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ON THE COVER

Eight students, representing all grade levels, have contributed to the broader community through the Christian Service Program (CSP). During our Closing Mass, each student brought a meaningful item that symbolized the unique ways they served, coming together to celebrate a year of faith in action.

Featured on the cover:

(left to right) Jaden '28, Julius '25, Nicholas '25, Justin '26, Ryan '27, Mason '29, Nicola '27, Andrew '26

Photo Credit: Anthony Branco '99







From the Editor



At Loyola, education is more than academic achievement; it is a call to serve, to lead with compassion, and to act with purpose. This Winter/Spring issue of *Loyola Today* highlights how students, alumni, and community members live out the school's Jesuit mission in powerful and varied ways, from hands-on service and global experiences to generous giving and lifelong leadership.

The students featured on our cover perfectly embody the heart of Loyola's mission: forming women and men for and with others. Through the Christian Service Program, they bring their faith to life with meaningful acts of service, supporting marginalized communities, caring for elders, and accompanying youth.

Experience Week continues to be a vital part of this formation, offering immersive opportunities for students to engage deeply with local and global realities. This year, for the first time, Loyola students journeyed to Costa Rica, enriching their understanding of sustainability and our shared responsibility to care for our common home (page 11).

Our 3rd Annual Giving Day showcased the incredible generosity of the Loyola community, fueling bursaries, extracurricular programs, and spaces that nurture compassionate leaders dedicated to the greater good (page 12).

The values instilled at Loyola resonate far beyond graduation. Jeff Orr '75, President and CEO of Power Corporation of Canada, reflects on how Jesuit principles have shaped him as a leader of one of Canada's most influential institutions (page 4). Further demonstrating this global impact, Adrian Schofield '95 shares how Loyola's mission inspired his humanitarian work in some of the world's most challenging crisis zones (page 8).

We also honour the 2025 Hall of Merit inductees, Fr. Foliot, SJ '62, and Patrick Shea '90, whose lifelong dedication to faith, justice, and community exemplifies the transformative impact of Jesuit education (page 24).

Together, these stories illustrate how Loyola's steadfast commitment to Jesuit values continues to shape students who make a positive difference in the world. We hope you enjoy reading about the many ways our community lives out the Loyola mission every day.

Chiara Folini Director of Communications & Marketing



Letter from Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ '63 Remembering Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters of the Loyola Community,

In this time of pain, mourning and prayer, I wish to offer a brief reflection on Pope Francis. I had the privilege of working with him and for him, becoming both fellow servants of the Church and friends.

Pope Francis changed the Church profoundly. He forcefully advanced the vision of the Second Vatican Council, confronting challenges we could no longer ignore, such as the tragedies of sexual abuse and the burden of financial mismanagement. With prophetic clarity, he brought the care of our common home, our planet, and the plight of migrants and refugees to the centre of our faith and Church life. He gave voice to the vulnerable; like Jesus, let us go beyond the comfortable borders and limits to support those in real need, the alienated and lost.

Reflecting the spirit of Ignatius, Francis adamantly upheld freedom. True service to God requires us to live our faith freely, deeply, and courageously.

His choice to rest in Saint Mary Major Basilica expressed his devotion to Our Lady, especially as protector of Rome, of which he was the Bishop.

The day before he died, Pope Francis participated in Easter Sunday Mass in St Peter's Square: a true pastor, his last breaths were to bless the people of God, even in his suffering. In grateful memory of Pope Francis, let us always go out to find and succor the sheep who are lost.

The legacy of Francis is a Church of encounter and mercy, of love, freedom and joy. May we all make his spirit our mission, serving the Church and the common home we all share.

Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ 63 Palazzo San Calisto 00120 Città del Vaticano





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Living the Jesuit Mission

Here's an excerpt from VP of Mission and Formation, JP Mancini '05, reflecting on the passing of Pope Francis:

"While his place in history as the first Jesuit Pope holds special meaning for Jesuit institutions like ours, we know that Pope Francis would not want us to dwell on his legacy for its historical significance alone. As a school community rooted in Jesuit values, let us carry Pope Francis's legacy forward—not just in memory, but in action."

Read the full reflection by scanning here.



Let us choose kindness, lead with compassion, and see God's presence in the ordinary.

JSN Spotlight on Annie Beland

As part of Women's History Month in March, the Jesuit Schools Network highlighted our VP of Academics (Junior School) and Co-Education, Annie Beland, as one of the inspiring women leading Ignatian ministries.

Scan below to read the article. ▼





In Loving Memory



Mr. David M. Beasley '52

John Bissonnette '56

Bruce Brown, father of Ryan '93, grandfather of Emma '28 and Alyson '30

Nicholas Collin '13

Fred Devaux, father of Peter '81

Ed Foley '52, uncle of Richard Boire '71, Greg Boire '76 and Mike Boire '82, and great uncle of Scott Booth '04

Elizabeth Haughey, Loyola Former Art Teacher (1973-2002)

David (Dave) Lennon '60

Victor Lukoshius, father of Victor '87, Anthony '84 and Steven '88, grandfather of Tadas '20 and Lukas '18

Thomas Mallon '75

Martha McKenna, husband of Thomas '38, mother to Richard '74, Grant '76 and Barrie '78

Robert Morena '96, brother of Vince '88 and Nick '91, uncle of Matthew '22

Thomas Novak, father of Chris '02 and Ryan '06

Mr. Victor Pappalardo '61

Anthony (Tony) Patterson '54

Adriana van Leeuwen, mother of Anthony '64, Peter '66, John '67 and Philip '70

Andre Volpe '57

David Waters '52

Dr. Michael Westwood, father of Simon '92 and Marc '99

Bernard (Bernie) Young '60

At the Helm

Jeff Orr's '75 Journey After Loyola

As President and CEO of Power Corporation of Canada, Jeff Orr '75 stands among the most respected business leaders in our country. Leading one of Canada's largest companies, he has helped steer Power Corporation's evolution into a global financial services leader, serving over 40 million clients worldwide and managing \$3.5 trillion in assets across North America, Europe and Asia. Yet beyond the boardrooms and balance sheets lies a foundation of principle and purpose, one formed decades ago at Loyola High School.

