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The Loyola High School Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020

in the winter of 2013, the Board of Governors named a Steering Committee to set a strategic course that would not only secure Loyola's continued existence but serve as a foundation on which to build its future. It focuses on a number of issues to ensure the school challenges its young charges to become intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice. The process engaged in preparing this Strategic Plan has yielded a product which is already guiding us in charting how best to face the challenges ahead. As well, the school's management team will be presenting an Implementation Plan to the Board in June, 2015 and progress on each of the Strategic Plan's goals will be monitored on a regular basis - there will be no time for dust to gather! For a more comprehensive look at the Strategic Plan 2015-2020 adopted by the Board of Governors this February 9th, please go to the Loyola High School Website. Below is a part of the introduction and background that Father Murray, President of Loyola, wrote for the report.



"Times have changed across the globe. There are fewer and fewer Jesuits. The global awareness of other cultures, beliefs and practices has grown. In many places, aggressive secularism, widespread indifference to religion, fundamentalisms, and the lessen-

With the publication of the Loyola High School Strategic Plan, we join in a worldwide reflection on Jesuit Education. "We aim to form leaders in service, men and women of competence, conscience and compassionate commitment". Peter-Hans Kolvenbach S.J. Superior General of the Society of Jesus ing of the Church's credibility, have changed the landscape of Jesuit educational ventures. According to Fr. Adolfo Nicolás S.J., the current Superior General of the Jesuits, for a school to be a truly Jesuit school requires that its primary and operative self-understanding be that of being an apostolic instrument, at the service of the mission of the Church and the Society of Jesus.

The recent court case, pitting Loyola against the secular-minded Ethics and Religious Culture programme mandated by the Provincial Government, is clearly an instance of Loyola having to assert its particular mission.

The Society of Jesus no longer runs its institutions as it did in the past. Hence the current need and desire for us to think in terms of a wider, Ignatian apostolic community within the school, composed of Jesuits, lay people and people of other faiths, all sharing a depth of commitment to Loyola's mission. Indeed, Jesuit sponsorship of an institution is linked to the existence and influence of this apostolic community.

When I step down as President, I may very well be the last Jesuit to hold that post at Loyola High School, and I will leave the leadership of the school in the hands of highly qualified, professional people who have immersed themselves in Ignatian leadership over the years, and who have long been in conversation with the Jesuits and lay teachers from our schools in Canada and around the world.

Loyola will continue to be a Jesuit school that will fully participate in the mission of the Jesuits and their collaborators in Canada. A new element will be the oversight of our school by a predominantly lay board of faithful collaborators who bring an understanding, an astuteness and a professional expertise that elevates Jesuit input into understanding the signs of the times and the challenges that our school now faces.

The Strategic Plan bears witness to the benevolent and inspired new winds that are blowing at Loyola."



Fr. Michael Murray S.J.

Hall of Merit Nomination

n the fall of 1984, a number of interested Loyola alumni met to discuss the creation of a **Hall** of Merit to pay tribute to Loyola graduates and associates who contributed significantly to society in the Loyola spirit of "living for others."

Dr. Gil Drolet, a long-time teacher at Loyola and the Hall of Merit's first Chairman, suggested that "… in naming the Hall, the word merit is apt, for it implies a spiritual dimension reflected in the people honoured, a truly Christian affirmation of faith and action as embodied in total service to God and man, no matter the cost."

The purpose of the **Hall of Merit** is not to reward the nominees, but to offer current and future Loyola students examples of 'men-and women-forothers', men and women who provided, or who continue to provide, remarkable and outstanding service to others. Under the leadership of Fr. Michael Murray, S.J., the High School has set in motion the process for inducting new members to the **Hall of Merit** in late May/early June, 2015.

Accordingly, the **Hall of Merit** Committee invites nominations of those who best exemplify Loyola's goals and ideals. Whether nominees have received public exposure for their contributions or have done so more quietly, but no less effectively, the over-riding criterion for selection will be remarkable and outstanding service to others, in any number of ways.

The Selection Committee that will review the nominations is composed of both internal and external representatives and is chaired by Don Taddeo, '63.

