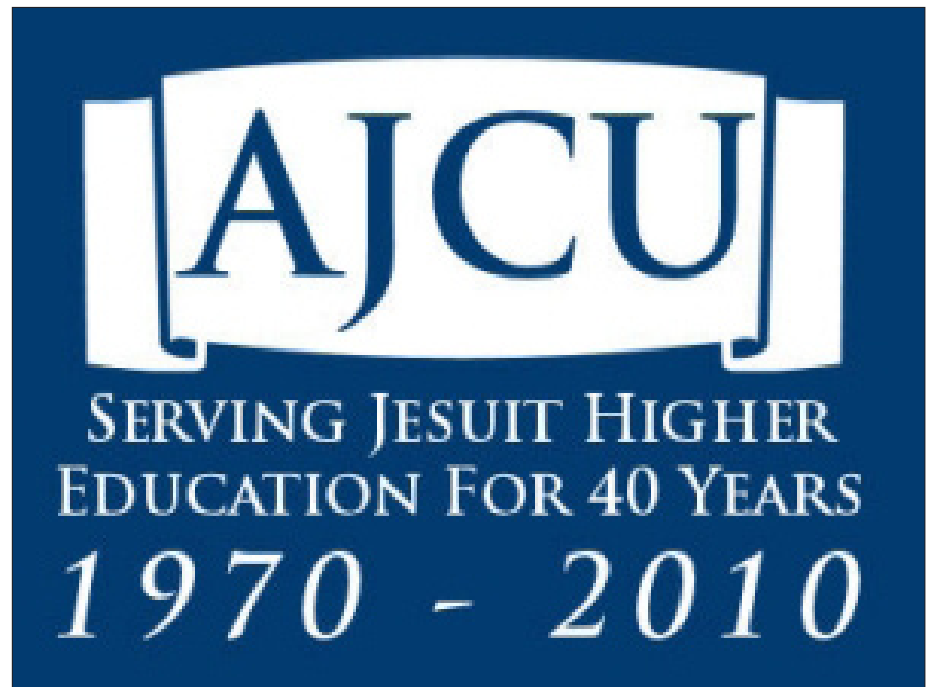


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## AJCU turns 40: Celebrating the Association's Service to Jesuit Higher Education



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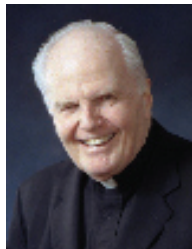
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 July 13-14, 2010

Multicultural Affairs  
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 June 9-11, 2010

Student Personnel Administrators (JASPA)  
 Saint Louis University  
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Looking Back, Looking Forward



Anniversaries are a time to look back on what has been, but more important, to look forward to what might be. As a young 40-year old, AJCU is doing both this year. Reading through the minutes of the early AJCU board meetings and through the pages of the *Jesuit Educational Quarterly* of those days, it is both interesting and sobering to see what has or not changed (much), and what dreams have and have not been realized.

In the spirit of the times, the presidents felt the need to develop a new and more independent association that would be more effective in helping them realize their increasingly complex goals and enable them to cooperate with one another.

Catholic (and Jesuit) colleges and universities were operating in the new spirit of *Land O'Lakes*, insisting on the freedom and autonomy that was seen as essential to the realization of a true university. Having experienced amazing growth in the 50s and 60s, our colleges and universities were also struggling with many issues, not least of which was survival. Some of the same issues and questions we have today were with us in some form 40 years ago: academic quality, financial sustainability, federal support, "Jesuitness," student life, the role of the laity, and a beginning interest in the international dimension of our schools. As today, it was assumed that our schools were or should be deeply involved in the major challenges and opportunities facing all of higher education at the same time they were serious about their Jesuit, Catholic identity.

Forty years later, these issues remain, in updated form. We would like to think we have advanced the thinking and doing on each. We have made great progress in the quality of our schools, our financial strength, the professionalism of our faculty and staff and the respect of our peers. I have seen this development first-hand since my first AJCU board meeting in 1972. We are less self-centered, more confident in what we can do and offer, but it is good to be reminded of the wisdom and courage of those earlier days. Some would say that we have achieved our new success at the expense of our identity, but I am confident I can make the case that we are more intentionally Jesuit, Catholic today than ever. Three of the greatest developments have been the increasingly obvious importance of lay (and women's) leadership at all levels, the multi-faceted internationalization of our campuses, and our commitment to educate for justice.

As we look back on the last 40 years of Jesuit higher education and of AJCU, we look forward to an ambitious future. Outlines for that future were recently set for us by Fr. Adolfo Nicolas, Superior General of the Society, in his Mexico City talk to presidents and faculty assembled from around the world to discuss "Networking Jesuit Higher Education: Shaping the Future for a Humane, Just, Sustainable Globe." Reminding us of the challenges of globalization, this new "explosion of interdependence," with its exciting possibilities and serious problems, Fr. Nicolas called on us to re-define, or at least, re-direct the mission of Jesuit higher education.

Addressing the challenge of the "globalization of superficiality," he asked us to respond with a new commitment to educate for depth of thought and imagination. In response to the challenge of increased communication and cooperation made possible by globalization, he asked us to re-discover the universality of the Society through operational international networks. Finally, to Jesuit universities challenged to engage in learned ministry, he asked us to search for creative ways to share the fruits of research with excluded populations, and in response to the global spread of secularism and fundamentalism, to find ways to mediate between faith and culture.

A heady agenda indeed, and one today's and tomorrow's AJCU hopes to engage with you our readers.

