

# The Conversation Piece



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## Over \$38,000 Raised for Scholarships at the Annual Spring Luncheon

On Wednesday, April 18 Josephinum held its annual Spring Luncheon at Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette. 150 guests raised over \$38,000 through a raffle and scholarship pledges for the young women of Josephinum. Jo student Tyra W. and parent Alex Pureco (father of Nancy, a junior) were the guest speakers, who each talked about how the educational opportunities at Josephinum have transformed their lives for the better.



Top (l-r): Katy Perry, Marilyn Hines, Jean Vanderbosch, Sally Brennan, Doris McAuliffe, Mary Claire Gallagher.

Middle (l-r): Kathie Ciulla, Jeanne Poorman (Josephinum Board Member & President of Michigan Shores Club), Ryun Ivory.

Bottom (l-r): Christine Murdoch, Janet Nolan, Michaela Johnson, Kristen Huber, Jodi Henderson, Cynthia D'Amico (Josephinum Faculty Member).

## Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, Anti-Death Penalty Advocate Visits Josephinum



Josephinum was thrilled to welcome Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, whose autobiographical book and personal experiences were the basis for the film *Dead Man Walking*. Sr. Prejean (above at left) was invited by fellow CSJ and Josephinum faculty member Sr. Jenn Graus (above at right) to speak to students on May 14, where she was warmly received by students and the Josephinum community.

## Honoring Academic Success at the 2012 Awards Ceremony



Congratulations to the A and B Honor Roll students, Goal Award recipients, Salutatorian Zoe Sutton, Valedictorian Stephanie Castro, and Helen Bruns Ryan Scholarship Awardee Chim Chim Bakhitta (bottom left), who all were honored in front of their fellow students and families on May 23. The ceremony also marked the induction of Josephinum's newest members of the National Honor Society (pictured below), announced by moderator and English teacher Cynthia D'Amico.



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## Alumnae Association Hosts Its First Ever Josephinum All-School Reunion

On March 4, alumnae from classes as far back as 1943 and as recent as 2011 returned to Josephinum for an All-School Reunion. Planned by the Josephinum Alumnae Association in collaboration with the Josephinum Advancement Department, the event welcomed over 70 alumnae back to their alma mater for light refreshments and student-led tours. Old photos, yearbooks, uniforms, and other Jo memorabilia were on display in the cafeteria as alumnae reconnected with their classmates. Thank you to the Alumnae Association for all their help in making this wonderful event possible! If you are interested in being a member of the Josephinum Alumnae Association, please contact Teresa Battaglia at (773) 292-3964 ext. 233.



## Josephinum hosts Service Groups from DePaul and the Sacred Heart Network



Every Spring for the past few years, Josephinum has been blessed to host service groups from local schools and other organizations who come to lend helping hands. This May we hosted alumni from DePaul University (*above*), who did a thorough cleaning of the school's library, as well as parents and students from Woodlands Academy and Sacred Heart Schools Chicago (*below*) who worked tirelessly outdoors to clear away debris and tend to our organic garden. Thank you to all who participated!



## A Special Thank You to the 2012 Outgoing Josephinum Board Members!

*We would like to thank each of the following Board Members who have given years of service to the mission of the school:*

Mary Bernstein, RSCJ  
Teresa Ferris  
Juliette C. Lane (Chair)  
Marisol Morales

Donna Collins, RSCJ  
Christine Finzer  
Bill McNulty (Vice-Chair)  
Mary Sussman

## Students Turn Trash into Treasure with the Pepsi Recycle Rally



At the end of the 2011 school year, Josephinum learned about the Pepsi Recycle Rally where students and the community recycle cans and bottles to win money and prizes for their school. Since then, Jo students promoted the contest throughout the community, encouraging their families and neighbors to bring recyclables to the Jo.



As a Recycle Rally participant, Josephinum was entered into the Green Leader Sweepstakes and won an IdeaPaint makeover. This has allowed Josephinum to give two classrooms

white boards made with IdeaPaint. One of the classrooms belongs to Math teacher, Mr. Kelp-Lenane (*pictured at left with his new board*) and the other belongs to English teacher Ms. Hayley Keller. Ms. Keller was thrilled with the change, saying, "The white boards that IdeaPaint gave us revitalized my instruction ability. Dust got everywhere before, and my penmanship is much more readable on a white board. Plus I can project assignments directly onto the board which promotes more active participation among my students."





"At Josephinum I learned  
it's always important to be a leader  
because you never know who is watching.  
Never be wary of doing what is right!"  
**Zoe Sutton, 2012 Salutatorian**  
*Dominican University*

## Presenting the Class of 2012!

Thirty-two Josephinum seniors graduated from Josephinum at St. Aloysius Church on June 2, 2012 in an emotional and heartfelt ceremony. Speeches were given by faculty member Mr. Scott Belleperche and 2012 Valedictorian Stephanie Castro. The Class of 2012 have been offered a combined \$1.6 million in scholarship awards, and will be attending schools such as:

Bryn Mawr College  
The University of Illinois (Urbana)  
The University of Illinois (Chicago)  
Lake Forest College  
Marian University  
Dominican University  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Indiana State University  
Illinois State University  
University of Wisconsin - Platteville

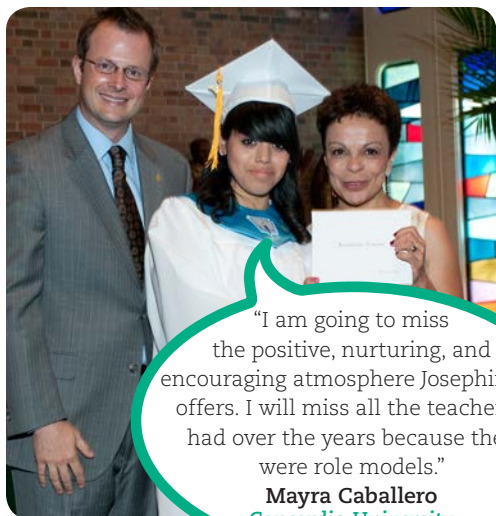
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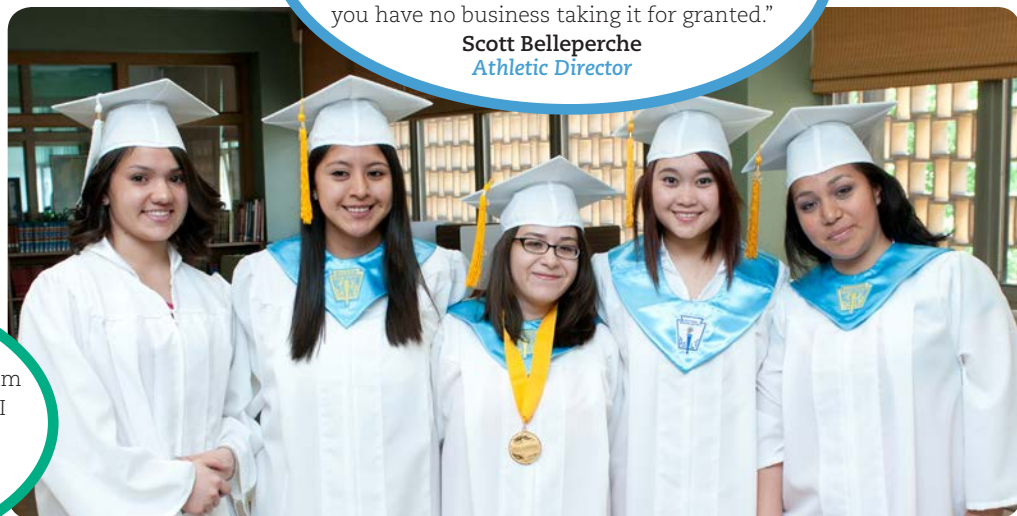


"Now the next chapter of  
your lives begins. You graduated high  
school, which is great, but I do not want that  
to be it. It is very important that you graduates  
refuse to settle for the bare minimum. I want you  
to realize that life is the best thing ever, and that  
you have no business taking it for granted."

**Scott Belleperche**  
*Athletic Director*



"I am going to miss  
the positive, nurturing, and  
encouraging atmosphere Josephinum  
offers. I will miss all the teachers I  
had over the years because they  
were role models."  
**Mayra Caballero**  
*Concordia University*





Save the Date!  
Josephinum Academy Presents

# GOÛTER

The Glen View Club  
Saturday, September 29, 2012

2012 Honorees  
Blessed Pauline Award – Sue Walsh  
Helen Bruns Ryan Award – Celeste & Alan Denton

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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.



## Welcome Our Newest Alumnae!

On June 1st, Josephinum alumnae gathered at St. Aloysius Church to welcome the 2012 Seniors for the Alumnae Induction Ceremony. The induction ceremony was followed by a generous buffet lunch provided by alumnae, where students and former Jo students were able to chat and reminisce about their high school years.



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