The Student Success Summit continues to be a high priority for the Office of Student Affairs. On July 1, 2013, the Office of the Provost distributed a Master Schedule of Student Success Summit Action Plans and several Student Affairs-related action plans were highlighted as focus areas for the 2013-2014 academic year including:

- Add faculty advising/contact in New Student Orientation
- Implement OrgSync
- Enhance communication with students and parents
- Implement customer service training
- Improve FY student communication
- Develop a multimedia social norming campaign
- Integrate experiential learning
- Review sophomore residency requirement

In immediate response to the Master Plan, the Office of Student Affairs hosted an all-staff retreat and a workshop was presented to review these action plans. A fruitful “in the round” discussion allowed for brainstorming and idea sharing and these suggestions will continue to be discussed and vetted by several Student Affairs committees and Student Success workgroups.

To date, several accomplishments have been completed in response to the action plans: 1) Offering an increased number of faculty and staff contacts at the 2013 New Student Orientation sessions and designing a comprehensive resource guidebook for students and parents; 2) Beginning the implementation process for OrgSync, a one stop communications portal for students and; 3) Debuting the One Loyola, One Community: Civility and Student Life campaign.

We look forward to our continued work with the Student Success Summit.
RENOVATIONS TO CABRA & BUDDIG HALLS

Cabra Hall, located on the historic Broadway Campus, is Loyola’s premier residence hall. Cabra houses 213 upperclass students in 8-person suites. A much needed renovation kicked off in May 2012 and was completed when students returned for move-in day in August 2013. The $12 million project has re-created Cabra Hall as an apartment-style living community geared toward the more independent lifestyles of Loyola’s upperclass students.

Amenities in the new Cabra Hall include full kitchens in every suite, modern ADA-compliant living spaces, in-building fitness center, high efficiency fixtures, all new furniture, and vibrant finishes. Cabra Hall opened on August 24, 2013.

Buddig Hall is Loyola’s tallest building, housing 429 first-year and upperclass students in suite-style communities. Phase I of a major renovation was completed in August 2013, bringing new mechanical systems, windows, and HVAC to residential spaces. Hallways have been updated with fresh, modern finishes, and the building’s exterior has been cleaned, painted, and landscaped.

THEMED LIVING COMMUNITIES

Themed Living Communities (TLCs) are defined as cohorts of students intentionally brought together around a common purpose in order to make living on campus a more rewarding experience. The 2013-2014 year is an exciting time for first-year students choosing to live in Themed Living Communities. TLC options include: Substance-Free Living, Spark Service, Cardoner Leadership Fellows, and The Honors community.

Three of our existing TLC’s are welcoming twice the amount of students from the previous academic year. With the addition of a fourth TLC this fall, Residential Life is looking forward to hosting 200 students in themed living as compared to 80 students in 2012-2013.
The Krewe Leader team represents some of Loyola’s best student leaders and representatives of the university. Their energy, customer service, positive attitude, and knowledge of the university helps parents and students feel confident to begin their journey at Loyola.

Krewe Leaders were selected in fall 2012 and completed a semester-long training in spring 2013. Prior to Orientation, they completed an intensive training on campus services and programs, first year transitions, problem solving, customer service, and inclusivity. During each Orientation session, the Krewe Leaders led groups of 15-20 students through teambuilding activities, educational workshops, placement testing, and late night activities.

The success of Orientation is largely attributed to the work of the Krewe Leaders. They are students’ first connection to the campus community and serve as an example of what a Loyola student is like. They take this role seriously and aim to provide a welcoming atmosphere to students, parents, and families.

Krewe Leaders are not only active during Orientation but they are also visible throughout the year in organizations and programs such as:

- Student Government Association
- Resident Assistant/ Residence Hall Association
- Spark Leader
- Greek Life
- Queer Straight Student Alliance
- Cardoner
- Black Student Union
- Christian Life Communities

Students Shine During Orientation

Being a Krewe Leader opened so many doors for me on this campus. I felt more connected than ever with the people and the spirit of Loyola. I wouldn’t trade being a Krewe Leader for anything and I think it’s something everyone should experience!”

Sarah Sewell

Pictured:
2013-2014 Krewe Leaders
ADDITION OF MEN’S AND WOMEN’S GOLF

Loyola University New Orleans has expanded its sports program with the recent additions of women’s golf in 2012 and men’s golf for the 2013-14 season. The Wolf Pack department of athletics and wellness now has 14 intercollegiate teams competing in the NAIA.

