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Greetings from Our New Directors

I am extremely happy to be a part of this wonderful school! I am looking forward to getting to know the amazing faculty, students, and staff. As the new Director of Admissions, my goal is to grow this community with highly motivated young women who will add to the success of Josephinum Academy.

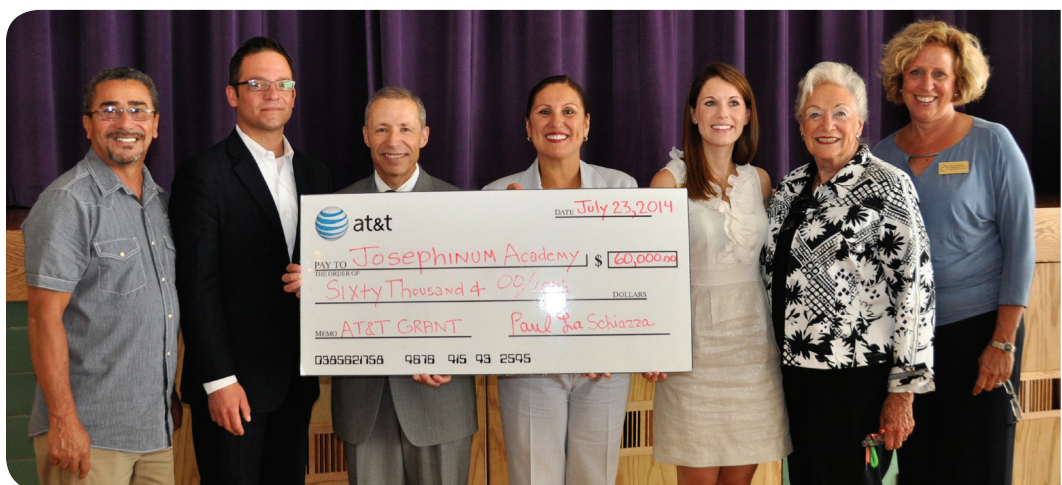


Stephanie Castrounis
Director of Admissions
Josephinum Academy

I am very excited and honored to be joining this group of passionate and mission-focused professionals. I am truly looking forward to being a part of the next steps in helping expand this wonderful community and grow this organization as a whole.



Shuchi Sharma
Director of Finance
Josephinum Academy



From left to right: Senator William Delgado, Alderman Joe Moreno, AT&T Illinois President Paul La Schiazza, Representative Cynthia Soto, Former Director of Admissions Alexandra Gonzalez, Helen Bruns Ryan, and Director of Development Patty Mulvihill

Inaugural Summer Bridge & Enrichment Programs

Josephinum Academy received a \$60,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation to support student scholarships for this summer's inaugural Summer Bridge and Enrichment Programs. The check was presented by AT&T Illinois President Paul La Schiazza at Josephinum on Wednesday, July 23, with three elected officials in attendance: Senator William Delgado, Representative Cynthia Soto, and Alderman Joe Moreno.

The Summer Bridge Program gave incoming Freshmen a jump-start on high school and the chance to participate in educational field trips, team building activities, and academic courses. For returning students in grades 10-12, the Summer Enrichment Program provided student internships and college visits.

"The Summer Bridge Program was an excellent kick-start for our incoming freshman class. The program gave them the opportunity to begin cultivating the relationships that will define their time at Josephinum, while orienting them to Sacred Heart culture. It was incredible to see the girls' enthusiasm for Josephinum grow."

Alexandra Gonzalez, Former Director of Admissions



Sacred Heart students from around the country participating in Josephinum's Summer Service Trip

Sacred Heart Trips: Abroad & At Home



Josephinum Seniors Marlen Gonzalez (back row, left) and Sonya Everett (front row, right) in New Taipei City, Taiwan, during their Sacred Heart Cultural Exchange Trip

Chicago Summer Service

This summer, Josephinum hosted nine Sacred Heart students and two chaperones from all over the country for the second annual *Food Deserts in the Land of Plenty* Sacred Heart Summer Service Trip. Visitors represented The Rosary in New Orleans, Louisiana; Newton Country Day School in Massachusetts; Bryn Mawr in Pennsylvania; Duchesne Academy in Omaha, Nebraska; Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York, New York; and Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda, Maryland.

The week-long experience invited students to explore the issue of food justice in Chicago. They learned about the issues affecting Chicago's impoverished neighborhoods and how organizations like City Farm and The Dill Pickle Co-Op are providing programs for low-income families to purchase fresh, local foods at an affordable cost. The students left empowered, educated, and ready to share their stories back home!



"There's something special about going abroad. There is no way I could have learned so much about life and culture from my bedroom. The memories I created and the friends I made will truly last a lifetime. I'm so thankful that I got a chance to take advantage of this amazing opportunity."

