such an important goal: graduating high school through one of our recent history’s most traumatic years.” As the seniors go on to pursue their college degrees and professional careers, Mr. Toro advised them to achieve their successes without neglecting the wellbeing of all humans and that true love of humanity and the world will guarantee justice and peace for all. He concluded with “as you come down from the 5th floor to pursue your dreams, which might include equality, tolerance, justice, and keeping alive the Jesuit legacy, the maintenance team will go up to all floors, to keep the house in good shape for the next class, one which surely will continue with the efforts to build a better world for everyone, as I am sure you will as well.” Congratulations Class of 2021!
Loyola School Academic Awards

GOLD MEDAL
Highest Average in Senior Year
Valentina Marini Fichera

SILVER MEDAL
Second Highest Average in Senior Year
Vincent Geiger

GOLD MEDAL
Highest Cumulative Average for Four Years at Loyola School
Valentina Marini Fichera

SILVER MEDAL
Second Highest Cumulative Average for Four Years at Loyola School
Mauro DeCillis

Loyola School Athletic Awards

OUTSTANDING MALE ATHLETE AWARD
Mauro DeCillis & Liam Martin

THE BROTHER EDWARD SHEEHY, S.J. AWARD (ex-equo)
Outstanding Female Athlete
Christina Landau & Regina Potenza

Loyola School Special Awards

NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER’S AWARD
Caroline Adams

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S TRIPLE C AWARD
Sebastian Hernandez & Amelia Magel

THE NYC COUNCIL SPEAKER’S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Amber Delgado & Jack Turner

MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT AWARD
Christina Landau & Regina Potenza

Loyola School Honorary Awards

THE JESUIT SECONDARY EDUCATION AWARD
The graduate who most closely resembles the ideals of an Ignatian education
Julia Maniali & Alex White

THE FATHER PETER J. DALY, S.J. MEDAL
The graduate demonstrating the most significant advance in personal growth and development
Eugénie Foss & Liam Martin

THE LOYOLA ALUMNI MEDAL
The graduate who best represents the qualities and ideals of Loyola School
Mauro DeCillis

THOMAS JAKELICH SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD
Amelia Magel

THE LOYOLA SCHOOL MAGIS AWARDS
Juliette DeSpirito, Jack Genesi, Alexandra Honeck, Valentina Marini Fichera, Eleni Vasiliades
The Class of 2020 submitted 502 college applications. Approximately 93% of our seniors filed at least one application under an early action or early decision program which resulted in 248 early action/early decision submissions. Overall, the class received 235 acceptances to approximately 128 distinct domestic and international institutions. We extend our congratulations to the students who, in recognition of their scholastic successes, will be enrolling in schools across the nation and abroad, 62% of which are ranked in the top 50 per domestic U.S. News institutional category.

Adelphi University  Loyola Marymount University
Barnard College  Loyola University Chicago
Boston College  Loyola University Maryland
Boston University  Northeastern University
Bucknell University  Palm Beach Atlantic University
Chapman University  Pepperdine University
College of the Holy Cross  Purdue University
Colorado College  Rice University
Columbia University  Seton Hall University
Concordia University  The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art  Southern Methodist University
Cornell University  Stony Brook University
Duke University  Tulane University
Ecole Ducasse  University of Chicago
Fairfield University  University of Miami
Fordham University  University of Michigan
George Washington University  University of Richmond
Georgetown University  Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Harvard University  Warren Wilson College
Loyola University

The Class of 2021 will attend the following colleges:
Adelphi University  Loyola Marymount University
Barnard College  Loyola University Chicago
Boston College  Loyola University Maryland
Boston University  Northeastern University
Bucknell University  Palm Beach Atlantic University
Chapman University  Pepperdine University
College of the Holy Cross  Purdue University
Colorado College  Rice University
Columbia University  Seton Hall University
Concordia University  The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art  Southern Methodist University
Cornell University  Stony Brook University
Duke University  Tulane University
Ecole Ducasse  University of Chicago
Fairfield University  University of Miami
Fordham University  University of Michigan
George Washington University  University of Richmond
Georgetown University  Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Harvard University  Warren Wilson College
Loyola University

