Loyola 2012: A Master Plan

Where are we now? Where do we want to go? How will we get there? These questions were raised by Loyola administrators, faculty, staff, and students, and the answers resulted in an ambitious strategic plan for the university called Loyola 2012. The plan strives to enhance the university’s Jesuit values, improve student retention, and enhance its reputation and stature among peer colleges and universities.

“As we approach our centennial anniversary, it is natural and fitting that we look back on our accomplishments. However, while Loyola University has achieved great things these past 100 years, this strategic plan will ensure that we continue to expand on our successes and shape our students in an atmosphere of excellence and commitment to Jesuit values,” said Edward J. Kvet, D.M.E., university provost.

Within Loyola 2012 is a master plan for physical growth and improvements to the university. Projects will primarily relieve space constraints on the campus and assist the university in managing future growth. Approximately $35 million has been allocated to facilities updates and renovations. Improvements across the campus have already begun and will be ongoing throughout the next few years.

“This plan reflects Loyola’s commitment to a thriving, growing residential campus,” said the Rev. Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J., Ph.D., university president. “We are really looking forward to the results, which will further accentuate the utility and beauty of our campus.”

The university embarked on the comprehensive strategic plan to meet Loyola’s immediate needs, fulfill the mission of the university, and position it for long-term viability.

PARDON OUR PROGRESS

Because of the internal nature of the improvement projects, construction should cause minimal disruption outside the campus.

MAIN CAMPUS:

Thomas Hall is slated for renovation and minor expansion beginning in late March. Construction is expected to be completed by June 2011. Once complete, Thomas Hall will provide Loyola students and prospective students a one-stop-shop administrative building, housing the offices of admissions, financial aid, the bursar, student records, and student finance. The renovation will also free up space in Manquetta Hall, which will be used for additional classrooms.

A two-floor addition is planned for West Road Parking Garage to alleviate parking constraints on and around campus. The additional floors will provide 236 more parking spaces. Construction on the garage will start this summer and is expected to be completed by May 2011.

BROADWAY CAMPUS:

The Dominican Conference Center is slated for minor expansion beginning in late March. It will undergo renovation this summer and is expected to be completed by June 2011. It will house offices for the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice. The law clinic is a fully functioning legal clinic which allows third-year law students the opportunity to represent indigent clients under the supervision of experienced attorneys. In the law clinic, student practitioners have the chance to experience representing clients firsthand and an opportunity to further the Jesuit ideals of scholarship and service by providing legal representation to the needy. The College of Law has no plans to increase the size of its enrollment with the addition of the center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 11

Carmina Burana by Carl Orff
3 p.m., Roussel Hall, Free
A cantata featuring the Loyola and Tulane-Newcomb Choirs and the Loyola Symphony Orchestra.

APRIL 14

Calypso Music, the Caribbean and its Connections with New Orleans
7 p.m., Nunemaker Auditorium, Free
The inaugural cultural event of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies features Costa Rican musician and music ethno¬ographer Manuel Monestel.

APRIL 18

Loyola Jazz Band Concert
7:30 p.m., Roussel Hall, Free
Directed by John Mahoney, the band will perform a selection of jazz favorites sure to please everyone.

APRIL 23, 24

Loyola Ballet Celebrates National Dance Week
8 p.m., Roussel Hall, $12 General Adm. The Loyola Ballet, directed by Laura Zambrano, will present a ballet from the classical repertoire followed by character dances and contemporary works.

APRIL 26

L’Enfant et les Sortilèges (The Child and the Spells), by Maurice Ravel
7:30 p.m., Nunemaker Auditorium, Free
A French one-act opera presented by Loyola Opera Workshop.

For more information on events, please visit www.loyno.edu/calendar/
Loyola and Tulane set up car sharing program

In an effort to reduce the number of cars on campus and advance sustainability initiatives, Loyola University New Orleans and Tulane University have announced a partnership with WeCar, a car-sharing program by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. The program provides a cost-effective and convenient transportation solution to students and employees of both universities who enroll in the program. WeCar will offer members access to three Toyota hybrid Priuses, which Tulane and Loyola will share. For the convenience of drivers from both universities, the cars will be located in the West Road Parking Garage on Loyola’s campus, directly adjacent to Tulane’s campus.

