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**ON THE COVER** Julian, Madison, Domenico and Az'zahra, all students of the Class of '28 in the new school uniform collection. They sit on a bench crafted by Secondary 5 students as part of the Industrial Arts class, led by Mr. Elie '97. Mr. Hannan is spearheading a pilot project to create an outdoor learning space, which will incorporate this bench, with the goal to enhance the students' lives through the benefits of outdoor learning.





## Message from the President

### Message de la présidente

At Loyola High School, we embrace the guiding principle of *Magis*, the drive to imagine even greater possibilities, which propels us to enrich the educational experience we provide. As we opened our doors for the 2023 - 2024 school year, Loyola marked a significant step forward in our storied history by welcoming our first co-educational cohort. Our cohort of Secondary 1 students is much more than a milestone. They are a testament to Loyola's enduring commitment to serving the Montreal community.

The resounding unity and enthusiasm brought by all of our students, faculty and staff reaffirms our knowledge that Loyola graduates, soon to include young men and women, will be the future leaders the world needs. With 195 students across 7 homerooms, the Class of 2028 represents the largest class at Loyola in more than a decade, ushering in a new era of hope and growth for Loyola. Simultaneously, we are nearing completion of our gymnasium renovation project. Originally completed in 1978 and the cornerstone of our current campus, the Loyola gymnasium has been at the heart of activity and togetherness for generations of Loyola students.

This renovation was led by a Loyola graduate, deeply connected to our school, and supported by a team of fellow alumni. Their commitment embodies the spirit of the Loyola community, where our past is intricately woven into our present and, consequently, our future. The project has served as a reminder that anything is possible when the Loyola community comes together with a common purpose.

Loyola continues to be a nurturing environment, forming compassionate, conscientious, and competent individuals, and our commitment to fostering these qualities in our students for generations to come remains unwavering. We look to the future with boundless optimism, filled with promise and even greater possibilities for our students as the legacy of Loyola continues to unfold and evolve.

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À l'école secondaire Loyola, nous adoptons le principe directeur du « *magis* », c'est-à-dire la volonté de voir encore plus grand, ce qui nous pousse à enrichir l'expérience éducative que nous offrons. Au début de l'année scolaire 2023 - 2024, Loyola a marqué une étape importante dans son histoire en accueillant sa première cohorte mixte. Cette cohorte d'élèves de 1<sup>re</sup> secondaire constitue bien plus qu'un fait marquant. Elle témoigne de l'engagement durable de Loyola de desservir la communauté montréalaise.

L'unité et l'enthousiasme retentissants dont font preuve tous nos élèves et nos membres du corps enseignant

et du personnel renforcent notre certitude que les diplômés de Loyola, qui comprendront bientôt des jeunes hommes et des jeunes femmes, seront les futurs dirigeants dont le monde a besoin. Avec 195 élèves répartis dans sept classes, la cohorte de 2028 est la plus importante à Loyola depuis plus d'une décennie, ouvrant une nouvelle ère d'espoir et de croissance pour l'école. Simultanément, nous avons presque achevé notre projet de rénovation du gymnase. Initialement achevé en 1978 et pilier fondamental de notre campus actuel, le gymnase de Loyola a été au cœur des activités unificatrices de générations d'élèves de Loyola. Cette rénovation a été menée par un diplômé de Loyola, profondément lié à notre école, et soutenue par une équipe d'anciens élèves. Leur engagement incarne l'esprit de la communauté de Loyola, où notre passé est intimement lié à notre présent et, par conséquent, à notre avenir. Ce projet nous rappelle que tout est possible lorsque la communauté de Loyola se rassemble autour d'un but commun.

Loyola reste un environnement propice à la formation d'individus compatissants, consciencieux et compétents, et son engagement à développer ces qualités chez ses élèves pour les générations à venir reste inébranlable. Nous envisageons l'avenir avec un optimisme sans bornes, rempli de promesses et même de plus grandes possibilités pour nos élèves, alors que l'héritage de Loyola continue de se dessiner et d'évoluer.

## Hall of Merit Recipients

George Lengvari '59



2022

Marco Ottoni '87



2022

Jean Bélard '61



2018

Noubar Afeyan '78



2018



## Call for Nominations

*The Loyola Hall of Merit was established in 1984 to honour outstanding Loyola High School graduates and associates who have made substantial contributions to society in the spirit of “service for others.” The Loyola Hall of Merit proudly showcases men and women for others as examples for our current and future students. Their remarkable acts serve as beacons of virtue, reflecting our Jesuit values.*

The Hall of Merit Committee warmly invites nominations of those who best exemplify the spirit of service. Whether these nominees’ contributions are widely recognized or are more quietly applauded, but no less impactful, they are selected based on their extraordinary dedication to serving others.

### Process for the Submission of Nominations

- The nominator should explain how the nominee meets the criteria for consideration to the Hall of Merit, highlighting the nominee’s substantial contributions to society in the spirit of ‘service for others’.
- The nominator should provide examples of how the nominee embodies the “5 Characteristics of the Loyola Grad at Grad” of being open to growth, spiritual, intellectually competent, loving, and committed to doing justice.
- The nominator is responsible for contacting three individuals willing to submit letters in support of the nomination.
- The nomination letter and the three letters of support should not exceed two pages in length and should adhere to the criteria mentioned above.

**The deadline for submitting nominations for candidates along with three letters of support is Thursday, January 25, 2024.**

Kindly submit your nominations and letters of support to [HallofMerit@loyola.ca](mailto:HallofMerit@loyola.ca).

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Dr. Don Taddeo '63 at [HallofMerit@loyola.ca](mailto:HallofMerit@loyola.ca) or by phone at 514-486-1101, ext. 281.

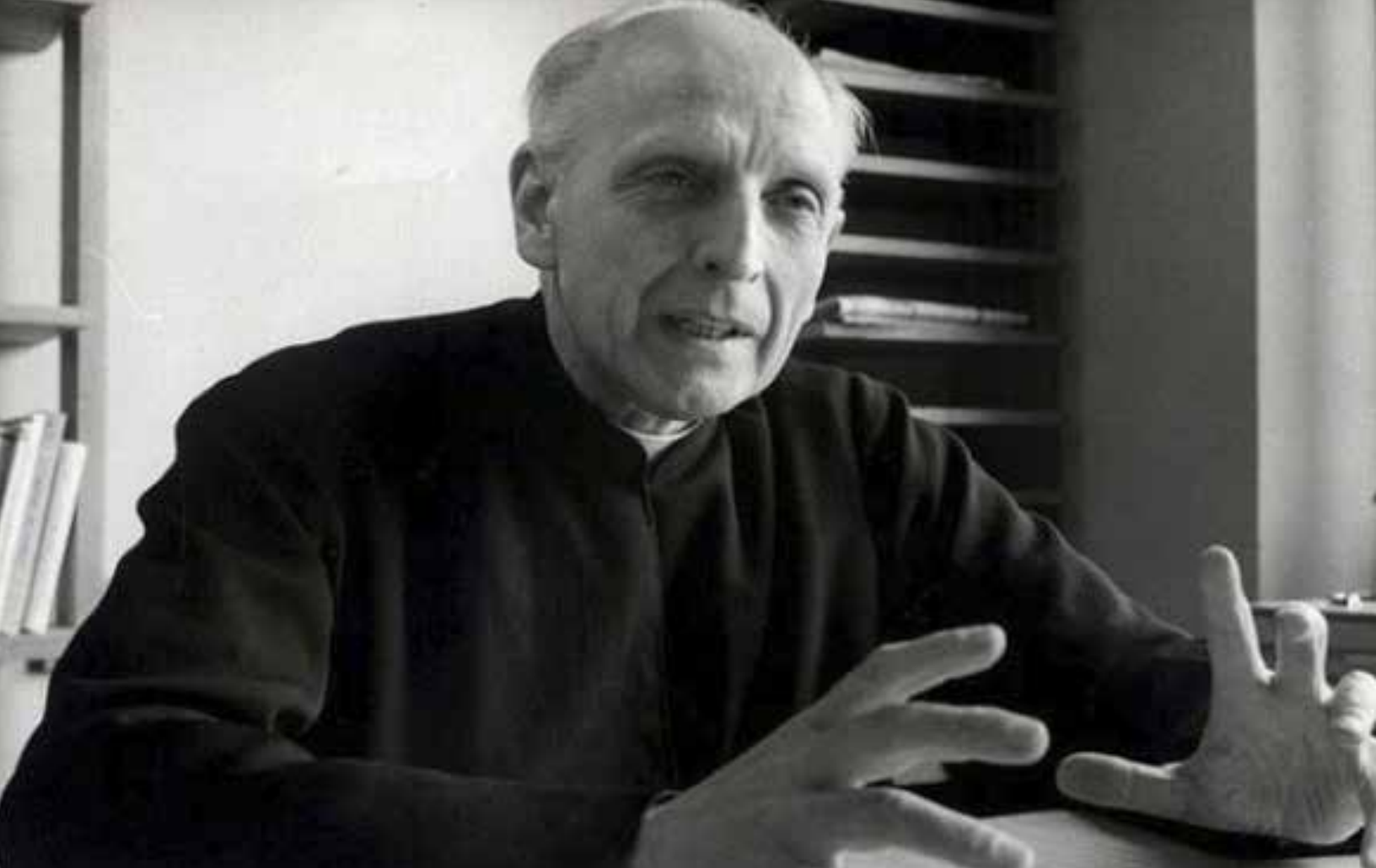


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## 50 years since Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ's seminal address

It was 50 years ago when Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, the then Superior General of the Society of Jesus, delivered his historic speech at the International Congress of Jesuit Alumni of Europe in Valencia, Spain. It was a fitting occasion, as this speech was given on the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Fr. Arrupe's famous 1973 discourse, originally titled *Men for Others*, is now recognized as *Persons for Others*, to embrace more inclusive language. It has since encapsulated the essence of what alumni of Jesuit schools worldwide aspire to be and has significantly influenced the direction and principles of Jesuit education.

Fr. Arrupe's words continue to challenge and inspire us: "Today our prime educational objective must be to form men and women for others; men and women who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ." As we commemorate the 50th anniversary, his call for Jesuit education embodies a spirit of solidarity and an education focused on justice, shaping individuals into advocates for and with others.