After Loyola, Jeff continued his education at John Abbott College and the Ivey Business School at the University of Western Ontario, before entering the financial services industry. He began his career at BMO Nesbitt Burns, later acquired by the Bank of Montreal, where he spent 20 years, ultimately becoming Chair and CEO. He joined the Power group in 2001 where he served as CEO of Investors Group and Power Financial before being appointed to his current role.

He believes effective leadership in business is about treating people with the same values as you would treat your family or close friends. "The only real differentiator in business over time is people and culture," he explains. "By fostering a culture based on respect, honesty and fairness, you attract and retain the best people and create the most effective teams".

Jeff remembers his very first class at Loyola with English teacher Pat Dubee, who along with Dan Russell and many other teachers, made a lasting impression. Although he didn't know it at the time, Loyola taught him how to think critically and instilled in him the importance of living by a strong set of values.

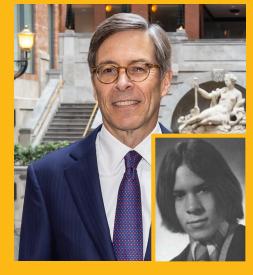
Loyola's emphasis on values re-enforced what Jeff learned at home. "My mom would continually say to





POWER CORPORATION OF CANADA

A Century Stronger



R. Jeff Orr '75
President & CEO, Power Corporation

Jeff has over four decades of experience in the financial services industry, holding key leadership roles within the Power group, including CEO of Power Financial and previously as CEO of IGM Financial and BMO Nesbitt Burns. Jeff also serves as Chair of several Power companies such as Great-West Lifeco, Canada Life, Empower, IGM Financial, IG Wealth Management and Mackenzie. He holds a Honours Business Administration degree from the Ivey School of Business and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Western University.

always try to do the right thing, even when it's hard. I try to fall back on that whenever I face a difficult decision or situation, in business or in my personal life."

Change, Jeff notes, is the most difficult challenge for both individuals and organizations to manage. The rapid pace of technological advancement, such as the current AI revolution, presents both opportunities and threats. Power Corporation has successfully embraced change, helping to build innovative financial disruptors like Wealthsimple in Canada and Empower in the U.S., which manages the retirement savings accounts for 19 million Americans. These companies complement Power's other holdings such as Canada Life, IG Wealth Management, Mackenzie Investments, and Irish Life.

Over the years, his commitment to community engagement has reflected a core value instilled by his Jesuit Catholic education at Loyola. He has been actively involved with organizations such as Centraide, the Canadian Red Cross, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and the United Way of Toronto, among others.

Despite a demanding schedule that sees him on the road nearly 40 weeks a year, Jeff works hard to find balance and prioritize time with his family.

Of all his accomplishments, Jeff is most proud of his family. He and his wife Suzanne Legge, whom he met at Western University, are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year. They have lived in Montreal for the past two decades, after nearly 20 years in Toronto. They are the proud parents of two sons who live in Toronto and a daughter who lives in New York.

Jeff still vividly remembers the day his father, John Orr, a Loyola graduate from the class of 1941, brought him to visit the school in the spring before he enrolled. "Over time I came to realize how the school had impacted how I thought and acted," Jeff reflects. "I feel very lucky that I was able to go to Loyola."

This year, Power Corporation celebrates its 100th anniversary, a meaningful milestone in its rich history.





Jeff Orr with his wife of 40 years, ► Suzanne Legge.

Photo credit: MUHC Foundation

SSX 2025

Young Entrepreneurs Lead with Purpose

Each year, Secondary 5 students take on an entrepreneurial challenge through their Financial Education class, culminating in a signature Loyola event: the Student Stock Exchange (SSX). On April 24 and 25, the Bishops' Atrium and Cafeteria were transformed into a vibrant marketplace, where 14 student-run companies founded in Mr. Fulvio's and Mr. Burns' classes showcased their products to the school community.

From thoughtfully constructed kiosks to well-developed business plans, each team built their enterprise from the ground up: marketing their offerings, selling shares and products, and managing financials such as budgeting, cost analysis, and pricing. The atmosphere was charged with excitement, marked by healthy competition, creativity, and collaboration.

The company Classy Cards was named SSX Loyola Entrepreneur of the Year 2025 for its well-executed business strategy. Classy Cards created custom collectible cards featuring hand-drawn portraits of teachers and staff, each with unique abilities. Proceeds were donated to St. Raphael Palliative Care Home, which provides free, compassionate care to people facing terminal illness and to their families.

Collectively, the SSX companies raised over \$19,000 for a variety of charitable organizations demonstrating that Loyola students are not only learning how to lead in business, but also how to lead with purpose.







Adrian Schofield's '95 Commitment to Humanitarian Acti

Adrian Schofield '95 traces the roots of his life's work back to a jug in the old junior building at Loyola High School in Montreal. Today, he stands on the front lines of some of the world's most volatile humanitarian crises – a testament to the enduring influence of Jesuit education and its call to service.

"Loyola teaches us to be participants in society, not just observers," he says. That ethos, rooted in Jesuit Catholic values, has guided Adrian throughout a career that has spanned continents, cultures, and conflict zones.



Down Memory Lane

In his graduating yearbook, Adrian '95 is pictured being tutored in math by current faculty member Mr. Parr '95 (top photo). He also played on the Juvenile football team, coached by Mr. Burns '86 (bottom photo).





Adrian credits Loyola's curriculum and Jesuit culture for deepening his sense of mindfulness and nurturing empathy and critical thinking, while instilling in him a lifelong commitment to social justice. Through Loyola's Christian Service Program he learned that service is not about charity; it is about solidarity. "I learned to listen, to understand people's stories, their struggles, their humanity, and to respond not with pity, but with purpose." He recalls, "Loyola fostered an approach that cared for the whole person and emphasized the importance of service."

In the classroom and on the field, Loyola's teachers and staff had a profound influence. Their commitment, kindness, and humility helped to inspire Adrian's own actions. Among them was the late Mr. Meagher Sr., who became a mentor and a lasting presence. "He was a constant source of support during my formative years. We stayed in touch and continued to write to each other."

Shortly after graduating from McGill University, Adrian's international path began with a Government of Canada funded internship in Thailand. That experience led him to attend law school in Ontario and pursue further studies in international law in Europe.

