

The Conversation Piece



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I try to be the very best at everything I do. I am a really competitive person. I have so much pride in our school, and every time I go out there I want people to see how great we are no matter if we win or lose. How we act and play matter just as much to me.

-Corina Perez
Class of 2011

Meet Corina Perez: Posse Scholar, ESPN & NFL Rise Above Award Winner

Corina Perez's senior year is off to a great start! In September she was one of two Chicago students to receive ESPN's RISE ABOVE Student Athlete Award, presented by ESPN and the NFL. Corina was nominated by Josephinum Athletic Director Teresa Schirrippa, who thought she was a perfect candidate: Corina participates in four sports at the Jo, she was named part of the All-Catholic league in volleyball and softball, she has been named MVP of three of her sports teams, she ranks second in her class, and she still finds time to participate in community service as well as acting in last year's school play.

Corina appeared on TV for FOX Chicago to talk about her award and how her high school gave her the confidence to succeed in sports. She was there to help promote the NFL's initiative to create Flag Football teams for high school girls. Josephinum



was one of the first Chicago high schools to introduce the program, led by professional athletes from the Women's NFL, and it has been a huge success with our students.

In addition to this honor, Corina is the second Josephinum student to receive the prestigious Posse Scholarship in the last 2 years. After an intensive application and several rounds of interviews, she will be attending Carleton College in Minnesota on a full scholarship thanks to the Posse Foundation (www.possefoundation.org).

Corina is also the first recipient of the Helen Bruns Ryan Scholarship, which was started last year in honor of the longtime leader and supporter of our school. The scholarship is given to a student who most embodies the Sacred Heart Goal Five: A student who commits herself to personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom. More donors are needed to keep gifted young women like Corina at the Jo. To donate to this special fund, make a note on your check to direct your gift to the HBR Scholarship Fund, or if you give online, include the instruction to direct the gift to the HBR Scholarship Fund.

We are thrilled for Corina and wish her continued success as she prepares to graduate from the Jo in June and begins her college career in August.

At Left: Corina Perez on the air with the FOX Chicago morning news anchors, who are holding their very own Josephinum "Crazy Cougars" t-shirts.



Jo English Teacher Named "Hero in the Classroom"

On November 11, Josephinum students and teachers had a surprise visit during an assembly: representatives from the Chicago Bears and Symetra Financial came to honor Hayley Keller as one of their "Heroes in the Classroom." Nominated by Jo junior Lupita Gonzalez, Ms. Keller was one of 14 teachers in Chicago to receive this award. She was presented with a \$1,000 donation to her classroom, a personalized Bears jersey, and two tickets to the Nov. 14 Bears game, where she was recognized during halftime in front of the crowd.

Ms. Keller was chosen for her dedication to her students, and was nominated because, according to Lupita, "She is just a wonderful and dedicated teacher who really wants her students to succeed in life."



Above: Ms. Keller and Josephinum students are taken by surprise in the Jo gym



Dear Friends of Josephinum,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new format of our quarterly Conversation Piece! Much like our new website and monthly e-newsletter, we are promoting our message of Inspiring Young Women to our friends, families and donors.

In addition to celebrating 120 years of educating and inspiring young women, we are thrilled that this school year has witnessed our most successful Goûter,

a significant increase in admissions visits and entrance exams, and continued academic success for our girls, with yet another Posse Scholar selected this year.

I hope that the stories of our students' success and accolades inspire you to continue your support of Josephinum in the New Year.

Gratefully,

Michael R. Dougherty
Josephinum President

Sacred Heart Alumnae Gather to Show the Jo Network Support

On December 2, Alumnae of the Sacred Heart Network of Schools gathered in Evanston to learn more about our school as the Jo anticipates becoming a full member of the Network in the spring of 2011. Thank you to Lisa and Richard Scully for hosting such a wonderful event!



Top: Mary Clare Starshak and Lisa Scully. Middle: Jane Geldermann, Sally Brennan, and Stephanie Russell. Bottom: Michael Dougherty and Maureen Hogan Lang



Goûter 2010 raises over \$200,000 for scholarships!

