

With this new year come new challenges and possibilities.



A new year, a hopeful beginning. As we navigate our way through these last stages of the pandemic, we recognize the challenges last year brought with it. Moving forward, it is becoming apparent some of the more lasting changes. As our immediate worlds grew smaller during this pandemic, with its quarantines and stay at home orders, amazingly, the wider world became a little smaller as we connected online in innovative ways.



The Global Jesuit Education Map is Expanding

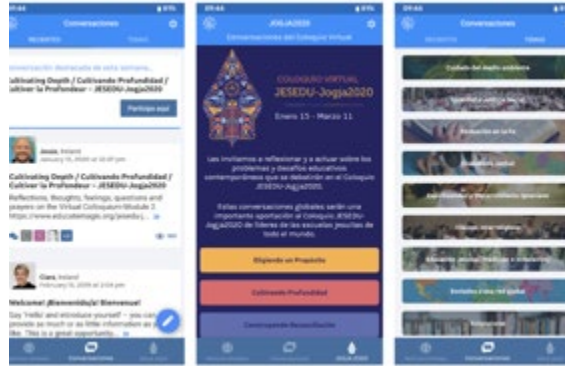
Sometimes the expanse of the global Jesuit education network is underestimated, and it is continually expanding. [Jesuit Network](#) is working across this great network of more than 2,500 Jesuit schools, creating working groups and collaborations among Jesuit educators and Jesuit education institutions. They are continually updating the [interactive map](#) to include the network's newest members. [Take a look!](#)

Alpha Sigma Nu has created a new International Committee to examine the possibilities and challenges that come with the honor society's expansion to Jesuit schools across the globe. Notably, the Committee discussed if and how international expansion fits in with our [mission](#) and purpose. Committee chair Michael Jenkins, PhD (U. of Scranton '05) shared the outcome of that discussion, "The international scope of Jesuit higher education networks (i.e., IAJU, AUSJAL,

Kircher Network, Jesuit Worldwide Learning) suggests AΣN can have a special role in highlighting the values that bind *all* individuals transformed by the ideals of Jesuit education, regardless of location. While AΣN has been primarily focused in the United States, there are Jesuit universities and higher education faculties in more than 80 countries that could benefit from the organization, guidance, and reputation of AΣN."

Educate Magis, a network of educators from over 2,000 Jesuit schools around the world, debuted a new app for Jesuit educators. If you are an educator and want to have all the great resources and collaborations at your fingertips, download the app today!

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Find Your University's Plan for Spring 2021

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) has a continuously-updated chart of the [plans for Spring 2021](#) instruction at the 27 Jesuit universities in the U.S. Find your school or alma mater's plan - virtual, hybrid, in-person instruction - as we move navigate through the last stages of this pandemic.



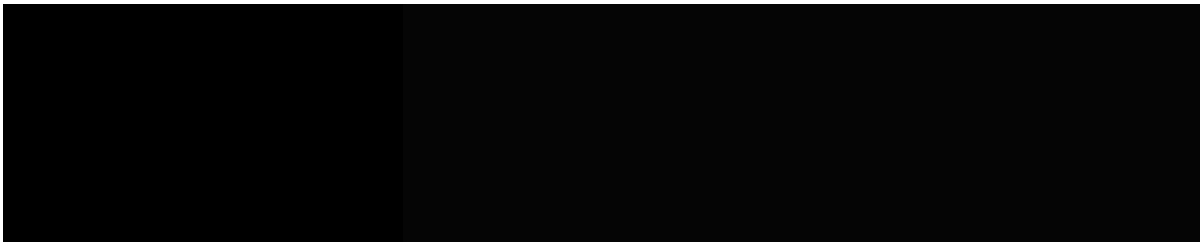
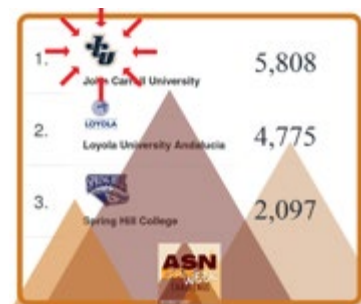
New Online Challenge Celebrated ASN Day

ASN Day is celebrated each year on October 17th. With in-person events limited or canceled, this year we moved our celebration online with a week-long, online challenge pitting ASN chapters against one another. Student and alumni members were invited to complete daily challenges, ranging in point value from one to five, to earn points for their student chapter. Challenges brought members to ASN's social media to share reflections on ASN tenets and Jesuit values and to our student chapters' social media to share experiences from induction and photos from iconic places on campus. Search #ASNDay2020 on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to find these posts. Challenges also invited members to virtual chapter Meet and Greets and to Solidarity on Tap with Fr. Jim Martin, SJ. Throughout the week, the ASN Challenge focused on the Universal Apostolic Preferences, our Ignatian partners, and increasing awareness of ASN and our history.

Participation was fantastic! Chapters rallied members through social media and emails, resulting in a tight race. Several smaller chapters rose to the top of the interactive leaderboard early - Spring Hill College, Loyola University Andaluc a, Campion College, and John Carroll University were among the leaders.