Therefore, the Committee is issuing this call for nominations to the Hall of Merit and respectfully requests that each nomination be accompanied by a comprehensive, reasoned presentation.



The name of each inductee is posted on this "Hall of Merit Board", located at the bottom of the Tower of Merit (see picture below), which is the staircase to the upper floors of the High School.

The deadline for submitting nominations is April 15th, 2015.

Please send all nominations, either by post or by email to:

Don Taddeo Chair, Selection Committee Loyola Hall of Merit 7272 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal H4B 1R2 taddeod@loyola.ca



Pictures, accompanied by a brief write-up of each inductee, wind their way up the staircase.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MAY 2015

- 6th: Comedy Night Eric Maclean S.J. Centre
- TBA: Montreal Business Luncheon University Club of Montreal
- 29th: Ottawa Alumni Reunion Mill St. Brew Pub
- TBA: Alumni CSP Labre House Late May

JUNE 2015

- 8th: Toronto Golf Tournament Brampton Golf Club
- 9th: Toronto Alumni Reunion Location TBA
- TBA: Montreal Alumni Summer Outing Mid-June

JULY 2015

11th: Peter Ferguson Golf Tournament Lafleur Golf Club

Visit <u>www.loyola.ca</u> and the Alumni Events page for more information and to register!



Open letter from a bursary recipient to our donors

Below is a thoughtful and well-written thank-you that was sent to one of our donors. We thought you might enjoy reading it.

I am currently in my final year at Loyola. I find it remarkable looking back and realizing just how young I was when I first walked through those doors. I think about the past four and half years and how much I've grown, learned and experienced at this school. I think about how this school took me in, a shy little boy, and shaped me into an educated young man with a myriad of wonderful memories, and friends that will last a lifetime.

I think about how I discovered my great passion for music, which would have gone unnoticed if not for the opportunities given to me by Loyola's stellar music program. I think about how I developed my public speaking skills and worked past my shy nature, thanks to speech classes and Model United Nations.

But, more important than any of this, I think about how much I've developed my personality, my attitude towards spirituality and my approach to life. I've just returned from the Kairos retreat, which has put me in the perfect mindset to write this letter. I've gotten to know my friends and myself better than I ever imagined possible.

All these opportunities were given to me by the amazingly kind and supportive Loyola community, a community I never would have been a part of if not for your generosity.

So thank you for the bottom of my heart. It is you who has given me the wonderful experiences that have made me the man I am today, and I only hope that one day I can do the same for another shy sixth grader, as I was all those years ago.

THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER "AN ENDING AND A BEGINNING"

The year 1971 marked the end of the career of a very special hockey player, Jean Béliveau. The captain of the Montreal Canadiens announced his retirement after the team had defeated the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2, in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals at the old Chicago Stadium. It was Béliveau's tenth Stanley Cup championship.



Richard Meagher presides at the opening ceremonies of the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament. After welcoming the ensemble, he paid tribute to members of the Tournament Organizing Committee and in particular, to one man. Read on.

The year 1971 marked the beginning of something special at Loyola. Senior hockey coaches, Jim Ruddy and Ed Meagher, organized the first Loyola Winter Sports Tournament. They were determined to find a way to highlight the special talents and passions of high school studentathletes. The early years of the tournament were not very successful, and the tournament almost died until, in 1975, a parents' committee was struck to help organize the tournament. The rest, as they say, is history. This past January, the tournament celebrated its 45th anniversary.

When Jean Béliveau died recently, most of the stories that flooded the media and at his funeral had little to do with his statistics; people didn't remember him for his goals



Jack is flanked by his son, Jay, class of 1976, and daughter, Kelly. We extend our congratulations to a very special person.

and assists, his Stanley Cups, or even his Art Ross, Hart Memorial and Conn Smythe trophies. Jean Béliveau was, and will always, be remembered for two reasons: his service to others in the Montreal and Quebec communities, and the gentlemanly character he displayed both on and off ice - as a man of respect, caring and compassion. Can we all be a "Jean Béliveau"? While a Hall-of-Fame career in the NHL might be a little unrealistic for most of us, what each one of us can be is a loving and caring individual, ready to serve those less fortunate - the poor, the elderly, and the disabled. As members of the Loyola community, we may not realize the impact that our lives can have on those "others" in our school motto. "Men for Others". While all current Loyola students are encouraged to become "Men for Others", one might ask how these students will serve others once they leave Loyola High School? How will they be making this world a better place for those not quite as fortunate as we are?