Josephinum Academy's annual fundraiser, Goûter, celebrated 120 years of educating young women with great success on Saturday, September 25. Goûter took place at the Glen View Club and raised over \$200,000 through auctions and scholarship pledges, a recordbreaking amount for the event. The event honored Chris and Peggy McNulty, the 2010 recipients of the Helen Bruns Ryan Award, and the Vincentian priests of DePaul University, who received the Blessed Pauline Award. 260 people attended to support the school's effort to raise scholarships for students.



Counterclockwise from Top: 2010 Helen Bruns Ryan Award Winners Chris and Peggy McNulty. Celeste Denton, Jeanmarie Olson, and Michaela D'Arrigo. Rev. John Kartje, CM (DePaul University), Robert Curley, Don Rogan, Sally Brennan, Chie Curley, and Helen Bruns Ryan. Ed Schwartz, Juliette C. Lane, Martha Turner, and Tom Hayman. Charlotte Shea, Sister Pam Hickey, and Marilyn Hines.



The Class of 1970 Celebrates Their 40th Reunion

After months of planning, Josephinum's Class of 1970 held their 40th reunion in October. They returned to the Jo to meet the students, perform service, and celebrate their high school experience with stories and old photos. Everyone enjoyed the team-building activities where the current and former Jo students got to know each other better through sharing their favorite memories. Though they were 40 years apart in age, everyone agreed that their friendships and sense of community they had at Josephinum were most important to them. The Class of 1970 has pledged to raise money for scholarships for current students. To donate to these scholarships, please visit www.josephinum.org, or call Morgan Henington at (773) 292-3964 ext. 232.



Students planned for their future at the 2010 College Fair, which hosted over 60 colleges and universities and was organized by College Counselor Dr. Mary O'Reilly.



Josephinum sophomores were blessed at the Mass of Mater Admirabilis. In the Sacred Heart tradition, the sophomores wear pink to the Mass. After Mass, the Jo serves bright pink frosted donuts to all the students.



Jo Alumna Named Ricci Scholar

Debbie De Lara has enjoyed great success since she graduated from Josephinum in 2009. A sophomore at Loyola University of Chicago, Debbie was recently accepted into their prestigious Ricci Scholars Program, a global scholarship opportunity for highly motivated students. Scholars spend their junior year studying one semester each in Rome and Beijing, where they enter an immersion program while developing a year-long research project during the year abroad.

A Biology major, Debbie was also recently accepted into the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP) at Northwestern University, which gives her an in-depth introduction to the medical profession as well as prepares her for applications, interviews, and admission to medical school. She also keeps busy through her continued work with the Mikva Challenge civic action program, which was introduced to her at Josephinum. Her interests in both medicine and public policy have inspired her to pursue a career in public health.



Josephinum School Nurse Sue Walsh (2nd from left) published a book about her experience as a nurse in the 2010 Haiti earthquake titled "Walking in Broken Shoes." Students lined up to purchase copies!

You Are Invited
to Attend

The 2nd Annual Winter Luncheon

Woman's Athletic Club
626 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

February 16, 2011
11:30am

For a Reception, Lunch,
and Conversation

\$50 per Person

You Are Invited
to Attend

THE SPRING WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Michigan Shores Club
911 Michigan Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

April 13, 2011
11:30am

For a Reception, Lunch,
and Conversation

\$65 per Person

To RSVP to either of these luncheon events, please contact
Morgan Henington at (773) 292-3964 ext. 232 or
morgan.henington@josephinum.org. Visit www.josephinum.org for the latest
news and event information or to make a secure online donation.

Jo Event Calendar - Winter/Spring 2011

January

20-22,
27-29 Student Play, Henry V (7pm)

February

4 African American
Heritage Assembly
16 Winter Luncheon at the WAC
in Chicago (11:30am-1:30pm)
18-21 February Break

March

6 Open House (12pm-2pm)
9 Ash Wednesday
11 Community Service Day
19-28 Spring Break

April

6-8 Quarter Exams
13 Spring Luncheon at Michigan
Shores Club in Wilmette
(11:30am-2:00pm)



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