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### **A Life Devoted to Faith, Justice and Service: Remembering Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ (1907-1991)**

Fr. Arrupe, SJ was born in the Basque region of Spain in 1907. After some years of medical training, Fr. Arrupe entered the Jesuits in 1927. After being ordained, Fr. Arrupe was sent to Japan in 1938. His early years as a missionary in Japan exposed him to the harsh realities of the world, culminating in his survival of the Hiroshima atomic bombing. This profound experience fueled Fr. Arrupe's lifelong commitment to service. He was a Jesuit priest who left an enduring legacy. He was elected in 1965 as the 28th Superior General of the Society of Jesus and held the position until 1983. Fr. Arrupe steered the Jesuit order through a transformative era. Emphasizing a *men and women for others* approach, he urged Jesuits to actively engage in societal issues. He played a crucial role in shaping the Jesuit response to global challenges, advocating for the marginalized. His life reflects a remarkable integration of faith and justice, leaving an indelible mark on the Jesuit order's identity and mission.

*Bio referenced from the Jesuits of Canada website (jesuits.ca)*



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## **Erik Sorensen, SJ, Returns to Loyola for First Mass**

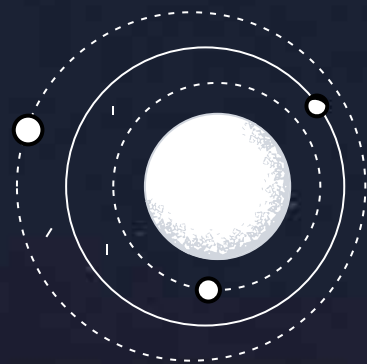
On May 14, 2022, Cardinal Michael Czerny '63, SJ ordained Fr. Erik Sorensen, SJ, at the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel in Montreal.

On Sunday, August 6, 2023, Erik Sorensen was warmly welcomed back by the Loyola community, where he had recently spent two years teaching. His first Mass took place in the Bishops' Atrium at Loyola, followed by a celebration and reception with the Jesuit community on West Broadway.



# Reaching for the Stars

Dr. Peter Lee '89,  
a lifelong learner



Loyola High School's efforts to care for the whole person (*cura personalis*) often bear fruit only years after our students graduate from the school. This particular mission of Jesuit education is for students to develop many interests and skills and to see themselves as people with diverse interests and passions. The school's hope is that graduates will "reach for the stars" - a notion alumnus Dr. Peter H.U. Lee '89 took to heart.

Born in Germany to a Korean family, Dr. Lee MD '05 'PhD '15, grew up in Montreal's Snowdon neighbourhood. While attending Loyola High School was a natural choice due to his Catholic upbringing, it also played a pivotal role in providing him with a solid foundation for building his stellar career.

Dr. Lee's passion for space exploration led him to apply to two prestigious American preparatory schools, Phillips Exeter Academy and Phillips Academy (Andover), both of which admitted him. Remarkably, in the same year, three other Loyola High School students were also accepted to Andover. Choosing Andover, alongside two fellow Loyola students, laid the groundwork for remarkable growth opportunities.

Dr. Lee's academic journey continued with his acceptance into the distinctive Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME) at Brown University in Rhode Island, which merged an undergraduate education with guaranteed admission into its medical school. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience, a medical degree, and a doctorate in Pathobiology at Brown.

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**Dr. Peter Lee '89**

**ACADEMIC CERTIFICATIONS**

Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience  
*Brown University*

Master of Public Health  
*Harvard University*

Master of Space Studies  
*International Space University*

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)  
*Brown University*

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.),  
Pathobiology  
*Brown University*

Board Certified in (General) Surgery

Board Certified in Thoracic Surgery

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant professor of Pathology and  
Laboratory Medicine and research  
scientist  
*Brown University*

Cardiothoracic surgeon  
*Southcoast Health*

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Before embarking on his medical studies, he spent a transformative year in France, where he earned a Master's degree in Space Studies from the International Space University. Upon his return to Brown, he achieved the rare honor of having an experiment selected for John Glenn's space shuttle mission in 1998 studying the effects of spaceflight on genetically modified tissue-engineered skeletal muscle.

Dr. Lee's commitment to being a lifelong learner has never waned. Fueled by his early fascination with surgery during medical school, Dr. Lee embarked on an extensive educational journey. He pursued a Master of Public Health at Harvard University and furthered his learning through general surgery training at Tufts University, a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), and a year at Stanford University focusing on heart and lung transplantation.

At the age of 41, Dr. Lee began his first job at The Ohio State University (OSU), where he performed heart and lung transplants while simultaneously managing his own lab, funded by The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In

addition to research and surgery, Lee also served many national leadership roles, including on the Executive Council of the Aerospace Medical Association and the Governing Board of the American Society for Gravitational and Space Research. His contributions extended to conducting four experiments that were sent to the International Space Station. Dr. Lee also served as the medical officer for a one-month Mars simulation mission on Devon Island in the Canadian arctic and he was a finalist for the Canadian astronaut program in 2016.

His skill set goes beyond the realms of medicine and aerospace research. In 2014 he joined the U.S. Air National Guard where he is a Lieutenant Colonel and serves as a general surgeon as part of a Ground Surgical Team and a flight surgeon. Dr. Lee is also an Aviation Medical Examiner and special consultant for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Dr. Lee embodies Loyola's core principle of *cura personalis* through his lifelong commitment to learning and exploration. Over two decades ago, he obtained a 7th degree grandmaster rank in Taekwondo, a private pilot's license, and added a Master SCUBA diver certification to his ever-growing list of accomplishments. For Dr. Lee, acquiring new skills has always been

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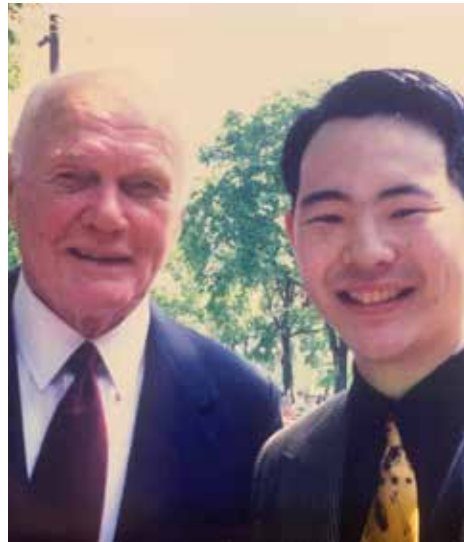
“a way to learn more about yourself and allows you to try to push your boundaries”. He emphasizes the importance of “continuous medical education, acknowledging that staying updated with current knowledge and techniques is essential for providing the best care to patients.”

Reflecting on his career, Dr. Lee deeply embraced Loyola’s motto of forming “men and women for others”. As an educator and mentor, he leveraged the values instilled at Loyola to better serve others and contribute to their well-being. He found fulfillment in guiding students towards achieving their dreams and took pride in their achievements, often stating, “It’s a proud moment when they do even better than you.” This materialized when one of his mentees, Jessica Meir, paid tribute to his mentorship when she became a NASA astronaut.

Dr. Lee has received numerous awards, but the one that holds the most significance for him is the Early Achievement Award presented by the Brown Medical School Alumni Association. This accolade acknowledges exceptional contributions made by a medical alumnus during the early stages of their career. He is also a Knight in two prestigious royal orders, being a Grand Cross Knight in the Royal Equestrian

and Military Order of Saint Michael of the Wing, a Portuguese Roman Catholic dynastic order, and a Knight Commander in the Order of Prince Danilo I.

As Dr. Lee stands at the forefront of medical advancements and aerospace exploration, he reminds us that the pursuit of knowledge knows no bounds. He has always followed his heart in exploring his diverse interests, no matter how far-reaching they may seem, and this has helped shape him as a prominent leader in the fields of medicine, space and aviation. He hopes to venture into space someday – a feat that is well within his reach.



Dr. Peter Lee with Neil Armstrong (bottom right) in 2011 and John Glenn (bottom left) in 1998. ▼



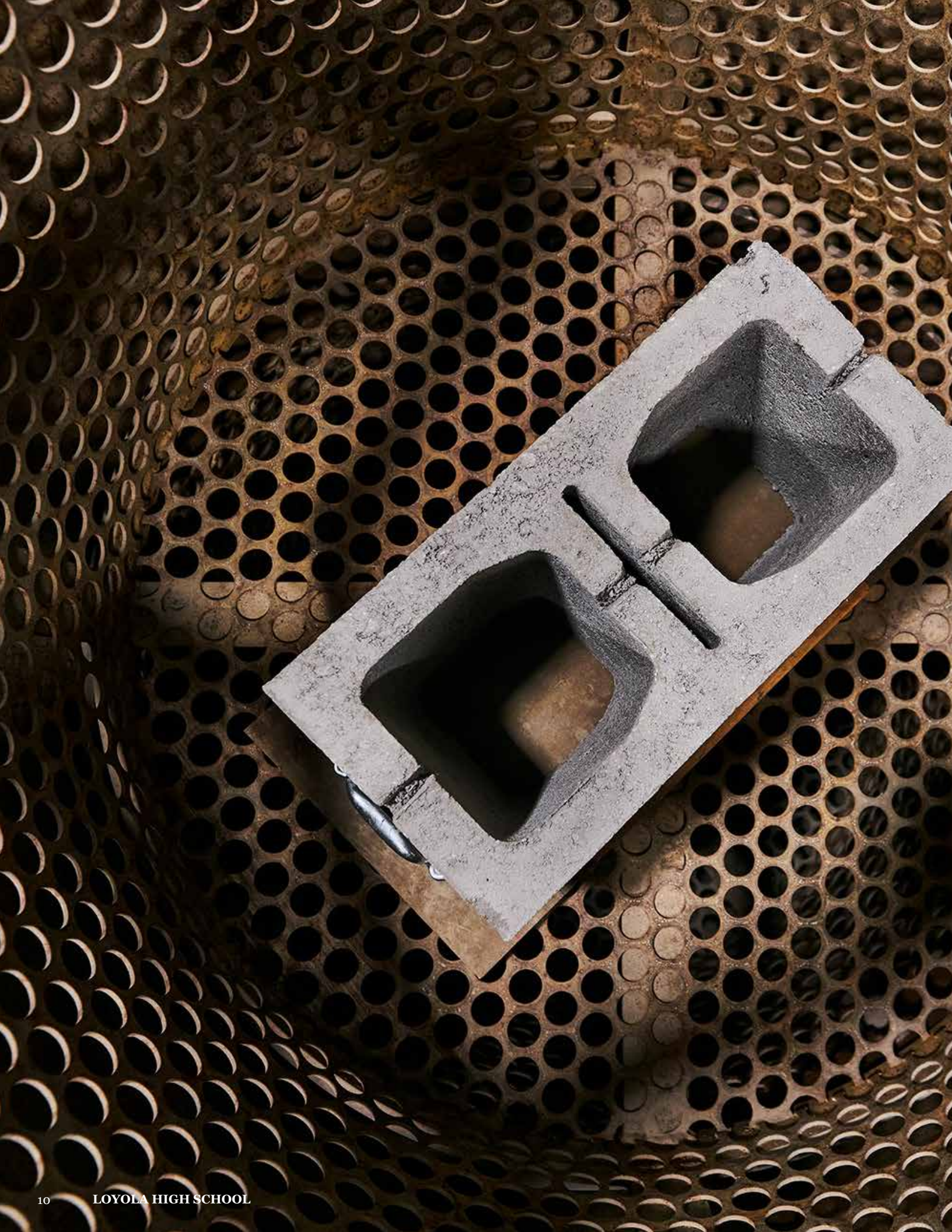
On Monday, October 2, 2023, Loyola High School had the pleasure of hosting Brian Ewenson '86, who delivered a stellar presentation to our Secondary 1 students. He shared insights into his role in training astronauts for both the Canadian Space Agency and NASA. Our students gained valuable knowledge about the future of the International Space Station and the upcoming lunar mission.

