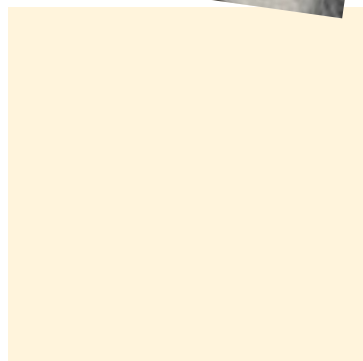




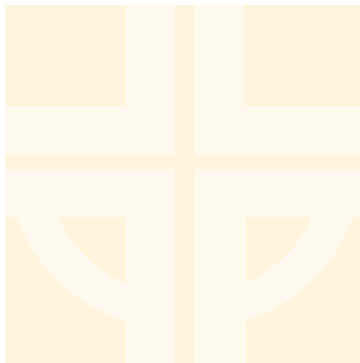
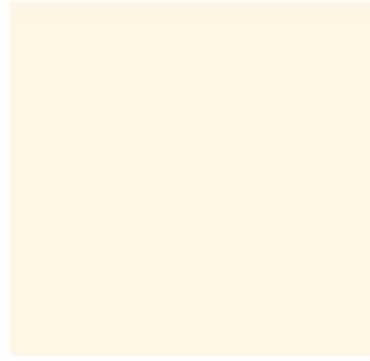
Parents in Partnership with Loyola Academy





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Dear Loyola Parent,

We are proud of the close partnership that exists between our faculty, administration, Loyola's Jesuit community, and the parents of our students.

Parents are a vital part of life at Loyola Academy. They participate in social, spiritual, and educational activities; help out at special events; raise funds to support our mission of Jesuit education; and even volunteer during the school day as substitute teachers.

Your participation creates a more vibrant community of learning at Loyola and enables us to continue to provide an outstanding Jesuit college preparatory education for a diverse population of young people.

Parents who do get involved find that the rewards are great. Many parents tell us that they relish these opportunities to get involved in their children's school community and meet other parents with similar values and interests.

We hope you'll take some time to review the educational, spiritual, volunteer, and giving opportunities outlined on the following pages.

You'll be inspired by educational programs such as our **Women of Wisdom Society Autumn Lecture Series** and spiritually uplifted by programs such as our **Fall Liturgy and Gathering, Evening of Reflection**, and **Adult Retreat**. Special events such as our **Mothers' Club Autumn Gathering**, the **President's Dinner**, and the **Ramble Auction** offer enjoyable opportunities to socialize with other members of the Loyola community. You'll also find many volunteer opportunities and gift options on pages 4 through 12.

We thank you for making Loyola a part of your life—and for your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure!

To God's Greater Glory in our school and in our lives,

Ted Munz, SJ

Rev. Theodore G. Munz, S.J.





Educational and Spiritual Opportunities for Parents

Life at Loyola isn't just about our students. Parents are often surprised to discover that they get a lot out of the Loyola experience as well. Why not nourish your mind and nurture your spirit with some of the lectures, workshops, reflections, liturgies, and retreats listed at right?

Women of Wisdom Society Autumn Lecture Series

In 2001, a group of Loyola Academy women established the Women of Wisdom Society (WOW) to bring women in the Loyola community together to share in the pursuit of knowledge and the joy of learning. Every year since then, WOW has sought out some of society's most accomplished and brilliant individuals for **an autumn lecture series that is stimulating, informative, lively, and always provocative**. You'll love this opportunity to socialize with other Loyola moms while delving into some of the most compelling topics of the day. Lectures are held on Tuesday mornings in the Loyola Theater, followed by lunch in the Marillac Room.

For more information about signing up for the WOW lecture series or serving on the WOW planning committee, please call our director of parent relations at 847.920.2439.

Guidance Department Programs for Parents

It's a well-known fact that Loyola has one of the most comprehensive guidance programs in the country—with workshops, seminars, and support groups for students *and* parents.

