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To The Loyola Community:

Anniversaries are the perfect time to look back and to look ahead. We look back with great pride at twenty-five years of our history as the Loyola community. We look ahead with great hope to all that the future holds for current and future Bulldogs.

The Jesuits have invited me to look ahead, to pray ahead, to all that the future holds for me as a Jesuit, as a companion of Christ. I will “graduate” with the Class of 2019 next June and then have a “gap year” to continue my studies as a Jesuit outside the United States. After that experience, I will await the call by my Provincial to final vows in the Society of Jesus. I ask your continued prayers as I move through the rest of this year and into the future.

And what a future Loyola has to look forward to! And what a year it will be for all of us!

At this point in the school year, we are looking ahead to the promise of graduation and the excitement of the Tigers event (c’mon Tigers!). Principal Wyatt Jones ’98 and his team are busy plotting the course for the next successful academic year, and LWEP is gearing up to pair our young men with leaders in the business community (see pages 12-13).

This year holds even more excitement than ever. Our Save the Date section on page 23 includes a new event (April 27) inviting a younger crowd to experience Loyola. We have also put together special Legacy event (September 7) to celebrate all who have made and those who will continue to make Loyola the wonderful place so many call home. We hope you will join us in our remembrances and our festivities, including the Detroit Mass Mob and school festival (and my 50th birthday party) on May 12.

Where the last Landmark looked back across the time line of Loyola’s history, this edition catches you up on the many happenings in what has proven to be a very busy year. Congrats to our Debate and Basketball teams who took the reins from the Football team this year. A word of thanks to all those who continue to dream big dreams for our young men (what is all that tapping I hear?!?! See page 11 for the answer). Even the collapse of the chapel roof barely dimmed our brightly burning beacon as we immediately began to envision the future of our shared worship space where we praise and reverence our God.

Thanks to all who make this a wonderful place. Come and see what makes it so special.

Blessings,

Mark W. Luedtke, SJ
President

Rev. Mark W. Luedtke, SJ
President
William R. McGrail
Director of Advancement
Therese Marz
Business Manager
Wyatt L. Jones III ’98
Principal
Michael Black ’01
Dean of Student Formation

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.
Loyola is Unlike Any Other

When the founders of Loyola drew up the initial plans for Loyola more than 25 years ago, I imagine however those initial discussions meandered, stopped and started, the underlying question was, “How can we help these young men?” Providing a young man with a quality, Catholic, Jesuit education was, and always will be the bedrock of what we do here everyday – it is core to our DNA and who we are. However, being a school in and of itself does not move the needle on how we help our students.

Loyola is unlike any school that I have ever been affiliated with – either as an attendee or as a supporter. What makes Loyola so unique is how it transcends the conventional labels that are placed on organizations. Is Loyola a school? Absolutely – but Loyola also plays a critical role as a community hub & service provider. We work hard every day to attract and provide resources for our young men and their families who may need a little extra. Whether simply providing a tie or a belt to complete the student uniform, or maybe a turkey for a family Thanksgiving dinner, we go beyond math and grammar to ensure that our young men are prepared for success. It never ceases to amaze me the number of parents who come back to tell us what a critical role Loyola and our staff played in helping to raise their young boy to be the man the parents knew he could become.

Another key to our success is getting to know each young man beyond the classroom. We try to meet our young men where they are each day and how we can help them get to where they want to be. We do this by changing horizons – we expand boundaries, and we help our young men see the potential within themselves. At the end of the day, our main job is to help each young man to find his footing, open his mind, and to give him the tools and experiences to become the best man that he can be. Proof positive of the kind of young men that we help to form can be found in a poignant article on page 6.

Sometimes people try to put Jesuit education into a box such as “men for others” or “for the greater glory of God”, and while these are fundamentals of the model, it really comes down to meeting the young men where they are and challenging (and helping) them to become the best incarnation of themselves - this is what Loyola does best.

You are all a part of our Loyola Community in some way. Whether you offer a simple prayer for our young men, donate a few extra ties for our Resource Closet, or help to fund our mission, we simply could not do what we do every day without your support.

Thank you for all you do for Loyola and our young men.