After practicing law in Ottawa, he joined the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), as a legal advisor at a regional headquarters, later transitioning to operational roles in Jordan, Somalia and Ukraine. There, he discovered his true calling: international humanitarian law. He joined the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), an organization whose





principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence closely aligned with his values.

As an ICRC Delegate, he is regularly exposed to complex operational and legal issues impacting the protection of civilians affected by armed conflict and armed violence. "We go to places where there is essentially war," he explains. "We respond to emergencies but also work with state authorities and armed groups to uphold the Geneva Conventions and promote respect for the rules of war."

"The goal isn't to end war," he says. "It's to prevent people from descending into even greater vulnerability." And neutrality, he emphasizes, is essential. "Our ability to remain neutral means we have access to all sides of a conflict," he says. "This is crucial to reaching those who need help most."





Adrian Schofield '95

Adrian Schofield has two decades of experience working with international

organisations in the humanitarian and development sectors. He practiced law at a boutique firm in Ottawa. He holds advanced degrees in public international law, and degrees in common and civil law, and is a member of the Ontario Bar. Adrian was a Sapper with the 3rd Field Engineer Regiment in the Canadian army reserves.

On the Ground

Adrian's missions with the ICRC have taken him to Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Afghanistan — places where humanitarian access is fragile, and the stakes are high. "There's no such thing as a typical day in my fieldwork given the changing realities on the ground," he adds. "But it's fulfilling because the work is necessary, and it's purposeful." Adrian spent 18 months engaging in direct discussions with Taliban authorities in Afghanistan, to ensure that prisoners were treated humanely and that their material conditions complied with international law. "It's a tough environment following the Taliban takeover in 2021," he says. "But over the years, we've built trust, and that trust has led to certain breakthroughs in accessing some of the most vulnerable people in prisons."

His efforts with ICRC underscore the challenges of operating in politically unstable and often dangerous environments. "You're dealing with constant risk," he says, "and you're trying to build trust with people who see you as an outsider. Expectations are often high, but we must acknowledge that we can't change everything overnight." Adrian explains that the key is recognizing limitations without becoming pessimistic or cynical, and staying focused on serving others. We all face this challenge at some point in our work.

In Service for Others

Looking back, Adrian credits his family and the Loyola community with contributing to his moral compass. "Loyolans, past and present, have taught me in many ways to be mindful of the world around me and to approach everything with kindness and humility," he says. Now, as he continues his humanitarian efforts with the ICRC in Iraq, his career embodies Loyola's highest ideal: to be a person for others.

In one particularly symbolic moment, Adrian draped a Loyola flag over his shoulders while boarding an ICRC plane at a Taliban-controlled airport on the final day of his mission. "It was an ode to Patrick Shea '90," he laughed. "The flag was a sentimental gift from Mr. Meagher Sr.— a reminder of where I come from."

That flag, like his missions, remains a constant: a quiet emblem of values that endure across borders, cultures, and crises. Adrian is steadfast in his belief that a life spent serving others is a life well lived.







Experience Week

A Tradition Since 2010

Experience Week is a cornerstone of the Loyola journey, fostering students' spiritual growth, deepening their commitment to social justice, and inspiring them to lead purposeful lives in service for and with others. This year's program partnered with a diverse range of local organizations, including L'Arche Montréal, Welcome Hall Mission, Giant Steps Autism Centre, MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre, Sunrise Senior Living Beaconsfield, Manoir Beaconsfield, Mackay Centre School (Satellite at Westmount High), and Villa Saint-Martin. It also extended to the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre in Espanola, Ontario, as well as to international placements such as Pasos de Esperanza in the Dominican Republic and Green Communities in Costa Rica.

A Transformative Journey to Costa Rica

For the first time, Secondary 4 students traveled to Costa Rica, immersing themselves in the local culture, living with host families and working alongside coffee farmers from Green Communities. This hands-on experience offered insight into fair trade, biodiversity, and sustainable resource management, while encouraging reflection on environmental responsibility and the spiritual care of our common home.

"The experience deepened our students' spiritual connection with God through His creation—finding His presence in nature, community, and shared humanity. Some even inspired their families to support local and organic products!" - Mr. Valiquette, Campus Minister



 Watch a video that highlights the significance of Experience Week.











By the Numbers



\$436,478 raised Loyola GIVING DAY

468 alumni \$155,000 in Challenge Funds unlocked

302 current and former parents

\$30,000 in Matching Funds unlocked

170 first-time donors

\$207,000 to Greatest Needs

47
current and former
faculty/staff

\$89,512 to the Loyola Bursary Fund



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# of Donors	Participation		
34	51%		
43	40%		
33	26%		
19	17%		
20	17%		
19	16%		
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Every Giving Day, class representatives from each graduating year encourage their cohort to participate in the Alumni Leaderboard Challenge. The topperforming year is rewarded with extra beverage tickets at the next Alumni Reunion, along with bragging rights!



Our faculty took on an epic hot sauce challenge, unlocking \$4,000 for bursaries! The hotter the sauce, the tougher the task, and the competition was fierce. Congratulations to Ms. Shaughnessy (1B) and Mr. Hurst (5B) for enduring the heat for a great cause!



Donor Challenge Unlocked: We reached 400 donors, unlocking a \$5,000 Challenge Fund!



Community Impact

The Class of 1975 is celebrating their 50th anniversary of their graduation from Loyola High School. In honour of this milestone, they collectively raised \$47,425 towards their class bursary on Giving Day. This gift reflects an enduring commitment to giving back and ensuring that a Jesuit education remains accessible for future generations—a testament to the lasting bonds and shared values formed at Loyola. ▶

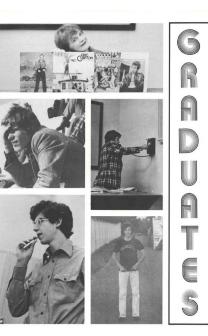
We invited donors to share their reasons for supporting the school through our donor wall:

Quality of Education: A significant majority of 252 donors highlighted the exceptional quality of a Loyola education as their primary motivation.

Community Support: The supportive nature of our community was referenced by 109 donors.

Gratitude and Legacy: Gratitude and the desire to contribute to a lasting legacy were cited by 84 donors

Impact and Future: The school's impact and its future prospects were mentioned by 79 donors.









