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Dear Friends,

It is with great pride that we present this booklet celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU), and the creative achievements of our institutions of Jesuit higher education. These past fifty years have been characterized by many outstanding and historic contributions to the life and vitality of our communities of scholars and dedicated staff, students and administrators represented in this publication. Their names are too many to mention and their achievements are only partially chronicled here.

In this new year, when we have experienced the persistent challenges of a global pandemic, a growing consciousness of the serious sins of racism and sexism, challenges to our unity and cohesion as American citizens, and devastating threats to our environment, we are even more aware of what we need to be thankful for. We have our freedom. We have the opportunity to work more rigorously to save our planet and pursue racial justice and harmony. We have the courage to imagine another fifty years of continuous service to this country and to our Church. It is our faith that will bring us into the future.
Looking back over the past fifty years of accomplishments has a particular value: it helps us imagine a hope-filled future for another generation of young people whom we will welcome into our classrooms, residence halls, chapels and all other spaces on campus.

A special thanks to Jeanne Lord, Kevin Sullivan and Brittany Fried of the AJCU Leadership Institute, and all those who helped Brittany assemble this small token of our appreciation to all of you for your commitment to Jesuit education and scholarship.

God bless,

Rev. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.
President, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU)
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The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities establishes the AJCU Seminar on Higher Education Leadership. The program provides a week-long immersion into Ignatian leadership, pedagogy and spirituality for senior administrators and faculty in Jesuit higher education. The program was renamed the Jesuit Leadership Seminar in 2016 and, as of 2020, is now known as the AJCU Leadership Institute (AJCU-LI). The Seminar was originally directed by Sister Maureen A. Fay, O.P., and is currently directed by Jeanne Lord, J.D., Ed.D. (Stephanie Russell, Ed.D. served as interim director in 2013.) Since 2003, the program has formed hundreds of colleagues in mission to bring an Ignatian perspective to the challenges and opportunities facing Jesuit institutions of higher education.

AJCU coordinates a national response to Hurricane Katrina by helping students find temporary accommodations for the fall semester at Jesuit colleges and universities.
2006
AJCU added its first Associate Member institution, Campion College at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan (Canada). The newest Associate Member is Newman College of the University of Melbourne in Australia (2019).

2008
AJCU launches its Jesuit Basketball Spotlight program to raise awareness of Jesuit higher education through basketball.

2009
The Ignatian Colleagues Program (ICP) is launched. The 18-month program is designed to educate and form administrators and faculty more deeply in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition of higher education. Since 2009, more than 500 senior-level administrators and faculty have participated in ICP’s online workshops, international immersion experiences, Ignatian silent retreats, and summer workshops. Participants carry out Mission Projects and gather in a capstone experience so they may better articulate, adapt, and advance the Jesuit and Catholic mission of their campuses.

2011
Rev. Charles L. Currie, S.J. steps down as president of AJCU and is succeeded by Rev. Gregory F. Lucey, S.J., who serves a two-year term as interim president.

2012
AJCU publishes Some Characteristics of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, a self-evaluation tool for Jesuit colleges and universities.
Rev. Michael J. Sheeran, S.J. begins his seven-year tenure as president of AJCU by hosting the first meeting of AJCU presidents, board of trustee chairs and Jesuit community rectors with Rev. Adolfo Nicolas, S.J., then Superior General of the Society of Jesus, at Loyola University Chicago.

AJCU launches #JesuitEducated, its first joint national advertising campaign, coinciding with Pope Francis’ first visit to the United States.

AJCU initiates the Mission Priority Examen (MPE), a multi-year process engaged by each Jesuit college and university to affirm their mission and identity as Jesuit.

Wheeling Jesuit University is disaffiliated from the Society of Jesus and is renamed as Wheeling University.

Rev. Michael J. Sheeran, S.J. steps down as president of AJCU and is succeeded by Rev. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.

AJCU welcomes St. John’s College as its 28th member institution. St. John’s, a Jesuit junior college located in Belize, is the first institution outside of the United States to become a full member of the Association.
MILESTONES FROM JESUIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS
1970

**Boston College** admits women to pursue degrees in all of its undergraduate colleges.

**Xavier University** graduates the first woman from its undergraduate day school.

**Saint Joseph’s University** opens its doors to women as full-time students, bringing an end to its tradition as an all-male institution.