At the opening ceremony of this year's 45th Ed Meagher Sports Tournament, we honoured one member of the tournament organizing committee who, as I recently discovered, was a legend during his high school and college years. His name is Jack McMullan, and while there is not enough space on this page to list all of his accomplishments, here are a few. Jack McMullan was a star studentathlete. He was the quarterback and captain of both the High School and College football teams, and captained the High School and College hockey teams. After graduating from Loyola College, he entered McGill's Dentistry program, and went on to play four more years of university football and hockey as captain of those Redmen teams. When inducted into the Loyola College Hall of Fame, the first line on Jack's induction plaque read: "Probably the greatest all-around athlete Loyola ever produced." *continued on the next page*



JACK'S GREATEST GOAL: At the end of the opening ceremonies of the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament, a "fun competition" is held each year between the thirty classes in the school. This year it was

"The acute shot" – a bank shot. To the great delight of Kelly Burke and over 700 students, Jack calmly scored the winning marker to give the students a half-day holiday before the spring break. Some guys know how to be remembered.

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The reason Jack McMullan was honoured at this year's Ed Meagher tournament was not because of these athletic achievements. He was honoured for his forty years of service on the Tournament Committee. He joined in 1975, when his son Jay was playing on Ed Meagher and Jim Ruddy's Senior hockey team. He has returned to volunteer at the tournament every year since then ... an incredible forty years. He is a true "Man for Others".

As with Jean Béliveau, what really stands out about Jack McMullan is "how" he has led his life. He has done it humbly and with class, two words that certainly describe Jean Béliveau. Quite simply, Jack McMullan is one of the nicest gentlemen one could ever meet. Loyola has just completed an in-depth evaluation that has culminated in the Loyola High School Strategic Plan. While the formal plan sets out a fiveyear set of goals, it is Goal #3 that I would like to highlight. I challenge each reader of this Newsletter – to get out and serve, reflect and grow! Be a "Jean Béliveau"! Be a "Jack McMullan"!

More highlights of the opening ceremonies of the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament



For the past forty-five years, The Ed Meagher Winter Sports Tournament has captured the imagination of the School. It takes place in the dog days of winter and affords a welcome respite to staff and students alike. The opening Ceremonies are a ritual in themselves and the school turns out in force to cheer on their athletes. Pictured above are a few of the highlights of the opening ceremonies. From L to R: Matthew Lapointe '14, flanked by Randy Burns '86, (Master of Ceremonies) and Margaret Meagher, received the Ed Meagher Scholarship. Only Marc de Verteuil can orchestrate an introduction of team members with such spirit and enthusiasm. Peter Arzenshek, this year's Honorary Chairman, feted for his years of hard work behind the scenes, performed the ceremonial faceoff with captains Joseph Tutino (Juveniles) and Matthew Brues (Bantams).

Bantam Hockey wins it all!!



The Braves hockey team had a season to remember, but it did not start off that way. In the LCC preseason tournament, they had a disappointing 2-2 result, and the sentiment was that this was not the

same Loyola team that had dominated last season. That was short-lived. They opened the season with a 7 - 1 win over Selwyn and never looked back. It was a perfect 14-0 season which gave them a bye in the first round of the playoffs. They beat St. Thomas in the semi-final game and saved their best performance for the championship game, a 5-1 win over Kuper Academy. The players were a pleasure to watch as they played with enthusiasm, intelligence and fortitude.

The team was led by Captain Matthew Brues who centered Nico Chevrier and Owen Lawton. The trio quickly became the most dominant line in the league and one that no other team could find an answer for. Neos Dionisopoulos, Noah DeLaDurantaye and Charles Argento were the "Big Three" on defense while goalies Julian Zompa and Christopher Core made it look easy, averaging 1.1 goals per game. It was a great team to coach and a special moment in the season was winning the Ed Meagher Sports Tournament. Here's to another great season next year. Coaches, John Geraghty and Brian Traynor.