Alumni Testimonials

"Loyola was such an important period of my life. The work and experiences I shared during that time helped build my confidence, taught me some hard lessons and provided me with a platform to continue growing throughout my life." Jack Gaudreau '99

"Loyola gifted me with my best friends, lifelong mentors, the courage to try new things and apply myself, and the opportunity to reflect on and strengthen my relationship with God. I am wholly indebted to the school and look for every chance to help others experience Loyola as I did."

Sebastian Valasek '22

"Long after graduating, I have continued to find fulfillment and support from the Loyola community. Whether it be opportunities to meet people that help me both professionally and personally or supporting my family and I through loss, the community has remained steadfast."

Jonathan Dellar-Fernandes '11

"The school and staff gave me so much in the way of education, extracurricular activities and lasting friendships that I feel compelled to give back and support future generations of Loyola students."

Anthony Da Ponte '05

The President's Reception was held in the Bishops' Atrium, inviting volunteer alumni, parents and community friends to celebrate their contributions to the school.

-Faculty member Franco Proietti '95 and his band, Morph-tet, opened the Presidents' Reception with some toe-tapping tunes to welcome our generous community. All matching funds were reached, unlocking \$10,000 for the Teachers' Excellence Fund, Ignatian Formation Fund, and Clubs and Activities Fund.





Matching Funds

On Giving Day, the Loyola community came together to support the care of the whole person— *cura personalis*, a foundation of Jesuit education through our Matching Funds. Thanks to our generous donors, \$10,000 matching challenges for each of our three key funds were unlocked, benefiting the Teachers' Excellence Fund, Ignatian Formation Fund, and Clubs and Activities Fund.

Teachers' Excellence Fund

\$25,338 raised | 108 donors

This fund empowers educators through innovative tools, dynamic learning spaces, and professional development. Giving Day 2024 support enabled major upgrades, including a revamped music room, a new Junior Science Lab, improved tutoring hub The One Stop, and an enhanced Makerspace. Funds raised in 2025 will continue to enrich experiential learning opportunities next school year.

The Clubs and Activities Fund

\$23,440 raised | 146 donors

This fund supports diverse extracurriculars — from robotics to football to field trips —making student life vibrant and inclusive. In 2025, it helped subsidize the Junior Band's trip to Canada's Wonderland and a Secondary 3 visit to Pointe-à-Callière. Giving Day 2025 contributions will ensure continued access to enriching, community-building activities.

Ignatian Formation Fund

\$22,744 raised | 70 donors

This fund nurtures spiritual and personal growth through Ignatian programs and retreats. In 2025, it supported the Secondary 4 Experience Week in Consuelo, Dominican Republic, offering students meaningful service, reflection, and solidarity experiences. Donations from Giving Day 2025 will extend these opportunities into the next academic year.

1963

The Class of 1963 led this year's alumni class competition, reaching an impressive participation rate of over 50%.

Giving Day was extended through April 16, unlocking \$155,000 in participation-based challenge funds for Loyola!





Loyola HIGH LIGHTS

The following pages provide a glimpse into the 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

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Loyola Hosts QAIS Art Oratoire Contest

Representing Loyola, Chloé '28 delivered a standout performance in the Junior category. In the Senior division, Nathaniel '26 (pictured left) captivated the judges with his powerful delivery on the study of neuroscience, particularly among youth to better understand what supports our well-being, earning a well-deserved first-place finish.

We were honoured to welcome a distinguished panel of judges: former Loyola French teacher Michèle Nadeau, speech therapist Marie-Pierre Le Guillou, and journalist Natasha MacDonald-Dupuis, whose expertise brought valuable insight to the competition.





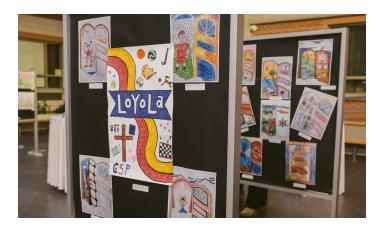
Mystery in the Moonlight

Loyola's Drama Production

The Sandman cast a spell over audiences, drawing them into a world of clever twists, heartfelt humour, and gripping moments. Adapted for the stage and directed by Mr. Parr '95, and with Ms. Shaughnessy, along with Ms. Adams and Mr. Elie '97 supporting behind the scenes, the production was a compelling showcase of the cast and crew's talent.

Celebrating Creativity at Loyola

■ The Festival of the Arts is that special time of year when the Bishops' atrium transforms into a colourful display for the Vernissage, highlighting student creativity. Honouring exceptional dedication, artistry, and achievement, the Ignatian Awards celebrate the passion and talent that define the Loyola community.



It would be hard to deny the precept that Loyola High School is a high-energy, vibrant, and fast-paced place. As I write this, we are rapidly approaching the end of the 2024-2025 school year, which begs the question: how did it fly by so quickly? This is why, in a truly Jesuit manner, we must take time amidst a whirlwind of controlled chaos to pause, reflect and examine or, rather, examen.

Romantic-era poet William Wordsworth wrote of "spots of time," moments eternalized in our minds that provide savoury sustenance. At the Spring Concert, performed before the entire student body, one of the songs played was "Hooked on a Feeling." The atmosphere was electric. The band was on fire. And, for a splendid instant, everyone in the auditorium was truly hooked on a feeling and that emotion could only be described as joy.

This past school year has been filled with so many "spots of time" that will leave a lasting mark: growth, challenges faced, exceptional achievements, and most importantly, community. As we come to the close of another school year, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride for what this community has accomplished together. In the spirit of *cura personalis*—care for the whole person—we pursued academic excellence. But just as importantly, we've flourished as a family: grounded in faith, lifted by compassion, and strengthened by character.

St. Ignatius of Loyola famously instructed: "Go forth and set the world on fire." In anticipation of next year, may we all find time to reflect, recharge, and return renewed in spirit, knowing full well that there are many charged, blazing moments still to come.



Loyola High School

The day began with a send-off Mass celebrated by Fr. Hendzel SJ.



The pilgrimage continued with a powerful Way of the Cross led by Élise Cloutier, Youth Minister for the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil.