**Georgetown University** establishes the Vincent T. Lombardi Center, the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in Washington, D.C.

1971

**Loyola University Maryland** (then known as Loyola College in Maryland) becomes a coeducational institution, following its merger with Mount Saint Agnes College, a neighboring women’s college.

Patty Burke, the first Xavier University female graduate. Image courtesy of University Archives and Special Collections, Xavier University Library.

Three female graduates from Saint Joseph's University in 1971. Image courtesy of Saint Joseph's University Archives and Special Collections.
1972

Saint Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, MO is the site of the first heart transplant in the Midwest.

The first Creighton University students travel to the Dominican Republic for an immersion trip that facilitated the establishment of the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC).

Filming for The Exorcist begins on Georgetown University’s campus.

The Seattle University School of Law—originally the University of Puget Sound School of Law—is founded; it is now the largest and most diverse law school in the Pacific Northwest.

The first group of women graduate from John Carroll University’s College of Arts and Sciences.

The University of Scranton (which had been accepting female students in summer and evening classes since 1938) becomes fully coeducational.

The first female students arrive on the College of the Holy Cross’ campus. Women constituted 30 percent of the class of 1976.

1973

Loyola University and Marymount College (a women’s college) formally merge into Loyola Marymount University.
1973

Rockhurst University graduates its first class that includes women, after Rockhurst went coeducational in all of its divisions in 1969.

The first female students graduate from Fairfield University.

Jazz great Mary Lou Williams performs in what is now Simon’s Pub at Le Moyne College to a packed house.

From 1973-1977, Dick Vitale, now one of ESPN's most well-known college basketball commentators and former coach of the Detroit Pistons, coaches the University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball before becoming the school's Athletics Director in 1977-78.

1974

Mother Teresa visits the former Mundelein College at Loyola University Chicago to discuss her missionary work.

The British rock band Queen performs its first show for an American audience in the Regis University Field House.

Thomas More College (a women’s college) merges with Fordham University to make the institution co-educational.

Newton College of the Sacred Heart (formerly a women’s college) becomes part of Boston College.

1975

Santa Clara University’s Louis B. Mayer Theater is opened by legendary actress Helen Hayes.
1976
Canisius College initiates a Cassette Studies Program for individuals interested in earning college credits but unable to attend classes on campus.

Georgetown University opens the Center for Minority Students Affairs, which paved the way for the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access.

Renowned author Walker Percy begins to teach at Loyola University New Orleans.

1977
Under Coach Al McGuire, the Marquette University men’s basketball team defeats North Carolina (67-59) to win its first national championship.

Billy Joel performs on Fairfield University’s campus; he later received an Honorary Doctorate from the University in 1991.

1978
Gonzaga University hosts a Presidential Press Secretaries Forum (featuring the former press secretaries for Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford), which was broadcasted by PBS to 2 million viewers.

Saint Joseph’s College officially changes its name to Saint Joseph’s University.

The University of San Francisco purchases Lone Mountain College (a women’s college), which becomes the Lone Mountain Campus.

1979
The Dalai Lama visits Seattle University to receive an honorary doctorate.
1980
Spring Hill College celebrates its 150th year as Alabama’s oldest institution of higher learning. It is the first Catholic college in the Southeast, the third oldest Jesuit college, and the fifth oldest Catholic college in the United States.

Xavier University acquires Edgecliff College, which the Sisters of Mercy opened in 1935 as Our Lady of Cincinnati College for women.

1981
Rev. Leland Lubbers, S.J. establishes a foreign language cable television station at Creighton University for the promotion of language acquisition, cultural understanding and friendship. This paves the way for SCOLA World TV Online, which now offers programming from over 100 countries in more than 105 languages.

1982
Rev. Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J. speaks at Santa Clara University’s 1982 commencement ceremony. In his address, he speaks out in favor of social justice and against the tyrannical right-wing government of El Salvador. Seven years later, Ellacuria and five other Jesuits, along with their housekeeper and her daughter, are murdered under the orders of the Salvadoran government.
1983

The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery is dedicated at the College of the Holy Cross. The couple also gifts ten works by sculptor Auguste Rodin.