Field Days at Loyola College: 1913 - 1950

The first Loyola College Field Day was held in 1898. "It proved such a success that another was held the following year. The second justified a third and for several years the Annual Field Day was the greatest event in College Athletics." (Review. 1915. 92)

n 1912 Rev. Mr. Raymond Cloran, S.J. followed up on plans made the previous year by Mr. Francis J. MacDonald, S.J. Financial aid was solicited from the many friends of the College, and the generous response allowed valuable prizes to be awarded to successful athletes in 1912 and 1913 and still retain a considerable amount in reserve for 1914.

The Loyola College Amateur Athletic Association held its Ninth Annual Field Day on September 22, 1915. One hundred and seventy entrants in the various events had trained with great care, and every race was contested with the utmost spirit. The result was that sixteen new College records were established.

The meet was held on the M.A.A.A. grounds. Heats were held in the morning for pole-vault, hop-step-and-jump, and kicking the football; long jump, high jump, putting the shot, and the finals of the track events were held in the afternoon. John Gallery and George Noonan won brilliant achievements. **John Gallery** won the aggregate prize for the highest number of points gained by any individual, a total of thirty points. He also established four new College records. **George Noonan** secured second place with a total of twenty-six points. (Review. 1915. 92)



Source: Loyola College Review. Montreal: 1915, 1925, 1926, 1941, 1948, 1951.

The Montreal Star of June 2nd, 1941 reports the Thirty-Third Annual Meet as follows:

"Shaughnessy retains Loyola track Crown for Third Year." "Top Seniors Fonseca - Brothers Brilliant."

"Nine records were smashed and one equaled in the 33rd Annual field Day on Loyola Campus. The feature of the day's activities was the five star performance of **Pete Shaughnessy** in capturing the President's Trophy for the third straight year."

"Shaughnessy had little trouble retaining the honours as he snatched three firsts and finished second in another event to get a stranglehold on the silverware."

Frank Fonseca made almost a clean sweep of Intermediate events by grabbing off five firsts in his division. The junior crown went to **Don Bussière** while **Jimmy Fonseca** emulating his big brother annexed the Bantam title." (Review. 1941.120)





Knights of Columbus Meet medal awarded to Gerry McGee Bantam 75 Yds





Early in February, 1947, Loyola students were rather surprised and somewhat amused to see several young men sprinting along the frozen lane behind the Junior Building and others practicing racing starts on the wide tiers of the Stadium.

The week of May 25th, 1947, with the final events on May 31st, saw one hundred and fifty students, from Prep to Freshman, sign their entry blanks for the 39th Annual Track and Field Day.

In the Bantam division, **Edmund Brault** and **Gerry Lafrance** sprinted to new records in every event, while **Bill Beauregard** crossed the High Jump bar at 4'9", a full 5" above the Bantam record. **George Meehan** covered himself with glory in the Junior division by taking first place in four events and breaking three Loyola records. He was hard pressed in all his races by **Carlos Navarro** and **John Lane**.

Glen Tucker, Charlie Lawland and **Frank McGee** set the pace in the Intermediate Division with Glen winning the aggregate by a narrow margin. (Review. 1948. 21)

above: Forty-third Annual Track and Field Day below: aggregate totals for 1950 Field Day (Review. 1951. 52)

	AGGREGA	TE TOTALS	
CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV
O'Reilly, Edward 1C 28 points	Graham, Craig 1C 24 points	Holland, Lonny 4C 26 points	Meehan, George 4C 27 points
Cosio	Suarez	Tryon 24 "	Austin
Cosio Bennett } 19 "	Mullin	Barnabe	Viau 19 "
Dyson 14 "	Casalduc 15 "	Price	Mackay 16 "
LeMay 11 "	Folev 11 "	Angelil	Forget 12 "
Desmedt	Gwyn	Decardiallac 10 "	Bernard, E 11 "

DR. GEORGE KHOURI

r. George Khouri died on December 21st, 2014 in his ninetieth year. Arriving in Montreal in 1957, George began what would be a thirty-eight year career of teaching English, Speech, and Math at Loyola High School, where he devoted his talents and abilities to the moulding of boys into men in the same Jesuit tradition from which he benefited. It was wonderful to read the many tributes from so many of his students in the guest book on his obituary page in the Gazette. Here's a smattering.



