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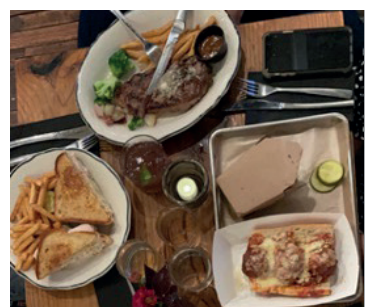
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#### New to Baltimore?

##### Four Restaurants You Don't Want to Miss

By Laura Somma

Baltimore is a great city with a diverse history, interesting culture, and of course, some amazing restaurants. Ever since I came to Loyola, it has been my mission to try as many restaurants as possible.

After living in Baltimore for almost four years, I have finally figured out which are my favorites. Here are four restaurants I recommend trying if you're new to Loyola or the Baltimore area!

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## Loyola Students Miss Out on Big Savings by Not Using Public Transit



A graphic depicting key bus lines around Loyola's campus. Credit: Abby Benner '24

### How Should Students Utilize Baltimore's Public Transportation System?

By Jack Barker

If you want to get around Baltimore, expect to cough up some serious cash. It's about \$20 one-way in an Uber to get most places in the city, even more if it's late at night,

Depending on how often you go into the city, Uber could cost you hundreds of dollars a semester. You might be tempted to bring your car onto campus but there is gas to worry about and a \$500 parking fee.

Even with the expense, going out to the city is a necessary part of student life, with

groceries, errands, social lives, and many more reasons as to why a student may want to leave campus.

Besides Uber and personal vehicles, there is also the bus and transit system of Baltimore. At only \$2 per ticket for a one-way fare, it's easily the cheapest method to get around Baltimore, yet it remains underused.

Some Loyola students may be concerned with the practicalities of using the bus when most of their friends use Uber. Alessandra Arvelo '25 felt that very few

other students at Loyola used the buses and that she lacked the information needed to properly make use of them.

She said, "If other people did it I would do it too, but the fact that no one is doing it... I'm not going to jump on a bus by myself when I don't know where I'm going or when it's coming."

Arvelo is a transfer student at Loyola and she leaves campus at least once every weekend.

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## Alumni Spotlight: Jaime Gialloreto

### Her Day-to-Day Hustle as a Public Relations Agent and Eagles Cheerleader

By Bridget Botelho

There comes a time in every Greyhound's career when one must step away from being a student and start

their journey as a Loyola-ready graduate. For Jaime Gialloreto '21, this transition into adulthood was not immune from challenges.

Gialloreto was one of the graduating classes to do so in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, as she earned her bachelor's degree in Communication with a specialization in Public Relations and a minor in Marketing in spring 2021. As a result of her experiences at

Loyola, Gialloreto was able to graduate and start a job at a strategic full-service communications agency in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"The best part is that you have more freedom. I think flexing different muscles every day working at an agency, I'm constantly challenged to think differently than I did the day before. I'm presented with different challenges, so, the mental stimulation is there for sure," she said. [Turn to Page 3](#)



Picture of Iggy, taken by Blessy Mbaya

## Unmasking Iggy: A Look into Loyola's Beloved Mascot

By Charlie Wahlberg

For members of the Evergreen Campus, Iggy the Greyhound is a beloved figure, spreading school spirit and joy to all who cross paths with the mascot. Behind the green and gray costume, tail, and floppy ears, there are stories of the passionate students who bring Iggy to life.

First come the legs, which are a pair of adjustable suspenders at the base of the costume. Next comes Iggy's tail, then his shorts. The body is a huge sweatshirt-like fabric representing the arms and chest. After comes the shoe covers with three straps to adjust to the wearer's comfort. Last and most importantly is the head, a helmet-like device with a chin strap. One thing you may not have known is that the person inside sees out through Iggy's open mouth.

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### Emerging Media Graduate Program

# First Year's Guide to LGBTQIA+ Resources

By Nicole von Borstell

Stepping onto Loyola's campus as a first-year can be daunting, especially as a queer student. Here are some of the best ways to get connected with other queer students on campus and how to find the right support resources.

At Loyola, several unique programs of the university continue to pique incoming student's interests. It may have been the Messina program for first years, the university's historic Jesuit values, or maybe the experienced professional staff. One such aspect to consider, however, is Loyola's student-run organizations.

For Dennis Velez, associate director of African, Latinx, Asian, and Native American Services, and faculty advisor to Spectrum, he recommends checking out both Spectrum and the LGBTQ+ Experience to get connected when students arrive in the fall.

"I think a lot of the time going to those meetings and the events that those groups sponsor is just such a great way to meet other people in a safe environment," said Velez. "I always suggest to get connected with them on the Bridge, follow them on Instagram, or visit their table at the activities fair."

In addition to Student Resource Officers, Loyola's LGBTQ+ resources extend into places like the Women's Center, ALANA services, and the Counseling Center.

The Counseling Center has a queer resource coordinator, Ethan "Sunny" Swift, who has also run Time & Space, a transgender and gender non-conforming support group on campus in previous years.

Campus Ministry runs Cura faith-sharing groups that meet to reflect and pray together, discussing topics specific to the group. They offer one specific to LGBTQIA+ people.

Residence Life & Housing offers all-gender housing for any class year.

The Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences Department offers a voice-affirming clinic free to students, faculty, and staff in the department's graduate center at Belvedere Square to help students who want to modify their voice to align more with their gender presentation.

ALANA services also seek to provide support in the intersecting identities of

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## Loyola Students Miss Out on Big Savings by Not Using Public Transit

Before she transferred, she would regularly use public transportation, but now mostly Ubers around the city or gets in a friend's car when she can.

Arvelo said, "I'm a transfer and I used public transportation in Philadelphia all the time but here it's like everyone jumps in an Uber and I just joined."

Even for those students who want to use the bus, there are still concerns and questions of safety. With little to no information about the local transit system provided by Loyola to students, gauging things like safety can be difficult for students.

Deputy Director of Marketing Linda Eby of the Maryland Transit Administration, MTA, however, said this should not be a concern for students.

"MTA has been recognized as the #1 safest transit system in the US for seven years in a row," she said.

Additionally, she acknowledged that Uber's "on demand" service cannot be matched by the bus or other public transit as the buses advantages lie elsewhere.

Eby said, "Public transportation is an affordable means to travel and explore all that Baltimore has to offer whether by bus, light rail, or metro subway service. Students should take transit because it is a climate friendly choice."

Increased student use would also likely increase the quality of the bus. There would be potential for increased frequency of the bus routes around Loyola to accommodate the use, and Loyola could choose to enroll in a program currently available to it for its students to receive student discount cards. There also would be less reason for concern from students about being the only student using the bus on a given trip.

Whether or not the pros of using the bus outweigh its cons is a personal decision, but

if you decide that you want to use it there is some important information you need.

To buy tickets, not only for the bus but also the metro and light rail, you need the "CharmPass" app, and the "Transit" app to see live maps and bus times. Both are available on both the App Store and Google Play Store. In addition to the \$2 one way fare, there is a \$4.60 day pass available which is helpful if you need to make a transfer.

Some useful routes around Loyola are Localink 51 and CityLink Red. Localink 51's stop is on North Charles Street at the intersection with Cold Spring Lane, connecting to the Inner Harbor, The Social, Camden Yards, and Baltimore Penn Station, which in turn connects to the airport. CityLink Red connects the Inner Harbor to Towson and the Towson Mall, also stopping by Loyola's York Road parking lot. Other useful routes can be found on the transit map website.

students of color who are also LGBTQ+.

"We want to make sure that students feel like they don't have to pick and choose what identity that they're walking into," Velez said. "For us, we want to avoid that and just allow space for students to enter as their fully realized authentic selves and part of the work we're doing this semester is trying to better understand what unique needs and challenges students who are both queer and ALANA face."