To cap off the celebration, on October 17th, we celebrated ASN Day with a giving day that also earned points for chapters for each donation. ASN's first-ever giving day raised \$11,400 and unlocked the Board of Directors Match by surpassing 100 donors.

In the end, the winner of the ASN Challenge was John Carroll University! As Challenge champions, the chapter will have their ASN Scholarship doubled for this academic year and chapter participants received ASN prizes. We are delighted that one of our smaller chapters was able to energize members throughout the week and come out on top.





YAAC Takes on Important ASN Issues

The Young Alumni Advisory Council (YAAC) has been meeting virtually since its inception in March 2020. An example of connecting in innovative ways, this group consists of members on multiple continents who meet quarterly to tackle some of ASN's most important issues.

The Council is led by Morgan Menzzasalma (Fordham '18) and Joshua Madrid (Regis U '16). YAAC meetings are led by Morgan and

Josh, who guide the discussions and propose any necessary sub-groups to continue the conversation after the official meeting. From these 90-minute meetings, as well as the follow-up sub-group work, the YAAC develops concrete proposals that they present at the monthly ASN Board of Directors meetings. We asked Morgan and Josh to share an update on their work so far.



Board Proposals

Discernment Day - It is our hope that a new Discernment Day program, proposed in response to the Jesuit Identity discussion, will foster a deeper understanding of our loyalty to Jesuit values, and offer ways for students and alumni to better navigate through life decisions to create a meaningful life. [READ MORE >](#)

Alpha Sigma WHO Communication - After the Marketing and Communication discussion, the Council recognized that many ASN chapters have difficulty with making our society known on campus. Our newly proposed Alpha Sigma Who plan is designed to increase engagement with lower-division students so that they are aware of Alpha Sigma Nu's mission and purpose prior to receiving their invitation to apply. [READ MORE >](#)

Virtual Alumni Club - The YAAC has acknowledged that new alumni are finding innovative ways to stay connected and engage with others. We recognize that, as young adults, many alumni are moving to new locations for graduate studies, careers, etc. and are not close to ASN's physical clubs in the US. We also are aware that as ASN becomes more international, a new approach to alumni engagement is required. Thus, the council proposed a virtual alumni club where members can engage on a universal platform. [READ MORE >](#)

"Show hope to the world; set a good example. If we of ASN don't stand up to the challenge, who will?"

-William Buckley (Le Moyne '74)



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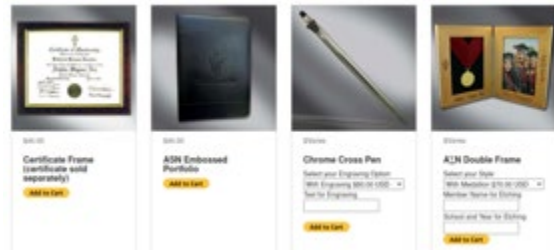
NEW Items to Shop Online

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This year, we have added some new items to the store. Shop online for the new embroidered backpack, burgundy tumbler, or the design poll winning t-shirt. You can also find the popular sweatshirt, embossed padfolio, and engraved Cross pen.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The **Alum Service Corps (ASC)** is a volunteer program for post-graduate alumni of Jesuit secondary and higher education institutions. ASC volunteers serve for a year in Jesuit middle and high schools while living in community, focusing on the Ignatian tradition. [Click here to learn more!](#)

ALUMNI VOICES



I live by myself, which affords cherished quiet. But a pandemic? I was laid off for seven weeks in the spring as my law office faced the shuttering of courthouses and litigation almost halted. Now, my social life is limited to my co-workers, plus trips to the supermarket, and maybe church. Because winter in the Northeast puts the kibosh on outdoor dining, I expect even more “alone” time coming up, which means periods of depression, especially on weekends.

But I’m lucky. Forty-six years after my college graduation, I’m blessed with a good-sized circle of close friends from my school days. And I’m lucky that I went to LeMoyne, where, luckily again, some older students recruited me for International House. The gang from International House gathers over Zoom every two weeks. I look forward to those “meetings” and gain comfort from a sense of “they’re still out there, and I’m not the only one who’s sad.” Plus the laughs.

I feel the same with the Zoom conferences organized for alumni by Alpha Sigma Nu and LeMoyne.

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William Buckley (Le Moyne `74)



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We want to hear your voice. What's your story?

Alpha Sigma Nu is looking for alumni members to guest write blogs or articles for our publications and website. If you are interested in sharing your journey since induction, [contact us](#).





Board Member Spotlight |

Dung Q. Tran, PhD (Gonzaga '11)

Board Vice President Dung Q. Tran, Ph.D., Assistant Professor for the M.A. in Organizational Leadership program at Gonzaga University, served as second editor of a new 442-page anthology, *Servant-Leadership and Forgiveness: How Leaders Help Heal the Heart of the World*.

Published by State University of New York (SUNY) Press in August 2020 (Hardcover) and January 2021 (Paperback), *Servant-Leadership and Forgiveness* is a compilation of 21 essays authored by an international community of writers hailing

from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. The anthology weaves together a tapestry of life-affirming thought-leaders who advance forgiveness as a virtuous disposition of heart and generative process that can foster holistic healing and health in individuals, organizations, and societies.

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