

This edition of the e-newsletter focuses on alumni. Read about alumni preferences, resources, and award winners -- and hear from a couple ASN alumnae!



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The Results Are In! Member Survey Results

Thank you to all alumni who participated in our recent alumni survey. With 517 participants, we were able to pick out some themes and trends that we feel represent our alumni preferences. The ages of our respondents grouped mostly between 21 and 30 years and 61 and 70 years, giving us an interesting look at what ages our alumni are most interested in engaging with us. Your feedback is an important tool for us to adapt our communication, resources, and engagement to what our alumni value most. As we move through this new century as the Jesuit honor society, your feedback helps guide where we go.

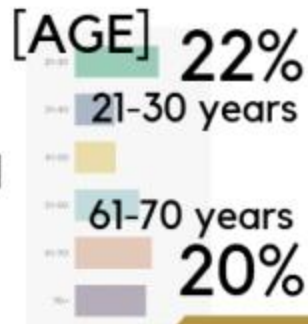
COMMUNICATION

We found some trends in our survey results relating to communication. It sounds like our members are in general happy with our messaging. Good news! You did give us some direction about preferred content. Here are your top content preferences: ASN news, Jesuit higher ed news, Ignatian resources, and alumni stories. We hear you!

We also saw conflicting themes regarding mode of communication. Hard copy newsletters still appear to be popular, while a majority of respondents also indicated interest in receiving email communication. A clear trend showed that members do NOT prefer to receive ASN news and updates via social media. Again, we hear you. We will be evaluating our communication strategy with these preferences in mind.

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517
members
participated



TOP 3 ALUMNI PROGRAMMING

- 1 Educational/Speaker
- 2 Ignatian/Spiritual
- 3 Service Opportunity

COMMUNICATION



TOP TYPES OF CONTENT



46%
of members
do NOT prefer
ASN updates via
social media

HONOR of INDUCTION

CONNECTION TO JESUITS
SHARED VALUES

WHAT KEEPS
YOU CONNECTED
TO ASN?

WHAT COULD ASN DO DIFFERENTLY?

25% of suggestions
related to Alumni
Events

- More regional events
- More service events
- More networking events
- Connect alumni & student members

Share resources

Jobs platform

EXPAND WEBINARS

Linking members internationally

MENTORING

LOGO WEAR

Connect with older alumni

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT





2019 Magis Medal Recipients Announced

In the second year as an annual award, Alpha Sigma Nu has the honor of awarding two incredibly deserving alumni members with the Magis Medal. This award signifies the outstanding work of these recipients in living out the Alpha Sigma Nu tenets of scholarship, loyalty, and service. These members have devoted their lives to the ideals of Jesuit education, in service to others. We hope other Alpha Sigma Nu members will be inspired by their work and ignited to put their values into action as change makers in their own communities and at the margins.

You can read about all [past winners](#) of the Magis Medal, including the 100 winners during our centennial year celebration, on our website. If you know a deserving Alpha Sigma Nu member, nominate them for next year's Magis Medal between November 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020.



**Phil Lane, PhD
(Fairfield '90)**

Dr. Lane is associate professor of economics at Fairfield University, but to his students he is much more. As a professor and Ignatian Spirituality Mentor, Dr. Lane embodies scholarship, loyalty, and service



Janet Lee (Regis '09)

Janet Lee has lived a life of service since her Peace Corps tour in Ethiopia after her graduation from Regis College in 1974. Since returning to Regis University as a librarian in 1982 and serving as the Dean of Library since 2012, she has melded

in his life and teaching. His encouragement, selflessness, and commitment to helping his students grow are examples of the Jesuit values of magis and cura personalis. According to his students, he truly works to better the world and ensure that the students he teaches are completely supported throughout their studies at Fairfield University.

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her professional passion for libraries and literacy in serving underserved populations locally and internationally, most specifically returning to her adopted home of Ethiopia on several occasions to assist in library development and literacy training with an emphasis on first language publishing.

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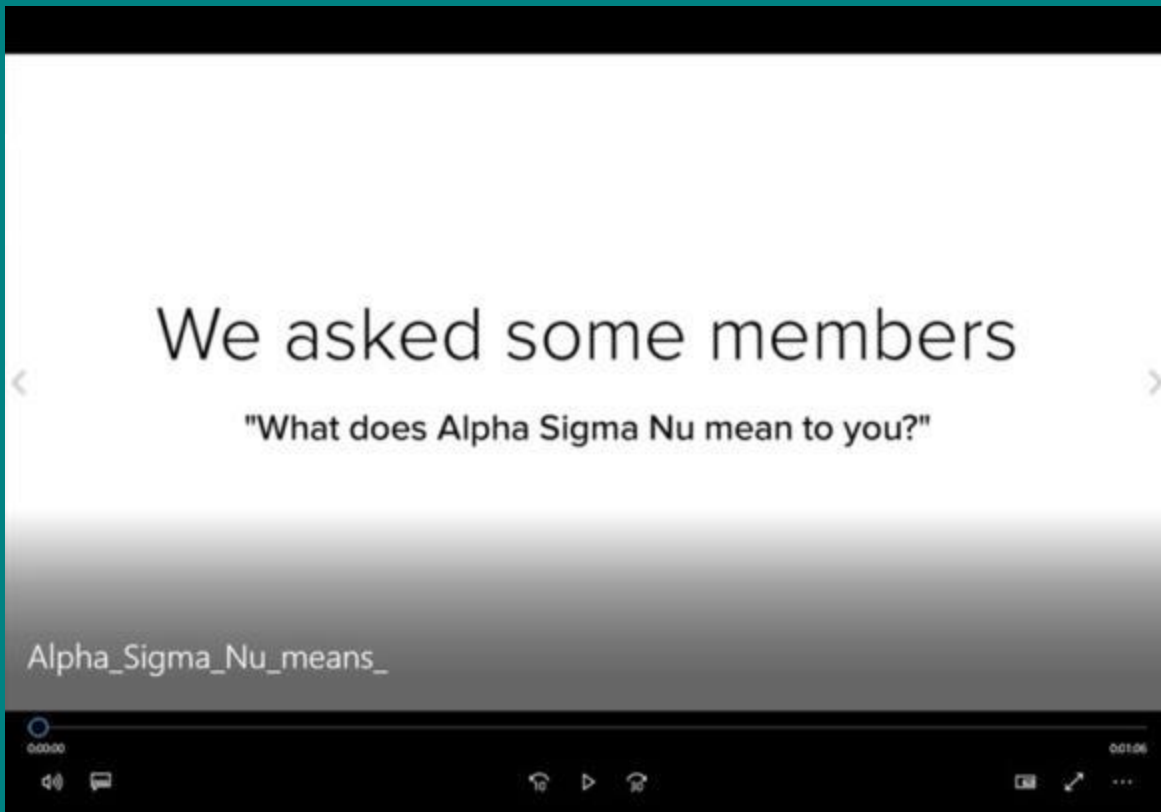


