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President's Message

At Josephinum Academy, we are thrilled to have begun our 124th year of educating young women of Chicago to reach their highest potential at college and in life. We are especially proud to welcome more than sixty new students and their families to the Josephinum community!

Our faculty and staff have worked tirelessly throughout the summer to prepare for this year's continued success. Our hopes and expectations for our students have never been greater with the Class of 2013 receiving more than \$1,900,000 in merit-based college scholarships, setting a new record for Josephinum's students. We look forward to the many opportunities that this year will bring for our students to achieve new levels of success!




Michael Dougherty
President
Josephinum Academy



Students from Sacred Heart schools across the country pose in front the Fresh Moves food market bus during Josephinum Academy's first Summer Service Project, hosted June 24-29

Josephinum Hosts First Summer Service Project

Josephinum Academy hosted its first Sacred Heart Network Summer Service Project, "Food Deserts in the Land of Plenty," on June 24-29. Students and chaperones from Sacred Heart schools across the country participated in the project, which aimed to educate students on the topic of food deserts, a term used to describe geographical areas where there is little or no access to fresh and healthy food.

During this week-long project, students explored the reality of food issues by attempting to shop for groceries in food deserts and also by volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository and a local food pantry to evaluate the quality of food provided by those services. With help from top experts in the field, the group analyzed the negative health effects of living in a food desert and performed a daily system analysis to learn why unhealthy food is so cheap and accessible. Lastly, the students spent time on Fresh Moves, a Chicago transit bus converted to a traveling fresh food market, and visited other Chicago agencies engaging in creative solutions to the food desert issue. The girls slept at Josephinum and even made meals straight from our garden!

In Sacred Heart, We are one -



Josephinum Senior Nancy Garcia (front row, right) and fellow exchange students join Taiwanese students in performing a traditional Taiwanese aboriginal dance during a "Goodbye Assembly" at Sacred Heart Girls Jr. and Sr. High School in New Taipei City, Taiwan

Josephinum Participates in Worldwide Summer Service Trips

This summer, Josephinum students Emily Hutton (Senior), Destiny Cartagena (Senior), and Wendy Rociles (Junior) learned how to milk cows on their Summer Service Trip to Sprout Creek Farm in Poughkeepsie, NY. Meanwhile, Danielle McCullough (Junior) and Aylin Meraz (Junior) traveled to Taos, NM, on a service trip with Cross Roads Student Travel to work on a variety of ranching, housing renovation, and agricultural projects at the local Native American reservation.

"This trip was a huge step out of my comfort zone, but it was amazing and something that I never want to forget," said McCullough. "I met some pretty awesome people whom I will forever keep close to my heart."

Venturing even further from Chicago, science teacher Nancy To and student Nancy Garcia (Senior) traveled to New Taipei City, Taiwan, to participate in a cultural exchange camp with teachers and students at Sacred Heart Girls Jr. and Sr. High School. Nancy To said that it was an honor to learn about their culture and to have dinner with the nuns who told unimaginable stories of what they went through to build the school without running water or electricity.

"My big 'ah-ha' moment was towards the end of my trip when I was reflecting on my experience thus far. I came to the realization that it doesn't matter what state (or country for that matter) a Sacred Heart teacher comes from, we are all united by a common bond. I can walk away from this with a newfound pride in the Sacred Heart network and the amazing work we do all over the world."

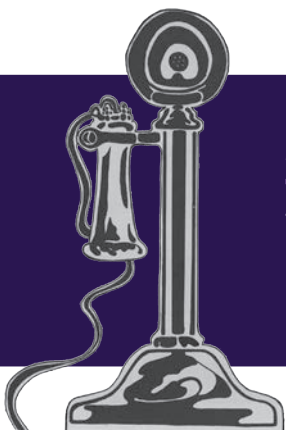
Nancy To, Josephinum Science Teacher



Josephinum Junior Wendy Rociles learns to milk a cow at Sprout Creek Farm in Poughkeepsie, NY

DID YOU HEAR?

The Illinois Civic Mission Coalition recently awarded Josephinum the status of "Democracy School," which recognizes our exemplary commitment to educating students to be engaged citizens, locally, nationally, and globally. On October 16, from 9:50-10:20 am, Josephinum will host a recognition ceremony at the school, where representatives from the McCormick Foundation will present the award.



