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FEATURED ON THE COVER

Traditionally, students from Secondary 4 are selected to serve as members of the Maroon and White for the following year. As Loyola's student ambassadors, they embody the values of goodwill, leadership, and service. Representing each grade level, the students featured on this cover reflect Loyola's commitment to forming young men and women of competence, compassion, conscience, and a commitment to justice. Their journey symbolizes the formation of the leaders of tomorrow that defines the Loyola experience.

Pictured below (left to right): Anderson '29, Eloise '28, current Maroon and White President Davis '26, incoming Maroon and White member Marcus '27, and Melina '30.



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President's Message

Message du directeur général



Since 1896, Loyola has established itself as a pillar of educational and human excellence in Montreal. Guided by its Jesuit, Catholic values, the school has always been committed to shaping, not only informed minds, but also well-rounded individuals — *men and women for and with others*. Today, as we present this latest edition of our magazine, our community stands at the dawn of a new chapter in its history.

As you may know, Quebec's educational landscape is undergoing a period of transformation. The adoption of Bill 9, which strengthens secularism requirements for government-subsidized educational institutions, compels us to rethink our operational framework.

In response to this legislation, the school has chosen to take a proactive and thoughtful approach. The Board of Directors, the Board of Governors, and the school's leadership team are working collaboratively to develop and implement the optimal strategy to ensure the school's long-term sustainability, while safeguarding the mission and identity that remain at the heart of its educational vision. Every possible avenue has been rigorously examined, and every decision is guided by a single purpose: protecting the future of the school, its mission, and its community. You can have confidence in the expertise, commitment, and leadership guiding this process.

In the months ahead, we will continue to share updates of this evolving path forward with transparency. Today, however, my message is above all a call for solidarity.

While the foundations of our school are strong, its true strength lies in its community. Now more than ever, we must stand together. We must draw strength from the trust of our parents, the dedication of our teachers and staff, the support of our alumni, and the vibrant spirit of our students. It is through this shared commitment that Loyola will continue to grow, adapt and successfully navigate this period of transition.

Our roots run deep, and our future is bright. Let us walk together, with faith and determination, toward this next chapter!

Fouad Maroun
President
Loyola High School

Depuis 1896, Loyola s'est imposée comme un pilier de l'excellence éducative et humaine à Montréal. Guidée par ses valeurs jésuites et catholiques, l'école s'est toujours engagée à former non seulement des « têtes bien pleines », mais aussi des personnes engagées à devenir des hommes et des femmes pour et avec les autres. Aujourd'hui, alors que nous vous présentons cette nouvelle édition de notre magazine, notre communauté se trouve à l'aube d'un nouveau chapitre de son histoire.

Comme vous le savez peut-être, le paysage éducatif québécois traverse une période de transformation. L'adoption du projet de loi 9, qui renforce les exigences de laïcité pour les établissements d'enseignement bénéficiant de subventions gouvernementales, nous oblige à repenser notre cadre opérationnel.

En réponse à ce nouveau contexte législatif, Loyola a fait le choix d'une approche proactive et réfléchie. Le conseil d'administration, le conseil des gouverneurs et l'équipe de direction de l'école travaillent de concert afin d'élaborer et de mettre en œuvre la stratégie optimale qui assurera la pérennité de l'école, tout en préservant sa mission et son identité qui demeurent au cœur de sa vision éducative. Toutes les pistes possibles ont été examinées avec rigueur et chaque décision est guidée par un seul et même objectif : protéger l'avenir de Loyola, sa mission et sa communauté. Vous pouvez avoir confiance en l'expertise, l'engagement et le leadership qui guident ce processus.

Au cours des prochains mois, nous continuerons de partager l'évolution de cette démarche avec transparence. Aujourd'hui, cependant, mon message est avant tout un appel à la solidarité.

Les fondations de notre école sont solides, mais sa véritable force réside dans sa communauté. Aujourd'hui plus que jamais, nous devons serrer les rangs. Nous puisons notre force dans la confiance de nos parents, le dévouement de nos enseignants et de notre personnel, le soutien de nos anciens et le dynamisme de nos élèves. C'est grâce à cet engagement commun que Loyola continuera de grandir, de s'adapter et de traverser avec succès cette période de transition.

Nos racines sont profondes et notre avenir est prometteur. Marchons ensemble, avec foi et détermination, vers ce nouveau chapitre!

Fouad Maroun
Directeur général
École secondaire Loyola



Chiara Folini
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S MESSAGE

This Winter-Spring 2026 issue highlights the many ways we all live out Loyola's mission each day. From student experiences and community engagement to alumni achievements, these pages reflect the values that unite us: faith, compassion, and service.

You will read about the Honourable Gary Morrison '69, a lawyer turned judge, and the Honourable Francis Scarpaleggia '74, current Speaker of the House of Commons. Two alumni whose paths, though distinct, are marked by a steady commitment to service and thoughtful leadership. The issue also features both student and staff reflections on Experience Week, a cornerstone of Loyola's formation, where discernment is lived through encounter and contemplation.

Whether through participation in Giving Day, volunteering, mentorship, or simply staying connected, each contribution helps sustain the transformative opportunities that define the Loyola experience.

Thank you for being an important part of the Loyola story and for helping shape what comes next.

Stay connected!

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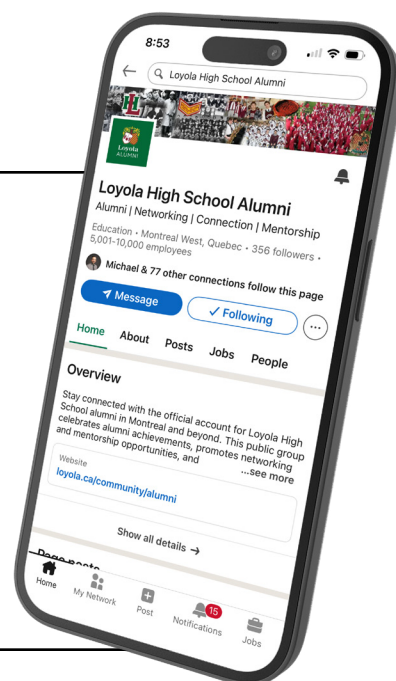
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Follow our **NEW** official Loyola High School Alumni LinkedIn page. This public page bridges past shared experiences with present shared values of purpose and community.

Through this growing community, you will find:

- Stories that highlight the impact you and your classmates are making across industries and communities
- Opportunities to connect through mentorship and meaningful ways to give back
- Conversations that spark the exchange of ideas, experiences, and insights across generations of Loyola alumni





CELEBRATING OUR JESUIT IDENTITY

Jesuit Heritage Week invited students to explore Loyola's Ignatian values through prayer and contemplation. Highlights included a screening of *The Way*, a vocation talk by Abin Mathew, SJ, and a spirited Jesuit trivia competition organized by Ms. Annie Beland and Dr. Mark Diachyshyn '96. The week culminated in a school Mass honouring St. Ignatius of Loyola.

JESUIT NETWORK IN ACTION: COLLÈGE NOTRE-DAME DE JAMHOUR VISITS LOYOLA

In an effort to strengthen the bonds worldwide within the Jesuit Global Network of Schools, Loyola's President Fouad Maroun welcomed Fr. Marek Cieřlik, SJ, Rector of Collège Notre-Dame de Jamhour in Lebanon, and Mr. Anis Barakat, Delegate for Institutional Development. Their visit provided an opportunity for exchange and mutual inspiration. In meetings with Loyola's leadership team, they reaffirmed a shared mission of forming *men and women for and with others*.

Despite the geographical distance between Montreal and Beirut, the schools' discussions revealed a strong sense of common Ignatian values that guide both institutions. They also addressed the realities each school faces within its own geopolitical and socio-economic context. They explored future collaboration opportunities, including student research projects and the sharing of innovative teaching practices and approaches to pastoral care in schools.



ABIN MATHEW, SJ: THE PATH TO BECOMING A JESUIT

The Jesuit Province of Canada has launched *Being a Jesuit*, a new podcast series exploring the vocation stories of Jesuits at different stages of formation. In a recent episode, Loyola's Jesuit Regent, Abin Mathew, SJ, shares the discernment that

led him to the Society of Jesus and reflects on his experience serving the Loyola community. Learn more about becoming a Jesuit at beajesuit.org. **Listen to Abin's inspiring story.**



◀ LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JESUITS OF CANADA

The Society of Jesus was founded in 1540 by St. Ignatius Loyola, a Basque nobleman and soldier, and seven of his companions, who placed themselves at the disposal of the Pope for the service of the Church wherever the need was greatest. Today there are almost 17,000 Jesuits serving the Church in 112 nations on six continents.





PHOTO CREDIT: Bernard Thibodeau

The Honourable Francis Scarpaleggia '74 is the 40th Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, elected by his peers in 2025. First elected as the MP for Lac-Saint-Louis in 2004, he has represented the riding for more than two decades and has been returned to Parliament in every subsequent federal election.

Prior to becoming Speaker, he held several parliamentary leadership roles, including chairing the House Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, the Special Committee on Electoral Reform, and the National Liberal Caucus.

Earlier in his career, he served as a political aide to MP Clifford Lincoln, taught at Dawson College, and worked as a financial analyst in the private sector.

He holds a BA in Economics from McGill University, an MA in Economics from Columbia University, and an MBA from Concordia University.



PHOTO CREDIT: Bernard Thibodeau

New-elected Speaker Francis attending the Throne Speech in the Senate at the start of the 45th Parliament.



PHOTO CREDIT: Bernard Thibodeau

Francis being escorted to the chair by Prime Minister Mark Carney and the Opposition House Leader, Andrew Scheer, following his election as Speaker.