Student ASN members who will be students in the 2019-2020 academic year are invited to apply for a Seelos Grant to fund attendance at Ignatian leadership and social justice conferences.



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"I had the incredible opportunity to network with members of the Jesuit community on ways to advocate for social justice on a variety of issues in our country. I also lobbied in Senator/State Representative offices on Capitol Hill. It was quite fulfilling to know that I had spoken with political leaders on topics that I was passionate about and that they listened to me. This was certainly an experience that I will take with me forever." - Isabel Wallace-Green (Fordham '18), 2018 Seelos Grant Recipient



What the Jesuit Honor Society Means to Our Members

Watch this video of how some of our young members responded to this question. Then ask yourself, "What does Alpha Sigma Nu mean to me?" Send us your answer. We want to hear from all of you.

Send us a short video clip or [email](#) with your response -- You could be featured in an upcoming video!

Darby R. Ratliff (Canisius `14)

Read how this Pedro Arrupe, SJ, quote came to define Darby's graduate school experience.

“First, let me ask this question: Have we Jesuits educated you for justice? You and I know what many of your Jesuit teachers will answer to that question. They will answer, in all sincerity and humility: No, we have not. If the terms "justice" and "education for justice" carry all the depth of meaning which the Church gives them today, we have not educated you for justice.”

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ALUMNI
VOICES



TRIBUTE GIFT PROGRAM

THANK AN
INFLUENTIAL
PERSON IN
YOUR LIFE



Alpha Sigma Nu's [Tribute Gift Program](#) allows you to honor a person in your life who has made a lasting impact on you. With your [Tribute Gift](#), ASN will send your honoree a personalized card notifying them of the gift and sharing your personal message of thanks.

Maybe you want to thank a **Jesuit, mentor,** or **professor** who inspired you during college. Or perhaps there is a **colleague, family member** or **friend** who has always supported you. A Tribute Gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude.

Your gift will carry on the positive impact of the honoree by supporting the Jesuit honor society's mission-focused chapter programming, leadership summits, alumni webinars and events, scholarships, and grant opportunities.

Make a Tribute Gift



AJCU Alumni Events Calendar

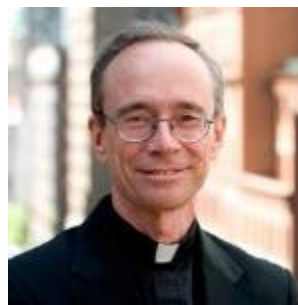
You can always find Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit and Ignatian events on the [Alpha Sigma Nu website's events calendar](#), but here is another resource for you to stay up-to-date and involved - the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) now has their own [alumni events calendar](#)! AJCU coordinates the annual Jesuit Alumni Service Days events that take place across the U.S. each spring. Check out their calendar for information on all these service opportunities and more.



Spring Speaker: Thomas Reese, SJ

We are happy to announce the spring speaker for the Lunch & Learn webinar series will be Fr. Thomas Reese, SJ, Senior Analyst at Religion News Service. Father Reese is a Jesuit priest, author, and journalist. He is former columnist for the National Catholic Reporter and former editor-in-chief America magazine.

Stay tuned -- more details will be announced soon!



"Alpha Sigma Nu is almost the sacrament of who we want our graduates to be. As ASN empowers students to be their best selves and alumni to live out the potential shown as they were inducted, the impact of Jesuit education is seen in ASN members' communities and beyond."

- Michael Sheeran, SJ

President, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

What keeps you feeling connected to Alpha Sigma Nu?



The ASN designation continues to hold a prominent place on my professional résumé, nearly 35 years since earning my degree from Loyola University of Chicago. I've always felt an affinity for ASN with a genuine sense of pride, particularly as others regard induction into ASN as emblematic of someone well-prepared and intellectually tested to take on meaningful challenges and who exceeded the expectations of what it takes to undergo a rigorous academic experience through the Jesuit higher education model. In order to be nominated and selected, we demonstrated to others through our studies and extracurricular involvement that we're more than ready and willing to heed the St. Ignatius call to "go forth and set the world on fire".

What are ways you think other members can stay connected to ASN?

ASN is an exceptional unifying element which provides us with the unique opportunity locally to participate in specialized alumni programming that appeals to our intellectual, spiritual, service-oriented, and even adventurous, interests. I would strongly encourage individuals to stay informed through the various published communications (newsletter, email, social media, etc.) and the key resource of ASN's website which features a calendar of local events. More importantly, ASN alumni should resolve to make time in their busy schedule and get involved through the first-hand experience of attending events.

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