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Letter from the Editor

Lettre de la rédactrice en chef

Dans ce numéro de *Loyola Today*, nous célébrons le cœur de notre communauté dynamique – un engagement partagé envers l'excellence, le service et la tradition.

Le directeur adjoint JP Mancini '05 partage son voyage enrichissant en Indonésie, illustrant les connexions globales qu'inspire Loyola (p. 4). Robert Piccioni '90 explique comment Loyola a façonné son approche en matière de leadership et de philanthropie, soulignant l'effet durable de nos valeurs bien après la fin des études (p. 7). Nous mettons également en lumière l'ancien entraîneur de Loyola, Jamie Kompon, dont le parcours extraordinaire, de la patinoire de Loyola à un troisième championnat de la Coupe Stanley, incarne la détermination et la réussite (p. 10).

La force de nos anciens élèves réside dans leurs liens durables. Francis Scarpaleggia '74 souligne l'importance de préserver les traditions de Loyola dans son rôle de représentant de classe (p. 36), tandis qu'Éric Bélanger '81 présente son travail comme représentant régional, favorisant les liens au sein de notre communauté (p. 37). Melissa Coussa-Charley évoque les efforts du conseil de la Fondation de Loyola, reflétant son travail pour soutenir la croissance de Loyola et assurer son influence durable sur les générations futures (p. 14).

Alors que nous célébrons les liens qui nous unissent à travers les générations, nous exprimons notre plus profonde gratitude à chaque membre de notre communauté pour son rôle dans la formation de l'héritage remarquable de Loyola. Bonne lecture !



In this issue of *Loyola Today*, we celebrate the beating heart of our vibrant community – a shared commitment to excellence, service, and tradition.

Vice Principal JP Mancini '05 reflects on his enlightening journey to Indonesia, showcasing the global connections that Loyola inspires (p. 4). Robert Piccioni '90 shares how Loyola has shaped his approach to leadership and philanthropy, highlighting the enduring impact of our shared values far beyond graduation (p. 7). We also spotlight former Loyola coach Jamie Kompon, whose extraordinary path from Loyola's hockey rink to a third Stanley Cup championship exemplifies determination and achievement (p. 10).

The strength of our alumni lies in their enduring bonds. Francis Scarpaleggia '74 discusses the importance of preserving Loyola's traditions in his role as a class representative (p. 36), while Eric Bélanger '81 highlights his work as a regional representative, fostering bonds across our community (p. 37). Melissa Coussa-Charley speaks to the efforts of the LHS Foundation Board, reflecting on its work to support Loyola's growth and ensure its lasting impact on future generations (p. 14).

As we celebrate the bonds that unite us across generations, we extend our deepest gratitude to every member of our community for their role in shaping Loyola's remarkable legacy. Happy reading!

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(From left to right)

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Bottom row: Rob Schnitzer '88 (Religion), Michael Elie '97 (Science), Josée Desrosiers (Français).

◀ ON THE COVER

The teachers are the heart and soul of our school, shaping and inspiring the minds of students who will go on to lead the generations of tomorrow. Each faculty and staff member, captured here on the entrance steps of Loyola, has devoted their time to empowering students and imparting valuable knowledge. Through their dynamic teaching, innovative approaches, and dedication to fostering curiosity and critical thinking, our educators make a profound and lasting impact that extends far beyond the classroom.

PHOTO CREDIT
Anthony Branco '99

Message from the President

Message de la présidente

Notre communauté scolaire est vraiment unique. L'école secondaire Loyola est un lieu où chaque personne se sent accueillie et aimée de manière inconditionnelle, car nous avons la chance d'avoir des enseignants et des enseignantes qui transmettent non seulement des connaissances, mais aussi des compétences de vie tout en incarnant notre vision catholique jésuite.

Prendre soin de chaque élève en tant qu'individu est un trait distinctif de notre corps enseignant. Nos enseignants et enseignantes incitent les élèves à reconnaître leurs propres dons et à apprécier ceux des autres. En comprenant l'univers de l'adolescence, nos éducateurs favorisent un sentiment d'appartenance qui aide les élèves à comprendre leurs expériences et à réfléchir davantage à leurs choix et à leurs conséquences.

Chaque jour, les enseignants et enseignantes de Loyola démontrent leur engagement à écouter les élèves et à instaurer un climat de confiance réciproque avec eux. Ces liens de confiance favorisent l'honnêteté chez les élèves quant à leurs expériences, celles de leurs pairs et celles de la communauté élargie. La transformation de l'isolement ou de l'intérêt personnel à la connexion et l'attention parmi nos élèves témoigne du dévouement de notre corps enseignant exceptionnel.

En explorant le programme d'études et en favorisant une prise de conscience des enjeux importants et des valeurs complexes, nos enseignants et enseignantes nourrissent continuellement la curiosité et l'engagement des élèves, leur donnant ainsi les moyens de créer des changements positifs.

C'est un privilège pour moi de travailler avec des professionnels qui considèrent leur métier comme une vocation, qui promeuvent une foi qui rend justice et qui accompagnent des élèves solidement ancrés dans leurs croyances et porteurs d'espoir pour l'avenir.

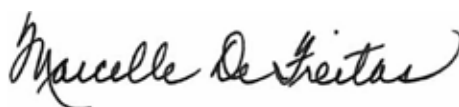
Our Loyola High School community is truly unique. It's a place where everyone feels welcomed and loved unconditionally because we are blessed with teachers who not only impart knowledge but also teach life skills and embrace our Jesuit Catholic vision.

Caring for each student as an individual is a hallmark of our faculty. Our teachers encourage students to recognize their own gifts and appreciate those of others. By understanding the world of adolescence, our educators foster a sense of belonging that makes students more attentive to their experiences and discerning about their choices and their consequences.

Every day, Loyola's teachers demonstrate their commitment to listening and building mutual trust with students. These trusting relationships encourage honesty among students regarding their own experiences, those of their peers, and the larger community. The transformation from isolation or self-interest to connection and care among our students is a testament to the dedication of our exceptional teachers.

By guiding inquiry into the curriculum and fostering awareness of significant issues and complex values, our teachers continually nurture curiosity and engagement, empowering students to create positive change.

It is a privilege to work alongside educators who view their work as a vocation, promote a faith that does justice, and cultivate students who are grounded in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.



Reflections from Indonesia

JP Mancini '05 on Jesuit Education and Global Connections

One of the most beautiful aspects of working in Jesuit education is that you are never sure where the journey will take you. In my experience, when you spend time with the Jesuits, you should expect the unexpected and prepare for moments of growth—whether you like it or not. In October 2023, I was asked by Fr. Bob Reiser SJ of the Jesuit Schools Network to participate in JOGJA 2024: Educating for Faith in the 21st Century, a seminar aimed at determining the future direction of Jesuit Education in Indonesia. While I felt incredibly honoured to be asked to participate with this cohort of ten North American educators, the thought of the journey was intimidating. In preparation, our group channeled the spirit of the first Jesuits as we contemplated our pilgrimage across the world and the impact we could have on the mission of our schools and the works of the Jesuits.

In July, we embarked on the journey that felt like an eternity but was, in reality, three flights, 28 hours of air travel, four time zones, over three days. When I arrived in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, the excitement was palpable as I was fortunate to be spending time with others who shared my passion for Jesuit education and the future of our students. In Quebec, we can, at times, feel isolated in our work that aligns with God's will. While this work is rewarding, the isolation can lead to desolation. This opportunity to connect with individuals from around the world—each working together towards a common good in the image of God—left me feeling the true presence and strength of God in our work at Loyola.

One of the major takeaways from this experience that I was excited to share with my colleagues and our students



JP Mancini '05, Loyola's Vice-Principal of Mission & Formation, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

upon my return, was the significance of the Global Network of Jesuit schools. This network includes over 100,000 educators and nearly 2 million students. Not only are we not alone, but we also belong to the largest school network in the world, one that can greatly impact our individual communities and the broader international community. All of this work culminated in the announcement that Loyola High School and Montreal will be hosting the next international Provincial's Assistant for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education (PASE) seminar in 2027.


Months later, what remains are the relationships and connections forged in Indonesia. The people I met reignited the flame of Ignatius' vision for our schools and reminded me that even in times of isolation and worry, God is present in our work and in our daily relationships. We must continue to carry that flame and share it with our students and our community as we continue to do the work that God asks of us at Loyola High School.

LEARN MORE

JP Mancini '05 and Gretchen Crowder discuss their experiences in Indonesia on the *Living Ad Majorem - Ignatian Education Podcast*, sharing the insights they gained from the trip.



