The University’s third annual Weekend of Excellence kicks off Friday, April 19, and runs through Sunday, April 21. The weekend, which is meant to showcase academic and civic work that Loyola students have conducted over the past year, features a number of important events, including the School of Communication Honors Reception, School of Education Research Symposium, 2013 Senior Exhibition, Undergraduate Research and Engagement Symposium, Spring Honors Recital, multiple performances of Urinetown, masses, and more. A number of student awards will also be distributed, including Maroon & Gold Society (for rising seniors), Damen Student Award (for any undergraduate), Damen Student Organization Award, and the “1870” Award (for rising sophomores).

Ann Marie Morgan, associate dean of students on the Water Tower Campus, is the co-chair of the planning committee for Weekend of Excellence. She says the committee is focused on bringing in a global aspect to this year’s celebration and is happy that the importance of the event continues to gain more recognition every year.

“Weekend of Excellence has really grown and now we have folks approaching us asking if they can hold an event, when before we were constantly asking them,” she says. “The whole schedule is meant to celebrate students and their accomplishments.”

In addition to celebrating student academic achievements, the event also aims to show how students across campus are engaged in numerous extracurricular activities that allow them to discover and explore their unique talents and gifts beyond the classroom.

Investing in future enrollments

As mentioned in Father Garanzini’s spring State of the University address, Loyola is committed to enrolling more adult and transfer students. To facilitate that goal, the University has established the new Adult and Transfer Center, which is being headed by Jill Schur. The department will employ four staff members and report into the Division of Enrollment Management.

Celebrating Loyola’s founders

The 12th annual Founders’ Dinner, which celebrates our distinguished alums and benefits the presidential scholarship fund, will be held on the Lake Shore Campus on Saturday, June 8, 2013. The event begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails in the Klarckhe Information Commons and dinner at 7 p.m. in the Joseph J. Gentile Arena. Tickets are now available and can be purchased by calling 800.256.9652 or e-mailing foundersdinner@luc.edu. If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation, visit the Founders’ Day website for more details.

View a full list of the Founders’ awardees at LUC.edu/founders.

Student scholars shine

For more on the weekend, including a full list of scheduled events and student profiles, visit LUC.edu/excellenceweekend.
Inside the Damen Student Center

On Wednesday, April 3, the University community came together to celebrate the grand opening of the long-awaited Arnold J. Damen, S.J., Student Center. Located in the heart of the Lake Shore Campus, the new center is the place to go to relax, study, play pool, watch TV, grab a snack, or hang out with friends. The building, like all of the University’s new structures, is constructed with both the Loyola community and the environment in mind.

The large main lobby houses the information desk and access to other levels. Movie nights on campus will be vastly improved with the building’s new theater space. Large windows will produce great views and lots of natural light.

Meet Marcella Perez, ’13

What has been a motivating factor for you in your time here at Loyola?
Ever since I was little, I have dreamed of becoming a doctor. People said that I was too young to make such a serious decision. Now, I’m still working hard to become that doctor. I want to prove to the people who don’t believe in the students of my generation that we aren’t going to all be failures; there is still hope for our generation and future generations.

What ultimately sold you on Loyola?
The great reputation the University has for its science programs was a big sell. I was recruited by other schools to run on their cross country and track teams, but in the end, academics came first. Loyola had such a close-knit community, it was in Chicago, and it offered many new opportunities.

How did you get involved in research/service at Loyola?
Entering college, I had a passion for community service and helping people outside of school. We had a designated amount of service hours we had to complete by the time we graduated and I definitely exceeded the minimum. When I came to Loyola, it was natural for me to find service programs that I could participate in. My freshman and sophomore year, I volunteered with Loyola4Chicago at a homeless shelter off the Lawrence stop. It was definitely an eye-opening experience for me since I grew up in the Chicago suburbs. More recently, I’ve been able to volunteer with my sorority, and being able to go out into the city of Chicago, volunteering for races, cleaning up neighborhoods, and helping people who need it, puts a smile on my face.

What advice would you give students about how to get the best out of their education?
Keep an open mind. If you are close-minded, you will not get the most of your education because you are not accepting of other people’s views. The lessons you learn at Loyola might be from students, faculty, and staff that come from different backgrounds compared to where you came from.

Look for more Weekend of Excellence student profiles at LUC.edu/insideloyola.
Members of the 1963 national championship team gathered for a weekend of celebration in February.

'63 champs reunite

Good food, community, and countless stories were shared at the 50th anniversary celebration of Loyola’s 1963 NCAA men’s basketball championship team, which took place on February 16.

The event, which was held at the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, included a cocktail hour, dinner, and a panel discussion that was by far the highlight of the evening. Several team members returned for the celebration and had the opportunity to share laughs, tears, and stories about the team’s celebrated championship run, the famed “Game of Change,” and the team’s historic role in the civil rights movement. The celebration left many Ramblers fans in a state of nostalgia, hearing the timeless stories these inspirational players had to tell.