- 541 applications were submitted by the Class of 2021.
- 255 individual acceptances to approximately 127 different colleges and universities.
- 3 members of the Class of 2021 have been recognized as 2020 AP Scholars with Honors.
- 12 students were named 2020 AP Scholars.
- 38 graduates have chosen to attend a 2017 Barron's Profile in American Colleges “Most Competitive” or “Highly Competitive” college.
- 45% attending private, non-religious colleges and universities
- 36% attending Jesuit colleges and universities
- 11% attending public institutions
- 4% attending international institutions
- 2% attending Catholic (non-Jesuit) colleges and universities
- 2% taking a Gap Year
Congratulations on your achievement. The commencement is a banner day – the result of dedication, perseverance and hard work, especially after the disruption and challenges you overcame this past year. Bravo! Brava! Your college years will be easier because of your education at Loyola and the strength you bring from 83rd Street and Park Avenue. Years ago, I learned the prep school experience of Loyola makes a big difference in the road you follow. There is no doubt this will be true for you. Your colleagues are lifelong friends and the memories are ones you will savor. I know your teachers are proud to have had you as accomplished students. Similarly, I am proud to have you as a fellow alum. Onward and upward.

All my best.

Bob Becher ’84

Dear Seniors, as I write this message, I hope you are all having a terrific time dancing the night away at your senior prom! You certainly deserve it! Congratulations on your upcoming graduation and best of luck in the next chapter of life. Whatever that chapter may be, please know that you are always welcomed back on 83rd on Park! The Loyola Alumni Association is excited to have you as its newest members! Please keep in touch and stay connected!

Sincerely,

Laura Armstrong-Weaver ’94

Class of 2021, congratulations on your individual achievements and collective graduation. Welcome to the wonderful network of Loyola alumni. The community is with you every step of the way, take care and continue to grow as learners and citizens of the world.

Maurice Hicks ’08

Dear Loyola Class of 2021– congratulations on your graduation! You have survived the Pandemic and have shown your resilience in so many ways over this past year. The Loyola family is so very proud of you. You have survived something so difficult and have demonstrated amazing strength in doing so. Take that strength of yours and use it as you begin your college experience as well in all your daily life challenges. As a Loyola alumna, I and my fellow alumni welcome you and look forward to having you as part of our Alumni Community.

Best,

Marisa Salamone Greason ’77

Seniors, congrats on your graduation from Loyola! You’ve entered a new club – Alumnus! I can tell you from personal experience that once you leave the halls of Loyola you are always welcome back with open arms and alumni are a huge part of what makes Loyola so special. You’re no longer limited to knowing the classes which were just ahead and behind you – you really and truly can build great relationships and friendships with people from all classes. What are friendships made from? Shared experiences is a big reason why people get along. An instant conversation icebreaker with another alum is to simply talk about your days at Loyola and boom – you’re in a great conversation!

Yes – have a great time in college but there’s plenty of room for Loyola as well. Make sure to stay in touch! Open your mail from 980 Park, get on the email list, go to Alumni Night (and maybe go out after!) Get a table with your class and go to an Alumni Dinner or Gala that honors a special person you knew – or don’t know! The moral of this message - stay involved. You can be on the Alumni Association Board, you can volunteer at a service event, you can be a contact about job opportunities etc. There are a ton of ways to stay involved and by doing that you help Loyola continue to be the special place it is and will remain.

Good Luck – God Bless and Ex Fide Fortis!

Sean O’Shea ’87

Congrats on graduating from Loyola – the great memories that you have will last forever. Keep in touch with your friends and teachers and come back to visit to remember the memories.

Welcome to the Loyola Alumni Group!

Best,

Joe Bustros ’94

Seniors— you have all worked so hard to get to this exciting point in your lives. You will begin this next chapter to start anew and you will leave a lot behind. While your high school days are now part of your treasured memories, the doors of Loyola will always be open. Make Loyola a part of your future — come to visit, attend the fabulous alumni events and just stop in to say hi. As an alum myself, I can personally attest to the significant and special place Loyola has held in my life for all these many years. So as you step forward into all that life has in store for you, always step back into Loyola.

Best of luck to all of you!

Lisa Beggins Marzen ’87
CLICK HERE for the Loyola School
2020-2021 Virtual Student Art Exhibition
This year, all student musicians learned how to record and work with virtual ensembles. Loyola’s a cappella, chorus, orchestra, and stage band worked through some of their favorite pieces to put on the school’s very first virtual concerts. Junior and senior music elective classes got in on the fun, too! Current parents, alumni, and parents of alumni tuned in and watched the students perform at both the Christmas and Spring Concerts.

