The Damen Student Center opening gives students a great space on campus to study, relax, grab a snack, and hang out with friends.

A hub for social activity

The grand opening of the Damen Student Center on April 3 marked an exciting beginning and bittersweet end to many students’ college careers. Throughout the day on April 3, hundreds of students lounged in cushy chairs in the spacious new seating areas, sampled free food from the center’s numerous dining options, or explored the rest of the new-and-improved student center. The open space atrium, which features an 80’ x 40’ skylight, allowed students to connect over coffee and sneak a peak at others climbing the new rock wall that could be seen through the south window of the center.

Elise Haas, a freshman journalism major, says the new student center is exactly what Loyola needed. “I already love the new dining hall and food court, as well as the ambiance of the facility. It’s a beautiful place to be and a great place to meet up with friends for food, doing home work, and best of all just hanging out.”

Seniors who were just a month away from graduating appreciated the Senior HOP party that was thrown in their honor in the new Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM, Multipurpose Room. The space was transformed into a dance floor and lit up by psychedelic lights. Just outside the space, a photo booth snapped pictures of classmates wearing fancy, decorated maroon hats made earlier in the day.

“It was great to see people that you normally don’t see on campus everyday and celebrate the close to our college career,” says senior psychology major Sam Enzler, 21.

Looking ahead, the athletics department will host their annual golf outing on August 1, at Harborside International Golf Center in Chicago. The event provides participants with a round of golf on one of the top courses in the Chicagoland area, food, drink, and fun, all in support of Loyola athletics. Book your spot today by calling Nelson Taylor at 773.508.WOLF.

An “excellent” weekend

The third annual Weekend of Excellence was held in April on the University’s various campuses. More than 1,000 students participated in the weekend designed to showcase the academic and civic work that students have conducted over the past year. View photos from the weekend at the link below.

To see photos from the grand opening festivities, and to learn more about the new space, head over to the Damen Student Center website at LUC.edu/damenstudentcenter.
Founders’ Dinner

The 2013 Founders’ Dinner will be held Saturday, June 8, 2013, at Loyola’s Lake Shore Campus in the Gentile Arena. The annual dinner pays tribute to the men and women who have shown commitment to strengthening Loyola’s legacy as a superior institution of higher education. Thirteen awardees will be honored at this year’s ceremony.

2013 Award Recipients:

**Coffey Award**
Dr. Elaine M. Schuster, BA ’68

**Felice Award**
John J. Kurowski, JFRC ’73–’74, BA ’75

**Damen Award winners:**
- College of Arts & Sciences
  Jacqueline E. Taylor, BA ’73
- Quinlan School of Business
  John G. Iberle, JFRC ’73–’74, BA ’75
- School of Communication
  Brian P. McIntyre, BA ’72
- School of Continuing and Professional Studies
  Alicia T. Vega, BS ’96, MJ ’99
- School of Education
  Shelley M. Nizynski-Reese, Med ’05
- The Graduate School
  Dr. Marsha M. Linehan, BS ’68, MA ’70, PhD ’71
- School of Law
  The Honorable Virginia M. Kendall, JD ’92
- Stritch School of Medicine
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- Niehoff School of Nursing
  Dr. Ida M. Androwich, BSN ’78
- Institute of Pastoral Studies
  Rev. Jimmie L. Flewellen, MPS ’83
- School of Social Work
  Robert M. Adams, MSW ’95

For more information and tickets, visit LUC.edu/founders

11 CEREMONIES

3,100+ STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CEREMONIES

3 CEREMONIES STREAMED ONLINE

9 CEREMONIES WITH BAGPIPE LEAD-INS

6 HONORARY DEGREES

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION

Niehoff, Stritch news

**THE RALPH P. LEISCHNER, JR., MD, INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE** is scheduled on Friday, May 24. The daylong conference’s goal is to teach the mastery of transitional science in the medical field.

**THE STRITCH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE’S DISORIENTATION DINNER** takes place on Saturday, May 25. The low-key event is scheduled the week before graduation and provides fourth-year medical students the opportunity to network with alumni.

**THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE CENTER FOR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (CTRE)** is set for August 16, 2013. The CTRE is a collaborative project between Loyola and Trinity Health. The partnership aims to play a central role in the development of a University-wide Institute of Public Health. Highlights of the five-story 227,000-square-foot structure include bench and dry laboratories, office space, and a 250-seat auditorium.

Revitalizing the medical profession

John Hardt, PhD, associate professor of medicine and assistant to the president for mission, has launched The Physician’s Vocation Program for Loyola medical students interested in exploring the intersection of their faith commitments and their training as doctors.

This year, a self-selecting group of 22 first- and second-year medical students are participating. Each year, a new cohort will be invited to apply. The program consists of course work, community formation, prayer, and an experience of Saint Ignatius’s Spiritual Exercises.

As Hardt explains, “By employing the resources of the Jesuit tradition and the spirituality of Saint Ignatius, we seek to form a cohort of doctors whose lives will be characterized by a sustained sense of commitment, joy, and hope.” Hardt’s work is being funded through a grant from the University of Chicago, where he has an appointment as a faculty scholar in their Program on Medicine and Religion.
A generous week

Loyola’s Generosity Week 2013 occurred April 6–12 and featured a number of activities meant to honor and show appreciation for the donors who make a Loyola education possible. Many people don’t realize that tuition only covers 74 percent of a student’s education; donors help cover the rest.

