

Loyola University Chicago to Inaugurate President



This afternoon, **Loyola University Chicago** will inaugurate Dr. Jo Ann Rooney as the University's 24th president. Click [here](#) to watch the ceremony live at 2 PM CST / 3 PM EST. For more information on the inauguration and a biography of Dr. Rooney, visit luc.edu/inauguration.



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Mission Matters: Jesuit Institutions Host Heritage Week Events & Conversations on Diversity

This is a busy month for Jesuit institutions and organizations celebrating their Jesuit mission and identity. This week, [Saint](#)

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[Louis University](#) hosted the AJCU Mission and Identity officers for their annual conference. Up in New York, it's Ignatian Week at [Fordham University](#), and in LA and Chicago, [Loyola Marymount University](#) and [Loyola University Chicago](#) are both celebrating Ignatian Heritage Month.

On Monday, [Saint Joseph's University](#) will open a new exhibit to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the "Jesuit Spirit in the Arts" exhibit that will feature works by Jesuit artists. Until next Friday, you can still see a traveling photo exhibit at [Marquette University](#) on Papal visits to the Holy Land, and if you're on [Seattle University](#)'s campus, you can see the newest addition to its art collection in the library, made possible through support from the University's Jesuit community.

More mission news: [Santa Clara University](#) recently published a new interview with the new dean of the Jesuit School of Theology; the [University of Scranton](#)'s chaplain's summer Masses at Yellowstone National Park are featured in *Catholic News Service*; two Jesuit parishes are celebrating milestone anniversaries ([St. Ignatius Church in Maryland](#) and [St. Ignatius Loyola Church in New York](#)); and the [Ignatian Solidarity Network](#) will [live-stream](#) the ISN Family Teach-In next weekend.

Over the past few weeks, [Boston College](#) and [Spring Hill College](#) have held forums for faculty, staff and students to engage in open dialogue and reflect on issues related to race, violence and immigration. Jesuit institutions also engage in such conversations through groups including the [AJCU Conference on Diversity and Equity](#), formerly known as the Conference on Minority Affairs. The Conference recently mourned the death of one of its founding members, Ogretta McNeil, the first African-American woman to serve on faculty at [College of the Holy Cross](#).

News from Jesuit Colleges and Universities

Earlier this week, *The Washington Post* featured [Seattle University](#)'s Challenge Grants Program, which helps students in financial need to stay in school and improve their retention rates.

Through its new humanitarian action minor, [Fairfield University](#) is providing students with the opportunity to

engage in policy research on Iran; a [Loyola University New Orleans](#) alumnus is funding student scholarships to his alma mater through a new wine named for Loyola; and the [University of San Francisco](#) recently shared the story of its two alumni who won this year's Student Academy Award for a short film.

Tomorrow, **Marquette University** is hosting **Rockhurst University** in a [men's exhibition basketball game](#)! This is just the first of more than 80 [Jesuit Basketball Spotlight](#) games taking place this season. We'll have more on JBS in the next few weeks, so stay tuned!



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