CLICK HERE to view the Christmas Concert.

CLICK HERE to view the Spring Concert
The Forensics team had its best season in years, with the Congress team in particular impressed both locally and nationally. Olivia Pasquerella placed first at both States and Princeton, before crowning her season by becoming the Student Congress National Champion at the National Catholic Forensic League’s Grand Tournament. Emma Anderson also had several top-six finishes nationally, and strong team performances throughout.

The Congress captains also worked tirelessly behind the scenes to develop and maintain a mentoring program for underclassmen. Shout outs to sophomores Jules Guarrera, Ishan Parasher, and Maddie Kelly, who have bright futures ahead of them!

Coaches: Ms. Kate Berg, Ms. Jessica Holden, Ms. Ashley Pinnell, and Mr. Jack Rose

Roster: Caroline Adams, Emma Anderson, Julia Arditi, Anthony Baldwin, Meghan Croston, Juliana Guarrera, Madison Kelly, James Kissane, Victoria Liu, Tristan Mateo, Savannah McManus, Henry Naylon, Aidan Palmer, Ishan Parasher, Olivia Pasquerella, Ben Saravi, Maeve Sisk, Charlotte Smith, Oliver Smith, Katie Spillane, Emily Strez, Skye Tansey, Reilly Teeter, Daniela Valdes, and Lynn Visser

Spearheaded by juniors, Arwen Dema-ala and Maxim Klein, Loyola’s first podcast had an outstanding first year. From interviewing faculty members, like Mr. Joseph and Ms. Morano, to hosting Loyola’s first ever town hall for student government elections, Unfold with Maroon and Gold has given a unique perspective into student life.

Another highlight of this year was the “12 Days of Podcasting,” which provided listeners with 12 episodes centered around Christmas, whether that be students’ family traditions or Christmas trivia. Members of the club learned how to record, edit, and post professional podcasts on platforms such as Spotify and Apple Podcasts. The club is excited to continue to grow next year, and maybe even record in person!
COVID safety rules led the Loyola Players down unique paths this year. In the fall, the Players put together a short film of Shakespearean monologues. Each participant chose one or two short pieces, which made for quite a wide selection, from *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* to *Macbeth*. In the spring, the Players presented a live performance of two short plays written specifically for Zoom: *The Edge of Noir* by Gary Peterson and *It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane…* by Tim Kelly. With the audience and actor Zoom calls linked together, a fine night of theater was had by all.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Shakespearean monologues.

**Director:** Mr. Timothy Haugh  
**Producer:** Ms. Hailey Clark

Loyola Players: Grace Copps, Meghan Croston, Michael Farrell, Eugénie Foss, Veronica Gannon, Corrinne O’Mara, and Hannah Young
The 2020-21 Loyola sports season became one for the history books. Despite NYC being hit hard by COVID-19, Loyola School opened in the fall to a unique hybrid system developed by the President, Mr. Oroszlayn and Principal, Mr. Lyness. Dean of Students, Mr. Joseph and Athletic Director, Mr. Agnostakis came up with a plan to avoid shutting down sports completely. After following the guidelines and protocols from the CDC, the New York State Education Department, and National Federation of State High School Associations, and researching this deadly subject with other athletic directors throughout the country, the “plan to play” and participate in sports was developed with the approval of the administration.

The fall season began with a kick as the Varsity Cross Country teams were given weekly workouts from Coach Alizzi and Coach Jance via Zoom. Runners discussed their training program with the coach on a daily basis. Coach Alizzi kept a training log on Google Docs for the record.

Volleyball coaches (Varsity Coach Morano and JV Coach Murphy-Hughes) were able to get their team training on the turf and with videos and Zoom meetings. Coaches analyzed each player’s videos and coached based on their analysis.

The Varsity Boys and Girls and the JV Boys Soccer teams worked out on the Loyola School turf four days a week. Practicing protocol guidelines, the coaches were able to devise technique workouts, small sided games, and shooting drills. Coaches Bennett, Egner, D’Alessio, and Joseph attended each session with the enthusiasm of a full season.

