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ON THE FRONT COVER

Ms. Novosad captures her photography students in action: Ireayomi '28, Niki '28, Keith '28, Megan '28, George '28, and Angela '28. ▼



ON THE BACK COVER

This year, Ms. Novosad's new photography class is introducing Secondary 3 students to the fundamentals of photography and guiding them to see the world and themselves through a new lens. For their *Portrait Project*, students experimented with colour-editing techniques and captured images that reflect their personalities, interests, and identities. From composition and lighting to editing and visual storytelling, the class is empowering young photographers to develop their own unique perspective behind the camera.

Photo Credit: Jenna Novosad



President's Message Message du président

On a recent train ride to meet the directors of Jesuit works in Pickering, I watched an endless variety of majestic landscapes – woods, lakes, and rivers – covered by the first snows of the season. Nature was pausing, a gentle contrast to the splendid whirlwind of autumn colours that dazzled our eyes not long ago. Soon, nature will be reborn with all its vitality and power, expressed in the roar of spring rivers, before completing its cycle, in the calm rhythm of autumn streams.

How wonderful is Creation in every detail, from the infinitely small to the infinitely large!

Pope Francis reminded us that Creation is a gift and not a product; we are not its masters but its guardians. Our mission is not to “save the planet”, but to care for it as we would for what is most dear to us. This belief guides our Jesuit mission to form leaders who act thoughtfully to build a just global society.

This year, our Loyola community is united around the theme *Care for Our Common Home*, one of the Universal Apostolic Preferences that guide the mission of Jesuit institutions around the world. Rooted in the Ignatian tradition, it invites us to recognize the interdependence of all life and our shared responsibility to protect the world entrusted to us.

I am inspired by the collective commitment of our Loyola community to living out this call in meaningful and lasting ways. At Loyola, we recognize that caring for our common home is a shared journey. Each of us plays a vital role in acting with purpose, leading with compassion, and ensuring that our mission reflects both environmental responsibility and social justice.

What greater satisfaction than knowing we have each contributed, in our own way, to preserving this magnificent gift from God for future generations?

Dr. Fouad Maroun
Interim President
Loyola High School



Lors d'un récent trajet en train qui me menait à la rencontre des directeurs des œuvres jésuites à Pickering, je regardais défiler par la fenêtre une variété infinie de paysages majestueux – bois, lacs et rivières – recouverts par les premières neiges de la saison. La nature fait une pause, alors qu'il y a peu, nos yeux étaient éblouis par le splendide tourbillon des couleurs de l'automne. Bientôt, la nature renaîtra avec toute sa vitalité et sa puissance, exprimées dans le rugissement des rivières printanières, avant d'achever son cycle, apaisée comme les rivières automnales.

Quelle merveille que la Création dans le moindre de ses détails, de l'infiniment petit à l'infiniment grand!

Le pape François rappelait que la Création est un don et non un produit; nous n'en sommes pas les maîtres, mais les gardiens. Notre mission n'est pas de «sauver la planète», mais d'en prendre soin comme nous le ferions pour ce qui nous est le plus cher. Cette conviction anime notre mission jésuite, qui consiste à former des leaders agissant de manière réfléchie pour construire une société mondiale juste.

Cette année, notre communauté de Loyola est unie autour du thème «Prendre soin de notre maison commune», l'une des préférences apostoliques universelles qui guident la mission des institutions jésuites à travers le monde. Ancrée dans la tradition ignatienne, elle nous invite à reconnaître l'interdépendance de toute vie et notre responsabilité commune de protéger le monde qui nous est confié.

Je suis inspiré par l'engagement collectif de notre communauté à vivre cet appel de manière significative et durable. À Loyola, nous sommes conscients que prendre soin de notre maison commune est un chemin partagé. Chacune et chacun d'entre nous y joue un rôle essentiel en agissant avec détermination, en menant avec compassion et en veillant à ce que notre mission reflète à la fois la responsabilité environnementale et la justice sociale.

Quelle plus grande satisfaction que de savoir que nous avons chacune et chacun contribué, à notre manière, à préserver ce magnifique cadeau de Dieu pour les générations futures?