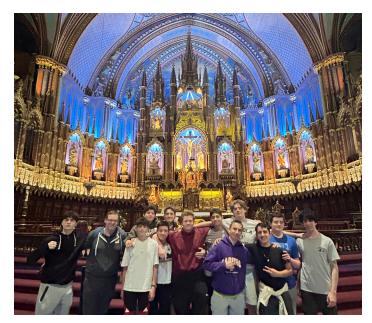


A lighthearted walk-through nature offered time for conversation, and camaraderie.

St. Viateur Church of Outremont

The evening transitioned into a time of prayer with a group Rosary. The group stayed overnight to rest and recharge for the journey ahead.









5 Church of the Gesù

The morning began with a celebratory Mass led by Fr. Hendzel, SJ and Fr. Lo, SJ. The students explored the historic church and its sacred art.

Saint Patrick's Basilica

A dynamic session on the lives of the saints, led by Mr. Cuellar, inspired deeper reflection on the call to holiness in everyday life.

Notre-Dame Basilica

The group toured this iconic church and paused in the Sacred Heart chapel for prayer and appreciation of the beauty and heritage of the space.

Saint-Sulpice Seminary

In one of Montreal's oldest and most storied locations, Fr. Lo, SJ, gave an engaging talk on vocations and discerning one's spiritual path.

Mary Queen of the World Cathedral

The pilgrimage concluded with a fun trivia quiz on Catholicism.





Mothers for Others

Since 2002, a group of mothers of Loyola graduates, known as *Mothers for Others*, gathered regularly at Loyola to quilt. Over the years, they created quilts for the dedicated doctors and nurses at the Montreal Children's Hospital, continuing a heartfelt tradition they hoped to carry on for years to come."We donated over 230 quilts this year to the intensive pediatric care unit," shared Laurie McKeown, founder and coordinator of the Mothers for Others Quilt Group.

A Roaring Success

Great Gatsby Casino Night

On February 22, 2025, Loyola Mothers' Guild hosted its first-ever casino night at the elegant Rye 1924. It was a dazzling departure from the long-running Wine & Cheese event that graced Loyola for 50 years. The evening welcomed nearly 200 guests and raised funds for the Loyola Bursary Fund, with \$10,000 donated toward Loyola's Giving Day on April 15. The venue was transformed into a glamorous 1920s-style speakeasy. Casino tables, live jazz, entertainment and fabulous prize giveaways made for an unforgettable night.

Mark Your Calendars

Spring 2026 brings Casino & Carnival, an evening with a Casino Royale twist in tribute to James Bond.



Spring Concert Hit All the Right Notes

From the first chord to the final note, the concert pulsed with true rock-and-roll spirit. Mr. O'Neil '07 and Mr. Saar masterfully orchestrated the event, while our talented student musicians delivered performances that had the audience singing along. The show featured the Concert Band, Jazz Band and the Loyola Choir!



Junior Band Performs at Canada's Wonderland

In May, Secondary 1 and 2 musicians wrapped up the year with a standout performance at the Festival of Music, held at Canada's Wonderland in Toronto. Under the direction of Mr. Saar, the band had been rehearsing since January, and their dedication paid off with a polished three-song set. After the performance, students celebrated with a day of fun and thrills on the park's roller coasters and other attractions.



Mardi Gras Beats Roll Through the Halls

Mr. Proietti '95, along with the Music Department and Black History Month Committee, paraded from the 3rd floor to the Bishops' Atrium, filling the halls with the sounds of classic New Orleans tunes. The energy soared as students rallied behind the chant, "Warriors Got Fire!" culminating in a special guest performance by jazz trumpeter Jordan Rich of Chanda and the Passengers that transformed the celebration into a true musical Mardi Gras party.



Loyola Rocks On

Bridging Generations of Talent

The amps were cranked and the energy was electric on May 2 as Loyola hosted its annual Battle of the Bands. The night featured student performances and a teacher/staff band, capped off by a special set from alumni band Rug Pull.

After a night of crowd-roaring sets, the band *The Foundation* won the coveted Golden Guitar and earned a live recording session with Concordia University's CJLO 1690 AM. The award was presented by Loyola alumnus and Canadian rock icon Sam Roberts '92, making the evening even more memorable.



Rooted in Community

Loyola's Garden Blooms!

On May 26, Loyola embraced the Garden Challenge, planting over 150 plants, shrubs and a tree in partnership with NorthBridge and Tree Canada. Mr. Hannan's ingenuity shaped the garden's design so that it embodies and enlivens the Society of Jesus's Universal Apostolic Preferences. Mme. Vaast and Mr. Valiquette, along with the Green Club, Campus Ministry team, LPA member Kim Hogan, and several students, created a thriving ecosystem of trees, pollinator plants, and decorative flowers in planters built by Mr. Elie's '97 Industrial Arts class. The garden is a display of Loyola's collaborative spirit cultivating a space where both nature and students can flourish.

Loyola Robotics in Action

While most students relaxed over March Break, Loyola Northern Knights were in full competition mode, taking on over 40 international teams in fast-paced 3-on-3 robotics matches.

With guidance from alumni mentors and the steadfast support of Ms. Halcro, Team 296 unleashed a 7-foot-tall robot built to grip yoga balls, navigate PVC tubes, and pull off a jaw-dropping finale, scaling a swinging cage in the final seconds. It was a thrilling display of innovation and teamwork.



The 54th Annual Ed Meagher Sports Tournament

The Tournament brought Loyola to life with an action-packed celebration of sport, spirit, and community. Over 500 student-athletes from 40 teams across Montreal, the Eastern Townships, and Ontario competed in hockey, basketball, and wrestling. Mr. Hurst, beloved teacher, coach, tournament committee member and friend was this year's Honorary Chairman.

Highlights included a heartfelt tribute to Carmine and Louise Apa for over 36 years of volunteer service, Kevin Summers '24 receiving this year's Ed Meagher Scholarship, and Cecilia '29 making history as the first female studentathlete on a Loyola hockey team. Loyola also celebrated tournament victories from the Wrestling team and Cadet D3 Basketball.









Boys Cadet D3 Basketball

After an outstanding season, our Cadet D3 Basketball team won both the GMAA and Lac Saint-Louis Regional Championships! A true testament to their determination and teamwork.

