

Enjoy this second edition of Alpha Sigma Nu's e-newsletter. Find resources that will promote collaboration with Jesuit works and a lifelong pursuit of your Jesuit ideals.



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Alpha Sigma Nu is committed to providing resources to keep alumni informed, involved, and inspired to continue living their Jesuit values after graduation. At the 50th anniversary celebration of Alpha Sigma Nu in 1965, then Father General Father Pedro Arrupe made a purposeful call to the organization when he said, **"I feel that the first 50 years of Alpha Sigma Nu stressed objectives before graduation. Permit me tonight to ask that the second half of the century be inaugurated by emphasizing scholarship, loyalty and service after graduation."** Another 50 years have passed since his call, and at our centennial celebration in 2015, the Board of Directors led the organization to look for ways to collaborate with our wider Jesuit community, to challenge members to serve at the margins - in their own communities or across the globe.



To accomplish our goal of being collaborators with the Jesuits on mission, Alpha Sigma Nu has a host of resources available online to keep you informed. Go to the website www.alphasigmanu.org/news-events/loyalty-link to find links to articles, websites, blogs, calendars of events, etc. to keep you connected to your Jesuit-education roots. We will be rolling out a new website in November with more accessible resources, but for now, find Loyalty Link on our current website as a resource hub. The resources here are just a few highlights from our online hub.



The **Jesuit Refugee Service/USA** is truly working at the margins. Learn more about their upcoming concert series Lampedusa, concerts for refugees. There are dates across the U.S. this October with headliners such as Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle, Patty Griffin, and Buddy

Miller.

<http://jrsusa.org/>

Creighton's Online Ministries website is a gold mine of information and Ignatian resources. One feature that is especially interesting is the Audio Retreat. Find recordings from retreats on daily life, Lent, Advent, and topics of importance. You can listen on the go -- on any device!



<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/AudioRetreat/AudioRetreats.html>



Ignatian Solidarity Network's mission is to network, educate, and form advocates for social justice animated by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Salvadoran Jesuit martyrs. The organization aims to mobilize Jesuit alumni to action, creating a network of

lifelong contemplative leaders for the common good.

<http://ignatiansolidarity.net/>



LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR SERIES

Our newest, member-exclusive resource

Featured Speaker: Jim Martin, SJ

Thursday, October 20th

12:00 pm ET

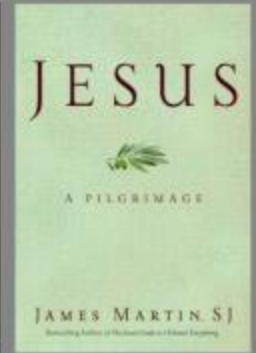
Registration is now full. Due to an overwhelming response, the 100 spaces filled up in record time. Stay tuned for news of our next Lunch + Learn webinar in the spring.

Alpha Sigma Nu is proud to announce our new lunchtime webinar series exclusively for ASN alumni. We look forward to hosting speakers on topics of importance to Jesuit-educated alumni, and we are very pleased to welcome Jim Martin, SJ, as our first speaker. This webinar series is part of ASN's ongoing mission to keep members rooted in the traditions of their Jesuit education.

Father Martin's talk will focus on his most recent book *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*. He will discuss encountering the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith. What does it mean to come to know Jesus in your life? Father Martin will lead a conversation about how Jesus's humanity and divinity are essential for a true encounter with him.



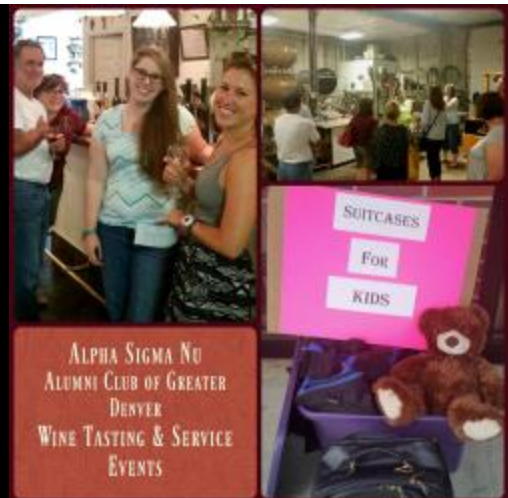
James Martin, SJ (Weston '97), is a Jesuit priest, best-selling author, and culture editor of America magazine. He is known for both his humor and substance in writing and speaking. Using age-old Jesuit wisdom and wit, he translates spiritual teaching for a modern audience.