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The II Seminar JESSEDU-Jogja2024 is an event in the 9-year cycle of international gatherings for the ongoing exercise of discernment for our schools. The seminar focused on Catholic/Jesuit Identity and In-Depth Faith Formation in Our Schools.



Connecting Across Borders: Celebrating Jesuit Experiences at Loyola

A Global Connection with Milan

Loyola hosted Camilla Boselli from our sister school in Milan for a memorable two-week visit. During her stay, Mme. Boselli actively engaged with students by observing and leading several of Mme. Caroline Vaast's French classes. Her visit also provided a valuable opportunity to enhance our students' understanding of the Jesuit Global Network and broaden our global connections.

Visit From Archbishop Prendergast, SJ '61

Ms. Marcelle DeFreitas' 2D Religious and Ethical Studies class had the honour of welcoming special guest, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ '61. During his visit, the Archbishop shared valuable insights into the role of the Archbishop and the Church, enriching students' understanding of faith, leadership, and the Jesuit community. ▼

A Meaningful Visit from the Jesuit Provincial

Loyola had the privilege of welcoming Fr. Jeffrey Burwell, SJ, the newly appointed Jesuit Provincial. Fr. Burwell led the first school mass of the year, joined by Rev. Ted Penton, SJ, Fr. Hendzel, SJ, and Fr. Altilia, SJ. During his visit, he also engaged with students and met with faculty and staff members, fostering a deeper connection with our community.



Teacher Exchange with St. Paul's High School

In an exciting new initiative, Mr. Rob Schnitzer '88 from Loyola and Mr. Paulo Borges from St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg participated in a week-long exchange, stepping out of their familiar classrooms to teach at each other's schools. This dynamic collaboration offered educators and students a unique opportunity to experience the shared values of Jesuit education while exploring the distinct cultures and teaching methods that define each school. ►





Loyola High School Golf Tournament Alumni Participants



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a recap of
this year's
tournament.

25th Annual Loyola High School Golf Tournament

This year represented a momentous milestone as we proudly celebrated the 25th edition of the Loyola High School Golf Tournament. This prestigious event served as a gathering for alumni, dedicated golfers, and enthusiastic supporters, all united for a day of spirited competition and camaraderie, while simultaneously championing the Loyola Bursary Fund.

Hosted at the Kanawaki Golf Club, this year's tournament drew a full house of 144 participants and achieved the remarkable feat of raising in excess of \$175,000. These funds will play a crucial role in providing essential financial support to students in need, ensuring that the legacy of academic excellence at Loyola continues to thrive.

As we take a moment to reflect on the past 25 years of success and growth, we eagerly anticipate the continuation of this cherished tradition and give special thanks to Barry MacDonald '61, who started the Loyola Golf Tournament in 1999 as our first chairman of the committee. We were honoured to welcome Pat Dubee '64, Randy Burns '86, Maria Carneiro and current Golf Committee Chair Michael Scalzo '97 (pictured bottom left), who played vital roles in making the Golf Tournament a highly successful event. We acknowledge their dedication throughout the past 25 years.

Our commitment to supporting the next generation of Loyola students remains steadfast. We look forward to continuing this cherished tradition and invite you to join us next year. Here's to more years of golf, community spirit, and shared achievements!



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Robert Piccioni '90: Championing Causes, Creating Change



Founded in 2003, Fuel Transport has established itself as a trusted leader in the North American transportation and logistics industry. Renowned for its integrity and strong relationships, the company reflects not just a business but a deeper set of values for its founder, Robert Piccioni '90—principles he credits to his time at Loyola.

Photos courtesy: Fuel Transport



Through Robert's visionary leadership, Fuel has evolved into a forward-thinking logistics provider. The company focuses on innovation and transparency while fostering a dedicated workforce. Over the years, Fuel has grown significantly, fortifying its North American network and leveraging its business model to help optimize its clients' supply chain networks, delivering exceptional service and results to their businesses.

One of the most formative influences on Robert came from Mr. Jacques Vaccaro, a beloved French teacher at Loyola who went far beyond the traditional educator role. Recognizing that Robert was struggling with personal challenges at home, Mr. Vaccaro took the time to reach out, even though Robert was not one of his students. This act of compassion left a lasting impact on Robert. "He became a mentor, a friend, and an example of what it means to truly be a *man for others*," Robert recalls.

This lesson in empathy and altruism continues to guide Robert's life, leadership and his commitment to social responsibility. Loyola instilled in him a strong moral compass, providing structure and guidance that have defined his approach to business and philanthropy.

For Robert, giving back is not just about monetary contributions, but also setting an example for the next generation. "I want to inspire others to give, whether it's their time, resources, or talents. There is no better investment you can make than in the future of others," he shares.

At Fuel, Robert's people-first philosophy drives the company's success. "We have always believed that if you treat people with respect and invest in them, success will follow," he says.

This belief in giving back led to the creation of the Papa George Foundation, honoring Robert's late father, George. Dedicated to championing underfunded causes, the foundation focuses on empowering youth through opportunities and support.

Fuel's philanthropic efforts reflect these values. In September 2024, the company announced a \$1 million donation to the Montreal Children's Hospital's pediatric hematology-oncology clinical research unit. This contribution will help advance pediatric cancer treatment and research, doubling the number of clinical trials available over the next five years. This commitment ensures that more children will have access to life-saving treatments, providing essential research and hope for children facing some of the most challenging and incurable cancers. Robert emphasizes, "The health of our children is a collective responsibility."

Robert's commitment to philanthropy extends beyond healthcare. Through a partnership with Cégep André-Laurendeau, Fuel has also supported initiatives that empower women in sports, becoming the main sponsor of all their women's athletic teams. This initiative aims to level the playing field for female athletes by providing them with greater access to funding and resources, similar to those available to their male counterparts.

As a leader, Robert encourages youth to forge their own paths. "Don't follow the lead of others. Follow your own path," he advises. His dedication to social responsibility has not only built a thriving business but also created a legacy of positive impact.