PHOTO CREDIT: Michel Rathwell, 2010



Francis Scarpaleggia '74 In the Speaker's Chair

WRITTEN BY CHIARA FOLINI

When the Honourable Francis Scarpaleggia '74 was elected the 40th Speaker of the House of Commons in 2025, he stepped into one of the most visible and demanding roles in Canadian public life.

The Speaker presides over debates in the House of Commons, maintains order during moments of disagreement, and safeguards the democratic process itself. In an era often defined by polarization and partisan division, the position requires impartiality, restraint, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring every voice is heard.

For Francis, however, the role represents more than a political milestone. It is the culmination of a lifetime shaped by service and a belief that leadership is measured not by power, but by responsibility.

After graduating from Loyola, he studied economics and political science, earning degrees from McGill University, Columbia University, and Concordia University. His professional path was anything but linear. He worked in marketing at Petro-Canada, spent time in the computer and pharmaceutical industries, and later taught at Dawson College, an experience he still describes as one of the most rewarding of his career. "You meet people from every background," he says. "You see resilience, struggle, ambition, and humanity all in one classroom."

Before entering elected office, Francis volunteered in both provincial and federal politics and spent more than a decade as a political staffer and advisor to veteran Quebec politician and former Loyola parent Clifford Lincoln, whom he credits as a defining mentor.

Since first being elected Member of Parliament for Lac-Saint-Louis in 2004, he has represented the Montreal West Island community for more than two decades. He also chaired the National Liberal Caucus and the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, helping shape conversations on public policy, democratic governance, and environmental stewardship.

The qualities that would ultimately lead his peers to elect him Speaker were first nurtured at Loyola. The

Jesuit emphasis on thoughtful discernment, respect for others, intellectual openness, and service to others helped shape a leadership style rooted in collaboration rather than partisanship. Over time in Parliament, those qualities earned him the trust and respect of colleagues across party lines, an essential foundation for a role that depends on fairness, impartiality, and the ability to hold a divided chamber together.

Even after 22 years in federal politics, what continues to motivate him is not legislation or political victories, but people. He speaks first about families navigating immigration challenges, businesses struggling with government bureaucracy, or individuals who are simply trying to be heard. "It could be helping someone in small ways," he says. "A conversation. A letter. Those moments matter."

For all the public perception of politics as combative or glamorous, Francis describes it as deeply human work built on relationships, empathy, and countless acts of service that rarely make headlines. "I honestly believe most people in politics are trying to do good," he says. "That's often overlooked."

Throughout his career, he has remained deeply committed to environmental protection, namely freshwater management, an issue he believes will

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In the 1974 edition of the *Loyola Review*, Francis was Head of Photography for the Yearbook Club (pictured below, seated at the far right).



SEATED: Ken MacKinnon, Copy; Brian Grassby, Advertising; Francis Scarpaleggia, Head of Photography Staff. STANDING: Doug Malloch, Copy; Tom Gorman, Advertising; Pat Lincoln, Copy; Chris Niwinski, Copy Editor; John Carroll, Layout Editor.

shape the lives of future generations. Long before environmental concerns became a central political issue, he championed policies aimed at protecting Canada's natural resources, guided by the belief that leadership requires looking beyond immediate interests and weighing the long-term consequences of today's decisions. Yet what he values most is the privilege of representing a community and earning its trust over time. "You get to know your community like no one else," he says. "That's a real privilege."

The roots of that commitment to public service, he notes, were formed at Loyola, where he first embraced the Jesuit ideal of being "*men and women for others*." "You felt part of something larger," he recalls. "The idea was that whatever career you pursued should somehow contribute to the broader public good."

Looking back, he recalls Loyola as a place where friendships deepened, intellectual curiosity flourished, and values quietly took root. "You realize later how much those friendships and experiences shaped you," he says. "Loyola places a strong emphasis on community."

Among the educators who left a lasting impression were Jim Pearson '49, Rolf Nelson, and Fr. John Hodgins, SJ, whose passion for teaching and genuine care for students embodied the spirit of the school. Today, these same values of uplifting and empowering others guide him in his work as a Member of Parliament.

Unlike most political roles, the Speaker must stay above partisanship. After years of debate and advocacy, Francis now serves as a neutral guardian of Parliament, focused on preserving the integrity of debate and maintaining respectful discourse. "Debate is important because it helps us get closer to the truth," he says.

When asked what advice he would offer today's Loyola students, his answer reflects the principles that have guided his own journey. "Sometimes it takes time to discover what truly inspires you," he says. "But once you find it, that passion becomes the engine that carries you forward."

Today, from one of the most prominent positions in the House of Commons, Francis sees a clear link between the student he once was and the public servant he has become.



Francis with his wife, Jan Ramsay, and their two daughters, Mia and Caroline.



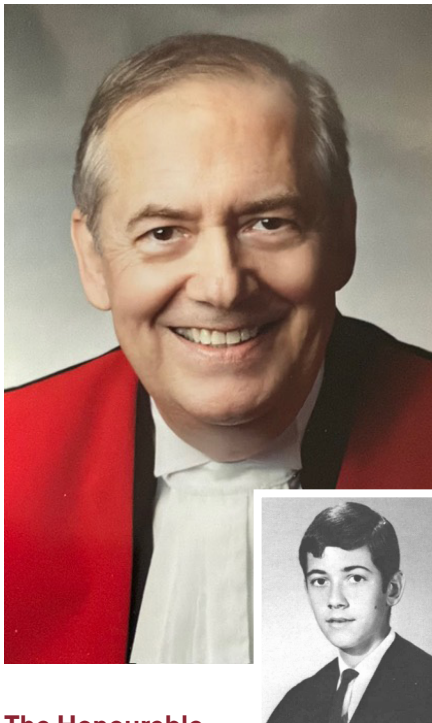
Francis speaking in his West Island riding on Canada Day.



Francis presiding over the daily House of Commons Question Period.



◀ From November 16 to 18, thirteen students, accompanied by campus ministers, travelled to Ottawa for the Youth For Others Advocacy Symposium, hosted by Canadian Jesuits International. During the visit, they met Francis, engaged with federal Members of Parliament, and toured Parliament.



**The Honourable
Gary Morrison '69**

Appointed to the Superior Court of Quebec on April 5, 2012, Justice Morrison was on the bench for 14 years. Prior to his appointment, he was a leading civil and commercial litigator in Montreal.

Over a 48-year legal career, he was a partner at Heenan Blaikie LLP (1995–2012), at Lavery de Billy (1987–1995), and at Buchanan, McAllister, Blakely, Turgeon & Hesler (1978–1987).

He holds Bachelor degrees in Common Law and Civil Law from McGill University, where he graduated on the Dean's List and as a University Scholar. He was called to the Bar of Quebec in 1978. He was also awarded the Canadian Bar Association (Quebec Division) Prix pro bono Rajpattie-Persaud for pro bono work with Shriners Hospitals for Children (Canada).



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The 1967 to 1969 editions of the *Loyola Review* highlight Gary's participation in the Curling Team (below) and drama productions such as *The Happy Time* amongst others.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jean Lesperance, Howard Askwith, Paul Spiers, Gary Morrison, John Girdauskas, Edward Marra, D'Arcy Kavanaugh, Richard Emery, Mr. Edward Kirk, Coach.

Gary Morrison '69

From the Bench

WRITTEN BY CHIARA FOLINI

For more than four decades, the Honourable Gary Morrison has moved through the world of law in its many dimensions: commercial lawyer, litigator, and, for the past 14 years, judge of the Superior Court of Quebec.

Appointed to the Superior Court in 2012, he brought with him a career forged in the adversarial intensity of the courtroom. The transition did not change his sense of purpose, but deepened it.

When he reflects on his career journey, he begins much earlier, at Loyola, where discipline, responsibility, and service to others first took root.

As a student, he had considered pursuing a career in acting. That changed when a young Loyola College political science professor, Marcel Danis, who was also a lawyer, introduced him to the relationship between politics, law, and human rights.

"He showed me how politics and law are integral to human and social rights," Gary recalls. "Becoming a judge years later was a natural progression from being a lawyer."

Another lesson that stayed with him throughout his career was the importance of commitment. "If you commit to something, you give it everything you have," he says. That ethic would go on to define a legal career built on preparation, rigour, and resilience long before he ever set foot into a courtroom.

Over 34 years of private practice, Gary established himself as a leading civil and commercial litigator in Montreal, building a career shaped by complex disputes and high-stakes advocacy. As a partner at Lavery de Billy, he specialized in professional liability, as well as construction and insurance contracts. He later joined Heenan Blaikie LLP from 1995 to 2012, where he developed a prominent



Gary participated in a curling team organized by colleague Marc David '74 (pictured left) for a Kurling for Kids fundraiser.



In October 2012, Gary officiated the wedding of Gabrielle Goodfellow (sister of Vincent '96 and niece of Henri Roy '64) and Michael Mueller '91 (son of Harald '64 and brother of Peter '90 and Eric '94, who served as best man). Their daughter Margo '30 is currently at Loyola.

practice in commercial fraud litigation and major class actions, including acting as a lead counsel for the Autorité des marchés financiers in a major fraud case. Over time, that work deepened his understanding of the legal system from the inside out, preparing him for a very different role within it.

When he became a judge in 2012, he did not see it as reinvention, but as a shift in perspective within the same system. He compares it to being a baseball player: "You're in the same game," he says. "I went from being one of the players to being the umpire." The change, however, was profound. "As a lawyer you advocate. As a judge you decide," he explains. "But you still need to understand how both sides think."

If advocacy is driven by persuasion, judging demands restraint. "The hardest part," he reflects, "is learning to listen without constantly intervening." As a judge, the instinct to respond must give way to understanding, patience, and balance. "Your role is to decide," he says.