Brian Ewenson is an Aerospace Educator, Consultant and Professional Speaker, on Aviation and Aerospace. Brian has worked for the Canadian Space Agency, Lockheed Martin’s Space Day and Challenger Learning Centers. He has designed, developed and flown student and corporate experiments on the Space Shuttle and International Space Station and subsequently trained astronauts to do his work in space.

Brian has attended and/or presented at 27 of the 28 ISSEC and SEEC conferences at Space Center Houston and was the recipient of the 2010 Cherri Brinley Aerospace Educator of the Year Award.

Learn more about Brian’s work at [brianewenson.com](http://brianewenson.com)





# CarbiCrete

## Paving the way in the fight against climate change

*Chris Stern '88 and Yuri Mytko '93 stand at the forefront of the cleantech movement, spearheading innovative solutions with a resolute commitment to forging a more sustainable world.*

*In a world grappling with environmental challenges, CarbiCrete, a Quebec-based sustainable company, has become a prominent figure in the sustainability arena. Their pioneering approach to mitigating carbon emissions within the concrete industry has earned them widespread recognition.*

### The Concrete Carbon Conundrum

Concrete, the planet's second most consumed substance following water, presents a pressing environmental dilemma. Its production hinges heavily on cement, a major contributor to the alarming 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions. CarbiCrete, however, is leading the charge with an ingenious technological solution by replacing cement in the concrete mix with steel slag, a by-product of the steel-making process. This groundbreaking substitution effectively eliminates the emissions tied to cement production, making their process carbon neutral. Beyond this, CarbiCrete employs waste carbon dioxide for curing products like construction blocks. This transformative step converts the entire process into a carbon-negative endeavour by permanently removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, thus contributing to a more sustainable planet.

### Overcoming Entrepreneurial Hurdles

Chris and Yuri (pictured below) acknowledge the arduous journey of building a business from the ground up. They had to surmount an initial hurdle in educating the concrete industry about the profound environmental impact of cement. Additionally, managing the expectations of diverse stakeholders, including employees, investors, customers, and board members, is no small feat. Transparency, consistent communication, and an unwavering commitment to their objectives have proven to be the pillars of their success.

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**Chris Stern '88**

Chris studied mechanical engineering at McGill University. He then embarked on a career in sales and business development, notably in pharmaceutical packaging equipment and automotive machining. He co-founded Pure Energies, which empowered homeowners to adopt solar energy and home conservation products, eventually selling it to NRG Energy in 2014. His path shifted when he met Mehrdad Mahoutian, who had pioneered a process for manufacturing low carbon concrete using waste streams. This encounter led Chris to venture back into the startup world, where he assumed the role of CEO and co-founder at CarbiCrete, driven by a mission to bring this technology to market.

### Alumni Connections

One of the investors in CarbiCrete is MacKinnon Bennett & Co. (MKB), a firm led by Ken MacKinnon '75.



### Loyola: The Bedrock of Entrepreneurship

Their formative years at Loyola have left an indelible mark on Yuri and Chris. The enduring relationships and the supportive and nurturing rapport between students and teachers, a unique hallmark of the Loyola experience, have profoundly influenced their journeys. "My closest friends are those that I made at Loyola, my business partner is a Loyola grad, and my wife went to a Loyola sister-school" shares Yuri. For Chris, some of his most cherished memories are linked to the football field, and his history teacher, Mr. John Javornik who jokingly said "Stern, you come from a long line of smart people...what happened?"

### Advice for Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Chris emphasizes the importance of networking and learning from seasoned founders. Actively participating in pitching contests and seeking guidance from those who have walked the entrepreneurial path are invaluable steps in the journey towards building a successful enterprise.

### Paving the Way for a Greener Tomorrow

CarbiCrete's technology tackles greenhouse gas emissions head-on, offering a path to eliminate the need for cement in concrete. Their innovation solves three critical challenges: reducing waste, curbing emissions, and removing CO2. This positions CarbiCrete as a force in the ongoing battle to decarbonize demanding industries such as steel and concrete.





### The Foundation of their Passions

Chris finds joy in spending time with his children, and his passion is grounded in the pursuit of solving the climate crisis through technology, securing a brighter future for the next generation. Yuri's passion is rooted in his love for music, family, and sports — all of which he cultivated during his time at Loyola.

### Champions of Men and Women for Others

The principle of *men and women for others* resonates with Yuri and Chris. It underscores the importance of recognizing one's role within a broader community, understanding the impact of one's actions on that community, and acknowledging the moral responsibility to act for the greater good. Through their impactful work at CarbiCrete, Yuri and Chris embody the values instilled in them at Loyola, contributing to a better and more sustainable future for all.

### Fostering Business Acumen with the Student Stock Exchange

For their final project in Financial Education, our Secondary 5 students created a total of nineteen companies and successfully sold their wares during the two selling days at the end of April.

They built their own kiosks, developed their business plans, designed their logos, marketed their products, and even sold shares. With the generous support of the Loyola community, the students raised over \$20,000 for various charities. The title of Loyola's Entrepreneur of the Year for the 2023 SSX was awarded to Twisted Taters who selected Plast Montreal Пласт Монреаль, the Ukrainian youth organisation of Quebec as their beneficiary charity.

This initiative exemplifies the value-added aspect of a Loyola education - a practical, hands-on learning experience that involves the entire school and benefits the broader community.



### Yuri Mytko '93

Yuri studied liberal arts at Dawson and philosophy at McGill University. He explored law school but soon realized it was not his true calling. After gaining valuable experience in the telecommunications industry in New York and London, he returned to academia. He pursued an MBA with a focus in Marketing, Communications and Media Management at Fordham University.

Upon his return to Montreal, he held roles as a fundraiser at Loyola High School and as a marketing and communications professional across diverse sectors including philanthropy, higher education, healthcare, and venture capital. Fascinated by CarbiCrete's technology, Yuri joined forces with Chris, where he now serves as Chief Marketing Officer.

Dear Loyola Community,

It is my pleasure to share the incredible success story of our 2022-23 school year, a chapter marked by triumph and unity. Our inaugural Annual Giving Day exceeded all expectations, thanks to your unwavering support. With a focus on encouraging first-time donors, we set ambitious goals and achieved remarkable results—909 unique donors, including 350 first-time contributors. Your generosity knows no bounds, and your belief in our mission fuels our aspirations.

This collective effort played a pivotal role in shaping our initiatives: the Teachers' Excellence Fund and the Ignatian Formation Fund, to name two. These funds are not just financial contributions; they are investments in the future of Loyola. They enhance our school's infrastructure, provide invaluable resources, enrich activities, and ensure quality education for all students. Your contributions don't just support; they transform lives.

Looking forward, I am delighted to announce the return of our annual Giving Day on April 16, 2024. This event is not just a fundraiser; it's a celebration of our shared commitment to making a difference. Together, we have the power to create lasting change, shaping the future of Loyola and its students. Let's harness the spirit of #TogetherForOthers and continue our work together.

On behalf of the development team, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible alumni, devoted parents, dedicated students, passionate faculty and staff, and friends of the school. Your support strengthens the foundation of Loyola, allowing us to educate the "whole person" and inspire generations to come.

Thank you and warm regards,



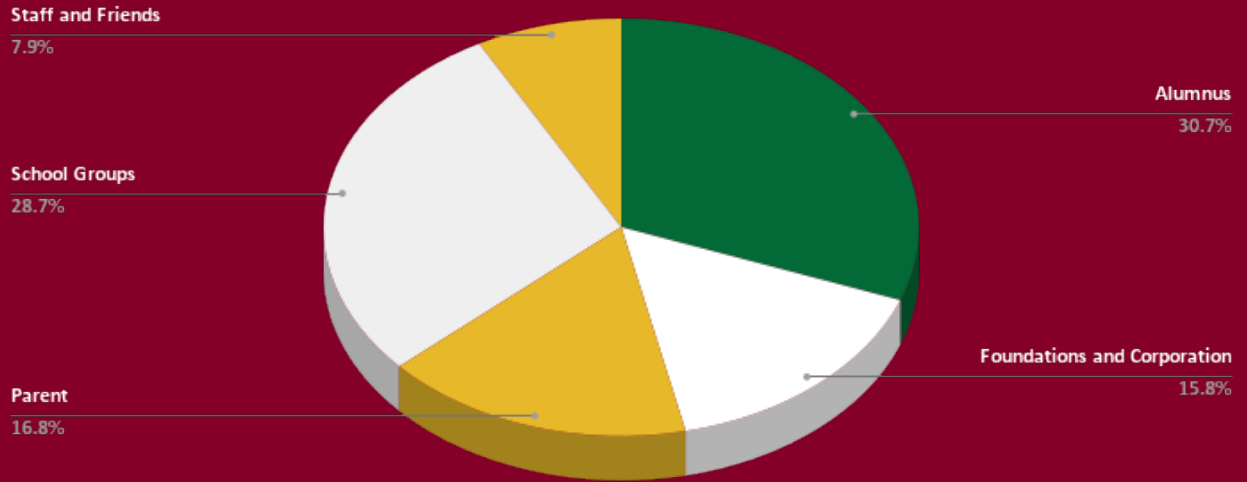
Scott Corbett  
Executive Director of Advancement

# ANNUAL REPORT ON GIVING





## Total Fundraising: \$1,264,069



## Development Team



From left to right: Scott Corbett, *Executive Director of Advancement*, Kristyna Spooner, *Advancement Officer*, and Marissa Stimpson, *Advancement Services Coordinator*. The Development Team works tirelessly for Loyola to advance the mission of the school and ensure all constituents understand the purpose and impact of their philanthropy.



