University Mission

We are Chicago’s Jesuit, Catholic University—a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice, and faith.
Embrace Your Student’s Future

My wife and I hoped that each of our children would have a smooth transition to college life and that the excitement that began at orientation would continue throughout their undergraduate years. Like other parents, we were concerned about our children fitting in, making new friends, and adjusting to the academic expectations of a university student. We hoped that they would be cared for by those who taught and worked at the university and that they would find inspiring role models in their new communities. I am confident that in the Loyola community, your child will find what we wanted for our children—a caring place for learning and personal development as well as opportunities for enriching experiences inside and outside of the classroom.

John P. Pelissero, PhD
Interim President
Loyola University Chicago

IMPORTANT DATES

5 Last day to enroll in 12-month payment plan
Early Building assignments emailed
15 e-Bill available in LOCUS
15 Begin promissory note and entrance counseling for loans
A Heartfelt Welcome to Loyola!

When my wife and I dropped off our twins at Loyola about six years ago, we had some anxiety but also felt exuberant about the exciting opportunities that college life would provide within and beyond the classroom. They have since graduated and are now proud alumni of Loyola and productive citizens. Based on their experience, I can assure you that your child will have opportunities to learn broadly, engage in local and global communities, and build lasting friendships. Moreover, they will find Loyola to be a welcoming and caring academic environment to develop intellectually and holistically.

Samuel Attoh, PhD
Provost
August

Get Involved

Loyola students participate in a wide range of educational, cultural, athletic, social, and spiritual activities that create a distinctive Loyola Experience. Getting involved on campus is the quickest way for your son or daughter to become engaged with the University community and shape his or her own Loyola story. We’ve planned numerous Welcome Week activities, retreats, student organization and wellness fairs, social events, and educational workshops, all to be held during the first few weeks of classes. These are great ways for your student to meet new people and get involved in meaningful activities that interest them. I look forward to seeing your student’s contributions to the Loyola community and seeing you at Family Weekend in September!

Jane Neufeld
Vice President of Student Development
LUC.edu/studentdevelopment
Attend Family Weekend

Welcome to the Loyola family! The Advancement Division’s Parent Program strives to collaborate with offices across campus to help build and maintain strong partnerships with Loyola parents. As your new student adjusts to college life, we encourage you to take time to explore the opportunities available to be involved ok. This September, Family Weekend 2015 will be a chance for students and families to have a shared Loyola Experience. I hope to see you there!

Kevin Wiley
Associate Vice President, the Advancement Division of Parent Program
parents.LUC.edu
October

The Loyola Experience

The first semester of college is a time of transition for both you and your student. We work to support your student through this transition by providing a host of programs and services to help every student make connections and find their way at Loyola. Our Student Promise provides the framework for how our students interact as a community, as it embodies the beliefs and values of Loyola students, and unites them all around the things that make them excellent: caring for themselves, others, and the community. During this first year at Loyola, we will invite your student to find ways to begin crafting his or her unique Loyola Experience by attending first-year programs, striving for excellence in and out of the classroom, and building community at Loyola.

Bridget Wesley
Director of First-Year Experience
LUC.edu/fye

K. C. Mmeje
Dean of Students
LUC.edu

OCTOBER 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

1 Last day to opt out of Student Health Insurance
5 Student account payments due
5–6 Mid-semester break (no classes)
7 Wellness Fair
12 J-term registration begins
15 e-Bill available in LOCUS
16–18 Loyola 360
30 Last day (by 5 p.m.) to withdraw with a grade of ‘W.’ ‘WF’ is assigned after this date.
Give Thanks

St. Ignatius of Loyola encouraged people to give God thanks for the gifts that He has bestowed upon them. Ignatius wrote in *The First Principle and Foundation*, “All the things in this world are gifts of God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily” (translation by David Fleming, S.J.). During this season of Thanksgiving, consider not only the gift that your student is to you, but also how God’s gifts are unfolding within him or her. Affirm the preciousness of your student through words or gesture, and invite your student to consider how to use his or her gifts in a loving way that furthers the goodness of all humanity.