The future for LGBTQ+ resources on campus remains bright. The queer, student-run organizations have recently submitted a proposal for a designated LGBTQ+ resource center in the Strategic Plan, which is the Loyola community's shared vision for the future of the Evergreen campus.

"This is something that queer students at Loyola have been requesting for a little over 20 years now," Meg Cappabianca said, co-president of the LGBTQ+ Experience Club. "The idea of a queer resource staff would entail a full-time staff that is here to help when there are issues, queer students need someone to talk to and need someone to provide them guidance or connect them with the right resources."

Beginning one's journey at Loyola or any other higher education institution can be daunting, but it is also an opportunity for students to achieve their goals and make the Evergreen Campus their home away from home.

"Don't be afraid to take up space," Velez said. "You belong here, you're paying just as much money, and you worked just as hard as anyone else to get into Loyola. So while you're here, let your voice be heard, take up space, ask questions, and demand the change that you want to see on our campus."



Banner hanging located in the Andrew White Student Center supporting Loyola's LGBTQIA+ community. Credit: Nicole von Borstell '24

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# All About Loyola's Food Allergy Awareness & Advocacy Program

## Club Works to Make Loyola's Dining Halls Safer One Meeting at a Time

By Emma Straus

The Food Allergy Awareness and Advocacy Program co-leader Kiliane Gateau '24 didn't have many dietary restrictions growing up. However, an allergy emergency changed her life.

"During my childhood, I didn't have any dietary restrictions and had the freedom to consume any food of my choice... a few years ago, after eating an M&M cookie, I experienced difficulty breathing. I was immediately taken to the emergency room where I was diagnosed with anaphylaxis shock, a life-threatening allergic reaction," Gateau said.

After the incident, Gateau discovered that she had a peanut allergy and would need to carry an EpiPen at all times. Now, she works with the Food Allergy Awareness and Advocacy Program, comprised of students who are personally affected by allergies and finding new ways to help other students feel safe and comfortable eating on campus.

Another student and club leader, Mi-

chaela Chambers '25, has had food allergies since she was born.

For young children, food allergies can be confusing and scary. But Chambers was determined to help others with allergies feel safer in their environment.

"Although we have made some headway through our initiatives... there is more work needing to be done..."

"I have had multiple severe food allergies ever since I was little. Currently, I am allergic to eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, and legumes," Chambers said.

Her allergies have also affected her eating habits, and she has to be careful with her meals.

"I don't eat out too much and only eat foods from companies I know are reliable

and safe. I also cook my own meals," she said.

Chambers and Gateau's experiences and adoption of a cautious attitude towards food inspired the two to work with the Food Allergy Awareness and Advocacy Program. It's currently run by Chambers and her co-leaders, Patrick Turek '25 and Gateau.

"Although we've made headway through our initiatives, I think all three of us can agree that there is more work needing to be done and more ways that we can work through student voices to make campus a safer place," Chambers said.

One way the club is working to make campus safer for students with allergies is EpiPen training.

"There are not enough people trained in EpiPen administration on campus. The nurses are, but Campus Police and RAs are not. We think students with food al-

lergies would benefit greatly from having more people on campus to help them if they need it," said Chambers.

Another concern is cross-contamination in the dining halls.

"We are working with dining, but also in hopes to eliminate cross contamination concerns in food preparation and serving and have more food labeling transparency in the dining halls," Chambers explained.

Gateau also expressed her concerns with potential cross-contamination.

"Some students I have met during our meetings have reported...experiencing allergic reactions after consuming food from Boulder, even in the designated 'Allergy-Free Zone.' This is...concerning," Gateau said.

The club has met with President Sawyer and Loyola Dining Services to discuss ways to improve accessibility across campus.

"Dining specifically has talked about implementing digital signage with a key to help students identify the allergens that are or may be present in meals. They're looking to implement this at the self-serve stations too," said Chambers.

Through the leaders' work and collaboration with Loyola, steps are being taken in the right direction to ensure allergy safety and awareness on campus.

Chambers and Gateau both expressed that while more needs to be accomplished in order to ensure safety for all students with dietary restrictions, the club is working hard to make sure it happens.

The Food Allergy Awareness and Advocacy Program meets once a month and is a space for students to receive updates on their advocacy progress and have discussions about where to go next.

Students can find out about upcoming meetings through the Bridge, Loyola's electronic portal for student clubs.

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As a staff, we were so honored to have many members from Loyola's class of 2024. We wanted to use this space to congratulate our seniors for all of their accomplishments and send well wishes for the future.

*The Greyhound* also wants to acknowledge our dedicated writers who were able to contribute to this issue, or our website. This print edition would not have been accomplished without their passion for journalism. Thank you all for being valued team members!

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## Alumni Spotlight: Jaime Gialloreto

In addition to her everyday routine, Gialloreto is also a part-time cheerleader for the Philadelphia Eagles. The pandemic cut short the former member of Loyola University's Dance Teams senior year performances. But with the help of her coaches and Loyola dance teammates, her future as a dancer continued with an invitation to cheer for the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I've been an Eagles fan since birth, so it was kind of just the perfect team for me to try out for and continue my dance career. My coaches were an instrumental part of my preparation as I would send them the videos that I was submitting because part of the audition was online," she said.

Gialloreto has proven that the paths of PR and dancing can overlap. A large part of her job as an Eagles cheerleader is to

represent the brand and act as a public figure to the organization. This could be through interviews, social media, and even live broadcasts.

"A huge part of being an Eagles cheerleader is being a brand ambassador for the organization and being a huge influence in the community. We're always at events that have nothing to do with football and the connections I make through cheerleading absolutely helped me in my full-time job as well," she said.

With a career in her chosen study and a part-time position to keep her busy, Gialloreto considers herself "luckier than most." However, there were obstacles that she had to overcome to do the things she wanted. These included rejection from jobs, the feeling of failure, and the unknown.

"Senior year is so full of unknowns and I had absolutely nothing settled at graduation. I did not have a job all of May, I was just applying everywhere, things were not landing, and I was interviewing and not hearing back; it was just so humbling," she said.

Gialloreto said her time at Loyola, although it felt short, prepared her for a variety of the challenges she has had to face. She says the key is to work hard. She also has some advice for students nervous about the future,

"You just have to trust that the universe will work itself out. I'm a big proponent of manifestation, putting things into the universe that you really want and also putting the work into it."



Jaime Gialloreto '21 caught beaming mid-routine cheering for the Philadelphia Eagles football team.

## Opinion

### “Dawgs” on the Quad

By Richard Clow

I spend a lot of time on the quad with my friends. I watch the students walk to class and observe the squirrels and other furry creatures as they run around. I really enjoy watching the leaves change color throughout the month until they fall. I love sitting outside on the quad in most types of weather, but I get very annoyed when we have a random nice day and people take over my quad. I am a loyal fan getting pushed out by—quite literally—fair-weather fans.

Now, I have what some may call a bad habit, which is that I like to go barefoot on the grass. Scientific evidence says there are benefits for being barefoot outdoors, but unfortunately, there are many people on this campus who will judge you or even take photos of you for being barefoot on the quad. When I am barefoot, I feel free because I do not have any “muzzles” (socks and shoes) on.

“I have read the science behind it. I do not do it often, but I hear you can feel the vibrations of the earth and the ground is better for your arches and feet,” Liam Wells ’24 said.

To the surprise of many of you, there is actual data to prove that walking barefoot on the grass is good for your body. Barefoot contact with the earth’s surface provides benefits to those who are brave enough to release the dawgs. It can even improve your sleep and relieve stress. Now, who doesn’t enjoy a good night’s sleep?

I decided to walk around and ask my peers if they go barefoot on the quad. Luke Myers ’26 spoke about his feelings on being barefoot.