The full Annual Report on Giving for 2022-23 is available online. Scan to access the full report.





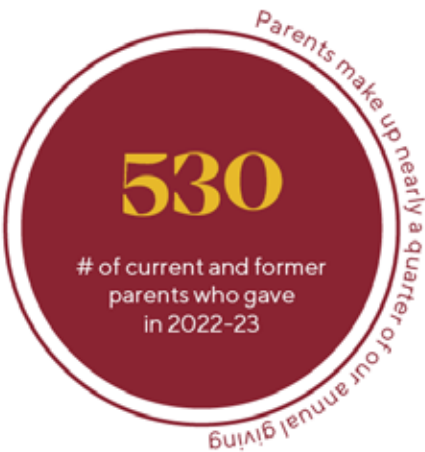
**SUPPORT FROM THE MOTHER'S GUILD & LOYOLA PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (LPA)**

With immense gratitude for their generous commitment, Loyola's inaugural Giving Day became a resounding success, thanks to the invaluable support of the Loyola Mother's Guild and Loyola Parents' Association. Their establishment of challenge funds played a pivotal role in rallying support for essential initiatives such as the Teachers' Excellence Fund, Ignatian Formation Fund, and the Loyola Bursary Fund.



**23rd ANNUAL LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

On October 2, 2022, the Loyola High School Foundation hosted the 23rd Annual Golf Tournament. Thanks to the participants and sponsors, the tournament raised **\$216,790** for Loyola's Bursary Fund.



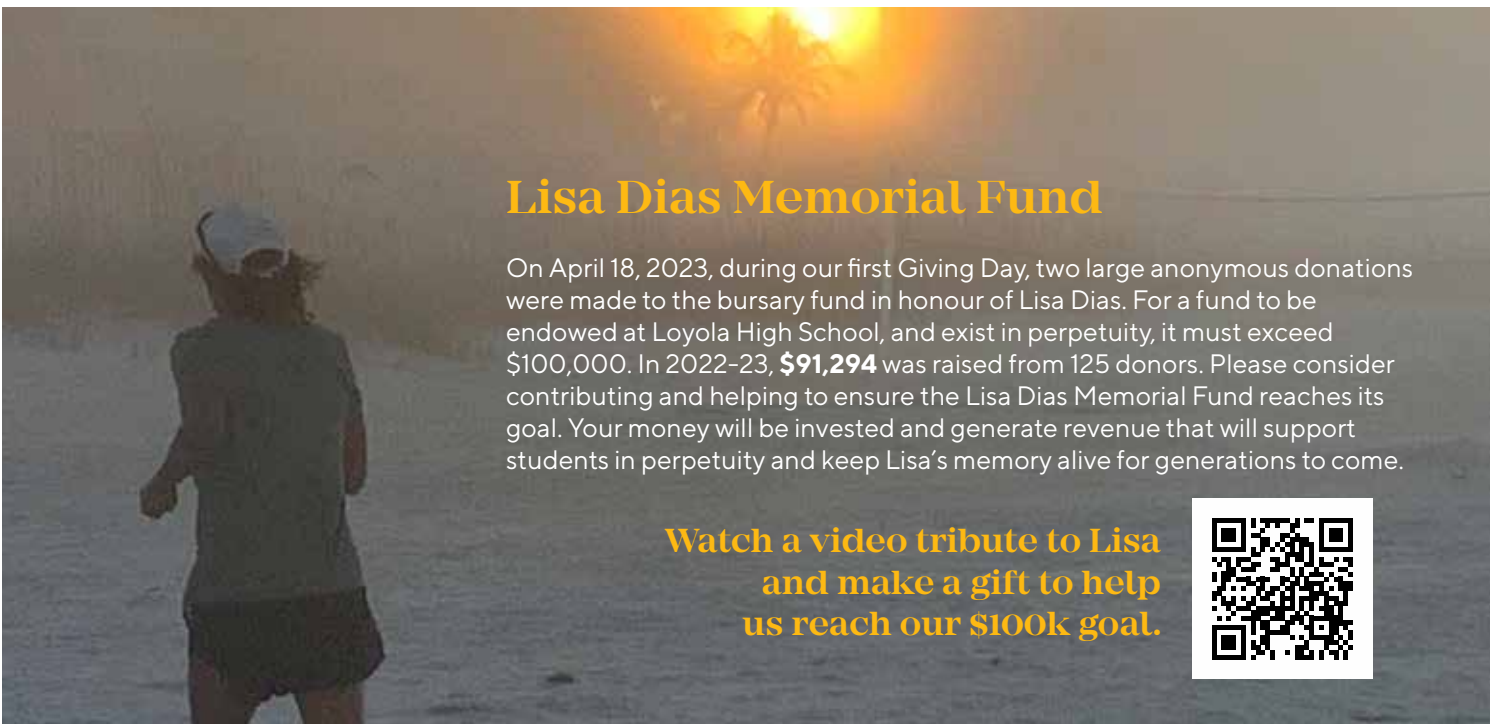
**1st ANNUAL GIVING DAY**

**909** unique donors (parents, alumni, faculty and staff) raised **\$253,784** in the first-ever 24-hour fundraising event hosted by Loyola High School, smashing our goals of exceeding 750 unique donors.



**HOCKEY RAFFLE**

Every year, Loyola holds a raffle for season tickets to the Montreal Canadiens. The hockey raffle was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022. For the 2022-23 season, **\$82,220** was raised for bursaries! Tickets sold: 4111.



**Lisa Dias Memorial Fund**

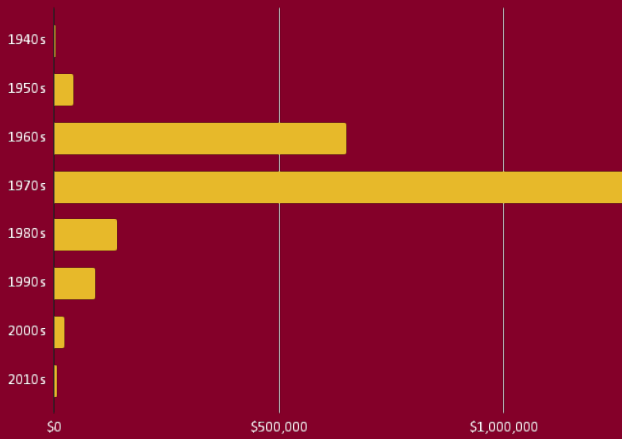
On April 18, 2023, during our first Giving Day, two large anonymous donations were made to the bursary fund in honour of Lisa Dias. For a fund to be endowed at Loyola High School, and exist in perpetuity, it must exceed \$100,000. In 2022-23, **\$91,294** was raised from 125 donors. Please consider contributing and helping to ensure the Lisa Dias Memorial Fund reaches its goal. Your money will be invested and generate revenue that will support students in perpetuity and keep Lisa's memory alive for generations to come.

**Watch a video tribute to Lisa and make a gift to help us reach our \$100k goal.**

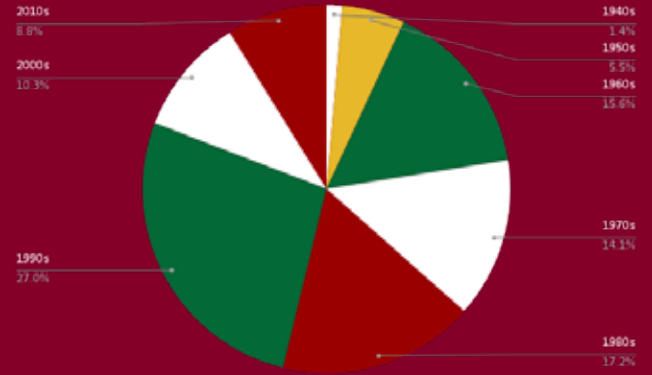


# ALUMNI GIVING

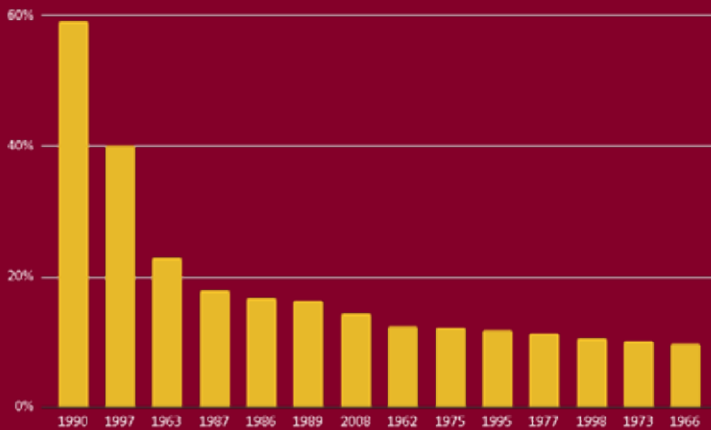
## Alumni Giving by Decade



## Alumni Donors by Decade



## Alumni Participation by Grad Year



### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The LHSAA hosted a leaderboard challenge on Giving Day with a close call between class of '90 and '97 the subject of a video recount.



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Established in 1981 with a commitment to enhancing the educational experience and opportunities for students, the *Loyola High School Foundation* serves as a vital financial steward for Loyola. Through a diligent process of receiving, disbursing, and strategically investing funds, the foundation supports Loyola in advancing its goals. At the heart of the foundation's operations are its dedicated Directors, who generously volunteer their time and contribute their expertise. The current list of Board of Directors is provided on the left.

# IMPACT OF GIVING

60%

## Capital Projects

Classroom renovations and constructions projects (washrooms and locker rooms) for co-education.