Veteran’s Memorial Court, the first residence hall at Saint Peter’s University (then known as Saint Peter’s College), is opened.

1984

Loyola Marymount University's Gersten Pavillion hosts the weightlifting competition for the XXIII Summer Olympic Games.

The Georgetown University men’s basketball team—led by Coach John Thompson, Jr. and star player Patrick Ewing—win the NCAA Tournament, the first national championship in Georgetown’s history. Patrick Ewing is currently the head coach of the Georgetown University men’s basketball team.

Loyola University New Orleans purchases St. Mary's Dominican College (a women's college) in New Orleans, which is now a part of Loyola’s Broadway campus.

The Consortium is created as a part of Matteo Ricci College to bring closer links between Seattle University and Catholic high schools in the Seattle area. Consortium courses are taught by qualified high school faculty under the supervision of Seattle University faculty. Students who successfully complete the course(s) are eligible to earn college credit.
1985

Fordham University’s Community Service Program—later renamed the Dorothy Day Center for Service and Justice—is established.

The University of Santa Clara officially changes its name to Santa Clara University.

The E. Paul Robsham, Jr. Theater Arts Center is opened on Boston College’s Lower Campus.

1987

The Jesuit Institute at Boston College is established to “support exploration into the religious and ethical questions that emerge from the intersection of faith and culture.”

1988

Georgetown University’s Bicentennial celebration is kicked-off by a convocation ceremony speech by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. The Bicentennial was directed by former AJCU President, Rev. Charles L. Currie, S.J.

Vice President George H. W. Bush visits Fairfield University and delivers a speech days before he is elected to the Oval Office.

Marquette University’s Les Aspin Center for Government is established to provide academic and internship programming for students focused on public policy in Washington, D.C.

Regis College (now Regis University) acquires Loretto Heights College and incorporates its nursing and University Without Walls programs.

1989

Rev. Charles L. Currie, S.J. coordinates Georgetown University’s response to the Jesuit Martyrs in El Salvador, and provides support for the subsequent U.S. Congressional investigation into the murders.

Rockhurst University establishes its Center for Arts and Letters.
1990

The University of Detroit and Mercy College of Detroit (a women’s college) merge to form University of Detroit Mercy. The University appoints Sr. Maureen A. Fay, O.P., as president, making her the first female president of a Jesuit college or university in the U.S.

Rev. Jon Sobrino, S.J. delivers the commencement address at Regis University six months after his community of six Jesuits, along with their housekeeper and her daughter, were murdered by Salvadoran soldiers.

Fordham University’s Global Outreach program is established to give Fordham students a chance to study issues of poverty and justice as they participate in service-learning and cultural-immersion experiences throughout the world.

Jim Whittaker—the first American to successfully climb Mt. Everest and an alumnus of Seattle University—returns to Everest as a leader of the Mt. Everest International Peace Climb, which put twenty climbers from the U.S., China and the Soviet Union on the summit in the name of world peace.

The Loyola Marymount University men’s basketball team, led by seniors Bo Kimble and Jeff Fryer, reaches the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament, after the death of star player Hank Gathers during the WCC Tournament at Gersten Pavilion.

1991

Saint Louis University’s School of Public Health, the first of its kind in Missouri, opens.

The Center for Environmental Communications is established at Loyola University New Orleans.

Regis College officially changes its name to Regis University.
1991

Mundelein College—an all-female college—merges into Loyola University Chicago. Out of the merger comes the Gannon Center for Women and Leadership and Loyola’s Peace Studies Program. Three years later, Loyola’s Women and Leadership Archives is established.

Noted Civil Rights activist Angela Davis speaks to the Le Moyne College community as part of Women’s History Month.

The first Martin Luther King, Jr. lecture is held at Fairfield University. This evolves into an annual series of events, culminating in the MLK Memorial March each January.

1992

Loyola University Maryland’s Center for Values and Service, later named the Center for Community Service and Justice, is founded.

1993

Pope John Paul II and President Bill Clinton meet for the first time in the United States on Regis University’s campus in Denver, CO.

Creighton University launches the first Doctor of Physical Therapy program in the nation; six years later, the University launches the first Doctor of Occupational Therapy program in the U.S.