Some decisions, he admits, remain with him long after the courtroom empties. One family law case, in particular, centred on a grandmother seeking access to her grandchildren, left a lasting impression. Faced with profound family instability, Gary granted visitation rights while preserving custody for the parents. The case stayed with him not because of its legal complexity, but because of how it affected him personally. "You don't realize the effect you have on people's lives," he says. "Our decisions affect relationships, and people's daily life in so many ways."

For Gary, it was a reminder that judging is not only about interpreting the law, but about recognizing the

responsibility that comes with every decision, carrying the weight of its consequences and understanding that fairness requires patience as much as intellect.

For Gary, those instincts trace directly back to Loyola. The school's emphasis on justice and the Jesuit ideal of being *men and women for others* are foundational principles that helped him reframe ambition as service and responsibility beyond personal success.

"As your career evolves and the stakes become more real, the idea of commitment to justice takes on deeper meaning," he reflects. "You realize your work affects people in very real ways, beyond simply money."

He also remembers teachers who shaped his early understanding of leadership, particularly Ed Meagher '41, whom he recalls not only for discipline, but for a balance of authority and care. "There was respect," Gary says, "but also humanity." It became one of his earliest models of leadership: firm, but grounded in compassion.

"You have to wake up in the morning and be happy to do what you do," he says. "And you have to commit fully. That's what allows you to build a meaningful career. The expectation was clear," he recalls. "If you put in the work, results will follow. If you didn't, it would show." That lesson reinforced something deeper; success is not only about achievement, but about responsibility to those affected by it.

Gary retired in April 2026. He describes retirement not as an ending, but as the continuation of a life shaped by the values first formed in Loyola's classrooms decades ago: compassion, integrity, and a deep commitment to serving others.



On his final day on the bench, Gary is pictured outside the courtroom with his wife, Ghislaine, and his sister, Nancy, alongside her husband, Pierre Roy, whose boys Matthew '00 and David '04 attended Loyola.



Gary reunites with fellow members of the Class of 1969 during one of their annual summer BBQ gatherings. Pictured (from left to right): Witold Merkis, Eric Cook (former Loyola teacher, 1983-2014), Gary, Ron Arsenault, Frank Belvedere, and Scott Haldane. More than five decades after graduation, they continue to cherish the opportunity to come together each year and celebrate their enduring friendship.



There is a word we use often at Loyola: mission. It is something that is protected, passed forward and sustained through people and relationships built over time. And right now, protecting that mission has never mattered more.

On April 2, 2026, Quebec's Law 9 received royal assent, further advancing the province's policy of secularism, or *laïcité*. For faith-based schools like Loyola, the implications are significant. While the full regulatory picture is still taking shape, the direction is clear: public funding tied to religious identity is increasingly at risk, and institutions like ours must prepare to stand on the strength of their communities. This is not a distant threat. It is the context in which we operate every day.

As we work to preserve Loyola's way of proceeding, the role of our Advancement team has never felt more purposeful. When a donor deepens their commitment to Loyola; when an alumnus returns as a mentor to students or volunteers at an event; when a family chooses Loyola for their son or daughter; when a story is crafted with impact and reaches its intended audience, these moments are not accidental. They are the cumulative result of people working with intention toward something larger than any one of them. Development, Communications, Admissions, Alumni Relations each serve different functions but one shared conviction: Loyola is worth investing in, and that investment takes many forms.

These are not separate functions operating in parallel. They are a coordinated, integrated response to a single question: how does Loyola remain true to its mission when the ground is shifting?

Some institutions, when faced with pressure, retreat inward. That is not Loyola's way. What I witness every day is a school leaning forward, strengthening relationships, investing in our story, and deepening the roots that no policy change can diminish. There is real work being done by real people who believe in what Loyola is and who are committed to ensuring it endures.

The teachers, coaches, and mentors who walk these halls every day are the ones who ensure that Loyola graduates leave formed, not simply informed. That has always been our promise. The work of Advancement exists to protect the conditions that make that promise possible, not just for today's students, but for every generation still to come.

Loyola has endured because each generation has chosen to invest in the next. That spirit is alive and well, and with your continued engagement and support, it is what will carry Loyola confidently forward.

Scott Corbett

The Role of Advancement in Ensuring Loyola's Future

Scott Corbett
Vice President of Advancement



MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY



This year's Giving Day was built around a simple but meaningful goal: 771 donors, representing a donor for every student currently enrolled at Loyola. Together, we surpassed this target with 795 donors and raised more than \$265,000, demonstrating the strength of alumni, family, faculty, staff and friends united in purpose.

Over the course of the day, we unlocked \$62,500 in challenge and matching funds from members of our community. Our Giving Day Ambassadors helped extend the reach of the campaign by inviting others into the effort. Through this support, Loyola will continue to advance the programs and opportunities that shape our students' experience from extracurricular activities and exceptional faculty initiatives to students' spiritual formation and bursary support.

Thank you to all who gave, matched, and helped spread the word. Your generosity reflects a shared commitment to care, service, and the formation of young people prepared to contribute meaningfully to the world. We are deeply grateful for your participation in this year's Giving Day and for the role you continue to play in shaping the lives of Loyola students.

Sincerely,

Rilla Kingston
Director of Annual Giving



0:00

GIVING DAY BEGINS!

Our Loyola community came together once again to kick off a day of generosity, school spirit, and support for students across every corner of the school.



8:00

FREE DRESS

Students showed their Loyola pride by wearing school apparel and raising \$3,465 towards their class bursaries.

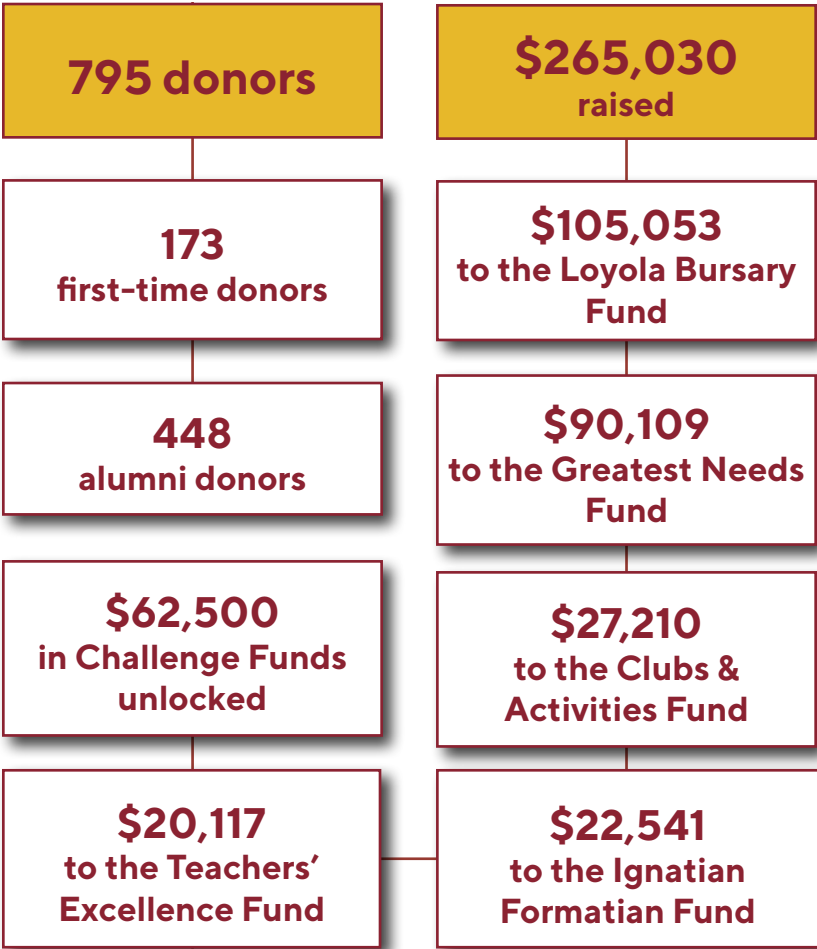


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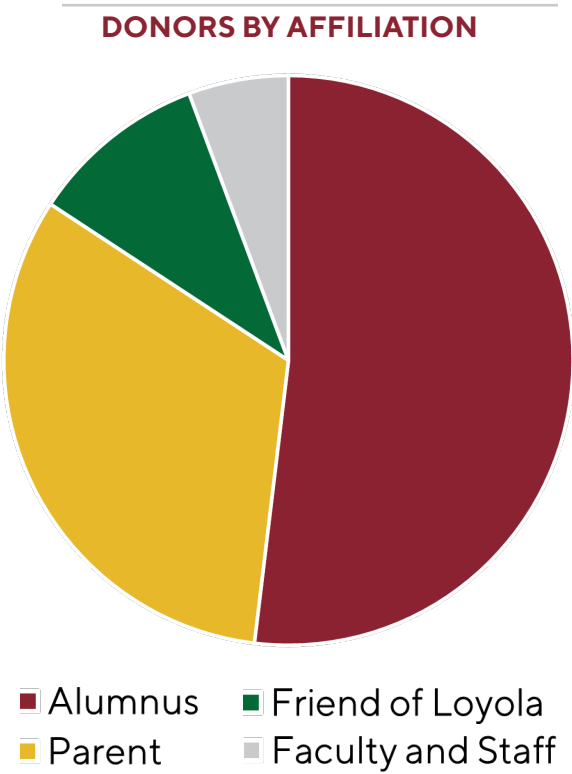


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GIVING DAY BY THE NUMBERS



BURSARY CHALLENGE FUND UNLOCKED

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Mothers' Guild and the Loyola High School Alumni Association, a \$20,000 matching fund was unlocked in support of student bursaries.

TEACHERS' EXCELLENCE FUND UNLOCKED

The Loyola Parents' Association generously provided a \$5,000 match to the Teachers' Excellence Fund in recognition of the dedication and impact of our faculty.

