

# The Conversation Piece

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Inspiring Young Women for 120 Years



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*See Inside: The Class of 2011 Graduates!*

## Josephinum Raises \$45,000 for Scholarships at the Annual Spring Luncheon at Michigan Shores Club



Top (l-r): Michaela Johnson, Gabrielle Fischer, Jodi Henderson, Kristen Huber. Middle: Donna Collins, RSCJ, Muriel Cameron, RSCJ, Laura Anderson, RSCJ, Pam Hickey, RSCJ. Bottom: Josephinum Class of 1937 Alumna and Wilmette resident Betty Albrecht poses with current students at the luncheon.

The 2011 Annual Spring Luncheon was held on April 13, 2011 at Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette. The event, which raised \$45,000 for the education of young women of Josephinum Academy, was also a celebration of Josephinum's acceptance as a full member of the Sacred Heart Network. 220 people attended the event. Thank you to all who attended and made the luncheon such a great success! For more photos of this event and for our other special events, visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/josephinumacademy](http://www.facebook.com/josephinumacademy).



At the May Academic Awards Ceremony, Junior Kyaira Boose was honored with the Helen Bruns Ryan Scholarship, which is a full tuition scholarship. She succeeds 2010 HBR Scholar and 2011 Valedictorian Corina Perez.

## The Class of 1961 Celebrates with the Class of 2011

The Classes of 1961 and 2011 have met for the past 4 years to celebrate their common bond as Josephinum women. This year marks the culmination of their support of the Class of 2011's journey to graduation. After seniors finished their exams, the Class of 1961 hosted a luncheon to celebrate with them. If you are an alumna who would like to hold an event at the Jo, contact Teresa Battaglia: (773) 292-3964 x233 or [teresa.battaglia@josephinum.org](mailto:teresa.battaglia@josephinum.org).



The Class of 1961 sings the Josephinum Song at their lunch for the 2011 seniors



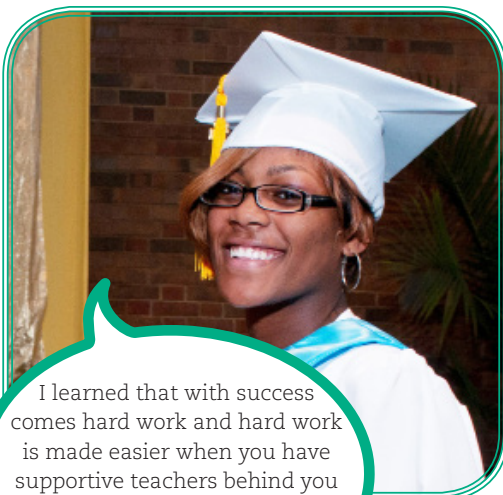
## Josephinum Celebrates its 117<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony!

Twenty-eight young women graduated from Josephinum at St. Aloysius Church on June 4, 2011 in an emotional and heartfelt ceremony. Valedictorian Corina Perez and Salutatorian Stephanie Vadukumcherry both reflected on the happy memories and the strong bonds they shared as students of Josephinum. The guest speaker was Desiree Rogers, Sacred Heart alumna, CEO, and former White House Social Secretary, who inspired the students in her talk about finding confidence and the strength to succeed. All of the graduates have been accepted into college for the fall. They have been offered a combined \$1.6 million in scholarships, and will be attending schools such as:

The University of Illinois (Urbana)  
Grand Valley State University  
The University of Illinois (Chicago)  
Michigan State University

Carleton College  
DePaul University  
Northern Illinois University  
Marian University

Here is what they had to say about their time at Josephinum Academy!



I learned that with success comes hard work and hard work is made easier when you have supportive teachers behind you every step of the way.