Dr Fouad Maroun
Directeur général p.i.
École secondaire Loyola

Dear Friends and Families,

As our Jesuit schools across Canada continue to walk together in our shared mission of forming young people for lives of faith, justice, and compassionate service, I would like to reflect on one of the Church's most important invitations today: the call to synodality. Though the term may sound unfamiliar, it expresses a simple and deeply Ignatian truth that we find our path forward by listening to God, to one another, and by discerning together where the Spirit is leading us.

Synodality is not a strategy or a program; it is a way of being. It calls us to cultivate attentive minds and hearts, to create space for genuine dialogue, and to trust that the voice of the Holy Spirit can emerge through each member of our community. In our schools where students, families, faculty, and staff bring such diverse experiences, hopes, questions, and gifts, this practice becomes both a shared responsibility and a blessing.

Across our Jesuit Network in Canada, we are striving to embody this spirit. As we collaborate on mission priorities and the formation of our educators, it is essential that we listen deeply and actively to the joys and anxieties of our young people, to the insights of our teachers, to the stories of our families, and to the wisdom rooted in our Ignatian tradition. Through this shared discernment, we can truly respond to the needs of our time with creativity, courage, and love.

You already know well the value of accompaniment and of walking with students as they grow into the people God calls them to be. Synodality invites us to bring that same posture to one another and to speak honestly, to listen generously, and to trust that God is present in our conversations, especially when they stretch us or lead us to unfamiliar places.

As we move forward as part of a global network, united in forming persons for and with others, I encourage our communities to continue fostering spaces where every voice is welcomed, diversity is honoured, and discernment shapes our decisions. In particular, let us listen to the voices on the margins and those who are feeling excluded. In doing so, you not only strengthen your own community but also contribute immeasurably to the shared path we walk together as Jesuit schools across the country.

Thank you for your commitment to this mission, for the care you extend to our students, and for the spirit of collaboration you offer to the wider Jesuit family. May the Holy Spirit guide our steps, deepen our listening, and draw us more fully into the hope-filled work of shaping a more just and compassionate world.

With gratitude and prayer,
John Patrick Mancini (VP of Mission & Formation, Loyola High School)
Provincial Assistant for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education (PASE)
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Ignatian Excellence: Dr. Cranston '80 Receives Award

Dr. Jerome Cranston '80 received the Ignatian Challenge Award at St. Paul's High School Tribute Dinner on November 18. Former Principal of St. Paul's, a Jesuit high school in Winnipeg (1999–2003), he has since built a distinguished career in higher education, championing equity and social justice. The award recognizes community members who embody Jesuit values and inspire students to live as *men and women for others*.



Photo Credit: Andrew Mahon Photography

Congratulations to Our Chaplain, Father Len Altília, SJ!

Fr. Len Altília, SJ, has devoted over fifty years to Jesuit education across Canada. Returning to Loyola in 2018, he now serves as Chaplain, guiding students in faith, Campus Ministry, retreats, Kairos, and Jesuit life.

Fr. Altília began his Jesuit formation at Ignatius College in Guelph. He spent 1969–71 at Loyola High School as a Regent. Then, he studied Theology at Regis College in Toronto. In 1975, he returned to Loyola as Chaplain and over the next decade served as teacher, coach, club moderator, and principal before leading Gonzaga High School in St. John's, Newfoundland (1986–1993).

Loyola called him back home to serve as President of the high school (1994–1996), then he served the Jesuits as the Canadian Province Assistant for Vocations and Assistant for Formation.

His leadership roles across the Canadian Jesuit Province, included Superior at Cardoner House, Socius, Admonitor, Province Consultor and President of St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg (2013–2018). He has also directed Camp Ekon, served as Provincial Assistant for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education (PASE) for the Canadian Province, and sat on the JSN (Jesuit Schools Network) Board.

In June 2025, Fr. Altília received the JSN Insignis Award at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, during the Colloquium. The award honours his exceptional leadership, service, and dedication to forming *men and women for others* in Jesuit pre-secondary and secondary education across North America. As one colleague reflects, he is "an unwavering guide, a source of encouragement, and a quiet presence of strength, embodying humility, wisdom, and the Ignatian values that inspire all who know him."