25%

## Bursaries & Awards

17% of Loyola students received partial or full bursaries, averaging \$6,000 per student.

**\$1,939,175**

Total disbursements to Loyola High School for 2022-23

5%

## Program Support

Kairos programming, clubs, athletics and other school programs.

10%

## U.S. Friends of Loyola

Donations made by U.S. residents to the *U.S. Friends of Loyola Foundation*.



# WELCOMES & FAREWELLS



**MARIA CARNEIRO**  
*Senior Event & Community  
Engagement Officer*

After 23 years, Maria Carneiro began her well-deserved retirement in June 2023. For many years, Maria served as the backbone and heartbeat of the Development office. A former Loyola parent and both grad and staff member of Sacred Heart School of Montreal, her expertise and knowledge of the English-speaking community was fundamental in her role at Loyola.

The impact of her work will stand the test of time as will the memory of her kind smile. Happy retirement Maria!



**KRISTYNA SPOONER**  
*Advancement Officer*

Kristyna is a graduate of Queen of Angels Academy and then Concordia University. She began her career in marketing with Labatt Breweries of Canada. Most recently, she spent a year in Australia where she filled the role of Engagement Officer and Social Media Manager for the prestigious Loreto Mandeville Hall in Melbourne.

As our Advancement Officer, she will play a crucial role in strengthening our connections with alumni, parents, donors, and friends of the school.



**CHIARA FOLINI**  
*Director, Marketing & Communications*

Chiara is a bilingual marketing specialist with a Communications degree from Concordia University. In her most recent role as a social media and regional marketing manager at Cineplex, she worked in both the Toronto and Montreal offices. A graduate of the Sacred Heart School of Montreal, she was involved in Loyola events such as Winter Carnival and theatrical productions as a student. As Loyola's new Director of Marketing and Communications, she is thrilled to return to a community that holds a special place in her heart.

Loyola  
**GIVING DAY**  
*Save the Date!*  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024**  
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# STUDENT LIFE @ LOYOLA

The following pages highlight a glimpse of the plethora of activities, clubs and events that are hallmarks of student life at Loyola High School. From academic pursuits that inspire intellectual growth to an array of extracurricular activities that foster creativity and leadership, Loyola offers opportunities for all students to engage, learn and grow.

Stay connected and up-to-date with everything going on in student life at Loyola High School by following, liking and sharing our school's official social media platforms:



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## 2022-23 Venture Magazine

The school's literary and arts magazine is a showcase of Loyola's students' creativity. Brodi Cellini's '23 skillful work graced the cover, and within each page, you will discover a fusion of student artwork and creative writing. Here, we offer a few samples from this edition.

To access the full magazine, please visit [loyola.ca/news](http://loyola.ca/news).



## Principal's Corner

I'm fairly sure that, from the end of August until the end of June, Loyola High School never sleeps. The school is in a constant state of positive and productive activity. However, as we embrace the 2023-2024 school year, it is vital that we take into account three 'r' words: reflection and reacquaintance, in the greater hope of renewal.

British writer Thomas Carlyle wrote the following: "To each is given a certain Talent, a certain Outward Environment of Fortune; to each, by wisest combination of these two, a certain maximum of Capability." This fine quotation captures the essence of the formation of the whole person we instill in our students at Loyola.

Carlyle first addresses the inherent possibility contained within each individual. He is suggesting that every person is given particular abilities. The bold ultimatum of any new school year is to identify, reflect upon, and embrace these strengths.

The second part of the quotation about the "Outward Environment of Fortune" looks external, to an individual's surroundings and the opportunity afforded, with able assistance, to become reacquainted with a school that offers the perfect conditions, should one take advantage of all its amenities, to achieve success.

Finally, the passage ends by suggesting it is through a potent mix of the internal and external, talent and environment, that our students can reach their "maximum of Capability." This requires consistent renewal and meeting the challenge of the Jesuit term *magis*, which means not more, as in quantity, but better, as in quality.

Amidst the flurry of activity of another academic year, where we will have to wait until settling into summer before catching our breath, I have full faith that our reflecting, reacquainting and renewing will truly turn *magis* into magic.



For the second year, Loyola opened its doors to ▲ the next generation of *men and women for others*.

## Loyola's Open House

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, Loyola's Open House drew in more than 500 families. Grade 5 and Grade 6 students and their families had the opportunity to meet with our dedicated faculty, staff, students, and to explore the diverse array of extracurricular activities that epitomize a Loyola education. At the Open House, Loyola High School's core mission took center stage, highlighting our commitment to educating the *whole person*, empowering each student to pursue their interests and passions.





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In October, four senior students travelled to Washington, D.C. over the weekend to attend the annual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice that gathers 2000 students from Jesuit schools across North America. At the conference, students had the opportunity to network, learn and reflect on issues including migration policies, environmental justice and racism.



## Students Travel the World

In October, our students had the pleasure of hosting exchange students from the Ensemble scolaire Saint-Joseph de Tivoli, a Jesuit school in Bordeaux, France. During their stay, the Tivoli students attended classes and events at Loyola, discovered St. Joseph's Oratory, indulged in the iconic smoked meat sandwiches at Schwartz's and visited Mont-Tremblant, among other places. They also had the unique opportunity to go to Kahnawake, where they visited the sanctuary of Saint Kateri and gained insights into indigenous spirituality from a respected Elder. Loyola students eagerly anticipate their visit to Bordeaux in February 2024. À bientôt!

Meanwhile, in early Fall, Secondary 4 students had an enriching experience during their visit to Stratford, Ontario. They explored the charming town of Stratford and enjoyed captivating performances, including "Rent" at the Festival Theatre, "Grand Magic" at the Tom Patterson Theatre, and "Spamalot" at the Avon Theatre.





# Loyola Sprouts

## Plan(e)t Care

In alignment with Society of Jesus' Universal Apostolic Preference "Caring for our Common Home", Ms. Cheri Adams (English & Theatre Arts Teacher, Student Life Coordinator) introduced a vegetable and fruit plant sale to the Loyola community at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

The pots were stocked and cared for by Ms. Adams for months before being sold to the Loyola community as viable plants to be brought home, nurtured and help sprout home gardening initiatives.

We are looking forward to seeing this initiative flourish in the coming year as the school, its faculty and students continue to explore new ways to care for our common home.



## The Cooking Program Continues

On October 19, the M13 D1 hockey team enjoyed a delightful cooking session in the school kitchen, thanks to the culinary program initiated by renowned Montreal chef and restaurateur, Fred Morin P '26 & P '28. Our students not only discovered the art of preparing and savouring meals together, but it also sparked conversations about healthy eating - a true "food for thought" experience. It even caught the attention of CTV News.

On the segment, Chef Morin talks about the importance of overcoming mistakes both in the kitchen and on the ice: "Life goes on."



Watch the CTV News segment above!



## Truth & Reconciliation

### Awareness and impact

Loyola hosted an annual school-wide event to honour National Truth and Reconciliation Day and Orange Shirt Day, observed every September 30. This year, we came together a day early, on Friday, September 29, donning orange shirts to show our solidarity and dedication to meaningful conversations about Indigenous history, the present, and the future. The orange shirt was designed by Thahnhahténhtha Gilbert '23 and made by Karahkwa Designs. All proceeds from the shirts went towards supporting the Kahnawake Youth Center.

Across levels and as part of the curriculum, students also studied stories of hurtful truths from the past, cultural beauty and Indigenous resilience and ingenuity.



## The return of Fr. Altília, SJ

Fr. Len Altília, SJ has returned as Chaplain following the passing of Fr. Brennan, SJ. When asked about his perspective on his position at Loyola, Fr. Altília highlighted the importance of a Jesuit education: “Inside every one of our students is a spark of the divine which we must fan into flame so that they may set the world on fire with their love and their joy.”

Fr. Altília had previously served as teacher, principal and president of Loyola High School. He later became president of St. Paul’s High School, a Jesuit school in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In November, Fr. Altília, SJ was presented the prestigious Order of St. Jean de Brébeuf Award for his unwavering dedication and commitment.

## Agents of Change

### A Summer Initiative by Students

From June 24 to July 8, the Bailey family, including Alexandre ‘25 and Nathan ‘27, embarked on a transformative journey to Cartago, Costa Rica, with a mission to create a positive global impact. Their shared desire to make a difference led them to discover Global Vision International (GVI).

Their collaborative efforts with the Abraham Project, a Christian initiative, involved teaching English in underserved areas, engaging in various activities like taekwondo, and contributing to community gardening, while promoting sustainability and self-sufficiency. Their experiences reached beyond borders and cultures, aspiring to exemplify the principles of “Showing the way to God” and spreading His love. This meaningful collaboration with GVI has reinforced their commitment to service and global citizenship, resonating with Loyola’s mission.



## Parents’ Dance

The annual tradition continued this year as the Loyola Parents’ Association (LPA) organized a dance.

A big thank you to parents, alumni and supporters who made the 2023 edition of the LPA parent dinner and dance a smashing success! Special thanks to BeaverTails and Les Délices Lafrenaié for dessert, Le Classique for excellent food and service, Soul Station for their incredible performance, the student helpers and dedicated Loyola Parent Association members, led by Dance Chair Leslie Andradi, who made it all happen.



# Meet Louis Félix Valiquette

## Campus Minister

*The Loyola Family is happy to welcome Louis Félix Valiquette as the school's new full time Campus Minister in 2023-2024. Mr. Valiquette's boundless energy and enthusiasm will no doubt inspire the students he is shepherding in individual grade level spiritual formation teams. In addition, he will be ably coordinating a number of important dossiers, including Retreats and Kairos, Experience Week and the Christian Service Program (CSP).*

### **What is your background and experience?**

I'm originally from Montérégie, and I've spent my entire educational journey within the public school system. I took an international program in high school before venturing out to settle in Lac-Saint-Jean for three years. Later, I continued my studies at the University of Sherbrooke, initially focusing on environmental studies and then transitioning to theology. My career path led me to work with various community organizations, particularly those involved in immigrant integration and supporting marginalized populations. I also had the privilege of managing the youth mission of the Saint-Jean-Longueuil Diocese and working with the Phare de Longueuil organization. One of the highlights was coordinating World Youth Day with a delegation in Portugal.

