



President's Report 2011



DEAR ALUMNI and FRIENDS:

When I graduated from Loras in 1984 with a B.A. in Finance, I had every intention of going back to Chicago and pursuing banking. On a return visit to campus that summer, I fortuitously bumped into Professor Frank Noonan. He asked me what I was doing, and I said, "Looking for a job." He told me to go see Director of Admissions Dan Conry, which I did. Dan told me he had over 70 applications and that none fit the mark to "sell the *Loras Experience*." He did say that he recalled my student involvement and, as long as President Di Pasquale approved, the job would be mine. Early the next week I met with Dr. Di Pasquale and, much to my surprise, I was offered the job. I was ecstatic, and thanks to these three good men, it started what has been 27 great years working for my alma mater.

As I write, Loras just finished celebrating its annual Homecoming weekend. The campus was filled with crowds of enthusiastic alumni, friends, parents and students. Repeatedly, and in sync with my own reflections, alumni told me of their deep love for Loras, the gratitude they had for their own experiences here and the profound impact Loras has made on their lives. At the height of all these remarks were the lifelong relationships Loras created for them and the foundation of faith that was further instilled in them.

Though grateful for, and reminiscent of, the *Loras Experience*, our alumni were overwhelmingly impressed by the marked improvements to our campus. From the new landscaping, to the construction and renovations on campus, alumni expressed satisfaction for the numerous changes. Further, alumni remarked about the beauty of our liturgies. They also commented about the talents and friendliness of our students, faculty and staff.

The **Loras Experience** has always been about the people. Of special note is the generosity of Loras people who have made the **Loras Experience** possible. On behalf of the entire Loras community, I offer my deepest gratitude to you for your belief in, and generous support of, Loras College.

I urge you to continue joining me, my colleagues, our alumni and friends in giving so that future generations of students will have the opportunity to receive the **Loras Experience** in the same ways that many of us have so richly benefitted.

May God bless you always!

James E. Collins, President ('84)



I WANTED TO GIVE BACK

Loras College looked a lot different in 1949 when the late **Dr. A. E. Lampe** ('53) began his collegiate career. Ed took classes from the likes of **Father Nye**, **Father Kunsch** and **Monsignor Schulte**. "He really respected the teachers he had. They were excellent science educators," remembers Ed's widow, **Therese** "**Katie**" **Lampe**. Although Katie completed her nursing degree at the then St. Ambrose College, now St. Ambrose University, the two met while Ed was at Loras.

Ed worked his way through school and, upon graduation, entered the University of lowa's College of Dentistry. Ed and Katie were married during Ed's junior year of dental school, and Katie gained employment at Mercy Hospital in lowa City as a nurse. After completing his dental degree, Ed enlisted in the Air Force for two years, retiring as a captain.

After the Air Force, Ed and Katie moved to Davenport, Iowa, where Ed practiced dentistry for 30 years. The move was especially enjoyable for Katie since many of her nursing school friends were, and still are, living in Davenport.

In the late 1980s, Ed and Katie discussed setting up scholarships at both Loras and St. Ambrose due to their passion for education. They knew there were students who could use the financial assistance. "There are kids who are struggling and want to make something of themselves," stated Katie. "And education goes on forever. Education reflects on a person. You can't be a leader without a foundation of education. We wanted to help students have a solid foundation. And they could get that at Loras, so they could be better leaders in the community." Katie also recalls a phrase Ed often quoted, "Investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Together, the Lampes created the Dr. A. E. and Therese Marie Lampe Scholarship for students majoring in science at Loras. "With a scholarship, you have to go to people you trust. You have to know who you are working with and put forth effort. I have that feeling of trust with President Jim Collins," stated Katie.

After Ed's death in December of 2003, Katie continued her philanthropic support of Loras College. Katie reminisces, "In theory, I could have stopped supporting the scholarship at Loras. But Ed and I worked as a team, and we had a livelihood because of Ed's education. And I want future students to have that as well."



I BELIEVE IN LORAS

Henry Song is a typical Loras College student. But a typical Loras College student is not exactly typical.

Henry was born in Seoul, South Korea, then moved to São Paulo, Brazil, when he was seven years old. At age 15, he enrolled in an exchange program which took him to Kansas.

Henry recalls, "When I first came to Kansas, it was a total cultural shock, something really different. I was living in a small town, and it was flat and windy."

After Kansas, and now accustomed to American culture, Henry attended Holy Trinity High School in Winsted, Minn. A high school recruiting mailing from Loras College was all it took for Henry to consider matriculating. "I was an independent kid, so going to college [away from family] was not a big deal at all." Henry knew Loras was where he wanted to be after reading about the low student-to-faculty ratio, the quality business program and the affordability.

Having completed his first year, Henry knows Loras College was the right decision. He states, "I like the personal relationships with professors. Professors at Loras know me by name, know where I'm from, know everything about me. We can have coffee and talk about personal life."

