Loyola this summer purchased the 98-acre Resurrection Retreat Center in Woodstock, Illinois, from the Congregation of the Resurrection. The multi-purpose retreat center, which the University has named the Loyola University Chicago Retreat and Ecology Campus, features 100 guest rooms, a chapel, a full-service dining area, and meeting spaces.

The campus officially opened July 26 with the President’s leadership retreat, which was attended by more than 50 academic leaders and administrators of the University. The following Tuesday, the divisions of student development and academic affairs hosted a planning seminar, and on August 12–13, the Division of Student Development held a planning retreat at the site. These gatherings are just the beginning, as the acquisition of the retreat center will also allow the University to offer a first-year student retreat program to all first-year students. There will also be retreat opportunities offered for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

“Making the University a sanctuary for self-reflection is an important part of the University’s strategic plan,” says Robert Kelly, vice president for student development. “Offering retreats allows us to provide a significant experience for our students.”

The University also plans to use the center to introduce an Outdoor Adventure Program to promote positive life skills and leadership development. On the academic side, the biology department and Center for Urban Environmental Research and Policy (CUERP) will also benefit from the purchase. With 20 acres of natural habitat that includes ponds, streams, woods, and prairie, the property offers a unique learning opportunity for students and faculty interested in the sciences. Students enrolled in classes like ecology, environmental sciences, wetlands biology, conservation biology, and restoration biology will be able to conduct field research on the land and work with the McHenry County Conservation District to restore the campus’s natural habitat.

Future plans for the campus include restoring existing amenities, such as tennis and basketball courts, soccer fields, a volleyball pit, and an outdoor high- and low-ropes course. More than a mile of trails around the property will be restored, as will an outdoor fire pit and labyrinth. A greenhouse for the ecology program and organic gardens are also planned.
What we did this summer...

MOVED.
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summer. Here’s a cheat
sheet to help you track
down the following:

1. Mathematics and
   Political Science
2. Loyola Hall
3. Coffeey Hall
4. Center for Languages
5. Sociology
6. Anthropology

WELcomed.
Dr. Connie M. Knapp
with President Garanzini

NAMED.
Loyola trustee
and former
men’s
basketball
player Al-
lan Norville (’81)
and his wife, Alifie, have
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Four Fulbright Scholars for 2010

Four Loyola students have received the distinguished honor of being selected to earn 2010-11 Fulbright Awards, which provide students with the opportunity to participate in one academic year of research or teaching abroad. This year’s scholars include:

Andrea McKinley, who graduated in May with a B.S. in elementary education, was awarded an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) in India. She plans to assist a new generation in coming to understand the English language and understanding American culture.

Eric Ports graduated in May with a B.A in French and political science. He will conduct research in Morocco, where he plans to study teaching farms.

Michael Steichen graduated with a B.A in philosophy in May and was awarded an ETA in Germany. Michael also plans to promote cultural exchange by creating a jazz club or combo in his school and host community.

Alexander Lucas, a PhD candidate in theology, will work at Heidelberg University, to explore evidence for constructing a universal Jewish identity and their relationships to cultural tensions within first-century Rome.

LoYola-assisted East African micro-businesses thriving

I t’s been a year since Dawn Harris’s Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries class provided business plans for four small businesses in East Africa. Harris, associate professor in the School of Business Administration and former director of the Gannon Center, recently returned to East Africa with eight other Loyolans to check in on the microenterprises and the money buys them. It’s really quite remarkable. They’re called our biomethane team is the mobile lab to reach out to local schools.

The initiative aims to create a more cohesive and shared experience for students, from their first steps on campus during Discover Student Life at Loyola. Now, thanks to the collaboration of a number of offices on campus, Loyola is ready to begin purposeful work using Loyola’s first customer is The Free Enterprise Center. "With continuing difficulties in the global economy, business schools are realizing that their graduates, in order to compete for jobs, need an experiential minor was approved in May.

New entrepreneur minor

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John Pelissero, PhD
Loyola’s new Provost

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What are your top three priorities as provost?

My first priority is to see through the implementation of the strategic plan, which emphasizes the transformative education that we promise at Loyola. I want to re-establish an emphasis on undergraduate education: teaching, research, experiential learning. I want to make Loyola a first-choice institution. A second priority is to maintain our focus on sustainability, while also working on new, strategic initiatives. Right after I became interim provost I put together a task force on global education and distance learning. And so I’m hoping, by the end of the year, to have a set of concrete proposals from our task force related to online education and distance or satellite campus sites—and programs to offer at each.

If you weren’t working in higher education, what would you be doing?

If I wasn’t working in higher education, I’d probably be a city manager. I enjoy many aspects of managing urban affairs. When I considered my opportunities in grad school, I saw two possible paths—I was either going to pursue urban management or go into university teaching. I chose teaching. But the books and articles that I write are about urban management. So I feel like I offer something to that field without actually working in it.

Having been at Loyola for 25 years, what do you enjoy most about working here?

I think of it like a small boat—she has her problems, but she is in tune with me. I like the people. They are inquisitive, engaged, and have a hunger to learn, which makes teaching a joy.

What do you think about the new developments and additions to the University, like the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens, the new Retreat and Ecology Campus, Norville Center for intercollegiate Athletics, etc? I want the Cuneo Campus and the Retreat and Ecology Campus to be seen as new opportunities for academics and student-development programs. Each location allows Loyola to expand its programming outside of the city of Chicago. And I believe that the new athletic and student life facilities will significantly enhance the quality of campus life and the student experience, which will be helpful to our student-recruitment efforts.

Tell us something the University community doesn’t know about you and would be surprised to know.

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Your new provost’s office

Since John Pelissero was appointed in May 2010 as Loyola’s new provost, the Office of the Provost has implemented changes that will better suit the University and help all faculty and staff members act successfully on the new strategic plan.

Nancy C. Tuchman, PhD, is now the University’s vice provost. Dr. Tuchman will be in charge of strategic academic program initiatives and environmental sustainability. She will also oversee the director of the honors program and the director of the University core curriculum. Other personnel changes in the office include: Joanna Pappas, director of academic business operations.

Adam Shorter, business manager. Kevin Gillespie, S.J., associate provost for university centers at Loyola.

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Anne Reilly, PhD assistant provost and director of faculty administration.

What made you want to make the switch from faculty member to administration? Faculty members have a profound impact on students’ learning and development. I believe that as an administrator, I have the opportunity to have a broader impact on the student-learning environment and academic support systems, and to have a leadership role in developing new curricula and program initiatives.

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Service...Loyola’s got your back

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SAVE THE DATE

WATER TOWER
9.22–23
CHILD TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION CONFERENCE
Kasbeer Hall, Corboy Law Center
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» Aggeliki Gikas
at chrc@luc.edu or 312.915.6351

MAYWOOD
9.11
SECOND ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH
11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
This event will be held at the Oak Park Tennis Club, 544 N. Harlem Ave., in River Forest, Illinois. The cost to participate is $25 for Loyola medical students and graduates and nursing students. All other participants will be charged $45.
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LAKE SHORE
9.19
ORGAN CONCERT SERIES
Madonna della Strada Chapel · 3–4 p.m.
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FAMILY WEEKEND 2010
Take part in the University’s third annual Family Weekend. All Loyolans are welcome to join in the fun, as departments and schools from across the University gather to participate in a blockbuster weekend of events. For a full schedule of events visit the website.
» LUC.edu/familyweekend

9.9
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1216 W. Arthur Avenue
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