Former AJCU President, Rev. Michael J. Sheeran, S.J., with President Bill Clinton and Pope John Paul II at Regis University. Images courtesy of Regis University.
1993

The University of Scranton launches radio station WUSR-FM as an independent regional public broadcasting station. In 2001, WUSR became the first radio station in Northeastern Pennsylvania to offer online streaming.

1994

The U.S. Department of Education awards Canisius College a five year, $1.1 million grant to establish Talent Search, a program to support high school students in need across Buffalo, NY.

The University of Detroit Mercy’s School of Architecture establishes the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC), a multi-disciplinary, nonprofit architecture and urban design firm at the Detroit Mercy School of Architecture dedicated to creating sustainable spaces and communities.

1995

Canisius College hosts the AIDS Memorial Quilt for a three-day viewing at the Koessler Athletic Center on campus.

The Jesuit Center at Loyola University New Orleans is founded.

1997

Seattle University’s Chapel of St. Ignatius is dedicated.

Gonzaga University joins forces with the City of Spokane, WA to create a Task Force on Race Relations and Community Congress on Race Relations.
1997

Seattle University opens its School of Theology and Ministry, which had taken root in 1969, in the wake of the Second Vatican Council.

Harper Lee, the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, receives an honorary degree from Spring Hill College.

1998

Creighton University begins offering daily reflections to share with faculty and staff through the nascent World Wide Web; today, the Online Ministries website receives millions of hits each year, from across the globe.

Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., then-Superior General of the Society of Jesus, delivers an address to the Canisius College community during a visit to campus.

Fordham College at Lincoln Center and the Alvin Ailey School join forces to create the Ailey/Fordham Dance BFA program.

1999

Rockhurst College officially changes its name to Rockhurst University.

Saint Joseph’s University hosts ‘Jesuit Education 21: Conference on the Future of Jesuit Higher Education.’ This gathering brought together 300 educators from the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia.

Students from the College of the Holy Cross participate in the inaugural Holy Cross Cares Day, a series of service-oriented activities to benefit the Worcester, MA community.

Le Moyne College opens the W. Carroll Coyne Center for the Performing Arts.
2000s

2000

Saint Peter’s University dedicates Joseph J. Jaroschak Field, the institution’s first athletic field.

2001

John J. “Jack” DeGioia, Ph.D. becomes president of Georgetown University, and the first lay president of any Jesuit college or university in the U.S.

Rev. Avery Dulles, S.J., then Laurence J. McGinley, S.J. Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University, becomes the first American-born theologian to be elevated to the College of Cardinals.

Boston College establishes a permanent Dublin home as a resource for the University’s Irish Studies Program.

Saint Louis University’s Campus Kitchen opens the first site of the now-nationwide program.
2001
The Olympic torch passes through the Avenue of the Oaks, a half-mile long iconic gateway to Spring Hill College, en route to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The University of San Francisco's Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good is established.

The University of Detroit Mercy's School of Law creates the first international dual-degree program of its kind in the country. The J.D./LL.B. Program is a partnership between the University of Detroit Mercy's School of Law and the University of Windsor Faculty of Law grants graduates both U.S. and Canadian law degrees.

2002
President Rev. William P. Leahy, S.J., announces that Boston College will launch an initiative called “The Church in the 21st Century” to help renew and revitalize the Catholic Church in the wake of the clergy abuse scandal.

The Saint Louis University Museum of Art (SLUMA) opens.

2003
The University of Scranton's Leahy Community Health and Family Center is founded to provide free health and wellness services to underserved children and their families in Scranton, PA.

Marquette University launches the Global Medical Brigades program.

The Le Moyne College men’s lacrosse team wins its first national championship (the first of five).
2003 John Carroll University opens and dedicates the Dolan Center for Science and Technology: a state-of-the-art building funded by a $20M gift from Charles and Helen Dolan.

The Saint Joseph’s University men's basketball team makes history by going undefeated in the 2003-04 regular season, earning the school's first-ever number-one seed in the NCAA Tournament, and advancing to the Elite Eight.

Gonzaga University hosts an international celebration and exposition commemorating the 100th birthday of alumnus Harry Lillis “Bing” Crosby.

