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Director's Message

It's almost time to say goodbye to 2013, and Josephinum Seniors are welcoming the New Year while eagerly awaiting college acceptance letters, prom, and baccalaureate. Meanwhile, Josephinum faculty and staff continue to help them discover what the future holds for each of them beyond graduation.

Whether you are a Josephinum alumna, parent, teacher, volunteer or have given your support financially, it is important that I take this opportunity to tell you how instrumental you have been in helping our students look to the future and realize their potential.

At this special time of year where we give thanks for our blessings and await the gifts of Christmas, we are mindful of all we have. Josephinum counts you as one of our greatest gifts. We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and the hope that the upcoming year will bring health, joy, and success.



Patty Mulvihill

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Director of Development
Josephinum Academy



Students, faculty, and staff gather at an assembly on October 16 to celebrate Josephinum Academy's official recognition as an "Illinois Democracy School" by the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition

Josephinum Recognized as a Democracy School

The Illinois Civic Mission Coalition has awarded Josephinum Academy the status of "Illinois Democracy School." Josephinum Academy received official recognition of this award on September 17, and on the morning of October 16, Josephinum hosted a recognition ceremony at the school, where Shawn Healy, Civic Learning and Engagement Scholar of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation and Chair of the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition, presented the award.

Democracy Schools are recognized for providing students with authentic experiences in the responsibilities and tensions inherent in living in a constitutional democracy. Through these experiences, participating schools strive to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for informed, effective engagement in our democracy.

"Our recognition as a 2013 Illinois Democracy School is a testament to the civically-minded and service oriented environment that our teachers have helped to create. It gives much deserved credit and respect to the hardworking students that impact our surrounding community," said Mark Baran, Chair of the Social Science Department.

Josephinum Academy received a stipend from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, which convenes the Coalition, to invest in high quality civic learning initiatives, as well as a banner for public display. In addition, Josephinum Academy received a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Illinois State Board of Education, Gery Chico, the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, Thomas L. Kilbride, and the school's state legislators.



From left, front row: Josephinum students Wendy Rociles, Aylin Meraz, Lupita Gonzalez, and Dani McCullough. From left, back row: Josephinum students Daniela Orozco-Reyes, Nancy Garcia, My'Kail Jones, Brianna Jackson, Sonya Everett, and Emily Hutton

Annual Goûter Gala Supports Young Women's Education

Josephinum Academy's annual fundraising gala, Goûter, was held on Saturday, September 28 at the Glen View Club in Golf, Illinois. The generosity of nearly 250 guests helped raise over \$360,000 in support of Josephinum's continued efforts to educate and inspire young women of Chicago.



From left: Goûter 2013 Platine Sponsors Susanne and Timothy Sullivan, Ellen O'Connor, Co-Chairman of Big Shoulders Fund James O'Connor, Josephinum President Michael Dougherty, President & CEO of Big Shoulders Fund Josh Hale and Virginia Hale



The evening began with cocktails, followed by dinner and an awards presentation led by Josephinum President Michael Dougherty honoring Josephinum college counselor Dr. Mary O'Reilly with the Blessed Pauline Award and Raymond and Mary Simon with the Helen Bruns Ryan Award. Josephinum Senior Daniela Orozco-Reyes delivered a moving testimony about the school's positive impact on her life as she likened her four years of maturation at Josephinum Academy to the four years it takes a Bird of Paradise plant to produce one of its unique and gorgeous flowers.



From left: Goûter 2013 Helen Bruns Ryan Award recipient Ray Simon and Josephinum religion teacher Sr. Carol Brendenkamp, S.C.C.



From left: Goûter 2013 Helen Bruns Ryan Award recipient Mary Simon and Josephinum President Michael Dougherty

The school's faculty and staff are deeply and sincerely thankful to all of those who helped make Goûter 2013 a record-breaking success in raising funds that will serve to provide scholarship support for the inspiring young women of Josephinum Academy.

Josephinum Choir Performs at Special Olympics

The Josephinum Choir and JAMS session vocalists did a beautiful job performing the National Anthem to kickoff the official State Floor Hockey Tournament for Special Olympics Illinois. Six students sang at the event, which was held at Northeastern Illinois University on November 9. Josephinum Choir Director Marisa Buchheit received this note from Kathy McLaughlin, the Director of Development for Special Olympics Illinois: "On behalf of Special Olympics Illinois, thank you for your wonderful support of the State Floor Hockey Tournament. We are grateful for the wonderful performance shared by the Josephinum Academy Choir! I hope the students enjoyed their day with Special Olympics Illinois!"



Students Pay Their Respects on Day of the Dead



Every year, Josephinum students take part in a Day of the Dead celebration. Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico and around the world in other cultures. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. Josephinum Spanish students contributed to the cafeteria bulletin boards to commemorate and teach on the tradition of the Day of the Dead. Students created their own Day of the Dead decorations and posted photos, mementos, and hand-written letters as tributes to loved ones who have passed.

Seniors Create Lasting Bonds at Kairos Retreat



Josephinum's 37 Seniors enjoyed three days in New Buffalo, Michigan on October 1-3 for the annual Senior Kairos Retreat. This spiritual retreat gives Seniors a unique opportunity for inner reflection and for creating strong bonds with their fellow classmates during the last year of high school.

Congé!

On October 30, we celebrated Congé, an annual day of festivities! Each year, the Josephinum faculty and staff surprise the students with a day of fun and enriching activities. This year Congé was Halloween-themed! Teachers dressed up in costumes and students painted pumpkins, built scarecrows, competed in a team-building web activity, participated in Halloween trivia, and made spooky dance videos!



"Congé gives our students the opportunity to work together in teams, problem solve as a group, and enjoy one another in community."

MARY ROSE GUERIN
Josephinum Assistant Principal

The Sports Corner

Our Lady Cougar volleyball teams played hard this season, and Senior Aisha Broaster made all-conference!

The Lady Cougar basketball team is off to a great 2-1 start. The team's future looks bright and the athlete's hard work and positive attitudes are sure to take them far this season!

GO COUGARS!



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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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Please consider making a year-end donation by December 31 to support the Josephinum Academy annual fund. Your tax-deductible gift will transform the lives of our students, opening doors and showing them that educational opportunity is within their reach.

Donate online today at www.josephinum.org or send your check payable to Josephinum Academy to 1501 N. Oakley Blvd, Chicago, IL, 60622.

Save the Date - Winter Lunch 2014

The Josephinum Academy Winter Lunch will take place on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Union League Club.

The event's keynote speaker will be Desirée Rogers, alumna of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans (1977), former White House Social Secretary, Chairman of Choose Chicago, and current Chief Executive Officer of Johnson Publishing Company. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark Your Calendars

December 17-19	Semester Exams
December 19	Young Alumnae Pizza Party
Dec 20-Jan 6	No School - Christmas Break
January 7-17	J-Term
January 10	Mass of Epiphany
January 11	Entrance Exam
January 15	Sophomore Retreat
January 17-18, 24-25	Theater Production - <i>Elektra</i>
January 20	No School - Martin Luther King
January 31	Academic Awards Assembly
January 31	Josephinum's Got Talent
February 5	African American Prayer Assembly
February 7	No School - Faculty In-Service
February 13-14	No School - February Break
February 7	No School - President's Day
February 26	Winter Lunch
March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 9	Open House
March 19-20	Quarter Exams
March 26	HerStory
March 28	Social Action Fair

To view the complete Josephinum school calendar, please visit www.josephinum.org/calendar.