Girls Outdoor Track & Field

Az'zahra '28 delivered an outstanding performance, winning gold in the 200m and long jump, silver in the 100m, and bronze in both the javelin throw and the 80m hurdles. Casey '29 also shone, earning gold in the long jump and bronze in the 150m. Az'zahra '28 was named MVP for the Cadet Girls category.

Girls Bantam D4 Flag Football

The Girls D4 Flag Football team fought hard all season and clinched the silver medal in the finals.

Girls Bantam D3 Flag Football

Our unstoppable Bantam Girls D3 Flag Football team did it again, capturing the championship banner for the second consecutive year!

Boys Outdoor Track & Field

The Boys Cadet Boys team proudly brought home the GMAA championship banner, while our Juvenile team capped off their season with a strong silver-medal finish at the finals. Jarred '26 earned MVP honours for the Juvenile Boys.

Tennis

Loyola smashed records at the GMAA Tennis Tournament with our largest team yet as 30 student-athletes competing across all levels! Shoutout to Michael '27 for winning Cadet Boys bronze and MVP, and to Matteo '25 for earning MDP honours after five years of dedicated play!

Boys Juvenile Rugby

Congratulations to the Juvenile Rugby team for dominating the field with a commanding 46-5 win to secure the championship banner!

Boys M13 D1 Hockey

The M13 D1 team skated to a thrilling Game 3 victory over Selwyn House in the Provincial Championships—a true showcase of skill and resilience!

Boys Bantam Rugby

In a nail-biting 28-26 win over St. Thomas, the Bantam Rugby team secured the championship banner! A special shoutout to Olivia '29, the first girl ever to join a Loyola rugby teambreaking barriers and making history!

Indoor Track & Field

Loyola athletes showed incredible determination at the RSEQ Provincial Indoor Track & Field Championships, setting new personal bests in nearly every event. Special congratulations to Casey '29, Marco '27, and Az'zahra '28 for their outstanding performances.

Boys Senior Baseball

Our Senior Baseball team knocked it out of the park with a 6-2 Championship win over PCHS, bringing home the banner!



Rooted in Faith, Guided by Service:

Loyola's 2025 Hall of Merit Honourees

The Hall of Merit pays tribute to Loyola graduates and associates who have made significant contributions to society in the Loyola spirit of women and men for and with others. This year's inductees, Fr. Robert (Bert) Foliot, SJ '62 and Patrick Shea '90, are living proof of what it means to lead with wisdom, serve with humility, and love with courage. Through their leadership, compassion, and unshakable sense of justice, they are transforming lives.

On Tuesday, April 29, 2025, in the Eric Maclean, SJ Centre for the Performing Arts, our community came together to recognize and celebrate the spirit of Loyola — a sacred legacy entrusted to us by the Society of Jesus and carried forward by generations of students, teachers, staff, and families who have walked our school's halls with purpose and passion.

Maroon and White students played a leading role in the ceremony: Reid '25 served as the Master of Ceremonies, Matteo '25 led the community in prayer, while Mario '25 and Michael '25 each read an induction message and presented the inductees with a commemorative statue of St. Ignatius.

Patrick Shea '90



Patrick graduated as a valedictorian and received some of the highest accolades Loyola has to offer: the Governor General's Medal, the President's Medal, and the Loyola Medal.

His pursuit of excellence continued at Phillips Academy, followed by a B.A. from Princeton University. He returned to Canada to complete

both a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Civil Law degrees at McGill University. A distinguished corporate lawyer and dedicated community leader, Patrick has built a legal career in both New York and Montreal, becoming a partner at several top-tier law firms and earning a reputation for professionalism, leadership, and integrity.

The Shea family connection to Loyola spans more than 100 years and four generations. Patrick is the third-generation Loyola family alumnus. His grandfather Percy Shea '22, his father Peter Shea '61, and his son Liam '23 have all shared the Loyola experience — a legacy that shines bright.

In 1997, Patrick founded the Loyola High School Alumni Association and served as its first president. He has also chaired the Loyola High School Foundation and served on the school's Board of Governors, always finding ways to strengthen the community that helped shape him.

Patrick's commitment to service extends far beyond Loyola. He has made a significant impact in the broader Montreal community through volunteer roles with the McGill University Health Centre Foundation, St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, and many other charitable organizations.





Patrick Shea (left) and Fr. Foliot, SJ (right), are true exemplars of Loyola's mission who continue to embody our values and ideals well beyond graduation.





Fr. Robert (Bert) Foliot, SJ '62

A Jesuit priest, Fr. Foliot has spent his life walking the path of service and deep spiritual conviction. Through his ministries across Canada, he has touched countless lives with his unwavering commitment to pastoral care, social justice, and building bridges of reconciliation.

At the heart of his journey lies a profound dedication to the Ignatian call to "find God in all things." This has been especially evident in his work with First Nations communities, where his presence has been a source of healing, hope, and mutual respect. Fr. Foliot has been a tireless advocate for reconciliationlistening, learning, and walking alongside others in a spirit of unity and peace.

Over five decades of Jesuit ministry-including many years as a Jesuit Local Superior—have only deepened his devotion to Christ and to the people he serves.

Rooted in faith and love, Fr. Foliot's life's work stands as a true testament to the ideals of the Society of Jesus and the values we hold dear at Loyola High School.

Several former Hall of Merit inductees attended the ceremony:

Clifford Lincoln (1990), Stanley Vincelli '63 (2016), Barry Macdonald '61 (2016), Patrick Shea '90 (2025), Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ '62 (2025), Peter O'Brien '62 (2008), Jim Newman '60 (2006), Jean Beland '61 (2017).



Retirements

John Geraghty

Faculty, Physical Education (Retirement - 21 years at Loyola)

For decades, John Geraghty has embodied Loyola's mission to shape not just students, but the whole person. As a Physical Education teacher, he encouraged students to grow not just in strength, but in character. From pep talks and one-liners to early-morning "hustle" calls, John's presence was always felt — strong, spirited, and kind. On the sidelines of hockey, volleyball, football, track, and basketball, John coached not just for victories, but for life lessons in teamwork, discipline, and confidence.

After the school year finished, he led with equal devotion at the Sixteen Island Lake Camp helping campers unplug, connect with nature, and build community. And as Loyola's CPR and First Responder trainer, he equipped others to save lives, a role that reflects his instinct to protect and care for those around him. Mr. Hurst, Department Head of Physical Education, shared John's powerful advice during his retirement farewell address: "Be on time; work hard; and have fun doing your job." This was the very essence of how John led every day.

