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Dear Loyolans,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to update you on all that is happening on our campuses this fall. In August, we welcomed 2,076 freshmen, 590 transfer students, and 1,716 graduate and professional students to campus, including the Stritch School of Medicine freshman class of 145 students (from a total applicant pool of 10,173). Our **total enrollment** stands at 15,879, a 26 percent increase from 2000.

Members of the **freshman class**, with representatives from 45 states and 16 countries, began their careers at Loyola with a new tradition: Vice President for Student Development Dr. Robert Kelly and student body President Xavier Chen led a procession through campus that began by passing through Cudahy Library's decorative wrought-iron doors and ended with our annual first-year student convocation in the Gentile Center. Later that day, Greg Mortenson, humanitarian and co-author of the *New York Times* best-seller *Three Cups of Tea*, was awarded an honorary doctorate during a lecture before over 2,000 guests.

At the Water Tower Campus, we are very excited about two recent major gifts to the School of Law. In September, Philip H. Corboy (JD '49) and his wife, Mary A. Dempsey, made the largest single gift in the law school's history. In recognition of Mr. Corboy's extraordinary legal career and longtime support of Loyola, the building that houses the School of Law at our Water Tower Campus will be named the **Philip H. Corboy Law Center**. In addition, the law school received a significant commitment from fellow alumni and law partners Joseph A. Power Jr. (JD '77) and Todd A. Smith (JD '76). To recognize their generosity, the school's new state-of-the-art courtroom will be named the **Power Rogers & Smith Ceremonial Courtroom**.

The School of Business on the Water Tower Campus was ranked as one of the top undergraduate business schools and named **No. 1 in teaching ethics** in *BusinessWeek's* May 2009 edition. This superlative ranking came from thousands of business majors at more than 100 schools nationwide who were surveyed by the magazine.

In Rome, Vice President and Director Emilio Iodice spearheaded our effort to purchase our campus property, which was successfully executed on July 1. The purchase represents a great step forward for the **John Felice Rome Center**, which has housed our study-abroad program for more than 31 years. Emilio and his team are in the process of developing a strategic plan that will include renovations and improvements to the center to better serve the more than 400 students who live and study there each year.

Continuing our drive to update all our campuses, this summer we broke ground on a **new intercollegiate athletics center** to enhance the LSC's Gentile Center. The renovations will provide more space for men's and women's basketball locker rooms, training areas, and new offices for intercollegiate sports and athletics administration. The new facilities are expected to be completed in early 2011.

In Maywood, for the seventh year in a row, *U.S. News and World Report* named **Loyola University Hospital** one of the top 50 hospitals nationwide for geriatric care and heart surgery. Loyola also received several other prestigious awards, including the Healthgrades 2010 Distinguished Hospital Award for outcomes that place the hospital among the top 5 percent of U.S. hospitals, the American Stroke Association 2009 Gold Performance Achievement Award for excellence in stroke care, the Thomson Reuters Top 100 Hospitals Award for care of patients with cardiovascular disease (a distinction bolstered by the development of a Heart Attack Rapid Response Team (HARRT) that ensures that an interventional cardiologist and other response team members are at the hospital 24 hours a day, 7 days a week), American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet Designation for excellence in nursing, and for the seventh year in a row, Health Care's Top 100 Most Wired Hospitals and Health Systems in the nation.

I am also pleased to recognize and thank the **Coleman Foundation** for its \$2 million challenge grant to Loyola University Health System. Renovation and redesign of the newly named Coleman Foundation Bone Marrow Transplant Center, within the Oncology Acute Care Center, will begin later this year.

We've been fortunate to add some **excellent administrators** to top posts at the University and Health System the last few months. Dr. John Hardt, assistant professor in the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy at the Stritch School of Medicine, began his tenure as assistant to the president for mission and identity in July. At LUHS, Dr. Vicki Keough, professor of nursing, has been named acting dean of the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, as Dr. Mary K. Walker returns to her faculty position. And Sharon O'Keefe became president of Loyola University Hospital last spring after serving Barnes-Jewish Hospital as its chief operating officer.

In June the University's board of trustees adopted the **2009–2015 University strategic plan**, "Our Commitment to Excellence," and its companion piece, "Transformative Education in the Jesuit Tradition." I encourage you to take a look at both documents, which are posted online at [LUC.edu/strategicplanning](http://LUC.edu/strategicplanning). Loyola's Strategic Planning University Policy Committee, consisting of faculty, students, staff, and administrators, is working closely with the University's deans to implement the goals we've committed ourselves to in the months and years ahead.

We were delighted to welcome more than 1,200 parents, alumni, and friends at our second annual **Family Weekend** in late September. Activities included a "Rogers Edge" dinner crawl, a Mass and brunch, sports camps, cooking demos, lectures, a LUMA tour, and bike rentals—along with the popular family carnival and picnic. The weekend is becoming a great way for the entire Loyola community to come back to campus and reconnect with fellow Loyolans.

Loyola is working hard to accomplish our ambitious goals, and we couldn't do any of it without the ongoing support of our community of alumni and friends like you. Thank you for your continued involvement and interest in Loyola. Together, we will continue to prepare people to lead extraordinary lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Garanzini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.  
President