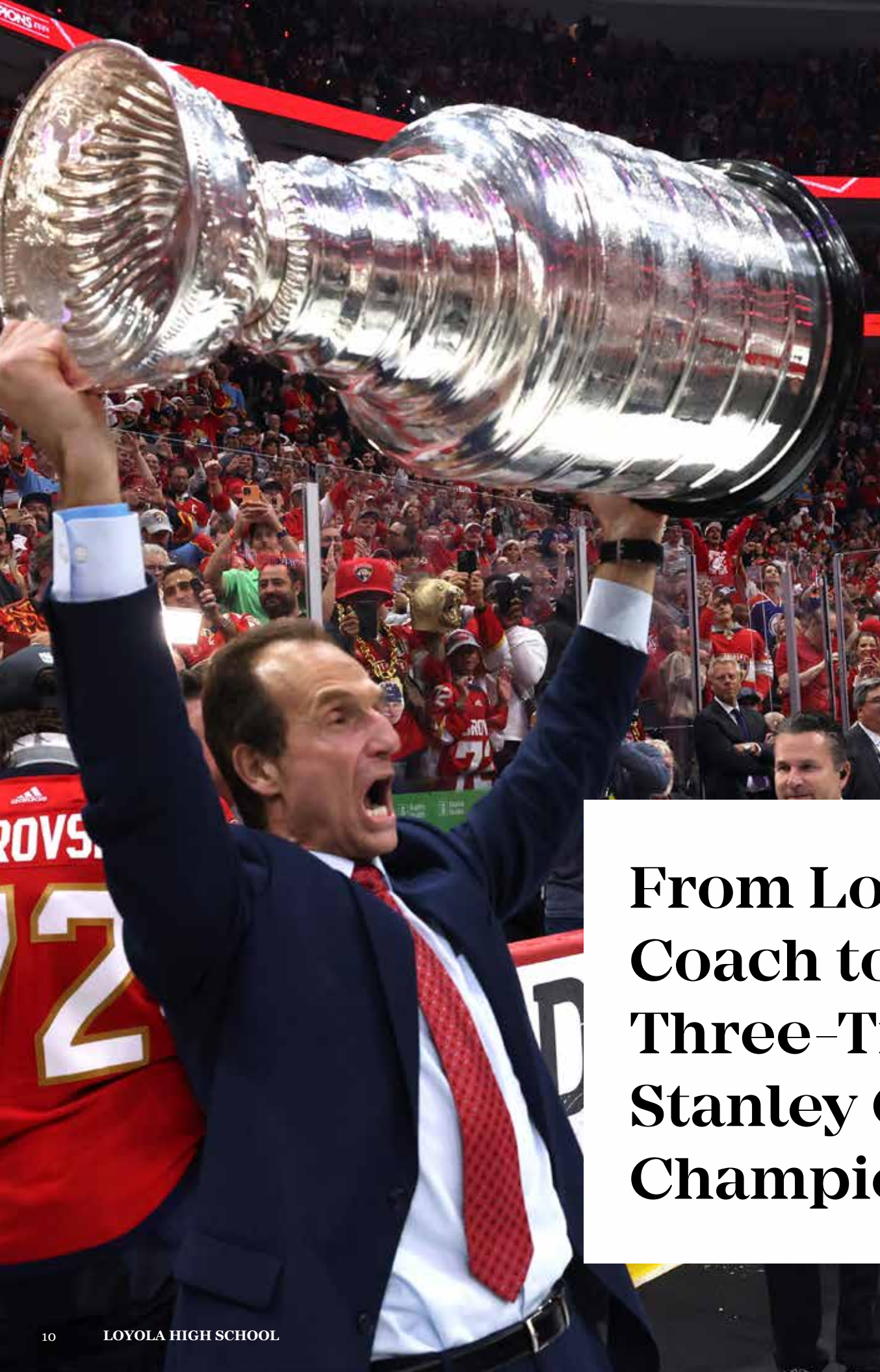


“There is no better investment you can make than in the future of others.”



Robert Piccioni '90
Founder & CEO of Fuel Transport Inc.

Robert Piccioni has over 30 years of experience in the transport and logistics industry. He has helped Fuel grow into a multi-million dollar business with offices in six cities and more than 300 employees. Piccioni believes that human considerations should come before business decisions—his goal is to improve logistics and the lives of his employees and clients, while advocating for sustainable, efficient, and creative solutions. He currently resides in Montreal.



From Loyola Coach to Three-Time Stanley Cup Champion



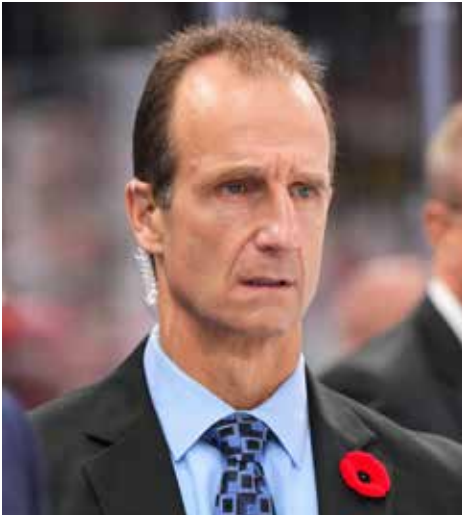
Jamie Kompon etched his name in hockey history as an assistant coach with the Florida Panthers, helping the team secure a 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers in Game 7 of the 2024 Stanley Cup Finals. The Panthers captured their first-ever Stanley Cup, and for Kompon, it marked a personal milestone—his third championship, solidifying his place among the NHL’s elite coaches.

From 1991 to 1996, he began his coaching career at Loyola High School, while also coaching at McGill University. During this time, he taught mathematics and physical education and coached the Loyola juvenile hockey team. Bob Shaughnessy ‘61, Kompon’s mentor and closest confidant in all areas of life—be it in the classroom, on the ice, or through invaluable life advice—had a profound impact on shaping his philosophy of teamwork, discipline, and character, values that would later propel him to success at the highest levels of professional hockey.

His time at Loyola culminated in a historic victory at the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament, where the Loyola juvenile hockey team won the championship for the first time in 25 years. Reflecting on this achievement, Kompon shares, “We built a culture of teamwork that ensured a smooth transition for whoever took over next,” underscoring the lasting foundation laid for future student-athletes.

As his career progressed, Kompon’s coaching philosophy evolved alongside the game. “You never questioned a coach back then, or you might not make it to practice the next day. Today’s players have so many influences—agents, nutritionists, personal trainers—that it’s crucial to listen and adapt,” he says. His commitment to fostering an environment where players can thrive as both athletes and individuals reflects his understanding of modern coaching as a partnership.

From the Archives



Jamie Kompon '88

Born in Nipigon, a township in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Jamie Kompon joined the Florida Panthers coaching staff in the 2022-23 season. He is the second coach in NHL history to win the Stanley Cup with three different teams, having previously won championships with the Los Angeles Kings (2012) and Chicago Blackhawks (2013), becoming the first in 78 years to win back-to-back Cups with different teams.

Kompon's coaching career also includes stints with the St. Louis Blues (1997-2006), Los Angeles Kings (2006-2012), Chicago Blackhawks (2012-2014), and Winnipeg Jets (2016-2022).

JUVENILE HOCKEY



Top (L-R): V. Goodfellow, R. Lalla, M. Iamello, C. Hague, N. Barber. *Middle (L-R):* Mr. Shanahan, R. Hattem, S. Carrier, C. Kelahear, K. Isada, V. Neves, Mr. Kompon, M. Kozma, M. Elie, E. Cholette, M. McIntyre, A. Zenebisis, S. Di Maio. *Bottom (L-R):* H. Tassone, F. Litschauer, J. Lobley, T. Summerton, N. Sankey.

This year's edition of the juvenile Warriors was the best that Loyola has seen in a long time. With a team philosophy of "working to your full potential every time you step on to the ice", they went on to win the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament, becoming the first ever juvenile hockey team to win the tournament. The team was led by captain Jarrett Lobley, and star goaltender Mike McIntyre. The team was masterfully guided by the coaching skills of Mr. Kompon and Mr. Shanahan, whose dedication and patience made the team believe in themselves. This season was dedicated to Mr. Ed Meagher, and we hope that we have made him proud.

- Terry Summerton

▲ Mr. Kompon with the 1995-1996 Juvenile Hockey team. In the team photo, you can also find a young Mr. Michael Elie '97, currently the Science department head.



The core principle of “being a man for others” has deeply shaped Kompon’s coaching philosophy, emphasizing the development of the whole person. “You’ve got to have good people if you want to be successful,” he notes. His coaching extends beyond game strategy, focusing on understanding each player’s unique strengths and weaknesses and tailoring his approach to suit their individual needs.

Even with his success in the NHL, Kompon remains closely connected to his former players. This was evident during a surprise Zoom call organized by his wife, where he reconnected with several players from his Loyola coaching days, including one from Australia. “It was phenomenal to see how far they’ve come,” Kompon reflects, acknowledging the impact of mentorship. One former player even crafted a replica of the trophy from

their Ed Meagher Sports Tournament win and sent it to him as a heartfelt gesture.

The demands of coaching, particularly in the NHL, are relentless. “You’re home by 11 p.m. after a game, rewatch it, and then your work starts again at 5 a.m. at the rink,” he explains, highlighting the rigorous preparation that goes into each game. “When you’re passionate about what you do, it never feels like work,” he says.

Each of Kompon’s three Stanley Cup wins has been special, not just for the accolades, but for the emotional connections forged with players, their families, and the communities that support them. “Watching the players celebrate with their families was so memorable,” he recalls of his most recent championship win. These moments remind him to stay

grounded. “You never forget your roots and the journey that shaped you,” he reflects—a mantra that has guided him throughout his career.

As Kompon enters a new season, he remains steadfast in his belief that success is a collective achievement. He is dedicated to fostering the next generation of athletes—players who not only excel on the ice but also grow into individuals of integrity. His journey proves that the lessons learned at Loyola extend far beyond the rink, shaping not just hockey players, but leaders in every aspect of life.

Photos courtesy: Jamie Kompon





Melissa Coussa-Charley

*Nominations & Governance Chair,
LHS Foundation Board*

As a Chartered Professional Accountant and partner at MNP, a public accounting firm, Melissa leverages her financial expertise and relationship-building skills to support the board's mission. Outside of her board duties, she enjoys spending time with her two young sons and finds joy in yoga, drawing, and outdoor activities.



Strengthening Loyola's Legacy:

A Conversation with Melissa Coussa-Charley

What inspired you to join the LHS Foundation Board?

The Loyola community is an integral part of my identity. My husband, brother, cousin, and some of my closest friends, whom I met while at the Sacred Heart of Montreal, are all graduates of Loyola. I've seen firsthand the humility and generosity that define us. I'm honoured to contribute to that legacy.

Can you elaborate on your responsibilities and role within the board?

I serve on the board's audit and finance committee, where I review financial statements and budgets quarterly and liaise with the Foundation's external auditor. Additionally, as chair of the nominations and governance committee, I focus on board composition and am always looking for community members who could be the right fit for upcoming roles.