The four basketball teams were, unfortunately, completely sidelined. The gymnasium was transformed into the lunch room; however, the coaches took to Zoom and live diagraming of the offenses and defenses. Coach “A” also ran a summer basketball mini-camp in Central Park which was well attended.
The spring season had a completely different look as COVID-19 cases dwindled and the city began to slowly reopen slowly. Boys Varsity Baseball played three games and practiced daily. Games against Trinity, Columbia Prep, and Calhoun gave the feel of a real season! Coach Howell and Coach Egner were pleased with the team’s enthusiasm.

The Girls Softball team honed their batting and fielding skills on the turf and at Randall’s Island and had an opportunity to play Convent of the Sacred Heart and Columbia Prep. Coach D’Alessio assisted Coach "A" during this modified season.

The Boys and Girls Track team competed in NYCAL meets at Ichlan Stadium on Randall’s Island and Riverbank State Park. The team trained in Central Park as Head Coach Alizzi was assisted by Coaches Clark and MacLean.

Golf used the turf to hit golf balls and went out to the range in the Bronx as well. They competed on Saturdays in the NYCAL and matches were played on the Mosholu course in Van Cortland Park. Coach Pamuk was as enthusiastic as the players.

The athletic year at Loyola was one to remember. Under the circumstances, we made the most of the COVID restrictions. Coach "A" wants to commend the seniors that led the way as they were shining examples of their stellar play, enthusiasm and leadership.
The fifth annual Great Ignatian Challenge, an annual holiday food drive competition intended to raise student awareness of hunger and inspire them to take action, was met with outstanding results. Overall, the participating nine regional Jesuit high schools collected 168,372.88 pounds of food items. The impact of this generosity on those most in need is staggering and is the most notable of the many accomplishments attached to this Challenge.

The average shopping cart holds 50lbs of food - and combined the schools raised close to 3,400 shopping carts of food. Loyola School won the Great Ignatian Challenge for the most pounds of food collected per student along with best external media and most creative strategies!

As part of the Challenge, a collective gift of $250,000 was divided among the nine schools. Loyola will receive an award total of $55,000. Fordham Prep alum, Jim Rowen, is the donor who sponsored the Great Ignatian Challenge. He asked that his support be directed to the school’s COVID-19 costs and we will certainly honor that request.

Current student, Emily Strez ’22, organized a sock drive at Loyola for Soldier’s Angels’ “Warm Feet for Warriors” campaign. Emily discussed how she has people in her life to advocate for her, but that many veterans do not. She has many family members who have served and decided to help the veteran community by collecting one of the most requested items from vets, socks. She successfully collected over 1,700 pairs of socks in one month. CLICK HERE to watch Emily’s interview on NBC New York!

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to another successful Great Ignatian Challenge.

In case you missed it, CLICK HERE to see Loyola students featured in the news for their efforts!
INCOMING FRESHMEN & TRANSFER STUDENTS

56 STUDENTS
37 DIFFERENT MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

BY LOCATION

34 MANHATTAN
6 THE BRONX
6 BROOKLYN
5 WESTCHESTER

2 QUEENS
1 NEW JERSEY
1 LONG ISLAND

All Saints Episcopal Day School
Baldwin Middle School
BASIS Independent School
Brooklyn Heights Montessori School
Brooklyn Jesuit Prep
Brooklyn Prospect Charter School - Clinton Hill Middle School
Canterbury School
Convent of the Sacred Heart
East Hampton Middle School
East Side Middle School
Horace Greeley High School
Icahn Charter School 7
M.S. 54 Booker T. Washington Middle School
M.S. 224 Manhattan East School For Arts & Academics
M.S. 260 The Clinton School
P.S. 859 Special Music School
Rudolf Steiner School
School of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Hilda’s & St. Hugh’s

St. Joseph’s School - Yorkville
St. Luke’s School
St. Ignatius Loyola School
St. Ignatius School
St. Sebastian Catholic Academy
Success Academy Harlem 3
Saint Gabriel School
Saint Stephen of Hungary School
The Allen-Stevenson School
The Annunciation School
The Boerum Hill School for International Studies
The British International School of New York
The Calhoun School
The Chapel School
The Epiphany School
The Nightingale-Bamford School
The Windward School
Xavier High School

For more information go to www.loyolanyc.org/apps/pages/admissions/welcome
**REUNION**

October 17, 2020

Reunion 2020 was hosted virtually and celebrated the classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015! The virtual activities included a school update by President Tony Oroszlany ’87, a class video, and class Zoom gatherings. The class video featured pictures from each class and is set to popular music from the year they graduated from Loyola. **CLICK HERE** to view the class video! Each class was also sent a “Where Are They Now” yearbook which provided updates on their classmates.