"As a new Loyola High School student in 1D, I will always remember Dr. Khouri's introduction to our class: 'The name is Khouri, K-H-O-U-R-I, the H is silent but I am not!' Never have truer words been spoken! Over the four years of my LHS education, I was privileged to have been taught by Dr. Khouri each year. His passion for Shakespearean and classic English literature, his personal and espoused discipline, his avid promotion of 'Soccah, the sport of the future', all contributed to the excellence of my Loyola experience." Dan Haney '69.

"I had Dr. Khouri for Speech and English class, and have vivid and fond memories of both. He used the time in the classroom not just to "teach" us, but to get each of us to recognize what we had within - indeed, to draw us out of our shells. He was phenomenal. May he rest in peace." Martin Valasek'86

"With his booming voice and impeccable diction, he reminded me to always put 'proper words in proper places'. He challenged us all to broaden our vocabularies. He taught a generation of young men to overcome our fear of public speaking. I still remember his lessons nearly thirty years later. 'Enunciate, speak clearly, spit ping-pong balls at the far wall'. Thank you, Dr. Khouri. You will be missed but always remembered". Stephane Simondi '87.

"As my Speech teacher, Dr. Khouri terrified me, as my English teacher, he motivated me and as my Drama coach, he inspired me. I came to realize how much he loved to teach and loved his students. He was a truly devoted man, and an unforgettable personality." Matthew Parfitt '77.

I had the privilege of teaching with George from 1966 until he retired. Who could ever forget that great smile and passion he had for teaching? He was always the motivator and had an



Paul Morse, President and George, Class Master of Class 4C back in 1969.

innate theatrical presence that was both intimidating and refreshing. No one enjoyed a good laugh more than George and his mannerisms are legendary. As Neil Barclay '83 observed so well: "Arguably, no-one was more imitable: virtually the entire class could 'do a good Khouri' and that bespeaks a powerful spirit and energy in the imitated." I would be remiss if I did not mention the wonderful eulogy that his son Gregory gave at the funeral mass. It bespoke of a loving and caring relationship between father and son that was built on mutual respect and admiration. Rest in peace, my friend,

Bob Shaughnessy '61.

RIP

Mr. Paul Bally'83

Mr. Matthew Bednarczyk'01 son of Mark'64

Mr. Harvey Benoit'64

Mrs. Angela Berge mother of Tom'69 and Alan'72

Dr. Robert J. Brodrick'39 father of Rob'72 and Mark'73

Mr. Matthew Del Vecchio father of Donald'67

Mrs. Jacqueline Enright mother of Michael'65 and Russell'81

> Mr. Domenico Famularo father of Sergio'87

Mr. Sepp Froeschl father of Michael'88

Mr. Gino Girolamo father of David'06

Mrs. Joan Hollingsworth wife of Bert'45

Mr. George Khouri Staff '57-'95 father of Greg'84

Mrs. June Lamb mother of the late Patrick'66

Mr. Raymond Lamoureux'63

Mr. David Meyers'55 father of Jeff'83 and John'85

Ms. Jennifer Mizgala daughter of Frank'62 niece of Henry'49 and Charles'53

Mr. Arthur O'Connell Staff '67-'87

Mrs. Sheila Orr mother of Jeffrey'75

Mrs. Christine Potworowski mother of Edouard'57 and André'64 grandmother of Georges Potworowski'89

> Ms. Maureen Rourke sister of Michael'79 aunt of David'15

Mr. Peter Savard'67

Mrs. Winnifred Shannon mother of Patrick'77 and Kevin'86

Mr. Frank Wiemer'83

Jesuits at Loyola

Editor's note: One hundred years ago the teaching staff at Loyola High was predominately composed of Jesuit Fathers, with a modicum of lay teachers. Today, the configuration is the exact opposite. In spite of this, Loyola has remained Jesuit and Catholic and still challenges its young men to become intellectually competent, open to growth, religious and committed to doing justice in the service of others. The Ignatian spirit of care and concern for the individual is still prevalent. Although we are still blessed with a few Jesuits, it is easy to lose sight of the many Jesuit Fathers who influenced us over the years. This is the seventh reminiscence of a Jesuit Father, Father Brian "Buzz" Massie, and it is written by Paul Brennan, Class of 1968. If you have "a story to tell" about one of the Jesuits who taught you or worked with you and had an influence on you, please send it to Bob Shaughnessy at the school. Hopefully Loyola will always have a Jesuit presence in the years to come.

