

This edition is all about communication. Learn about the big communication changes coming to ASN this year!



## Alpha Sigma Nu Magazine to debut this fall

We are very excited to be launching a new magazine this October. As communications evolve, we at Alpha Sigma Nu must adapt our ways of communicating with members to meet you where you are - and where the trends are. The magazine format will allow us more space to share important Jesuit news, Ignatian resources, Alpha Sigma Nu highlights, and member stories. We poured over the data from our alumni survey and heard your collective interest in learning about your fellow members, reading news and finding resources to keep you connected to the Jesuits and Ignatian values. This format has a longer shelf-life, meaning you might find yourself going back to the magazine over time to more thoroughly read the articles you initially skimmed or to reference a resource that piqued your interest.

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As we know ever more communications are moving online, we will also be offering the magazine in an online format that makes your reading experience more efficient and enjoyable. Easily read and share individual features and find links right from the issue to important accompanying content.

In this first issue, we will focus on the challenge from Stephen Sundborg, SJ, President of Seattle University, at the 2018 Triennial Conference to discern what it means to be the **JESUIT** honor society. We will be diving into the important Jesuit framework for our time and exploring what our Jesuit identity looks like across cultures. We will bring you stories and viewpoints from several Alpha Sigma Nu members to add to the conversation. In each issue you will also find recurring features, including an Update from Rome, Resource Hub, Chapter and Club Notes, and Awards. We hope you will deepen your understanding and connection to our shared Ignatian values through this new communication piece.

This is a major evolution in our member communication, and we will be making other adjustments to ensure our communications are consistent. The magazine will be an annual publication, arriving in mailboxes in October. It will replace the semi-annual newsletter. You may have already noticed changes afoot. Because of the magazine's October launch, we did not mail a summer newsletter, and this Alpha Sigma News e-newsletter is hitting inboxes early. We will now send the e-newsletter three times per year - August, January, and May. You can also still look forward to our annual appeal letter in November.

To ensure you receive the new Alpha Sigma Nu Magazine, be sure your contact information is updated in our [Member Directory](#).



## Alpha Sigma Nu Day

Show us your #AlphaSigmaNu pride on October 17th

Officially proclaimed Alpha Sigma Nu Day by Marquette University during the Centennial Triennial Celebration in 2015, October 17th is an annual celebration of Alpha Sigma Nu pride.

This year, student chapters across the U.S. - and the world - will be uniting on October 17th for campus events featuring giant Saint Ignatius heads. The goal is to increase awareness of the Jesuit honor society on campus and through a social media **#IGGYINSPIRATION** campaign. Along with selfies with Saint Ignatius, students will use hashtags to add their voices to a conversation about what is most inspiring about Jesuit education.

You can add your #AlphaSigmaNu pride to the conversation by posting on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn using #IGGYINSPIRATION. Answer the question, ***"What inspired you most about your Jesuit education?"*** Keeping up with current communication trends is a theme of the e-newsletter, and the hashtag phenomenon is one to note. In addition to #IGGYINSPIRATION, be sure to include #AlphaSigmaNu #JesuitEducated #ASN Proud #JesuitHonorSociety. **Hashtags connect your social media post to ongoing conversations and themes.** Throughout the day, check in on the conversation by searching your social media of choice for the individual hashtags. You will see the story come to life.





More and more we get our entertainment on the go. For many of us, the commute to and from work is an ideal time to catch up on the stories that inform our lives. Luckily, the Jesuits have evolved with the times and offer a great selection of podcasts to meet you wherever -- and whenever -- you are available. Subscribe to these podcasts or listen online.

**AMDG: A Jesuit Podcast** In this new podcast from the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, Jesuits and friends come together to look at the world through Ignatian eyes, always striving to live Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam. Hosted by Mike Jordan Laskey.

**JESUITICAL** A weekly podcast featuring Ashley McKinless, Zac Davis and Olga Segura - the "young, hip, lay editors" of America Media. Each episode, they discuss the Catholic news of the week and speak with an interesting guest from the world of faith, politics or culture.

**EXPANDING HORIZONS** *Expanding Horizons* is a bi-weekly podcast from the Jesuit Institute of South Africa. It aims to bring you candid conversations between passionate people on important issues.

