

The Conversation Piece



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Josephinum's Fine Arts Program: Educational Opportunities for the Whole Person



As a school committed to inspiring and empowering young women of Chicago, Josephinum Academy wholeheartedly supports Arts education. Because so many schools and districts have cut Arts funding, it may seem surprising that we have chosen to allocate our resources to such a program. However, we believe that Arts education reinforces all the skills and characteristics we desire for our students. Through the Arts, our students learn to be imaginative and inquisitive. They learn to become critical thinkers, effective communicators, and problem solvers. They learn the importance of teamwork, how to support each other through difficult times, and what it means to truly rely on one another.

Most importantly, our Arts program has given our students the opportunity to be heard – a platform to share their voices, and this is one of the most important gifts we can give a young woman.

We are so proud of our Arts program and we look forward to its growth and your continued support in the future. We encourage you to visit and see for yourself the amazing work being done by our students!

Mary Rose Cicchetti
Assistant Principal



Visual Arts

Josephinum also partners with organizations such as the National Museum of Mexican Art, which teaches an Art Enrichment course at Josephinum as part of their Yolocalli Arts Program. For the past two years, Josephinum has offered photography and journalism courses through the nonprofit Street Level Youth Media.



Josephinum Theatre Program

In partnership with Polarity Ensemble Theatre over the last four years, Josephinum has made significant strides in developing a strong Performing Arts program. "The Jo theatre program has shown the ability to attempt a wide range of work in a short period of time," says drama teacher David Fehr. "In just the past couple of seasons, we have accomplished the task of producing a new play (*The Society of Adventurous Women*), a children's play (*Wind in The Willows*), and playwrights as diverse as Shakespeare, Moliere and Chekov."

This January, Mr. Fehr directed students in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* (scenes pictured above.) Other 2013 student productions include an after school performance of *HerStory* in March and performances of Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors* on May 9, 10, and 11.



Music & Dance

This January, we hosted Fulcrum Point for the second year in a row to teach our students the art of Flamenco music and dance. One of Josephinum's most popular clubs is JAM (Josephinum Academy Music) Session, which regularly performs at all-school assemblies. Students in JAM Session learn to sing and play musical instruments like the guitar, keyboard, and drums. Josephinum's Music Department will also be putting on a special performance during the Josephinum Spring Luncheon at Michigan Shores Club on April 24.



Over \$300,000 Raised at 2012 Goûter!

Josephinum's 2012 Goûter fundraiser welcomed over 250 guests to the Glen View Club on Saturday, September 29. Thanks to our extremely generous donors, the event grossed \$303,000 through auctions, a raffle, a paddle raise, and event sponsorships. Our student speaker this year was senior Jasmine Manuel, an honor student with a passion for theatre. Jasmine is on the Youth Advisory Board for Steppenwolf Theatre.

The event honored Susan Walsh with the Blessed Pauline Award. Susan volunteered as Josephinum's school nurse from 2005-2011, where she established a health education program, the Student Health Screening Day, and many other important services for students. In addition, Susan has been leading medical mission trips to rural Haiti since 2006 and acted as a first responder while she was in Haiti during the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake.

Celeste and Alan Denton received the Helen Bruns Ryan Award for their commitment to Josephinum, which spans over a decade and has impacted the lives of countless young women. From Celeste's early days teaching English at the Jo, to their more recent work in engaging numerous friends in the mission of Josephinum, we could not be more grateful for their dedication.



Top Row (L-R): Bill McNulty, Rosemary McNulty, Walter Crowley, Carole Crowley, John Engel, Brian Walsh, Blessed Pauline Award Recipient Susan Walsh. Middle Row (L-R): Helen Bruns Ryan Award Recipients Alan & Celeste Denton, Matthew Simon, Ann O'Hara, Sue Sullivan (Event Chair), Nat Wilburn. Bottom Row (L-R): Jasmine Manuel, Josh Hale, Michael Dougherty, Nancy Pureco.

Cougars Volleyball Wins Blue Division Championship!



On October 20 Josephinum beat Maria High School to win the Blue Division Championship! Congratulations to the team! Additionally, three students were honored after the game for being named to the 2012-2013 All-Conference Team: freshman Tamae Douglas, sophomore Sam Guerrero, and senior Shacarla Powe.

Taiwanese Exchange Student Comes to Study at Josephinum



Alice & Jasmine point to Alice's home

In February we said goodbye to Alice, an exchange student from our sister school in Taiwan. Alice was hosted by senior Jasmine Manuel, who had the opportunity to travel to Taiwan last summer as part of a Sacred Heart Network exchange program. Alice told us her favorite memories of

Chicago were visiting the dinosaurs at the Field Museum and seeing snow for the first time. Her favorite classes at Josephinum included Watercolor Painting, World Religions, and P.E. Class where she loved playing baseball and hockey.

On Alice's last day of class, her Jo classmates took her out to the Josephinum field to play in the snow one last time before her flight home.



The Annual Winter Lunch at the Union League Club Raises \$59,000

Over 300 guests attended our February 27 fundraiser at the Union League Club of Chicago. Thanks to generous pledges, raffle sales, and event sponsors, the event raised \$59,000 for scholarships for the students of Josephinum.

Board member Sr. Susan Maxwell, RSCJ was the keynote speaker. A former director of Sacred Heart Schools, Sheridan Road, Sr. Maxwell served as Director of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools from 1984 to 1995. She has consulted for the Society of the Sacred Heart in Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Uganda, Ireland, Scotland, Malta, Canada, and Japan.

Senior Tiana Rosado also spoke at the event, where she talked about her journey at Josephinum from a shy, 12 year old Freshman to a tenacious, successful senior. Tiana cited her participation in the Jo's theatre program all 4 years of high school as a major factor in her growth into a confident leader of the school.



Top (L-R): Molly Perry, Liz Ryan, Fr. Manuel Dorantes. Middle (L-R): Student speaker Tiana Rosado, Janice Sparr, Stella Boyle. Bottom (L-R): Margie Hodur (Event Co-Chair), Mike McGee, Ann McGee, Jacque Simon.

Students Celebrate African American History Month



February 1, Josephinum kicked off Black History month with our annual African American Heritage Prayer Service. JAM (Josephinum Academy Music) Session performed several songs for the school (pictured above.) Pastor Carole Jamieson, a Barat College graduate, spoke to students about taking advantage of their gifts to make a difference in the world (pictured below.)



2013 January Enrichment Term (J-Term) in Photos


J-Term is a special two-week period after Christmas break where students take unique Arts and Enrichment courses that enhance students' college prep education. J-Term courses this year included Activism through the Arts, French Cooking, Indian Cooking, the ABC's of Irish Culture, Forensic Science, Tennis, the History of Games, Flamenco Dance, and much more!



Celebrating the 5 Goals at the Academic Awards Ceremony

Twice a year, Josephinum honors students who have surpassed expectations in academics, faith, community building, social awareness, and personal growth. Congratulations to all our students who worked so hard in the first semester to achieve their goals in academic success!



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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.

You Are Invited!

The Spring Luncheon is
Wednesday, April 24, 2013
11:30am-2:00pm

Michigan Shores Club
911 Michigan Avenue, Wilmette

\$65 per person
\$650 for a table of 10
Sponsorships Available

Call (773) 292-3964 ext.232 or RSVP online at
<https://jsphnma.ejoinme.org/springluncheon13>
Please RSVP by April 15

Save the Date!

Josephinum Academy
Class of 2013
Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, June 1, 2013
11:30am

St. Aloysius Church
2300 W. LeMoyné St.

All are welcome to attend!

**The Josephinum Alumnae
Association Presents
The 2nd Annual
All-School Reunion**

Sunday, April 28, 2013
12:00pm – 2:00pm

Josephinum Academy
1501 North Oakley Blvd

Admission \$10 per person
Light refreshments will be served
Street Parking Available

Register Online at
<https://jsphnma.ejoinme.org/allschool2013>

RSVP by April 22

Questions?

Please call Teresa Battaglia
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