Loyola's Guidance Department has been a pioneer in the development of programs that help students succeed academically, socially, and emotionally—in high school, in college, and in the larger arena of life. We also offer a number of **valuable programs that help keep parents informed about issues related to adolescent development**. These programs address a wide variety of topics—from study skill strategies to college selection to substance abuse—and help educate parents about ways to create a family environment that supports healthy and safe lifestyle choices.

For more information about programs for parents offered by Loyola Academy's Guidance Department, please contact our dean of student life at 847.920.2511.

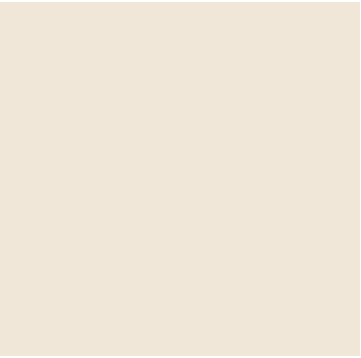
Spiritual Opportunities for Parents

Soul-satisfying spiritual retreats, masses, and prayer sessions for parents and families take place throughout the year at Loyola Academy.

Many parents treasure these opportunities to grow closer to God, their children, and other members of the Loyola community. You'll find opportunities to engage in spiritual reflection with your children through events such as the **Father/Student Mass and Breakfast** and the **Mother/Student Mass and Breakfast**. Loyola's Jesuit community also offers spiritual opportunities designed exclusively for parents, such as the **Mothers' Club Evening of Reflection**, an **Adult Retreat**, and the **Fall Liturgy and Gathering**.

As a Loyola parent, you have undoubtedly heard about Loyola's Student Formation Program, which focuses on the non-academic aspects of student development such as social/emotional learning, spirituality and prayer, and health and wellness. The Student Formation Program includes a spiritual component called The Chapel Program. This faith experience for young people combines the Eucharist and prayer with presentations by guest speakers and discussions that explore topics such as Jesuit history and tradition, themes from the *Spiritual Exercises*, and the sacraments. To complement your child's Chapel Program curriculum, Loyola also offers a **Quarterly Reflection for Parents**. Watch for news about Quarterly Reflection dates and times during the academic year.

For more information about spiritual opportunities for parents, please contact Loyola's director of Jesuit identity at 847.920.2445



Volunteer Opportunities for Parents

We call upon our students to be women and men for others, leaders in service. Why not serve as a role model for your son or daughter by volunteering to support Loyola's tradition of excellence?

The rewards of volunteerism are many: You'll meet other Loyola parents, make new friends, and experience the satisfaction that comes from serving others.

Mothers' Club

The Mothers' Club has a long history of service to Loyola Academy. The programs sponsored by the Mothers' Club directly involve and benefit our students, parents, and faculty. Participation in the Mothers' Club is a great way to meet other Loyola moms who have similar interests.

Wondering how to join? You don't have to do a thing: All Loyola moms are automatically members.

The Mothers' Club offers spiritual, social, and volunteer opportunities for Loyola moms. Our meetings and social gatherings are held throughout the school year and include the following events:

- ✦ **Autumn Gathering**
- ✦ **Fall Liturgy and Gathering**
- ✦ **Father/Student and Breakfast**
- ✦ **St. Nick's Liturgy and Breakfast, followed by our annual LoyolaWear Fashion Show and Sale**
- ✦ **Evening of Reflection**
- ✦ **Spring Dinner honoring our Mothers' Club officers and chairs**

How can you get involved? You can volunteer as a substitute teacher, a committee chair, or an event host. You can help with mailings, decorations, and event setup or cleanup.

But that's not all. Mothers' Club members volunteer as area representatives for other Loyola parents living in their neighborhoods. They serve catered dinners to faculty members at the school's annual Open House for prospective students and during incoming freshman interviews. Loyola moms also host an appreciation breakfast for faculty and staff in January and help out at Loyola's annual Baccalaureate Mass and graduation ceremony.

We hope to see you at our next gathering!