How does your involvement with the board align with your personal values and career goals?

Faith, family, and community are central to both the board and my life. As a CPA, I value building relationships, and my skills with numbers complement my passion for understanding and fulfilling community needs, much like our work on the board.

In your view, what is the board's impact on the current and future members of the Loyola community?

Our impact hinges on our commitment as board members. Each of us brings unique personal and professional experiences to the table, contributing to the Foundation's mission. We aim to ensure the success of our mission statement, which has always emphasized the growth of the Loyola community. Loyola's financial aid program ensures that a family's finances are not a barrier to students who aspire to join the Loyola community. The strong presence of Loyola alumni today is a testament to the unwavering support from generations past, and I believe our Foundation's work will continue to make a significant impact for years to come.

What excites you most about the future of Loyola?

I'm excited to see how Loyola will continue to evolve to serve the community. The school is led by strong, conscientious individuals who work together to meet the needs of students, faculty, and alumni while also considering the broader community. I have no doubt it will maintain its foundation of forming women and men for others.



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A Year of Impact and Growth at Loyola

It is with immense gratitude and pride that I reflect on the achievements of the 2023-2024 school year. Together, we wrote a remarkable chapter in Loyola's history—one defined by generosity, innovation, and a shared commitment to our mission.

This year, our annual Giving Day once again exceeded expectations. With a focus on welcoming new members to our donor community, we celebrated **771** unique donors, including **over 400** first-time contributors. Each gift—large or small—represented an enduring belief in the transformative power of a Loyola education.

Your support enabled us to make meaningful investments in initiatives like the Teachers' Excellence Fund and the Ignatian Formation Fund. These programs directly enhanced our students' educational experience, strengthened our faculty, and reinforced the values at the heart of Loyola. They were more than investments in the present—they became commitments to the future of our community.

As we concluded this memorable year, the generosity of our donors continues to inspire us. Whether through your gifts, your participation, or your encouragement, you demonstrated that the Loyola spirit is as vibrant as ever.

On behalf of the entire Loyola community, thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Your belief in our mission empowered us to educate young women and men of conscience, compassion, competence and a commitment to a hope-filled future. Together, we shaped the leaders of tomorrow and strengthened the foundation of Loyola for generations to come.

Gratefully,

Scott Corbett

Executive Director of Advancement

● **\$5.7M**

Total Disbursements
from the Loyola High School Foundation to Loyola High School for 2023-24

● **\$4.6M**

Capital Projects
Classroom renovation and constructions projects including the gym renovation

● **\$735k**

Bursaries & Awards
17% of Loyola students received full or partial bursaries, averaging \$6,000 per student.

● **\$268k**

U.S. Friends of Loyola
Total disbursements from *U.S. Friends of Loyola Foundation* to the school.

● **\$83k**

Program Support
Kairos programming, clubs, athletics and other school programs.

Your Impact in 2023 - 2024

The Loyola High School Annual Fund raised an incredible **\$1.58** million this year, thanks to the generosity of **1,272** donors. This remarkable support from graduates, parents and our community empowers our mission and strengthens our commitment to providing transformative opportunities for every student.

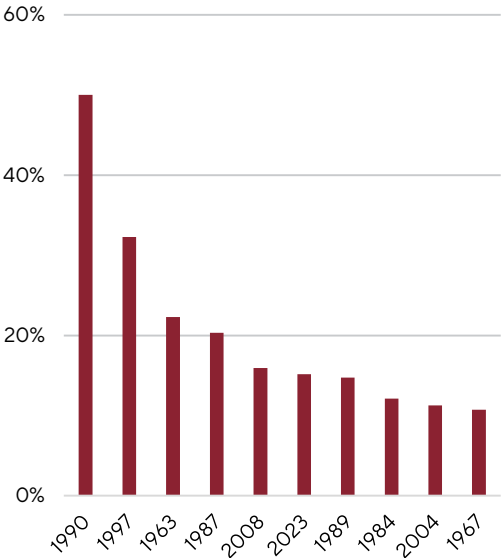
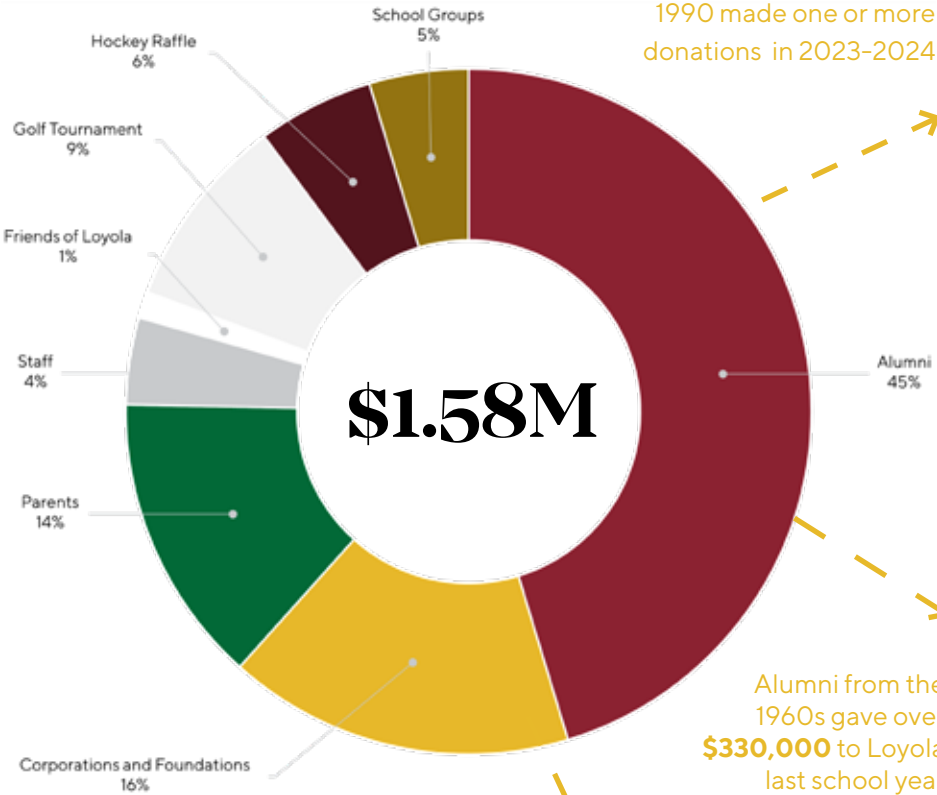
Each year, Loyola hosts an exciting raffle for Montreal Canadiens season tickets, and this year was no exception. On Thursday, October 6, 2023, our annual hockey raffle generated an impressive **\$87,220** for bursaries, thanks to the outstanding efforts of our students who sold **3,480** tickets for the 2023-24 season.

On October 2, 2023, the Loyola High School Foundation proudly hosted the 24th Annual Loyola High School Golf Tournament at the prestigious Royal Montreal Golf Club. With the generous support of our participants and sponsors, the tournament raised an outstanding **\$147,527** for Loyola's Bursary Fund.

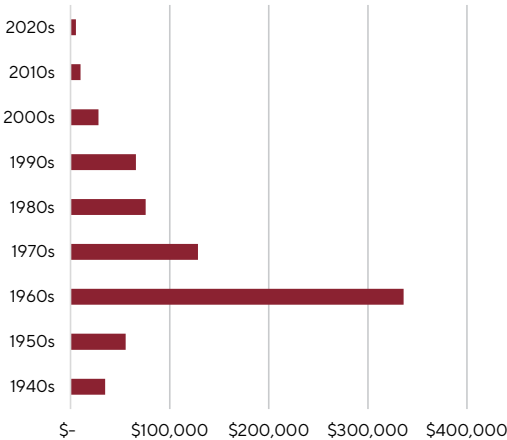


In 2024, we proudly completed a transformative renovation of the Loyola gymnasium, made possible by a **\$4.6** million disbursement from the Loyola High School Foundation. This investment revitalized our facilities, providing state-of-the-art resources for classes, athletics, wellness, and community events, underscoring our commitment to fostering student development and enhancing campus life for all.