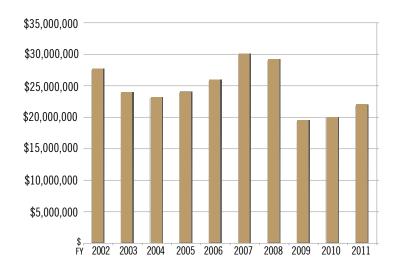
Henry is actively involved in campus life, including conversion to Catholicism through the Loras Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program. However, he is not complacent. He would like to intern in Chicago and study abroad in Mexico as he continues his collegiate career. While he speaks English, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish, he hopes his time in Mexico will help perfect his Spanish.

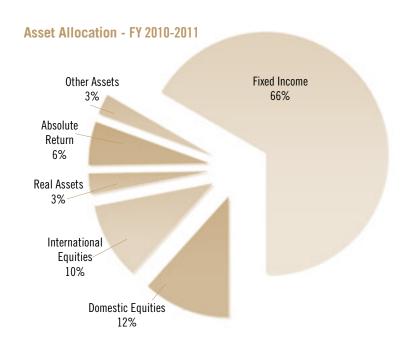
Henry is grateful for his opportunities. "Loras is a college that helps you grow up. At Loras, you set out a path. Loras is perfect for me, because of the focus on liberal arts."

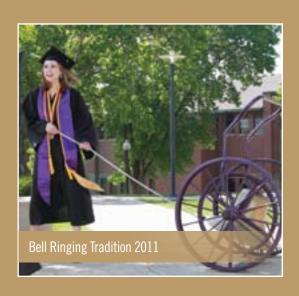


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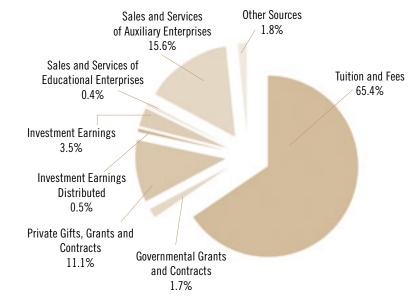




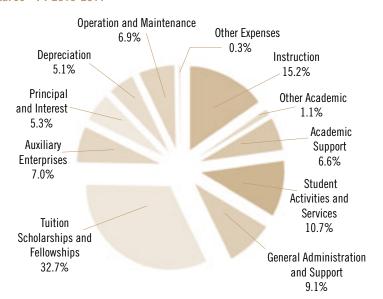


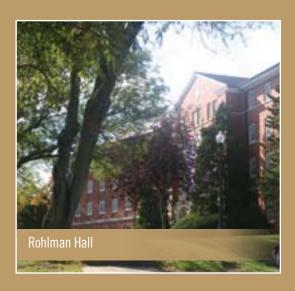
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Revenues - FY 2010-2011



Expenditures - FY 2010-2011





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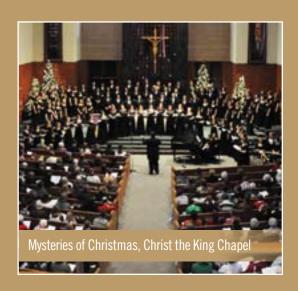
Fiscal Year	Total Contributions	Total Donors
2008-2009	\$5,692,342	7,740
2009-2010	\$5,850,538	8,319
2010-2011	\$5,902,445	8,988

GIVING OF \$1000+

Fiscal Year	Total Contributions	Total Donors
2008-2009	\$4,646,602	491
2009-2010	\$4,767,744	477
2010-2011	\$4,710,390	515

ALUMNI PARTICIPATION

Fiscal Year	Graduate Percentage
2008-2009	18%
2009-2010	18%
2010-2011	21%



BOARD OF REGENTS 2011-2012

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COMPELLING REASONS WHY

We are nationally recognized as a strong academic institution. Loras has again earned a high national ranking by being 13th in the Top Tier among 371 Best Regional Baccalaureate Colleges in the 2012 edition of "Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report."

We are nationally recognized as a distinguished Catholic college. Loras was named as a College of Distinction, one of 20 Catholic colleges and universities based on best places to learn, grow and succeed.

We produce strong outcomes. Loras College has a more than 92% graduate placement rate. Within six months of graduation, students are employed or enrolled in graduate school.

We are affordable. Loras is one of only 240 schools nationally that is consistently listed in "Barron's Best Buys in Education" underscoring the affordability of a Loras College education.

We embrace experiential learning. Over 90% of our students study abroad, participate in service trips or service learning, or work internships. These experiences are principally facilitated by six full-time professional staff in the Center for Experiential Learning and seven full-time Campus Ministry/ Spiritual Life staff members.

We honor our commitments. Even in this economic climate, Loras has one of the lowest loan default ratios of 2.3% versus the national average of 8.8% as measured by the student federal aid website.





Cover Image Status of Bishop Mathias Loras, D.D., Bishop of Dubuque