April 16, 2016
President’s Address to Parents
GEL Weekend
A Small Bit About Me

- Born in Los Angeles
- Later years spent in Seattle
  - High School was a rough and rocky road
- Enlisted in the US Army
  - Transformational experience of people deprived of education and the consequences of that
- D.Phil (Ph.D.) Experimental Psych, Oxford
- Currently Vice Chair, Association of Jesuit Colleges & Universities
- Parent (with Julie) of three (3) daughters, two in high school
Gonzaga University
A Place of Intimacy, Intentionality & Courage
1. Dedicated to an Excellent Integrative Academic Experience
2. A Community of Intentionality, Focused on Individual and Personal Experience
3. A Place of Faith, Intent on Developing Men and Women With and For, Others
4. Committed to Developing Leaders in their Fields and for the Common Good
Enrollment, Fall 2015

- **Total Headcount:** 7,614
- **Undergraduate:** 4,972 F/T; 69 P/T
  - Freshmen: 1,337 (versus prior year 1,048)
  - Florence: 130 per semester
- **Graduate:** 1,895
- **Doctoral:** 195
- **Law:** 339
Mass of the Holy Spirit

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GONZAGA UNIVERSITY
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- Founded by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1887, incorporated in 1894
- There are 28 Jesuit Universities in the U.S.
- We are a Catholic University welcoming of all faiths and traditions
- “Catholic, Jesuit, and humanistic”
  - An essential component of Jesuit education is its attention to the individual and that individual’s experience (cura personalis)
Characteristics of a Gonzaga Education

• **We are a ministry of the Society of Jesus**
  - St. Ignatius inspires and gives shape to how we educate
    - Enjoins us to see God in all things (and all people)
    - Promotion of discernment (critical thought and expression)
    - Engaging the world
      - Analysis of Context, In Dialogue with Experience, Evaluated through Reflection, For the Sake of Action
      - Always open to Evaluation
Characteristics of a Gonzaga Education

- Education and formation of students for the sake of the kind of persons they become, and the wide influence for good in society.
  - “Men and women for others” – P. Arrupe
  - “The real measure of our Jesuit universities lies in who our students become” – Kolvenbach
- Highly qualified professors and colleagues
- Pursuit of knowledge, search for truth
Educational Excellence

• Small Class Size promotes Individual Attention to Students and Learning
• Constant investment in Educational Technology, Laboratory Environments, Access to Information Networks
• Federal, Foundation Support for Innovation
• Faculty Relationships with the Professions, Business and Industry
Educational Excellence

• Faculty Advising & Mid-term Support
• Center for Teaching and Advising
• 71% of Faculty Hired Within Past 15 Years
• Sustained Effort At Creating Co-Curricular Environments Supportive of Learning
  o Residence Halls
  o Athletic Facilities
  o John J. Hemmingson Center
Environmental Sustainability

- PACCAR Center: Gold LEED Certification
- John J. Hemmingson Center: Gold LEED Certification
- Presidents’ Climate Commitment
- Real Food Commitment
Current Projects and Coming Attractions: Now & The Next Three-to-Five Years
The “Gonzaga Experience” is built upon the core idea that, with intentional focus and high-quality educational support, Gonzaga students are prepared to go forth and address critical social issues of our time in ways that are unique, distinctive, mission-based and contributive.
Some Critical Social Issues

- The Educational Experience In the Age of Information Technology
- Social Issues in Aging and Elderly
- Natural Resource Utilization and Management
- The Future of Catholic Education
- Confronting the Crisis in Nursing Education
- Solutions in Bioengineering (Biomedical, Bioinformatics), and Energy Engineering
Centers of Excellence: “The Hogan Program in Entrepreneurial Leadership”

- Expert Interdisciplinary Faculty
- Exceptional Students
- Community & Private Enterprise
- Benefactor Support
- Applied Research & Internships
- Learning & Teaching Environment
Current Projects

• The Virtual Campus Project
• The Center for Global Engagement
• UWSOM-GU Partnership – Medical Ed
• Center for Information & Expression (Foley)
• Scholarships: Achievement, Access and Completion
• Student Placement & Employment Initiative (SPEI)
Facilities on the Near-Term Horizon

- Center for Interdisciplinary Sciences and Engineering
- Expanded Facilities for Honors & the Humanities
- Woldson Center for the Performing Arts
- Center for Leadership in Jesuit Higher Education & Regional Center for the Society of Jesus
Four Characteristics of the Gonzaga Experience

- Excellence in Integrated Academics
- A Place of Intentionality & Personal Experience
- A Place of Faith, Developing Women and Men for Others
- Committed to Developing Leaders for the Culture
  - “Learning by Doing: A Practical Laboratory”
The Importance and Value of the Individual Person
The Ability to Live In, and Form, Community
The Capacity for Critical Thought and Analysis
An Appreciation for the Fundamental Value and Significance of Other People, and the Ethic of Service
A Deeper Understanding of one’s own personal Faith in God
The Development of Tenacity and Coping Skills in the Face of Life’s Challenges

A Greater, More Comprehensive Sense of One’s Own Value

The Capacity to Merge Individual Gifts with Professional Knowledge, and Bring Value to the Cultural Milieu

Accessing the Resources to Develop a Post-Baccalaureate Plan

Post-baccalaureate Success: Advanced Degree, Career Placement
Questions & Answers