POWER HOUR CHALLENGE UNLOCKED

158 members of the Loyola community made gifts between 12:00 and 2:00 PM, unlocking a \$2,500 Power Hour Challenge courtesy of Peter Wiazowski and Ingrid Liebich.



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES CHALLENGE FUND UNLOCKED

Our heartfelt thanks to the Broccolini family for matching each gift to the Clubs & Activities Fund, up to \$10,000, and helping students pursue their passions beyond the classroom.

GIVING DAY'S IMPACT AT LOYOLA

The funds raised on Giving Day provide essential discretionary funding that allows Loyola to respond to emerging needs, seize new opportunities, and invest directly in the people, programs, and spaces that define a Loyola education. The following highlights reflect projects supported during the 2025-26 school year through the five featured funds on this Giving Day.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES FUND

The Clubs & Activities Fund supports experiences that help students discover new passions, friendships, and confidence outside the classroom. This year, donor support through the Clubs & Activities Fund helped sustain a wide range of clubs, including the Racing, Darts, and Baking clubs. Funding also provided supplies for enrichment activities during lunch periods, helping create space for connection during the school day.

IGNATIAN FORMATION FUND

Support through the Ignatian Formation Fund helped make Experience Week opportunities more accessible for Secondary 4 students by offsetting travel and participation costs. These immersive experiences, ranging from service to cultural learning abroad or in Montreal encourage students to deepen their sense of compassion, justice, and faith in action.

BURSARY FUND

The Bursary Fund helps ensure that a Loyola education remains accessible to students and families from a wide range of financial circumstances. Today, 12% of Loyola students receive financial assistance, with the average bursary covering approximately 50% of tuition costs. By expanding access to a Loyola education, bursary support helps build a community that is vibrant, diverse, and enriched by a broad range of experiences and perspectives.

GREATEST NEEDS FUND

Support through the Greatest Needs Fund helped bring new life to Loyola's West Broadway garden by transforming it into a vibrant outdoor classroom and reflection space for students. Contributions supported the Green Club's landscaping initiatives, the construction of handcrafted benches and picnic tables created by students in Industrial Arts, and the installation of an Ignatian contemplation walk surrounding the garden.

TEACHERS' EXCELLENCE FUND

The Teachers' Excellence Fund provided resources that strengthened teaching and enriched student learning across a range of disciplines. Contributions supported the purchase of specialized equipment and materials for Drama, Music, Theatre, Art, Athletics, and tutoring programs, helping educators create engaging, hands-on learning experiences for students.

4:00

GIVING DAY RECEPTION BEGINS

Volunteers, family, donors, and friends of Loyola gathered to celebrate the many ways our community has given back over the past year in support of our students and our school.



500TH DONOR REACHED

Loyola surpassed the 500-donor milestone, an incredible show of community participation and support.

5:00

6:00

IGNATIAN FORMATION FUND UNLOCKED

Our sincere thanks to the anonymous donor who supported Loyola's spiritual mission through a generous \$10,000 matching gift to the Ignatian Formation Fund.



7:00

8:00

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through the Giving Day Ambassador program, 32 alumni, parents, faculty, and staff inspired 260 gifts. From calls, emails, texts, social media stories and posts, they raised \$51,593, representing 33% of all donations and 20% of total funds raised. More than half of the first-time donors on Giving Day were personally approached by an ambassador, underscoring the impact of peer outreach.



1st place
Michael Elie '97
*Encouraged
 56 gifts totaling
 \$5,885*



2nd place
Christian Solari '13
*Encouraged
 50 gifts totaling
 \$1,935*



3rd place
Pino Di Iola '86
*Encouraged
 15 gifts totaling
 \$11,350*

TESTIMONIALS”

I’ve always felt deeply grateful for the opportunity I was given to attend this school. Receiving a bursary made it possible for me to attend at a time when it otherwise wouldn’t have been within reach. That experience had a meaningful impact on my path, and because of that, I feel a genuine desire to give back and help offer the same opportunity to others.

Stefan Haas-Jean ‘89, Alumnus

I’m proud to support a school whose strong values, vibrant spirit, and cherished traditions continue to inspire and shape future generations.

Catherine Liatos
 Current Parent

Loyola is a place where students enter the halls as children and graduate as exceptional young adults. Privileged to have lived it; proud to witness it; happy to continue to support it.

Franco Forlini ‘97
 Alumnus, Current Parent

I am grateful for the school’s impact on the community and was looking forward to my son’s upcoming high school experience. This donation is a thank you to all teachers for their dedication and professionalism, as they are the heart and soul of the school.

Matt Szabo ‘95, Alumnus

Loyola taught me the importance of paying it forward. So many people helped me achieve great success. Now, it is an honour to do the same for the next generation.

Dr. Anthony Ciarallo ‘97
 Alumnus



ALUMNI PARTICIPATION IMPACT

The Class of 1990 topped this year’s Class Competition with 37% of the class making a gift on Giving Day.

With an impressive total of 106 gifts referred, faculty members Michael Elie ‘97 and Christian Solari ‘13 led the way as our top Giving Day Ambassadors.



COMMUNITY CHALLENGE FUND UNLOCKED

Upon reaching 771 donors, an additional \$10,000 for the Greatest Needs Fund, courtesy of an anonymous donor and a bonus \$5,000 for the Bursary Fund from the Mothers’ Guild were unlocked, bringing the total raised to \$265,030.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At the end of the 2025–2026 school year, I think it is important to pause and reflect upon the many peaks and occasional valleys that shaped another successful year at Loyola.

This reflection involves conversations shared, connections forged, and labour without seeking rest. Likewise, it involves acknowledging instances of resolve and resilience, in and out of the classroom, while fortifying ourselves, however fitfully, for a hope-filled future.

In one of his poems, Wendell Berry writes, “Find your hope, then, on the ground under your feet.” This past year has been devoted to deepening our understanding of the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preference of *Caring for Our Common Home*. Literally, we have been challenged to “see God in all things” and reconnect with creation. Figuratively, we have been grounded in that tradition, blended with innovation, that encapsulates the edifice that is our home away from home.

At the root of all this is gratitude: a well of thankfulness for successes, but also for the challenges that have compelled us to grow and flourish. Many academic triumphs, extracurricular achievements, meaningful interactions, and moments of spiritual formation have marked the year, and so, inspired, we hold fast to rediscovering that hope beneath our feet. All the while, we forge and fare forward with confidence, our curiosity piqued by the prospects and vistas that lie ahead.


Dr. Mark Diachyshyn '96
Principal



STUDENT LIFE AT LOYOLA



Spring in Harmony

Music in Full Bloom

The Spring Concert brought a sense of renewal to the school community. From the soulful jazz band to the concert band and choir, students showcased their talent and dedication through captivating performances of timeless classics. A special thank you to Mr. Matthew O'Neil '07 and Mr. Owen Saar for brilliantly planning and orchestrating the evening, allowing us to usher in the spirit of spring.





Tradition & Sportsmanship

55 Years Strong

For 55 years, the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament has stood as a vibrant celebration of Loyola's spirit of athleticism, teamwork, and sportsmanship. More than 700 student-athletes from across Quebec and Ontario came together, filling the school and arena with energy, pride, and a strong sense of community that extended far beyond the competition itself.

Loriann Daigle, a dedicated volunteer and parent of Shayne '14 and Ryan MacDonald '18, was named Honorary Chairperson. Highlights included Quincy Reid '25 receiving the Ed Meagher Memorial Scholarship, a championship win for the Bantam Girls Basketball team, and a thrilling overtime victory for the M18 D1 hockey team in the gold medal game. Thank you to Mr. Randy Burns '86 and the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament organizing committee for making it all possible.

This year's tournament carried special significance as it was dedicated to the beloved coach and faculty member Mr. John Geraghty, who passed away on December 8, 2025. During the tournament, Loyola's student-athletes wore "JPG" patches and stickers on their basketball jerseys and hockey helmets. The wrestling team also honoured coach Geraghty with a special tribute, recognizing his lasting impact on the tournament and the many teams he inspired.



Fee Fi Fo Fum

A Tale That Grew Up With Us

This fresh take on the classic folktale *Jack and the Beanstalk* kept audiences laughing from start to finish, truly climbing to theatrical heights. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew, as well as director and script writer Mr. Joshua Parr '95, producer Ms. Tara Shaughnessy, and stage and special effects lead Mr. Paul Hammett, on a giant success!



Honorary Chairperson, Loriann Daigle

Battle of the Bands

Noteworthy Performances

Led by Mr. Owen Saar, six student bands and a teacher and staff band showcased an impressive range of musical talent. Congratulations to The Aces, who won the competition, earning the Golden Guitar and a live recording session with Concordia University's radio station, CJLO 1690 AM. A special thank you to the judges, including alumni Jacob Brown '15 of the band Group Project and Callahan Ioannou '13 of the band Callahan.



Scholarship Recipient, Quincy Reid '25

STUDENT LIFE AT LOYOLA



Exploring Western Civilization Classics Trip

During March Break, Classical Studies students, led by Mr. Jarrett Ketterling, Mr. Christian Solari '13, and Ms. Tara Shaughnessy, embarked on a twelve-day odyssey through Greece.

Starting in Athens, they visited major landmarks, museums, and archaeological sites, climbed the Acropolis, and island-hopped across the Saronic Gulf. The group then travelled through the Peloponnese where they explored ancient theatres, temples, citadels, and beaches, and ran in the original Olympic stadium. They continued north to Delphi before returning to Athens. The trip concluded with a visit to the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion. Students experienced unforgettable landscapes, shared laughter, and rich historical sites, making it a trip of a lifetime.