A snapshot of who gave to Loyola in 2023-2024

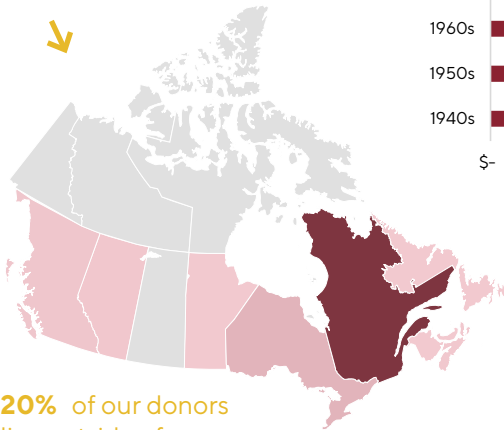


Alumni from the 1960s gave over **\$330,000** to Loyola last school year



416

current and former parents gave in 2023-24



20% of our donors live outside of Quebec

On April 16, 2024, we celebrated our second annual Giving Day—a 24-hour fundraising event dedicated to rallying our community’s support for Loyola. Thanks to contributions from **771** unique donors, including parents, alumni, faculty, and staff, we raised an impressive **\$229,141**. Over **\$75,000** in matching and challenge funds were unlocked, all in support of Loyola’s greatest needs!



Honouring Our Jesuit Legacy

Cardinal Michael Czerny SJ Bursary

Thanks to our generous donors, we have endowed the Cardinal Michael Czerny SJ Bursary. A Loyola graduate, Cardinal Czerny '63 exemplifies our school's values through his dedicated work in social justice and humanitarian causes. This endowment ensures that his legacy of service to others will continue to inspire and support the Loyola community in perpetuity.

Learn more about
Cardinal Czerny, SJ



Robert Brennan SJ Memorial Bursary

On Giving Day, April 16, 2024, we proudly raised **\$62,297** for the Robert Brennan, SJ, Memorial Bursary. To fully endow this fund and ensure Fr. Brennan's legacy lives on at Loyola for generations to come, we are aiming to reach our \$100,000 milestone. We invite you to join us in this meaningful tribute. Your contribution will be invested to create a lasting impact, supporting Loyola students in Fr. Brennan's memory.

Watch our tribute video



Loyola Giving Societies

Donor Circles

Loyola recognizes all contributions from \$1000 - \$100,000+ in our online edition of the Annual Report on Giving for 2023-2024. To view the members of Loyola's Giving Societies, please scan the QR code below.

Builders' Guild
\$100,000+

Men and Women for Others Society
\$25,000+

President's Circle
\$10,000+

Ignatius Fraternity
\$5,000+

Magis Society
\$1,000+

Named Bursary Endowments

Creating a named endowed bursary is a unique and lasting way to make an impact in the lives of students for generations. By establishing this bursary, you not only support deserving students in overcoming financial barriers, but you also create a legacy that reflects your values and commitment to education. Your gift becomes a permanent source of opportunity, empowering students to access a Loyola education and to fully embrace their potential. A named bursary stands as a tribute to the difference one person, family, or organization can make, forever shaping the future of our community.

Fr. Eric Maclean SJ Legacy Society

This legacy society – named in honour of Fr. Eric Maclean SJ, a former President, Principal and Chaplain of Loyola – recognizes living and deceased benefactors who have included Loyola in their estate plans with a bequest or a life insurance policy.

A planned gift offers you the opportunity to make a lasting impact on future generations at Loyola while aligning with your own financial and legacy goals. By including Loyola in your estate plans, you ensure that your values and commitment to education live on, supporting students and initiatives that matter to you most. Planned gifts can take many forms, from bequests to trusts, each allowing you to leave a meaningful legacy that benefits Loyola in perpetuity. Through a planned gift, you can create a future of opportunity and possibility, making a difference that lasts well beyond a lifetime.

Please scan here to read
through our full donor report



STUDENT LIFE @ LOYOLA

The following pages provide a glimpse into the wide array of activities, clubs, and events that define student life at Loyola. From academics that foster intellectual growth to extracurriculars that spark creativity and leadership, Loyola offers opportunities for every student to explore and thrive.

Stay connected and up-to-date with everything going on in student life at Loyola High School:



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Loyola High School
of Montreal



Walking with the Excluded Refugee Realities

Ms. Annie Beland's Secondary 1 English class welcomed Tefvik from Jesuit Refugee Service Canada to lead an eye-opening activity about the lives of refugees. This activity, directly linked to their class novel *Refugee*, gave students a deeper understanding of some of the hardships refugees face when fleeing their home countries. Given different scenarios and characters based on real-life refugees, students had the opportunity to make decisions in the role of a refugee, fostering compassion for the harsh realities they endure. Through JRS Canada, the class will be supporting a refugee family that recently arrived from Afghanistan.

Honouring Resilience Indigenous Awareness Week

Students participated in activities that celebrated the resilience of Indigenous communities and reflected on the lasting effects of the residential school system. These activities included a powerful talk by Darryl Diamond about the ongoing realities faced by Indigenous Peoples and a screening of the film *Indian Horse*, followed by a Q&A via Zoom with director and alumnus Stephen Campanelli '76.

Jessica Hernandez, mother of lehwatsirahni:ra'ts '29 and Thahnhahténhtha '23, led a beading workshop and displayed a Moccasin exhibit in the Bishops' Atrium. The moccasins served as a visual expression of community love and support, symbolizing the immense grief of the children who never made it home.



▲ lehwatsirahni:ra'ts '29 and Jessica Hernandez display the moccasins.



Principal's Corner

During the opening faculty and staff retreat in August, we focused on the concept of 'belonging' as a thematic hook for the 2024-2025 school year. In brainstorming how this concept applies to Loyola, we collectively agreed that trusting in the slow work of God, being grateful and embracing honest vulnerability are central tenets in ensuring that the care for the whole person is being met.

A few months later, in the full swing of another year of vibrant activity at the school, I am heartened how Loyola maintains this sense of 'belonging' to ensure that each and every member of the community is able to achieve his or her maximum potential. This is reflected in the wonderful work going on in the classroom and the plethora of extracurricular sports and activities that allow students to be open to growth and development, showcasing their talents.

With one term completed and winter on its way, we can look back on achievements and challenges met with a sense of pride and accomplishment. And, ultimately, 'belonging' extends beyond the classroom and extracurricular activities as our students remain true to the Jesuit tradition of contemplatives in action. We witness this in their commitment to Christian Service, Girls for the Cure, and Movember. It is indeed, in giving, that we receive.

So as we approach Advent and the Christmas season, we hold fast to what Brené Brown calls that "deep sense of love and belonging" that "is an irreducible need of all people" as "we are biologically, cognitively, physically, and spiritually wired to love, to be loved, and to belong." It is in this spirit that we look forward to the rest of the school year in joyful hope.