“Yeah, I used to go barefoot on the quad, and I honestly loved it. However, a lot of my friends I would sit with were not a fan of what my feet looked like,” Myers said.

“I like to feel free and let the dawgs breathe. I’m not ashamed of my toes. I don’t understand why people judge...I’m comfortable with my body,” a flip-flop-clad Jack Collins ’24 said.

It is very unfortunate, but there are many on campus who are against others going barefoot in public.

“It is weird. It is strange. I don’t want to see people’s feet out,” said recent Loyola graduate, Mikayla Fallon ’23.

If you’re interested, unlike Fallon, and want to give grounding a try, make sure you’re outside for at least 30 minutes and let your feet take in the surface beneath you. Whether you’re standing on soil, grass, gravel, or water—let your feet soak it in and reap the benefits! I also did this once at an outdoor yoga class (which was just me and a bunch of old women).

Maybe it is time that we normalize going barefoot in public. I know it can be seen as weird, but I do believe in the proven benefits to it. I know that I will try to be barefoot as long as the ground is not cold or frozen. Now is the perfect time to go barefoot on the quad.



## Why Young Voters Don’t Want to Vote...and Why They Need to in 2024

We need YOU to vote in this election!

By Kate McLaughlin

9/11, war in Iraq, the first Black president, the Great Recession, an uptick in school shootings, the legalization of gay marriage, the first business-president, a pandemic, a racial equity revolution, an insurrection on the U.S. Capitol, two impeachments – wow. We have lived through a lot of major events in our short lives.

Our political landscape seems as unpredictable as ever. As the 2024 election approaches, the spotlight shines on young voters. We are experiencing rapid change that will heavily dictate our future and it is therefore critical that we vote. Many issues, like student loan forgiveness and our environment, will directly impact your life. Yet so many people are hesitant to show up to the polls. Will you?

Many voters are unhappy with their options. In the Nevada Republican primary, voters gave the most votes to “None of these candidates,” a ballot option that is required by state law. This election will showcase the two oldest candidates in U.S. history. They are both straight, white men which is not sitting well with many people in Gen Z since we are the most ethnically and racially diverse generation yet.

In fact, the makeup of this generation most accurately matches the racial makeup of the United States. Generation-Z also has the highest amount of people that openly identify as queer. Diversity is important to young voters, and that not being reflected in the candidates could

explain the lack of participation. However, of eligible voters, young people have always had the lowest participation. In an election this critical, Gen Z needs to show up.

“If students decide to skip out on elections or let location or other excuses stop them from going to the polls, the younger generation would just be giving up the chance to dictate the country’s future,” President of “Loyola Votes” Matt Pawlow ’26 said, “Don’t you want to have a say in what happens next?”

Genna Quinn ’26 knows the importance of the youth vote, saying, “There are 31 million individuals in America aged between 18 and 24; only 158 million individuals voted in the 2020 election... clearly we have more of a say than we think we do!”

It’s true. The young voting population wields a lot of power, and it is important to harness that as we witness historic policy decisions.

In June of 2022, the Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade. Earlier this year, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that discarding fertilized eggs from IVF treatment makes parents eligible for prosecution. When you vote in this election—no matter which side of these issues you fall on—know that they are on the ballot.

Loyola is proud to have been recognized numerous times for the high rates of student voter participation, such as

being ranked in the top 25 list for student engagement among campuses nationwide for 2021 by TurboVote, and having the highest voter registration and turnout in Maryland, among many others.

“As Loyola students we often hear the term ‘Ignatian citizenship.’ It essentially means that you see yourself as part of a larger community and actively seek to advocate for others and for justice,” n-Pawlow said, “That is why it’s important to participate in elections.”

When you vote, you are not ordering a private car to pick you up and drop you off exactly where you want to go; instead, you are stuck taking public transportation. There is probably not a stop exactly where you want to go, but you will still take the train, get off at the closest station, and consider it a win.

There will likely never be a candidate that checks every single one of your boxes, but there is one who will get you closer to your goals than another.

Do not let this election or the people on the ballot, discourage you from voting, because life goes on. Whether you vote or not, policy will be enacted. You should want to have a say in what happens next, because it is unfolding right before our eyes. You can register to vote and learn more at USA.gov.

### How to Make Loyola’s Campus Your Home: Advice to First Year Students

By Jordan Durkin

The back-to-school season is daunting for any student, but specifically for first-year college students. Many of you just left your family, began sharing a room for the first time, and fully escaped the comfort of your hometown. It’s a scary adjustment, but I trust that you will find your place on campus. I promise you, no one is expected to arrive on campus and immediately feel completely at home, but some do experience a “honeymoon phase”. This is when college seems to be an easier transition for some than others.

“It is easy to compare your journey to your home friends’ or your peers’,” Schultz said. “Everyone grows and adjusts at their own pace, and it’s your journey for a reason,” said Maddie Schultz ’24.

Now that you’ve made it through Fall Welcome Weekend and the first week of classes, it is time for you to settle into a routine. The newness of college is slowly coming to an end and many other first-years are most likely asking, “Now what?” To answer this question, I spoke with seniors on Loyola’s campus and asked them, with their four years of experience, what advice they had for you to succeed. When asked about how she found her place on campus, Sarah Vavricka ’24 shared her biggest piece of advice:

“Honestly, the best thing you can do is get involved,” Vavricka said. “I know it sounds cliché, but it truly makes a huge difference in your experience.”

Joining clubs and organizations also helps you gain those familiar faces, and those are the faces that make Loyola feel more like home. Being a member of campus groups allows for routine and keeps one busy, which is one way to avoid homesickness.

Julia Hiebler ’24 focuses her advice on how to maintain new connections:

“Friendships are a two-way street and you have to make the effort just as much as the other person would.”

It is important to communicate with new friends to build meaningful connections and let them know how you are feeling.

For the days when socializing seems overwhelming, though, Chloe Griffin ’24 discusses how to take time for yourself and prioritize your own mental health.

“Don’t be afraid to eat a meal by yourself, study by yourself, go to the FAC (Fitness and Aquatic Center) by yourself,” Griffin said. “It’s necessary to have alone time to recharge.”

College can and will be overwhelming at times. It is important to get over the fear of being alone, whilst also developing new relationships. These people and this campus are going to become your family and your home away from home. You will experience every emotion during your time here, but Loyola has resources for every one of them. Reach out to your Evergreen(s) and Messina staff, go to the Counseling Center, and visit Student Health services when you are sick. Take a trip to The Study, The Writing Center, or your professor’s office hours for some extra academic support. Loyola’s community is here to support you.

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## Sports

Lindsey Duquette '24 had prior experience as her elementary school's mascot, along with interning at the Baltimore Zoo as their penguin, Fenn. She explained that she became inspired to get more involved on campus during President Sawyer's inauguration last fall. When she saw that Loyola was looking to hire a new Iggy, she jumped at the opportunity.

"I really love interacting with people as Iggy," she said.

Dancing to the music at each game and surprising fans are specific moments that hold a special place in her heart. Duquette enthusiastically continues her role as Iggy.

"I love getting to make people smile and make people laugh. It's also amazing to see the legacy that Iggy and Loyola have. When interacting with the community, I am always greeted with open arms. I think that really goes to show how much



Iggy going for a ride. Photo Credit: Lindsey Duquette

of an impact Loyola has on the Baltimore community," she said.

Through Duquette's spirited embodiment of Iggy, she's able to share a legacy of Loyola pride.

Blessy Mbaya '23 knows all about that. Similar to Duquette, Mbaya gained his own unique mascot experiences throughout the years. He was the mascot of his high school and learned skills by performing at football and basketball games. As he graduated, he was featured in an article about high school mascots and mentioned his commitment to Loyola.

Mbaya said, "My second week of classes, Loyola contacted me and asked if I would be interested in becoming the university mascot. I had nothing else better to do after classes, so I decided to go for it, and that's how I became Iggy."