Happy anniversary to all of us!

*Thomas Currie, SJ*

## FEDERAL RELATIONS:

By: Cyndy Littlefield, AJCU Director of Federal Relations

### Pell Grants--Still a Priority

Since AJCU's founding forty years ago, AJCU and other higher education associations have played a pivotal role in national discussions on higher education policy and student aid funding. The need for Washington, D.C. based higher education associations emerged in the late-sixties, in large part, because of the passage of the first Higher Education Act (HEA), signed into law in 1965. From this first HEA, there was a national need to work with the federal government in assuring more access for students and federal opportunities for colleges and universities. Since that time, AJCU has worked successfully on higher education policy and in securing federal student aid dollars for all students across the country.

As an example of this effort, Pell grants were signed into law in 1972, with the first Pell grant awarded in academic year 1973-1974. In July of 2010, the Pell grant maximum award will be \$5,550. While the Pell grant program has come a long way since decades ago, the complexity of the program continues to grow. Pell grants will continue to operate as a hybrid-budget grant program. The funds will be continue to be drawn from the mandatory federal budget, which supports social security, Medicare and Medicaid, and from the discretionary budget handled by Congress each year in the appropriations cycle.

Due to the economy impacting many American families over the last two years, there are more eligible students for the Pell grant program. Even with the additional \$36 billion acquired from the recent Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, there still remains a shortfall of \$5.7 billion for Pell grants. Because of Pell grant budgetary rules, the total cost for Pell grants has to be covered in entirety.

If there is a known shortfall, that also has to be taken care of, or the Pell grant maximum award decreases.

Right now, the Emergency Supplemental is now working its way through Congress, which will devote funds for the Afghanistan war, Haiti relief efforts, and possible Gulf Coast recovery efforts as well. Senate Labor, H&HS and Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Harkin was going to offer a \$23 billion amendment on education jobs on the Senate Floor, but, that effort has now been reversed because of lack of 60 votes for passage with Senate points of order.

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However, House Appropriations Chairman David Obey, announced this week, that they will include the \$23 billion education funding in the House Emergency Supplemental. In addition, the House Supplemental will include the \$5.7 billion Pell grant shortfall. AJCU and other higher education associations have been meeting with the Obama Administration and working with Members of Congress

in trying to secure Pell shortfall funding. This is wonderful news because without this emergency designation, the Pell grant maximum award could conceivably decrease by as much as \$800 to \$1,000 for next year. Chairman Obey, who recently announced his retirement, has been a true Pell grant champion for many years and will be missed next year, as the complexity for funding Pell grants accelerates.

In terms of the future outlook, effort have only begun for assuring Pell grant funding for next year. The House Appropriations Committee will be marking up the Emergency Supplemental on May 27, and then will take the bill to the Floor of the House after the one-week Memorial Day recess in June. All AJCU institutions will be strongly encouraged to work their Members for supporting the Emergency Supplemental because it includes the \$5.7 billion for the Pell grant shortfall. The hope is that the Senate, in conference, will agree to retain the Pell grant shortfall in the Emergency Supplemental.

### Schools and Colleges of Education issues on ESEA

AJCU and higher education associations, as part of the Title II Teacher education working group, have been meeting with Obama administration representatives, and Congressional staff in trying to keep funding for the Teacher Quality partnership program under the umbrella of HEA. Efforts are also under way to address a 27% cut proposed by the Obama Administration on the current Teacher Quality grant recipients. This will be an on-going effort during the process of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization.

## AJCU: A History to be Celebrated

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The organization, based in Washington, DC, has had a long history of serving the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States and furthering the mission of Jesuit higher education.

Founded in 1970, the AJCU is a national organization that represents Jesuit higher education among its various constituencies, provides a forum for the exchange of information and experiences in Jesuit higher education, and encourages and facilitates collaborative initiatives among its member institutions. Those initiatives include: academic programming, fostering Jesuit, Catholic identity and mission, educating for a faith that does justice, internationalizing our campuses, international collaboration, professional and leadership development, and an online education network (Jesu-itNET).

The AJCU is the successor to the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the Jesuit Educational Association (JEA), which since 1936 had served as the umbrella organization for both Jesuit secondary and postsecondary education. Fr. Edward Rooney, S.J. served as Executive Director of JEA from 1937-1966. Fr. Paul Reinert, S.J., succeeded Fr. Rooney as JEA president from 1966-1970.

In the 1970 restructuring, AJCU became its own national organization with the following purposes: 1) Continued study of new educational problems in the light of Jesuit policy and practice, 2) Continued effort to improve educational effectiveness of Jesuit colleges and universities, 3) Effective promotion of inter-institutional cooperation, especially among Jesuit institutions, 4) A unified influence in national organizations, pro-

grams and developments, 5) Effective assistance in participating in Federal and other national programs supporting research and educational projects, 6) Effective dissemination to member institutions of important information, and 7) To be a forum for exchange of experiences and information.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of AJCU was held at The Chase-Park Plaza Hotel in Saint Louis on October 9-10, 1970. Fr. William Reilly, then-president of Le Moyne College, presided at the meeting.

The first president of AJCU was Fr. A. William Crandell, S.J., (1970-71) who was followed by Fr. John Fitterer, S.J. (1971-77); Fr. William McInnes, S.J. (1977-89); Fr. Paul Tipton, S.J. (1989-1995); Fr. James Carter, S.J. (Interim, 1995-1996) Fr. James Sauve, S.J. (1996 – died in office), Fr. Donald Monan, S.J. (Interim, 1996-97); and Fr. Charles Currie, S.J. (1997-present).