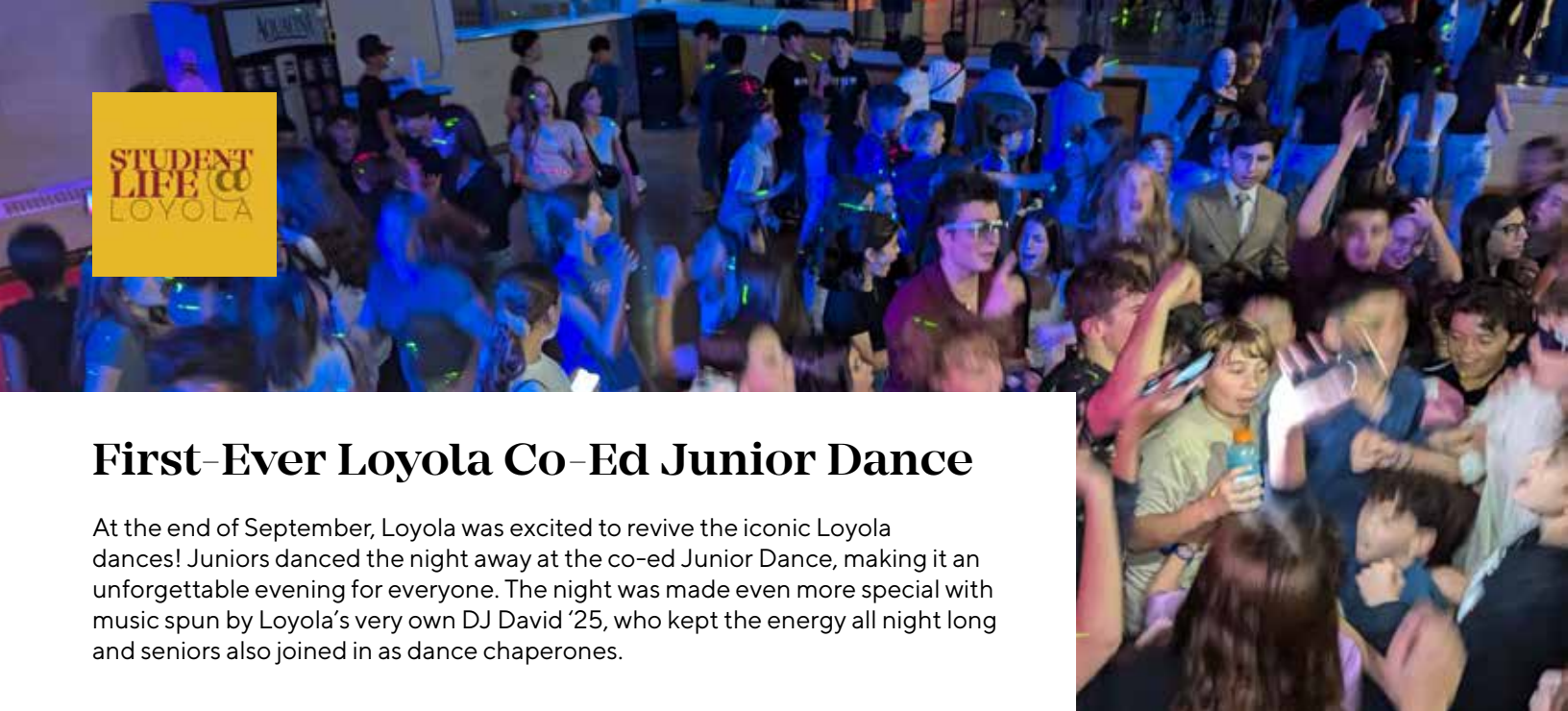


▲ In November, CJI Outreach Coordinator Pieter Niemeyer visited Loyola. His presentation highlighted the global education gap for girls and inspired Secondary 5 students to act as engaged global citizens.

Advocating for Women's Education Rights

From April 21 to 23, 2024, ten students and Campus Minister Mr. Valiquette attended the Youth for Others (Y4O) Symposium in Ottawa, organized by Canadian Jesuits International (CJI). The event, themed "Education: Her Right, Our Future," focused on advocating for women's education and equipping students with skills for local and global initiatives. Matteo '25 shared, "As Loyola students, we are committed to doing justice and giving girls around the world a voice."





First-Ever Loyola Co-Ed Junior Dance

At the end of September, Loyola was excited to revive the iconic Loyola dances! Juniors danced the night away at the co-ed Junior Dance, making it an unforgettable evening for everyone. The night was made even more special with music spun by Loyola's very own DJ David '25, who kept the energy all night long and seniors also joined in as dance chaperones.



Curtain Call

Stratford Trip

During this year's Stratford trip, Secondary 4 and 5 students strolled through the town's picturesque streets and immersed themselves in its renowned theatre scene, attending productions of *La Cage aux Folles* and *Wendy and Peter Pan*.



Déchiffrer l'énigme

L'enquête policière

L'activité d'enquête annuelle du département de français est devenue un incontournable chez les élèves du Junior, ajoutant une touche ludique à l'art de résoudre des mystères! Les élèves de secondaire 1 se sont glissés dans la peau de détectives chargés, d'interroger les professeurs de français, de recueillir des indices et de vérifier des alibis. Grâce à leurs compétences analytiques aiguisées, ils ont rassemblé les preuves pour découvrir le mobile et identifier Louis Félix Valiquette comme le coupable. Mystère résolu—affaire classée!



Makerspace

The Makerspace facilitated a series of dynamic workshops that transformed lunchtime into a productive period for students to engage in creative exploration. This interdisciplinary environment encouraged students to collaborate, experiment, and develop their skills in a hands-on, innovative setting. Some of the activities included an AI workshop led by specialist Dave Fineberg, origami, rope bracelet making, Lego robotics, and pumpkin carving!



Loyola's Got Talent!

One of the most anticipated events of the year, Talent Night 2024 exceeded expectations! Eight acts lit up the stage with their unique talents, creating a night of unforgettable performances. Photos courtesy Emilio Fulminis '22.



Loyola's Racing Club Shifts Gears

The Loyola Racing Club has become a thrilling hub for students passionate about motorsports, offering virtual and real-life racing experiences. Lunchtime e-sim races, made possible by alumni donations of a force-feedback wheel and seat, allow students to experience the thrill of F1 tracks.

On September 28, the action shifted from simulation to reality as the club hosted its first go-karting race at Go-Karting Montreal. Marco '27 and Luca '22 claimed victory in the junior and senior heats, respectively, combining friendly competition with the exhilaration of real racing.





Movember Fund-razor

As part of Loyola's 16th Movember campaign, student supervisor Daniel Paolino '06 gave students and staff the chance to purchase a raffle ticket for the opportunity to shave his head. The initiative raised \$1,200, supporting advancements in the urology department at the Montreal General Hospital, while also giving Dan a bold new buzz cut. A total of \$8,000 was raised during the campaign, marking the highest amount in the school's Movember history!



Stepping Up: Girls for the Cure

The St. Mary's Hospital Girls for the Cure walk was a milestone event, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the initiative and Loyola's first year participating, coinciding with St. Mary's Hospital's 100th anniversary. On September 26, 91 Loyola girls and four teachers, sporting GFC T-shirts and pink cowboy hats, walked to Molson Percival Stadium in support of women's cancer research. They raised an impressive \$36,479, reflecting Loyola's mission of being *women and men for others*.



◀ [Check out the media coverage here](#)





▲ The Loyola community united to show their school spirit and cheer on the Juvenile football team at the season's first home game. With an electrifying musical intro by Loyola students, coordinated by Mr. Saar, it was undoubtedly one of the most memorable home openers yet!

Athletics



Cadet Volleyball

The Cadet volleyball team secured the championship title with a 15-7 victory. A special shout-out to team captain Alex '26, who was named RSEQ tournament MVP!



Bantam Boys Flag Football

Congratulations to the Bantam boys flag football team for their 20-6 championship win, a true testament to their grit, determination, and teamwork!



Cadet Pickleball

Loyola's debut pickleball team had a smashing success! Our Cadet boys brought their A-game to the day-long tournament, securing the Championship banner for Loyola.



Golf

Oscar '25 teed up success at the GMAA tournament, driving home the win with an impressive score of 67!



Cadet Soccer

The Cadet soccer team capped off an incredible season with a well-deserved silver medal in the finals!



Girls Volleyball D1

The girls volleyball team advanced to the semi-finals, demonstrating exceptional skill every step of the way!



Cross-Country Running

At the Halo Run, the Junior boys team claimed the GMAA Championship, the Cadets earned silver in the team classification, and James '28 finished 1st in the 3km race.



Bantam Boys Basketball

The Warriors are off to a strong start this basketball season, with the Bantam team bringing home the plaque at the LCC tournament.



Cadet Basketball

This season is shaping up to be a slam dunk, with our Cadet boys basketball team bringing home the championship trophy from the LCC tournament.

Class of 2024

The 128th commencement exercises signify the culmination of a five-year journey embracing the Grad at Grad. The graduates on these pages were accompanied by their alumni relatives, honouring the enduring legacy of Loyola.



Liam Conroy with his father Stephen '92



Gianluca Paparo with his brother Alessandro '22



Justin Léger with his father Dan '90



Rocco Pisanelli with brothers Mario '23 and Chazz '19



Matteo Delli Colli with his brother Massimo '20



Marco Barberini with his brother Luca '19 and father Nunzio '91



Giuliano Mancuso with his brother Massimo '22



James Campbell with his brother Brennan '21



Anthony Malandrakis with his brother Dimitros '22



Jayden Reonegro with his father Nick '90



Liam Dubé with his father William '83 and grandfather Jules Lemay '57



Pietro Colacci with his father Lucca '92



Oscar Donovan with his father Joseph '92 and uncle Sean '87



Theodore Valsasek with his brother Sebastian '22 and father Martin '86



Gianluca Occhionero with his father Gianni '91



Matthew Ruggiero with his father Mark '85



Justin Khairy with his father Paul '88 and brother Thomas '20



Michael Frascchetti with his brother Justin '22



Devon Wilkins with his father Andrew '90 and grandfather Mark '58



Emmanuel Chan with his brother Olivier '23



William Hanna with his father George '84



Tiago Nicolau with a photograph of his grandfather Zennon Dziuba '64



Gabriel Morielli with his brother Luca '22



Theodore Gabriel with his father Michael '90



Spencer Fung with his brother Noah '22



Dimitiri Adamakakis with his sister Niki '28



Matthew Ryan Odulio with his father Albert '94



Thomas Lynam with his father Ryan '95



Michael Arpino with his brother Anthony '26



Matteo Marziliano with brothers Samuel '22 and Luca '28



Casey Guilfoyle with his brother Kieran '22 and father Glen '86



Luca Hartley with his brother Adamo '21



Joseph Auerback with his brother Matthew '27



Alexander Fulvio with his brother Logan '27



Matthew Rafla with his brother Marcus '25



Aidan Gomez and his brother Alex '23 with cousin Kai Gomez Flores '24



Aidan Westra with his brother Alex '26

2024 Retirements

En tant qu'enseignante de français et de musique, ancienne cheffe du département de français et directrice de la chorale, l'influence de Madame Lacasse dépasse de loin les murs de Loyola. Son engagement envers l'école et ses élèves, ainsi que sa passion pour l'enseignement, ont laissé une empreinte indélébile dans le cœur de chacune et chacun d'entre nous.