**Shakiyla Bolden**  
*Grand Valley State U.*



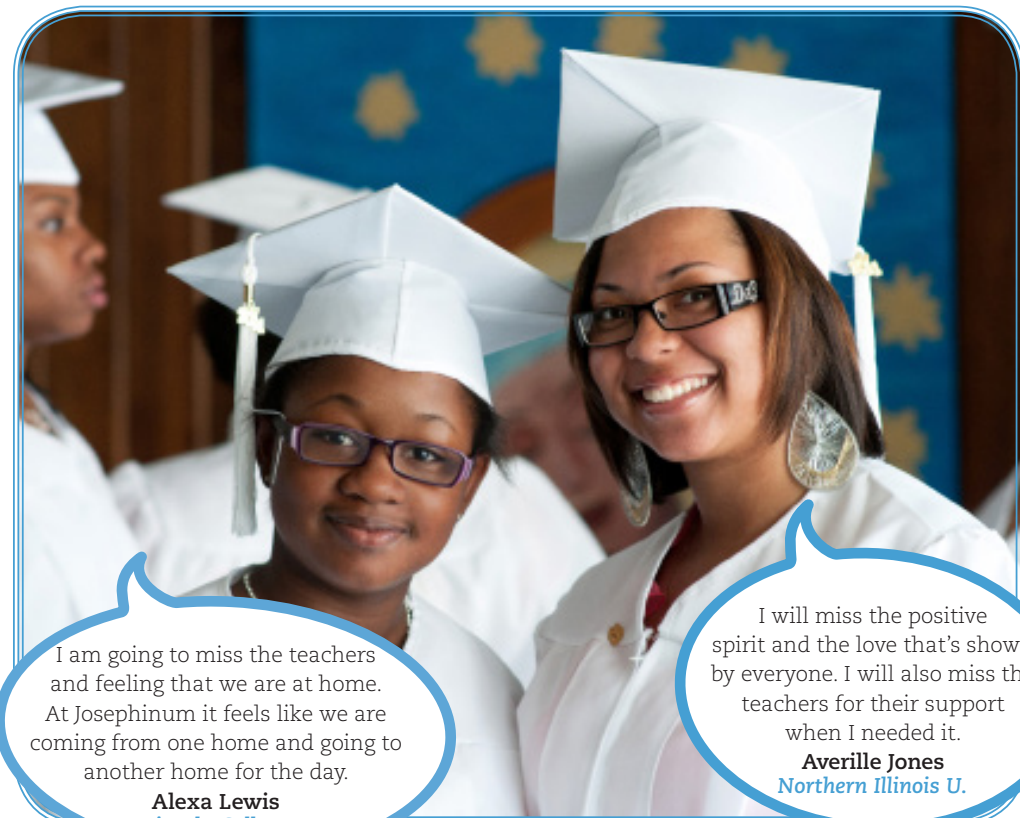
At Josephinum I learned the importance of being a strong individual who stands up for what they believe in and also to love yourself and people around you as equals.

**Jasmin Lopez**  
*Western Illinois U.*



I'm really going to miss the family I had here. The teachers and my friends are who helped me become who I am. I learned to NEVER underestimate yourself. You will be given opportunities to express yourself in plays, academics, etc. Don't doubt yourself. You are great.

**Corina Perez**  
*Carleton College*



I am going to miss the teachers and feeling that we are at home. At Josephinum it feels like we are coming from one home and going to another home for the day.

**Alexa Lewis**  
*Lincoln College*

I will miss the positive spirit and the love that's shown by everyone. I will also miss the teachers for their support when I needed it.

**Averille Jones**  
*Northern Illinois U.*



I am going to miss the sisterly atmosphere. Most of all I am going to miss the teachers, the staff, and my classmates. At Josephinum I learned you can never give up. You have to push and try really hard to accomplish your goals.

**Justyna Krol**  
*DePaul University*



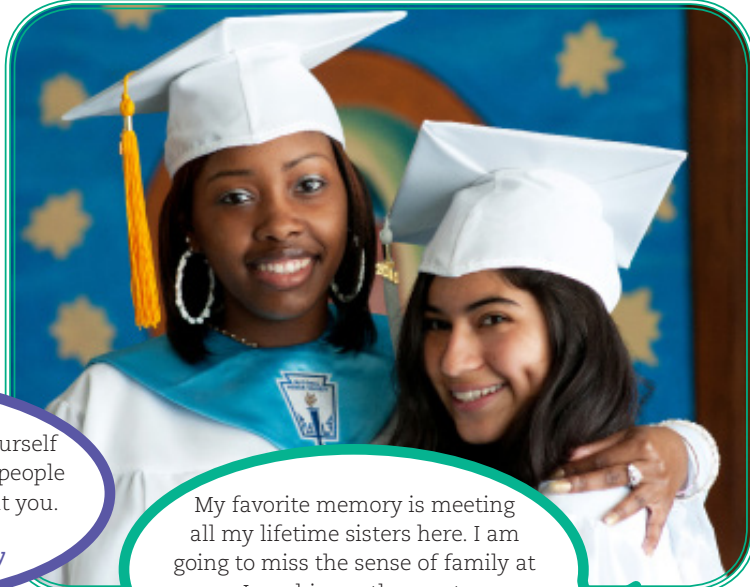


The best thing I learned at Josephinum was to be myself and not to be afraid to say anything. I also learned that it's important to let my voice be heard because I could be speaking for many other young women.

