

The Jesuit Commitment & Ignatian Scholars Program 2009 - 2010

The Jesuit Commitment is an elective, one-credit course offered at each grade level as an option for students. It is designed to enhance school involvement and promote community. The curriculum is developmentally different for each year the student is in school. Faculty mentors are assigned to groups of students. Students are responsible for submitting verification of completion of each requirement. All verifications must have a parent signature. Requirements must be completed by the last day of term five. Students will then receive a pass/fail grade for the course. Students who complete all four years of the program will be recognized as *Ignatian Scholars* at Commencement.

The Jesuit Commitment models the *Heroic Journey*, incorporates the five habits of the Profile of the Jesuit High School Graduate at Graduation, and encourages students to become leaders who are "men and women for others."

Open to Growth: Develop responsibility for growth as a person and begin to stretch the mind and imagination through selected readings and by attendance at Brown Bag Lunches. Through the Leadership Seminars, begin to develop the skills needed to become leaders committed to serve God and their fellow human beings.

Intellectually Competent: Drawing from many sources, become more hopeful and compassionate toward the human condition and develop the critical consciousness to analyze contemporary issues and evaluate diverse viewpoints through reading and reflection.

Religious: Examine personal religious feelings and begin to understand the relationship between faith in Jesus and being "men and women for others" by attending Campus Ministry events.

Loving: Come to grips with personal prejudices and stereotypes and communicate more easily with others, especially with peers of other races, religions, nationalities, and socio-economic backgrounds. Grow more aware of the global nature of many current social problems and their impact on various human communities. Foster a personal concern for others and promote a sense of community by attending campus activities and events.

Committed to Doing Justice: Through service projects, begin to understand the Christian obligation to build a harmonious community that respects diversity and models a profound sense of justice.

Note: Please realize that when making a commitment to a club or Campus Ministry group, it is a commitment to that group and the members of the group. You are committed to the expectations of the group and to regular attendance.

The Jesuit Commitment for Freshmen – “Beginnings – A Call to Adventure”

- Attend four of the five Freshmen Commitment meetings. Meetings are listed on the school calendar.
- Complete 2 hours of service to Jesuit High School. This does not fulfill the freshmen Christian Service requirement. (i.e., help Mr. Clark with Mass set-up, Mrs. Poppe with Open House, Mr. Hall or Ms. Kloser with a drama project, Mr. Hughes with an athletic event, Mr. Wood with the grounds, or ask any faculty member about how to help.)
- Join and be an active member of Unity Council, Service Club, Global Perspectives, Art Club, Drama Club, or a language club.
- Join and be an active member of Chapter One or the Liturgy Band, or serve as an usher at Mass.
- Attend one Brown Bag Luncheon presentation.
- Attend four other evening campus activities or events – only two of which may be athletic events (i.e., Coffee House, drama productions, choir or band concerts, and athletic contests. Athletic events you participate in do not fulfill the requirement.)
- Read one of the books from the Freshmen Commitment Reading List and write a reflection on it. Reflections must contain quotes from the book and be typed, 12-point font, double spaced, at least two pages in length, and submitted to the faculty mentor.

The Jesuit Commitment for Sophomores – “Challenges and Temptations”

- Attend four of the five Sophomore Commitment meetings. Meetings are listed on the school calendar.
- Complete 2 hours of service to your place of worship or in your neighborhood. This does not fulfill the sophomore Christian Service requirement.
- Attend the Sophomore Over-Night Retreat or join Setons, Knights or the Liturgy Band.
- Attend two Brown Bag Luncheon presentations.
- Attend 1 Leadership Seminar or read *The Student Leadership Challenge* by James Kouzes and Barry Posner and write a reflection titled, “Leadership is a journey, not a destination.” Reflections must contain quotes from the book and be typed, 12-point font, double spaced, at least two pages in length, and be submitted with your commitment form.
- Attend four other evening campus activities or events – only two of which may be athletic events (i.e., Coffee House, drama productions, choir or band concerts, or athletic contests. Athletic events you participate in do not fulfill the requirement.)
- Demonstrate an active involvement in sustainability or international awareness (i.e. Unity Council, Service Club, Model United Nations, Green Team, Global Perspectives Club, Political Awareness Club, a language club.)
- Read one of the books from the Sophomore Commitment Reading List and write a reflection on it. Reflections must include quotes from the book and be typed, 12-point font, double spaced, at least two pages in length, and submitted to the faculty mentor.

The Jesuit Commitment for Juniors – “Transformations”

- Attend two of three Junior Commitment meetings. Meetings are listed on the school calendar.
- Complete 4 hours of service for the environment. This does not fulfill any Christian Service requirement.

