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Dear Students, Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Loyola Academy,

It's a great day to be a Rambler!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee, I am thrilled to announce that at a special meeting of the Board last night, Rev. Patrick E. McGrath, S.J. was elected as the eighth President of Loyola Academy, effective July 1, 2009.

Since early January, when Fr. Munz announced he would be leaving Loyola at the end of this academic year to become Treasurer of the Chicago and Detroit Provinces of the Society of Jesus, the Board and Search Committee's primary goal has been to find the best possible person to continue Loyola's commitment to academic excellence and to the formation of its students in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Society of Jesus. We are confident that Fr. McGrath is that person.

Pat is a native of Chicago and attended Marist High School. He earned his BA degree from the University of Notre Dame and two Masters degrees, the first in Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and the second in Learning and Organizational Change from Northwestern University. Pat is an experienced educator with a particular passion for secondary education, having spent eight years as a high school teacher and department chair before entering the Jesuits. For the last three years, Pat has served as the Provincial Assistant for Secondary Education, working with the leadership of the six high schools in the Chicago Province and learning firsthand the best practices for leading a Jesuit high school. Pat knows Loyola Academy and its faculty, staff, and community well from his three years of service on the faculty of Loyola prior to his ordination, and his four years as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Most importantly, Fr. McGrath is an inspirational Jesuit. At the core of what makes Loyola Academy distinct from other outstanding high schools in the area is its Jesuit identity. Pat's energy, enthusiasm, and spirituality are sure to continue to sharpen that distinction. For those who have not had the opportunity to meet Fr. McGrath in person, or hear him preach on Sundays at Old St. Pat's, I encourage you to listen to his Lenten Reflection series (available at www.jesuits-chi.org) for some sense of our school's new leader.

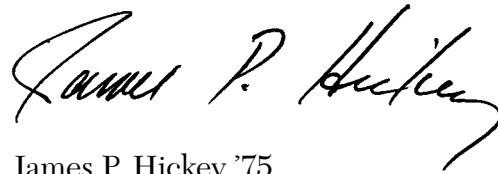
Pat has expressed his commitment to the goals that have been guiding Loyola under Fr. Munz—excellence, distinctiveness, diversity, and access. He particularly hopes to deepen and expand Loyola’s formation initiatives to the entire Loyola community—students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni.

I thank Very Reverend Edward W. Schmidt, S.J., Provincial of the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus, for his advice, counsel, and support during our search, for making Fr. McGrath available as a candidate to us, and for approving his election by our Board. Very Reverend Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J., Provincial of the Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus, was also very helpful and generous to us as well. It is clear that both Provincials strongly support and appreciate the work of Loyola Academy.

Loyola is extremely fortunate to have benefitted from the leadership of Fr. Munz over the past thirteen years. His impact on the school, its students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff will be felt for many years to come. Activities are being planned to allow the Loyola community to appropriately recognize and thank him for his selfless service.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. McGrath to the presidency of Loyola Academy and praying for his success in leading the school and inspiring the Loyola community to continue its generous support of this mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Hickey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James P. Hickey '75

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TO: THE ENTIRE PROVINCE
RE: PRESIDENT OF LOYOLA ACADEMY

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Dear Brothers, Peace of Christ.

Yesterday, the board of trustees of Loyola Academy chose the Rev. Patrick E. McGrath, S.J., as the next president. I have gladly agreed to allow Pat to accept this mission. He is highly qualified for this position, and I know that he is excited about taking on this new challenge. The transition will occur on July 1.

Pat is now in his third year of service as our province's assistant for secondary education. In this position, Pat continued our strong support of this mission of secondary education, working closely with the boards of these schools, with their administrations, with the Jesuit communities there. He also challenged the schools, the province administration, and the national structures of secondary education constantly to reexamine this mission and to clarify our relationship to it as circumstances and personalities change. We face the future stronger for what Pat has done, continuing the work of his predecessors and bringing his own insights, experience, and energy to it.

Pat takes over a very strong school from Ted Munz, who has served there so well since 1996. Ted has given Loyola Academy a very strong, creative emphasis not only on academic excellence but also on Catholic and Jesuit identity, involving all the communities that make up a school. Catholic education is much richer and stronger for all that Ted has brought to it during his time as president.

We have not yet finalized plans for how to replace Pat in his current position, but we are working carefully to insure that our traditionally strong leadership in this area will continue.

Thanks to Mr. James Hickey, chair of the Loyola Academy board, for bringing this process to a successful and happy result. Thanks too to Ted and to Pat for their service in the Society's mission—our prayers go with you!

Your brother in Christ,

Edward W. Schmidt, S.J.
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