Grâce à elle, ses élèves ont vécu des expériences musicales inoubliables, allant des récitals locaux aux prestigieux concerts internationaux. L'un des moments les plus marquants reste le concert à Barcelone en 2018, où elle a dirigé les choristes des Pueri Cantores Canada devant un auditoire de plus de 8 000 personnes à la Sagrada Família — une performance magistrale qui témoigne de son immense talent.

Madame Lacasse a également enrichi l'expérience de ses

élèves lors de nombreux voyages en Espagne, notamment à Loiola, lieu de naissance de Saint Ignace. De plus, elle a mis en place un échange culturel et linguistique avec l'établissement jésuite Saint-Joseph-de-Tivoli à Bordeaux, permettant à ses élèves de développer non seulement une appréciation profonde de la langue française, mais aussi de découvrir une culture nouvelle et inspirante.

Son rire contagieux et son sens de l'humour ont fait de chaque instant passé à ses côtés un souvenir précieux. Son influence se propage à travers les générations, et ses qualités humaines rayonnent encore à Loyola. Madame Nadeau, collègue et amie proche, l'a exprimé avec justesse dans son discours d'adieu :

« Votre compétence, votre joie de vivre et votre dévouement seront toujours omniprésents à Loyola et en chacune et chacun de nous. »



Claudio Corsetti
Maintenance Staff
15 Years of Service

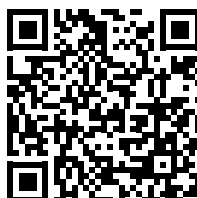
Claudio “Big Papi” Corsetti was a key member of Loyola’s maintenance “dream team,” playing an important role in ensuring the building was spotless and ready each day for the arrival of faculty, staff, and students. Best known for his booming voice, Claudio also has a big heart, and his dedication and unwavering presence made him an integral part of the school community. His willingness to lend a hand or engage in friendly hallway chats earned him the respect and deep appreciation of everyone.

Marthe Lacasse
Enseignante, départements de français et de musique
18 ans à Loyola



Thomas Powell
Faculty, Math Department
24 Years of Service

Born and raised in Montreal North as the youngest of seven siblings, with a twin brother, and a devoted father to Keegan and Michael '21, Mr. Powell began his journey at Loyola in the fall of 2000. Over the years, he wore many hats—Math Department Head (2009–2011), Midget Soccer Coach (2000–2023), and Senior Vice Principal (2011–2016)—each role marked by his unwavering commitment to the Loyola community. His teaching style made mathematics relatable, pragmatic, and fun, ensuring that students not only understood the content but also connected with it. As his colleague Mr. Vani noted in his farewell speech, “His quirky and warm personality consistently diffused any anxiety-filled situation and made people feel supported.” Mr. Powell’s ability to build strong bonds with students, parents, and colleagues alike became one of his most cherished hallmarks. Known for his innovative teaching methods, compassion, and resourcefulness, he earned the title of *My Favourite Teacher* from many of his students. As Mr. Vani concluded, “[Tom has] changed the lives of countless young people for the better and emboldened them to leave the world better than they found it.”



◀ Scannez pour écouter
Marthe réfléchir à sa carrière
d’enseignante à Loyola.



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'47 **Bruce Aubin** is being inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame on September 4, 2025 in Calgary for his lifelong contributions to the aviation industry, including advancements in more efficient maintenance practices and improved aircraft safety.

'86 Fr. Leonard Altilla, SJ served as celebrant at Mr. John J. Brennan's funeral on June 25 at St. Patrick's Basilica in Montreal. Among those in attendance were **Martin Valasek, Pierre Monaghan, Peter McCusker, Kevin Shannon, and David Little**. Photo credit: **John Raza**.



'65 **Tom Pirelli** was inducted into the U.S. Rugby Hall of Fame with a 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award on July 13, 2024.

'87 **Tim Ruddy** (pictured middle) was invited to speak at the Irish Embassy during their St. Patrick's Day celebration to share details about his annual St. Patrick's Day T-shirt fundraiser.



'67 **Jack Petrilli** has published four novels: *Nefarious*, *The Enlightenment of Abigail Trenholm*, *The Contrived Goddess*, and *The Misguided Zealot*. These science fiction stories, meticulously researched, delve into themes of time travel and are available on Amazon.

'70 **Derek Wolff** released his debut novel, *A Child's Antidote to War: Russian Invasion of Ukraine*, through FriesenPress in April 2024.

Loyola On the Road

Vancouver Reunion

On October 17, we were pleased to welcome alumni to our Vancouver reunion held at Tap & Barrel Shipyard offering waterfront views of the Vancouver skyline and harbour. Alumni from '66 to '99 joined us for a great evening of reminiscing and sharing stories from Loyola through the decades. A special thank you to the Vancouver regional team who helped make this event happen; Eric Bélanger '81, Robert Bauman '67, John Hayto '69, Craig Noon Ward '89, Peter Boronkay '79, Philip Primeau '76.



Upcoming Alumni Events

Visit our calendar to RSVP to our next event!





@loyolaalumni_mtl
October 19, 2024

Former Choir Director Marthe Lacasse, along with a group of Loyola alumni, has reunited past choir members to continue making music and celebrate the school's rich musical tradition. If you're interested in joining this special initiative, please reach out to choeurdesancienslhs@gmail.com.



Stay connected!

'90

During the Presidents Cup at the Royal Montreal Golf Club in September 2024, Class of 1990 alumni **Fernando Lopez, Michael Presseau,** and **Patrick Shea** ran into their classmate, **Dan Leger**. Dan, a member of the golf club, was volunteering at the tournament that day. ▼



'95

December marked the conclusion of **Adrian Schofield's** 18-month mission across the northern provinces of Afghanistan with the International Committee of the Red Cross. "It was undoubtedly a challenging yet privileged experience, serving vulnerable Afghans affected by war." ▶



'03

Patrick McMullan and his wife, Barbara Symianick, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their third child, Finn Patrick McMullan. Patrick leads multiple teams at the e-commerce company *Shopify*. ▶



Boston Reunion

On October 25, we headed to Boston for a reunion hosted by Jim Madigan '79, Director of Athletics and Recreation at Northeastern University. Alumni gathered to reconnect and watch a Northeastern Huskies game. Thank you to all that joined us and Jim for hosting such a memorable evening.



NYC Reunion

Our final reunion of the fall was held on November 14 in NYC and hosted by Sean Doyle '83, Partner, Mergers and Acquisitions; *Capital Markets at Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates*. We were delighted to welcome alumni from '70 to '15 for a great evening of networking and sharing memories from Loyola. Thank you to all that joined us and to the NYC regional reps Sean Doyle '83 and Dr. Justin H. Bischof '85 for organizing the event.

ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST



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June 10, 2024

At the grad pizza lunch, Jordano Aguzzi '08 shared his journey to becoming an Emmy Award-winning cinematographer. He has worked with organizations like the NHL, Olympic Broadcasting, MLS, and the Montreal Impact. His advice to students: never believe you're too good or not good enough for any job—let your work speak for itself, and hard work will pay off.



'07

Joshua Carey, lead singer of the band Po Lazarus, caught the attention of The Tragically Hip with their cover of "Ahead by a Century."

Matt O'Neil and his wife, Shelby Evans, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Charles Wyatt, born on July 5. Charlie joins his big sister, Mackenzie, who is excited to meet her baby brother.



'09

Cory Reynolds and his wife, Dana Yadao, welcomed their baby girl, Amelia, on October 29, 2024.



'11

Jason Harel has been appointed Head Coach of Escrime Mont Royal, one of Montreal's oldest fencing clubs. He also teaches the after-school fencing program at Loyola High School.



'19

Paolo Petroni went on a cultural trip to Sardinia, along with Enrico Di Salvo '20, Davide Forgione '20 and Marco Sicoli '20.

