Loyola Votes is a cross-campus collaborative initiative that raises awareness about relevant issues, informing the voting population at Loyola. The Green & Grey Society, in collaboration with several organizations and departments, will sponsor a variety of diverse education initiatives to keep the Loyola community engaged during this election season.

Loyola Votes ultimately seeks for students, faculty and staff to engage in open dialogue, reflect on contemporary issues, and educate ourselves. The initiative works for our campus to “Be Civil. Be Informed. Be Inclusive”.

Now, it is time for you to ACT! Here are some events that will be held on campus and in the Baltimore area which will help you to become an informed voter:

**Calendar of Events**

October 4: “Hunger Hits Home” viewing—7-8:30, CCSJ common space. Learn about child hunger in the U.S. and discuss with fellow Loyola community members. Also, a Q&A with a representative from the No Kid Hungry Campaign.

October 9: The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City Forum—7-9 PM, Morgan State University. Discussion about The Dream Act and Marriage Equality Act will be held.

October 11: Vice Presidential Debate Viewing—9-10:30 PM (location TBA).

October 16: Presidential Debate II Viewing—9-10:30 PM (location TBA).

October 18: Privilege & Civility (Sponsored by Student Engagement)—7-9 PM, 4th Floor Programming Room

An interactive conversation about why it is important to cast your vote and how to engage in conversation about the issues and candidates. A faculty and student panel will spark the conversation and will take your questions about how to engage in the political world during this election season.


November 6th: Election Night Social Gathering (time and location TBA)

For more information:

[http://www.loyola.edu/joinus/vote.aspx](http://www.loyola.edu/joinus/vote.aspx)
Transition—it can be a scary word sometimes. Throughout this school year, you are going to experience some of the most important changes in your life. Even though I am a graduate student here at Loyola, I feel that we are in similar places in our lives. I hope to help you with your transitions this year by offering some of the lessons I learned as I went through my own:

1. **BREATHE.** There are going to be times in your life where you feel as though everything is moving too fast and you are struggling to keep your head above water. That’s ok! Take a deep breath and work through it. Once you make it through, sit back and relish in the sense of accomplishment. Next time you are faced with a deadline, remember the great feeling you had once it was all over.

2. **It’s okay to not have a plan.** One of my biggest personal challenges is letting go of my “five-year” plan. It’s great to have goals for yourself, but it cannot dictate the schedule of your life. The future is going to bring so many unexpected and wonderful things. As I look back on the last four years, nothing happened the way that I had planned. However, everything worked out. You do not need to have everything in order right now; life has a funny way of working itself out sometimes!

3. **Get involved!** Some of the most rewarding experiences of my undergraduate were when I worked with a team or co-workers toward a common goal. Find something that interests you, and make an effort to stick to it. The more time you spend doing something you love, the more likely you are to find out who you are and where you want to go.

Our goal for this year should be to change our outlook on the word “transition”. As best said by Lynn Hall, “We do not change as we grow older; we just become more clearly ourselves”. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know the class of 2015 better!

— Courtney McManus

### ROADTRIP

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Have you heard about RoadTrip from your junior or senior friends? Have you seen the flyers and signs? Are you ready for a trip like no other?

Then consider going on RoadTrip, a weekend retreat that helps guide you in discovering your purpose for your life. This three day retreat happens right before the start of the second semester and is sure to be a fun time and the most meaningful experience of your sophomore year. You will have the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with faculty and administrators, in addition to staying at a beautiful, off-campus resort, equipped with a swimming pool and great food!

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**Come learn more about the Loyola Tradition from past participants at the Roadtrip Information Session**
 October 10th, 2012  
 8 PM
Tired of the same old Friday night? Looking for something new and FUN to do?
Mystery Bus is a great way to get off-campus and meet new people. With only a clue to guide you travel with other sophomores to a secret destination in Baltimore or the surrounding area.

For $10.00 you get good food, good folks, and good fun (trips valued at $25-$45)!
Previous trips included Crabs & Duck Pin Bowling, Ghost Tours, Aquarium and I-MAX 3D Movie!
To see pictures, check us out at www.facebook.com/LoyolasStudentEngagement

NEXT MYSTERY BUS
Friday, Oct. 26, 2012
Clever Clue:
Join your friends on this chilly fall night,
This place is sure to give you a fright.
No need to fear, you are not alone.
We just hope you make it out so we can return home!