In Loving Memory



Kim Bittar '79

Gregory Carson, father of Dylan '14, uncle of Jake '16 and Tyler '22, brother-in-law of Randy Burns '86 and Todd Burns '89, uncle to faculty member Hailey Burns, and a longtime friend of Phil Lafave '88.

Steve Chodat '84, brother of Dave '89

Bruce Garland, father of Brian '82

John Geraghty, former physical education teacher from 2004 to 2025

George Gryzbala '64

Lucia Di Ioia, mother of Pino '86 and Anthony '86, grandmother of Max '28

Asimina (Mina) Drimaropoulos, mother of Constantine (Deno) '79 and late son George (Christos) '81

Jean Kennedy Mackinnon, mother of John '78

Richard Topham, father of Christopher '94 and Andrew '98 (former member of the LPA)

J. Peter Shea '61, son of Percy Shea '22, father of Patrick Shea '90 and Kevin Shea '93, grandfather of Liam Shea '23, brother of John Shea '59 and cousin of Bernie McCallum '39 and Carl Murphy '60

Cameron Smith '84

Richard "Dick" J. Riendeau '50

Wilder Wall

Dr. John Earl Wynands '46





Shaping Futures, A Legacy of Leadership

Written by Chiara Folini

Daniel Fournier '71 is among Canada's most influential business leaders, with a 40-year career that has shaped some of the world's largest institutional investment portfolios. He has brought his global perspective to Bishop's University, a liberal arts university in Quebec's Eastern Townships. Now, in his sixth year as the 20th Chancellor of Bishop's University, his ties there run deep. He helped launch the original Bishop's Council, co-chaired the university's record-setting \$43 million *Leading the Way* campaign, and proudly watched three of his four children graduate from the school.

In his annual convocation address to graduating students, Daniel has always shared his credo with them, distilling decades of experience into a few lessons. "Lean into curiosity. Embrace uncertainty. Resist the pressure to have life figured out by graduation. Never stop learning and never fear what the world may hold in store for you around the next bend." In his final analysis, he argues, it is in the twists and turns of life that you discover who you are and what you are meant to do.

Although he graduated from Loyola decades ago, Daniel retains a deep affection, respect, and gratitude for an institution that helped shape who he is today. He fondly remembers immersing himself in the full swirl of school life, from football and basketball to a wide range of clubs and extracurricular activities. "Those experiences forged friendships and life lessons that have endured to this day," he recalls. But the greatest lesson he took from his time at Loyola was learning that lasting success is always the result of teamwork.

Photo Credit: Oxford Properties Group

The seeds that grew into his leadership philosophy were first planted at Loyola. It was Loyola history teacher John Javornik who ignited his intellectual curiosity, setting him on a path that led to Phillips Exeter Academy, then to Princeton University, and finally to a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University. “I became a history aficionado because of his class,” Daniel reflects. “Those lessons helped me identify patterns and cycles in human affairs that provided the context for many of my most important life and business decisions.”

His path, as he tells it, was anything but predictable. In the same year, he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship from Oxford University, and was chosen by the Ottawa Roughriders in the first round of the CFL entry draft. After his first year at Oxford he received permission to play a year of football with the Roughriders after which he returned to Oxford, completing a degree in Jurisprudence. Returning to Montreal, after nine years spent in U.S. and UK schools, he began his real estate career as an entrepreneur, a launch point that led him to helm major global portfolios.

