

The Conversation Piece

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Congratulations to the Class of 2013!



Class of 2013 Salutatorian Jasmine Manuel (left) poses with her fellow National Honor Society member Karissa Jackson (right) before the commencement ceremony



Helen Bruns Ryan Scholarship recipient Chim Chim Daniel and her classmates receive inspirational words from Cynthia D'Amico during the Class of 2013 commencement ceremony



Class of 2013 Valedictorian Liliya Polyk (center) receives her diploma from President Michael Dougherty (left) and Principal Lourdes Weber (right)

In an emotional and joyous commencement ceremony held on Saturday, June 1 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 29 outstanding young women graduated from Josephinum Academy. Cynthia D'Amico, the teacher chosen by the graduating class to speak at the ceremony, gave a heartfelt address that encouraged students to stay true to themselves as they begin the next chapter of their lives. Valedictorian Liliya Polyk also spoke to the graduates, congratulating her fellow classmates and reminding them how far they have come over the past four years.

See more photos from graduation and other events on our Facebook page!
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Meet the Graduates

The 29 graduates of Josephinum Academy’s Class of 2013 have been offered a combined \$1.9 million in scholarship awards over four years of college, and they will be attending a variety of prominent colleges and universities such as:

- Columbia College Chicago
- DePauw University
- Dominican University
- Illinois State University
- Kenyon College
- Loyola University Chicago
- North Park University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame)
- Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Western Illinois University



Alexandra Carrion, Dalia Chavez, Tyanna Coakley, Daisy Cortez, Chim Chim Daniel



Jennifer Figueroa, Khalifa Flowers, Isabella Garcia, Karissa Jackson, Laura Ledesma



Grace Lucas, Jasmine Manuel, Aimee Medina, Chandler McNeill, Cecilia Montes



Veronica Oscilowicz, Daisy Patino, Liliya Polyek, Shacarla Powe, Nancy Pureco



Kelly Reynolds, Tiana Rosado, Alexis Smyser, Samantha Smyser, Khala Turner



Andriana Smith, Tabreea Stephens, Gabriella Venegas, Tialena Walker

“At the Jo I could get extra help when I needed it, and it’s a very safe environment that really helped me focus on school. It’s a place where you meet friends who become like family.”
Khala Turner
Class of 2013



Class of 2013 graduates wear white in the tradition of Sacred Heart Schools

Baccalaureate Mass, the Alumnae Induction Ceremony and the Senior Luncheon

At this year’s Baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 31 at St. Aloysius Church, the students, staff and families of Josephinum Academy were inspired by a homily from Rev. Wayne Watts, Josephinum Board Member, and encouraging words from Josephinum alumna and Board Member Desiree Pepper-Venzant (Class of ‘85). Following the mass, the Josephinum Alumnae Association held its annual Induction Ceremony and welcomed the 29 graduating Seniors with a catered luncheon in the library.



Josephinum alumnae gather to welcome the new graduates into the Alumnae Association



Josephinum graduates enjoy the Senior Luncheon

2nd Annual All-School Josephinum Reunion

Over 30 alumnae joined us for the 2nd Annual All-School Reunion on Sunday, April 28. Alumnae were provided with tours of the school and enjoyed refreshments while mingling with former classmates and current Josephinum students. If any alumnae are interested in helping with next year’s reunion, or planning their class reunion, contact Teresa Battaglia at teresa.battaglia@josephinum.org or (773) 292-3964 ext. 233.



President Michael Dougherty greets Sr. Barbara Hawken, SLW (left, Class of ‘52 and former Josephinum Principal) and Helen Bruns Ryan (right)

Academic Success!

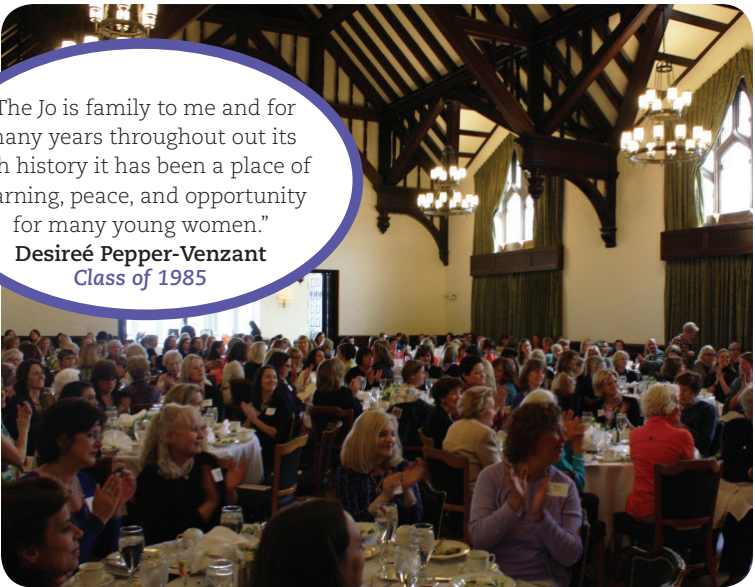
At the Academic Awards Ceremony and National Honor Society Induction on May 16, students who earned Honors and High Honors received Honor Roll pins. Junior Lupita Gonzalez received the Helen Bruns Ryan Scholarship, and ten students were inducted into NHS.