September 2012

Cafe Hon and Bowling

Sophomores Selected for Immersion Programs

**Congratulations** to members of the class of 2015 who applied, interviewed, and were selected to participate in either Project Mexico or Encounter El Salvador, part of Loyola’s International Immersion Program sponsored by Center for Community Service and Justice.

**Encounter El Salvador**
- Rachel McKie
- Kevin Zelaya

**Project Mexico**
- Elizabeth Angley
- Anne Balch
- Brian Ciccarino
- Marilyn Freeman
- Alexis Giuseppone
- Lauren Heery
- Nicole Kiraly
- Rebecca Parsons
- Gabrielle Smith

To learn more about both programs visit: www.loyola.edu/ccsj/community_service
Discover your personal direction through the outdoors!

The DISCOVERY program challenges sophomores to seek and discover their personal direction through experiential learning, adventure programming, and reflection. In conjunctions with the Office of Student Engagement, the Department of Recreational Sports: OAE (Outdoor Adventure Experience) presents this week-long excursion including kayaking, camping, and other adventure activities. Participants must apply and interview to participate.

**DISCOVERY Timeline**

- **Applications Available:** NOW! Pick one up in Seton Court 4508 A or on the web
- **Information Sessions:** Wednesday, October 10th 2012
- **Applications Due:** Monday, November 5 2012 by 4 PM
- **Interviews:** November 12-16, 2012
- **Decisions Out:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Student Engagement

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Sophomore year is full of decisions regarding your major, studying abroad, living with your friends/roommates, and more. This series of workshops will assist you in exploring these topics and answering questions significant to sophomore year.

- October 2: Service and Involvement
- **ADDED ON**: October 4-Study at Loyola or Abroad?
- October 15: Choosing a Major
- October 29: Internships

Check us out: www.loyola.edu/studentengagement/students/sophomore
Sophomore year is full of big questions to answer, from declaring majors and decisions about study abroad, to making meaningful connections with others traveling with you on your life journey. Some are fortunate to enter college with a clear sense of direction, but it’s very normal not to have it all figured out so early. Taking time to expand our horizons is a valuable part of the college experience. It’s also potentially scary or anxiety provoking, since by definition stepping outside our comfort zone involves awkwardness. If you’re struggling with aspects of your path, identity, or connectedness, we’re here to talk! -The Counseling Center

Find us at http://www.loyola.edu/department/counselingcenter/

Corner

“Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God.”

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

As we reflect on the words of Jesuit order’s founder, we are encouraged to take a risk and venture out into the unknown. We take this risk with the mindset that we must rely on ourselves, yet having the comfort of knowing God is there. We place our trust in God, which allows us more freedom.

Think back to these words as you make some of the most exciting yet life-changing choices of your college career. The answers may not always be clear but if we can “let go and let God” while staying true to ourselves, we will be lead to where we are meant to be.

Mark Your Calendar:

Fall Semester 2012

October

2 Sophomore Workshop Series @ 7
5-7 Campus Min. Sophomore Retreat
10 Roadtrip & Discovery Info Session
12 CCSJ: SBO Applications Due
15 Sophomore Workshop Series @ 7
17 CCSJ: UNITE Application Due
19 Mid Semester Break
20 OPTIONS: Ropes Course/Zip Line
24 Around the World @ 8 PM
25-26 CSC Trick-or-Treating
26 Mystery Bus @ 6 PM
27 OPTIONS: Eastern State Penitentiary trip
28 CCSJ: Halloween Carnival

November

5 Discovery Applications due
7 Class of 2015: Spring Semester Registration
10 OPTIONS: Laser Tag
16 CCSJ: Project Mexico Auction
17 Mystery Bus @ 6 PM
21-25 Thanksgiving Break

December

1 Deadline to apply for Study Abroad
3 Deadline for Roadtrip Registration
8 OPTIONS: Holiday Party
10 Deadline to Declare Your Major
12-20 Final Exam Week
21 Winter Break—Res Halls Close at noon