Blessy Mbaya. Photo Credit: Blessy Mbaya

As Iggy, Mbaya was invited to basketball games and community events along with other universities' mascots. The Ravens mascot, Poe, attended these events as well. The turning point for Mbaya came this past August when the person in the Poe costume suffered from a torn ACL injury. This was during a preseason game. Mbaya was invited to try out for the position, and after a long ten-day wait, he found out he had been hired. He encapsulated his role in both positions.

"The way I approach mascotting is it's always about the community. Now that I work for the Ravens, it's just a bigger community that I get to serve on a daily basis. Seeing people's faces light up as soon as I walk into the room is a feeling that will never go away."

Although Blessy Mbaya has graduated, he explained that Iggy will always hold a special place in his heart.

"Iggy to me is more than a mascot. I wanted to make every time the best experience for Loyola students and fans. Iggy means joy to a lot of people. Everyone's Loyola experience is different, but one constant is Iggy."



Iggy with other Maryland Mascots. Photo Credit: Lindsey Duquette



Women's Basketball plays the Lehigh Mountain Hawks during Women in Sports Day. Credit: Samuel Gibbs '26

Alexa Therien '25 made Loyola Women's Basketball history by scoring 44 points, the most ever scored by a female Greyhound. She led the Greyhounds to victory as they defeated the Lehigh Mountain Hawks on Women in Sports Day on Feb. 18.

Therien surpassed her career high, while also breaking the Loyola Women's Basketball program record for most points in a game. This record was previously held by Loyola Women's Basketball Legend and all-time leading scorer Patty Stoffey who scored 39 points on January 28, 1990. Therien also broke the Patriot League Women's record for most field goals made in a single game with 21. Her 44 points tied with Iowa star Caitlin Clark for the fifth most points in an NCAA Division I game this season.

Therien, when asked about her success, was quick to deflect and give credit to her teammates and coaches.

"I have been struggling the last couple games to find my rhythm and I was able to find it today with the help of my teammates and the way we played together. It's cool to be mentioned in the same sentence as Caitlin Clark. She's the best of the best and to be in the same sentence as her is such an honor."

Therien did this in front of a packed crowd on a special day. Women in Sports Day has been an annual tradition for the Greyhounds and is always one of the biggest days on the Loyola Athletics calendar. The school welcomes girls in kindergarten through eighth grade with free admission to a day full of activities.

The activities commenced at noon and consisted of face and nail painting, sign making, and interactive sports games with Loyola female student-athletes.

Volleyball player Riley Hamilton '26 volunteered at the event and discussed her experience and the great time the young children had.

"I think it's really great that these young girls got to see so many women that have succeeded in their sport, and it lets them know that they can achieve their dreams too. It was really fun to get to interact with the kids, it helps remind us how our love for the game first started," she said. The game commenced at 2 p.m. and had major playoff implications for the Greyhounds. They entered the game a half-game out of first place and on a three-game winning streak.

The Greyhounds came out firing on all cylinders, exciting the large crowd with a 25-point first-quarter performance. They continued their offensive clinic, scoring 31 points in the second quarter, and went into halftime with a lead of 56-39. Lex Therien '25, and Kelly Ratigan '26 followed not far behind both going into the second half with double figures.

Salmerón credited the first-half scoring to her team's selfless play, benefiting off of Therien's presence in the post.

"We were sharing the ball and finding the right shots at the right moment. Lex was scoring everything. And they were so focused on her and she is also a good passer so we were wide open for shots."

The halftime festivities were headlined by a group photo of all female Loyola student-athletes along with all youth female student attendees of the game. Following this, there was a five-minute dance party on the court, as all participants danced along to the "Cha Cha Slide."

## Alexa Therien Makes Women's Basketball History on Women in Sports Day

By Samuel Gibbs

Following the halftime celebration, the Greyhound's offense slowed in the third quarter, only scoring 13 points, losing the quarter to Lehigh by 6 points, with the game going into the fourth quarter with a score of 69-58.

The Greyhounds cruised through the fourth quarter despite Lehigh shooting well from the field and won the game 93-76, thanks to Lex Therien's afternoon of domination. Personally scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter, Therien shattered multiple records on the night. The 93 points scored was a season-high for the Greyhounds. They shot a stellar 63.8% from the field and an unbelievable 60.0% from three-point range. This win set them in a three-way tie for first place.

Ratigan was incredibly happy for her teammate's historic performance and the team's win at that point in the season.

"I have no words for this team right now. To be first in the league just proves that everything we worked for since July is actually paying off. The chemistry, the energy, the drive to keep going is at an all-time high."

Head Coach Danielle O'Banion happily discussed how the Greyhounds were undefeated in February.

"It's fitting that we're playing our best basketball right now. After all, it's the month closely associated with love. This team loves each other and plays hard for each other. Excited to keep it going."

The Loyola University Maryland Women's Basketball team tied for second in the Patriot League but were defeated by Holy Cross in the Semifinals. Despite this, they closed the season with their best record in 14 years.

# Orioles Game is a Home Run with Loyola Students

By Kate McLaughlin

A sea of Orioles fans decked out in orange and black shuffled into Camden Yards last September, anticipating the decisive game against the Tampa Bay Rays. The nervous excitement was palpable from the Light Rail Station nine miles away to the center of the park.

Among these die hard fans were a sea of Loyola students, many of whom nabbed \$15 Loyola discount tickets for the game. Despite the student tickets selling out days before the game, Loyola fans still showed up.

In the 300 level sat a family with children as young as three-years-old, as well as a couple celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary (coincidentally the same amount of time since the Orioles won the World Series). A group of Loyola

students became equally as invested as they sat sandwiched between the high energy.

Loyola student and lifelong Baltimorean, Eva Reynolds '26, said "Orioles game days give her a sense of pride in her hometown.

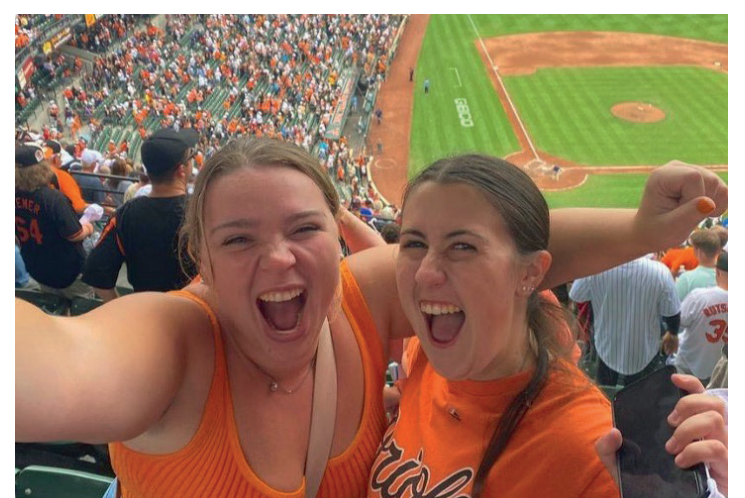
"Even if we don't win, I look forward to still watching the game...I love the camaraderie of the sport," Reynolds said.

In 2023, the Baltimore Orioles secured their place in the post-season playoffs finishing 5-4. This game was neck-and-neck, with parts of the game feeling like a loss was in sight. A sigh fell over the park when the Rays had back-to-back home runs from Tristan Gray and Christian

Bethancourt, but the Orioles did not lose faith. Adley Rutschman—who has had a noticeably impressive season for the Orioles—shot a wave of energy back towards the stadium when he hit a home run to center-left field. From that point on, Orioles fans, whether lifelong Baltimore natives or newly adopted Loyola enthusiasts, could not help but finish watching the 10-inning game on their feet.

It's hard to imagine an Orioles fan who would not be highly dedicated to the team after experiencing the thrill of Orioles baseball in person.

