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Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

On May 31, thirty-three inspiring young women graduated from Josephinum Academy. There was palatable excitement in St. Aloysius Church among the graduates and their families. Josephinum's faculty, staff, and Board of Directors were so proud to witness the culmination of the girls' time at the Jo.

Josephinum history teacher Jason Polakowski encouraged the graduates through a lively and personal speech, and Nancy Garcia, Josephinum's Class of 2014 Valedictorian, spoke about the school's sense of community. Nancy explained that after transferring to Josephinum her Sophomore year, she realized that Josephinum was a place where she felt supported spiritually, academically, and emotionally. She also expressed her gratitude for Josephinum's Sacred Heart education, which afforded her many opportunities to travel nationally and internationally.

Valedictorian Nancy Garcia (left) is a model Sacred Heart student who graduated with a perfect 4.0 and participated in a summer service trip to Sprout Creek Farm in New York as well as a cultural exchange camp in Taiwan. Nancy will go on to attend Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, this Fall on a full academic scholarship from The Posse Foundation while Salutatorian Sanay Ma (right) will attend St. Mary's University of Minnesota.

"It is the quality of your character that will take you where you want to go in life. You may never be a millionaire, but if you are able to pursue the things you love and be with the people you love, you will be rich beyond your wildest dreams."

JASON POLAKOWSKI
Josephinum History Teacher and 2014 Commencement Speaker

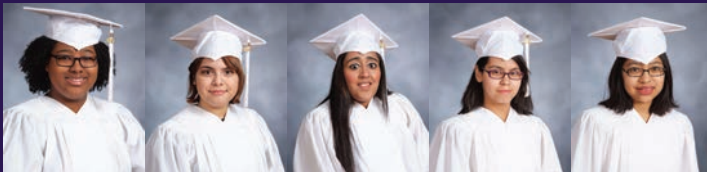
MEET THE GRADUATES:

Josephinum Academy's Class of 2014 has been offered a combined total of \$1.7 million in merit-based college scholarships, and the girls will be attending a variety of prominent colleges and universities such as:

- Columbia College Chicago
- Loyola University Chicago
- Iowa State University
- Trinity College
- Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- Benedictine University
- Edgewood College
- Roosevelt University
- Western Illinois University
- Dominican University
- Augustana College



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Jemyla Dill Shontel Fullilove Brianna Garcia Nancy Garcia Lupita Gonzalez



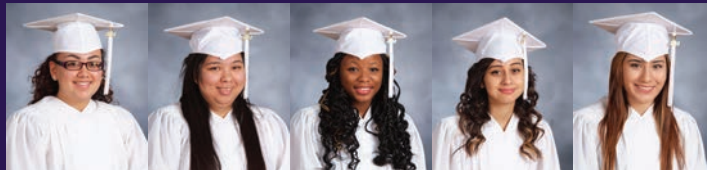
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Sara Isabel Lopez Beatrice Luminino Sanay Ma Clarissa McGrone Viktorya Obidnyak



Susana Ortiz Violet Phillips Keyana Pitts Fernandra Powe Imalye Santiago



Jasmine Segundo Diana Servin Tiara Snell Maria Torres Joanna Villanueva

Josephinum Theatre Program Presents *Black Comedy*



A very talented ensemble of eight Josephinum theatre students put on a fantastic Spring show this year: *Black Comedy*. Their hard work and dedication really showed, and the production was a hit with students, faculty, and friends of the Jo.

Fine Arts Chair David Fehr said: "Recognition is a strange experience. It is the moment something clicks inside, knowledge is gained, and you realize that the world works differently than you first thought. *Black Comedy* is a series of these moments that pile on top of one another in quick succession, leaving chaos in its wake."

Cougars Soccer Team Wins Regionals



Josephinum's Cougars soccer team was crowned the regional champion for the second consecutive year and sent three members to the all-conference team. We look to build on that momentum with most of the team returning for the 2014-2015 season. Congratulations to coaches Renee Vai and Monica Rischiotto and all the girls who played with so much heart and dedication. GO COUGARS!

