

AJCU Federal Relations Updates on Budget & Appropriations

As Congress prepares to enter recess, we wanted to provide an update on AJCU Federal Relations activity. On March 17th, AJCU issued a [statement on the President's proposed FY18 budget](#). Since then, we have joined the higher education community to sign letters to Congress in [support of Federal student aid programs](#), and in request of an [expedited appropriations process for FY17](#). In addition, all [28 AJCU Chief Academic Officers](#) sent a letter to Jesuit alumni in Congress to request preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts.

In New York, the presidents of [Canisius College](#) and [Fordham University](#) have expressed their concern for a proposed free tuition program for public colleges that could hurt independent colleges, and in Milwaukee, the president of [Marquette University](#) has joined local college presidents who are concerned about potential cuts to research funding in Wisconsin. To learn more about AJCU Federal Relations, please click [here](#).

Saint Louis University Announces Bicentennial Celebration Kick-Off

In 2018, **Saint Louis University** will celebrate a milestone anniversary: its bicentennial! To kick off a year's worth of celebrations, the University will host a public outdoor Mass underneath the iconic Gateway Arch in St. Louis, MO on Saturday, September 23rd; click [here](#) to learn more.

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We were all Zags on Monday when [Gonzaga University's](#) men's basketball team played in the title game of the NCAA men's tournament. We thank the Zags for an outstanding season and for representing Jesuit basketball so well on the national stage!

We also want to congratulate the **Saint Peter's University** men's basketball team on their first post-season tournament title! The Peacocks won the 2017 CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament; click [here](#) to view highlights on YouTube.

Academic Updates: News on Scholars & Partnerships at Jesuit Institutions

This week, [Creighton University](#) and [Saint Joseph's University](#) announced two Goldwater Scholars, and [Regis University's](#) Library Dean was awarded a Fulbright to conduct research in Ethiopia. The [College of the Holy Cross](#) partnered with local high schools to host the inaugural Women in Science Day for high school and undergraduate students, and [Le Moyne College](#) announced a new academic partnership with Syracuse University.

News from Jesuit Colleges & Universities

This week, more than 4,000 people gathered at the [University of Detroit Mercy](#) to hear acclaimed author Ta-Nehisi Coates speak on diversity and race relations; click [here](#) to learn how a friendship with a Detroit Mercy professor brought him to campus.

It was also a busy week for three AJCU schools hosting Giving Day challenges: [Fordham University](#), [Georgetown University](#) and the [University of San Francisco](#). [Loyola University Chicago](#) recently held its Wolf and Kettle Day to raise money for scholarships, and during last week's annual dinner, [Fairfield University](#) announced that it raised more than \$1M for student scholarships (Fairfield also has a great new 75th anniversary video online; click [here](#) to check it out!).

AJCU Higher Ed News will not be published next week in honor of Good Friday. We will return with a new issue on Friday, April 21st. On behalf of all of us at AJCU, we wish you a blessed Easter!



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