'24

The M18 D1 hockey team welcomed recent alumni attending prep schools, who shared valuable insights on adapting to new schools and competing at the varsity level.

'13

Nicholas Hatzis and **Michael Di Pietro '23**, during a recent family vacation in Paros, Greece, both coincidentally wore Loyola T-shirts on the same day. Nicholas described it as "a proud moment to represent Loyola abroad."



Thomas Wilson (Phillips Exeter), Liam Conroy (Hotchkiss), Kevin Summers (Vermont Academy), Gianni Parillo (North Yarmouth Academy).

Alumni Tie the Knot

'96

Hugo Tassone married Vanessa Strzelecki on July 19 at Entrepôts Dominion. ▼



Left to right: Chris Hein '98, Camille Khoury '98, Kevin Havill '98, Robin Sancton, Boris Popovic '98, Russell Wyse '98, Nenad Popovic '98, and Ramy Fahmy-Demian '98.

'98

◀ **Boris Popovic** married Robin Sancton on Saturday, August 10.

'10

Daniel La Schiazza married Mia Prattico on July 6, 2024. ▼

'06

Jonathan Saveriano ▶ and Alysha Zackon were married on August 6, 2023, at the Forest & Stream Club.

Matthew Zakrzewski married Stephanie on November 2, 2024. ▶



Left to right: Alexander Barrett '10, Richard Shanahan '73, Benjamin La Schiazza '10, Brian Powell '14, Jean Vianney Cordeiro '10, Christian Solari '13, Daniel La Schiazza '10, Mia Prattico, Scott Cotroneo '11, Anthony Da Ponte '05, Ryan Locke '18, and Tristan Wild. (Missing: Stephen Shanahan '72)

'11

Alex Galli married his partner, Alexandre Allaire.

'13

Paul Kavanagh ▶ married Caitlin Sullivan on July 6, 2024. Caitlin, the granddaughter of **Dr. James Sullivan '54** (Loyola's Hall of Merit), was accompanied by her father, **Christopher Sullivan '81**.



Left to right: Noah Galli '17, Joseph Galli '79, Peter Galli '83, Alexandre Allaire, Groom Alex Galli '11, Adamo Donovan '11, Alessandro Petrella '11, Michael Sabelli '11, Thomas Galli '13, and Marthe Lacasse.

ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST



Jonathan Dellar-Fernandes '11, Nicholas Dellar-Fernandes '14, and Luca Manglaviti '15, members of the Young Ambassadors committee, hosted a Halloween event for the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence, raising over \$20,000.

2024 Alumni Reunion Weekend

This year's Alumni Reunion Weekend kicked off with an energetic match between Loyola alumni v.s Loyola's juvenile soccer team. Alumni from 1989 to 2024 came out to play a friendly match.



Mark your calendars for Alumni
Reunion Weekend 2025:
October 3-5, 2025.



On Friday night, nearly 600 alumni gathered for the 26th annual Beer Bash, a cherished event that fosters reunions with old friends and sparks fond memories. This year's celebration highlighted the milestone anniversaries of the classes ending in 4 and 9.



On Saturday, Loyola hosted Jubilee dinners, bringing together alumni celebrating their 25th and 50th anniversaries. The classes of 1974 and 1999, along with their partners, gathered at Bocci Restaurant for an evening filled with laughter, nostalgia, and storytelling.



Alumni Reunion Weekend concluded with the inspiring Motionball Marathon of Sport, organized by **Anthony Colonna '07**. Dedicated to raising funds and awareness for Special Olympics, Motionball provides opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities through inclusive sports and social events. This event was a powerful reminder of what it means to be *women and men for others*.



An informal Class of 1990 reunion took place in London in mid-November, with eight members flying in from Montreal and Madrid to spend a long weekend together, along with other friends. Pictured from left to right: Mark-Anthony Serri, Patrick Shea, Richard de Chazal, Michael Presseau, Eric Poole, Michael Cyr, Joe Aloe, and Fernando Lopez.



1984



1974



1989



2004



2009



2014



1995



Shea Family



Barone Brothers



Class Rep Spotlight: Francis Scarpaleggia '74



Francis Scarpaleggia '74 has been the MP for the Montreal West Island riding of Lac-Saint-Louis since 2004. He was the longstanding chair of the National Liberal Caucus and is currently chair of the House of Commons environment committee.



Francis's Role as a Class Rep

Loyola's alumni community is deeply committed to preserving the school's core values, fostering a sense of belonging that spans generations. Class representatives, like Francis, play a key role in maintaining this connection by facilitating communication between alumni and the school.

"I volunteered to be class rep out of a sense of duty to give back to the school. It has made me feel connected to a wonderful educational tradition." For Francis, being a class rep is about honouring the past, engaging with the present, and contributing to a future that remains true to Loyola's principles.

Keeping the Class Connected

One of the primary roles of a class rep is bridging the gap between alumni, especially as people move to different cities or countries. "I keep my class engaged by getting together with close friends and exchanging emails with classmates I can't see as often," says Francis. These interactions help maintain strong bonds.

Serving as a Liaison between Alumni and the School

Francis views his role as vital for ensuring the alumni community remains connected to Loyola. "It's about making sure our voices are heard and maintaining a dialogue with the school," he explains. This connection provides insight into Loyola's legacy and how its traditions continue.

The Impact of being a Class Rep

Being a class rep is rewarding, particularly when reconnecting with old friends and seeing how classmates have evolved. Hosting his 50th reunion was a highlight for Francis. "I enjoyed reaching out to class members I hadn't seen in years and learning about their journeys," he says.

"As a class rep, I hope to observe the school's ongoing evolution and stay connected to its core values," Francis explains. This involvement allows alumni to witness the impact Loyola continues to have on future generations.

A Tradition of Connection

Loyola's alumni community thrives on shared values and experiences, with class reps playing an essential role in preserving Loyola's legacy. By fostering communication, organizing events, and supporting the school's mission, class reps ensure that Loyola's traditions endure. Serving as a class rep offers not only a chance to give back but also a lasting connection to the school and its ongoing growth.



Big shout-out to the champions of the Kirkland Touch Football team composed of several alumni including Brian Zenobi '71, son Michael Zenobi '11, Jordan Panetta '09, Daniel Mancini '10, Richard Humes '07, Brennan Burke '07 and David Ness '08.



Regional Rep Spotlight: Eric Bélanger '81

Eric's Role as a Regional Rep

Eric views the role of regional representative as both a privilege and a mission. "It's an opportunity to unite the community and extend a cycle, being a conduit of Loyola stories and values that continue lifelong learning beyond graduation, and for future generations." His aim is to help alumni reconnect, share stories, and pass on Loyola's values to those who come after them.

Reflecting on the Loyola Alumni Community

Eric describes his Loyola experience as transformative, offering a "balance of intellectual and spiritual development" during challenging times in his life. The school's focus on curiosity, personal reflection, and acceptance left a lasting impact.

Rekindling the Connection

Eric's alumni involvement began in 2012 when a holiday greeting to classmates led to organizing a reunion. What started as a simple invitation for Christmas cheer grew into a gathering of over 50 alumni. "I realized that after all the years, there existed a community that shared a common DNA about 'being in the world,'" Eric reflects. That shared connection inspired him to become more involved, eventually supporting the BC alumni chapter.

Strengthening Bonds Across Generations

Working alongside the BC Chapter Loyola Alumni Reunion Committee members, Eric recently helped organize a reunion in Vancouver, which he described as... "wonderful and joyous." Moved by Scott Corbett's presentation on the challenges facing education in Quebec, Eric says, "These are daunting times for Loyola High School, and I cannot thank Scott enough for sharing these challenges with the attendees. Apart from the enjoyable social exchanges, there's a strong need—more than ever—to support Loyola High School and the education we all benefited from."

A Man for Others

Eric's role as a regional rep serves as a reminder of the lifelong bonds and responsibilities that come with being part of the Loyola community. His commitment to fostering connections and supporting Loyola's future reflects the spirit of service, resilience, and loyalty that unites all alumni.



Eric Bélanger '81 has built a distinguished 35-year career in international marketing communications and media relations, with experience across Western Canada and over two decades in Switzerland. Now based in North Vancouver, BC, Eric is a certified personal and business coach who helps individuals find fulfilling culinary careers in Canada and leads Job Development services at WorkBC North Vancouver.

The Class and Regional Rep Program is designed to facilitate connections between alumni and foster a sense of community. Reps act as a liaison between the alumni and the institution, sharing updates and events. Reps help organize reunions and gatherings, ensuring alumni can reconnect, network and encourage alumni involvement in various activities, promoting participation in events and initiatives.

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