Sonya Everett, Senior
(pictured above, left)

Taiwan Cultural Exchange

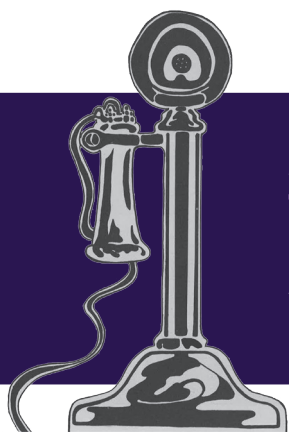
Josephinum students Marlen Gonzalez (Senior) and Sonya Everett (Senior) spent the summer traveling to Taiwan to participate in a Cultural Exchange Trip through the Sacred Heart Network. The girls joined nearly 30 fellow Sacred Heart Network sisters from six countries - U.S.A, Japan, Korea, Scotland, Australia, and the UK - at Sacred Heart Girls Jr. and Sr. High School in New Taipei City. Fellow American students included girls from the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut; Duchesne Academy in Omaha, Nebraska; and the Convent of the Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco, California.

Marlen and Sonya fully immersed themselves in the Taiwanese lifestyle, the culture, and the climate, which was very hot compared to Chicago! During their two-week adventure, they went on a 3-day sightseeing trip around the island, cooked traditional Taiwanese food, visited markets, attended a traditional Taiwanese dance performance, and even learned a bit of Mandarin. Way to go, girls!

DID YOU HEAR?

In May, Josephinum Academy was named an International Baccalaureate Candidate School!

Our new IB Diploma Program prepares students to participate in a globalized society and distinguishes them as IB graduates. The class of 2017 will be the first Josephinum class to be enrolled in the IB Diploma Program, giving them the opportunity to earn an IB Diploma as well as a Josephinum Academy diploma.



Josephinum Prayer Flags Proudly Displayed in Nepal by President Dougherty

“Your life is a sacred journey. It is about change, growth, discovery, movement and transformation... It is continuously expanding your vision of what is possible, stretching your soul, teaching you to see clearly and deeply, helping you to listen to your intuition.”

Janet Erskine Stuart, RSCJ

These words of wisdom from Mother Stuart were an inspiration for Josephinum President Michael Dougherty and his family this summer as they embarked on an epic adventure to Nepal and Tibet. A highlight of their trip was completing the Annapurna Circuit, a 120-mile trek around the Annapurna Mountains of Nepal, including summiting the world's highest pass at 5,400 meters.



Josephinum Academy President Michael Dougherty with his sons Ryan (left), Cian (center), and Aiden (right) displaying Josephinum prayer flags in central Nepal

Throughout their journey, the Dougherty family carried with them prayers for the Josephinum community, symbolized by prayer flags that were created by Josephinum students for a prayer service commemorating the centenary of Mother Stuart's death. The picture to the above right was taken when the family reached the Thorong-La pass where they hung the prayer flags so that they can serve as a constant source of blessing for Josephinum Academy!

New Faculty Spotlight: A Josephinum Alumna!

Laura Guzman, one of 11 new faculty and staff members joining Josephinum Academy, is approaching the 2014-2015 school year with both excitement and nostalgia. Not only is she a new teacher and recent graduate of Pomona College in Claremont, CA, but also she is a Josephinum alumna of the Class of 2010. As an active Josephinum student, Laura was involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, Josephinum Ambassador Council, and Mikva Challenge. Laura was also a committed student who earned a 4.0 and was recognized as Josephinum's 2010 Valedictorian.

Laura says she wants to build confidence in her students and to empower them with the tools they need to pursue their dreams.

“I have been blessed with teachers and mentors who have taught me that the key to transformation is education. Josephinum and Pomona College have empowered me through my education to have a voice in society. I am now able to speak about the changes I want to see in the world and to help bring about those changes. I hope to do the same for my students.”

Laura Guzman, Faculty Member & Josephinum Alumna



New Josephinum Academy faculty member Laura Guzman

WELCOME ALL NEW FACULTY & STAFF

We are thrilled to welcome 11 new faculty and staff members to the Josephinum community for the 2014-2015 school year!

Stephanie Castrounis
Director of Admissions

Susan Cruz
Foreign Language Teacher

Alicja Feduniec
Science Teacher

Hilary Froelich
Campus Ministry Coordinator

Nicole Gamboa
School Counselor

Laura Guzman
Math and Science Teacher

Milica Milisavljevic
Math Teacher

Lauren Ocello
Social Studies Teacher

Todd Paulson
Religion Teacher

Shuchi Sharma
Director of Finance

Marybeth Southard
English Teacher



Conversation Piece



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Josephinum Academy empowers young women of Chicago to become confident, faith-filled leaders. Our graduates are committed to a personal and active faith in God, a deep respect for intellectual values, a social awareness which impels to action, building community as a Christian value, and personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.



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Annual
Scholarship & Awards
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September 27, 2014

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 25

College Fair

September 26

No School - Faculty In-Service

September 27

Scholarship & Awards Benefit
(Goûter)

October 5

Open House

October 8-10

Senior Retreat

October 13

No School - Columbus Day

October 14

No School - Faculty In-Service

October 17

Mass of Mater

October 23-24

Quarter Exams

Oct 31, Nov 3

No School - Fall Break

November 11

Mass of St. Rose Philippine

November 12

Open House

November 26-29

No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 1

No School - Faculty In-Service

December 6

Open House

December 12

Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 17-19

Semester Exams

December 18

Young Alumnae Pizza Party

Dec 22-Jan 5

No School - Christmas Break

To view the complete Josephinum school calendar, please visit our website at www.josephinum.org.