SSX Goes Green

Entrepreneurship with Impact

Guided by Loyola's commitment to ecological transition and the Jesuit Apostolic Preferences call of *Caring for our Common Home*, Secondary 5 students were challenged to think beyond profit and consider environmental impact for their SSX projects, resulting in locally sourced ingredients, sustainable packaging, and innovative green marketing strategies.

With support from the Green Club, Campus Ministry, Communications, and maintenance teams, the event also featured a strong recycling and composting system that significantly reduced waste, reinforcing a shared commitment to sustainability.





Great Gatsby Tour

Literature on the Move

Mr. Chris Hein '98, alongside Mr. Eric Hein '96 and Christian Solari '13, brought *The Great Gatsby* to life through a curated walking tour of Old Montreal. By exploring the city's Art Deco heritage, the group drew parallels between the opulent world of *Gatsby* and the architectural evolution of the 1920s, turning a literary masterpiece into a local experience.



Air Canada

Clear for Takeoff

Mr. Carmine Taddeo and several students went behind the scenes at Air Canada Exploration (ACE) On Tour. This was more than a facility tour; it was an opportunity for students to envision themselves in the future of aviation. From meeting pilots to aircraft maintenance engineers, students heard firsthand stories from inspiring role models across the industry.



All Roads Lead to... Milan

Building Global Connections

Our student exchange with the Jesuit school Istituto Leone XIII came full circle as Loyola students travelled to Milan to reconnect with the Italian peers they hosted in November. Led by Ms. Wendy Polverari and Mme Caroline Vaast, the group explored Italy, from Florence's rich heritage to the shores of Lake Como and studied alongside peers from Dallas and South Africa, building connections across continents.

Diamond Days

Loyola Baseball Takes on Boston

In May, the Loyola Senior Baseball team travelled to Boston for a weekend of competition and discovery. Led by Mr. Daniel Quinn and M. Louis Félix Valiquette, the team played a hard-fought game against fellow Jesuit school, Boston College High School, and attended a MLB game where the Red Sox hosted the Astros at historic Fenway Park.

Sebastian Valasek '22, a current Harvard University student who now lives in Boston, met with the team to give them a personal guided tour of Harvard's campus.



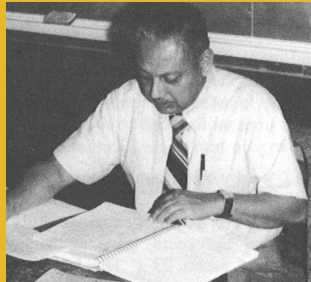
Science Fair Excellence

The Dr. Mukerji Award for Exemplary Effort was presented to Phil '28 and Luca '28 for their project "The Effect of Kidney Stones on Liquid Flow and Blockage." In honour of beloved physics teacher Dr. Mukerji, an exceptional educator who earned his doctorate with highest distinction while teaching and after whom Loyola's physics laboratory is named. The award recognizes outstanding dedication and perseverance in scientific inquiry.

Loyola students also distinguished themselves at the provincial level at Laval Senior Academy. In addition, Anthony '28 received the Curium de BLD Publications Award, Great Distinction, and the McGill University Department of Civil Engineering Award for "Bâtir pour résister!" In addition, Adrien '28 earned Distinction and the Curium de Bayard Jeunesse Canada Publications Award for "Changer la science avec la cuisine." Gianmassimo '28 and Justin '28 also both received Great Distinction for "The Effect of Homemade Air Filters on CO₂."



Loyola Unscripted was on site at this year's Science Fair. Reporter Christina '30 spoke with our Secondary 3 students about their projects, their learning process, and the discoveries behind their work.



REMEMBERING DR. MUKERJI

Dr. Nishith Mukerji was a beloved teacher at Loyola from 1968 to 1985, and was inducted into the school's Hall of Merit in 1988. He was among the hundreds of victims tragically killed in the bombing of the Air India Flight 182 on June 23, 1985.



Loyola x Concordia Labs

Bridging Minds

Since 2022, Loyola's partnership with Concordia University continues to enrich both schools. The partnership has supported the launch of Loyola's Makerspace and urban garden on West Broadway, contributed to faculty professional development, and assisted in the judging of the SSX through JMSB.

Secondary 5 Science students have been welcomed into Concordia's labs to conduct university-level chemistry and physics experiments under the guidance of technicians and graduate students. The experience leaves students inspired and eager to further explore the sciences.



Advisor Program

A Culture of Care

Established over 30 years ago by guidance counsellor Mr. Mike Greczkowski, Loyola's Advisor Program pairs senior students with staff or faculty members, positioned to offer tailored guidance, helping the kids feel supported and build confidence as they move through their journeys.

Meeting every two weeks, these advisors and their advisees often build lasting relationships that inspire long-term positive impact.



Rob Brennan, SJ Community Brunch

The Mothers' Guild proudly hosted the annual Rob Brennan, SJ Community Brunch. It was preceded by a Mass led by Fr. Matthew Hendzel, SJ and Fr. Len Altília, SJ and accompanied by the Loyola Choir under the direction of Mr. Owen Saar. The event brought together Loyola faculty and staff, parents, students, and members of the greater Loyola community.

The school was honoured to welcome keynote speaker Carolyn Bouchard-McNeil, founder and executive director of Carolyn's Community, a local non-profit whose inspiring work supports individuals and families. Surplus food from the brunch was donated through Carolyn's Community and distributed to local families, a women's shelter, and organizations supporting young parents.



Casino Royale Night

All In for Loyola

On March 21, the Mothers' Guild hosted its Casino Royale Night, welcoming 250 guests to the elegant Gentile Venues Rye 1924 for an evening inspired by the glamour of James Bond.

The evening opened with a captivating performance by the Christian Pineau Quintet and concluded with DJ Benny. Guests enjoyed curated food stations from community sponsors and local restaurants, along with casino games, a silent auction, and a raffle.

Thanks to the generosity of families, guests, sponsors, and community partners, the Mothers' Guild proudly raised \$15,000, all in support of the Loyola Bursary Fund. The cards are already on the table for next year's event to raise the stakes even higher.



Enhancing the Guidance Office Where Connection Grows

The Loyola Parents' Association (LPA) is dedicated to bringing the Loyola community together. Each year, they host a parent gathering in the fall and lead Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in February, while also seeking meaningful ways to support students throughout the year.

In collaboration with the Guidance Office, the LPA helped refresh a heavily used student space by funding new couches. This occasion was marked with a school-wide pizza lunch, welcoming students into a more comfortable and inviting environment.



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highlights from
Costa Rica!



DISCOVERING COMMUNITY IN COSTA RICA

"The experience extended beyond service. Students went on nature hikes, visited the Church of San Marco in nearby San Marcos, milked cows, and prepared a traditional Costa Rican meal together. Perhaps most impactful was the time spent with the Young Dreamers, a group of local students. Our students listened to their stories, shared experiences, and connected through a spirited game of soccer that transcended language barriers.

Each day included time for Ignatian spiritual reflection, and Mass was celebrated on several occasions, both central to the Jesuit mission of finding God in all things. Through daily spiritual reflection, journaling, and the Examen, students were invited to slow down, make sense of their experiences, and recognize God's presence in their work, relationships, and the natural world around them."

— Christian Solari '13, Teacher

"I realized how fortunate I am because of the Young Dreamers, a group of students my age who had to travel two hours each day just to attend school. I also learned how important it is to care for our planet after seeing how actions such as clearing forests to build coffee farms can affect the environment."

— Jake '27

Experience Week 2026

Cultivating Care for Our Common Home

From February 21 to 27, Secondary 4 students and Loyola's faculty and staff stepped beyond the classroom into communities both near and far. Through service, reflection, cultural immersion, spiritual formation and encounters with people from different walks of life, students deepened their understanding of solidarity, social justice, and *Caring for our Common Home*.

This year's local experiences included partnerships with L'Arche Montréal, Giant Steps Autism Centre, Welcome Hall Mission, and Villa Saint-Martin, as well as an immersion at the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre in Espanola, Ontario. Internationally, students walked with communities through Pasos de Esperanza in the Dominican Republic and Green Communities in the town of Providencia de Dota in Costa Rica.

BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



« On repart enrichi d'expériences positives, de défis relevés, de peurs surmontées. Mais surtout, enrichi de nouvelles amitiés construites à l'aide de peu de mots et de sourires, d'entraide, de jeux, de chansons, de prières. On pensait donner, on repart comblé. »

— Mme Natacha Sikias, enseignante



"Helping brothers and sisters in need and opening our eyes to the truth about life for many around the world was meaningful."

— Pax '27

GLOBAL



ENCOUNTERING INDIGENOUS WISDOM IN ESPANOLA

"This experience expanded my knowledge of Indigenous culture by learning through testimonials and first-hand experiences rather than textbooks. It also deepened my connection with nature, leaving me with a lasting experience I will never forget."

— Joenah '27

"Students ate moose stew, learned how to make fire without matches or lighters, drummed and danced with Elders, and listened to the powerful stories of residential school survivors. Through ceremonies, teachings, and songs, they explored the spiritual traditions of the Anishinabec peoples, crafted their own medicine pouches, and caught fish on a frozen lake. For many, the greatest takeaway was the realization that the core values of life are shared across cultures and that there is a profound harmony between Christian and Indigenous spirituality."

— Fr. Len Altília, SJ, Loyola Chaplain



**Discover the
impact of
Experience Week!**

RECOGNIZING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON AT ARCHE MONTRÉAL

"A favourite moment of mine was helping one of the residents during an arts-and-crafts project. I found ways to involve them by offering options and then completing the task based on their choices. It taught me patience and reminded me that every person deserves to be met with dignity and care."

— Evan '27

LEARNING THROUGH INCLUSION AT GIANT STEPS AUTISM CENTRE

"The students helped me gain perspective on my own problems through their optimism in the face of adversity."