For the first almost-20 years of its existence, the AJCU staff was small, comprised of a president, associate director and a secretary. Much of the work focused on providing the presidents with information to support them in their leadership, sponsoring AJCU Conferences, building relationships with other higher education associations, federal relations, collecting data for the AJCU fact files, and planning the AJCU Board Meetings. Over time, the number of staff members was increased in order to serve the expanded needs of the membership.

When current president Fr. Charles Currie, S.J., was appointed president in 1997, he slowly and strategically expanded the Washington staff to five and the Jesuit NET staff to six (in New York, California, and Wheeling, WV).

The AJCU office has always been headquartered in Washington, DC. In its first two locations (1717 Massachusetts Avenue,

then 16<sup>th</sup> and P Streets), it shared space with the Jesuit Conference and the JSEA. In January, 1993, when the Jesuit Conference moved to 1616 P Street, AJCU moved to the National Center for Higher Education at One Dupont Circle, joining other national higher education associations.

For the last 40 years, AJCU has supported and served Jesuit education in various ways. From the beginning, the Association has played a leadership role in advocating for public support for private education and was part of the development of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU).

AJCU has sponsored, encouraged, and facilitated the work of various AJCU conferences that have increasingly become the locus for collaboration among our 28 institutions. The Conferences have also served as forums for exchange of ideas and information, and have supported the professional development of administrators, faculty and staff. In 1972, there were 20 conferences; today, there are more than 35.

In 1989, when the six Jesuits and their two female co-workers were killed in El Salvador, the Association led an investigation into the murders. Fr. Paul Tipton, president of AJCU at the time, worked with Congressman Joe Moakley and his aide-now Congressman Jim McGovern to determine how and why the murders took place and who was behind them. They were joined by Fr. Charles Currie, who was representing Georgetown and Fr. William Millerd, representing the Jesuit Conference.

AJCU also played a key role in the development of Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Constitution, *Ex corde Ecclesiae*, that laid out his vision for what a Catholic university should be. Fr. James Sauve, S.J., developed the final draft, and AJCU would later work closely with Monika Hellwig, president of the Association of Catholic Colleges and

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## JESUIT DISTANCE EDUCATION NETWORK: An invitation to the Jesuit Commons

By: Christopher Lowney, Jesuit Commons

To support its mission as a “virtual meeting place” where a millions-strong, global network of individuals, schools and institutions collaborate to benefit poor communities, the Jesuit Commons has developed a new website at <http://www.jesuitcommons.org>.

Jesuits and their lay colleagues are blessed with an extraordinary education and social service network spanning more

tirely by volunteers who are convinced that the global Jesuit network is an unparalleled resource with near limitless potential, and that emerging internet technologies will help the network to pursue the “*magis*.”

The Jesuit Commons commenced activities in mid-2009 by embarking on two key initiatives: an effort to offer online higher education in refugee camps in Malawi, Kenya, and elsewhere; and, this website,

world that they care about. Visitors may search and select the projects that interest them, and make tax-deductible contributions.

The new website will support the Jesuit Commons Mission to foster collaborations across the global Jesuit network that will benefit poor communities, and the Vision to have the world become our home. The site will tap the power of the internet in

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than 100 countries. More than a thousand schools and universities count millions of students, graduates, or faculty; and countless others work and pray in Jesuit refugee agencies, justice institutes, parishes, development NGOs, and retreat houses. Imagine the power that would be unleashed if this millions-strong network could jointly innovate projects, launch global advocacy or prayer campaigns, share teaching materials, or mount research efforts.

The Jesuit Commons enables such collaborations by putting online communications and networking tools such as its new website at the service of all those committed to working for a more just world, in solidarity with the Jesuit mission. The Jesuit Commons is a new enterprise, staffed almost en-

which invites interested individuals to collaborate in existing efforts and initiate their own. Through the website, visitors will be able to:

**Support a Project.** The site profiles some of the many international initiatives that are building a better world. Site visitors may search through featured projects, learn more about the world, and send messages to project organizers.

**Join a Network.** Over a dozen Jesuit networks of organizations and individuals are featured on the website. Visitors may search and join these networks, or create their own network through the site.

**Make a Donation.** The website’s online giving connection enables visitors to support causes and projects across the Jesuit

order to help this extraordinary network to realize its shared potential.

The Jesuit Commons website welcomes all visitors of every spiritual tradition, and will readily host every discussion, network, collaboration, or idea exchange that can benefit poor communities and lead to a more just world. All are invited to register through the site and become part of this growing online community, to share their talents with one or more Jesuit or to support a worthy project.

## Happy anniversary, AJCU!

In honor of AJCU's 40th anniversary, we asked representatives of our member institutions to provide mini-testimonials about how the Association is helping to further the mission of Jesuit higher education. Here are their responses:

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities has been an invaluable organization for the last forty years and will be even more important over the next forty years as fewer Jesuits are available to participate in higher education. The AJCU will provide not only significant, but crucial, guidance for its participating schools in the years ahead.

Jesuit schools around the country are fortunate to have the AJCU serve as a unifying voice for the benefit of and the need for Jesuit education in today's world.

Congratulations to the AJCU on its 40th Anniversary!

Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.  
President, Saint Joseph's University  
Chair, AJCU Board of Directors

From my perspective as a Provost, the AJCU has created a sustained opportunity for an on-going and informed conversation among the chief academic officers of the 28 American Jesuit universities. Our annual meetings allow us to share information, best and worst practices (we are surprisingly frank and open with one another), and explore possible cooperative initiatives (here we have not been as successful as one might hope).