### **How would you define Campus Ministry to today's youth?**

To help young people grasp what Campus Ministry is all about, I invite them to think of it as "Campus Caring" or, more broadly, "Caring for the Campus". From my perspective, the primary mission of Campus Ministry is to care for the school community, including students, teachers, parents and others. It's a welcoming space, always centered on Christ's unconditional love, offered to all to help them develop their abilities, deepen their faith, experience new horizons and come together as a community.

### **What are the goals of the Christian Service Program (CSP) for this year?**

While Campus Ministry focuses on caring for the Loyola community, the Christian Service Program provides students with opportunities to think beyond their immediate surroundings and engage in acts of evangelical justice. Following Jesus' example, they extend their service to people in need. Through this program, we aim to encourage students to open their hearts and minds to the pressing social issues that persist in our society. The objective is not merely to raise awareness about these challenges but also to prepare our students to become effective agents of change in their communities.

### **What inspired you to take on your current role at Loyola?**

I believe it was a calling from God that led me to this role. Following a series of life decisions, I went to Villa Saint-Martin on a whim, contemplating my professional future. I met many young men at the retirement home, sharing their profound stories of faith. It was there that I learned of the existence of a Jesuit, Catholic school in Montreal. In a conversation with Fr. Altilia, SJ, I discovered that a campus ministry position was available, and the rest, as they say, is history.

### **What are your hopes for the future of the CSP program?**

This year, as our entire Campus Ministry team is new, our focus is on effective continuity with the projects and initiatives of our predecessors. We aim to ensure that the CSP and other Campus Ministry activities align with the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) and empower students to develop their abilities to become *men and women for others*. Our hope is to build on the foundation laid by previous programs, adapting them to better reflect these preferences and provide a platform for students to grow and serve their communities.





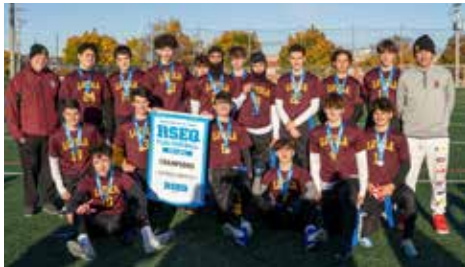
# Game-Changing: 1st Co-ed Athletics Season



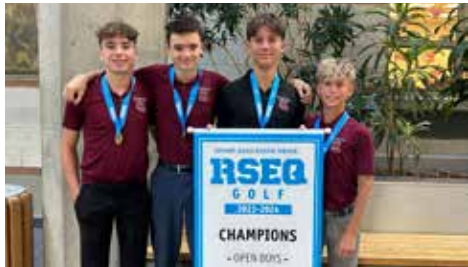
Coaches Ms. Mongeon and Mr. Lynam proudly stand with the first Loyola Bantam Girls' soccer team.



The Juvenile Boys' football team had an impressive 42-0 victory in the last regular season game.



The return of MVP QB Daniel '24 and the outstanding play of the defense resulted in a championship win for the Juvenile Boys' flag football team.



The golf team swung into victory in the GMAA Championship, with Justin '25 securing first place, and Oscar '25 earning third spot.



The first Bantam Girls' volleyball team excelled, culminating in a fantastic victory against FACE in the final tournament of the season.



Co-ed cross-country runners sprinted to victory on Mont-Royal, with Matthew '24 from the Juvenile team claiming first place.



The first Bantam Boys' flag football team finished the regular season undefeated, securing a triumphant 21-14 victory in the GMAA championship.

Special mention to our volunteer alumni coaches: **David Mather '16, Michael Apa '03, Jonathan Mancini '09, Sam Anastasopoulos '20, Owen Lawton '17, Albert Hallal '15, Chris Devito '12, Zackary Gilmore '16 and Marco Ottoni '87.**



The Juvenile Boys' soccer team finished first in their division and clinched the GMAA championship.



The Bantam Boys' D3 soccer team triumphed with a championship victory over Collège St-Jean-Vianney.

# 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

# BURSARY DRIVE

A special thanks to all our generous sponsors, dedicated committee members, participants, volunteers and all of whom contributed to making Loyola's Annual Golf Tournament a hole-in-one success. All proceeds raised from the tournament will support Loyola's Bursary Fund.



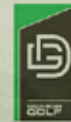
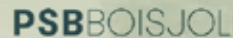
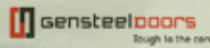
*Watch our thank you video!* 



*Congratulations to this year's winning foursome!*



(left to right) Kristyna Spooner, Cameron Fortin '00, Paul Fortin '68, Derrick Gut '00, Patrick Croteau, Scott Corbett.



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# Class of 2023



Clive Raza with his father John Raza '86



Gianfranco Nudo with brothers Michael '20 and Gabriel '25



Jeremy D'Souza with his father Sean '84



Aiden Cochrane with his cousin Donovan '09 and father James '82



Luca Falbo with his brothers Daniel '21 and Alexander '25



Giacomo Mazzuca with his father Claudio '90



Kazimir Siemienski with his father Jan '84



Adam Suh with his brother Logan '22 and father Richard '90



Kian Turner-Boyle with his father Sean '80



Rocco Ramadori with his father Sam '90



Bryce Rooney with his brothers Connor '21, Owen '25, Ethan '25 and father Matthew '97



Mario Pisanelli with his brother Chazz '19

The 127th commencement exercises marked the end of a five-year journey living out the *Grad at Grad*. The grads on these pages are joined by their relatives, all of whom are alumni themselves, continuing the rich lineage tradition at Loyola.



Jeffrey Horvat with his brother Justin '20



Dario Forlini with his brother Marco '21 and father Felice '89



Calvin Kunz with his cousin Aydan Guzevicius '20



Lorenzo Lato with his brother Roberto '20



John Patrick (Jack) Marilley with his father Christopher '81 and uncle Timothy '96



Asher Zulu-Hernandez with his cousin Sheldon Jean-Baptiste '05



James Magee with his brother Daniel '21



Nicholas Zarlenga with his brother Zachary '20



Jonathan Asfour with his brother Alexander '20



Lucas Ricciardi with his father Pasquale '93



Thahnhahténhtha Gilbert with his father Kaniehtake:ron '00 and uncle Kaniatari:io '95



Michael Mezzacappa with his uncle Robert '96



Andrew & Malcom Patterson with brother Ian '20 and father James '82



Mihail Bibic with his brother Jovan '22



Maksym Konanec with his father Taras '89



James Wnek with his father Gerry '80



Julio Fucito with his brother Antonio '16



Brant Azeff with his father William '96



Liam Shea with his father Patrick '90 and grandfather Peter '61.

A milestone for the Loyola family, Liam becomes the first fourth-generation alumnus. His grandfather holds a book belonging to great-grandfather Percy '22, gifted to him by Fr. Francis M. Breslin, SJ in 1918.

# ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

In 2023, Loyola High School and the Loyola High School Alumni Association (LHSAA) launched an extensive class representatives program that aims to find at least one (1) representative per class year who can act as a liaison between the school and classmates for special events, news, etc. For more information about the program, please reach out to Kristyna Spooner (Advancement Officer, LHS) or Pino Di Ioia '86 (Class Representatives Coordinator, LHSAA) at [alumni@loyola.ca](mailto:alumni@loyola.ca).

**'61** **John Corbett** wanted to share that news of his and **Brian Corbett '64's** mother turned 100 on July 16 of this year. Anne McKee (formerly Corbett) moved from Montreal to Key West, Florida in 1972. Here, she has carved a significant niche and is known as their most prominent patron of the Arts.

**Richard Monette**, beloved gifted actor & lauded 14-year Director Stratford Festival, was recognized with a street named after him in his honour near the Festival Theatre.



**'72** **Michael Doherty** ▲ shared: "It's been just over 50 years since I graduated and I continue to benefit from my education at Loyola: I freelance at a job I love and, in between editing gigs, I buy plane tickets and explore the world. I'm in 54 countries and counting. Maybe it was Fr. Moriarty who instilled that desire in me; he cornered me one day and pushed me to be the best I could be. He also said I should become a lawyer, though I bypassed that recommendation. I'm currently on the island of Patmos in Greece just looking around."

## The Class of '63 gathered for their 60th reunion from September 1-3, 2023.

On the Friday evening, Marcelle DeFreitas delivered a hopeful address about Loyola's present and future to the Class of '63, many of whom were accompanied by their spouses and partners. Saturday began with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ '63 followed by a dinner and a private concert by *Bowser and Blue* generously hosted by Rick '63 and Carolyn Renaud in St-Sauveur. Sunday marked the farewell brunch where the Cardinal engaged in a Q&A session with his fellow classmates in person and online from around the world. Dr. Don Taddeo '63 beautifully encapsulates the essence of the weekend: "Gratitude, for all we were given, for all we have, for our indelible Loyola High School experience."



**'73** **Norman Hébert C.M.** has just been announced as the new Chair for the Board of Directors for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation. Mr. Hébert, Executive Chair of Groupe Park Avenue, is joining the foundation at a crucial time as they enter the second half of their major 200-million-dollar campaign.

**'78** Thanks to **Tim Phelan** who shared this photo of a recent alumni gathering in Palm Springs, California.

From left to right: John Gibson '77, Jacques Baheux '77, Marty Loken '77, Tim Phelan '78, Geoff Moore '77 and Jim Gibson '78. ▼



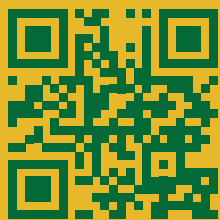
**'75** **Michael Murray** will be ordained a Permanent Deacon of the Catholic Church in December 2023. His wife Ann Lynch, of 38 years, has been a great part of his Faith Journey. He is currently a Rector of the Sanctuaire Saint Peregrin, located in Montreal.



# CLASS REPS

1954 Anthony Patterson  
 1955-1959 Contact [alumni@loyola.ca](mailto:alumni@loyola.ca) to become a class rep  
 1960 Donald Bedard  
 1961 Contact [alumni@loyola.ca](mailto:alumni@loyola.ca) to become a class rep  
 1962 Timothy Landry

1963 Dr. Don Taddeo  
 1964 Contact [alumni@loyola.ca](mailto:alumni@loyola.ca) to become a class rep  
 1965 Paul Marchand  
 1966 David Humes  
 1967 Donald Del Vecchio  
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Scan the QR code to watch a video that captures the camaraderie shared among the Class of '63, showcasing the enduring bonds formed and sustained over the decades.



**'86** Peter Danyluk has recently rediscovered keepsakes from his formative years at Loyola. In 1984, he recalls bringing his small 35mm camera to school and capturing these classroom and hallway photos.



**'80** In October, 15 alums from the Class of '80 – all members of the musical group *My Dog Whiskey* – convened at a mountaintop studio in Big Sur, California to eat gourmet food, sample wines, hike to amazing beaches, and work their way through their set list of Classic Rock songs. Several members even took the time to write some original songs for their own bands 'back home'.

From left to right: Cory Spencer '80, Anil Pereira '80, Danny Thomas '80, Chris Mostovac '80, Steve Cloutier '80, John Mulholland '80, Andrew Foley '80, Warren Kotler '80, Paul Oss '80, Steve Brenninkmeyer '80, Ken About '80, Pietro Satriano '80, Dave Barry, '80 John Bagdoo '80 and Bruce Lawler '80. ▶



**'90** Patrick Shea shared that over the Victoria Day weekend in May 2023, twenty-three good friends travelled down to Miami Beach for a four-night 50th birthday party.

◀ From left to right: Sam Ramadori '90, Michael Presseau '90, Peter Mueller '90, Mark-Anthony Serri '90, Patrick M. Shea '90, long-time Miami resident Peter Vitale '90, and Eric Poole '90.

**Thomas Park**, former member of Loyola's High School Foundation Board of Directors, was honoured with the G. Raymond Chang Outstanding Volunteer award for his philanthropic work done at Toronto Metropolitan University.

# ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

## CLASS REPS

- 1971 David Boyd  
Jack Domaradzki  
Thomas Filgiano
- 1972 Timothy O'Farrell
- 1973 Paul LaFleche  
Suman Mukerji
- 1974 Contact alumni@loyola.ca  
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- 1975 James Di Giacomo  
Michael Murray
- 1976 Contact alumni@loyola.ca  
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- 1977 Colin Wright  
Richard Pawulski
- 1978 David Costello  
Charles Grenier  
Raymond Spruzenieks

## 2023 ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

This year we had the pleasure of hosting more than 550 alumni spanning from 1958 to 2022 during our Alumni Reunion Weekend. It was a wonderful occasion for reconnecting with old friends and raising funds that contribute to the Loyola Bursary Fund.



Class of 1958



Class of 2013



Class of 2003



Class of 1993



Class of 2008



Class of 1983



Class of 1973

# CLASS REPS

1979 Eamon Egan  
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1984 Elias Scarvelis  
 1985 Keith Ewenson  
 1986 Pino Di Ioia  
 1987 Victor Lukoshius  
 1988 Andrew Hannan  
 Leonard Phipps  
 Phillip Lafave



**'05 Joseph Carpini** ▲ married Scott Sullivan on September 24th, 2023 in Kings Park, Western Australia. His brother, **Vincenzo Carpini '97**, was present to celebrate the event.

**Livio Folini** shared his wedding (July 9, 2022) photo surrounded by his closest friends, all Loyola alumni.

From left to right: (Back row) Juan Carlos Argueso '05, Paolo De Luca '05, Carlo Loffredo '05, Hugo Tassone '96. (2nd row) Rocco Masella '05, Marco Panarello '05, Gerardo Ganem '05, Alexander Chau '05, Matt Battah '05, Carlo Castelli '05. (Front row) Mark Santin '05, Laura Bellomo (his wife), Billy Sarbanis '05, Livio Folini '05, Daniel Marino '05. ▼



**'06 Vito Italia** married Yuliani Andrea Rojas on November 12th, 2022 in Colombia. Several alumni were present for the wedding.

▲ From left to right: Nicholas Gervasi '06, Andrea Barone '06, Giovanni Di Gregorio '06, Dario Pellizzari '06, Vito Italia '06, Aly Kanji '06, Eric Mastrocola '06, Steven Greco '06. Not pictured but in attendance: Christopher Lo Manno '06.

**'07 Jordano Aguzzi** recently won a Sports Emmy for Outstanding Edited Event Coverage for cinematography on Welcome to the NHL: 2022 NHL Draft, ESPN + NHL Network.

**Josh Carey's** band, Po Lazarus, played at Festival du Canal in June 2023 and Osheaga in August 2023.

**Eric Cordon** married Jessica Mastronardi, a Sacred Heart alumna, on September 15, 2023, in the enchanting setting of S'Agaró, Spain. The wedding was graced by the presence of several Loyola alumni.

**'08 Joey D'Alleva** married business partner Sophie Bergeron on Saturday September 2nd in Montreal. The reception was held at their restaurant Rita in Verdun. ▼



◀ From left to right: Owen Paek '07, Chris Fleming '07, Anthony Gattuso '07, Kevin Stern '07, Eric Cordon '07, Jessica Mastronardi (Sacred '10), David Brain '06, Peter Barry '83, Spencer Brennan '07 and Yianni Vlasseros '07.

# ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

## CLASS REPS

1989	Contact alumni@loyola.ca to become a class rep	1993	Matthew Humes
1990	Michael Presseau Patrick Shea	1994	Contact alumni@loyola.ca to become a class rep
1991	Contact alumni@loyola.ca to become a class rep	1995	Thomas Park
1992	Christopher Marit	1996	Jason Bowes Mark Lapalme William Azeff
		1997	Michael Elie

**'09** **Jeremie Legault** recently released his single "Bow Chicka WOW" on Spotify.

**'11** **Jason Rouillier** shared this photo of his wife (Cristina, QAA '11) welcoming their first baby, Caterina Rouillier, on May 10th, 2023 in British Columbia. ▼



**'13** **Dr. Davide De Marco** got married on September 30th, 2023. His brother, **Dr. Corrado De Marco '11** was the best man. He married Dr. Amanda Marino (Sacred Heart '13) at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral.

From left to right: Jonathan Chirico '14, James Broden '82, Tony Smith '13, Justin Marino '11, Davide De Marco '13, Corrado De Marco '11, Alex Banks '13, Gerardo Discepola '07, Christian Solari '13, Alessandro Pedicelli '08, Kristian Johnston-Galvez '13. ▼



**'15** **Jacob Brown** and **Jeremy Harbec '14** from the band Group Project have made the CBC Music Searchlight 2023 Top 10 finalist for their song "Alma Mater".

**'18** **Anthony Varvaro, Luca Palazzese, Luca Fermini** and **Adriano Miliziano** started the Box2BoxShow that mixes a love for soccer with comedy just one year ago. Since then, their TikTok has grown to over 470 000 followers with 21 million likes.

**'12** Congratulations to **Tyler Cochrane** and his wife Lynn Sherwood who were married on June 17, 2023. Tyler's groomsmen were **Luca Scalzo '20, Tristan Cerminara '22** and **Daniel Farrell '12**. ▼

**'16** **Matthew Racanelli** successfully completed his Bachelor of Education in Health and Physical Education at McGill University. During his final field experience at his alma mater, he became the first-ever futsal coach!

**'20** **Roberto Frascione** and **Charles Price '21**, have been selected on the U19 Quebec rugby team. They competed in the U19 Canadian Rugby Championships (CRC).



**'21** Officer Cadet **Mico Fiore** graduated from the Royal Military College in Saint-Jean and was supported by fellow classmate **Connor Rooney**.

**CLASS REPS**

1998 Camille Khoury  
Giuseppe Alfonsi  
Matthew Eramian

1999 Aidan De Jean  
Edmund Piro  
Robert Fiori

2000 Cameron Fortin

2001 Philippe Leithead

2002 Andrij Ferguson  
Martin Brain  
Michael Stefanison

2003 Jason Beaton  
Michael Apa

2004 Giordano Egiziano

2005 Anthony Da Ponte

2006 Brandon Vergara

2007 Matthew Lawton

2008 George Pantazopoulos  
Sean Coleman

2009 Jeremie Legault  
Mark Weissfelner  
Matthew Mancini

2010 Mark-Yves Zwanenburg  
2011 Matthew Shanahan  
Phillip Palisaitis

2012 **Contact alumni@loyola.ca to become a class rep**

2013 Christian Solari

2014 Brian Powell  
Evan Arzenshek  
Giovanni Gentile

2015

2016-2017 **Contact alumni@loyola.ca to become a class rep**

2018 Peter Petrakos  
2019 David Mancini  
Matthew Montoni  
Nicholas Franco  
Paolo Petroni

2020 Thomas Khairy

2021 Alessandro Vani  
Daniel Magee

2022 Sebastian Valasek

2023 Roman Alexander  
Rocco Ramadori  
James Wnek



**JOIN THE LOYOLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!**

President Charles Grenier '78 and board executives are looking for new alumni willing to help with future events.

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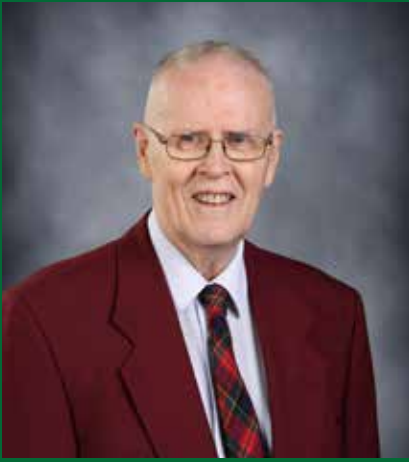


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Stay updated on all things Loyola Alumni, by following our Loyola High School Association (LHSAA) **Facebook** and **Instagram** accounts [@loyolaalumni\\_mtl](https://www.instagram.com/loyolaalumni_mtl). These pages are dedicated to highlighting your incredible journey since graduating from Loyola High School, whether it involves personal achievements or career accomplishments. We invite you to also join our private **LinkedIn** group (search: *Loyola High School Alumni Association*) to stay professionally connected and share your career news with the Loyola Alumni community.

*Share your news of interest!*





## James (Jim) Pearson 1932–2023

Mr. James (Jim) Pearson '49 began his teaching career at Loyola in 1956, becoming an integral part of the Math Department. In 1980, alongside colleague Ed Meagher, he initiated the Loyola High School Foundation. By 1990, both Jim and his wife Joan were inducted into the Loyola Hall of Merit.

Although he retired from teaching in 1996, Mr. Pearson's commitment to the school remained unwavering through his continued dedication to the Foundation. Notably, he holds the distinction of being the longest-serving educator in Loyola's history.