**DELIVER US** Will the Catholic Church's sex abuse crisis ever end? Host Maggi Van Dorn, a Catholic committed to healing the church from the inside, explores this question and more. Hear from experts, advocates, and survivors to learn what the church can do to move forward.

**PRAY-AS-YOU-GO** A daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Or listen to **Rezandovoy**, the Spanish equivalent to Pray-As-You-Go.

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**Speaker: Joan Rosenhauer,  
Executive Director, JRS/USA**

The Fall speaker for the Lunch & Learn webinar series will be Joan Rosenhauer, Executive Director of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA. Ms. Rosenhauer leads the organization's efforts in the U.S. to accompany, serve, and advocate for refugees and displaced people in over 50 countries around the world.

Stay tuned -- more details will be announced soon!



# ALUMNI VOICES



## **Kyle V. Mullins (Le Moyne '08)**

My journey in Jesuit education began as a high-school student, and at the start, I had very little idea what distinguished a Jesuit from the priests I knew from my home parish. Early in my freshman year, my Theology teacher referred to himself and his brother Jesuits as the “Navy SEALs of priests,” ready to go on a moment’s notice and minister wherever and to whomever needs them the most. Eighteen years in Jesuit education later, and now the principal of a Jesuit middle school myself, that description still resonates strongly with me.



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## **David Fajgenbaum, MD (Georgetown '06)**

I was named a member of Alpha Sigma Nu at Georgetown University in 2006. Shortly thereafter, I became deathly ill with a rare disease called Castleman disease, had my last rites read to me, and needed chemotherapy to survive. Castleman disease is like a mix between an autoimmune disease and a cancer. I went on to have several relapses before I dedicated my life to fighting back and was able to identify a new treatment (sirolimus) for myself. Before this drug, I had five life-threatening flares in three and a half

years; now it has been five and a half years with no relapses.

Learn more about Dr. Fajgenbaum's amazing story. He was featured in the New York Times and on the Today in recent years about his battle.

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## [ Write for ASN ]

**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](#).



**"There is nothing I more desire in graduates of our schools—  
and nothing more a sign of it being truly a Jesuit education—  
than that they have the capacity to discern their life choices...  
Alpha Sigma Nu is about loyalty, service, and scholarship; as  
*Jesuit* it is also about something beneath and informing all  
three of these: discernment."**

- Stephen Sundborg, SJ, President, Seattle University

Read more from Fr. Sundborg's speech at the 2018 Triennial Conference calling us to a focus on discernment and explore some important resources on discernment in the first issue of Alpha Sigma Nu Magazine.



## Board Member Spotlight | Michael Jenkins, PhD (Univ. of Scranton `05)

Ignatian principles are appealing for their practicability to everyday life. They offer a scope for seeing extraordinary goodness (i.e. God!) in the ordinary and allowing people a way of having that goodness flow through them out into the world. In today's self-centered culture, with its myriad substitutes for substance and fulfillment, these principles and values are a welcomed, relatable, and intelligible way of ensuring a more spiritual existence.

I'm fortunate to have held positions as the University of Scranton's ASN chapter president, Scranton alumni club president, and now as an ASN board member as well as University faculty member. These positions give me space and encouragement for reflecting on the more significant calling in my life, a calling that we all share.

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## SEELOS GRANT SPREADS IGNATIAN JUSTICE SPARK TO BOSTON COLLEGE

The Ignatian Justice Summit was a powerful mix of reflection upon theories of activism in the Ignatian tradition and brainstorming for action plans in the fall and spring. I feel well-equipped to bring advocacy events to my chapter of ASN. For instance, for the International Catholic Day of Action on Migration, I plan to create an immigration simulation for members, followed by information on how ASN members (and BC as a whole) can serve local immigrant communities close to Boston College. I am very grateful for the opportunity to represent Boston College and Alpha Sigma Nu at the Ignatian Justice Summit and can't wait to share what I've learned!

- Amanda Judah (Boston College `19)





Student ASN members are eligible for the Seelos Grant to fund attendance at a number of Ignatian justice and leadership conferences. [Find out more about the grant and programs.](#)



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