— Felix '27

SERVING WITH COMPASSION AT WELCOME HALL MISSION

"This experience taught me to always be grateful for the food, clothing, and housing my family has provided throughout my life. It also changed my perspective on the world. From now on, whenever I encounter someone in need, my first instinct will be to offer help in any way I can. It has transformed my sense of empathy and kindness toward others."

— Adriano '27

FINDING RENEWAL AT VILLA SAINT-MARTIN

"I found peace in being away from daily distractions and quietly reflecting. It helped me learn how to handle stress by prioritizing mindfulness and inner calm."

— Justin '27

THE FORMATION OF GLOBAL CITIZENS

At the heart of Jesuit education is a call to respond generously to Christ's mission — a mission that, in our time, is unmistakably global. Jesuit schools invite their students to see the world not as fragmented, but as an interconnected whole, where every culture, community, and person reflects the image of God. Initiatives like Loyola's Experience Week seek to foster this perspective with "glocal" (thinking globally, acting locally) service and immersion programs.

LOCAL



Warriors Shine

Another Banner Year for Athletics

From championship victories to record participation, it was a remarkable year for Loyola Athletics. The Warriors rose to every challenge, capturing 14 championship banners and delivering outstanding performances across a wide range of sports.

This success reflects the continued growth of the athletics program, which has expanded from 32 teams in 2021 to 70 teams today. Fueled by the introduction of girls' sports and a strong resurgence in student participation, Loyola Athletics has become more vibrant than ever.

Guided by dedicated coaches, student-athletes are challenged to compete with discipline, perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship while growing as leaders who demonstrate respect for their teammates, opponents, and the games themselves.





ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

1 BANTAM BOYS D3 BASKETBALL

Coaches Ryan Hurst and Kelly Burke

- Captured both the GMAA and Lac-Saint-Louis championship banners
- Earned silver at the Provincials

2 M18 D1 HOCKEY

Coaches Carl Benoit, Jack Laurin '21, and Matteo Russo '22

- Claimed the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament title in overtime

3 CADET BOYS FUTSAL

Coach Eric Vani '91

- Secured a 6-3 victory to win the GMAA championship

4 JUVENILE BOYS FUTSAL

Coach Christian Solari '13

- Won the GMAA championship title

5 INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Coaches Nathalie Belfort, Ingrid Sandy, and Chris McGregor

- Both the Cadet Girls and Juvenile Boys teams were crowned GMAA champions

6 OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Coaches Nathalie Belfort, Ingrid Sandy, Chris McGregor, Andrew Treffeisen '12, and Jake Burns '16

- Juvenile Boys and Cadet Girls both captured GMAA championship banners
- GMAA MVPs: Jarred '26 and Az'zahra '28
- Az'zahra finished with four gold medals

7 BANTAM BASEBALL

Coach Matthew Shanahan '11

- Finished with a silver medal in the championship game

8 BANTAM BOYS RUGBY 7s TOURNAMENT

Coaches Kelly Phelan, Ryan Hurst, and Jake Burns '16

- Crowned GMAA Tournament champions

9 BANTAM & CADET GIRLS RUGBY TEAMS

Coach Kelly Phelan

- First-ever all-girls Bantam and Cadet rugby teams competed at the GMAA Rugby 7s Tournament
- The Bantam team finished with a silver medal

10 BANTAM BOYS RUGBY 10s

Coaches Kelly Phelan, Ryan Hurst, and Jake Burns '16

- Captured the GMAA championship banner

11 JUVENILE RUGBY

Coaches Kevin Thiruchelvam and Marvin Taylor

- Earned silver after a fiercely contested final

12 CADET BOYS SINGLES TENNIS

Coach Andrés Canella '02

- Michael '27 captured silver at the GMAA tournament

13 BANTAM GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

Coaches Hailey Burns and Andrew Treffeisen '12

- Claimed the GMAA title with an 18-12 comeback victory

14 CADET GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

Coaches Randy Burns '86 and Will Power

- Won the GMAA championship after an undefeated season

En garde!

Loyola Makes History

The first-ever GMAA fencing tournament was hosted by Loyola. It brought together schools from across the region for a full day of spirited competition, where Loyola earned eight medals.

For fencing coach Jason Harel '11, the event represented a full-circle moment. As a Loyola student in 2006, there was no fencing program, though he dreamed of representing the school in the sport he loved. After competing internationally, he returned as an alumnus and began teaching fencing at Loyola in 2020.

"Seeing Loyola host this event feels surreal," says Harel, who also serves as Head Coach of Escrime Mont-Royal. "Building the program into what it is today has been a dream come true. Fencing is now part of Loyola in the way I always hoped it would be when I was a student."



MILESTONES

This year, the school honours three faculty and staff members marking 25 years of service and bids farewell to three colleagues retiring after shaping generations of students. Their influence lives on through the values and relationships they have helped foster.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Vince Fulvio
*Social Studies Department
Head and Teacher*

Since 2001, Vince has taught subjects ranging from Secondary 1 History and Geography to Secondary 5 Entrepreneurship. He has mentored younger students as a homeroom teacher, has twice served as Social Studies

Department Head, and was instrumental in developing the Student Stock Exchange (SSX).

From 2013 to 2018, he served as Vice-Principal of Discipline, balancing structure with empathy in equal measure. Among his many contributions to Loyola were two decades on Kairos retreat teams and a coaching career that included leading the Juvenile Boys Soccer team to multiple GMAA championships.

As Principal Dr. Mark Diachyshyn '96 expressed in his speech: "He is a foundational pillar of Loyola. He has shaped our academic curriculum, coached our champions, anchored our discipline, and nurtured the character and souls of generations of students."



Phil Lafave '88
Director of Athletics

As a teacher, administrator, coach, and alumnus, Phil has spent 25 years shaping Loyola in countless ways. During his eight years as Vice-Principal of Discipline, he brought rigour and compassion to student life, shaping a culture of discipline rooted in both accountability

and care. His leadership extends across the school: he served as Kairos Director for five years, Athletic Director for over a decade, as well as Convocation Coordinator and Physical Education teacher to generations of students.

A mainstay of Loyola Athletics, he helped build a highly sought-after hockey program. Over the years, he coached football, rugby, golf, and hockey, including 21 seasons as head coach of the Juvenile hockey team. Beyond athletics, he has played a crucial role in preserving the school's history through his active involvement with the Loyola High School Alumni Association. As Principal Dr. Mark Diachyshyn '96 noted in his speech, "His profound impact is reflected in the breadth of his service and the lasting imprint he has left across the Loyola community."



Peter Racine '84
School Supervisor

Over 25 years, Peter has been a steady presence in Loyola's hallways, carrying out his responsibilities with grace. As Principal Mark Diachyshyn '96 noted, "He is not just a supervisor. He is an anchor. He is a protector. He is a fighter, both for himself and for others." For many years, he has played an essential role in supporting Loyola's Vice-Principals of Discipline, serving as aide, confidant, and trusted support. He has been described as "a renegade with the heart of an angel." Beneath a fierce exterior lies a heart of pure gold and a deep, enduring commitment to the school community he has devoted his career to serving.



RETIREMENTS

**Lauren Percival**

*Guidance Counselor/Learning Support Coordinator
Retirement (12 Years at Loyola)*

Lauren joined Loyola in 2014 as its first female guidance counsellor, bringing with her a counselling approach grounded in presence, empathy, and trust. Since then, she led Loyola's Department of Learning Support, where she helped develop the program into a model of excellence within the school community. She chaired the QAIS Learning Support team and contributed across a wide range of initiatives, including the Student Concerns Team, Administrative Team, Anti-Bullying Team, and Socius, formerly the Loyola Harassment Committee. She was also a Secondary 5 Christian Service Program (CSP) Advisor and spearheaded the creation of the Loyola Baking Club, adding yet another layer of connection and care to student life. Described by colleagues as "a woman for and with others," she has guided students through moments of uncertainty with a rare combination of clarity, compassion, and care.

**Claude Dupuis**

*French and Social Studies Teacher
Retirement (12 Years at Loyola)*

Known for his resilience, humour, and devotion, Claude has left an indelible mark on the Loyola community. In his speech, John Patrick Mancini '05, Vice-Principal of Mission & Formation, described Claude as a man who embodied selfless generosity, always willing to give and not count the cost in support of his students' success. He regularly spent an enormous amount of time before and after school ensuring his students caught up on their work and received the support they needed. He was also an active member of the school choir and coached hockey for a few years.

As many alumni have recounted, Claude is now a cherished part of Loyola's story. His legacy lives on in the students he supported, the confidence he helped build, and the many lives he shaped over the years.

**Rosa Naccarello**

*Director of Finance and Human Resources
Retirement (10 Years at Loyola)*

Rosa has spent the past decade working across both financial stewardship and people management roles. Her work required absolute precision in budgeting and compliance, as well as sound judgment in matters relating to people and culture. In both domains, she became known for a rare combination of rigour and generosity. Colleagues note that her decisions were often guided by a genuine willingness to support students and staff in ways that extended far beyond what was required. In the words of President Fouad Maroun, she brought "integrity, work ethic, and profound kindness" to the very heart of Loyola.



Inspiring the Next Generation

This year, Loyola proudly welcomed back ten alumni guest speakers who returned to share their experiences, career journeys, and insights with students. Representing a wide range of professions and industries, our alumni offered thoughtful advice and inspiring stories that encouraged students to explore their own paths with confidence and curiosity. Their engagement reflects the strength of the Loyola alumni community and the meaningful connections that endure long after graduation.