Just as importantly, however, AJCU has assisted in the creation of a sense of community among the chief academic officers who, knowing each other and having a sense of one another's programs and issues, feel free to contact each other individually and seek advice and perspective. I have found my AJCU colleagues to be the best professional network available to me.

Dr. James L. Wisner  
Provost and VP of Academic Affairs,  
University of San Francisco  
Chair, AJCU Conference of CAOs

The AJCU does more to help make college affordable and accessible than any other higher education association in Washington. AJCU Federal Relations Director Cyndy Littlefield works tirelessly on behalf of all of our institutions and our students, and is one of the most highly respected voices on Capitol Hill when key higher education policy and appropriations decisions are made. And through Cyndy and the AJCU, I have been able to meet my colleagues at our sister Jesuit institutions, which has led to a wonderful mutually supportive network.

Philip Hale  
Vice President, Division of Public Affairs  
Loyola University Chicago

The AJCU, particularly its President, Father Currie and Melissa Di Leonardo, AJCU Director of Communications, have played a key role in organizing the International Education Conference of the AJCU and providing the necessary leadership and energy to keep our aspirations and goals for internationalization at the forefront of priorities.

The collegial and collaborative nature of the AJCU Conference on International Education has allowed us to come together on a regular basis twice a year, not only to share our aspirations and goals for internationalization at our respective campuses, but also to explore together many of the challenges we all face. Our conversations have been fruitful, and I am very happy to see how these have led to the creation the AJCU Consortium on Study Abroad.

The consortium is still a "work-in-progress," but it has generated considerable enthusiasm and I am quite confident that this collaborative effort featuring quality programs world-wide will significantly enhance (and make richer) study abroad op-

portunities for students at all participating AJCU institutions.

I also think it is important to acknowledge the ongoing communication between AJCU Conference on International Education and several Jesuit universities in Latin America. This dialogue has been invaluable and it shows there is synergy and a strong desire to find creative ways to further develop inter-institutional collaboration. I would like to thank the AJCU leadership for facilitating and encouraging this communication, which I am confident will indeed lead concrete and exiting initiatives in the near future.

Ronald S. Mendez-Clark, Ph.D.  
Director, International & Study Abroad Programs  
Fordham University

The mission is only as strong as the people who live it. Through AJCU, I have participated in the AJCU Seminar on Higher Education Leadership Program both as a member and a presenter and met many people who live for others. Both as a participant and as a presenter in the leadership program, I benefited from the ideas and support of AJCU.

I have learned about personal commitment to the Jesuit mission, and talking to people from other institutions has made my commitment stronger but also more intentional in my mind and actions both in the classroom and in administrative work. AJCU has been very helpful in my research on women in the leadership of AJCU institutions, assisting me in real terms and in moral support. This is a special quality of AJCU. It is possible because the members live out the mission every day.

Commitment, caring and leadership are all words that are used, but often have no meaning. In my work with AJCU, all the

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people I have met live these words through service to others.

Mary E. Beadle  
Professor of Communication  
John Carroll University

In addition to the traditional help each of our schools receive from the AJCU team, members of the AJCU family went beyond the call of duty in helping Loyola following Hurricane Katrina.

From Cyndy Littlefield using her legislative contacts in helping me to secure as much federal funding as possible for Loyola in the aftermath of the storm, to the entire AJCU team helping place our students at other Jesuit institutions immediately following the storm, AJCU has been an amazing partner for Loyola University New Orleans.

I know that I speak for everyone here at Loyola University New Orleans, when I say that our institution will forever be grateful to AJCU for the assistance provided in our greatest hour of need.

Tommy Screen  
Assistant to the President for Government Relations  
Loyola University New Orleans

Creating Saint Louis University's first undergraduate online program in the School for Professional Studies Core Curriculum in 2002 would not have been possible if not for the assistance and guidance of the AJCU JesuitNET team. I had the pleasure of being one of JesuitNET's first CADE workshop participants and with that experience and training was able to help design courses and develop online teaching faculty to keep the momentum for online learning moving forward.

Working with JesuitNET and benchmarking our progress against other AJCU

Adult Continuing Education divisions created the synergy needed to launch our first fully online degree, the BA in General Studies, in 2007. The solid components of CADE methodology continually reinforce and sustain our faculty online teaching skills and course development.

Expanding our ability to collaborate and share courses with other Jesuit institutions is another result of our alliance and dependence on the expertise of the JesuitNET consulting team. Working with JesuitNET, it was easy to negotiate and implement a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to share and deliver online courses between several institutions. This arrangement brought about an opportunity to collaborate further and work with Australian Catholic University to offer online courses to refugees in camps on the Thai-Burma border.

The globalization of Jesuit education as we know it has been fostered and promoted by the work of the people who are JesuitNET...we are light years ahead of the race to bring education, social justice and a life of learning to generations of people around the world who otherwise would have no access to a better future....Thank you, JesuitNET!

Mary Rose Grant, PhD  
Chair, Liberal Arts School for Professional Studies  
Saint Louis University

Jesuit higher education is distinguished by a ready willingness to collaborate and share within our respective fields. This is especially true among the professionals who work in marketing and public relations. A willingness to collaborate is not, however, enough. The Communications Advisory Council (CAC) of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universi-

ties is providing the energy, enthusiasm and vision to draw us together.