William R. McGrail
Director of Advancement
Fr. Jim O’Reilly, SJ. (June 12, 1926-January 5, 2018) Our beloved Fr. O’Reilly was born in Toledo, Ohio — indeed a blessed event! Fr. O’s childhood was quite unique — he spent six of his early years at the Lucas County jail — not for any wrongdoing, of course! Circumstances caused by The Depression, forced his family to move in with Fr. O’s grandparents. His grandfather, the sheriff of Lucas County, lived in a house attached to the jail; hence, Fr. O became part of the jail community. In the evenings, when the trusted inmates were allowed outside, little Jimmy loved to sit on the curb with them and listen to their stories (we’re sure he was dispensing spiritual nuggets even then). In 1944, after graduating from Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie de Chien, Wisconsin, Fr. O joined the Jesuits at Sacred Heart Novitiate in Milford, Ohio. Do the math — 73 years a Jesuit!!

Over the years, Fr. O served cheerfully and enthusiastically wherever he was sent. In 1995, when Fr. Malcolm Carron, SJ, our founding president, retired for the final time, Fr. O landed at Loyola to serve as acting president for a year, as well as taking on the duties as Pastor of St. Francis de Sales. During his 20 years at Loyola, he served as teacher, coach, spiritual advisor, and counselor while continuing his pastoral ministry. When the St. Francis de Sales and Precious Blood parishes merged, Fr. O was appointed pastor of the new St. Peter Claver Catholic Community. After retiring from Loyola in 2015, he continued to be St. Peter Claver’s much loved pastor for another year. Just about everyone has a favorite Fr. O story. Phil Pettelle, Loyola’s Government teacher, calls his “The Legend of Fr. O’s Bookshelf.” Phil frequently visited Fr. O in his Loyola office with its hodge-podge of old furniture items, one of them being a rickety old bookshelf. One day Phil noticed the sorry-looking bookshelf sitting at the back door destined for the dumpster and oblivion. He decided to rescue and renovate it as a reminder of his friendship with Fr. O. The special bookshelf became a fixture in the basement family room. Then came the “Great Flood of 2014” when the Berkley sewer system was overcome by torrential rains. Sewage water gushed from the basement drain threatening to ruin everything! Phil’s efforts to stem the flow were for naught. He watched the water quickly spread across the floor heading straight for the Fr. O bookshelf. And then, miracle of all miracles, within an inch of the bookshelf, the water suddenly stopped, receded, and was sucked back into the drain! Phil, not a man to indulge in fanciful thinking, is convinced that there is magic in that bookshelf from his good friend Fr. O — a very special man.

During his 20 years at Loyola, he served as teacher, coach, spiritual advisor, and counselor while continuing his pastoral ministry.

Recall the words of the old Mac Davis song: “Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble when you’re perfect in every way.” Well, Fr. O succeeded! He was perfect and was among the most humble of men. We miss Fr. O’Reilly with his Cheshire-cat smile, loving ways, and words of wisdom. He was a man who lived his life humbly, quietly, and spiritually — always available to anyone in need. Rest in peace, Fr. O, your legacy lives on.
Remembering Ray Hillen

Raymond Hillen, Jr. (January 22, 1938-September 4, 2017)
Loyola joins Bonney Hillen, our Theology teacher and Campus Minister, in mourning the death of her husband, Ray. Born and raised in Detroit, Ray joined the Sacred Heart Seminary after high school. Deciding the priesthood was not for him, he then went on to earn a B.S. degree at the University of Michigan.

In addition to being a social worker in Detroit, Ray became involved with CYO-sponsored, Young- Catholic-Adult clubs in Detroit, and it was through this involvement that he met the love of his life. Bonney took her time succumbing to Ray’s upbeat persona and charming ways, but Ray ultimately won her over. They were indeed a dynamic duo and celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss last year.

The other love of Ray’s life was his very successful and rewarding career with the Catholic Youth Organization for 36 years, including ten years as Director.

Ray became an unofficial staff member at Loyola back in 2000 when Bonney joined Loyola. He was always at her side attending countless sporting events, school functions, and fundraisers. With his Loyola spirit wear, impish grin, and genuine concern for others, Ray was indeed a Bulldog and a Man for Others. Known for his positive attitude and outlook on life, his favorite saying was “It’s all good.” His upbeat nature was infectious, and the Loyola community joins Bonney, their two children, four grandchildren, and countless family members and friends in thanking God for Ray’s life — it was “all good.”

Remembering Bill McNish

William James McNish (June 6, 1942-January 29, 2018)
A Detroit native, Bill McNish began his career as a Bond Underwriter trainee at Continental Insurance Company while pursuing a B.S. degree in Business Administration at Wayne State University. With his degree in hand and a promotion to Bond Manager, Bill partnered with John Dennehy to open their own insurance business, and the rest is history. Bill went on to acquire more businesses and, in the Men for Others spirit, Bill used his success to help others — particularly Catholic schools. Married to his high school sweetheart Carol for 54 years with four children and 13 grandchildren, Bill was a devoted family man. His daughter Christine describes her father as a force “larger than life” who would do anything for anyone — everyone was family. In 2003, Bill founded the McNish Family Foundation to provide need-based scholarships for young men and women in high school and beyond. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded over $615,000 in grants and scholarships and impacted the lives of over 250 young women and men — many Loyola students among them. In addition to scholarships, Carol and Bill also supported Loyola’s debate team and annual Tigers Fundraiser. An academic trophy case will be built in his honor to house the debate trophies.

Generous, kind, charismatic, fun-loving, and any other superlative you can think of, Bill embodied the spirit of Loyola and definitely lived his life well. We are grateful for all that he did for our mission and for our young men.
The Daddy Daughter Dance invitation had arrived in the Muhammad family’s mailbox. It would be the first event for Azariah since the death of her dad, Al Muhammad ‘97. And that’s when the call went out from Principal and Bulldog Wyatt Jones ‘98:

Loyola’s Men for Others heard the call to serve and rallied around Al’s daughter, Azariah. That special night, she had six dads to accompany her to the dance. While these men couldn’t replace her father, they showed a young girl and her mom an amazing amount of love—the brotherhood of Loyola lasts a lifetime.

Eight years in a row!

Every senior for the last 8 years has been accepted into college. That’s an impressive statistic, one that makes us very proud. And there’s more... the percentages of our young men who have either graduated from or are still attending two- and four-year colleges for each of the last 4 graduating classes are outstanding: Class of 2014: 67%, Class of 2015: 80%, Class of 2016: 80%, Class of 2017: 96%. We are obviously very proud of the success that our young men are finding at this level, particularly since the college persistence rate is closer to 10% for many of their peers.
Come See What’s Happening at Loyola!

To All Alums: It’s been 25 years in the making, and Loyola would like to hear from you!

Come and reflect on the times you’ve had here. Witness the new and exciting things that are happening at Loyola – for example, the Bowling, Debate and Rugby teams. Come see and experience the student café in the old prayer room. Join us under the lights during football season and experience basketball at our “Fenkell Fieldhouse.” Stop by and see familiar faces – Mrs. Reilly, Wyatt, Mike, Dre, Paul, Ms. Gross, Mr. Pettelle – and don’t forget to see Mrs. Nittmann for some Loyola gear. Loyola supported us throughout our journey through high school, and now it’s time to give back and support our alma mater. Join us at morning prayer, and volunteer your time to share your wisdom with our young men. Also, through our donations, let’s continue the Loyola legacy for another 25 years and more.

Alumni Make Their Way Back to Fenkell Fieldhouse

The 3-on-3 Tournament pitted alumni, students, and staff against each other in spirited games in the best gym in the Catholic League. The second place winners were the handsome gentlemen shown below: Paul Davis ‘01, Colin Horn (PE and Health teacher) Fr. Adam DeLeon, SJ (Theology teacher), and DeAndre Ulmer ‘09 (Online Facilitator).

Several brave alumni showed up to play against the varsity basketball team in January. The alumni team beat the varsity team... but just by a couple of shots. The alums walked out with smiles on their faces, knowing they still had what it takes to beat the “young ones.” We will be doing this again next year as the tradition of the Blue and White game continues. We hope you’ll join us. If you haven’t gotten any mail from us recently, give us a call and share your information so we can keep in touch!
Bulldog for a Day Leads to Bulldog for Life

The day Colin walked into the school to visit as a “Bulldog for a Day,” he wasn’t quite sure what to expect. Being a 7th grader in a school full of high schoolers was a bit intimidating. But in walked Carlos with his big smile and casual swagger. Colin was immediately a bit more relaxed. It’s freshmen like Carlos who give prospective students an in-depth look at Loyola. Any 7th or 8th grade student can be a Bulldog for the Day. Visitors are paired with a student and shadow him for an entire school day. The program provides an unfiltered glimpse into the daily routine, expectations, and unique learning environment at Loyola. By visiting, many uncertainties about high school are resolved and questions are answered through casual conversation amongst peers. There is an observable sense of pride when a Loyola student takes a new student under his wing – a pride we all share. To reserve a day, call Paul Davis in the Admissions Office at (313) 861-2407 x110.

Loyola Shows Off its Best

On Saturday, May 5th, Loyola High School will host a Spring Open House from 3pm to 5pm. This annual event welcomes all perspective families into our school to show off academics, athletics, and after-school programs. Following the opening prayer, student ambassadors in blue blazers accompany guests through the classrooms to meet our hard-working teachers and staff. Coaches and players in our athletic program are also available, giving insight on how to find success as a student-athlete. Come out and see why young men are excited about starting a new journey as a Loyola Bulldog!
Typically when you look down the halls of a high school you expect to see things like backpacks, books, and notebooks. If you happen to take a look down the halls of Loyola on Fridays, you may notice something a little out of place. Four fuzzy paws and the jingling of dog tags lead you to Gus, Loyola’s first, registered therapy dog.

Therapy dogs are becoming more popular in a number of settings like hospitals, airports, and schools to provide emotional support and stress relief. Gus joined our counseling department this year as an alternative approach to traditional therapy. Gus is a two-year-old, 80 pound goldendoodle, full of love and always vying for any attention he can get, which makes him a perfect fit.

Gus recently became a registered therapy dog through The Alliance for Therapy Dogs. He completed site visits at a local hospital and underwent an evaluation to test his temperament and demeanor. His evaluator stated, “Therapy dogs are born, not made, and Gus is a natural fit.” His calm, but substantial presence make him a great fit amongst our smallest and tallest (and still growing) students.

Gus’s goal while at school is to provide therapeutic support with the use of animal assistance and partnership. Gus offers a unique therapy for our young men, specifically for anger management, anxiety and depression, empathy, compassion, and responsibility. By taking ownership over Gus and his needs while he is in the building, the students have begun to develop necessary skills in compassion and responsibility. The students have come to adore him, and they ask about him every day when he is not around. Needless to say, Gus is quite tired out after a hard day’s work roaming the halls at Loyola.

“Therapy dogs are born, not made, and Gus is a natural fit.”
Titan Tutors Teach

University of Detroit Mercy undergraduates work daily with Loyola High School students during the Academic Seminar period. Under the direction of Fr. Adam DeLeon, SJ, the tutors spend time providing knowledge and motivation in math, chemistry, physics, history, and English. The program helps the young men develop time management skills and academic discipline through mandatory study. The time gives students a chance to begin school work and to develop a rapport with tutors, so asking questions becomes more comfortable and worthwhile.

Since the Fall of 2017, faculty have noticed improvement in schoolwork completion, retention, and performance. The students are also more willing to ask questions. University Ministry Coordinator Andrew Peters even noted the happiness of tutors as a result of volunteering their time. The program has been a great success and will continue to provide assistance to Loyola students.

Bulldog Café is Open for Business

The former Prayer Room has been transformed into a sleek and comfortable student café through the generous assistance of UAW Ford. Decorated with Loyola sports paraphernalia, and furnished with relaxing couches and chairs, a snack bar, and video game system, it has all the comforts of ... a man cave! Students with a 3.0 or higher GPA can enjoy the café during Academic Seminar, providing an incentive for all Loyola students to do their best. Each Friday, students who have been recognized by a faculty member for their contribution to the school are welcome in the café.

In past weeks Chris Perry ’19 was selected by Spanish teacher Mrs. Schoof for his exceptional class participation. Counselor Mrs. Fox
“Things are going to get a lot louder around here,” said Kim James, Jr., the new music teacher here at Loyola. Coming from a musical family, James has music in his blood. His mother is a choir director, and his father is a popular area deejay.

Mr. James is excited to grow the talent already at Loyola. This first year is about building a foundation for the students, who are learning the basics of music notations, note values, rest values, key definitions, and terms, as well as music theory and history. Playing music has begun as well. It might be using just a drum pad, but it’s music! Soon they’ll be playing on real drums. There are big plans for our music program.

Mr. James foresees benefit concerts, drumline competitions, football and basketball games, pep rallies, and a host of other events where our drumline will be front and center.

Mr. James’ passion for music is apparent. He knows all that music can give and teach: “Being a musician teaches you humility and discipline. It takes a lot of self discipline and patience. Learning the craft on any instrument is never easy. I take joy in watching someone discover music for the first time.”

The idea for the café came from Principal Wyatt Jones III as an incentive for students to focus on grades. Mrs. Schoof’s Entrepreneurship class was tasked with bringing the café to life by designing a logo, creating a marketing plan, and devising a budget. It was a great lesson in “learning by doing” for the young men. Students worked to clear out the space and then worked through several possible layouts for the café as a group project. What developed was a large room with two distinct areas, one for relaxing and playing video games, another for eating snacks and doing school work or studying.

The café has been up and running since January 12. Thanks to Mrs. Schoof, Mrs. Nittmann, and Mrs. Fox for their help and talents in making the café fun and comfortable.
As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our founding, we are also extremely proud to celebrate 15 years of the Loyola Work Experience Program (LWEP). Since 2003, LWEP has offered our students the opportunity to gain valuable personal and professional skills including time management, critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills. Additionally, students build close mentoring relationships with their adult supervisors who serve as positive and nurturing support systems for our young men throughout their work experience and often extending beyond graduation.

Students consistently affirm how much they gain from their LWEP experience. Julian McBride ‘19 offered that “one positive change I’ve seen in myself since working at Dykema is that I’ve become more productive and professional. I’ve also gotten more comfortable opening up and introducing myself to new people”.

Jaron Taylor ‘18, who works at Beaumont Hospital’s Grosse Pointe campus as a patient assistant, said, “Through my work experience, I’ve become a better leader and a respectful assistant. Every time I work at the front desk I take the lead and help every patient I see. I always ask a patient if they need something and just try to cheer them up”.

Since its inception, Loyola students have gained 300,000 work hours via the LWEP program. We look forward to honoring the companies that have sponsored us consistently for all 15 years at our upcoming LWEP Appreciation Luncheon on April 24th at the University of Detroit Mercy.
These companies include: DTE Energy, Dykema, Ford Motor Company – AARC, Ford Motor Company – Quality and New Model Launch and IHS Markit (formerly RL Polk).

As our Loyola student body continues to grow, we look forward to engaging new sponsors that will allow us to carry on this meaningful and life-altering program. We are truly grateful to all past and present LWEP sponsors for their commitment and belief in our young men and the mission of Loyola High School.

We are also extremely grateful for our LWEP drivers who are responsible for getting our Loyola Bulldogs to and from their work locations safely. They have built a strong rapport with our young men and always go above and beyond what’s expected of them. Our LWEP driver squad is an integral piece of our program and an important part of our Loyola family.

Thanks also to our dedicated core team of trainers who come in during our LWEP “Boot Camp” to get our juniors ready for the first day of work.

“Through my work experience, I’ve become a better leader and a respectful assistant.”

-Jaron Taylor ’18

If you would like to support the Loyola Work Experience Program, contact: Amy Costello at (313) 861-2407 x128 or acostello@loyolahsdetroit.org.
If you would like to support the Loyola Work Experience Program in any way, especially if your workplace or that of a friend or business colleague might benefit from having a Bulldog in the workplace, please contact Amy Costello at 313-861-2407 x128.

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Curtis Martin ‘18 at Dykema

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Camren Benford ‘18 at Ford Credit

Mr. Tidwell ready to drive
The theme of junior Theology this year was “Being a Moral Man”. The students spent the semester exploring what it means to be a moral man. They looked at how their actions impact relationships with themselves, others, and God. Songs from Jay Z’s album, “4:44”, helped in the discovery of what it means to be a moral man. Finally, a collaboration with Br. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ, from University of Detroit Mercy’s Performing Arts Center, helped students compose monologues. On Tuesday evening, December 12, Loyola hosted its first Moral Man Monologues with families of the junior class invited to attend. The great evening showcased the talent, character, and leadership of our juniors. Many of the students commented in their semester evaluations that they learned a lot about being a moral man while composing and performing their pieces. Thank you family and friends who joined us for this important night.

Kairos, meaning God’s time, is a student-led retreat with prayer, discussion, free-time, and of course sharing meals together. This annual experience becomes the highlight of the students’ time spent at Loyola.

Being away and together for four days, the students become brothers, and they also become closer to God.

**Jay Z in Theology Class?!?!**

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Taylor Makes Bulldog Bowling History

In its fourth season, the 2017-18 Loyola Bowling Team finished the regular season in a tie for third in the West Division of the Catholic League with a 5-3 record. This was the best finish in Bulldogs bowling history. Captain Jaron Taylor ’18 finished third in the Catholic League Championships and received the honor of All-Catholic for the second year in a row. In the Regional individual event, Jaron placed fifth, which earned him the title of All Regional and the right to participate in the State Finals in Battle Creek on March 3rd, the first time a Loyola bowler has qualified for the State event (top ten out of 60 bowlers). Jaron missed the cut by ten pins last year and worked extremely hard over the last year to achieve his goal. Each bowler must bowl six continuous games over five hours. This is quite an accomplishment, and we are so very proud of him.

