



THE RAMBLER BROTHERHOOD

A JESUIT SUCCESS INITIATIVE



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Who we are

The Rambler Brotherhood Project (RBP) is a student success initiative that aims to improve the educational experience at Loyola University Chicago through mentorship, networking, and academic opportunities. RBP is free and open to all students who are interested in and committed to the program's mission, regardless of their gender identity or sex.

THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE

National statistics show a decline in enrollment and degree completion among men from all backgrounds. Consistent with this trend, Loyola University Chicago's undergraduate student population consists of 70% women and 30% men. The RBP was born out of an effort to address this issue on Loyola's campus and beyond.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide opportunities to improve student satisfaction, academic performance, campus engagement, retention, and graduation rates. Through mentorship, networking, and community service, we provide opportunities to build a sense of resilience, belonging, and leadership for all students at Loyola.

OUR PURPOSE

Our approach to RBP is rooted in Loyola's Jesuit mission. Our Ignatian values guide our programming and efforts to increase and retain our student population, support their academic excellence, and prepare them for a life of service and success.

OUR IMPACT

RBP has only grown since its founding in 2022. All participants are offered alumni mentors and take part in community service and networking events around Chicagoland. Students who attend 80% of weekly meetings, maintain a 3.0 GPA, volunteer 12 hours of community service, and participate in goal setting and assessment throughout the academic year earn a \$1,400 scholarship.

Our community

In addition to collaborating with our campus partners, RBP relies on partnerships to facilitate opportunities for our students and our broader Chicagoland community.

EVENT PARTNERSHIPS

RBP continually seeks and maintains partnerships with various organizations to host students for training, networking, mentorship, and professional development opportunities such as the City Club of Chicago and the Metropolitan.

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Ongoing partnerships with academic organizations to identify opportunities for growth, member participation, and assessment include the University of Washington, Higher Education Male Achievement Collaborative, Jesuit Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Interfaith America, and American Association of Colleges and Universities.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Additional ongoing community partnerships that offer opportunities for current members and establish pipelines for future Loyola students include the Obama Foundation, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Chicago, Loyola's Arrupe College, Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Jesuit Academy.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

We create pipelines, corporate awareness of our program, and connections. We introduce and expose our members to businesses and career opportunities in major corporations such as Northwestern Medicine, Google, McDonald's Corporation, and American Family Insurance. Richard Bennett Custom Tailors and State and Liberty Clothing provided business attire for our students.



“ There was a moment in my college journey when I truly thought I wouldn’t make it. That all began to change when I found RBP. We spoke openly about our struggles—academic stress, family pressures, mental health. I discovered a circle of brothers ready to listen without judgment.” —MESONES S., CLASS OF '25

“ After losing a family member to gun violence, RBP became a lifeline for me. They gave me a loving community and supported me mentally, financially, and academically. Without RBP, I truly don’t think I’d still be at Loyola today.” —ELHAJI N., CLASS OF '27

“ RBP helped me develop my sense of purpose. I was lost and ready to transfer, but RBP opened its arms and offered to help in any way they could, from financial aid to mentorship. Since joining, I have been given responsibility and a place of belonging where I can grow and guide other students who have been in similar situations.” —COLIN Y., CLASS OF '27



IN ITS THIRD YEAR:

150 STUDENTS

PARTICIPATED IN RBP

3.1

AVERAGE GPA

\$44,500

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Our vision for success

As RBP grows, we envision a future where every student is supported and empowered to participate and succeed at Loyola and beyond. We will continue to expand our partnerships, establish new networking, mentorship, and professional development opportunities, and increase scholarship funding.

Beyond our campus, we will continue to seek solutions to address gaps in the preschool to college pipeline, provide resources for youth in collaboration with local schools and organizations, and expand participation in the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.



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