The 0s and 5s will be joining the classes ending in 1s and 6s for a combined in-person Reunion on Saturday, October 16, 2021!

**A VIRTUAL EVENING OF FICTION, FAMILY, AND BASEBALL!**

October 21, 2020

Chris Beha ’97, whose recent novel, *The Index of Self-Destructive Acts*, was nominated for a 2020 National Book Award for Fiction joined Ed Byrne ‘69, author of *Love’s Not Over ’til It’s Over*, to speak about Chris’ book, the creative process, and their time at Loyola — 27 years apart. Ed moderated the discussion and attendees were able to comment and ask questions.
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

January 26, 2021

Members of the Loyola community went back to the classroom for a history lesson taught by returning Loyola teacher, Mr. Dan Sullivan! Alumni, current parents, parents of alumni, and friends pretended to be Loyola students for an hour as Mr. Sullivan took them on a virtual journey through Lower Manhattan.

CLICK HERE for the recording!

SENIOR CAREER AFTERNOON

March 3, 2021

Traditionally, alumni panelists return to Loyola to speak to the seniors about their careers but, due to the pandemic, the event was held via Zoom. One positive of Zoom is that we were able to have alumni panelists from across the nation and around the world including one from Florida, two from California, and even one from Lithuania. The event was a great opportunity for the seniors to learn about the alums’ professions, the training and education needed, and their day to day work life.

Thank you to the following alumni for participating as panelists: Shane Azzara '93, Melissa Schroeder Babb '99, Sabrina Batista '09, Mateo Creamer '12, Krisztina Geosits '00, Charles Graziano '73, Ryan Hawkins '00, Ryan Kelley '03, John McCarthy '89, Amanda Moffa '07, Chris Morales '03, Angelica Nocerino '06, Vincent Recca '08, Caryn Seebach '99, and Molly Tobin '14.

AN HOUR WITH ST. IGNATIUS

March 9, 2021

Alumni, current parents, parents of alumni, and even a current student joined together for a spiritual evening on St. Ignatius led by Loyola’s Chaplain, Fr. James Carr, S.J. In his presentation, Fr. Carr discussed who St. Ignatius was and why he is still so important today.

CLICK HERE for the recording!
1960

John McGrath sent us a photo (below) that he found in a family album and wanted to share of the ordination of a class of Jesuit priests in the Fordham University Church by Cardinal Francis Spellman in June 1955. Among the priests being ordained that day was his cousin, Rev. John F.X. Condon, S.J., and his cousin’s dear friend and classmate, Rev. Eugene Prior, S.J. Although he did not personally know Fr. Prior until many years later, John writes that he felt privileged to have attended that ordination. John and his wife, Karen, live in Bethesda, MD where John works as an Independent Consultant in the field of strategic health communications after many years as Director of Communications at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Early in his career, John worked with and became friendly with Dr. Anthony Fauci. The fact that John had attended Loyola and Dr. Fauci attended Regis was a nice point of connection.

1964

Fred Gretsch, Tony Oroszlany ’87, family, and friends celebrated Dinah Gretsch’s birthday in Georgia. At the celebration, Tony presented Dinah with the The Prior Medal because of her friendship with Fr. Prior and her incredible love and care for Loyola.

Fred Gretsch ’64, Tony Oroszlany ’87, family, and friends at Dinah Gretsch’s birthday celebration.

1970

Bob Pacicco was recently unanimously selected by a 21-member Trustee Board to serve as the new Chairman of New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus, New Jersey. This is the fourth largest public hospital in the United States with over 1,100 beds. It is a distinct honor to have this position. Bob has served as an Officer & Trustee for three years and this follows his work as a Trustee with Bergen Regional Medical Center for two years. Prior to that, Bob served on the Bergen County Charter Study Commission, Mayor of Leonia, Leonia Councilman, Leonia School Board Trustee, N.J.