The team has not won a World Series since 1983, making it 40 years since there was a celebration parade for the Orioles in Charm City.



Loyola students cheering on the Baltimore Orioles. Photo Credit: Tim Collins

Andy Norman '26, a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan, moved from the suburbs of Boston to the city of Baltimore to pursue his education at Loyola. He has had lots of fun being in Baltimore for this winning stretch, but he is still a Red Sox fan for life.

Nathan Kerbel '26 is invested in the series despite being a Red Sox fan because the thought of the Orioles

winning the whole series while he lives in Baltimore for college is so exciting.

"How special would that be?" Kerbel said.

To find more about the Orioles' season schedule, go to [mlb.com/orioles](http://mlb.com/orioles).

## Travel

# An Ode to Bangkok, a Truly Extraordinary Loyola Study Abroad Experience

By Gianna Sansonetti

When I was a child, I learned what studying abroad was, and I immediately knew I wanted to do it. I was so infatuated with the idea of being able to live in another country and be a student there. When the fall semester of my sophomore year rolled around, and it was time to decide where I would go, I was all over the place. I was thinking of Europe because that's where everyone goes, right? I researched all of Loyola's programs in Europe, and none of them really stuck out to me. I could see myself enjoying almost all of them, sure, but it wasn't the "love at first sight" I was hoping for.

In my conflicted state, I attended the mandatory "Study Abroad 101" session, and this is where everything changed for me. The man who was running the session mentioned that this might be the only time when we would be able to live in another country with this much freedom and flexibility. He emphasized that it is in our best interest to do something out of our comfort zone that you would never even think about. He advised us to go somewhere that we may never have the chance to go again. I ended up choosing Bangkok, Thailand, and here are three reasons why you should consider it.

### Reason One: Community

There were 13 Loyola students studying in Bangkok in the Fall 2022 semester, and we all lived in rooms that shared the same hallway and took the majority of our classes together. We also had an on-sight director who stayed with us and planned excursions and trips with the group. The thirteen of us, also known as the baker's dozen, grew extremely close. We are forever bonded as the people who went through this very unique and life-changing experience together.

Although the Bangkok program is largely rooted in community and camaraderie, you also gain an immense amount of independence. Sometimes, I went into the city and explored by myself. It's something many of us did regularly, and it was important for me personally to feel confident where I lived, both when I was alone and with my friends. I have never minded doing things alone, but after Bangkok, I truly understand the power of enjoying your own company and doing something simply because you want to. There is also an immense amount of learning that comes with planning trips while abroad, especially in Southeast Asia, where not too many college students choose to go. You have to figure it all out completely on your own, and it will teach you numerous life and travel skills.

### Reason 2: Traditions

One of my favorite things about the Bangkok program is continuing the long tradition of the Loyola students who came before me. Loyola sent its first batch of students to Bangkok in 1991, making it the second-oldest program that the university offers. On my first day in Thailand, when I arrived at what would be my bedroom for

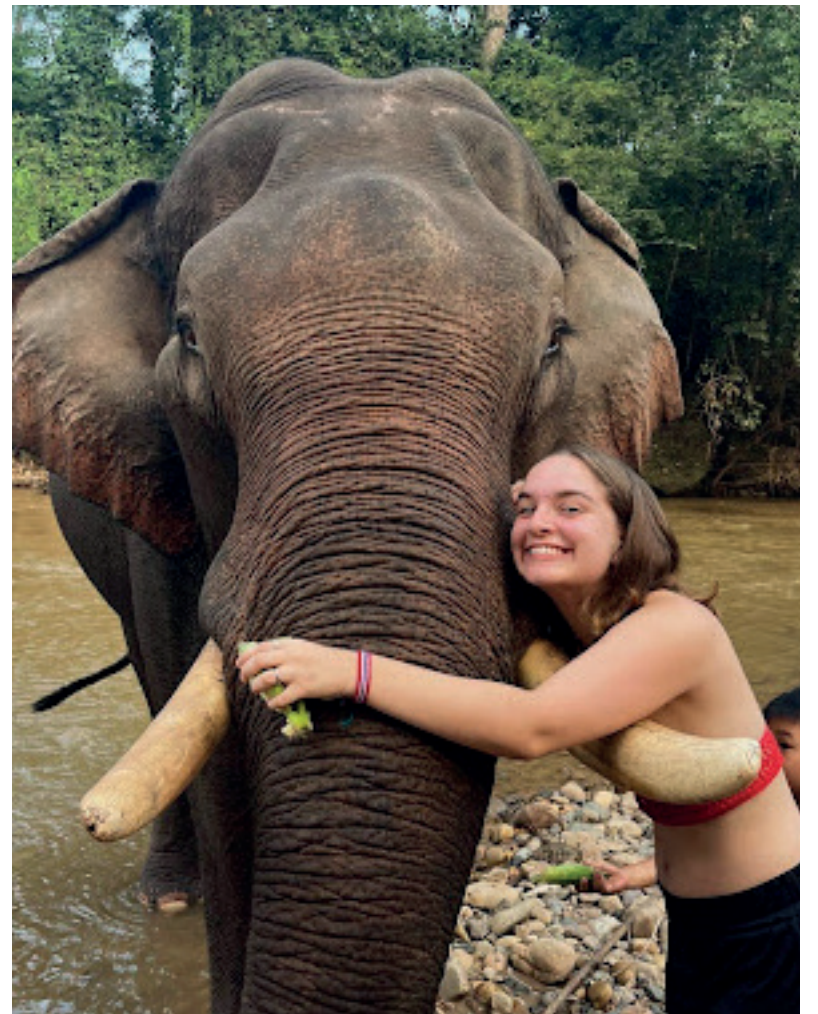
the next five months, I found notes of encouragement written in my closet and drawers from past Loyola students who have been staying in these same dorm rooms for decades. I remember being so nervous about what was to come, but seeing those notes and knowing how much past students loved it, I felt comforted.

There's also the tradition of the trek, which is the epic conclusion to every Loyola student's journey in the mountainous region of northern Thailand. The trek cannot be described in words; it is something you have to participate in yourself to fully grasp. It is a culturally rich, immersive, life-changing adventure that was the highlight of my abroad experience. Interacting with and learning about the hill tribes in the north of Thailand is something that completely changes a person's worldview. I wish I could go into more detail, but keeping the secrets of the trek a surprise for future hounds is a vital part of the tradition.

### Reason 3: Cultural Immersion

The level of cultural immersion that is experienced by students while living in Thailand and traveling in Southeast Asia is truly amazing and distinctive. Every day I would find myself learning from the new sights I saw and new people I met. The university that we attended, Assumption University, is very different from Loyola and American colleges in general—the university culture there is something I don't think I ever got used to. We had to wear uniforms every day, as all Thai university students do. We visited museums, temples, government buildings, and landmarks that taught us the history and culture of Thailand.

Additionally, we lived in a very residential part of Bangkok where every day our neighbors were happy to



see us, talk to us, and teach us about the culture of Thai people living in the city. We went to places in our neighborhood where we would often be the only foreigner, or "farang," and were truly immersed in the area we lived in amongst the locals. Thailand felt like home to me by the end of the program, and I cannot wait to go back in the future.

We are allotted two weeks to travel, plus any time we may have before or after final exams. This time allowed me to visit almost every corner of Thailand, plus four other countries in Southeast Asia: Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Singapore. I fell in love with places I had never even heard of before. One of them is Pai, a town in northern Thailand. I heard of Pai through a British guy that I met in Laos, and it ended up being one of my favorite places I have ever traveled to. I also got to spend 11 days in Vietnam, which is my favorite country I visited, besides Thailand. I will never forget when I was in Hanoi, the capital city, and the children came up to us and asked us to help them with a project for their English class. I also learned so much about Vietnamese history and the Vietnam War through the museums and historical sites I visited. Southeast Asia is a beautiful, lively, culturally rich part of the world that gave me the best abroad experience.