“We are excited to partner with Tulane on this initiative,” said Robert Reed, Loyola’s assistant vice president for student affairs. “Beyond offering a practical solution for students without vehicles and for faculty and staff who have personal and business transportation needs, it’s also a way to consume less and share more.”

Loyola offers the nation’s first minor in the study of New Orleans

Starting fall 2010, Loyola University New Orleans will offer a 21-credit New Orleans studies minor, a collection of interdisciplinary courses ranging from Sociology of Mardi Gras to Ecology of the New Orleans Environment. The minor is the brainchild of a group of professors who talked informally about the rich array of possibilities New Orleans offers for scholarly investigation. In fall 2009, Loyola launched the Center for the Study of New Orleans. The center is a resource hub that promotes research and reflection on the history, politics, culture, and environment of New Orleans. Provost Edward J. Kvet, D.M.E., said the minor underscores Loyola’s commitment to New Orleans and its ongoing pursuit of the Jesuit ideals of education.

“The New Orleans studies minor draws on the deep expertise of our faculty in the academic study of New Orleans. It offers students a unique chance for study through the prism of place and for experiential learning in a city that’s like no other.”

English department offers concentration in film and digital media

The English department at Loyola University New Orleans recently announced a new concentration available this fall in film and digital media. This program combines courses in film history, analysis, and theory, and involves the presentation of creative texts through newer digital media, such as e-readers and the Internet. The new concentration will parallel the existing writing and literature tracks, according to Kate Adams, Ph.D., professor and chair of the English department.

“Our program will emphasize the critical study of film as an art form, giving students a solid knowledge of the history and aesthetics of film as well as exposure to the various methodological approaches of cinema studies as an academic discipline.”

Super Bowl XLIV MVP Drew Brees will speak at Loyola’s 2010 Unified Commencement Ceremony on May 8 in the Superdome.

Walker Percy helped publish John Kennedy Toole’s Pulitzer Prize-winning A Confederacy of Dunces while he was a faculty member at Loyola in the late 70’s. Loyola recently launched the Walker Percy Center for Writing and Publishing in his honor.

Loyola University New Orleans, the largest Catholic, Jesuit university in the South, is one of four universities in the nation named for St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. The Jesuits are renowned the world over for excellence in education, focusing on liberal arts, value-centered education of the whole person, and a commitment to lifelong learning, social justice, and service. Currently, the Jesuits maintain 70 secondary and primary schools and 28 universities and colleges in the United States. As part of the Jesuit educational network, Loyola University New Orleans is one of the largest systems in American higher education with a strong history of academic excellence. More than 210,000 students are currently enrolled in the 28 U.S. Jesuit universities. Worldwide, Jesuit universities and colleges have graduated more than 1,000,000 students.

The Jesuits were among the first explorers in Louisiana, and because of this unique connection, Loyola University New Orleans is an integral part of the rich history of one of the most culturally diverse cities and states in the country.

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Library Services

The J. Edgar and Louise S. Monroe Library, ranked fifth in the country by The Princeton Review among college and university libraries, is open to members of the local community. The library contains 385,341 printed books and bound periodical volumes, 1,519 music scores, 9,587 music recordings, and 5,051 audiovisual software titles. The library also provides access to more than 76,000 electronic journals and newspapers, and more than 30,000 electronic books.

A community borrower’s card is available for purchase at the Learning Commons desk, and new books are available for borrowing on the first floor. There is also a paperwork borrowing rack at the front of the first floor. Pick up a paperwork—leave a paperwork!

Free art exhibits are offered through the library’s Collins C. Diboll Gallery and exhibits pertaining to Loyola’s unique history can be found in Special Collections and Archives. Art by students, faculty, and alumni are featured throughout the building. For more information, please visit www.library.loyno.edu/

Postal Services

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It is located on the first floor of the Dannia Student Center and is open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Friday except during university holidays. If you would like additional information about the post office, call 865-2130.