Lisa Reiter
Director of Campus Ministry
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November

NOVEMBER 2015

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IMPORTANT DATES

2 Spring class registration begins
2–8 Hunger Week
5 Student account payments due
6–8 Loyola 360
11 Veteran’s Day
15 e-Bill available in LOCUS
20–22 Women of Color Retreat
25–28 Thanksgiving break
December

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

I remember when my daughter came home from her first semester in college. My wife and I saw the beginnings of adulthood in our only child. We sent a child to school and got back a young adult for Christmas! You too may see differences in your student—more poise and confidence, a greater awareness of self and others, a keener focus on personal goals. These are part of the transformative Loyola Experience. At Loyola, your student is preparing for not just a successful career, but a successful life, a life that maximizes their God-given potential while contributing to the Greater Good. In short, a life that is extraordinary. All of us at Loyola wish you and your loved ones peace and joy this holiday season.

Dale Tampke
Assistant Provost for Academic Services
LUC.edu/fye

DECEMBER 2015

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IMPORTANT DATES

5  Student account payments due
5  Last day of fall semester classes
7–12 Final examinations
13  Residence halls close
13  Semester break begins
15  e-Bill available in LOCUS
Financing a Loyola Education

The holidays are barely behind us, but January is the time to start applying for financial assistance for the 2016–2017 academic year! My staff is committed to assisting your son or daughter with the financial aid application process annually and finding the financial resources needed to complete their degree. Rest assured that we will continue to work with your family to ensure the successful completion of your student’s Loyola education.

Nancy Merz
Director of Financial Aid Office
LUC.edu/finaid

JANUARY 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

1 File the new FAFSA for 2016–17 (no later then March 1, 2016)
5 Student account payments due
15 e-Bill available in LOCUS
17 Open registration ends
17 Residence halls open
18 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday (no classes)
19 Spring semester classes begin
19 Late registration begins (fees apply)
25 Last day to withdraw without a 'W' assigned
29–31 Loyola 360
Beating the Winter Blues

February is a cold month in Chicago, and your son or daughter probably spends a lot of time inside hitting the books. Help your student avoid a case of the winter blues by encouraging him or her to engage in a healthy and active lifestyle. Loyola’s Wellness Center offers services and resources to help students develop good eating and sleeping habits, combat depression, and fight the flu. Most Wellness Center programs are free to students, so please encourage your son or daughter to stop by our office.

Diane Asaro
Director of Wellness Center
LUC.edu/wellness
Set the WORLD on Fire

Studying in a different country provides students the opportunity to understand their academic discipline within an international context; to develop cross-cultural competencies; to demonstrate the ability to think critically and adapt to new situations; and to enhance their level of independence and self-confidence. To facilitate this, Loyola has a campus in Rome, a center in Vietnam, and an affiliation with the Beijing Center for Chinese Studies. We also offer more than 100 additional study abroad programs in 55 countries and guide students through each phase of the study abroad process. With so many options to choose from for the summer and during the academic year, your student can continue his or her Loyola education around the world.

Jennifer Engel
Director of Office for International Programs
LUC.edu/studyabroad

MARCH 2016

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IMPORTANT DATES

1 Priority deadline for FAFSA
5 Student account payments due
7–12 Spring break (no classes)
15 e-Bill available in LOCUS
24–28 Easter break (no classes)
27 Easter
28 Last day (by 5 p.m.) to withdraw with a grade of ‘W.’ ‘WF’ is assigned after this date.
Explore Professional Opportunities

Is your son or daughter looking for a summer job? Fall internship? Volunteer experience? Student employment or work-study on campus? Encourage your student to access his or her RamblerLink account to search for these and other opportunities. Our web sites are designed to help students begin accessing key information immediately. Our staffs are available year-round to assist students in identifying career interests and preparing for the internship and job search. We hope your student takes advantage of these services, which will enhance their Loyola Experience and prepare them for their future careers.

Patrick Green
Director of Center for Experiential Learning
LUC.edu/experiential

Kathryn Jackson
Director of Career Development Center
LUC.edu/career

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 6 Student account payments due
- 7 Enrollment in 2016–2017 payment plans begins
- 15 e-Bill available in LOCUS
- 18 Fall registration begins
- 21–24 Weekend of Excellence
- 29 Last day of spring semester classes
Thanks for Your Support!

Congratulations to you and your student for completing your first year at Loyola! I remember how exciting the first year was. As an out-of-state student, at times it was especially hard to adjust to the new atmosphere. However, my first year was also a time of personal growth. I learned an incredible amount about myself. Students mature a lot during their years at Loyola, and having the support of parents and relatives helps make everything much easier. On behalf of all Loyola students, I want to thank you for your love, encouragement, and support. We could have never made it through this first year without you!

Michael F. Fasullo
President of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago
LUC.edu/sglc

May

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IMPORTANT DATES

2–7 Finals
7 Final examinations end
9 Residence halls close
7–9 Graduation weekend
15 e-Bill available in LOCUS
Tips for Parents. From Parents.