A privilege we have as Americans is that our currency is strong, which allows us to get so much more there compared to Europe and North America. Airfare from the United States is really the only expensive part of traveling to Southeast Asia. Since this is included in the Loyola tuition, the low living and travel costs in and around Thailand allow you to have a great experience without spending nearly as much as you would on similar trips in other regions. This also makes it accessible for people of many different socioeconomic backgrounds, which I think is one of the most special things about it.

I took a huge risk choosing to go to Bangkok, as I did not know anyone who had ever studied abroad in Thailand, Asia, or even outside of Western Europe. I had little to no expectations about what my time there would be like. However, it was the best decision of my life. This unique partnership between Loyola and Assumption University offered me a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I encourage any current first-years or prospective students to step out of their comfort zone and take full advantage of this program. I am going to carry this experience with me in everything I do for the rest of my life.



## Where to Eat Across the Pond: A Restaurant Guide to Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK

By Jordan Durkin

On our Evergreen campus, around 60% of students embark on a study abroad trip during their junior year. This is due to the wide range of locations offered by Loyola; programs come from locations in Europe, Africa, and South America. No matter where you go, Loyola will ensure this destination becomes your second home, and if you're headed across the pond to Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK, like I did in Spring 2023, follow this guide to eat the best food in the toon, and food that reminds you of home. To be honest as a picky eater, I was pretty worried about finding food I enjoyed while abroad. Despite this, I found some spots that reminded me of home.

### Grainger Market:

Every food stall in Grainger Market is absolutely delicious and has food for everyone. It's located in Newcastle City Centre and is truly a must-try! My favorite stall was Red Heads Mac 'n' Cheese, which features deluxe mac and cheese bowls that come with a variety of toppings. From the sticky rib, to the Italian, to the original, nothing beats it! The garlic bread crumbs on top are easily my favorite. This is something I will miss daily until I get to have it again. If you end up frequenting this spot during your time in Newcastle, grab a punch card! Some other great stalls in Grainger Market include Fed's Chicken, Acropolis, and North Shore Coffee. It was also one of my favorite spots for fresh produce at a cheaper price!

### Pizzeria Francesca:

Italian food is my absolute favorite and Pizzeria Francesca in the Jesmond section of Newcastle was my top choice in England. The restaurant was owned by Italians and they truly made amazing Italian food, which I was worried I wouldn't find in the UK. Both times I went I ordered the spinach and ricotta ravioli in tomato sauce, which was absolutely delicious. I also tried two different appetizers, the garlic cheesy bread and the cheese pizza. Apparently, it is not normal in British custom to order pizza as an appetizer for the table. To say the least, the waiter was horribly confused, but we still got our pizza. I do not think I will ever find Italian food in the UK better than this spot and I stand by that. Please try it out, you won't regret it.

### Las Iguanas:

Mexican food is easily one of my biggest go-tos for dinner with friends. It was a priority for me to find a place in Newcastle with the fajitas, and once I did, it easily became one of my favorite dinner spots in the city. These fajitas are truly special and I will never stop talking about them. I always ordered the chicken fajitas with a side of black beans and they were perfect, minus the small portions. The drink menu, for those over 18, has a wide variety of options and will have something for everyone in your party. The vibe in Las Iguanas is really cool and was such a fun spot to hangout with friends due to the fun and bright decor inside. Las Iguanas has a mobile app so you can hop in the "queue" and continue to walk around the city while you wait!

### Chicken Shack:

My personal favorite on-campus food option, and the favorite of many others, was Chicken Shack. I don't think I can put my love for this restaurant into words. My order was a 20 popcorn chicken and fries meal with ketchup. By the end of my semester abroad, I think I had spent over \$100 at Chicken Shack, which is slightly embarrassing. It was too good for me not to! Another huge perk is the wait staff, who were the nicest people ever. To those of you venturing to Newcastle anytime soon, take care of our city and make the most of your time there. And, if you go to Chicken Shack, say hi to the workers for me!

## Arts & Eats

### Artscape: America's Largest Free Arts Festival Returns to Baltimore

By Gianna Sansonetti

Artscape has taken place in Baltimore since 1982 and has since served as a marker of the city as a cultural hub. It is a beloved event within Baltimore City as well as across the Mid-Atlantic, with people traveling far and wide to experience it. Last year, the festival took place September 22-24 after a 3-year hiatus, and was headlined by Anderson .Paak's DJ persona Pee.We.

Baltimore City Northern District Planner and former Assistant Director of Loyola's York Road Initiative, Marie McSweeney Anderson '11, shared their excitement about Artscape and what to expect from the festival.

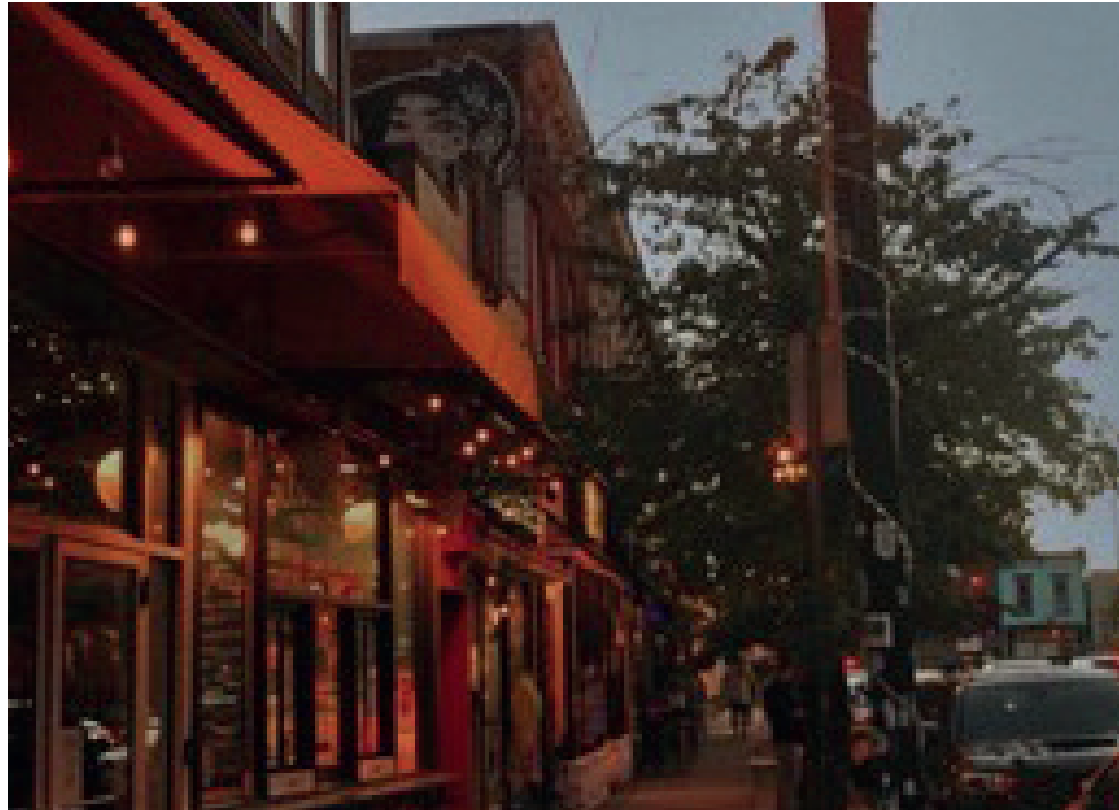
"The main stage is down near MICA off of Mt. Royal that creates its own amphitheater. That's where the hot acts will be, that's where Anderson .Paak will be. There's also the DJ stages; one is usually on Charles Street and I think there's going to be one in Station North. It's just going to be fun to dance, make friends, and play games," McSweeney Anderson said.