Spring Luncheon

Over 230 guests attended this year’s annual Spring Luncheon held on Wednesday, April 24, at the Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette, Illinois, helping Josephinum raise over \$60,000. The Josephinum choir performed, several students shared the five goals of Sacred Heart and a raffle drawing capped off a hugely successful event. We are very grateful to our Spring Luncheon Committee led by Maureen Sippel, Celeste Denton and Liz McEnaney for their tremendous efforts.



Desiree Pepper-Venzant (right, Class of ‘85 and Barat ‘89) shares a moment with Alice “Sally” Brennan (left, Sheridan Road ‘46 and Barat ‘50)



“The Jo is family to me and for many years throughout out its rich history it has been a place of learning, peace, and opportunity for many young women.”
Desiree Pepper-Venzant
Class of 1985



Students enrolled in David Fehr’s 8th period acting class perform Comedy of Errors at Josephinum’s theatre on Thursday, May 9th through Saturday, May 11

Comedy of Errors

Following quickly on the heels of January’s *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and March’s *Her Story* instillation, this spring, Josephinum Academy produced William Shakespeare’s *Comedy of Errors*. Performed by David Fehr’s 8th period acting class, the play was a semester-long project integrated into the structure of the class itself. *Comedy of Errors* tells the story of a young man named Antipholus (Veronica Oscilowicz) and his Man Friday: Dromio (Dani Oroczo) searching the town of Ephesus for their long lost twin brothers, who are coincidentally named Antipholus and Dromio (played respectively by Jasmine Manuel and Aimee Medina). Along the way the 15-character ensemble weaved a story full of love, frustration, silliness and confusion. The show was very successful, and the talk-back showed how much the students learned through the production experience. *Comedy of Errors* was the 6th full-length production at Josephinum in four years. The next show will be in January 2014.



Juniors thank Seniors with a rose

Junior Recognition Ceremony

On Wednesday, April 24 Josephinum Seniors prepared to pass the baton on to the Junior class as they gathered with teachers, administration, family and friends at St. Aloysius for the Junior Recognition Ceremony. Seniors shared wise words with their younger schoolmates, preparing them to be leaders of the school. Seniors presented the junior class with a pin, signifying the passing of school leadership, and the juniors gave the seniors a rose to thank them for their guidance.

Go Soccer Team!

With a 5-2-2 record, the Josephinum soccer team made history this season by winning regionals and advancing all the way to sectionals. Four of the players even earned all conference. Way to go Cougars soccer!

A Budding Entrepreneur!

Sophomore Wendy Rociles (pictured at right with teacher Renee Vai) earned 5th place out of 1,600 students in the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Citywide Business Plan Competition. On May 15th, Wendy presented her plan for the business she created and is now running, Beauty in the Mirror, which features personalized lip glosses of the perfect shade and scent.



Save the Date!
Josephinum Academy Presents

GOÛTER

The Glen View Club
Saturday, September 28, 2013

2013 Honorees
Blessed Pauline Award – Dr. Mary O'Reilly
Helen Bruns Ryan Award – Raymond and Mary Simon

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If you or your company are interested in becoming an underwriter or sponsor of Goûter, or if you have questions about the event, please call Patty Mulvihill at (773) 292-3964 ext. 232.

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## Josephinum Service Days

Josephinum is so grateful to the family members and students from Sacred Heart Schools and Woodlands Academy who volunteered their time to help beautify our courtyards during Service Days at Josephinum this Spring.

## Thank You to our Board!

*Josephinum would like to extend its sincerest thanks to the 2012-2013 Josephinum Board of Directors. Your support makes it possible to continue Josephinum's legacy of educating and inspiring young women.*



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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.