Harry Prillo

Technician (Retirement - 30 years at Loyola)

For 30 years, Harry Prillo has been the steady, unwavering presence behind the scenes. Never one to seek the spotlight, his presence has been felt in every humming projector, every smoothly run event, and every calm reassurance that Harry had it under control.

As Dr. Maroun, Executive Director of Operations, playfully remarked in his speech: "One of Harry's many unique talents is his ability to explain even the simplest technical issue with the depth and complexity of a Star Trek mission briefing" before concluding by "assuring us that the solution was always just a single button press away."

Through the AV Club, Harry nurtured generations of junior techies, students who stayed loyal to him long after graduation. He didn't just wire the school with technology; he wired it with care, skill, and heart. "Harry, you may have stayed behind the scenes, but your influence has been center stage all along. Your work, your wisdom, and your warmth will leave a mark that will echo for years to come."







Dianne Landry

Head Librarian (Retirement - 19 years at Loyola)

Since joining Loyola in the Fall of 2006, Dianne Landry has redefined what a school library can be. As Loyola's revered head librarian, she transformed the space into a vibrant, welcoming haven decorated with flying pigs, bean bags, and shelves filled with stories that sparked imagination and curiosity in generations of students.

She championed literacy with passion, curated thoughtful collections, and brought books to life through creative bulletin boards, engaging reading programs, and spirited Book Fairs.

As Mr. Vani, Department Head of English, movingly shared in his farewell speech: "As you happily turn the page to a new chapter in your life, know that you have contributed to Loyola's legacy with your novel ideas, tireless work, and countless passionate reminders to be quiet, to tuck our shirt, and to push our chair in."

Milestone

Wendy Polverari

Vice Principal of Academics (Senior School) (Anniversary Celebration - 25 years at Loyola)

For 25 years, Wendy Polverari has been a cornerstone of the Loyola community, a passionate educator, trailblazing leader, mentor and colleague.

From her early days as one of only five women on staff, Wendy took on every challenge with compassion and sharp insight. Whether teaching computers, religion, or social studies, coaching soccer, leading Kairos, or moderating robotics, Wendy gave her all. As Academic Advisor and now Vice Principal of Academics for the Senior school, she has helped guide countless students through the intricate paths of senior school, CEGEP, and beyond.

As Ms. Beland, Vice Principal of Academics (Junior School) & Co-Education described: "Wendy is one of the most loyal, authentic, and hard-working women I know." This year, as our Secondary 5 students prepared to graduate, Wendy also crossed a stage earning her master's degree in Education from McGill University, a true testament to her lifelong commitment to growth and excellence.

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Bob Shaughnessy enjoyed reconnecting with Carmine and Louise Apa, amongst others, in celebration of their 36 years of volunteer service at Loyola, exemplifying a lasting legacy of being women and men for others.

Donat Taddeo was awarded the Order of Canada at Rideau Hall on December 12, 2024, in recognition of his exceptional contributions in teaching, leadership, and volunteerism.

Don Del Vecchio wishes all his former classmates a very special 75th birthday!

Francis Scarpaleggia, who has served as a Member of Parliament for more than 20 years, has been appointed the new Speaker of the House of Commons.

Chris Hendrie, dressed as a robot, attended the Kraftwerk show at Place des Arts on March 10, 2025. The concert was part of the band's world tour marking the 50th anniversary of their groundbreaking 1974 album Autobahn.



Left to right: Richard Meagher '77, Carmine Apa, Marg Meagher, Louise Apa, Donna Trottier, Bob Shaughnessy '61, and Bob Scanlan '63.







2025 Alumnus of the Year

Congratulations to Chris Hein '98 on being named the 2025 Alumnus of the Year! Matthew Eramian '98, President of the Loyola Alumni Association, praised Chris's dedication: "A true champion of school spirit, he led the Alumni Association through the challenges of the pandemic, energized events and has worked tirelessly to engage young alumni and help build a stronger future."

The Alumnus of the Year was presented to Mr. Hein '98 (right) by 2024 recipient Victor Lukoshius '87 (left).



Alumni Guest Speaker: Nicholas Hatzis '13

On April 29, 2025, Nick presented to our Secondary 3 students about his unconventional journey from Loyola to Wall Street. Nick's candid reflections gave students a meaningful perspective on carving their own paths.

Pictured (left to right): Mark-Yves Zwanenburg '10, Nicholas Hatzis '13, and Christian Solari '13.





Stay connected!



Vince Morena, Nick '91, Joe, and the late Robert '96, owners of St-Viateur Bagel, have been sharing a taste of Montreal's history through their iconic bagels. On February 3, 2025, they released a YouTube video highlighting their multi-generational shop: a story of tradition, passion, and the legacy behind every bagel.



Left to right: Russell Wyse '98, Chris Hein '98, Stavros Athanasoulias '04, Domenico Cotugno '98, Kevin Havill '98, Pietro Giorgi '98, Nenad Popovic '98, Bruce Carlini and Boris Popovic '98

Ramy Fahmy-Demian married Nada Mansour at St. Mark's Coptic
Orthodox Church on April 26, 2025.



Stefano Marrone (pictured right) was appointed as President and CEO of the newly created Roman Catholic Real Estate Corporation of Montreal.



Alumni Basketball

After weekly basketball games in Loyola's gym, alumni from the classes of '92 to '21 enjoyed some friendly post-game socializing.

Pictured (left to right): Brennan Campbell '21, Mark-Yves Zwanenburg '10, John Lee '01, Dominic Jipos '98, Michael Handinero '92, Khan Bouba-Dalambaye '02, Chet Soni '98, Rowell Solmerano '98, Nikolas Schneider '99, and Scott Moon.



Alumni Guest Speaker: Matteo Fasanella '11

On May 9, 2025, Matteo spoke to our Secondary 4 students about his path into investment banking. He highlighted the non-linear nature of career journeys, the importance of perseverance, and the vital role integrity plays in both personal and professional growth.



Loyola 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

On June 1, 2025, alumni and members of the Loyola community gathered for the 2nd edition of the Loyola Memorial Golf Tournament at Dorval Golf Course. Held in honour of former Loyola faculty, staff, and students who have passed, the tournament continues to serve as a meaningful tribute, allowing our community to remember those we have lost.