Rugby Team Visits Ignatius Cleveland

The Bulldog rugby team was welcomed to Cleveland by the rugby team of St. Ignatius High School. Our students were hosted by St. Ignatius rugby families for the night. The next morning began with Mass and was followed by the teams practicing together. On the way back to Detroit, the team stopped to get a quick picture with Lebron James (actually, his larger-than-life banner). Many thanks to the families that hosted our students and to the rugby team at St. Ignatius for bringing our teams together to learn from each other.

This Year a Bulldog. Next Year a Saint, a Cardinal, and a Yellow Jacket

Three seniors signed letters of intent to play football on their college teams this fall. (From left) Jimmie Chappell will become a Saint at Concordia University in Ann Arbor; Curtis Martin heads to Sienna Heights University, a liberal arts college in Adrian, Michigan; Nathan Hayes will travel southeast to Berea, a suburb of Cleveland to join the Yellow Jackets of Baldwin Wallace University. Good luck, gentlemen!
Basketball Team Exceeds Expectations

The season and the legendary month of March were a great success for the basketball Bulldogs. The team won five in a row and a District championship in the process. Winning the first Regional game against Madison Heights, the Bulldogs advanced to take on the Pioneers of Detroit Edison Public School Academy. Having already exceeded the many expectations, their defeat at the hands of the Pioneers certainly stung, but everyone was proud of how far they had come as a team.

Already looking forward to next season, sophomore guards Eric Cox and Mark Mayberry will command the backcourt. With this dynamic duo, the sky is the limit for the Bulldogs in Class C competition. Also showing promise is freshman guard Kwesi Henry, who has the drive to get better with his strong passion for the game of basketball.

The Bulldogs are youthful, hungry, and fearless. Returning all but two players (senior forward/center Cam Binford and senior guard Curtis Martin), the Bulldogs will be the favorite for a Class C title in the 2018-2019 season. Juniors Deon Hamlett, Myron Gardner, Quentin Gipson, Dylan Hemphill, Cam Hudson, Chris Perry, and Javionne Thompson will lead the way into what promises to be a phenomenal season. We hope you’ll take a seat in the bleachers and cheer on the Bulldogs.

“Was That Coach Cal I Just Saw in the Hallway?”

Why, yes, it was! Coach John Callahan is back on the west side of the city, right where he belongs. The Loyola football team is back in the hands of the coach who led the team to a state championship in 2014. The football Bulldogs have already started conditioning for the season that kicks off in just five short months. The team is looking forward to a season of growth, hard work, and of course – another championship.
Students, staff, parents, alumni, donors, parents and grandparents are all models, all ambassadors for this special place, Loyola High School, 15325 Pinehurst, our home away from home.

Models for being men and women for others, all for the Greater Glory of God. Models in showing that, just because we are small, does not mean that we can’t be mighty in spirit. Models in knowing that, when wearing a sweater or jacket with the Loyola crest, we are being held to a higher standard. The beauty is that our young men, parents, staff, donors and more don’t just mind being held to that higher standard but want to share it.

The Loyola crest, the Block L, navy and white, Bulldog proud!

There are stories behind each smile and pose, stories that show pride and love for all Loyola Detroit does ...and how best to share those stories, love and loyalty? With spiritwear, or as our young men say, ‘swag!’.

Our partnerships with Lands’ End Business Outfitters and BSN Sports allow us to offer spiritwear to our Loyola community at a reasonable price. And our swag is making a difference! With every single tote bag, quarter-zip or knockout neon pink jacket, people are asking about Loyola and spreading the word.

Golf umbrellas, water bottles, coffee mugs, seat cushions, apparel and – just in – visors are all available. Contact Sheila Nittmann, Resource Closet Coordinator, with any questions or for more information at 313-861-2407 ext.123.