My experience with the Communications Advisory Council has been among the most rewarding of my more than two decades of service to Jesuit higher education. From white papers to our new and successful summits, the CAC is common ground for all who labor to tell the story of Jesuit education widely and well.

On this great anniversary for the AJCU, I offer my deepest thanks and congratulations to Fr. Currie and the team for all that you have done and are doing to connect us to each other and to the world.

Gerry Zaboloski  
Vice President for Alumni & Public Relations  
The University of Scranton

From the time I started my position at Canisius College as Director of International Student Programs 21 years ago, I have enjoyed the support and collegiality of the AJCU Conference on International Education. Indeed when I attended my first NAFSA (National Association of International Educators) 20 years ago, I knew no one. To my delight, I found a very welcoming group of colleagues through my first meeting of the AJCU Conference of International Education at the beginning of that NAFSA Conference.

These Jesuit colleagues have become my friends as we have all helped each other professionally through the years. I had the pleasure of chairing the AJCU Conference of International Education for about 10 years, as I watched our group enlarge, become more focused, and share ideas of collaboration.

The appointment of Melissa Di Leonardo as the AJCU point person for our group further strengthened our desire to collaborate on study abroad programs

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and other international initiatives. Father Charles Currie has been a wonderful supporter of these international initiatives as he has demonstrated his commitment of internationalization to the AJCU Presidents and Academic Vice Presidents. Through the patience, encouragement, and perseverance of Father Currie and Melissa Di Leonardo, our group has finally developed shared study abroad programs, which will benefit all the AJCU colleges and universities and our students.

I firmly believe that this challenging accomplishment would not have been possible without the support of Father Currie and Melissa Di Leonardo. They both spent many hours working along with our steering committee at the AJCU headquarters helping us overcome the hurdles in creating a plan, which would be accepted by so many diverse AJCU institutions.

I congratulate AJCU on their 40th anniversary and value the support it has given to international education on our Jesuit campuses. The strides our Conference on International Education has made in raising awareness of the importance of internationalization on our campuses have furthered the mission of Jesuit higher education thanks to our work with AJCU.

Esther A. Northman  
Director International Student Programs  
Canisius College

Since 2008, JesuitNET and AUSJAL have been working on the development of a Consortium on Distance Jesuit Education in the Americas, which seeks to facilitate and increase the joint participation of AJCU and AUSJAL students and faculty in their respective online courses. This joint project has been a great opportunity for both for AUSJAL universities and Latin-American students. The universities have

been able to include their online courses and programs in the new trilingual JesuitNET catalog, and more than a dozen of AUSJAL professors and researchers have participated in the three joint seminars on IT and distance education organized by AJCU and AUSJAL. Likewise, the AUSJAL students have had the opportunity to study in AJCU universities without having to leave their countries.

While the AJCU and AUSJAL partnership has been a significant networking experience, more effort is needed to fully display the enormous potential and benefits of the Consortium. Both AJCU and AUSJAL universities have to face the challenge posed by Father Adolfo Nicolas, SJ, at the International Conference of Jesuit Universities in Mexico City last month when he asked, "Can we not go beyond the loose family relationships we now have as institutions, and re-imagine and re-organize ourselves so that, in this globalized world, we can more effectively realize the universality which has always been part of Ignatius' vision of the Society? Isn't this the moment to move like this?"

Susana Di Trolio  
Secretaria Ejecutiva  
AUSJAL

Communicating the mission and identity of the College of the Holy Cross to a variety of audiences is central to both my day-to-day responsibilities and long-term planning of institutional priorities. The staff expertise and resources available to me through the Association for Jesuit Colleges and Universities have become an essential factor in supporting all areas of my work -- from researching best practices to fully developing and implementing new projects; from strengthening messages to responding quickly in a crisis situation.

Through its Communications Network, AJCU has enabled everyone in the Holy Cross Public Affairs office (including media relations and web communications staff) to interact with -- and learn from -- colleagues at our sister Jesuit institutions. The networking that AJCU has facilitated has been invaluable to me and my colleagues around the country. Through our annual AJCU Marketing and Communications Summit, we have had the benefit of expertise and leadership of the AJCU's professional staff, particularly communications director Melissa Di Leonardo.

While our 28 institutions represent the great diversity that exists within Jesuit higher education, as communicators and with the support of AJCU, we have been able to marshal our collective experience and strength; work collaboratively on white papers addressing critical issues facing all Jesuit universities; advance our distinctive stories in the media; and learn from each other. I am most grateful for AJCU's remarkable work, outstanding commitment, and dedication to Jesuit education and social justice. Knowing that AJCU is, as the indefatigable Cyndy Littlefield says, 'a phone call away' enhances our work and our institutions.

Ellen Ryder  
Director of Public Affairs  
College of the Holy Cross

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) brings the twenty-eight Jesuit post-secondary institutions from coast to coast together in many ways. For those who work in federal relations on behalf of member institutions, the work Cyndy Littlefield does in staying on top of issues developing on the Hill and at the Department of Education is a tremendous asset. That work on behalf of AJCU ampli-

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fies the ability of individual institutions to have an impact on policy debates in Washington. It is always impressive to me that there isn't an issue too small for AJCU to lend a hand to member institutions. That dedicated work, I am sure, is important to every AJCU member institution.