Forty-eight dedicated golfers braved the cold weather to enjoy a day of camaraderie. Congratulations to this year's winning foursome (not pictured): Anthony Scalia '98, Corry Kelahear '97, Jarrett Ketterling, and Luigi Palmieri '98.









Alumni Hockey Tournament 2025

On May 31, 2025, Loyola proudly hosted the annual Alumni Hockey Tournament at the Ed Meagher Arena, followed by a lunch in the Bishops' Atrium. Nearly 40 alumni laced up their skates for a day of competition, and relived their high school glory days while sharing plenty of laughs along the way. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, and to Mr. Lafave '88 for his expertise as a referee.





Alumni Guest Speaker: Daniel Chammas '07

On May 23, 2025, Dan spoke at the annual Grad Pizza Lunch, held annually to welcome to graduating class to the LHSAA. He shared his inspiring journey from his days at Loyola to his current role as an Assistant Athletic Therapist with the Montreal Canadiens. Dan spoke candidly about the value of teamwork, resilience, and the importance of embracing the unknown with confidence.





Ryan French-MacDougall, Jake Sutherland '03 (President of the Board), and Matteo Fasanella '11 are board members of Andy Collins for Kids, one of the largest community fundraisers for the Montreal Children's Hospital.



Marco de **Schryver** married Isabella Nirchi.

Left to right: Rob Verelli '01, Jordan Ciampini '03, Christian Kishfy '09, Dante Trunzo '09, Lucas Ciampini '08, Jason Harel '11, Adam Pagani '06, Carlo de Schryver '11, Matteo Mastrocola '09, Justin Ciampini '01 and Andrew Maggio '09.

Stephen Lopes, his wife Sheila, and their six-year-old son Lochlan welcomed a new addition to their family with the arrival of baby Darragh.

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Left to right: (front row) Vito Pagliuca '10, Matthew Yaremko '13, Jonathan Gouliaris '10, Luca Hanna '10, Jonathan Raftus '10, Kayla Gillis, Giovanni D'Amato '10, Alexander Badia '10, Joseph Raftus '17, David Mazza '10, (back row) Matthew Bartolone '10 and Mark-Yves Zwanenburg '10.

Jonathan Raftus married Kayla Gillis, Villa Maria alumnae Class of '10. on September 14, 2024. His brother, Joseph' 17 was his best

man.

Lucas Lawton performed as the lead dancer in the worldrenowned Irish dancing production, Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance.▼



For the last ten years on summer Sundays, alumni from the Classes of 2010 and 2017 reunite on the softball field.

Left to right: (back row) Carl Jacobsson, Michael Casarcia '10, Mark-Yves Zwanenburg '10, Andrew Trombino '10, Jonathan Raftus '10, Matthew Bartolone '10 (front row) Alexander Badia '10, Giovanni D'Amato '10, David Mazza '10, Joseph Raftus '17, Jonathan Chammas '10 (not pictured)



Jason Rouillier and Cristina, QAA Class of 2011, along with their daughter Caterina Sara, welcomed a new addition to the family, Thomas Gabriel, on December 8, 2024.

Eric Ceccucci married Mylene Chehata on May 25, 2025, in beautiful Sintra, Portugal. He was accompanied by best man Frank Racanelli '11, along with Olivier La Forge '11, Philippe April '12, and Sergio De Cubellis '12.

Ethan Boyer (pictured right) deployed on Operation Reassurance with the Canadian Armed Forces in Latvia. Before leaving in December 2024, he completed his BA in Literature.







Anthony Lombardi spent the past year with NET Ministries of Canada as a missionary, leading faith retreats for youth in Catholic parishes and schools across the country. His decision to join the team was inspired by the Kairos retreat he attended in Secondary 5, fueling his desire to share with young people that God loves them and to help bring them closer to their faith.

Emanuel Meduri was elected as the 67th president of the Garnet Key Society, Concordia University's honour society.



SSX Mentorship Program

For many alumni, the Student Stock Exchange (SSX) remains a standout memory and an experience that blends creativity, collaboration, and real-world learning. This spring, we welcomed back 13 alumni mentors from diverse professional backgrounds. Through a mix of in-person visits and virtual meetings, these dedicated mentors offered invaluable guidance and insight, helping students develop their ideas and bring their visions to life.

During the event's selling days, many alumni mentors and other graduates returned to cheer on the teams. A heartfelt thank you to the SSX mentors: Tyler Burns '22, Steven Ducic '17 (pictured right), Michael Frappier '14, Nicholas Hatzis '13, Matthias Lee Poy-Paxman '17, Wesley Mackie '10, Calvin Mazloum '17, Matthew Montoni '19, Phil Palisaitis '11, Adam Pirro '16, Alexandre Quesnel '17, Angelo Rosato '15, and Julian Zompa '17.



Bread and Beyond CSP

On February 11, 2025, Loyola alumni, families, and Secondary 1 and 2 students gathered for a CSP activity in support of Bread and Beyond, an organization that supports shelters across Montreal and Laval. Participants spent the afternoon making sandwiches to be distributed to those in need. Many generously donated food and supplies, turning the event into an opportunity to give back.





2nd Annual Alumni Trivia Night

On February 27, 2025, the Young Alumni Committee hosted the 2nd annual Trivia Night in the Bishops' Atrium. More than 50 trivia enthusiasts gathered for a fun-filled evening of teamwork, laughter, and brainpower. A highlight was the participation of a team of former teachers and staff, fostering connections among staff, faculty, and alumni in the spirit of friendly competition.

Left to right: Dianne Landry, Michèle Nadeau, Michael Enright '65, Marthe Lacasse, Tom Powell, Rob Schnitzer '88. ▼



Ottawa and Toronto Regional Reunions

Loyola alumni gathered in Ottawa (pictured above) on May 13 and in Toronto on May 26, 2025, for the school's regional reunions. Graduates spanning the years 1957 to 2010 came together for two memorable evenings filled with connection, conversation, and Loyola spirit. They enjoyed updates on today's school life and shared stories that reflected the enduring bond among graduates. These reunions continue to strengthen our community and highlight the lifelong impact of the Loyola experience.







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