Successful Career Women Inspire Josephinum Students

"Setting out is one thing. You also must know where you are going and what you can do when you get there."

MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT
Foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart

The 3rd Annual All-School Reunion

On Sunday, April 27, Josephinum welcomed alumnae at the 3rd Annual All-School Reunion. The alumnae were able to reconnect over refreshments while Josephinum President Michael Dougherty shared school updates and talked about Josephinum's plans for the future.

Beverly Parylak, an alumna of the Class of 1966 and current President of the Alumnae Association, led a team-building game that brought together alumnae, staff, and current Josephinum students. Students also led tours for the alumnae who hadn't seen the school in decades.

The event was a fine example of Josephinum's school spirit, which continues long past graduation!



Josephinum's 2014 Spring Luncheon student speaker, Jasmine Segundo (pictured above with her parents Herman and Yolanda Segundo), delivered a moving speech about her four years at Josephinum. Jasmine will attend Dominican University this Fall as the first in her family to go to college.



Spring Luncheon 2014

Josephinum Academy welcomed more than 200 guests to the 2014 Spring Luncheon held at the Michigan Shores Club on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. The event raised a total of over \$56,000 in support of Josephinum's mission to empower young women of Chicago to become confident, faith-filled leaders.

Josephinum's 2014 Spring Luncheon student speaker, Jasmine Segundo, spoke about the importance of community and what it has meant to her to have encouraging and supportive teachers like Sr. Jenn Graus. Jasmine's mother and father were present, and she also talked about how their sacrifice enabled her to enjoy an all-girl, Catholic education at Josephinum.

Josephinum sincerely thanks all the guests of the 2014 Spring Luncheon. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Social Awareness in Action at the Mikva Challenge and Social Action Month

The Mikva Challenge: This year, Josephinum students presented at the Mikva Challenge Civic Action Fair and received the Community Action Badge and the Research Badge for their outstanding projects! The students were broken up into two different groups. One group focused on improving the school lunch program and another group raised money for more outdoor picnic tables to be used at lunchtime and for outdoor classroom space.

Social Action Month: In March, Josephinum delved into the social justice issues of homelessness, women's rights, and bullying during the school's inaugural Social Action Month, which featured guest speakers from Amnesty International, a student performance assembly, and a Brown Bag Lunch documentary series. We are proud to say that within one month, our student body recorded over 1,000 hours of community service at the Jo and throughout the city of Chicago, putting their knowledge and social awareness into action!



REV. HANNAH KARDON | Reverend

Rev. Kardon, the pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church, reminded us that it is better to find similarities between us than to focus on our differences.



COKIE ROBERTS | Journalist

Cokie captivated us with details about her career in journalism as well as her current positions as a political commentator for ABC News and a senior news analyst for National Public Radio.



JEAN SPENCE | Product Developer

Ms. Spence, the Executive Vice President of Research, Development, and Quality for Mondelez International, Inc., spoke about product development and holding three product patents!



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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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There is still time to make a donation to support the Josephinum Academy annual fund this school year! Please make your gift by June 30, 2014. Your tax-deductible

donation will transform the lives of our students, opening doors and showing them that educational opportunity is within their reach.

Donate online today at www.josephinum.org or send your check payable to Josephinum Academy to 1501 N. Oakley Blvd, Chicago, IL, 60622. For more information, please contact Teresa Battaglia, Assistant Director of Development, at (773)292-3964 x233 or teresa.battaglia@josephinum.org.

~ Save the Date ~

GOÛTER

September 27, 2014

Jean Marie Ryan Center at Misericordia

Blessed Pauline Award Honoree: Suzanne Franklin
Helen Bruns Ryan Award Honoree: William McNulty

Service Days 2014



Josephinum is so thankful to the volunteers from Woodlands Academy, Sacred Heart Schools, and the Chicago chapter of the Santa Clara Alumni Association who donated their time and energy to help beautify our school grounds during three service days in Spring 2014. Thanks to their efforts, Josephinum is enjoying colorful flowers and fresh vegetables from the school garden!