Loyola’s first student-run business debuts

The University has opened its first student-run and managed business—The Flats at Loyola Station. The guesthouse, available for both short- and long-term stays, contains 10 fully furnished and themed units, creating a unique experience for every guest. The Flats is managed and operated by undergraduate students who earn course credit as part of their experience. Currently, the interdisciplinary program’s student team consists of nine juniors and seniors at Loyola who come from a variety of schools and programs, including the School of Business Administration, School of Communication, and the College of Arts and Sciences. John Adorno, senior and president and CEO of The Flats at Loyola Station, is pleased with the performance of the business so far and grateful for the experience. “This has been the opportunity of a lifetime—to be able to work on The Flats,” says Adorno. “Never in my wildest dreams did I think that I would ever be given the chance to run and manage a business while being an undergraduate student. This is so much more than an internship.”

The idea for the program started when an MBA entrepreneurship class adopted this project in winter 2010 to test the viability of turning a 10-unit residential building into a high-end guesthouse, run and managed solely by undergraduate students. Feasibility research revealed that The Flats could become not only the first undergraduate student business at Loyola, but to our knowledge, the first undergraduate student-run and managed guesthouse in the nation. At the end of February, the project received the green light, and only six months later, on July 22, 2010, The Flats at Loyola Station opened its doors.

Left to right: Michael Searle, Andy Smith, and Jack Hartman cut the ribbon on Sept. 9, 2010 to commemorate the opening of The Flats at Loyola Station.

Introducing The Flats

The Flats
1216 W. Arthur Ave.
The Center for Experiential Learning (CEL) has launched the new Student Employment Program, which coordinates on-campus employment, federal work-study and community-based federal-work study positions, programming, and resources for students. The CEL has partnered with the Career Development Center, the Student Leadership Certification Program, Human Resources, Office of Financial Assistance, and on-campus and community partners to provide outstanding services for students.

“While this program is only offered to Loyola students during their academic careers, we work to ensure that the students are provided a positive and progressive skill-building employment experience that will continue with them after Loyola and benefit their life-long career development,” says Kathryn Jackson, student employment coordinator.

Students can begin their employment search by meeting with a career advisor from one of Loyola’s career centers. Once the student is ready to begin searching, the Student Employment Program can provide them with both in-person workshops and e-training resources to help them with the launch of their job search.
University sets funding research record

In recent years, Loyola has placed a special focus on increasing volume, quantity, and funding of innovative research. With an emphasis on collaborative, interdisciplinary research, the Office of Research Services (ORS) was able to secure a record-breaking $21.1 million in external funding for research during fiscal year 2010. Loyola has been able to boost research funding by better educating faculty through informational workshops on how to find and obtain funding. Other strategies include increased internal funding to seed promising research projects and provide matching and bridge funding for existing projects, as well as sponsored competitions to foster project ideas.

“Our efforts to pilot innovative and competitive research projects by sponsoring internal competitions aimed at building collaborative bridges across disciplines, schools, and campuses have paid off tremendously,” says Samuel Attoh, graduate dean and associate provost for research.

With these and other successful initiatives under way, Loyola can look forward to even better results next year.

$21.1
MILLION IN EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR RESEARCH IN FY10

28 percent increase over previous year

Federal research grants increased by 61 percent

Loyola plans new retreat initiatives

As the Division of Student Development puts the finishing touches on its strategic plan, Igniting Campus Engagement, its focus on and commitment to offering more student-retreat opportunities is evident.

In past years, Loyola has held regular set of retreats, including the first-year student retreat, also known as Explore!, a five-day Ignatian silent retreat, and more. While these retreats are still scheduled, the University plans to expand its retreat-program offerings thanks to the acquisition of the new Retreat and Ecology Campus.

New retreat initiatives scheduled for the future include post-immersion trip retreats, which will gather students to reflect on their recent spring break immersion trips, a retreat for transfer students to help them develop community, an expansion of the Explore! Retreat from twice a year to four times a year, and a women’s retreat (February 5–6, 2011), which is a multi-generational retreat involving students and alums of all ages.

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“Right now, we want to reach out to the entire Loyola community and let them know that we are expanding retreat opportunities and looking to involve as many organizations, departments, and schools as possible.”

–LAUREN SCHWER
Program Director
Division of Student Development

Loyola increases its digital footprint

University Marketing and Communication will roll out a new Web site later this month that will feature daily campus news updates and photos and stories relevant to the Loyola community. As the way we communicate continues to evolve, this is the next step in the University’s effort to make accurate, up-to-date information available through the most convenient channels.

> blogs.luc.edu/ilweekly/inside-loyola

Loyola’s mobile app is now available for your iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch. The app allows mobile device users to access a number of Loyola’s online services, including maps, news and events, directories, libraries, course information, and LOCUS, all in one location. Download it today in the App Store on your mobile device or visit the iTunes Store.