Loyola hired Lisa Tinkler in October 2012 as head coach for both the men’s and women’s golf programs.

The new golf program has attracted student-athletes from around the world. Coach Tinkler recently signed two golfers from Germany and one from Canada. Recruits from the U.S. hail from cities as local as Lake Charles, Louisiana to midwest towns such as Sedalia, Missouri and Little Rock, Arkansas as well as residents from both the east and west coast. There are currently seven student-athletes on the women’s roster and six on the men’s team. The men’s and women’s golf teams are each scheduled to participate in two tournaments during the fall season and plan to take part in four to five events in the spring.

NEW COACH FOR WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

This summer Loyola University New Orleans announced the hiring of Margot Frederick as head coach of the women’s volleyball team. Frederick joins Loyola after working at The University of Texas-Pan American as the women’s volleyball assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the past two seasons. She joined UTPA after one season at Division III Muskingum University where she aided in recruiting, training defensive systems, coordinating team travel and scouting opponents. During her time with the Muskies, she helped the squad earn their 25th berth in the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament. Frederick made her collegiate coaching debut at Illinois State University where she worked as the Director of Volleyball Operations for two years.

Frederick has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Cleveland State University and a master of science in sport management from Illinois State University.

Beyond Classroom Walls
Supporting Faculty-Initiated Campus Programs

In fall 2012, the Office of Student Affairs initiated the Beyond Classroom Walls funding program to support faculty in developing programs, events, and activities that compliment learning outside of the classroom and enhance the University’s commitment to educational excellence.

Funding is awarded each semester through a proposal-based review process. Programs must be one-time events that are open to the campus community and can include guest speakers or panels, cultural events, art and social change programs, simulation and experiential activities, and awareness or consciousness-raising events.

Since its inception, Beyond Classroom Walls funding has contributed to the following campus-wide programs:

- “Songs of Souls”: The State of the Louisiana Prison System
- “White Bound: Nationalists, Antiracists, and the Shared Meanings of Race”
- 5th Annual Student Peace Conference
- “Beyond Beats and Rhymes, Listening to What You’re Listening To”
Dining Services is hard at work implementing the dining master plan. Phase I is well under way with retail expansion on the main floor of the Danna Student Center.

Supplementing the new concepts announced in the spring newsletter are three additional retail dining features:

- **The Sweet Shop** – featuring freshly baked pastries, cookies, cakes and other delectable treats.
- **Coca Cola Freestyle** – custom-made beverages with more than 100 drink choices, including more than 70 low-or-no-calories drinks, including naturally flavored Dasani waters and Seagram’s Sparkling Seltzer water.
- **Simply To Go** – our incredibly popular line of sandwiches, salads, wraps, fresh fruit and vegetable cups, desserts and snacks will now be featured in the center of the Food Court in its own kiosk. Simply To Go is made fresh on-site daily and packaged in recyclable and compostable containers made from recycled materials.

While construction in The Orleans Room will be part of Phase III of the master plan, the fall focus is on a variety of fresh and healthy foods, innovatively flavored and attractively presented.

**Fresh²** – The theme is choice with Fresh². The result is a menu that satisfies the student palate with authentic ethnic dishes, local cuisine and comforting home-style entrees, all served in tasting portions to maximize variety at each meal.

**Mindful** – With the benefits of healthier eating in mind, Mindful delivers both wellness and flavor. Rather than declare a dish “healthy,” as opposed to “not healthy,” the purpose of Mindful is to educate students on ingredients and dishes that are “better” for them.

**Highlights of the Mindful Program:**
- Meals and entrees with fewer than 600 calories
- Dishes flavored with fresh herbs and spices and less sodium
- Desserts with less than 200 calories and at least one gram of fiber, less refined sugar and more fresh fruit
- Less than 10% of calories from saturated fats in all our menu selections
- Easy-to-understand nutrition facts and visuals of ingredients
- Bar codes linking to complete nutritional information

Demonstrating our commitment to overall health and wellness, all Mindful recipes are fully integrated with My Fitness Pal, the nation’s leading fitness app. Bar codes on each menu will automatically upload nutritional information into the My Fitness Pal food diary.

This fall’s new concepts at Loyola, along with the addition of an Indian food concept called Café Spice on the Tulane University campus, will bring the number of choices across Uptown Campus Dining to 25. Reciprocal dining privileges between Loyola and Tulane allow for far more available options than either campus alone could offer, increasing convenience for a traveling student body as well as a greater level of satisfaction resulting from such a wide variety of dining selections.
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