Marco Ottoni '87 | Philip Lambrinos '01

Retired Managing Director at GMP Securities |
Partner & Head Trader at Van Berkomp Global Asset Management

Marco and Philip offered students an engaging look into the world of financial trading, sharing perspectives from both the buy-side and sell-side while connecting their experiences to the Secondary 5 Stock Market Trading project.

INSIGHTS: The importance of portfolio management, starting to invest early, and how investing helps build analytical thinking, discipline, and curiosity over time.

Rafik Greiss '80

Independent Director; Business, Finance & Governance Advisor

Rafik shared valuable insights on pursuing a career as a CPA and how the designation can be a strategic differentiator in the business world. He emphasized the importance of dedication, perseverance, and consistently working hard to create opportunities for future success.

INSIGHTS: The importance of discipline, overcoming challenges, and building a strong foundation for both professional success and a meaningful, well-rounded life.



Edgar Vergara '00

Senior Director, Private Debt, La Caisse

Edgar spoke about the fast-paced nature of the industry and the importance of analytical thinking, adaptability, and strong decision-making in high-pressure environments.

INSIGHTS: The importance of being resilient, maintaining a habit of continuous learning and curiosity, and cultivating strong, lasting networks.

Lucas Lawton '10

Professional Irish Dancer, Lead in *Lord of the Dance*

Lucas spoke about the dedication, discipline, hard work, and love for his craft that have allowed him to perform as the *Lord of the Dance* internationally at the highest level while connecting with audiences across different cultures.

INSIGHTS: The value of pursuing passions, committing to ongoing growth and a strong work ethic, and finding joy and purpose in everyday moments.





Pino Di Ioia '86

CEO, BeaverTails

Pino spoke on the importance of people, purpose, and living a fulfilling life. He emphasized the power of moments, self-awareness, teamwork, direction, and soft skills. In his experience, character beats talent every time, and he shared about his life's journey to becoming a successful entrepreneur.

INSIGHTS: The importance of being present in each moment, living with curiosity, prioritizing meaningful connections, and using time intentionally and productively.

Larry Carroll '63

Retired Foreign Affairs Officer, Government of Canada

Larry shared fascinating stories about working in the foreign service and navigating a career in immigration while being stationed in different major cities around the world. He spoke about the value of adaptability, cultural understanding, and building connections across different countries and communities.

INSIGHTS: The value of embracing new experiences, serving others through impactful work, and gaining broader perspective through international travel and living abroad.



John Raza '86

Entrepreneur

John discussed entrepreneurship and the importance of trying different things to help direct a career choice. He also emphasized 'stepping stones' and their major role in helping figure life out along the way, while continuously growing and improving.

INSIGHTS: The importance of lifelong learning, surrounding oneself with positive influences, and identifying common threads across experiences to guide future decisions.

Daniel Fournier '71

Retired CEO, Oxford Properties

Daniel emphasized accountability, the importance of trying new experiences, and remaining curious to discover true enjoyment. He also spoke about building strong relationships and the value of integrity, even when faced with difficult decisions.

INSIGHTS: The courage to take unconventional paths, remain grounded in personal values, stay curious, and make difficult but principled choices.



Scott Macdonell '08

Grey Cup Champion and Athlete Representation

Scott was invited for this year's Grad Pizza Lunch, an annual event to welcome the graduating class to the alumni community. He shared his journey from Loyola to the CFL, and dove into his life since winning the coveted Grey Cup.

INSIGHTS: The importance of teamwork, perseverance, and the discipline required to achieve meaningful results.



Loyola Alumni

Returning Home, Carrying Tradition Forward

ALUMNI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

April 24-25, 2026 | The Alumni Association hosted another edition of the annual Alumni Hockey Tournament at the Ed Meagher Arena. This year's two-day event brought together 60 alumni for a weekend filled with spirited competition, camaraderie, and nostalgia as they relived their Warrior days both on and off the ice. Alumni enjoyed lunch and dinner together, and gathered to watch the Canadiens' playoff run on the big screen.

Thank you to everyone who played and helped make the weekend such a success, and a special thank you to Mr. Phil Lafave '88 for his valued contributions and support.



TORONTO AND OTTAWA REGIONAL GATHERINGS

May 5 & 27, 2026 | Loyola alumni gathered in Toronto and Ottawa for the school's annual regional reunions. Graduates spanning the classes of 1957 to 2017 came together for two memorable evenings of reconnection, conversation, and shared Loyola spirit.

Throughout the evenings, alumni received updates on life at Loyola, engaged in thoughtful discussion, and reflected on the experiences and friendships that continue to shape their lives. These annual regional gatherings remain an important tradition, strengthening the Loyola alumni community and celebrating the lasting impact of a Loyola education.





2026 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Phil Lafave '88 on being recognized as this year's Alumnus of the Year by the LHSAA. Currently serving as Loyola's Director of Athletics, Phil celebrated 25 years at the school.

Thank you for your continued support of Loyola's Alumni Association and alumni relations, leadership in athletics, and countless other contributions.

ALUMNI CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM



SUN YOUTH HOLIDAY BASKETS

December 15, 16 & 18, 2025 | The Loyola alumni community came together to support Sun Youth's Annual Holiday Basket drive. Our volunteers helped in Saint-Laurent, sorting food donations for families in need. It was a meaningful way to make a difference, bringing care, hope, and joy to others during the holiday season.



BREAD & BEYOND SERVICE ACTIVITY

February 10, 2026 | In partnership with Montreal's local organization Bread & Beyond, alumni and friends prepared 1,070 sandwiches for shelters across Montreal. Their efforts reflect Loyola alumni's ongoing commitment to service, community, and supporting those in need.

THIRD ANNUAL ALUMNI TRIVIA NIGHT

February 26, 2026 | The Alumni Association's Young Alumni Committee organized the third annual Trivia Night in the Bishops' Atrium, bringing the space to life with friendly rivalry. 60 trivia enthusiasts, including alumni, friends, and current and former faculty members gathered for an evening of teamwork, and plenty of laughs as they put their knowledge to the test.

Ms. Cheri Adams served as quiz master, thoughtfully crafting the questions and making the evening memorable.



THIRD ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 31, 2026 | 60 alumni and members of the community gathered at Dorval Golf Course for the third annual Loyola Memorial Golf Tournament. Held in honour of Loyola faculty, staff, and students who have passed, the tournament once again served as a meaningful tribute and an opportunity for the community to come together in remembrance.

Congratulations to this year's winning team (not pictured): Johnny Anastasopoulos '17, Luca Cioffi '17, Stefano Foglietta '17, and Massimo Greco '17.





Loyola Alumni

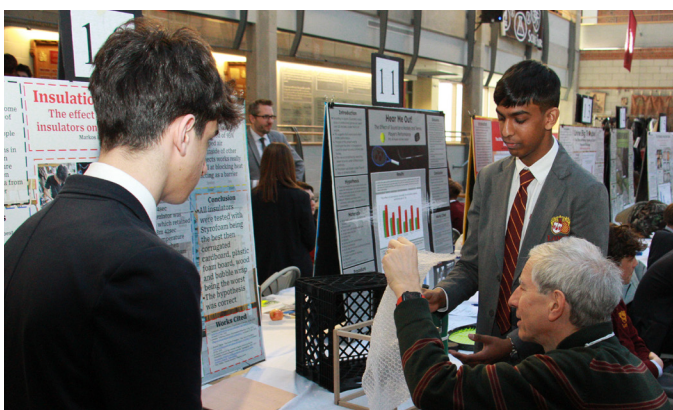
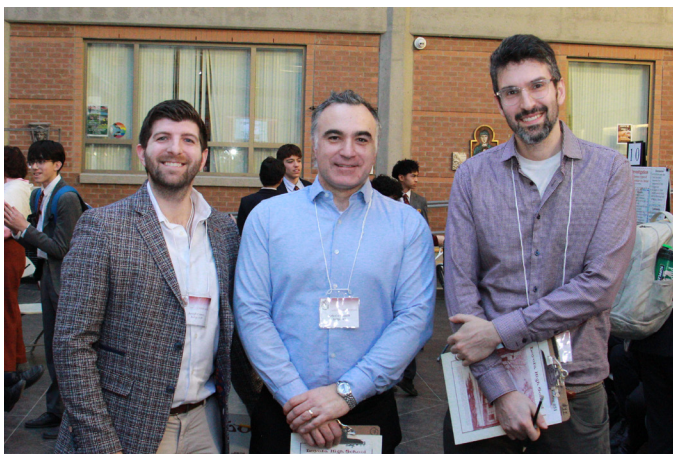
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SCIENCE FAIR ALUMNI JUDGES

Thank you to our alumni science fair judges for sharing their time, expertise, and for helping foster the next generation of curious minds and innovators.

Judges: Fabio Girolami '71, Aldo Campanelli '97, Michael Rembacz '02, Michael Coussa-Charley '03, and Joseph Caucci '11.

Coordinated by Mr. Elie Dagher '00.



SSX ALUMNI MENTORS

For most recent alumni, the Student Stock Exchange (SSX) remains one of the most memorable parts of their Loyola experience — an end-of-year project that brings together creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial thinking. This spring, 15 alumni mentors from a wide range of professional fields returned to support the next generation of SSX participants. They shared their expertise and real-world perspectives, helping students refine their ideas and transform their visions into reality.

Mentors: Darren Gill '96, Alexandre Quesnel '17, Matthew Montoni '19, Nicholas Hatzis '13, Phillip Palisaitis '11, Andrew Merola '02, Justino Donovan '12, Alexander Lee '17, Matthias Lee Poy-Paxman '17, Peter Boronkay '79, Andrea Obidniak '22, Michael Mueller '91, Calvin Mazloun '17, Steven Ducic '17, and Patrick Greiss '17.





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ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST



'63 Richard J. Renaud was named a recipient of the Ordre de Montréal.