From 2010 to 2019, Daniel served as CEO of Ivanhoé Cambridge, the real estate arm of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec. He launched a strategic overhaul of the organization’s holdings, resulting in a diversified global platform spanning residential, office,

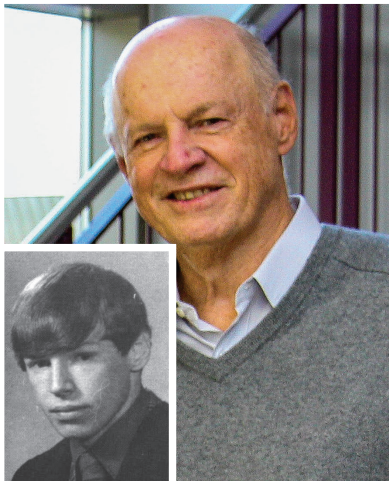
and logistics sectors. He also led transformative projects from *Montreal’s Project Nouveau Centre* to *New York’s Stuyvesant Town–Peter Cooper Village*. In 2023, he became Executive Chair of Oxford Properties and Global Head of Real Estate at OMERS, a period he describes as rewarding. He guided the organization through a turbulent period, secured a strong successor, and helped position it for long-term growth.

Married for 35 years, Daniel credits his wife, Caroline Drouin, a teacher whose doctoral work focuses on children with moderate intellectual disabilities, and their four children with grounding him to what truly matters. Service, he says, has always been a moral constant, shaped by the Jesuit call to be a *person for others*. Over the decades, he has chaired and supported organizations including the McCord Stewart Museum, La Maison du Père, le Phare, the Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer, CHU Sainte-Justine, and L’Association de la neurofibromatose du Québec (ANFQ).

Whether revitalizing urban spaces, strengthening public institutions, or mentoring the next generation, Daniel measures his journey through a steady lens: “If I can leave our community a little better, more unified, and more resilient than I found it, then I will be satisfied.”

Pictured (left to right): Alexandre, Catherine, Daniel, Caroline Drouin, Nicolas, Gabrielle.





Daniel Fournier '71

Daniel is a distinguished Canadian business and real estate executive. He has held board positions at Canadian Tire, Summit Industrial Income REIT, Standard Life (now part of Manulife) and served as Non-Executive Chairman at Genivar (now WSP Global).

He was a member of several Quebec-based boards and advisory groups, including Claridge, Groupe Maurice, Simons, and BTB REIT. In 2006, he ventured into federal politics as a Progressive Conservative candidate in the Montreal riding of Outremont. He also contributed a chapter to a collection of essays on the future of Quebec's role in Canada in a book titled *Reconquering Canada: Quebec Federalists Speak Up for Change*.

For a decade, Daniel led Ivanhoé Cambridge as Chairman and CEO. In 2023, he became Executive Chair of Oxford Properties Group.

He became involved with Bishop's University in 2010 and was appointed Chancellor in 2020. He continues to champion education and mentorship as he approaches retirement.

Down Memory Lane

Daniel demonstrated his aptitude for exploring new opportunities, as reflected in his many contributions and active involvement in school life at Loyola. Below are snippets from his high school yearbooks that showcase his involvement in athletics, management, fundraising and as a member of the prestigious Maroon & White Society.



D. Riley, Assistant Editor-in-Chief; D. Fournier, Sports Editor; F. Herr, Editor-in-Chief; B. Mulhearn, Feature Editor; Mr. J. Costello, Moderator.



CHOCOLATE BAR DRIVE



BOTTOM: From Left to Right: Steve Shaw, Dave Bedford, Peter Luffy, Bob Lansen, Neil Hatters, Paul O'Mara, David Scott, Gordon Quinn, Peter Russo.
SECOND ROW: Mr. John McCreary, S.A. Coach, Tim O'Farrell, Gary O'Flaherty, Charlie Berard, Pat Harte, Chris Zachowski, Rick Bucher, Coby Bruffy, Peter Quinn, Hans Fronsoski, Peter Langan, Mr. John Barrett-Henderson, S.A. Coach.
THIRD ROW: Bill Kozicki, John Quinn, Brian Lansen, George Eisdem, Chris Perry, Dan Fournier, Henry Scharfstein, Mike O'Neil, Don McTague, Pat Bovey, Dave Monaghan, Steve Shawson, Frank Taylor, Rick Ramsey.



SEATED: B. Quinn, B. Brennan, President; Mr. E. Meagher, Moderator; R. Raizenne, Vice-President; P. Fogl.
STANDING: D. Fournier, C. Zajchowski, F. Herr, J. Grecco, B. Cameron, P. Lawton, N. Landry.