Scott S. Fleming  
Assoc. VP for Federal Relations  
Georgetown University

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities has been tremendously instrumental in supporting and encouraging collaboration on international programs between Jesuit institutions in the U.S. International education professionals from member colleges had been meeting for many years in an add-on meeting to the annual NAFSA Association of International Educators conference. The AJCU formally established an International Education Conference and has lent ongoing support for standalone working meetings of this Conference in order to achieve our goals of greater inter-institutional collaboration.

The most recent success story is the achievement of a memorandum of understanding signed by 21 institutions in order to facilitate enrollments of students from AJCU institutions into each other's study abroad programs. The success of this initiative is largely due to the leadership of Father Currie, AJCU President, and Melissa DiLeonardo, AJCU Director of Communications, who hosted countless meetings and conference calls in planning for this initiative.

Kristen Michelson  
Assistant Director, Study Abroad,  
Marquette University  
Chair, AJCU Conference Intl. Education

Congratulations to the AJCU marking its 40th anniversary of furthering the mission of Jesuit higher education in the United States.

The last four years I have been a recipient of the tremendous ways the AJCU offers support and encouragement to those of us involved in the mission and ministry in our schools. Each year Campus Ministry Directors from the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities gather as a way of supporting one another in this vital ministry on our campuses. Bonds are formed, connections are made, vision and purpose renewed and great energy comes from the support offered to one another. How fortunate we are to have the support of the AJCU as we in higher education continue to make a difference in the lives of many!

Terrence P. Devino, S.J.  
Vice President for University Ministries  
The University of Scranton

The AJCU provides an engaging forum for the exchange of ideas and an expanding global network of collaborative opportunities for truly transformative leadership, learning, and service. The AJCU supports an evolving and enduring community that embraces its common heritage and rich diversity, 28 institutions of higher learning which vary in size, complexity, and location. The Association encourages dialogue and challenges participating faculty, administrators, and staff to think innovatively in integrating intellectual rigor and integrity with a strong commitment to social justice in every aspect of their work.

The AJCU provides opportunities for communication and connectedness which have shaped many careers, including my own, in profoundly meaningful ways over the past four decades. Experienced and

generous mentors offer guidance to those in the early stages of their professional responsibilities. At mid-career, networks among AJCU colleagues build, institutional and professional memories are formed, and resources are shared. The Association affords senior administrators an important opportunity to continue growing by giving back, by serving and supporting others. This lifetime of interaction and deepening relationships sustains personal and professional growth and development.

At Fordham, we have greatly benefitted in multifaceted ways from our connectedness to AJCU. It has expanded our outreach in building more effective government and community relations. Jesuit-NET has empowered Fordham faculty and administrators in new and dynamic ways to engage in curriculum renewal and to develop innovative online programs now reaching students across the globe. The AJCU has also served to bring members of the University community together with their peers at other Jesuit institutions for conferences, which explore contemporary best practices in the pursuit of excellence in all we do.

Striving always for the greater good in the service of others, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities continues to make an important difference in higher education here and abroad. It has been a great privilege for me to be a part of this collective effort.

Stephen Freedman, Ph.D.  
Senior Vice President and CAO  
Fordham University

## CAMPUS NEWS CLIPS

By: Deanna I. Howes, AJCU Manager of Information Services

### OneLeMoyné Leads to Successful Year at Le Moyné College

As the 2009-2010 academic year comes to an end, members of the Le Moyné College community are seeing the impact of the college administration's year-long 'OneLeMoyné' initiative across campus.

In fall 2008, Le Moyné President Fred P. Pestello, PhD developed the OneLeMoyné initiative to develop a comprehensive strategic vision for the school's future. After participating in conversations with 100 faculty and staff, the Le Moyné administration compiled their feedback into a plan, which they shared with the school's Board of Trustees in February 2010. The plan will stay in effect through December 2010.

Highlights of the past year at Le Moyné include increased media coverage for its athletic programs; having the largest endowment increase among American institutions in 2008-09; and enrolling a record 649 students for 2010-11, surpassing the goal of 600.

### Saint Joseph's Students Make Strides in New Service Program

Throughout the past semester, students at Saint Joseph's University have participated in a new weekly community service initiative, Back on My Feet (BOMF), originally founded in Philadelphia, PA.

Every week at 5:30 am, a van from the university brought a group of 3 to 8 students to Our Brother's Place (OBP), a homeless shelter that serves as one of several Philadelphia-based sites for the BOMF program. For several hours in the morning, the students would go on runs throughout the city with homeless residents at OBP.

Through participating in the weekly runs, Saint Joseph's students have provided homeless residents with companionship

and motivation to develop healthier lifestyles. In addition to the runs, students have cultivated their relationships with residents at the shelter through social events, including pizza parties and nature walks. After a successful first year of participation, Saint Joseph's students plan to continue to volunteer with BOMF in the next academic year.

### Saint Louis University Graduates 78-Year Old Alumnus

Nearly sixty years after earning a bachelor's degree from Saint Louis University, Charles Dahm, M.D. earned a master's degree in counseling at the university's commencement on May 13th.

Dahm has spent his academic and professional careers at Saint Louis U., earning a medical degree and a licentiate in philosophy from the university, and working for 37 years as a clinical instructor in obstetrics and gynecology.

In 2005, after having retired from teaching, Dahm wanted to cultivate his interests in mentoring students by pursuing graduate studies in counseling. Reflecting on the pursuit of his fourth academic degree, Dahm said, "In my life I have been given so much, all of which I think can still be useful for younger people."

### Santa Clara University Launches New Entrepreneurship Program

Next month, Santa Clara's Leavey School of Business will launch the California Program for Entrepreneurship: a new six-month program for entrepreneurs to develop and produce businesses that will contribute toward California's economy.