Through a lifelong commitment to philanthropy and leadership, he has helped strengthen Montreal and invested in the next generation of its leaders.

◀ Pictured (left to right): Richard '63 and Soraya Martinez Ferrada (Mayor of Montreal)



'67 Denis Brault, former Loyola teacher, was interviewed on TVRS' South Shore Vibe about his three novels.

Bob Bauman retired as Chief Justice of British Columbia at the end of 2023, and continues to practice part-time as a mediator/arbitrator in BC and across Canada.

◀ Pictured (left to right): Bob '67 and his grandson



'72 Tim O'Farrell and his former teammates and coaches reunited in Pointe-Claire for an overdue football player-coach meetup.



REUNION PLANNING

If you are planning a reunion or are interested in organizing one, we would love to help. Reach out to alumni@loyola.ca for support with planning and reconnecting with your classmates.

'73 Paul LaFleche was awarded the Nova Scotia 2025 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration.

Pictured (left to right): The Honourable Mike Savage, ONS (Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia) and Paul '73



Pictured (left to right): Clifford Lincoln, Larry Lincoln '72, Tim '72, Jim Newman '60, and Pat Dubee '64

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ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

The Alumni Kairos Retreat, hosted by the Loyola High School Alumni Association, will offer young alumni the chance to step away from the busyness of everyday life and return to the spirit of Kairos. Whether Kairos was a defining moment, a meaningful memory, or something you have not thought about in years, this overnight retreat is an invitation to pause, reflect, and consider where God is present in your life today. It is an opportunity to reconnect with faith, friendship, and the deeper call to live the Fourth beyond graduation. Additional details will be shared this fall.

For more information, please contact alumni@loyola.ca.



'79 **Peter Boronkay** had the honour of running as a torchbearer ambassador for the XXV Olympic Winter Games in the Province of Verona, Italy, on January 20, 2026. ▼



'86 **Pino Di Ioia** was recognized by TALQ as an active member of Quebec's anglophone community. His leadership, dedication, and vision have strengthened Quebec's English-speaking communities across regions and throughout the province, leaving a lasting and meaningful impact.

Pictured (left to right): Eva Ludvig ► (TALQ President) and Pino



'81 **Chris Marilley**, along with members of his family, took part in the annual Steve and Rob Michelin Memorial Hockey Tournament, founded in 2001. The event was held at the newly built Steve and Rob Michelin Arena in the Montreal West Sports & Recreation Centre, with all proceeds supporting cystic fibrosis research.

Pictured (left to right): Two generations of the Marilley family – Jack '23, Chris '81, Michael '27, Tim '96, and Matt '84 ▼

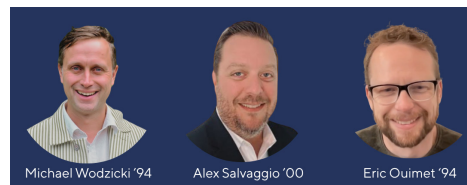


Pictured (left to right): Marco Ottoni '87, Mike Bush '87, Fr. Mike Leclerc '87, Steve Griffin '87, Sean Donovan '87, and Sean McCaffrey '87 (not pictured)

'87 **Sean Donovan** and friends from the Class of 1987 met up in Barcelona, Spain, for what was to be part retreat and part vacation. One of the highlights of the trip was when the group followed in the footsteps of St. Ignatius and visited the breathtaking Monastery in Montserrat. They were also granted private access to the Cave of St. Ignatius in Manresa, widely regarded as the birthplace of the Society of Jesus, and Fr. Mike celebrated Mass where St. Ignatius developed the Spiritual Exercises. Fr. Mike is now the pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Montreal, and four members of the group have children currently attending Loyola.



'94 Mark Bundang, host and producer of the *Making Your Mark* podcast, reflects on the power of conversation, storytelling and reconnection. Featuring three episodes with Loyola alumni Michael Wodzicki '94, Alex Salvaggio '00, and Eric Ouimet '94, the experience felt like a homecoming for Mark. "It felt like stepping back into what defined Loyola: humility, service, and being *men and women for others*. These values continue to shape leaders across industries."



'97 Anthony Ferrara participated in the West Island's MS Walk on May 31, 2026, in support of his brother, Nick Ferrara '95, who lives with multiple sclerosis. With the support of former teachers Mark Bednarczyk '64 and Pat Dubee '64, along with many Loyola classmates, Anthony (pictured second from the right) raised more than \$10,575 for MS West Island.



'05 Alex Chau and Josephine Esposito, Sacred Heart '05, welcomed their second baby boy, Gabriele, on January 23, 2026. He joins his brother Luca.



'06 Jonathan Saveriano and Alysha Zackon welcomed their second daughter, Emmy Cecelia, on April 20, 2026.



'09 Jeremie Legault and Jessica Cooke welcomed their son, William Matthieu, born on June 28, 2025. William was baptized at St. Ignatius Parish by Fr. Mike '87, with godfather Benjamin Beland '09 and godmother Marie-Anne Legault by his side.

◀ Pictured (left to right): Jessica, Jeremie '09, Fr. Mike Leclerc '87, William, Benjamin '09, and Marie-Anne



RODERICK MACKINNON '14
*Business Development Manager,
Hummingbird Drones*

"After graduating from McGill University with a degree in business, I worked for the Canadian Olympic Committee and attended the Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 Olympic Games. Wanting to shift my focus toward entrepreneurship and climate action, I left the sports world and joined a plant-based consumer packaged goods (CPG) startup. After a few years, I moved into my current role in software sales for a company specializing in drone technology for wildfire management. As a part-time project, fellow Loyola graduate Matthew Haniak '14 and I are also working to scale a peer-to-peer marketplace for borrowing and lending. As I navigate these changes, I try to approach each opportunity with the work ethic, sense of purpose, and care for others that were instilled in me during my time at Loyola."



ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

Pictured (left to right): Julian Giancola '16, Michael Namdary '16, David Rady '16, Dominic Salvo '16, Tomas Caprera '16, Adam Pirro '16, Stephano Pascali '16, Rocco Cirillo '16, Celia, Anthony Racanelli '12, Andrew Rover '16, Matthew '16, Giovanni Di Gregorio '06, Gabriele Cirillo '19, Matthew Di Marco '16, Carlo Sinagra '16, Daniele Mastroianni '22, and Michael Pristovnik '17

'09 **Jason Esposito** and his wife Emilie Durand welcomed their first baby girl, Alessia, on February 10, 2026.



'11 **Olivier La Forge** married Shannon O'Brien on May 2, 2026, with many Loyola alumni in attendance to celebrate the milestone.

▲ Pictured (left to right):
Top row: Christopher O'Brien '10, Michael Dionisi '10, W. Christopher Kovalchuk '11, Robert Trocchia '10, Salvatore Porporino '11, Jason Rametta '11, Shannon O'Brien, Olivier '11, Javier Gonzalez '11, Louis Onesi '11, Jonathan Dellar-Fernandes '11, Jake Burchell-Reyes '11, Vincenzo Mercuri '11, and Gavin Fernandes '82
Bottom row: Michael Mili '10, Brendan Cinelli '11, Frank Racanelli '11, Matteo Fasanella '11, and Eric Ceccucci '12

'10 **Mark-Yves Zwanenburg** and **Andrew Treffeisen '12** welcomed back several alumni to scrimmage with Loyola's Juvenile D3 Basketball team. The event was an opportunity for past and present players to connect through their shared love of the game.



'11 **Scott Grainger** and ▲ Catherine MacCullough welcomed their first child, Henry, on May 1, 2026.

'13 **Christian Solari** hosted an alumni futsal game on February 6, 2026, where Loyola's current Juvenile team faced off against past players who've helped shape the program over the last three years. ▼





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'16 Matthew Racanelli married Celia Esposito on June 13, 2026 in a beautiful ceremony in Montreal. His best man was Tomas Caprera '16 and many alumni were in attendance.



'20 Jack Hickman, host and founder, alongside committee members, Sami Al Asmar '20, and Nicolas Banousis '20, put on the 5th annual Stepping Stone Gala on May 15, 2026, raising a total of \$148,550 over the last five years for the Children's Hospital.

◀ Pictured (left to right): Nicolas '20, Jack '20, Sami '20 and the organizing committee



'24 Matthew Cloutier played against and alongside his former Loyola teammates in a tournament at Middlesex School in Concord, Massachusetts, where he and Giuseppe attend. Kevin and Xander currently attend Vermont Academy.

◀ Pictured (left to right): Matthew '24, Kevin Summers '24, Xander Robertson '24, and Giuseppe Moriello '25



'25 Michael Wight (pictured third from the left) and the Vanier Division 2 Men's Basketball team won the 2025-2026 RSEQ Provincial Championship after an undefeated season.



In Loving Memory

Dr. William Beauregard '50, predeceased by brothers Robert '56, Gaston '51, and Jacques '50

Ava Ciampini, daughter of Luca '11

Pierre Dagher, father of Elie '00 and Simon '02

Richard Duchesne, father of current French teacher Nicolas, and grandfather of Justin '27 and Luca '25

David Duffey '81, brother of Donald Jr. '76

Maude Caron Grenier, mother of Charles '78

Gary Linder, former teacher from 1988 to 1992

Elizabeth (Betty) Mitham, mother of Peter '86

Richard Monaghan '62, brother of David '71

Marion Perrault, mother of David '77 and Bruce '80

Kevin Prendergast '63, brother of Terrence '61 and John '70, uncle of Paul '22, and father of Tim '96

Kevin Reynolds '44, uncle of Timothy Phelan '78 and Richard Lunny '72, brother-in-law of David J. Dohan '44 and Charles A. Phelan '43, grandfather of Nicholas Cesari '10, Noah '16 and Trevor Ennis '20

Maria Zerebecki Diachyshyn, mother of Mark '96

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