In Memoriam of Our Friend John Ahearne

Josephinum mourns the loss of Board Member John Ahearne who passed on August 5. John is survived by wife Betsy Ahearne and two teenage daughters; Marion, currently a Freshman at Villanova, and Caroline, a Sophomore at Loyola Academy. John spent his entire career employed in the financial industry, with an emphasis on fixed income securities. For the last eight years, he was a Director of Fixed Income Securities at Robert W. Baird & Co.



The late John Ahearne will be deeply missed by the Josephinum community

"With John's leadership as the Chair of our Strategy Committee, you had the sense that all great things are possible. His sudden death leaves us mourning the loss of a dear friend and colleague," said Josephinum President Michael Dougherty. "Josephinum's mission and students are stronger because of his service."

John held civic responsibility and education as core values in his life. In addition to being a Board Member at Josephinum Academy, he served on the boards at Sacred Heart Schools (Sheridan Road), University Club of Chicago, and the Saddle and Cycle Club.

New Faculty Spotlight: Bill Nau, Mathematics

As one of eight new faculty and staff members at Josephinum Academy, Bill Nau began the 2013-14 school year with great enthusiasm to draw from his corporate business experience in his mathematics classes. Bill, who holds a Masters of Business Administration from Harvard, comes to Josephinum following a 20-year career in finance. He was the Owner/Founding Partner of Travers & Nau (1992-2012) and had earlier experience in investment banking and commercial real estate.

"When I reflect on my business career, I note that many of the skills that made me successful in finance were skills that I first learned in high school, particularly the ability to write and speak effectively. I also recollect that having a strong academic record was important for attaining my first corporate job," said Nau. "I counsel students that high school is the right time for them to begin thinking about internships and career mentors."

Bill has past teaching experience in mathematics at Prospect High School, Chicago Hope Academy, and Chicago Academy High School. He looks forward to giving and receiving back a great deal from the Josephinum community this school year!



New faculty member Bill Nau brings corporate experience to his classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are thrilled to welcome over 60 new students to Josephinum Academy for the 2013-2014 school year! We are also happy to announce the addition of nine new faculty and staff members:

Anna Bninski, NHS & Service Learning
Sr. Carol Bredenkamp, SCC, Religion
Marisa Buchert, Choir and Arts
Eduardo Narvaez, Math
Bill Nau, Math
Lynda Pasteur, Marketing & Publications
Monica Rischiotto, Religion & Service Learning
Jacqueline Steves, English
Honoree Zoffoun, French

FACULTY AWARD



Dr. Mary O'Reilly Blessed Pauline Award

Dr. Mary O'Reilly, a full-time volunteer, has served as our college counselor at Josephinum since 2004. In 2010, she was named the Illinois High School Counselor of the Year. At this year's annual gala, Goûter 2013, Dr. O'Reilly will be honored with the Blessed Pauline Award in recognition of her outstanding service to Josephinum's students.

SPORTS UPDATE

Our Lady Cougars are off to a great start in Volleyball this Fall! We pulled off a terrific victory over Seton Academy for the first time in over 10 years due to exceptional teamwork. Our second match was another success claiming another win over Holy Trinity. The future for our team looks very bright with nine returning varsity players leading the way showing great leadership and dedication.

GO COUGARS!



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Josephinum ACADEMY

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Josephinum Academy empowers young women of Chicago to become confident, faith-filled leaders. Our graduates are committed to a personal and active faith in God, a deep respect for intellectual values, a social awareness which impels to action, building community as a Christian value, and personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.



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Saturday, September 28th

*Glen View Club
100 Golf Road, Golf, Illinois*

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 20	Homecoming Dance
September 26	College Fair
September 27	No School - Faculty In-Service
September 28	Goûter 2013
Oct 1-Oct 3	Senior Retreat
Oct 10-11	Quarter Exams
October 15	No School - Columbus Day
October 16	Democracy School Assembly
October 18	Mass of Mater
October 20	Open House
October 25, 28	No School - Fall Break
October 26	ACT Testing
November 6	Open House
November 22	Career Fair
November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 7	Open House
December 17-19	Semester Exams
Dec 20-Jan 6	No School - Christmas Break

To view the complete Josephinum school calendar, please visit www.josephinum.org/calendar.