A panel of judges selected the program's participants after evaluating their applications featuring plans for new start-

up companies. Over six months, participants will attend workshops and seminars at Santa Clara, and have opportunities to meet with business leaders in Silicon Valley, CA. At the end of the program, all participants will pitch their business plans to a panel of executives, who will award the winning plan \$5,000.

Speaking on behalf of the program, Daniel Aguiar, executive director of Santa Clara's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, said, "We know that new business ventures will be significant in helping turn around the California economy. We want to make an investment in that process by providing our business-faculty expertise and our unique Silicon Valley connections to help set up these businesses."

### Xavier Class Pairs Students with Retirees in Co-Mentoring Project

A professor at Xavier University has developed a program that pairs students with retirees in Cincinnati, OH. Through the Co-Mentoring Project, Renee Zucchero teaches students to apply what they have learned through her developmental psychology class to real-life scenarios.

Four to six times per semester, students meet with recently retired adults to document the adults' lives. The students complete an academic paper at the end of the semester that relates their experiences to developmental psychology theories.

Zucchero recently spoke with *The Cincinnati Enquirer* about the project. She said, "...Students learn from the older adults' life experience, and the students in turn start to develop the older adults' memoirs. Students do learn a lot, and in many cases they meet a really neat person. And that person teaches them a lot about life, more than just an academic experience."

## 2010 Undergraduate Commencement Speakers

### **Boston College**

5/24/2010 (Undergraduate) - Jeffrey Immelt (CEO and chairman of General Electric)

5/28/2010 (Law) - Senator Scott Brown '85 (R-MA)

### **Canisius College**

5/22/2010 (Undergraduate) - Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. (President of Canisius College; retiring at end of school year)

5/19/2010 (Graduate) - Kay Koplovitz (founder of cable television franchise USA Network)

### **College of the Holy Cross**

5/28/2010 - Mark Shriver '86 (vice president and managing director of Save the Children)

### **Creighton University**

5/15/2010 (Colleges of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, Emergency Medical Services program, School of Law and the Graduate School) - Charles Filipi, M.D. (professor of surgery at Creighton School of Medicine)

(Schools of Nursing, Pharmacy and Health Professions, Dentistry and Medicine Speaker) - Brian Loggie, M.D. (Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology at Creighton)

### **Fairfield University**

5/23/2010 (Undergraduate) Dr. Katherine Lapp '78 (executive vice president of Harvard University)

(Graduate) Dr. James Abbruzzese '74 (Chairman of the Department of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center)

### **Fordham University**

5/22/2010 - Mary McAleese (President of Ireland)

### **Georgetown University**

5/21/2010 (McDonough School of Business, MBA Program) - Mary Schapiro (chair of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission)

(Graduate School, Arts and Sciences) - Edward P. Jones (Pulitzer Prize-winning author)

5/22/2010 (Georgetown College) - Dikembe Mutombo '91 (humanitarian, former NBA basketball player)

(School of Nursing & Health Studies) - Dr. David Molyneux (humanitarian, expert in parasitology)

(Walsh School of Foreign Service) - Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (24th president of the Republic of Liberia)

(McDonough School of Business) - Shelia C. Johnson (CEO of Salamander Hospitality)

(School of Continuing Studies) - Bob Schieffer (CBS News chief, moderator of CBS Face the Nation)

5/23/2010 (School of Medicine) Dr. Reed Tuckson '78 (executive vice president and chief of medical affairs at UnitedHealth Group)

(Georgetown Law Center) - Right Honourable Baroness Brenda Hale of Richmond, London (first woman to serve in the House of Lords as a "Lord of Appeal in Ordinary")

### **Gonzaga University**

5/8/2010 (Graduate), 5/9/2010 (Graduate) - Rev. Charles L. Currie, S.J. (President, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities)

5/15/2010 (Law) - Hon. Richard Jones (member of U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington)

### **John Carroll University**

5/23/2010 - Tom Brokaw (Award-winning NBC news anchor and best-selling author)

### **Le Moyne College**

5/16/2010 - Tim DeKay '85 (Actor)

### **Loyola Marymount University**

5/8/2010 (Undergraduate) - Deval Patrick (governor of Massachusetts)

5/9/2010 (Graduate) - Marlene Canter (former member of the L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD) board)

### **Loyola University Chicago**

5/13/2010 (The Graduate School & Institute of Pastoral Studies) - Eboo Patel, PhD (Executive Director, Interfaith Youth Core)

(School of Education) - Judy Erwin (Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education)

5/14/2010 (Arts & Sciences) Arts: Kevin Bales, PhD (President & Co-Founder, Free the Slaves), Sciences: Philip Zimbardo, PhD (Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Stanford University)

(School of Communication) - Clarence Page (Journalist, Syndicated Columnist)

5/15/2010 (School of Business) - Mr. B. Muthuraman (Vice Chairman, Tata Steel Group)

(School of Continuing & Professional Studies) - Anita Alvarez (Cook County State's Attorney, Alumna)

(School of Social Work) - Thomas J. Golebiewski, PhD, LCSW (Chair, Dept. of Social Work, New Trier High School), Professor Sabin Wang (Department of Sociology, Peking University)

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## 2010 Undergraduate Commencement Speakers (cont.)

(Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing) - Barbara Brodie, PhD, RN, FAAN (Founder, University of Virginia Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry, School of Nursing Alumnus)

5/22/2010 (School of Law) - Susan Sher (Chief of Staff for Michelle Obama, School of Law Alumnus)

6/6/2010 (Stritch School of Medicine) - H. Jack Geiger, MD (Founding Member & Past President, Physicians for Human Rights, Physicians for Social Responsibility)

### Loyola University Maryland

5/15/2010 - Harry K. Thomas, Jr. (United States Ambassador to the Philippines)

### Loyola University New Orleans

5/8/2010 - Drew Brees (New Orleans Saints football player, 2010 Super Bowl MVP)

### Marquette University

5/23/2010 - Wendy Kopp (founder and chief executive of Teach For America)

### Regis University

5/8/2010 (Graduate and Doctoral students; Professional Studies Undergraduate)

5/9/2010 (Regis College and College for Health Professions Undergraduate) - Rev. Michael Sheeran, S.J. (president of Regis University)

### Rockhurst University

5/15/2010 - Rev. Charles L. Currie, S.J. (President, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities)

### Saint Joseph's University

5/15/2010 (Undergraduate) - John E. Pepper, Jr. (chairman of the board of the Walt Disney Company)

(Graduate) Arnold L. Mitchem, PhD (president of the nonprofit Council for Opportunity in Education)

### Saint Louis University

5/15/2010 - Archbishop Pietro Sambi (apostolic nuncio (Vatican ambassador) to the United States)

### Saint Peter's College

5/23/2010 - Alfa Demmellash (CNN Hero and chief executive officer and co-founder of Rising Tide Capital, Inc.)

### Santa Clara University

6/12/2010 (Undergraduate) - Ken Hackett (president of Catholic Relief Services),

(Graduate) - Sakena Yacoobi (founder, Afghan Institute for Learning)

### Seattle University

6/13/2010 (Undergraduate) - Bob Craves (CEO and co-founder of College Success Foundation)

(Graduate) Cheryl Crazy Bull (president of Northwest Indian College)

### Spring Hill College

5/8/2010 - John S. Eads IV (founder of Light of the Village Ministry)

### University of Detroit Mercy

5/15/2010 (Undergraduate, Graduate) - Maureen A. Fay, O.P., Ph.D. (former UDM president, Executive Director of AJCU Leadership Seminar)

5/16/2010 (School of Dentistry) - Robert C. Bobb (emergency financial manager, Detroit Public Schools)

5/7/2010 (School of Law) - Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. (former senior executive, Masco Corporation)

### University of San Francisco

5/21/2010 (Undergraduate, College of Arts and Sciences, Humanities and Sciences) - Jane Wales (President & CEO of the World Affairs Council)

(Undergraduate, College of Arts and Sciences, Arts+Architecture, Performing Arts, and Social Sciences) - Dr. James L. Wisner (Provost, USF)

(Graduate, College of Arts and Sciences) - Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. (President, University of Notre Dame)

(School of Education, School of Nursing) - Lloyd Dean (President & CEO of Catholic Healthcare West)

5/22/2010 (Undergraduate, School of Business and Professional Studies) - Rev. Joseph Philippe, CSSp (Founder, Fonkoze - the Shoulder-to-Shoulder Foundation)

(Graduate, School of Business and Professional Studies) Zhan G. Li (Associate Dean, Academic Planning and Programs)

(School of Law) Dale Minami (Partner, Minami, Lew and Tamaki LLP)

### University of Scranton

5/30/2010 - Carolyn Forché (Poet, teacher, human rights activist)

### Wheeling Jesuit University

5/15/2010 - Rev. James Martin, S.J. (Author & Culture Editor of *America* Magazine)

### Xavier University

5/15/2010 (Undergraduate) - Barbara Howard (principal of the law firm of Barbara J. Howard Co., L.P.A., Xavier alumna)

(Graduate) Susan Tew (teacher and active Cincinnati volunteer engaged in the process of personal transformation)

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Universities on the implementation of the document, including the *mandatum* for theologians. AJCU was consulted on many occasions to provide guidance on how the document should be lived out at Jesuit institutions. There were particular parts of *Ex corde* that raised concerns, specifically the *mandatum*, and AJCU provided wise counsel to its membership on these issues.

In 1999, the Jesuit Distance Education Network (JesuitNET) was launched. JesuitNET is a collaborative effort to develop high quality online education within the perspective of Ignatian pedagogy. A distinctive CADE model for online courses has been developed and the JesuitNET web catalogue of courses hosted hundreds of courses that includes courses from our Latin American sister institutions, reflecting the international partnerships possible for Jesuit higher education.

Over the last decade, AJCU has taken the lead on many new and collaborative initiatives. Some highlights include: the establishment of the AJCU Seminar on Higher Education Leadership, the creation of a consortium for study abroad programs, the development of a study and publication on the internationalization of Jesuit campuses, the development of a set of white papers on

Church-related issues, and the coordination (with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges) of a workshop and handbook for trustees on Mission and Identity at Catholic colleges and universities.

One of the best examples of cooperation between Jesuit institutions occurred in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The Association worked with member institutions to respond swiftly to the crisis by reaching out to the students of Loyola New Orleans and connecting them with sister Jesuit institutions across the country for fall term admittance. It was a shining moment for Jesuit colleges and universities in the way their actions reflected their mission of educating for leadership and service and a “faith that does justice.”

In keeping with the Jesuit credo of the *magis*, there will always be more to do and ways to do it better. In the years to come, AJCU will continue to be a dynamic organization that will take every opportunity to support its membership with new ideas, programs and services and provide the leadership to make collaboration happen.

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