Lookin’ Good in Loyola Gear!
Hey alumni! Are you looking for the perfect tie for your next interview or want to show off where you went to high school? We have what you’re looking for. A custom-made block “L” tie. This limited-edition tie is a great way to show your Bulldog Pride. Come over to your home on Pinehurst to get yours today. We’d love to see you!
(Suggested donation $5)

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The evening began with mass in the beautiful chapel at Sacred Heart Seminary celebrated by Fr. Mark and fellow Jesuits Fr. Adam DeLeon, Fr. Brian LeHane, Fr. Tim McCabe, and Fr. Gilbert Sunghera. Fr. Mark once again delivered a homily impossible to sleep through. Gabriel Davenport ’20 did us proud leading the responsorial psalm, while the Loyola choir energetically lifted their voices under the direction of Joe Balisteri, Archdiocese of Detroit Music Director, and supporting cast, Loyola volunteer Crystal Davidson.

After mass, guests gathered in the gym, which had been transformed into a beautiful dining room, complete with twinkling lights, to celebrate our 25th year. The celebration wouldn’t have been complete without Fr. O’Reilly, who was in his glory sharing stories with Bruce McDonald from the 1st graduating class, and then going into counselor mode with our current students. The celebration was also a special occasion for Trevor Lile ’97 who commemorated the 25th year proudly posing with his freshman son, new Bulldog Trevor Lile, Jr.

Our guests enjoyed the evening catching up with old friends and sharing a delicious meal. Longtime friends of Loyola and each other, Mary Jo Wall, Betty Desmond, and Colleen McNamara enjoyed getting together and comparing notes, while Cathy and Norm Schmitt, also long-time supporters of Loyola, posed for a shot in our photo booth with the “25” balloons.
The evening culminated with honoring our 2017 Magis Award recipients, Arvie and Tom McNamara (posthumously) and Fr. Don Worthy. The McNamaras and Fr. Worthy both directly and through the Fr. Vincent Welch Memorial Fund have been tremendous supporters of Loyola throughout the years, collectively contributing nearly $1 million to our mission and our young men. Loyola students Daniel Ackles ’19 and Jai’Chuan Banford ’18 presented the Magis awards to Fr. Worthy as well as to the McNamara’s children Mike (and Cathy) McNamara and Ann Knight. Loyola alumni Jason Simmons ’99, Principal Wyatt Jones ’98, Online Class Coordinator, DeAndre Ulmer ’09 and Admissions Director Paul Davis ’11, as well as a strong contingent from Fr. Worthy’s flock at St. Philomena all celebrated the well-deserved Magis honorees. It was indeed a wonderful celebration of the past and future legacies of Loyola High.
The Loyola Debate Team continues to excel. The top seven policy debaters in Michigan (as ranked by the National Speech and Debate Association) are all members of the Loyola Debate Team. Kyle McBeth ’18 leads the team placing #1 in policy debate and ranked with superior distinction. He is followed by Roger Walker ’18, Julian McBride ’19, Carlos Smith ’21, Ian Mayers ’20, Camron Baker ’20, and Elijah Stringer ’18.

Coach Gross was presented with the Quadruple Ruby Award this past year achieving superior distinction. The team debated at the Yale Invitational, one of four national tournaments the team attended this year. Loyola belongs to the Detroit Urban Debate League, consistently winning trophies and speaker medals at each competition. Students competed in the last Detroit Urban Debate League regular season tournament and won medals and trophies for top speaker medals to Kyle McBeth, Carlos Smith, Kameron Bradford ’20, Nathaniel Johnson ’21, and Ian Mayers.

Carlos Smith and Kameron Bradford were league finalists in the Novice Division. Julian McBride was the finalist in the JV Division. Kyle McBeth and Roger Walker were the finalists in the Varsity Division.

Overall, the Loyola debaters won 18 debates in the final tournament, continuing their hold on the state’s top policy debaters.

March 19th, debaters Elijah Stringer and Camron Baker performed a public debate at the Charles Wright African American Museum at a Data Diversity Conference with national educators.

At the recent American University Model United Nations, ten Loyola debaters participated in six different committees representing the United Kingdom Greece, Catalonia, and Indonesia. Kyle McBeth and Carlos Smith both obtained the highest speaker awards in their prospective committees, and overall the team passed eight resolutions and collaborated with 400 high school students from around the United States, Africa, and Middle America.

Also, the top two state qualifying teams in policy debate for the National Speech and Debate Tournament are both Loyola teams – Kyle McBeth with Julian McBride, and Roger Walker with Carlos Smith. In June, the four national qualifiers will compete in Florida with 7,000 other high school students from around the world.

Keep up the great work!

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