The Station North Arts District becomes a new space for the festival, in addition to the main Mt. Royal stage as well as Mosher and Charles Street stages. Station North specifically hosted local Baltimore and Maryland based artists along North Avenue between Charles Street and Maryland Avenue, as well as Charles Street up to W. 20th Street. In addition to DJ Pee.We (Anderson .Paak), Nile Rodgers & CHIC and Dr. Madd Vibe featuring Angelo Moore headlined while The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra headlined Sunday.

McSweeney Anderson pointed out the other aspects of Artscape besides live music. A large mural was restored on Charles Street near the Charles Theater, and a new gallery on Maryland Avenue called Night Owl Gallery hosted an evening vintage market with a variety of vendors. In 2019, Artscape featured over 200 performers and over 100 visual artists and artisans. The 2023 festival included art exhibitions, an artist marketplace, a film festival, music & beer garden, community gathering places, family and youth activities, and culinary delights.

McSweeney Anderson recalled that during the pandemic, Baltimore had an initiative called Designing for Distance, which aimed to bring life back to public spaces in the midst of the pandemic. Artscape features similar spaces throughout the city equipped for outdoor dining and community gathering.

"I think Artscape is one of the things I love most about Baltimore and reminds me why I love being a resident in Baltimore City—we have such a vibrant arts and culture scene. In your day to day life you can get lost in the thought of, 'Aw man, there's so much wrong with the city,' but Artscape is a reminder that we have such an amazing artist community that wouldn't be possible without the need for imagination in a city that has a lot of room to grow," McSweeney Anderson said.



## Your Guide to Fall Festivities in Baltimore

The seasons are changing and fall is in full swing. Looking for something to do off campus? Baltimore has plenty of events to keep you busy all season!

By Emma Strauss

Looking for the crisp fruits of the fall season? Just want some apple cider doughnuts? Trying to find something with all of the fall feels?

Try apple and pumpkin picking! Maryland boasts some of the most beautiful orchards, perfect for a day out. While some farms are a bit of a drive, there are a handful nearby. Pick your fall favorites at Weber's Cider Mill Farm, Butler's Orchard, Lohr's Orchard, Baugher's Orchard, or Shaw Orchards. Many of these farms have their own markets as well. If you don't want to get out in the orchard, you can visit the farm stands and sample some of the fall produce. The market at Lohr's is just another great part of their seasonal offerings.

"During the fruit and vegetable season, we have both a 'pick-your-own' and a retail farm stand operation. Our retail store is open daily July through January. Our farm stand is open daily during our October fall events," Lohr's Orchard's website said. Apples are perfect for fall snacks, baking, or can be enjoyed directly off the tree. If you are looking for a day out, grab your friends and visit some of Baltimore's best orchards.

Don't let the name of Summer's Farm fool you—from the start of Sept. to the end of Oct., the farm puts on fall fun all season. The farm offers their signature corn maze, farm fresh food, and evenings around the campfire where you can rent your own pit. In October, Bark Social is hosting their very own fall fest. Whether you bring your own dog or are just there as a pet enthusiast, the festival will have plenty of activities. Activities include

pumpkin calligraphy, pie eating contest for dogs and humans, pumpkin ring toss, games, and much more! The festival is a place where dog owners and dogs can spend time together in a unique way. Jillian Robney, a dog lover and owner, has loved Bark Social's events in any season. "The people at Bark Social genuinely love dogs and their commitment to providing a safe and fun environment makes this an exceptional spot for my pup and I. I've been spoiled having Bark Social close by and our daily visits are the highlight of our day," Robney said. The festival is one of the many events that the social runs year-round.

Looking for a perfect picnic spot? Enjoy the fall foliage at one of Baltimore's many parks. Visit the iconic Druid Hill Park for views of the changing leaves as well as the cityscape. Take a walk through Patterson Park and pet dogs at the park or visit the famous Observatory. If you want to immerse yourself in nature, try one of the many hiking trails just outside of the city. Jones Falls Trail offers a ten-mile hike tucked away in the city. But you won't feel like you're in the city at all under the cover of the newly changing trees. Head to Loch Raven Reservoir for more wildlife, and enjoy the scenic views around the water.

Baltimore's roster for Halloween activities might be something to check out. With Baltimore being Edgar Allen Poe's final resting place, the city sets the perfect atmosphere for spooky season. Visit The Horse You Came in On Saloon, which is famously known as the last place Poe was seen before his death. Located in Fell's Point, visitors can hit the shops and visit the saloon.

Get to know the spirits of Baltimore with a ghost tour. Rumor has it that ghosts haunt the historic streets of Fell's Point. Tales of sailors that went missing years ago linger on the streets. Take a tour with Baltimore Ghost Tours. Guests that have taken the tours say it's a great way to experience Baltimore's history. Walk the Mount Vernon Ghostwalk, and stroll along the gothic architecture. Or, try the Fell's Point Haunted Pub Walk and enjoy some spirits while looking for spirits, perfect for guests 21 and older!

The Lord Baltimore Hotel has reportedly had its own paranormal activity, with guests reporting seeing various spirits, including a young girl named 'Molly.' The Admiral Fell Inn has hosted sailors from years long past, and guests of the present say that some have never checked out. Guests can check in, or arrange for a ghost tour on several of the historical sites on the grounds.

Haunted Rooms America, a site that acts as a database for haunted spaces in the U.S., recommended Room 413. The room witnessed a murder in 1999, and some of the hotel staff have experienced alleged paranormal activity after that. "Some of the hotel's housekeepers often get a strange feeling when they clean the room, and others refuse to go in it at all," Haunted Rooms website said.

Visit Hampden for their annual Halloweenfest. Participate in the costume contest with categories such as prettiest, funniest, and most original.

### New to Baltimore? Here Are 4 Restaurants You Should Try

By Laura Somma

Wicked Sisters

Yelp.com rating: 4 stars • \$\$

Located in the Hampden neighborhood of Baltimore, Wicked Sisters is less than a 10-minute drive from Loyola's campus. The restaurant serves a variety of classic American dishes for brunch, lunch, and dinner. It is very popular with Loyola students due to its unique atmosphere and delicious food. The décor is fun and original, which makes it the perfect spot for some photos. As for food and drink, they offer various appetizers, breakfast dishes, sandwiches, salads, desserts, and of course cocktails (for the 21+ crowd). I recommend trying their grilled chicken sandwich, mac and cheese, or their meatball sub!

Sammy's Trattoria

Yelp.com rating: 3.9 stars • \$\$

Sammy's Trattoria is a great spot if you want a delicious Italian dinner for a reasonable price. Sammy's is located on North Charles Street, about a 15-minute drive from campus. Their menu offers a variety of antipasto (appetizers), pizza, pasta, salads, and various meat and fish entrées. One of the restaurant's best attributes is the free Italian bread and olive oil. Sammy's genuinely has some of the most delicious bread I have ever tried. As for the main meals, I recommend trying Mary Jo's homemade three-cheese gnocchi, which you can get with the choice of vodka sauce, pesto, wild mushroom butter sauce, or bolognese. Another popular dish is Sonny's Chicken Parm, for when you are craving something other than pasta or pizza.



Clark Burger

Yelp.com rating: 4.2 stars • \$\$

Clark Burger on York Road is super close to campus—right next to the Senator Theatre where Loyola students can buy \$5 movie tickets. Clark Burger offers a variety of burgers, and it is worth noting that they do have a veggie burger option! The "build your own burger" is a great choice, because you can customize your burger order any way that you would like. When I go, I usually order the traditional "Clark Burger," which is a regular beef burger topped with cheddar cheese, bacon, red onion, pickles, lettuce, and the special Clark Burger sauce. My go-to side order is the garlic frites, which are topped with garlic and parmesan cheese and come with garlic mayo. They also have plain french fries, which are just as delicious.