For more information about upcoming Mothers' Club activities, please contact our director of parent relations at 847.920.2439.

Fathers' Club

The Fathers' Club welcomes all Loyola dads as members. Meetings are scheduled in advance and held during the evening hours.

We rely on Loyola dads to help support the Academy's mission of Jesuit education in many ways. Fathers' Club members serve as substitute teachers and committee chairs. They provide hospitality and supervision for school activities such as grade school sports tournaments and our annual Open House for prospective students.

During certain events—such as the Mother/Student Mass and Breakfast and the Dad/Daughter Dance—we turn to the members of our Fathers' Club for assistance with planning, decorations, and event setup and cleanup.

Dads are an indispensable part of Loyola life! We hope you'll get involved in as many functions as you can.

For more information about upcoming Fathers' Club activities, please contact our director of parent relations at 847.920.2439.

RAMBLE Auction

For more than 30 years, the RAMBLE Auction has been one of our most exciting and successful fundraising events. **This fun-filled evening raises funds for Loyola's tuition assistance program and enables a diverse population of Ramblers from all over the metropolitan Chicago area to enjoy the many benefits of Jesuit education.** Your volunteer support for the RAMBLE is a true gift to these young people.

Held on the first Saturday evening in May, our RAMBLE Auction is based on a different theme each year. Creative and colorful decorations designed by our decorations committee transform the Loyola gym and provide a festive backdrop for this lighthearted, parent-driven celebration.

RAMBLE guests enjoy a delicious repast, drinks, and lively bidding for auction items such as vacations to exotic destinations, celebrity items, tickets to sporting events, products, services, and collectibles. These auction items are donated by friends of Loyola, as well as merchants, corporations, parents, and graduate parents. All donors are recognized in our RAMBLE Auction catalog.

How can you help make our next RAMBLE Auction a success? You can join our RAMBLE decorations committee, serve on our mailing or auction catalog committees, or participate in the RAMBLE Parent Mixer. You'll find that serving on any of the RAMBLE committees is fun—with everybody doing something, but never too much!

To volunteer for this year's RAMBLE Auction, please contact our director of special events at 847.920.2439.



Parents for Others

Ready to make a real difference in the lives of Loyola's students and faculty? Why not become a Parent for Others? These dedicated Loyola parents play a vital role at Loyola Academy by filling in for faculty members who are attending retreats or professional conferences, summoned for jury duty, or fulfilling other obligations that take them out of the classroom.

What exactly does a Parent for Others do? You'll take attendance, assign homework, collect papers, and administer tests. This service provides continuity for our students and ensures that they receive the appropriate attention and supervision during a teacher's absence. Previous teaching experience is *not* a prerequisite for this volunteer position. The key to being a successful Parent for Others is an ability and a willingness to supervise students in a classroom setting.

To volunteer or learn more about this program, please contact our Parents for Others program director at 847.920.2403.

Parent Ambassadors of Loyola (PALs)

If you're a fan of Loyola Academy, why not spread the word? **As a parent ambassador, you'll be sharing information about Loyola through heartfelt, parent-to-parent conversations.**

The time commitment is minimal: During the last week of February, each PAL spends a few hours at Loyola making phone calls to the parents of 20 to 25 eighth grade students who have been accepted at Loyola. Using scripted information, PALs welcome prospective parents, encourage them to attend Loyola's freshman conference, and answer any questions that they might have about Loyola Academy. **If you're a "people person," this is the volunteer opportunity for you!**

For more information about becoming a parent ambassador, please contact our director of admissions at 847.920.2480.





Giving Opportunities for Parents

Loyola's tradition of excellence over the years has been made possible by the generosity of our alumni, parents, and friends. Your contributions enable us to continue to challenge, educate, and enlighten our Ramblers—and help us fulfill our mission of forming women and men for others who make the world a better place. We hope you'll take a moment to browse through the giving opportunities on the following pages. Loyola needs your support!