Join your local Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club!

Clubs provide a wonderful resource for networking, speaker events, service opportunities and more to keep you involved in the Alpha Sigma Nu and Jesuit communities. Connecting with likeminded alumni who share similar values is a true benefit of membership, and our Clubs are the best resource for tapping into this benefit.

Find your local Alumni Club today



ALUMNI VOICES

Hear from two alumni about their paths after graduation and how they continue to live their Jesuit values



TJ Rogers (Canisius `10)

My first day at Canisius College was nerve wracking. Unsure what I was stepping into, I soon realized that just taking that first step was one of the most transformative of my life.

While I first focused on my studies, I soon got involved with student programming, eventually and inadvertently becoming president of the Amnesty International chapter. This second transformative step led to my involvement with the Undergraduate Student Association, Campus Ministry, and local nonprofit organizations.

With each outside the classroom experience, it became more clear to me that while my scholastic endeavors were important, it was in 'hands-on' learning that I thrived. Meeting people and intentionally sharing time and space with them shed light on the purpose of life. I grew to view knowledge without action as meaningless. My mindset became: if you see a problem, learn about it, and take action to remedy it. Relating to service and justice, I realized that my freedom is bound with those yearning for it. Thus, another step...

After graduation, I started at Freedom House as a Jesuit Volunteer Corps volunteer in Detroit. What was designed to be a one-year



Kelly Swan (Wheeling Jesuit `03)

As a senior at Wheeling Jesuit University in 2003, I attended the Alpha Sigma Nu Triennial Conference at Regis University in Denver. Perhaps the most significant outcome of the conference, personally, was the evident display of the Jesuit network in motion.

Conversation centered around the manifestation of Jesuit ideals and Ignatian spirituality, both as part of the undergraduate experience as well as beyond graduation. I was impressed by the continued commitment of many faculty, staff, alumni, and board members to the Jesuit call to be "men and women for others" and by the dialogue and interest in supporting the Jesuit network in doing so.

In August of this year, I joined the staff of the Ignatian Solidarity Network as Communications Manager. One of my first tasks in the office was to begin framing the theme of our annual report. The resounding message about ISN's work continues to be that we are a "network that networks" for justice. I am drawn back to my initial experience at the Alpha Sigma Nu Triennial Conference, of this extended community of individuals doing the work of integrating their Jesuit education into their diverse professions

program, I extended to two, and in the long-run, became full-time employment.

At Freedom House, a temporary home for victims of persecution and torture seeking asylum in the U.S., I've found my niche. Every day, I work in a shelter beside people who fought for equality, human rights, and freedom. I'm surrounded by diversity that reflects humanity. I deliver services and advocate.

Alas, my tenure at Freedom House has taught me more about the world - both the good and the bad - and myself than I can put into words. As I continue on my life's journey, the flame that was ignited at home by my family was fanned by Canisius and is burning bright today... *A luta continua!*

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and life experiences. I am excited to again connect with the greater Jesuit network, to join in the effort to provide formation in Jesuit values and Ignatian spirituality to current students, and to support fellow alumni seeking to live out their values within their communities, families, and professional lives.

Thirteen years later, I am still invested in, and a beneficiary of, the Jesuit network. This network has been invaluable, providing ample opportunities to connect with communities wherever I have lived--in Jersey City, NJ, throughout West Virginia, and now, in the Cleveland, OH area. My initial experience of seeing the larger Jesuit community at work has provided guidance in my professional life and solidified my commitment to work for social justice.

{ 2003 Triennial Conference at Regis University }

Recognize anyone?



{ ALPHA SIGMA NU } INSTAGRAM CONTEST

ASN is now on Instagram!

Alpha Sigma Nu is more social than ever. FOLLOW US!

To kick-off our new Instagram page, we're hosting a contest. Follow us by October 16th to be entered to win a free I heart Jesuits t-shirt! The winner will be announced on Alpha Sigma Nu Day, Monday, October 17th.

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[@alphasigmanu.](#)

We're also on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Like us, follow us, tag us in photos!



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