Building Climate Impact, One Carbon Credit at a Time

Written by Chiara Folini



When Paul Reynolds '04 co-founded The Offset Foundation, his goal was as ambitious as it was urgent to make climate action measurable, transparent, and accessible. As Chief Operating Officer, he helps organizations tackle one of the world's most complex challenges, reducing carbon emissions while bringing credibility to sustainability efforts. "We help companies tackle hard-to-abate emissions, like those produced by heavy industries such as cement, steel, and aviation," he explains. "We also work to combat greenwashing, which occurs when organizations make environmental claims that are misleading or not backed by real action."

The Offset Foundation spotlights a massive yet overlooked source of pollution: digital emissions. Powering data centres, AI systems, and streaming platforms now generates over 4% of global greenhouse gases, a footprint larger than global aviation.

After two years of research and development, Paul partnered with Semrush to create a proprietary, AI-powered carbon calculator that accurately measures digital emissions. The calculator considers emissions from activities like virtual meetings, video streaming, or AI use. "Small changes, like turning off video during meetings or switching to green hosting, can make a meaningful difference," Paul adds.

Once businesses know their footprint, they can buy carbon credits, each representing one ton of CO₂ removed through projects such as reforestation, ocean cleanups, or methane capture. The funds from



these credits help the projects grow and have a real impact, turning a company's emissions into measurable environmental action without disrupting daily operations.

Paul explains, "This is how we help businesses be environmentally responsible: they see their impact, invest in meaningful projects, achieve real carbon reductions, and earn a certified sustainability badge."

The Offset Foundation partners with organizations worldwide, supporting projects in ocean-based carbon sequestration, reforestation, and methane capture. One initiative, Plastic Collective, removes and recycles ocean plastic in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Ghana. Another, Carbon Path, caps abandoned oil and gas wells in the U.S., preventing methane leaks. These innovative removal projects are critical, as some can capture up to thirty times more carbon than the Amazon rainforest.

Paul's path to climate tech wasn't straightforward. After graduating from Loyola, he studied at John Abbott College and Bishop's University. It was during an exchange at Monash University in Australia, that a course on desalination plants and their damaging effects on coral reefs sparked his environmental passion.

Earlier in his career, he co-founded Tridelity AG, a glasses-free 3D screens startup with major clients like Samsung and Dr. Pepper. When the company folded, he took it as a lesson. "It was humbling," he says. "It taught me to trust my instincts, keep experimenting, and see failure as part of the process."

“Lessons in faith [and] morality... became the foundation for everything I do.





“Loyola taught me that true leadership is rooted in service, and that’s what drives me every day.”



Paul Reynolds '04

Co-Founder, Offset Foundation

Paul previously held business development and leadership roles at Skiprock, Montreal Heritage Capital, Cloudload.com, and iTRIX Media, gaining extensive experience across the technology, marketing, and investment sectors. He now serves as COO and Co-Founder of The Offset Foundation, where he is driving measurable impact in the climate tech space.

His advice to young alumni, “Be fearless in your twenties. Take risks, embrace failure, and discover what brings you joy. The bigger the challenge, the more you grow. Trust the process, have faith in the detours, and remember that the journey itself is the destination; there’s a greater plan at work.”

Looking back, Paul credits Loyola for instilling a sense of integrity and purpose. “The lessons in faith, morality, and being a *man and woman for others* shaped me. I didn’t fully appreciate them then, but they became the foundation for everything I do,” he reflects. “I once resisted those values, but now I try to pass them on to my children and my team. What stands out most is how unique the Loyola experience truly was: from morning prayer to the quiet values instilled in us, and the high standards set for what it meant to become *men and women for others*.”

Paul remains connected to the Loyola community that shaped him. “It’s not just a school; it’s a lifelong network of alumni with integrity and heart,” he says. “The friendships I made have become my closest and most trusted. You can run into classmates halfway around the world and instantly reconnect; that sense of community endures.”

For him, sustainability is no longer optional; it’s essential. “Wildfires, hurricanes, polluted oceans; these aren’t future issues, they’re a shared responsibility,” he says. “Loyola taught me that true leadership is rooted in service, and that’s what drives me every day.”

