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### Statement on Nicaragua from AJCU

Over the past few days, Nicaragua has seen a return to the repression and violence that have scarred its past. On behalf of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, we express our solidarity with our Jesuit sister institution, the University of Central America (UCA) of Nicaragua, which calls its students to peaceful advocacy for social justice, even as government violence at the University's gates suppresses dissent.



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Additional information is available from [America](#), the [Ignatian Solidarity Network](#) and [CatholicPhilly.com](#).

## **Regis University Receives Single Largest Gift in School's History**

On Wednesday, [Regis University](#) announced a gift of \$10M from alumnus and businessman Andrew Anderson '90 to name the Anderson College of Business. It is the single largest gift in the University's history.

Another Jesuit school received a significant gift this week: [Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago](#) received a \$1.5M gift from the McCormick Foundation to provide financial support for diversity and student success programming.

## **Jesuit Campuses Host Former U.S. Vice Presidents & Federal Officials**

On Tuesday, **Saint Joseph's University** hosted former [U.S. Vice President Joe Biden](#) for a speech on leadership.

During his presentation, he announced the launch of a scholarship named in honor of his son, who passed away in 2015; the Joseph Robinette "Beau" Biden III Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to veterans and students from Delaware, Biden's home state. That same day in DC,

**Georgetown University** hosted [House Democratic Leader](#)

[Nancy Pelosi \(D-CA\)](#) for a student town hall and just one day prior, former [U.S. Vice President Al Gore](#) came to campus to deliver a keynote address on climate change. Finally, over the weekend, **Seattle University** hosted [former FBI director James Comey](#).

## News from Jesuit Colleges & Universities

On Monday, the [College of the Holy Cross](#) will break ground on the \$95M state-of-the-art Hart Center at the Luth Athletic Complex for student-athletes. This week, [Gonzaga University](#) announced an exhibit on Rev. Bernard Coughlin, S.J., former president of the University. The exhibition is also available online at [researchguides.gonzaga.edu](http://researchguides.gonzaga.edu).

Dr. Jeanne Colleran, interim president of [John Carroll University](#), received the inaugural "Women Leadership Award" from She Elevates, a girl's empowerment organization in Ohio; [Loyola University New Orleans](#) launched a Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program; [Saint Louis University](#) entered into a partnership with the Archdiocese of St. Louis to bring the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary undergraduate program into the University's College of Philosophy and Letters; and the [University of Scranton](#) profiled its seven most recent graduates who have entered the Society of Jesus in the University's alumni magazine.

## Jesuit Campuses Continue Celebrations of Student Scholarship & Earth Day

This past week saw student research presentations at [Canisius College](#) and the [University of Detroit Mercy](#). In addition, students at [Boston College](#) participated in TEDxBostonCollege while students at [Creighton University](#) were among the speakers at the inaugural TEDxCreightonU. And student-athletes at [Fairfield](#)

[University](#) were named volunteers of the year by the Connecticut Office of Tourism.

After last week's newsletter, we received a link to [Ignatian Resources to Celebrate Earth Day](#) from the **Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States**. We also learned that [Loyola Marymount University](#) received the inaugural "recyclA Star" award from the city of Los Angeles, and that [Saint Peter's University](#) is hosting Sustainability Week this week. May every day be Earth Day on Jesuit campuses and beyond!



Finally, a reminder of several upcoming events for Jesuit alumni: the [DC Jesuit Alumni Service Day](#) will be held this weekend, along with many others across the country. Visit [ajcunet.edu/alumni-service](http://ajcunet.edu/alumni-service) for a full list. Next week, **AJCU president Rev. Michael J. Sheeran, S.J.** will speak at the **Jesuit Leadership Series** breakfast in St. Louis, hosted by **Rockhurst University**; [click here to RSVP online](#). And if you're a young alum (or know of one!) who is interested in spiritual formation and leadership development, consider applying to the **Contemplative Leaders in Action** program, sponsored by the **Office of Ignatian Spirituality**. Visit [contemplativeleaders.org/apply](http://contemplativeleaders.org/apply) to learn more.



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