Parent Annual Fund

Like the first Jesuit schools nearly 500 years ago, which were open to rich and poor alike, Loyola Academy has always been committed to maintaining a socioeconomically diverse student population. Today, Ramblers enjoy a rich, multicultural milieu that offers many opportunities to make friends with young people from different backgrounds and learn about different cultures and lifestyles. About half of our students reside in Chicago. The rest travel to Loyola from 50 different suburbs. Nearly 20 percent are minorities. Twenty-five percent come from families in which one parent was born outside of the U.S. Much of this diversity is made possible by Loyola's tuition assistance program—and the parents who have supported tuition assistance through their gifts to the Annual Fund.

You can help us carry on this tradition—and help ensure that no student is denied a Loyola education for financial reasons—through your gift to the Parent Annual Fund.

All Loyola parents will receive an Annual Fund mailing in early autumn. We urge you to respond as generously as you can. Your support will literally change the life of a deserving young person by making a Jesuit college preparatory education attainable.

You may be able to double the amount of your gift! If your employer offers a **matching gift program**, please contact your human resources department for the proper form and send it to us with your contribution.

To learn more about the Parent Annual Fund or if you have an interest in helping us with our solicitation efforts, please contact Loyola's annual giving director at 847.920.2437.

President's Dinner

Our annual President's Dinner is a rite of autumn at Loyola Academy that you won't want to miss! A favorite with Loyola parents, graduate parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends, **this elegant evening of dining and dancing is one of the most important fundraising events of the year.**

We encourage you to support our President's Dinner, which is held each year on the first Friday evening of November, by purchasing tickets to attend and recruiting other couples to join you at a table. If you cannot attend, a gift to underwrite the evening would be most appreciated. All proceeds support our tuition assistance program.

Watch for your invitation in the mail at the end of September.

To learn more about supporting our President's Dinner, please contact Loyola's special events director at 847.920.2439.



RAMBLE Auction

Springtime just wouldn't be the same without our RAMBLE Auction! Always one of the most memorable nights of the year, **this lively, lighthearted fundraising event offers a multitude of ways to support Loyola Academy's tuition assistance program.**

You can purchase tickets to attend the RAMBLE and encourage other parents to join you at a table. You can buy tickets for the RAMBLE Raffle and sell raffle tickets to family members, coworkers, and friends. We hope you'll also consider bidding on auction items on the night of the event or donating auction items such as airline tickets, a stay at a vacation home or condo, celebrity items, tickets to sports events, or gift certificates. Cash contributions are always greatly appreciated.

Perhaps your company would be willing to underwrite a portion of the event, donate supplies, or purchase an ad in our RAMBLE Auction catalog. Many parents also purchase space in the RAMBLE Auction catalog to send a message to their favorite Ramblers.

Watch for your invitation in the mail in March—and get ready to RAMBLE!

To learn more about supporting the RAMBLE Auction, please contact Loyola's special events director at 847.920.2439.



Special Gifts for Special Interests

Loyola offers many giving options that are tailored expressly to your interests—and to the aspects of Jesuit education that have a deep meaning for you. We've outlined some specific areas below that need your support.

Interested in supporting a specific program or project that isn't listed here? Please call us. We will be happy to discuss a gift to support a special interest that is near and dear to your heart.

TUITION ASSISTANCE AND NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Donations to our **tuition assistance** program—beyond the dollars raised through our Annual Fund, President's Dinner, and RAMBLE—**provide critically needed funding to help promote diversity at Loyola**. Your support in this area will enable a young person who cannot afford the cost of tuition at Loyola to enjoy the many benefits of a college preparatory education in the Jesuit tradition.

Looking for a way to honor a loved one or show your appreciation for a favorite teacher, coach, or Jesuit at Loyola Academy? A gift to establish a **named scholarship** or a contribution to an existing named scholarship fund at Loyola Academy is a meaningful way to do so. Scholarships may be established by an individual or a group of parents, friends, or alumni. Your gift will provide a lasting tribute to someone special, while making it possible for a deserving young person to attend Loyola Academy.

