Are you prepared?

As announced, on July 1, a number of changes to the University’s retirement plan become effective. To help you prepare, Human Resources has been hosting a number of brown-bag lunch sessions featuring the University’s three retirement vendors, as well as separate employee information sessions related to the retirement plan changes. A letter was also sent via mail that details the plan changes and steps that you might need to take before July 1 to maximize your benefit. If you’re still unsure about the changes or have additional questions, please contact Human Resources directly.

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Honoring our founders

This year, Loyola’s Founders’ Dinner turns 10. The annual event, which this year will be held on Saturday, June 11, celebrates the many alumni and members of the Loyola community who have used their education for the common good and have accomplished great things in the field of service.

Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception in the Klarchek Information Commons followed by dinner and a program in a grand tent on the East Quad. A special chorus of Loyola students, staff, and alumni will also perform with a live orchestra.

The University will honor 16 awardees as part of the evening’s festivities. Awards being given this year include the President’s Medal, Coffey Award, Dux Mirabilis, Caritas Award, and the Damen Awards.

2011 Awardees

President’s Medal
Gen. George A. Joulwan, MA ’69

Coffey Award
The Hon. Mary Ann Smith, BA ’85

Dux Mirabilis
James J. Faught, JD ’76

Caritas Award
The Bernard Osher Foundation

2011 Damen Awards

College of Arts & Sciences
Weldon J. Rougeau, BS ’67

School of Business Administration
Michael D. Sullivan, BBA ’61

School of Communication
John J. Lane, BS ’55

School of Continuing & Professional Studies
Carlos X. Montoya, BA ’85

School of Education
Patrick S. McAndrew, BSEd ’87

The Graduate School
Dr. Annette Seegers, PhD ’84

School of Law
F. Vern Lahart, JD ’51

School of Medicine
Dr. Fern E. Asma, MD ’46

School of Nursing
Dr. Ann S. Blouin, MSN ’80

Institute of Pastoral Studies
Sr. Maura Twohig, MA ’95
Sr. Mary M. Daly, MA ’95

School of Social Work
Elizabeth Wilson, MSW ’61

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All are invited. Discounted tickets are available for faculty and staff members for $125. Proceeds benefit University scholarships.

» LUC.edu/Founders
Emperors, bishops, and senators
The John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) recently partnered with The Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome and the Istituto Patristico “Augustinianum” to present an interdisciplinary conference. “Emperors, Bishops, Senators: The Significance of the Collectio Avellana” was held April 1–2 at The Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome and was inspired by a research project of Alexander Evers, the acting dean of faculty at the JFRC. His research focused on the Collectio Avellana, a collection of imperial, senatorial, and papal documents between 367 and 553 AD.

Some of the top experts in the surrounding fields of study attended the conference for a weekend of scholarship. The conference focused on new insights into the history and structures of the Roman Empire and of the Church, with specific discussions on topics such as topography of Rome, bishops and authority, women and power, and Roman power. The conference is held every two years and future sessions will be hosted in Oxford in 2013 and in Chicago in 2015.

Research leads to youth education
Last fall, the School of Communication’s Patricia Kay Felkins, PhD, traveled to East Africa to study public health campaigns and the narratives and social construction of HIV/AIDS in Kenya. As a result of her research, Dr. Felkins is now working with a group of young professional artists in Kenya that includes musicians, poets, actors, and singers to develop a grassroots youth-to-youth HIV/AIDS education program. The proposal was submitted to the Kenya National AIDS Control Council and is scheduled to kick off this June when Dr. Felkins returns to Kenya.

As part of the program, the young artistic team will work directly with secondary-school students who live in rural areas of Kenya to develop communication materials and presentations on HIV/AIDS education for youth-to-youth programs. The creative process should provide educators with a better understanding of how to communicate with young people about HIV/AIDS, help them plan more strategically, and take a step toward ending the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The program will also develop the students’ media and communication skills.

“We are all in this world together. Our research must also move into the world and make our world better.”
— PATRICIA KAY FELKINS, PHD

Moments to remember
As the University community bids farewell to Alumni Gym, we take a look back at some of the top moments in the historic “big brown box that rocks.”

1960

1962–63
Home to the men’s basketball team, which beat two-time defending champion Cincinnati to become the only Division I Illinois team to win the NCAA title.

1974
The Alumni track was named the Tom O’Hara Track in honor of the former Loyola track star and 1964 Summer Olympics competitor.
During your time here, what’s been your vision for the University? This is how I would articulate the vision when I first became president… there is no reason why Loyola University Chicago shouldn’t be as strong, as well known, as difficult to get into, and as attractive as any other of the major Jesuit universities. We have this great location in the great city of Chicago, we have this wonderful legacy, and so there really isn’t any reason why we shouldn’t be one of the best.

What has been your greatest accomplishment? It’s not really what I’ve done, it’s what the team of people have done. We’ve given a sense of energy and direction to what has to be a vibrant and a constantly evolving institution.

Do you feel like Loyola is where you were meant to be? To be honest, yes… but the Jesuits are trained to be at home wherever they are and also not to get too attached in case the order needs you to go some place else. You do what you can where you are, and you grow where you’re planted. So this is where I’m planted, this is what I like doing, and this is what I’m enjoying.

Why do you choose to continue teaching class? The rhythm of the institution and the purpose of the institution are tangible when you’re teaching class. I never want to lose the feel of that, otherwise you feel like you’re in an ivory tower and you’re separated. It’s the same reason why I live in the dorm. I don’t want to lose contact.

Is there anything you’d like to say to the Loyola community in honor of the past 10 years? I’m very grateful for all the support that everyone has given me. I’m very grateful for their patience as they walk around all of the construction now. I’m really grateful because I’ve been very lucky, but we have a lot of work to do yet. Believe me, we have a lot of work to do.
Events

LAKE SHORE CAMPUS

5.15
ORGAN CONCERT SERIES
3–4 p.m. • Madonna della Strada Chapel
Join John Paradowski, an organist from St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Wisconsin, as he performs a recital for the organ concert series in Madonna della Strada Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public.

>> Steven Betancourt: sbetancourt@luc.edu

WATER TOWER CAMPUS

5.18
LUNCH AT LUMA: HOLI
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. • LUMA
Head over to LUMA for a luncheon and lecture by Dr. Yarina Liston, a professor in Loyola’s theology department, on Holi, a Hindu religious festival celebrated in India on the last full day of the lunar month at the end of winter. Registration is required and lunch is $30 for LUMA members and $35 for the public.

>> Mary Arhondonis: lumam@luc.edu or 312.915.7608

MAYWOOD

5.19
BREAST CANCER NETWORKING GROUP
6–7 p.m. • Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center
This group, a networking and support group for breast cancer patients and survivors, is open to the public. Registration is not required.

>> Pat Mumby: 708.327.2133

CUNEO MANSION AND GARDENS

5.28–29
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ART FEST
10 a.m.–5 p.m. (Both days) • Cuneo Mansion and Gardens
Visit the Cuneo grounds for this sixth annual event featuring a weekend of art, music, food, and fun. Seventy artists from 12 states will participate and display their work, including paintings, photography, jewelry, mixed media, and more. Admission is free; parking is $5.

>> Cuneomansion.org

RAMBLER GOLF OUTING

8.4
26TH ANNUAL RAMBLER GOLF OUTING
Cog Hill Golf and Country Club
Join new athletics director Grace Calhoun and new men’s basketball coach Porter Moser at the annual Rambler Golf Outing. Sign up individually or recruit your favorite foursome and choose from a number of course options. Fee includes a golf cart, lunch, and dinner.

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