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# 10 Things You Should Do Before You Graduate From Loyola

By Marie Bosslett, Editor-in-Chief, and Jordan Durkin, Managing Editor-in-Chief

### Soak up the sun on our beautiful Evergreen campus

Thanks to its centralized location, the Quad is always buzzing with activity, especially on a gorgeous sunny day. When the weather gets warmer, bring a blanket or a hammock and listen to music, study for exams, or even play Spikeball. Marie's personal favorite spot is the comfy couch on the porch of the Humanities building. If you're lucky, one of your professors will bring you to our outdoor classroom for a lesson or two. We recently had a giant watch party to view the Solar Eclipse and it's always so refreshing to see everyone gathered on the green for a warm afternoon.

### Get involved with our sports teams

Here at Loyola, we love our athletics department! From soccer matches at Ridley to basketball games at Reitz, you'll have plenty of ways to support our Greyhounds on the field. Be sure to attend our biggest sports event of the year, the Battle of Charles, where our men's and women's lacrosse teams duke it out against our cross-town rival, the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays. Are you an athlete yourself? Join one of our club or intramural teams and get involved with volleyball, flag football, and even ultimate frisbee.

### Take adventures off-campus

Being in a big city has so much to offer so during your time at Loyola, do not let Baltimore's culture go unnoticed. The Inner Harbor has much for you to see; head to the nation's top-rated aquarium (half-priced tickets on Fridays!) or Camden Yards to support the Orioles! But our favorite time of year to explore the city is in December, where you'll find Hampden's beautiful 34th Street Christmas Lights. For more off-campus trips, follow HAP, Loyola's activity and programming board, on Instagram or The Bridge.

### Support the arts

Our Greyhounds are super talented both in and out of the classroom! Our Evergreen Players perform several plays every year while our Dance Company holds two annual showcases. Live out your Pitch Perfect dreams and support our three acapella groups; the Chimes, the Belles, and the Greyhounds. And at Christmastime, our chapel choir performs at Lessons and Carols, our annual holiday tradition. Tickets for these events sell out very quickly so make sure you get your hands on them each semester.

### Give back to the community around us

As a Jesuit institution, one of our biggest values is service so we pride ourselves on helping others and the Baltimore community. Involvement with the Center for Community, Service, and Justice (CCSJ) is a great way to provide for the local areas in Baltimore by participating in York Road Community Days or being an active volunteer in service learning opportunities. Aside from CCSJ, clubs like Relay for Life and Best Buddies help other communities in our area by arranging events and gathering donations. There are many ways to support our community and beyond; all you have to do is reach out and find what works best for you.

### Attend our biggest event of the year

During every Loyola tour, the Greyhound Ambassadors rave about our biggest event of the year - Loyolapalooza. This event is a must-attend for Loyola students with campus music performances as well as free food, merchandise, and a celebrity headliner every year! In 2024, we had Fitz and the Tantrums perform but past headliners include Jeremih, The All-American Rejects, and T-Pain. The headliner gets announced at another extremely popular event, the Black Student Association (BSA) Fashion Show. Aside from these two events, Loyola has so many great on-campus activities for you to attend to enrich your Greyhound experience.

### Explore the world

A unique factor about Loyola, and one that brings many to our Evergreen campus, is the widespread study abroad options. No matter your major, Loyola works with you to help you see the world. Look past your apprehensions and nerves and take this leap. Jordan spent half of her junior year studying abroad in Newcastle Upon Tyne while Marie traveled to Disney World with the marketing department of Sellinger School of Business and Management. Whether it be a semester, a Maymester or summer trip, or even spring break, use the time college provides you with to travel and enrich your life experience.

### Participate in senior activities

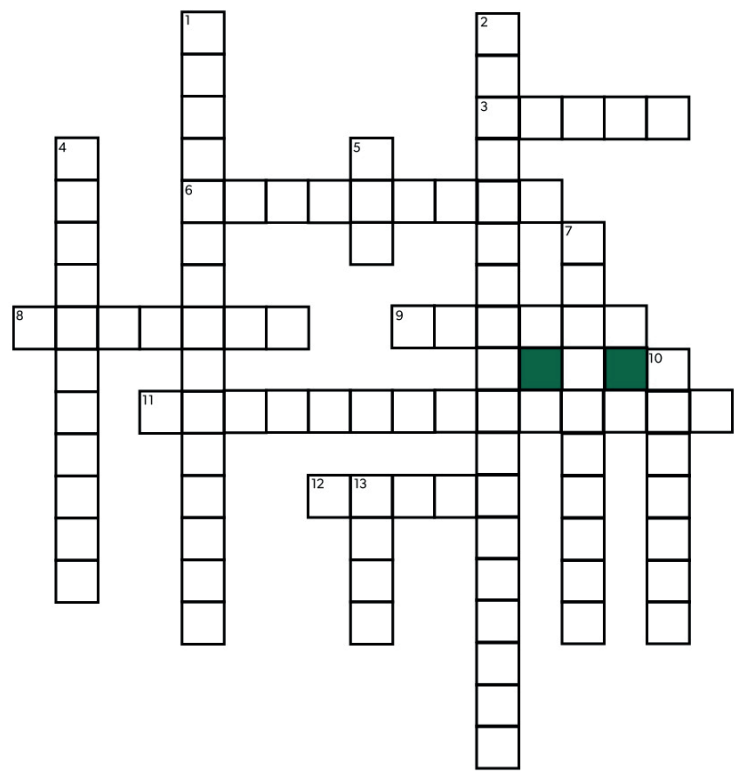
Celebrating your achievements is a huge aspect of the Loyola senior year experience. Your Student Government will prepare countdown events leading up to your graduation every 50 days. Bull and Oyster, Loyola's senior and alumni event, was the most notable of these experiences and a great place to expand your network before venturing into the real world. Graduation week has so many notable events as well, and at the time of writing this, we are both incredibly excited to attend Senior Soiree, Senior Barbecue, and Baccalaureate Mass. Attend these events and spend time with your fellow Greyhounds before saying goodbye!

### Build connections with your fellow Greyhounds

Along with making connections on campus, it's important to expand your horizons and introduce yourself to others elsewhere as well. The Loyola network grows far beyond the borders of the Evergreen campus and many resources here can help you make those connections. As an incoming freshman, your Messina team is a great place to start with building your professional and social circles. Throughout your years here, attend Loyola's speaker events or campus-sponsored career fairs to meet alumni Greyhounds. As your time as a student begins to dwindle down, reach out to the Rizzo Career Center for resources on how to keep these connections growing.

### Step out of your comfort zone...like we did!

We'll be honest, the transition into college isn't always easy. But as graduating seniors, we can say without a doubt that these four years at Loyola have been some of the best of our lives. Our biggest tip for getting accustomed to life at Loyola is to step out of your comfort zone. Whether it's just saying hello to a friendly face while walking to class or starting your very own club, there are so many opportunities to be bold on campus. Take us, for example - we brought back a print edition of The Greyhound after ten years and now it's in your hands (we hope you like it just as much as we do)! Marie, Jordan, and the entire newspaper staff would like to wish you all the best of luck as you begin your Loyola adventure - as President Sawyer says, God Bless and Go Hounds!



### Across

- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ on the Quad
- 6. Where the 2023-2024 MEIC studied abroad
- 8. First year program that is also a city in Italy
- 9. Loyola likes to serve Bull and \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Where Loyolapalooza headliner is announced
- 12. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Career Center is located in our newest academic building

### Down

- 1. Where the 2023-2024 EIC sits on a beautiful day
- 2. President Sawyer's signature quote
- 4. Where the orange birds play
- 5. A good place to blow off some steam (or swim or run or bike)
- 7. Co-Ed Acapella group
- 10. Loyola's biggest rival and also a campus dorm
- 13. St. Ignatius' nickname



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