During the week, students stopped by tables to write thank you notes to donors. This year, the Office of Parent Engagement also hosted a table by the Klarchek Information Commons where students could write messages to their parents and other supporters back home.

The third annual Wolf and Kettle Day returned on April 10, roughly 74 percent of the way through the school year. Members of the Student Philanthropy Program helped celebrate the generosity embedded in the Jesuit culture by handing out free kettle corn and spreading the message of the wolf and kettle. Local businesses joined the celebration by offering discounts to students, faculty, and staff.

Seniors who donated a class gift were invited to the Senior Donor Reception to thank them for giving back to their school. Faculty and staff donors also attended a recognition luncheon.

Cook County turns to social work students

The School of Social Work will offer their services and talents in the Cook County Circuit Court Elder Law and Miscellaneous Remedies Division (ELMRD) in August.

Presiding Judge Patricia Banks has asked the school to serve as a partner in this new program, which is geared to the needs of the elderly and seeks to divert or lessen the negative impacts of court engagements on seniors.

“We will provide social services to anyone over the age of 60, giving seniors a chance to talk to social workers that will provide them with solutions that can be addressed outside of the courtroom and allow them to bypass the time and expense of the litigation process,” says Marcia Spira, PhD, professor in the School of Social Work and task force member for ELMRD.

Loyola named to Presidential honor roll

Loyola has been recognized by the annual President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its strong dedication to community service. Named multiple times in the past, this year, the University earned an Honor Roll with Distinction award.

The 2013 Honor Roll recipients were announced at the American Council on Education’s 95th Annual Meeting on March 4, in Washington, DC. Loyola programs particularly helpful in securing the honor roll this year, include the Post-Secondary Planning in Chicago Public Schools, Algebra Boot Camp, The Community Service and Action Project, Community-Based Participatory Action Research Project, and Target New Transitions.

OIP awarded $225,000 grant

Loyola’s Office of International Programs has been awarded a $225,000 grant, funded by the U.S. State Department, to help foster collaboration between institutions in other countries, specifically Vietnam.

With its presence in Vietnam, Loyola’s students are able to study abroad at the University’s Vietnam Center and take courses while experiencing a vastly different learning environment. The center also gives the University the chance to partner with other Vietnamese institutions.

Christopher Peterson, PhD, professor and chair for the Department of Environmental Science, and Alanah Fitch, PhD, Loyola professor of analytical chemistry, traveled to Ho Chi Minh City to interview a number of Vietnamese faculty interested in sustainability and they will decide which 10 professionals would benefit the most from coming to Chicago for the summer to participate in a teaching workshop. The workshop will give attendees the chance to experience the teaching methods used in the United States, and it will also help facilitate and lead to the development of courses in sustainability for Vietnamese schools, giving them the opportunity to eventually offer courses in environmental sustainability.

The grant money will also be used to fund student scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships have not yet been chosen.

Summer look-ahead

SUMMER CLASSES

The University is offering four sessions of summer classes, and students can study at all of the University’s campuses, including Cuneo Mansion and Gardens, the John Felice Rome Center, and the Retreat and Ecology Campus.

ORIENTATION

Incoming freshmen and transfer students will start learning their way around campus during orientation sessions, which are spread throughout the summer months. Students will meet with advisors, register for classes, and begin building their Loyola community.

IGNATIAN SERVICE DAY

To honor the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Mission and Identity invites the community to participate in the annual Ignatian Service Day on July 26. Please save the date, as more information will be made available in the coming months.
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**MAY 19**  
Organ Concert Series  
3 p.m. • Madonna della Strada Chapel  
Organist Paul Nicholson will be featured in the latest installment of the Organ Concert Series. The series will continue to host performances throughout the summer on the third Sunday of the month. Admission is free.

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### RETREAT AND ECOLOGY CAMPUS

**MAY 31**  
Farm-to-Table Dinner  
6:30 p.m. • 2710 S. Country Club Rd., Woodstock, Illinois  
Explore Loyola’s Retreat and Ecology Campus by attending the first in a series of Farm-to-Table dinners. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the location’s garden and enjoy a meal prepared with the freshest ingredients. RSVP at 815.338.1032. Admission is $55.

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### WATER TOWER CAMPUS

**JUNE 16–21**  
School of Communication High School Digital Storytelling Workshop  
School of Communication Building  
This five-day workshop features School of Communication faculty and students working with high school students to expose attendees to emerging technology, university life, and digital media skills. Admission is free.

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### CUNEO MANSION AND GARDENS

**JUNE 23**  
Gardening in Containers  
2–3 p.m. •  
1350 N. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, Illinois  
Regina Cady, horticulturalist for the Vernon Hills Park District, will discuss innovative planting and how to make the most of pots for plants. Admission for this event is free.

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### HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS

**AUGUST 23**  
White Coat Ceremony  
7 p.m. • SSOM Atrium  
The ceremony, part of Stritch School of Medicine’s Family Weekend for the Class of 2017, features first-year medical students receiving their coats from faculty members and other physicians, including alumni, symbolizing one generation passing along knowledge and patient care to the next.

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