FACULTY ENHANCEMENT

Your support in this area enables Loyola to **reward excellence in teaching and attract and retain high-caliber instructors**. A gift to support faculty enhancement will help fund a wide variety of professional, spiritual, and personal growth opportunities for our faculty members.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Gifts in this area support the education, training, and formation of students and faculty in **Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit tradition**. A gift to support religious formation at Loyola Academy will help maintain and advance ministry and service programs such as retreats and social service activities.

TECHNOLOGY

Donations to support technological enhancements at Loyola help us **prepare our students for a world that is increasingly dependent on information technologies**. Funding enables us to implement cutting-edge technologies across the curriculum and provide technological support for classroom instruction.

FACILITIES

Contributions in this area help us maintain a safe and well-equipped environment for the academic, spiritual, athletic, and co-curricular pursuits of our Ramblers. Your support for the **"bricks and mortar" behind our mission** enables us to perform all necessary maintenance and repairs on our facilities—and fund enhancements that keep Loyola in the forefront of college preparatory academies nationwide.

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Special Gifts for Special Interests *continued*

FINE ARTS

Be a patron of the arts at Loyola. Your support will help us **nurture our students' nascent talents** in the visual arts, architectural design, dance, music, and theater. Your gift may be used to enhance Loyola's fine arts programs or facilities or to sponsor one of our musical groups or dance companies. The gift possibilities in this area are limited only by your creativity!

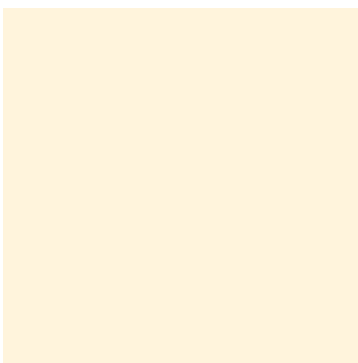
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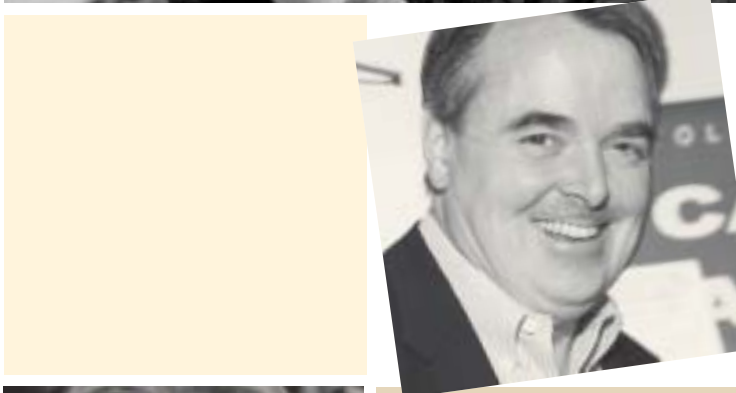
Help us promote the values of wellness and a healthy lifestyle. Our athletics program helps young people develop performance skills and leadership abilities, as well as the habit of participation and physical fitness. You'll be helping our students learn about the importance of hard work, preparation, responsibility, time management, goal setting, and working as a member of a team—values that will give them a **foundation for success and personal fulfillment in the larger arena of life**. Name an athletic field or sponsor one of our many sports programs.

CHAPEL RENOVATION

Your gift to the Chapel Renovation Fund supports the expansion and renovation of Loyola's Chapel to **create a prayerful space that is larger, more intimate, and distinctly Ignatian in character**. An increased seating capacity of 550 allows student formation groups to meet twice a month for a faith experience that combines the Eucharist and prayer with presentations by guest speakers and discussions that explore topics such as Jesuit history and tradition, themes from the *Spiritual Exercises*, and the sacraments. Other enhancements include a 10-foot wooden crucifix, three stained glass windows depicting the *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius, and a Jesuit Gallery.

To find out more about special gift options at Loyola Academy, please contact our principal gifts director at 847.920.2430.





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