2004 Loyola University Chicago begins a $750 million building plan to improve the infrastructure on all three of its Chicagoland campuses.

Former Jesuit Superior General, Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., delivers a speech on Creighton University’s campus during a historic visit to Omaha, NE.

2005 Loyola University New Orleans is supported by AJCU and Jesuit colleges and universities after Hurricane Katrina.

Fairfield University opens the Center for Faith and Public Life, a public forum for dialogue on intersections of faith and public life.

2006 Former Regis University men’s basketball coach Lonnie Porter partners with NBA All-Star Chauncey Billups to launch the Porter-Billups Leadership Academy to support at-risk children in Denver, CO.

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar is formally inaugurated.
2007

The University of Scranton joins the City of Scranton, PA to launch the Mulberry Street Improvement Project, an initiative to beautify and improve safety for a gateway corridor into the city.

The Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance moves its full-scholarship college program to Loyola University New Orleans.

2008

Loyola College in Maryland officially changes its name to Loyola University Maryland.

The Weston Jesuit School of Theology re-affiliates with Boston College and joins the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry and C21 Online to form the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

2009

The Jesuit Community Center at Fairfield University is completed; it is later named a "Top 10 House of 2012" by the American Institute of Architects for its emphasis on environmental stewardship.

Marquette University celebrates the Centennial of Women as the first Catholic university in the world to enroll women alongside men in its undergraduate programs in 1909.

John Carroll University partners with NBC to establish the NBC/John Carroll University Meet the Press Fellowship program in honor of the late Tim Russert, a graduate of John Carroll University and former host of NBC's Meet the Press.

Canisius College's Institute for Autism Research is established.
New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson pledges $8 million to create a new home for Loyola University New Orleans’ Jesuit Center.

The Little Rock Nine, who integrated a Little Rock, AR, high school in 1957, are honored with the Père Marquette Discovery medal—Marquette University’s highest honor bestowed in the spirit of the discoveries of French-Canadian Jesuit missionary, Rev. Jacques Marquette, S.J.

Xavier University offers its first online graduate courses.

The Spring Hill College Italy Center in Bologna opens as a study abroad program for students to receive a global educational experience.

Seattle University launches the Youth Initiative to strengthen education and support systems for neighborhood youth and their families in Seattle, WA.

Santa Clara University celebrates fifty years of women on campus, after becoming the first Catholic coeducational institution of higher learning in California in 1961.

Fordham University breaks ground on a new building for the Law School at its Lincoln Center campus in Manhattan.

Gonzaga University women’s basketball point guard Courtney Vandersloot becomes the first NCAA Division I basketball player—man or woman—to record 2,000 points and 1,000 assists in a collegiate career. Vandersloot went on to an all-star career with the WNBA’s Chicago Sky.
**2012**

Saint Peter’s College becomes **Saint Peter’s University**.

The Mundelein Center, Loyola University Chicago’s Fine and Performing Arts building, is rededicated after being designated an official Chicago Landmark in 2006.

**Fordham University** partners with four renowned Bronx Institutions—the New York Botanical Garden, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the Bronx Zoo/Wildlife Conservation Society, and Montefiore Medical Center—to create the Bronx Science Consortium.

**The University of San Francisco** celebrates the official opening of its downtown campus.

**2013**

**Spring Hill College** marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail” with campus-wide and community activities. In his letter, King cited Spring Hill College for its leadership in the Civil Rights movement.

**Saint Louis University** grants the world’s first Ph.D. in aviation.

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*Lagniappe* newspaper cover highlighting Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Albert S. Foley, S.J. a champion of civil rights from Spring Hill College. Image courtesy of Spring Hill College.
President Obama unveils his climate change plan at Georgetown University.

Loyola University Chicago’s Stritch School of Medicine announces its acceptance of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students.

Dr. Linda M. LeMura becomes the 14th president of Le Moyne College; she is the first female layperson to ascend to the presidency of a Jesuit institution in the U.S.

Boston College’s Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies is launched.

Fairfield University’s Center for Ignatian Spirituality opens.

The University of Detroit Mercy becomes a leading partner in the reBUILDetroit program, which encourages students from underrepresented backgrounds to pursue careers in biomedical research.