With his profound understanding of Loyola, in 2018, Mr. Pearson authored "Loyola Montreal: Stories From our History." This comprehensive 300-page book provides a unique perspective on the 120-year history of Loyola High School and Loyola College. It stands as the most extensive compilation of narratives from the Montreal Loyola community, serving as a testament to Jim's remarkable 70-year association with the school.



## Eulogy for my buddy

*Excerpts from eulogy written by Robert (Bob) Shaughnessy '61*

I started teaching at Loyola in the fall of 1966. I was assigned to the Math Department where there was a formidable array of mentors including Jim Pearson, or Pearse as he was affectionately referred to. Mathematical concepts can be a tad confusing at times, but Jim had the ability to explain the complicated in a clear and concise manner. He had a love of Math, and he quietly passed it on to the rest of us. A few years later, Pearse and I were conscripted to figure out "scheduling". You get to know someone well when you are trying to put a square plug-in a round hole. Pearse was always calm as could be and would always come up with a "Pearson algorithm" to save the day.

We coached the Bantam hockey team together a few years. One year, the Bantam and Senior team (coached by Jim Ruddy and Ed Meagher) were both playing in the City Finals at Loyola's rink. We won our game and the whole team stayed and watched the Seniors win their game. After the kids had gone, the four of us stayed in the room and went over the season and talked about the kids - I can still remember how excited Jim was talking about the boys. This should not have surprised me for

▲ From left to right: Faculty members Jim Pearson '49, Nazareno Ruscito, Kelly Burke and Bob Shaughnessy '61

that was his strong point as a teacher. There's the time Pearson's back was bothering him, and he was continually stretching it - it was not unusual for him to lay on the desk for a bit while teaching. Eric Cook and some of his classmates recall this vividly but this style of teaching never bothered them. Indeed, to a man they all said, "We loved the guy - we also realized he was "on our side" as young men, regardless of what we did as students. We sensed a genuine kindness from him, which we gravitated to. We knew we could trust him. In our books, he was a "good guy".

What a gift he had.

He loved to tell jokes and he always pushed up his glasses right before the punch line, followed by that mischievous smile and quiet laugh. At faculty meetings, when debates came close to arguments, he was the voice of reason and thoughtful diplomacy. I always thought of him as the quintessential gentleman, embracing old school manners and dignity. He did it all at Loyola and in the process won the hearts of his peers, the students he taught and the staff he worked with. Jim, may you rest in peace and God bless.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

**Naz Adoranti,**  
former staff, father of Carlo '93

**Leslie Allan '65,**  
father of Leslie '06

**Fr. Rob Brennan, SJ**

**Gill Dunn '59**

**Jack Dunsmore,** father of John '76

**Anthony Gucciardo '88**

**Michael Kostin '59**

**Peter LeBlanc '54,** brother of Paul '60, uncle of Peter '84 and Stephen '87

**Gerry McCracken '66**

**George Meehan '49,**  
brother-in-law of Howard Stevenson '54

**Antonio Meti,** father of Nicholas '03



## Remembering Padre

*Excerpts from Memorial Service speech written by Eric Vani '91*

Years ago, I was blessed to share a quiet moment with a wise ol' man – we ruminated over the purpose of life and death. Indeed, a profound and intimidating topic. Ask any graduate or person who knew him well and they will say that his non-judgemental and sincere approach made him the go-to person to speak with about any topic – from the existence of God to the harsh vicissitudes of teenage relationships, to the best football team in NFL history – nothing was off the table with him. He listened attentively, never used platitudes, and always ended discussions with, “I will pray for you.”

Padre wore many hats at Loyola, serving as president, administrator, teacher, chaplain, coach and, most importantly, companion. He dedicated himself to his students and ensured that he journeyed with each of them. He was a master teacher, who was more interested in the development of the whole person – he taught the individual first, then the subject. His lessons were all founded on love – love for his students, love for the topics he shared, and love for life-long learning.

Beyond the hallowed halls of Loyola, Fr. Brennan shared his goodness with

the world. He rarely declined requests to officiate weddings or baptisms for former students, regardless of how hectic his schedule was or how treacherous the travel would be to get to his destination – he always presided with an energetic smile and a willingness to serve.

And serve he did – most notably, alongside Saint Mother Teresa, tending to Calcutta’s most marginalized community. Fr. Brennan dutifully served men, women and children who suffered from leprosy. In 2011, Padre spent his March Break tending to the needs of citizens in Fukushima, Japan, after giant waves flooded nuclear reactors in the area, forcing over a hundred thousand people to flee from the radiation. Indeed, another reminder of Padre’s desire to care for others by giving and not counting the costs.

Thank you for being such an influential part of my life, as well as the lives of countless others. His words – will forever echo in our minds: “Caring and compassion can hurt. [...] But when you demonstrate care and compassion, not only are you doing something special, you’re becoming something special.”

**J. Vincent O'Donnell '48**, brother of the late Robert '53, and Donald '49.

**Brian O'Neill '45**

**James Pearson '49**, father of the late Myles '76, Lorne '81, Daniel '87 and grandfather of Julian Hirsh-Pearson '04

**Gerald Potter '55**, brother of Brian '58 and Alan '60

**Flora Forcati Rondina**, wife of Sylvio '45 and mother of Carlo '72

**Kevin Sanderson '83**

**J. Brian Sinclair '56**, brother of Kevin '68

**Stephen Sims '64**, brother of the late David '53, the late Robert '55, Gerry '58 and Richard '62

**Melford J. Tallon '54**

**Casimir Ternyck '78**, brother of Nicholas '84

**Marc Vermette**, father of Maurice '75 and Paul '71

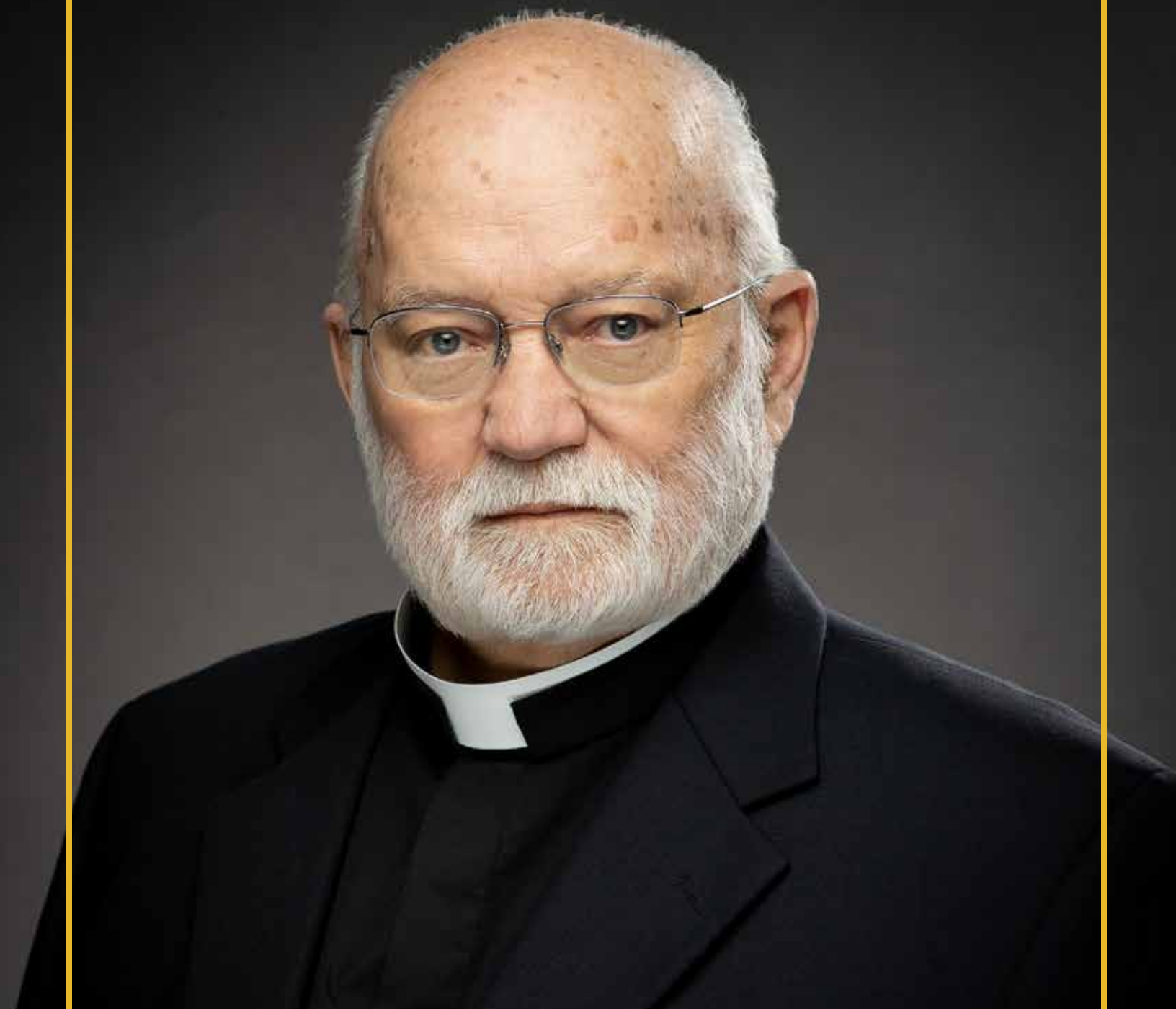


## Fr. Robert (Rob) Brennan, SJ 1945-2023

It is not hyperbole to state that Fr. Brennan was the peaceful heart of Loyola High School during these last few years of disruptions and uncertainty. With a dutiful elegance, he took on the role of Interim President at the outbreak of the pandemic, his second time as spiritual leader of our community, before returning to his long-time post of school chaplain, a post he has occupied almost constantly since his arrival in 1986.

Many of you have been blessed to know Fr. Brennan as a student, an alumnus, a parent, a colleague and a friend. During any given month, it was unsurprising to find an old student make the pilgrimage to the High School in order to chat with him. Countless are the weddings, baptisms and funerals over which he presided in our community. Countless are the words of wisdom he has imparted in times of joy, sorrow and all moments in between.

Fr. Brennan, SJ, helped us “see God in all things”, and we in turn knew God better by virtue of being in his presence.



*In Loving Memory of*

**Father Charles Robert (Rob) Brennan, SJ**

**1945-2023**