

The Conversation Piece



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\$25,000 Raised for Student Scholarships at the Third Annual Winter City Luncheon

On Wednesday, February 8, Josephinum held its annual Winter Luncheon at the Woman's Athletic Club in downtown Chicago. 165 people were in attendance, who helped raise \$25,000 through scholarship pledges and a 50/50 raffle.

Sophomore Sanay Ma spoke at the event, talking about her past experiences as a refugee in Southeast Asia before finding her place at Josephinum: "I was born in a Thailand refugee camp and I lived there about 11 years. It was very difficult to live in a place where I couldn't be independent or secure. With God's help, I am here today in the U.S., attending a good school and living in a place where I can find so many roads that I can walk on. I have been here in the U.S. for four years now, and I go to Josephinum."



Top Row (l-r): Josephinum students Tylar Brown, Aimee Medina, event speaker Sanay Ma, Chim Chim Bakhietta, Emily Hutton, and Lupita Gonzalez. Trina Sheridan, Christine McGrath, Margaret Wren, Megan Calto, and Megan Hogan. Bottom Row (l-r): Geri Kelley, Kelly Hague, Jocelyn Durels, Eileen Dordek, Mimi Brault, Josephinum Dean of Students Scott Benke, Tracie Michalek, and Meg Phelan.

What's New for the 2011-2012 School Year: New Computers, New Lunch, New Gym!



The 2011-2012 School Year has been filled with exciting new changes for the school! We welcomed close to 60 freshmen at our Freshman Orientation in August. We had a barbecue in the Jo field to welcome new students and their families with plenty of good food.

And speaking of good food, Josephinum now offers an organic lunch to our students courtesy of Organic Life, which has been a huge hit with students and staff alike!

This year, each student received her own netbook to help with work inside and outside the classroom. The new Netbook Program transforms the way all our students learn and helps prepare them better for college life.

In October, much-needed renovations began in our gym, which was essentially unchanged since it was built in the late 1950's. A brand new gym floor, windows,

curtains, and walls have been made possible through generous grants from A. Montgomery Ward Foundation and the Service Club of Chicago.



Goûter 2011 Raises a Record Amount for Josephinum!

On September 24, 2011, Josephinum welcomed a record 280 guests to the Glen View Club to celebrate the school's official membership in the Sacred Heart Network of Schools. Over \$217,000 was raised that night through live and silent auctions, a raffle, and a paddle raise. Josephinum senior Kyaira Boose spoke to the attendees about her experience at Josephinum and how it has helped her overcome personal and academic obstacles in her life.

Josephinum also honored some of its most dedicated supporters at Goûter. Janet Sisler was honored with the Blessed Pauine Award for her dedication to education and empowerment of young women. Sally Brennan and her family were honored with the Helen Bruns Ryan Award for their continued generosity and commitment to the mission of Josephinum.



Top Row (L-R): Mike, Sally, Cathy, and Sheila Brennan, Helen Bruns Ryan, Liz Beck, Lisa Jozwiak, Maura Starshak, Julie Hesse. Middle Row (L-R): Michael Dougherty, Janet Sisler, Juliette Lane, Margie Hodur, Nat Wilburn, Jacque Simon, Lupita Gonzalez, Kyaira Boose, Emily Hutton. Bottom Row (L-R): Eileen Fox, Ben Ivory, Jane Geldermann, Maureen Kelly Ivory, Christie Khyl, Michaela D'Arrigo.

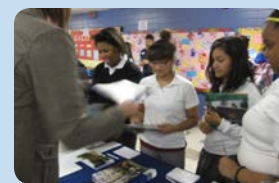
A Jo Tradition: The Package Dance

"The Package Dance" is a tradition started at Josephinum in the 1970s by former faculty member Carolyn Schaefer. Each year before Christmas break, students dress up as Christmas gifts and do a dance for their classmates. Pictured here is the 2011 edition of The Josephinum Package Dance!



The 2011 Josephinum College Fair

Almost 50 colleges and universities came to Josephinum in early November for the annual Josephinum College Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about new schools and get to know representatives that can help them get in to the school they desire.



Pictured here are a few of the student award winners from the February Academic Awards Ceremony. Far left is Jasmine Manuel, junior, who won the Phillippine Duchesne Award, given to a student who exemplifies all five Sacred Heart Goals. Other awardees pictured (left-right) are Nancy Pureco (Goal III Award), Daniela Orozco-Reyes, (Goal I), Aimee Medina (Goal II), and Sara Lopez Torres (Goal II).

Josephinum Theatre Program Presents "The Wind in the Willows"

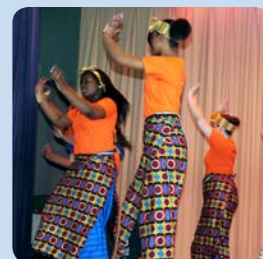
Students performed the theatrical version of Kenneth Grahame's classic book, "The Wind in the Willows" this past January. The play was directed by drama teacher David Fehr and performed by students of his drama classes.



Students Celebrate African American History Month

Each February, Josephinum students participate in events commemorating the history and contributions of African American culture in the United States. This year, Josephinum kicked off African American History Month with a prayer service led by Pastor Carol Jamieson Brown of First Baptist Church in Park Forest. A graduate of Barat College, Pastor Carol spoke about her connection to the Sacred Heart Network and how it contributed to her success.

In February Josephinum welcomed the Fulcrum Point program to teach the Junior Class about Fanga, a type of song and dance with origins in West Africa. After several Fanga lessons in the classroom to learn how to dance and play the drums and xylophone, students put on a lively Fanga performance on February 29 to close out African American History Month.



The Josephinum Alumnae Association Gives Back

The Josephinum Alumnae Association has been planning events throughout the 2011-2012 school year to show their support of Josephinum's students and teachers. On February 14, alumnae baked and decorated almost 200 cupcakes and brought them to the Jo as a valentine to the students. They also prepared a Christmas lunch for the faculty in December. If you are interested in joining the Alumnae Association or have news to share, email Teresa Battaglia at teresa.battaglia@josephinum.org.

In Loving Memory

Vivian Schultz Kubiak (Class of 1953)
Carol Kuzera (Class of 1969)
Josephine Lukositis Lapinskas (Class of 1931)
Bonnie Mills (Class of 1983)



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You Are Invited!

The Spring Luncheon is
Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Michigan Shores Club
911 Michigan Avenue, Wilmette

11:30am-2:00pm

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

Contact Morgan Henington to RSVP at
(773) 292-3964 ext. 232 or at
morgan.henington@josephinum.org

Save the Date!

Josephinum's Annual
Goûter Fundraiser is

**Saturday,
September 29, 2012**

The Glen View Club
100 Golf Road, Golf, Illinois
at 6:30pm

2012 Goûter Honorees:
**Susan Walsh and
Celeste and Alan Denton**

If you or your company are interested in becoming an underwriter or sponsor of the Spring Luncheon or Goûter, or if you have questions about the event, please contact Morgan Henington at (773) 292-3964 ext. 232 or at morgan.henington@josephinum.org. Visit www.josephinum.org for the latest news and event information or to make a secure online donation.

School Calendar

March

26-27 Quarter Exams

April

4 Parent/Teacher Conferences

6-9 Easter Break

14 ACT Testing (Juniors)

18 Spring Luncheon in Wilmette

19 Junior Retreat

20 Senior Prom

May

3 Junior Recognition Ceremony

9 Service Learning Day

28 Memorial Day, No Classes

June

1 Baccalaureate Mass,
Alumnae Induction Ceremony

2 Class of 2012 Graduation



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