**Paris Lewis**  
*Marian University*

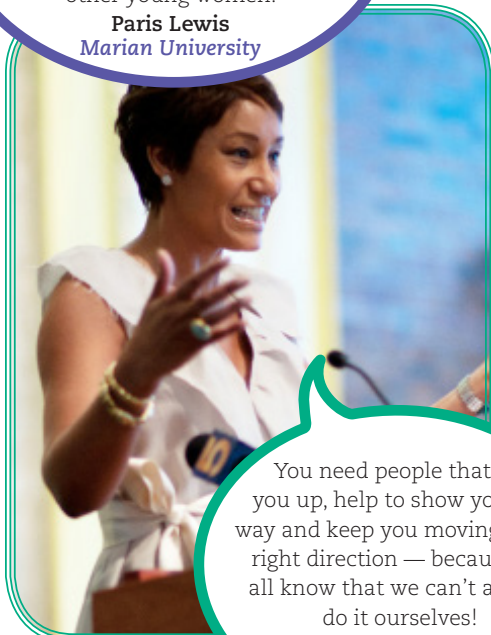
I learned here that being yourself is okay when you're around people who love you and care about you.

**Cynthia Carrion**  
*Northeastern University*



My favorite memory is meeting all my lifetime sisters here. I am going to miss the sense of family at Josephinum the most.

**Dezarre Castillo**  
*Columbia College (Chicago)*



You need people that lift you up, help to show you the way and keep you moving in the right direction — because we all know that we can't always do it ourselves!

**Desiree Rogers, speaking to the Class of 2011**

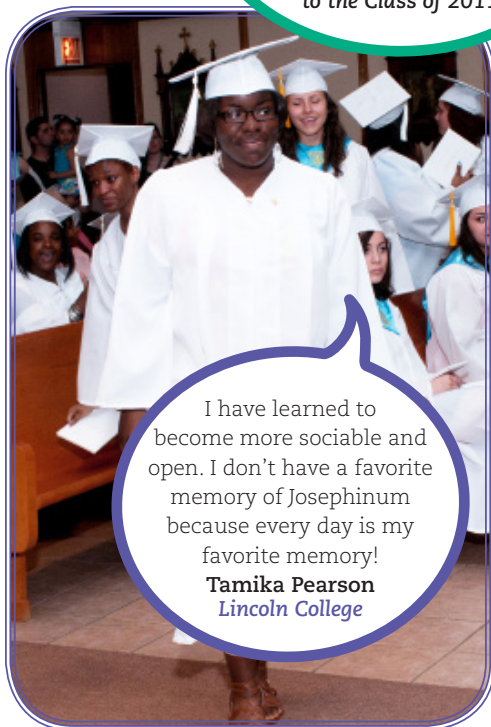


I am going to miss the community service days which allowed me to bond with students outside of my grade.

**Shantel McNeal**  
*Marian University*

Josephinum was like my second home and like a family to me. I have learned how to be a strong and successful young woman.

**Janaria Cowley**  
*Tuskegee University*



I have learned to become more sociable and open. I don't have a favorite memory of Josephinum because every day is my favorite memory!

**Tamika Pearson**  
*Lincoln College*



The Jo taught me that things do not come easy in life. We just have to accept it and move forward, because each of us have a mission and need to proceed and not give up.

**Jocelyn Rentas**  
*Indiana State U.*



My favorite memory was being the Athlete of the Year in the Blue Division. I felt like I really was somebody!

**Jasmine Welch**  
*Northern Illinois U.*

Save the Date!

Josephinum Academy Presents

*Goûter*

The Glen View Club  
100 Golf Road, Golf, Illinois  
Saturday, September 24, 2011

2011 Honorees:  
The Brennan Family and Janet Sisler

If you or your company are interested in becoming an underwriter or sponsor of Goûter, or if you have questions about the event, please contact Morgan Henington at (773) 292-3964 ext. 232 or [morgan.henington@josephinum.org](mailto:morgan.henington@josephinum.org). Visit [www.josephinum.org](http://www.josephinum.org) for the latest news and event information or to make a secure online donation.



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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.



### Jo Cougars Softball Win Blue Division Championship!

On May 14, 2011 the softball team won their division championship against St. Ben's (17-5). Tania Lopez, Justyna Krol, and Vanessa Morges were also named all-conference players! Congratulations!



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