The news of Brian "Buzz" Massie's death in the Summer 2009 edition of Loyola Today described his overall career as a Jesuit, but not so much his contribution to students like myself who attended Loyola in the sixties. I hasten to add that I never had Fr. Massie as a teacher in high school, but that he was instrumental in shaping my identity and values, and taught me some key skills that still serve me well to this day.

He did this by being involved in many of the extra-curricular clubs and activities that the school offered. Specifically, for a number of us, it was his role as faculty advisor to the Loyola High School Annual Review, the Drama Club and the Debating Club that helped shape our futures.

His leadership when I was Editorin-Chief of the Annual Review, or a member of the Debating Club, as well as his guidance of other colleagues like Paul Risacher, Roland Case and, a couple of years later, my own sister Maureen Brennan in the drama club, were critical in nurturing skills and attitudes that allowed us to obtain jobs and especially to keep them, and move ahead.

In addition, I had the privilege to be asked by Buzz to assist him as Deputy-Director in launching Camp Ekon in the Muskoka region. It was an innovative challenge to transform a Jesuit retreat property into a thriving summer camp that was committed to accepting kids from the Toronto region who could not afford to go to camp, and who often did not want to return home at the end of camp. He taught us how to stay calm under stress, solve the main issues, maintain our focus on the fundamental values and use the opportunity to help other people move forward in their journeys. It is interesting that our successes, and those of a host of Loyola graduates, are in good part due not only to the classroom knowledge



The Dramatics Society's major production of 1968 was "Cyrano de Bergerac". L to R: Brian, Co-Moderator, Chris Danylkiw, Stage Manager and Glen Allison, President.

we acquired, but to the essential skills that we learnt after class in the myriad of extra-curricular activities.

I have Buzz Massie to thank for having taught me the hard lessons and essential skills about life. I also have Buzz Massie to thank for making me acutely aware that without strong values of service to others, life loses its meaning. I remember Buzz coming to see me as I faced a period of depression in college. I worried about what people would think as I came out of it. He gave me a totally different perspective. He told me that facing a difficult period was an excellent and necessary learning experience for someone who had had it quite easy so far, and who would then be able to more easily understand, sympathize and help others who are in pain and who face major challenges.

Thank you, Buzz and may you rest in peace and keep me on the right path in a world which often forgets to refer to its fundamental values!



The Review Staff of 1967: Front row: Paul Brennan, Ted Stachecki, Philip Rogers, Editor-in-Chief, Brian, Moderator, Roland Case. Back row: Richard Emery, Robert Hindle and Michael Heaney

153 Mike Hawkins, S.J. returned from a forty-four year stay as a missionary in Darjeeling, West Bengal, in 2007. He was then assigned to the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering, to help direct one-on-one retreats. He was also involved in giving Ignatian-themed group retreats, as well as retreats devoted to themes of addiction. He sends his regards to his classmates.

Paul Noble, James Sullivan, Leo Ryan, Tom **Dawson**, Leo "Buddy" Moore, Paul Colvey, Geoff Charlebois, Norm Nagy, Rev. Peter Monty, S.J., Peter Leblanc, Kevin Larkin, Doug Pringle and Tony Patterson, some with significant others, celebrated their 60th Anniversary over the September 19-20, 2014 weekend, coinciding with Loyola College Alumni reunions. Following a cocktail party at the Atwater Badminton and Squash Club, the group reconvened at the Bonaparte Restaurant in Old Montreal for dinner and speeches. On Saturday morning, after Mass in the Loyola



Pictured above in the quadrangle outside the central building of Loyola College, from L to R: Jeoff Charlebois, Tom Dawson, Fr. Peter Monty, S.J., Paul Noble, John Javornik and Albert Roche.

Chapel, the group visited the new High School buildings under the experienced guidance of **Bob Shaughnessy'61** and **Pat Dubee'64**. An endowed class bursary for needy Loyola students was established. Even at this early stage, a five figure amount was established. A dinner reception at the Ritz Carlton on Saturday, where they joined up with the Loyola College Alumni, was the perfect venue to crown this most unique and remarkable class reunion. **63 Bob Phoenix**, retired from Southwest Airlines after many years of flying and instructing. He and his wife Jinny, a retired principal, are planning to travel to the places where he spent many an overnight but didn't have the opportunity to explore. He thanks Loyola for the excellent foundation in education and life.

Gregory Katchin, retired b this January in Toronto after a professional career of forty-three years. Most recently, he was the Director of Finance and Operations with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario and previously he was the Director of Finance and Operations in Canada for WestPoint Stevens Inc. of West Point, Georgia. Having earned his BSc, his MBA, CA designation and forty-three year career, Gregory and his wife plan to relocate to southwestern Ontario this summer to spend more time with their grandchildren and to discover boating, motorcycling and golfing opportunities there.

67 Denis Brault has been teaching Loyola students for the past twenty years. He also teaches Latin and Ancient Greek courses to the general public. These courses are held in the evenings and during the summer and are given at Loyola High School. All alumni and friends are invited to try them out. For more information, you

can phone him at 514-486-1101, ext 606, or email him at braultd@loyola.ca. Over these twenty years, Denis has also been the Coach of the Debating and Public Speaking teams at the school. Last year, Denis was awarded the Willis S. McLeese National Debating Award for outstanding contribution to Canadian debating. Denis was only the fourth recipient from Quebec and the first coach from Quebec to win the award while still active in coaching.

183 Norman Graziani and his family have returned to the Washington, DC area after eight years in Montreal. He invites any Loyolans in the area or passing through, to get in touch with him.

Robert Valdmanis founded Robert Valdmanis Consulting (RVC) Inc. in 2014 after almost seven years with Rio Tinto Alcan. RVC Inc. is a global, full-service Communications and Public Affairs Strategy consulting firm providing solutions to the pharmaceutical, energy, mining, finance and professional services industries based in Montreal. Robert is also adjunct professor at Concordia University's School of Community and Public affairs (SCPA), where he teaches Public Affairs Strategy. Robert has lived, worked and travelled in over 60 countries around the world, holds an LLB from McGill's Faculty of Law and is a certified yoga teacher.



187 Evan Guyda is pleased to announce his marriage to Kelly Bergeron this past summer in Montreal. Pictured above, from left to right, back row: MJ Fernandes '87, Sergio Famularo '87, Adrian Kerr '88, Marco Ottoni '87 – can that suit be any more Italian – and Fr. Mike Leclerc '87. Front row: Groomsman Rob Schnitzer '88, Evan and Kelly, and Groomsman Chuck Patenaude '88.

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7 Tim Ruddy welcomed the newest addition to the family, Deacon Timothy Ruddy '31, last April, 2014. He is pictured here, flying his Irish team colors. Proud dad is hoping Deacon will one day follow in his wrestling and swimming footsteps at LHS. **195** David Noce and his wife Anna Polspoel, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Victoria Josephine Vanna on September 18, 2014, who has seemingly already indicated a preference for one of Loyola's sister schools!



P4 Eric Mueller and his wife Janice O'Dette, welcomed Scott Eric Mueller on October 5th, 2014 with the approval of proud "big sister", Jillian. Scott was baptized at St. Edmund of Canterbury Church in Beaconsfield in December with many family members in attendance, including grandparents Harald'64 and Kathy Mueller, uncle and godfather Peter Mueller'90 and uncle Michael Mueller'91. Obviously Scott looks forward to continuing the family tradition of attending Loyola.





Ryan Grainger after graduating from Loyola, embraced the urban dance scene and landed commercial-dance contracts in Montreal and Toronto. He was since signed by the U.S. talent agency Clear Talent Group, moved to Los Angeles and last September, landed a role as a Dalton Academy Warbler in the TV show Glee which is now in its final season.

Jon Bracewell is the President of the Ouebec Student Debating Association. He is pictured here with students Gabriel Santaguida'15 and Julian Guidote'15, following their runner-up finish at the Senior Debating Tournament held at ECS on January 21st. Gabriel was third best speaker and last year represented Quebec at the National Public Speaking Championships held annually in Winnipeg. This year, Julian will be representing Quebec. The boys are hoping to repeat last year's exploit of representing Quebec at the National Debating Championship. Gabriel and Julian were coached by Loyola's Denis Brault'67, who was also President of the Quebec Student Debating Association in the early '80's.



L to R: Gabriel, Julian and Jon.



Charlie Giurleo married Rachel Kyle in London, Ontario on May 24th, 2014. Loyola cast of groomsmen from left to right included brothers **Marco'03** and **Joe'98**, along with **Raffaele Sportella'03** and **Michael Coussa-Charley'03**. Father Vernon Boyd presided over the wedding.

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108 Bernard Soubry is Mount Allison's newest Rhodes scholar. He is one of the eleven students from across Canada selected for the prestigious scholarship. Since graduating from Mount Allison with Distinction in Anthropology and English Literature in 2013, where he focused his studies on climate change, he has been gaining valuable experience in a number of areas, including continuing his work as a research assistant at Mount Allison



and working as an organic agriculture apprentice at two farms. "It was on an ice floe, in the middle of the Arctic, that I realized I wanted to become a farmer," Bernard said of his experiences while researching Inuit knowledge and climate change in Pangnirtung. "So when I went home, I started working on issues that would bring me closer to the land I was raised on." He plans to study Geography at the University of Oxford, specifically in the study of food systems in relation to small-scale organic agriculture and how climate change is affecting these food systems. Congratulations, Bernard!

DOCTOR ROBERT BRODRICK, 1923 – 2015.



Dr. Robert Brodrick, class of '39, died on February 24th, 2015. We will miss his endless optimism and smile, his curiosity and intelligence, his genuine interest in others, his music and his values. Bob attended Loyola High School and went on to Loyola College where he received numerous awards including the Governor General's Medal and being inducted into the Sports Hall at McGill University. His career as a devoted physician spanned almost fifty years. In 1994, he was inducted into the Loyola High School Hall of Merit for going beyond his role as a doctor in attending to the needs of individuals with health issues. He was incapable of ignoring someone in need, always available and had a particular interest in serving those with drug and alcohol abuse. He was a great supporter of the High School and as a tribute to two of Bob's passions in life, education and medicine, his family has suggested that donations in his name be made to the Loyola High School Foundation or the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation. He is pictured above with another member of the Hall of Merit, **Fr. John Hodgins, S.J.**.

708 Ryan Boyd After graduating from McGill University with a BCom, Ryan applied for a ground-breaking paid internship at a Montreal-based international industrial company, Walter Surface Technologies. The internship program, dubbed "Next To Succeed", seeks to address the issue of succession planning for leadership positions in Canadian corporations, as well as offering a university student or recent graduate, the unbelievable opportunity to work alongside the executives of the company for three months. For Ryan,

not only was this a unique opportunity, it ultimately resulted in a full-time offer of employment from Walter. Ryan will be accompanying the CEO, Pierre Somers, on a Canada-wide university speaking tour to entice students to apply to the internship program, and also to encourage other companies to offer similar programs. The Conference Board of Canada sees that "for every two senior executives, organizations have only one job-ready or near job-ready successor." For more information, visit walter.com/NexttoSucceed.

Frank Obrigewitsch,S.J., after receiving the last issue of Loyola Today and reading about himself in the Jesuits at Loyola article written by Kelly Burke, has sent us an update and what is next on his agenda: "After almost forty-three years in institutional halls of learning (St Paul's High School, Winnipeg, Loyola High School, Montreal, and Campion College, Regina) I have taken down my academic shingle. The years have passed quickly. I have been missioned to be Pastor at St. Ignatius Parish in Winnipeg, Manitoba, beginning February 18, 2015. I hope the learning curve on this fresh posting is not too steep. I am currently enjoying a brief 'retirement' between assignments. Best wishes to all and prayers that you will continue to strive for others!"

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