“I think it was a great opportunity to get all those guys back together, hear their stories, and see how happy they were to be reunited, like they never missed a beat,” says Bill Behrns, Loyola’s assistant athletic director of communication.

Along with celebrating this monumental event and extraordinary team at the gala, Loyola celebrated the anniversary by recognizing and honoring the legendary players during halftime of the men’s basketball game against UIC earlier that day.

For more on the historic team, visit Inside Loyola or Loyola63.com.

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION

Niehoff, Stritch news

“Transforming Research Through Partnerships,” the 25th Annual Ruth K. Palmer Research Symposium of the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, will be held from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 13, on the Health Sciences Campus. Register at LUC.edu/palmer.

The Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing Alumni Mass and Awards Brunch is set for 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 14, in Madonna della Strada Chapel, with brunch at 11:30 a.m. in Coffey Hall. Verna Garcia, BSN (’61), and Patricia M. Drott, BSN (’63), MSN, will receive Spirit of Ignatius Awards and Sister Donna M. Wolowicki, CR, BSN (’71), MSN (’75), will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Register at LUC.edu/alumnibrunch.

On May 11, the Stritch School of Medicine will host the 14th Annual Ralph P. Leischner, Jr., MD (’68) Memorial Golf Tournament at Willow Crest Golf Club to support scholarship at Stritch. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends are invited. Register at stritch.LUC.edu/lmgt.

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Is replacing a coach worth it?

With college football program spring games quickly approaching, football is back in the limelight and with it a fresh start for many head coaches around the country. So with all those new head coaches hired, those teams are assured future success, right? That’s the question that David Doherty, professor of political science at Loyola, wanted to answer during his co-authored study that examined the effect that replacing the head coach of a collegiate football program has on the performance of the team.

Doherty co-authored the study with two other colleagues from the University of Colorado. The goal of the study was to determine whether replacing a head football coach is an effective strategy for improving team performance.

In the end, Doherty and his colleagues found that for particularly poorly performing teams, coach replacements have little effect on team performance as measured against comparable teams that did not replace their coach. However, for teams with middling records—that is, teams where entry conditions for a new coach appear to be more favorable—replacing the head coach appears to result in worse performance over subsequent years than comparable teams who retained their coach.

Doherty hopes that the findings from this study will encourage universities to think twice before spending substantial resources on replacing their head coach. “Replacing the head coach is often an extremely expensive investment that, at least on average, does not appear to pay off.”

For complete results, visit LUC.edu/insideloyola.

BOOK NOOK

Organized crime ...in Chicago?

Have you ever really thought about the presence of organized crime in Chicago? Robert M. Lombardo, PhD, an associate professor of criminal justice at Loyola and former Chicago police officer, offers a unique view of the emergence and continuation of organized crime in his new book, Organized Crime in Chicago: Beyond the Mafia.

His book provides a sociological explanation for the emergence of organized crime in Chicago. While detailing the extensive history of various criminal organizations in Chicago, he explains those developments as being embedded in the social structures of America.

“Organized crime is a popular subject,” says Lombardo. “My book is meant to be a cross-over book because it does not just appeal to people interested in criminal justice. There is a lot of history and other fun chapters incorporated in the book that would be of interest to almost anyone.”

For more on Organized Crime in Chicago: Beyond the Mafia, visit Amazon.com.
WATER TOWER CAMPUS

APRIL 16
Chagall: Convergence and Divergence with his Jewish Contemporaries
6–7:30 p.m. • LUMA
To celebrate its new Marc Chagall exhibition, LUMA will host a talk to explore the art of Chagall in relation to his Jewish contemporaries. The talk will examine the themes and technique of his work, and is free to all Loyola students, faculty, and staff.

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LAKE SHORE CAMPUS

APRIL 19
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7 p.m. • Mundelein Center
Music Hall
As a part of Loyola’s Weekend of Excellence, the Department of Fine and Performing Arts presents their Honors Recital. Come and celebrate talent as students with advanced training in their areas of study perform a diverse program of vocal and instrumental selections. Admission is free.

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RETREAT AND ECOLOGY CAMPUS

APRIL 27
Ecology Restoration Day
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. • 2710 S. Country Club Rd., Woodstock, IL
Come out and contribute to the restoration of the Retreat and Ecology Campus. Volunteers will work alongside the Student Conduct Board to restore the campus by controlling invasive plants, along with other restoration activities.

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CUNEO MANSION AND GARDENS

MAY 12
Mother’s Day Brunch and Special Exhibition Preview
10 a.m. and 1 p.m. • 1350 N. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, IL
Treat mom to a day that’s all about her at the Cuneo Mansion’s annual Mother’s Day Brunch. Following brunch, guests will enjoy a special preview of Cuneo’s Martha Weathered exhibition. Registration is currently open and spots will fill up fast.

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