Regis University opens the College of Computer and Information Sciences, the first college in Colorado dedicated to the field.

Georgetown University’s Working Group on Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation is launched by Georgetown’s president, Dr. John J. DeGioia, to “reflect upon our University’s history and involvement in the institution of slavery.”

Pope Francis visits Saint Joseph’s University to bless the newly dedicated sculpture “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time.”

Pope Francis blessing the newly dedicated sculpture “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time” at Saint Joseph's University. Image courtesy of Saint Joseph's University.
2015

Loyola University Chicago founds Arrupe College, the first Jesuit two-year college in the United States to serve underrepresented local students. Named for former Jesuit Superior General Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Arrupe College offers Associate's degrees in Arts and Humanities, Business, Social and Behavioral Sciences, at a reduced cost to help students graduate with little or no debt.

Canisius College alumnus Adam Zyglis ’04 receives a Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning.

2016

The College of the Holy Cross' Thomas P. Joyce ’59 Contemplative Center opens on the Wachusett Reservoir in West Boylston, MA.

2017

The University of San Francisco purchases Star Route Farms in Bolinas—the oldest continuously operating certified organic farm in California—to provide educational opportunities for the USF community.

A $100 million gift from John A. and Susan Sobrato funds the Sobrato Campus for Discovery and Innovation at Santa Clara University: a 300,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility for transformational STEM education to be completed in 2022.

Jesus of Arrupe College by Janet McKenzie. Image courtesy of Arrupe College, Loyola University Chicago.
Saint Louis University marks its bicentennial and honors its history as the first institution of higher learning West of the Mississippi River.

John Carroll University receives a $10M challenge gift from The Boler Family Foundation to name the Boler College of Business.

Marquette University forms a partnership with Northwestern Mutual and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on the Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute to advance Milwaukee as a national hub for technology, research, business and talent development.

Sister Jean Schmidt, BVM, the then-98-year-old chaplain of Loyola University Chicago men’s basketball team, receives extensive media attention as Loyola’s 2018 “Cinderella team” advances to the Final Four of the NCAA Division I tournament.

Loyola Marymount University’s Playa Vista Campus, a new creative space for graduate, professional and interdisciplinary education, opens in Los Angeles’ growing tech hub, Silicon Beach.

Saint Joseph’s University partners with the Barnes Foundation to create learning opportunities for students and members of the local community.

Sister Jean at her 100th birthday celebration. Image courtesy of Loyola University Chicago.

The Frances M. Maguire Museum, home of the Barnes Arboretum at Saint Joseph's University. Image courtesy of Saint Joseph's University.
Santa Clara University launches a working group to study and identify ways of honoring the native Ohlone History people of its region in California.

Saint Joseph’s University opens its first new school in thirty years: the School of Health Studies and Education.

Xavier University formally establishes its College of Nursing.

Saint Peter’s University announces the renamed Frank J. Guarini School of Business after receiving a $10 million gift (the largest in its history).

Peggy Martin, Spring Hill College’s women’s volleyball head coach, becomes the country’s winningest four-year collegiate volleyball coach in any division in NCAA history as she records her 1,349th career victory.

Creighton University announces plans to construct a 180,000-square-foot Health Sciences campus in Phoenix, AZ which will serve nearly 900 student physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, physical therapists and occupational therapists.
Seattle University announces Eduardo M. Peñalver as its President-elect; Peñalver will be the University's first Latino and first lay president.

Construction is expected to be completed on Arrupe Hall, the new Jesuit residence at Saint Joseph's University, which will be the home of a new, multi-apostolic Jesuit community for Jesuits working at the University, St. Joseph's Prep, Gesu School, and Old St. Joseph’s Church in Philadelphia, PA.

Gonzaga University launches Opportunity Northeast, a place-based initiative focused on improving outcomes for children, youth and families in economically-challenged Northeast Spokane.

Fairfield University celebrates fifty years of women on campus.

Loyola University Maryland breaks ground on the Miguel B. Fernandez Family Center for Innovation and Collaborative Learning.

Rockhurst University acquires Saint Luke’s College of Health Sciences, welcoming the fourth college to its academic structure.

Loyola University Chicago elevates the Institute of Environmental Sustainability to the School of Environmental Sustainability.
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