1972

Thomas Adelman wrote a memoir called *Once Upon A Time In Yorkville* and it will be published in the fourth quarter of 2021. Loyola is of course talked about!

1973

Mike Impollonia has a new job title Director, Nursing Education & Research at Woodhull Medical Center.
1974

Dan (Dibbs) Dobrjanskyj has his first full year of retirement approaching and the next step for him is to work on a Class of 1974 50th reunion for 2024. Any other members of the 1974 class who want to help would be more than welcomed. “Cheers to my brother Loyolans.”

1976

Teddy Zambetti just celebrated his 20th year at Sirius XM where he holds the title of In-House Composer and Senior Director of Music Production. Teddy is also producing original music by his daughter, Lucia Zambetti, which can be listened to on most streaming services! Check out the numbers (and music) on Spotify!

1979

Alex Tresniowski wrote a book titled The Rope. The book is described as a “page-turning, remarkable true-crime thriller recounting the 1910 murder of ten-year-old Marie Smith, the dawn of modern criminal detection, and the launch of the NAACP.”

1985

Helen Fernandez received the 2021 Dennis W. Jahnigen Award in recognition of her commitment and work as a physician and educator in geriatrics.

Gregory Stanclik completed his two-year assignment as Commanding Officer (Captain) of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter POLAR STAR a year ago. He sailed from Seattle, WA to the U.S. National Science Foundation research and logistics station at McMurdo Antarctica over two consecutive winters, 2019 and 2020. Down and back he called port in: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Sydney, Australia, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, Wellington, New Zealand and Tahiti, French Polynesia. Since last summer he has been working as the Deputy Director for Marine Transportation Systems at U.S. Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, DC. Greg and his wife, Laura, have two daughters, Izabella who turned 3 on April 24th and Laura who turned 1 on April 22nd.
1989

Carmen Romero became CEO of a not-for-profit company, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, in Arlington, VA.

Ray Smith and his family welcomed a new family member, a dog named Winston Codie Smith.

1993

Oscar Fernandez is now Vice President, Technology Solutions at the New York Mets.

1994

Since leaving Loyola, Karina Borg Olivier lived in Malta for five years, Sydney for eight, London for eight/nine years, and for the past three years, she has lived in Ibiza, Spain with her husband and four-year-old twin girls, Amelia and Eloise. Karina works in property and international finance.

Karina hopes the class of 1994 is staying safe and hope to see you all soon. Let her know if you ever come over her way!

1997

Marco Bongioanni recently returned from a year-long deployment with the Army Reserve to the Middle East as leader of a Civil Affairs planning team and was promoted to Colonel. He also became engaged to Ms. Caryn Prestigiacomo and they are planning a wedding for next year.
2001

Tom Brennan was promoted to Digital Content Director at the New York City Mayor’s Office. This past winter he wrote and produced Mayor Bill de Blasio’s 7th State of the City Address.

2003

Doug Brady was appointed to detective in the Yonkers Police Department.

2004

Luke Soletic is beginning his final year at NYU as Chief Resident in the Oral Surgery Program.

2006

Noelle Morano is engaged to Casey Powell.

2007

Katherine Soletic DDS is in private practice for general dentistry in Chelsea.

2008

Liz Gillooly is the owner and captain of Layla Sailing, a luxury charter sailing company based on the North Fork of Long Island. Last year, she completed her second successful season on Layla, offering her guests a safe, socially-distant, outdoor experience for up to six people. If people would like to learn more about her business, which donates 1% of gross sales to environmental protection, they can visit www.laylasailing.com or find her on social media @laylasailing.
Kevin J. Quaratino joined the international law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP as an associate in the Litigation Department.

Bibiana Jakubianska published a book titled *On the Tips of Her Fingers* which centers around Adela, a young girl leading a seemingly quiet life, whose mother spins beautiful stories for her at night. A series of strange events lead to Adela being gifted with magical abilities allowing her to escape from her world. *On The Tips of Her Fingers* is a dark fairytale that will inspire fans of fiction, fairytales, and magical realism to grapple with the concepts of escapism and self-identity in a whole new way.

Karen Mendoza is engaged to Matthew Riedinger.

Hillary Soletic is returning to graduate school for UX design at the School of Visual Arts in NYC.
2004

Luke Soletic was married in September 2020.