> LUC.edu/bbmobile

This fall, the University’s digital screens will receive a makeover. To help Loyolans with commuting, the screens will soon feature the CTA’s Bus Tracker technology and include wait times for some of the Water Tower and Lake Shore campuses’ more popular routes. Other changes to the screens include design upgrades.

SUBMIT YOUR POSTING REQUESTS

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While the initial project is geared towards Jesuit colleges and universities, the long-term plan is to broaden the scope of data collection beyond the Jesuit network and conduct research on the topic across the United States’ educational system.

Contemporary Arabic calligraphy on view at LUMA

Contemporary Arabic Calligraphy takes center stage at the Loyola University Museum of Art this season in Contemporary Arabic Calligraphy by Nihad Dukhan. The exhibition opened in late September and will remain on view through January 16, 2011. The exhibit concentrates on Arabic calligraphy, considered an expression of the Islamic spirit. The contemporary designs in the exhibit indirectly use traditional calligraphic styles to create an abstract, yet readable representation of words, and provide a post-modern interpretation of the letters. The intent is to cross barriers and touch other languages and cultures.

The exhibit’s artist, Nihad Dukhan, PhD, is a Palestinian who grew up in Gaza and holds a PhD in Mechanical Engineering. He is an associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Detroit Mercy. Dr. Dukhan became a master of Arabic calligraphy in 2009 after receiving his ijazah certificate to interpret Muslim scripture from Istanbul’s master calligrapher Hasan Celebi following 11 years of study. His work in this new contemporary form has been exhibited in New York, Washington DC, Chicago, and San Francisco.

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The Campaign for the Future of Loyola

Marking a milestone

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HealthDays fairs, open enrollment coming early November

The Office of Human Resources’ annual HealthDays fairs and benefits open enrollment are right around the corner. All benefits-eligible faculty and staff members are welcome to attend the free HealthDays fairs, which will be held on the Water Tower Campus, in Kasbeer Hall, on Wednesday, November 3, and on the Lake Shore Campus, in the Simpson Living Learning Center, on Thursday, November 4.

Blood draws, flu shots, health risk assessments, stretching and relaxing sessions, as well as other tests and demonstrations will be available. Various information booths will also be staffed with representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Weight Watchers, and Delta Dental. Loyola’s HR department will also be on hand to answer any open enrollment questions you might have. Also, a number of prizes will be given out to participating faculty and staff members.

Loyolans will again have the opportunity to earn $50 by participating in the blood draw or finger stick and online Health Risk Assessment. Look for more information in your benefits open enrollment package, which will be mailed out in mid-October.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Catholic Church in China photo exhibit debuts at the SOC

For the first time in the United States, a striking set of photographs documenting the underground Catholic Church in China taken by Lu Nan, a Chinese documentarian, is being exhibited. Lu Nan’s work is now on display as part of the School of Communication’s newest exhibition, which will remain on display throughout the fall semester. The photographs made their official debut at an opening reception on September 16 that was attended by photographer Lu Nan.

“Lu Nan is an artist and photographer who seeks to tell true stories of life in China through his photographs, and we’re proud and excited to host this exhibition.”

—DON HEIDER, PhD
Dean of the SOC
How long have you been with Loyola and what has changed the most since you’ve been here?
I have worked for Loyola University Chicago for five years now. While a lot has changed in just five years, I’d have to say the revitalization of the buildings on campus is really the thing that stands out to me the most.

Where did you attend school?
I obtained my bachelor’s degree from DePaul University.

Have you worked in human resources with other institutions?
Yes, I have more than 25 years of experience in the human resources field, and before my time at Loyola, I worked for DePaul University and University of Chicago Hospitals.

What attracted you to Loyola?
The mission of the University was really attractive to me. I was excited to not only be able to utilize my experience to help Loyola continue to attract and retain the best and brightest faculty and staff, but to help identify employees that would carry the University mission forward.

What have been some of the challenges facing you and your staff?
Communication is probably our number one challenge. Understanding your compensation and benefits package can sometimes be difficult so we do what we can to reach out to the faculty and staff to help engage them and allow them to better understand their benefits, the ramifications of health care reform, and the importance of saving more money for retirement, no matter what stage of your career you are in.

From a benefits standpoint, what are your hopes for the University for the coming years?
It is our ongoing goal to keep the University’s compensation and benefits programs attractive, effective, and financially sustainable while complying with the new requirements of health care reform and other changing laws.

You’ve worked at another University and a hospital organization; how does Loyola’s employee benefits program compare?
The University’s benefits package remains competitive, and we know this because we frequently benchmark our plans with our peer and aspiration institutions. Maintaining these programs is always a work in progress, and we know that if we stand still, we will fall behind.

Anything else you’d like to add?
I’d just like to take a second to plug our upcoming HealthDays fairs on Wednesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 4. All benefits-eligible individuals should also remember that open enrollment will be held throughout the month of November. Be on the lookout for your open enrollment package, which will arrive at your home in mid-October. And, as always, if you have questions, our benefits office is always here to help!
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Class of 2014 receives warm welcome

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» Cathy Miesse: cmiesse@luc.edu or 773.508.2674

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