- Attend a Junior Encounter or join and be an active member of the Liturgy Band, Knights, or Setons.
- Serve as a member of Link Crew or the Ambassadors or help with Open House.
- Attend 2 leadership seminars or read *Heroic Leadership* and write a reflection on how you model the four core pillars of Jesuit leadership. Reflections must contain quotes from the book and be typed, 12-point font, double spaced, at least two pages in length, and be submitted with your commitment form.
- Attend two Brown Bag Luncheon presentations.
- Attend or assist with a multicultural event on or off campus, join and be an active member of the Unity Council, or participate in a cultural mentoring program.
- Attend an event involving international awareness (i.e. see a film at the Portland International Film Festival, participate in Oregon World Affairs Council's "World Quest" competition, participate in a Language National Honor Society, visit the Holocaust Memorial at Washington Park.)
- Read one of the books from the Junior Commitment Reading List and write a reflection on it. Reflections must include quotes from the book and be typed, 12-point font, double spaced, at least two pages in length, and submitted to the faculty mentor.

The Jesuit Commitment for Seniors - "Reflections and Transitions"

- Attend two of three Senior Commitment meetings.
- Complete 4 service hours by participating in a community event (i.e. participate in the Run for the Cure, Children's Cancer Walk, National Brain Tumor Walk, or another similar community event.) This does not fulfill any Christian Service requirement.
- Serve as a mentor to new students through Link Crew, the Ambassadors, or Chapter One. Or serve as a leader of a club or activity and be a role model for younger students.
- Attend the Senior Pilgrimage or the Senior Quiet Retreat, join Knights or Setons or become a liturgical minister.
- Attend two Leadership Seminars or read *Heroic Living* by Chris Lowney and write a reflection on how the thought in the book can apply to your life in college. Reflections must contain quotes from the book and be typed, 12-point font, double spaced, at least two pages in length, and be submitted with your commitment form.
- Assist with the development, organization, or presentation of one Brown Bag Luncheon on social justice, international awareness, global poverty, war, natural disasters, or sustainability. Or attend a lecture either on or off campus on social justice, sustainability, scientific developments, or ecology.
- Assist with a multicultural conference, join the Unity Council or Alumni Mentors, participate in a cultural mentoring program or attend an event involving international awareness (i.e. see a film at the Portland International Film Festival, participate in Oregon World Affairs Council's "World Quest" competition, participate in a Language National Honor Society, attend Medical Teams International "Real Life" exhibit.)
- Read one of the books from the Senior Commitment Reading List and write a reflection on it. Reflections must include quotes from the book and be typed, 12-point font, double spaced, at least two pages in length, and submitted to the faculty mentor.

JESUIT COMMITMENT HEROIC JOURNEY READING LIST 2009 - 2010

FRESHMEN COMMITMENT

Boy in the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne
Child of Dandelions - Shenaaz Nanji
Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah
Copper Sun - Susan Draper
In the Time of Butterflies - Julia Alvarez
Kaffir Boy - Mark Mathabane
Over A Thousand Hills I Walk With You - Hanna Jansen
Under the Sun - Arthur Dorros

SOPHOMORE COMMITMENT

A Long Way Gone - Ishmael Beah
All Elevations Unknown: an Adventure into the Heart of Borneo - Sam Lightner
I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree - Laura Hillman
Left to Tell - Immaculee Ilibagiza
Shanghai Diary - Ursula Bacon
Snow Falling in Spring - Moying Li
Stolen Voices - Edited by Zlata Filipovic and Melanie Challenger
The Long Walk - Slavomir Rawicz

JUNIOR COMMITMENT

Cry, the Beloved Country - Alan Paton
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents - Julia Alvarez
I Have Lived a Hundred Years - Livia Bitton-Jackson
Mountains Beyond Mountains - Tracey Kidder
Night - Elie Wiesel
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan - Lisa See
Tamar - Mal Peet
The Septembers of Shiraz by Dalia Sofer
The Book Thief - Markus Zusak
The Power of One - Bryce Courtenay
We Die Alone - David Howarth

SENIOR COMMITMENT

A Hope in the Unseen - Ron Suskind
A Thousand Splendid Suns - Khaled Hosseini
Dreams of My Father - Barack Obama
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet - Jamie Ford
Sarah's Key - Tatiana DeRosnay
Sold - Patricia McCormick
Stubborn Twig - Lauren Kessler
The Cellist of Sarajevo - Steven Galloway
The House on Sugar Beach - Helene Cooper
The Translator - Daiud Hari
Three Cups of Tea - Greg Mortenson

SENIOR COMMITMENT LEADERSHIP BOOK

Sophomore - *Student Leadership Challenge* - James Kouzes and Barry Posner
Junior - *Heroic Leadership* - Chris Lowney
Senior - *Heroic Living* - Chris Lowney