2007

Katherine Soletic was married in July 2020.

1: Michelle Spiegel ’03 married David Greenblatt on September 21, 2020 in Smithtown, Long Island.

2: Erin Schneider ’06 married Daniel Flynn.

3: Hailey Watkins, Loyola’s Library Media Specialist, married KC Clark in New Canaan, CT.

4: Rose Dugan, Loyola’s Director of Alumni Relations & Special Events, married William Bennett in New York City. Photo credit: Theresa Steffen Photography

5: Tara Murphy, Loyola’s Foreign Language Teacher, married David Hughes in County Kerry, Ireland.
1: Bob Pacicco '70 and his granddaughter, Hannah Katherine.

2: Lyra Kostin, daughter of Idalja Temmer Kostin '98 and Danyul Kostin.

3: Four generations of women—Grandma Katherine Pacicco, Mom Danielle Pacicco, Baby Hannah Katherine, and Great Grandma Leatrice.

4: Ryan Gregory McGovern, son of Pat McGovern '00 and Megan.

5: Nyra Grace, daughter of Cassandra Mikicic '99 and Ankit Kumar.
6. Timothy Andrew Brezicha, son of Kristina Mardjokic Brezicha ’01 and Andrew Brezicha.

7. James Antonio Acosta, son of Maggie Dolan-Acosta ’03 and Greg Acosta ’03.

8. Luke Angelo Greenblatt, son of Michelle Spiegel ’03 and David Greenblatt

9. Gabriella Rose Beniamini, daughter of Carla Mollica ’03 and Dario Beniamini.


11. Kieran, son of Kathleen Abels ’05 and Emily Temple.
Hoop Dreams and Remembrances of an All Star: John DeVasto '67

For anyone who ever laced up their high white or low black Chuck Taylor Converse AllStars on the Riverdale playgrounds and grammar school basketball courts back in the ‘60’s, there was nothing like watching John DeVasto go to work, in his office. Quietly so and always unassuming, John was an unrelenting force of enviable talent and pure skill. Watching his full-court play—with and inevitably reserved for the “older guys”, the seventh and eighth graders, who routinely took command of the always too few baskets fully equipped with nets—we marveled at how gifted he really was, and how so many shots from so many angles, on so many days, hardly ever missed...and always “swished.”

We wanted to be him...and try like hell we did on countless spring afternoons, and endlessly long summer days and early evenings. Days and nights that kept us off the corners, out of trouble—well, mostly anyway—trying our best to be half as good as he was. And, ultimately watching as John became one of the first in what became a reasonably long line of Riverdale kids like me finding their way onto the A-train and down onto the court on 83rd Street...getting our first shots off from a real high gloss floor, banking ’em off real fiberglass boards——and yes, with clean white nets on the irons, getting used to hearing more than just few of his, and trying to make still a few more of our own magical DeVasto swishes.

By his final year at Loyola—my first—John had unsurprisingly attained legendary status on the Loyola Varsity. Taking it farther and higher, getting it noticed, actually leading it to and achieving victory over a highly favored Brooklyn Prep team at the old Madison Square Garden, the first to have his number

11 retired by the School, over a thousand points during his reign. Who could ever imagine such a thing?

If you were a regular on the courts at St. Gabe’s, just hanging out or pounding it, staying out way too late yet again after saying yes to just one more game of “Horse”; or just hoping to get picked for one last half-court contest before heading home for dinner, it was easy to imagine all those things while standing and staring wide-eyed on those hot asphalt sidelines, shaking your head in disbelief, watching John making one after another...and another...just effortlessly doing his thing.

What a show it was to see, what hoop dreams and hopes he laid out on the table and what an All Star ride he really had.

by Chris Levy
St Gabe’s ’66/ Loyola ’70
IN MEMORIAM

1947
Filippo Galluppi on February 14, 2021.

1950
Bob Cahill on September 7, 2020.

1951

1960

1962

1965
Anthony Finn in February 2019.


1967
John De Vasto on February 3, 2021.

1968 & 1971

1973
George Caines on July 8, 2021.


1975
Jim Dwyer on October 8, 2020.

1976
Sallie Elkordy, sister of Kate Ottavino, on November 22, 2020.

Kevin Robinson on July 9, 2021.

