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Fall is in the air as we welcome students back to Jesuit university campuses. Freshman are settling in to their new schools making friends and meeting faculty as they embark on the beginning of their Jesuit education. Returning students are reuniting with classmates and getting back into their academic schedules.

Here at Alpha Sigma Nu, we welcome our new communications intern and Marquette ASN Chapter Co-President, Carissa, to our office team. Carissa will be working to keep members connected on social media. We also warmly welcome back our student assistant, Lexi. Lexi assists us in maintaining our 90,000 member database, among other tasks. Both Carissa and Lexi will help us with all that is involved to make our upcoming Triennial Conference a success.

As you will read in this newsletter, our summer was exciting with Executive Director Kate Gaertner attending the Deusto Assembly in Spain. We now shift our focus to gathering student Chapter and Alumni Club leaders, Faculty Advisers, the Board of Directors and staff next month at Seattle University as we chart the next three years of the Society. We will also host our Lunch & Learn Webinar **live** from the Triennial Conference during our keynote address by Stephen Sundborg, SJ, President of Seattle University. We hope you can join!



Deusto Assembly 2018: Transforming our World Together

Every three to five years, leaders of international Jesuit higher education gather, and this July, Michael Garanzini, SJ, Secretary for Higher Education for the Society of Jesus, convened 'Deusto Assembly 2018: Transforming our World Together.' "Jesuit higher education remains one of truly global platforms for bringing faith, justice, and reconciliation into a world that desperately needs them," said Father Garanzini. The purposes of the Assembly were to hear anew the GC 36 call for networking and collaboration, heed the message of Father General Arturo Sosa's vision for Jesuit higher education, learn of the six strategic priorities for the schools, and strategize how to work together in the service of faith and the promotion of justice.

Throughout the week, speakers addressed new socio-cultural paradigms and the new Jesuit university, social and political fragmentation and the role of the Jesuit university, and economic and environmental degradation and the role of the Jesuit university. Task forces presented position papers on the priorities:

- Lay and Jesuit leadership in the university
- Civic and political leadership
- Environmental and economic justice
- Educating the marginalized and the poor
- Inter-religious dialogue, collaboration, and understanding
- Peace and reconciliation

We gathered in groups to discuss issues, best practices, and strategies to best address these priorities. Alpha Sigma Nu, along with Jesuit Worldwide Learning and Magis Exchange, presented possible collaborations to forward the goals of the newly created International Association of Jesuit Universities.

During my presentation, I offered ASN as a model of a program recognizing student leaders and functioning as an alumni association that connects members with programs and resources that can advance not only member commitment to ASN values beyond graduation, but also promote collaboration on IAJU priorities. I discussed both welcoming new ASN Chapters and ASN acting as facilitator and supporter of other conferences (such as Central and South America's AUSJAL) creating their own ASN-like organizations. Click [here](#) to see the short video on ASN's international reach created by Loyola Andaluca students.

Read the [full article](#).



Thanks to our members' generosity, the ASN Board of Directors as required by bylaw and tradition, invests in the Triennial Conference so that we can come together to pray, think, and plan. We are a unique group...it is indeed rare to have students, faculty, and alumni strategizing together in toward a common purpose and mission. This year's Conference will focus on ASN's response to the call from the international gathering of Jesuit higher education leaders this past July and the creation of the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) at that meeting, called the Deusto Assembly. We will chart the next three years of the honor society as a group, inspired by the lessons and directives coming out of the Assembly and from Father General Arturo Sosa.

Stephen Sundborg, SJ, President of Seattle University, will be the keynote speaker. Student leaders will network with fellow ASN students from around the country and the globe. Students will get intensive training on leading their Chapter as well as have ample time to brainstorm and

action plan with their Adviser and local alumni leaders. This conference will be an excellent community building experience for all attendees.

Advisers will be informed and energized, allowing for plenty of feedback and planning for the next three years. The Advisers will network with each other and with the alumni in their area to plan collaborations and will have time to action plan with their student leaders as well. We hope all Chapters will leave with a concrete plan for the upcoming year and with a better sense of how to troubleshoot their Chapter's specific challenges.

The conference will inform our alumni leaders about where Jesuit higher education is presently and where it is going so they can better articulate this message to their local Clubs. Alumni will also be inspired by possible collaborations with fellow Jesuit and Ignatian organizations as well as have face-to-face planning sessions with the Chapter(s) in their local area to determine how best to work together.

Attendees will socialize and network while getting to see Pike Place Market in the heart of Seattle as well as attend the conference awards ceremony and dinner. In between, there will be training, planning, and conference business sessions to ensure the attendees leave with all the necessary information to make this a successful year with ASN and to prepare the honor society for the next three years and beyond.



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Member-exclusive Resource

Experience the Triennial Conference with us! ASN will host the fall webinar **LIVE** from the keynote address. Register early for this member exclusive opportunity and join us from the Seattle University campus.

{ SAVE THE DATE }

Friday, October 12, 2018

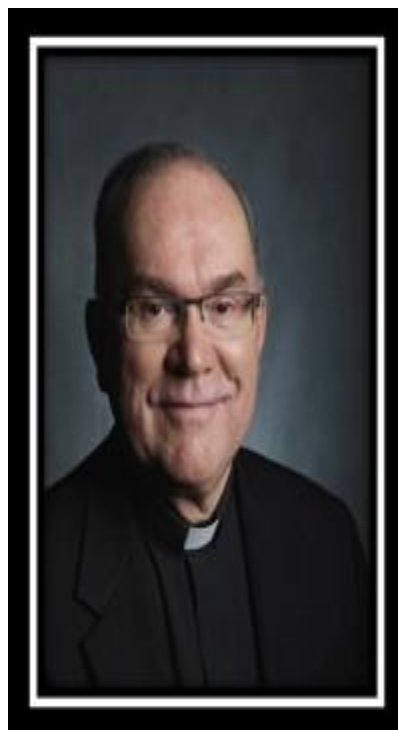
9:00 a.m. PT/12:00 p.m. ET

Featured Speaker: Stephen V. Sundborg, SJ

President, Seattle University

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