Dear Friends:

Since founding their first school in 1548, the Jesuits have always aimed to provide an education that forms students as whole persons who will change the world for the better.

As one of the University’s three Centers of Distinction, the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education promotes and enhances that distinctively Jesuit, Catholic tradition of education at Santa Clara through a range of signature programs presented here.

Our signature programs include the following:

- Bannan Institutes
- Community-based Learning
- Immersion Programs
- *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius

Thank you for your interest in an amazing educational mission that has changed lives for nearly 500 years.

Sincerely,

Michael C. McCarthy, S.J.
Executive Director

**Our Mission**
The Ignatian Center promotes and enhances the distinctively Jesuit, Catholic tradition of education at Santa Clara University, with a view to serving students, faculty, staff, and through them the larger community, both local and global.

**Our Vision**
The Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education will be recognized throughout Silicon Valley as providing leadership for the integration of faith, justice, and the intellectual life.
Through the generosity of the Bannan family endowment, the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education sponsors academic events and supports scholarship that specifically furthers the Jesuit, Catholic character of the University.

Bannan Institutes are yearlong thematic programs, which span academic, public, and pastoral offerings to engage Santa Clara University and the larger community around issues of contemporary religious, cultural, and theological debate.

Selected themes of Bannan Institutes include Sacred Texts in the Public Sphere (2012–2013); What Good Is God? (2013–2014); and Ignatian Leadership (2014–2015). Each Bannan Institute addresses matters of significance within the Catholic intellectual tradition, while fostering an ethic of dialogue among diverse religious and philosophical commitments, and offering opportunities for exchange across disciplines at the University.

Each year, the Bannan Institutes will offer approximately 25 lectures, workshops, and events on topics of contemporary concern; sponsor faculty and staff research and teaching initiatives related to the yearlong theme; and publish the *explore* journal, examining topics related to Catholic identity and Ignatian character in Jesuit higher education.

For the latest topics, dates, and information, visit [www.scu.edu/ignatiancenter](http://www.scu.edu/ignatiancenter).
Community-based learning stems from Santa Clara’s Jesuit educational philosophy that what we learn is connected intimately to how we learn it. Through community-based learning, the walls of the classroom are expanded as students learn from neighbors whose reality is often very different from their own.

The Ignatian Center’s Weekly Engagement Program links Santa Clara classes with learning in the community. Faculty members elect to have a community component in their courses, and the Ignatian Center supports students who choose from a variety of local community partners where they engage for the quarter. These partners become co-educators in the learning process at placements, which include homeless shelters, multilingual/ESL educational programs, law clinics, immigrant service centers, schools, church parishes, healthcare agencies, and senior centers. Students work with and learn from community partners approximately two hours each week during eight weeks of the academic quarter. Faculty who teach these courses integrate class material with the weekly engagement experiences of their students.

The local community benefits greatly from these efforts—not simply because of the skills that faculty and students bring, but because the process of collaborating changes the way a community member sees his or her relationship with the University. The program has affected the lives of thousands, in ways both simple and profound.

Beginning in 1986 and continuing to grow today with more than 50 community partners, the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education creates the space for active engagement, service, and community-based research. Each year, approximately 1,200 undergraduate students spend more than 19,000 hours working with our community partners in many ways.
As the Strategic Plan of Santa Clara University asserts, “A 21st-century education requires global understanding.” During each academic break, the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education sponsors experiences in which students, faculty, staff, and alumni immerse themselves into communities that have little access to wealth, power, and privilege—locally, domestically, and abroad.

Each year, the Center facilitates more than a dozen 5-, 7-, or 10-day immersion experiences. More than 160 students, faculty, and staff travel to a variety of places to engage with community members and come to better understand issues impacting those communities.

Locations include El Salvador, Ecuador, Peru, New Orleans, Appalachia, Navajo Nation, Los Angeles, San Jose, and the U.S.-Mexico border.

These immersion trips are designed to help participants see the world with new eyes, recognize the suffering and the assets of marginalized communities and individuals, and allow those experiences to inform their vocational discernment. The program changes how participants understand themselves, the world, and their role in it.

Though the trip comes to a close, the full experience is a journey that never truly ends. Participants meet to continue reflecting, sharing stories, and determining how the immersion experience will lead them to take next steps and make new commitments.
The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola are a program of meditations, prayers, considerations, and contemplative practices that help people draw closer to God, follow Jesus, and discern where they are called in life.

St. Ignatius intended these Spiritual Exercises to be experienced in a number of ways, such as

- extended over approximately 30 days in a silent retreat away from home,
- condensed into a weekend or an eight-day retreat based on Ignatian themes, or
- in the midst of daily life, while living at home, over a period of several months.

The Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education provides faculty, staff, students, board members, and other close partners multiple ways of encountering the Spiritual Exercises. These opportunities range from off-campus retreats, on-campus offerings of the Spiritual Exercises in daily life, and Web-based resources for deepening understanding and engagement in the Spiritual Exercises.

For many, a more intentional experience of Ignatian spirituality will ground our common work at Santa Clara University more deeply within the sources of our tradition.

Recognizing the religious and personal diversity among members of our community, the Ignatian Center also offers a range of events that correspond to the needs and commitments of individuals, such as lectures and workshops on the spiritual practices of various faith traditions. These events and offerings help us celebrate and engage the interreligious nature of our community, both locally and globally.
Student Leadership Opportunities

Aside from the four signature programs, the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education provides a variety of leadership opportunities to help prepare students for their future building a more just, humane, and sustainable world.

INTERNSHIPS
The internship program matches juniors and seniors with a community partner for a full academic year. Interns spend an average of six to eight hours per week in the community. The program is designed to meet the needs of community partners but also to help interns delve into individual areas of interest. As liaisons, interns have the opportunity to serve as a resource for SCU students in community-based learning programs while learning more about a profession during their yearlong commitment.

FELLOWSHIPS
Each year, approximately 15 students are granted fellowships to deepen their understanding of social justice issues through a summer community-based learning experience. These fellowships consist of a preparation process, four to six weeks of community engagement, and post-experience reflections and opportunities for retreats. The program seeks to form active global citizens, individuals who reflect on the needs of the world, and directly impact the communities in which they are engaged. In past years, fellowships have been given for work in Tanzania, India, El Salvador, and San Jose, California, to name only a few.

IMMERSION TRIP COORDINATORS
Student coordinators lead each of the domestic immersion trips sponsored by the Ignatian Center. In this role, students build upon their previous immersion experiences while learning valuable skills such as facilitation, communication, conflict resolution, and organization. Coordinators are responsible for preparing the group for the trip, accompanying the participants throughout the immersion, and facilitating the post-trip reflections.
HOW TO SUPPORT THE CENTER

The Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education has been able to fund programs, such as those mentioned earlier, through the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends of Santa Clara University. If you would like to join them and support the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, you can do so on our website www.scu.edu/ignatiancenter or by contacting us directly. Thank you for considering us in your philanthropic plans. Your generosity will help preserve and extend the Jesuit mission of the University.

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