1977 & 1979

1983
James Rowen, father of Mary Rowen Maguire ’83, on July 11, 2021.

1984

1985

1985 & 1988

1987
James Finn, father of Jim Finn, on June 14, 2021.

Jadwiga Pawlowski, mother of Robert Pawlowski.

1988 & 1992
Thomas Cullen father of Tommy Cullen †’88 and Rita Cullen ’92, on May 14, 2021.
IN MEMORIAM

1988
Joan Samsen, mother of Nicole Samsen Lawrence, on July 15, 2021.

1989 & 2021
Erminia Motika, grandmother of Tanya Bastianich Manuali ’89 and great-grandmother of Julia Manuali ’21, on February 14, 2021.

1992
Martin Finneran, father of Annie Finneran Creagan, on October 4, 2020.

1994 & 1996
Angela Macken, mother of Brian Macken ’94 and Jennifer Macken Griffiths ’96, on September 20, 2020.

1998 & 2003
Joan George, mother of Victoria George Kauffman ’98 and Richie George ’03, on June 18, 2021.

1999
Alfredo Binet, father of Diana Binet, on February 24, 2021.


2000 & 2004
Diane H. Sorbera, mother of Christina Sorbera Delay ’00, Joseph Sorbera ’04, and Diana Sorbera Wortman ’04, on October 17, 2020.

2001
Paul S. Distefano, husband of Beth Kane-Distefano, on December 22, 2020.

2003
Theodore Cabacungan, father of Nicole Lancia ’03, on December 31, 2020.

Una McGinley Sarno, mother of Niamh Sarno.

2003 & 2005
John Feury, father of Sean Feury ’03 and Ryan Feury ’05, on July 13, 2021.

2004

2004 & 2005
Loretta Rivera, mother of Felipe Rivera ’04 and Elizabeth Rivera ’05, on March 4, 2021.

2013 & 2019
Nicolas Donarski, father of Chase Donarski ’13 and James Donarski ’19, on March 25, 2021.

2015
Elizabeth Kelly, mother of Nina Kelly, on July 5, 2021.

2020

Former Faculty
Rev. Mike Sehler, S.J. on May 20, 2021
SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Loyola 2021-2022 events.

The Michael J. Armstrong Memorial Foundation

Posse’s Fall Gathering is back!

Saturday, November 20, 2021
from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Park Avenue Tavern,
99 Park Avenue, NYC

More details to follow!

To donate an item toward the grand raffle or silent auction, please contact Laura Armstrong-Weaver loloarmstrong@gmail.com or 845-893-3865.

Annual Alumni Dinner

Friday, February 4, 2022

If you have any questions, please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@loyolanyc.org

Spring Benefit Gala

Friday, April 29, 2022

Cocktails
Dinner
Live & Silent Auctions

Join us at the New York Athletic Club! If you have any questions, please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@loyolanyc.org

13th Annual Friends of the Jesuits Golf Outing

Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Quaker Ridge Golf Club
Scarsdale, New York

CLICK HERE to view the print invitation for the Golf Outing.

CLICK HERE to view the print RSVP for the Golf Outing.

Contact Ann Marie Houston at ahouston@jesuits.org for more information.

Shea-Armstrong Golf Classic

Monday, June 20, 2022

Join us for golf, swimming, or tennis. The classic is a fun day for the whole family!

Location: Leewood Golf Club- Eastchester, NY

If you are interested in being part of the Golf Classic committee, please contact Donna Stefanizzi at 646.346.8134 or dstefanizzi@loyolanyc.org
LOYOLA REUNION

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Celebrating the Classes of:

1971  1985  1996  2010

Do you stay in touch with many of your Loyola friends? Consider signing up to be a Reunion Class Coordinator!

Email reunion@loyolany.org to sign up as a Reunion Coordinator.

Formal invitation to follow
Loyola School Store

Click here to purchase and view more items!

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Please send us your contact information to stay updated on all the latest Loyola news! Are you or a classmate a lost alumnus? Help us find lost alumni by providing contact information to Rose Bennett at rbennett@loyolanyc.org

We encourage you to stay connected to Loyola and your fellow alumni on the following platforms:

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- Follow us on Instagram @loyolanyc
- Follow us on Twitter @LoyolaSchoolNYC