



Our Heritage

Loyola High School is a joint venture between the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Society of Jesus. Loyola draws upon the experience and expertise of over 450 years of Jesuit education in this country and around the world. The Loyola philosophy of education is imbued with the Jesuit, Catholic tradition – *i.e.*, to enhance and enrich the mind, heart, body, and spirit. Loyola seeks to graduate young men who are prepared for the next stage of formal education—college, university, or a skilled trades program—and who will give back to the community as “men for others.”

Our History

In the early 1990’s, the Detroit Board of Education planned to open a series of all-male academies to address the very high dropout rate of males in the city. The courts struck down this initiative, ruling that it violated Michigan’s Constitution by promoting single-sex public education.

It was in response to that ruling that Archbishop Adam Maida and Jesuit Provincial Fr. Joseph Daoust agreed to collaborate to open a high school with that very intent: address the needs of an under-served, marginalized male population in Detroit and its surrounding communities. In August of 1993, Loyola Academy (as it was first called) opened its doors to 43 young men, with longtime Detroit educator and community icon, Fr. Malcolm Carron, S.J., serving as President of this new venture.

Adding one grade at a time, Loyola reached full, four-year enrollment in the 1996-97 school year, and on June 1, 1997, it proudly graduated its first senior class. It was a joyous celebration, to say the least, as the community celebrated an important milestone in the lives of these young men, many of whom, by their own admission, had never considered college prior to coming to Loyola, and some of whom again by their own testimony, probably would have dropped out of school before earning a diploma. Since then, Loyola has graduated 21 more classes of proud seniors. Loyola students leave well prepared to continue their education after graduation to four-year universities, community colleges, or trade schools.

Our Present Status

Loyola is many things, including the following:

- Loyola is very much a product and reflection of its **local community**. Many of the students and parents know of and are from the near neighborhood. What happens outside the school frequently affects what happens inside the school.
- Loyola is a **brotherhood** for which the students must first become men for each of the other students, and then, once this trust and bond is achieved, truly become men for all others.
- Loyola cares for the **entire student** – academically, for sure, but also emotionally, nutritionally and spiritually.

- Loyola is **majority African-American** whose students are **energetic and fun-loving**, with a **fierce pride** in their school, their fellow students, their community and their sports and their other accomplishments.

Now in its 25th year, Loyola has a proven track record of success, including 8 straight years of 100% college acceptance by our graduating class, and looks forward to building on this stable foundation for the next 25 years!



Loyola Fast Facts:

- Established in 1993 by the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
- One of 62 Jesuit secondary schools in the United States
- Enrollment: 145
- Demographics: 85% from Detroit, with 15% from surrounding communities
- Full-time teachers: 16
- Student/Teacher Ratio: 9/1
- Tuition: \$4,300 (average family payment: \$1,850)
- Alumni on staff: 4 full-time
- Graduating seniors who are accepted into 2 or 4-year college or university programs: 100%
- Graduating seniors who continue in college, universities, military or job training programs: 90+%
- Loyola Work Experience Program (LWEP) for all juniors & seniors has placements in 25 local companies and non-profits organizations
- Competitive varsity programs in football, basketball, rugby, bowling, cross-country & track:
 - Football - State Championship 2014, State finals four of five years 2012-2016
 - Basketball - State semi-finals 2016, District champions 2018
 - Track: Consecutive Catholic League championships
 - Bowling: First State qualifier 2018
- Extracurricular activities include Debate, Model United Nations, Student Senate, National Honor Society, and Boys Hope Academy
 - Debate - National Speech and Debate Qualifiers / Top 7 State Policy debaters 2017-2018
- Service Recognition Awardees
- Motto: Men for Others
- School colors: Blue & White
- Mascot: The English Bulldog
- President: Fr. Mark W. Luedtke, S.J.
- Principal: Wyatt Jones III '98
- Dean of Student Formation: Michael Black '01
- Director of Admissions: Paul Davis '11

Mission Statement:

Loyola High School of Detroit, a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition, nurtures a culture of hope and academic success for young men challenged by an urban environment and prepares them to be men of Christian love, justice, and service who act with integrity, compassion, and courage.