Here are a few tips to help you navigate your first year as a Loyola parent.

1. **Let go.** This is perhaps the most challenging part of the process. Your student will definitely need your support and input, but remember that you need to trust them and let them make mistakes so they can grow.

2. **Get Guest Access to LOCUS.** Remind your student to authorize you to have access to their LOCUS account at LUC.edu/locus. Loyola is paperless, so guest access will allow you to view financial information. This is the same place your student can give you permission to discuss their academic record with Loyola staff.

3. **Plan for health insurance.** Have your student waive Loyola’s health insurance if she or he is covered by your family plan. This is done through LOCUS, LUC.edu/locus.

4. **Utilize the HUB.** It’s the one stop at Sullivan Center where you and your student can get answers to any question about Loyola. Stop by, call 773.508.7700, or e-mail hub@luc.edu.

5. **Take advantage of academic advising.** Your student will be assigned an advisor who will help him or her navigate the first year to graduation. Remind your student to work with his or her advisor to ensure graduating within four years.

6. **Be flexible with the first schedule.** Encourage your student to have a few options ready when registering for classes. The first year is the time to explore Core courses and possible majors. Don’t be surprised if your student changes majors.

7. **Plan ahead.** Encourage your student to talk with his or her roommate to avoid duplication of big items—TV, microwave, etc. Make a list of essentials and stick to it.

8. **Support positive communication.** If your student runs into difficulties with relationships on campus, suggest they talk with residence hall staff (Resident Assistants, Hall Directors, or Chaplains) or other faculty or staff mentors.

9. **Encourage involvement.** Remind your student not to miss the Organization Fair during Welcome Week. Push them to commit to one or two organizations during the first semester but not to over-commit to too many groups.

10. **Stay connected.** Mark your calendar and reconnect with your student at Family Weekend, September 25-27! Cheer them up with a care package from Misericordia (misericordia.com/bakery.aspx). And make sure to complete the letter at the back of this planner during 1870 Orientation. Letters will be distributed to students in October.
Foundations of Your Student’s Education

Loyola Mission
We are Chicago’s Jesuit, Catholic University—a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice, and faith.

Five Characteristics of a Jesuit Education
1. Commitment to excellence
2. Faith in God and the religious experience
3. Service that promotes justice
4. Values-based leadership
5. Global awareness

The Student Promise
As a Loyola student being educated in the Jesuit Catholic tradition, I promise to...

Care for Myself
I promise to strive for excellence in all that I do. I will embrace opportunities for leadership, challenge myself academically, and seek experiences that will positively influence my personal development. I will honor the good in myself by being honest, compassionate, and respectful.

Care for Others
I promise to recognize that each individual person is valuable and has a unique perspective that contributes to the growth and development of all. I will respect the individuality of others regardless of appearance, ethnicity, faith, gender, ability, sexual orientation, or social standing.

Care for Community
I promise to acknowledge and celebrate diversity. I will contribute my talents, gifts, and ideas to strengthen the community. I aspire to be a person for others committed to working toward a more just world.

Year 1 of the Loyola Experience: Build Community

Year 1 Reflection Questions for students
1. How will I make Loyola “home?”
2. How will my passions and self-knowledge guide my choices in and outside the classroom?
3. How do I hope to grow during my first year?

Year 1 Goals
1. Develop the habits necessary to engage in challenging intellectual work.
2. Participate in the classroom and in extracurricular activities.
3. Build relationships and develop support systems with other students, mentors, staff, and faculty members.
4. Formulate an integrated curricular and co-curricular plan.
5. Develop understanding of the mission and core values that form the Loyola identity.
Questions and Comments

Please write your questions here to share with any session presenter, or write a comment to provide us with feedback on your Orientation experience (deliver to any Orientation staff member or the Office of First-Year Experience in Sullivan Center).

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Thank you. If you would like us to follow up with your question or comment, please provide your contact information:

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My hope for you as you begin your Loyola Experience is:

Student’s Full Name

Student’s Hometown and State

While you build community at Loyola, those who love you are thinking of you and wishing you well.

Dear ____________________________,

My hope for you as you begin your Loyola Experience is:
One thing I want you to know is:

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Keep working hard and making connections, and remember that your family and friends are here to support you on your journey!

From,
Proud parent of a future Loyola graduate

Learn more about parent engagement at parents.LUC.edu.

Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives