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## Loyola University Chicago's Career Development Center holds first Appreciation Event for Recruiters at the Information Commons

(Lake Shore Campus)... The Career Development Center of Loyola University Chicago held its first Employer Appreciation Event at the Klarcheck Information Commons on Friday, January 22, 2010. The event was a success with over 35 recruiters attending the event, some of whom had never been on-campus nor had seen the new facilities on campus. Representatives from the corporate and non profit sectors were on hand and those from industries including education, insurance, government, finance and health care.

The event was held to thank the employers for their continued interest in and recruiting of Loyola University Chicago students and alumni. Besides networking among recruiting colleagues, Loyola staff and student leaders, the event also included a panel discussion on the important topic of diversity recruiting. To provide a well-rounded perspective on the topic, the panel consisted of employers (Laura Piemonte of Allstate, Jeanette Bonzani of the The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Cheryl Croll of Community Counseling Centers of Chicago), Loyola staff (Javier Cervantes - Director of the Department of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and Darby Scism - Director of the Career Development Center) and three leaders of student diversity organizations (Ruben Borrero, Purvi Patel, and Shykira Richards.)

“The event allowed us to personally thank our partners for their efforts in recruiting our students as well as provide information regarding a key top of mind topic - diversity” said Darby Scism, the director of the Career Development Center. Many of the recruiters emphasized how struck they were with the campus but the true stars were the students. The recruiters clearly were impressed with the student panelist's thoughtful and well articulated view-points.

“I always love events that renew my faith in our youth” said Robin Johnson of the Clearbrook organization, “and this event certainly did that. What an impressive group of students you have!”

The Employer Appreciation event kicked off the Spring 2010 recruiting cycle which includes 5 career fairs, information sessions and on campus interviewing. For more information, please visit [www.luc.edu/career](http://www.luc.edu/career) or contact Marty Gahbauer at 773.508.2895 or mgahbauer@luc.edu

### **About Career Development Center**

The mission of the Career Development Center (CDC) at Loyola University Chicago is to counsel, educate and empower the Loyola student and alumni community. We help to clarify the connection between self-identity and satisfying work by providing guidance, support, resources and opportunities that help students and alumni implement their personal and professional goals. We play an active role in facilitating contact and relations among students, alumni and employers, as well as providing students and alumni with access to job opportunities.