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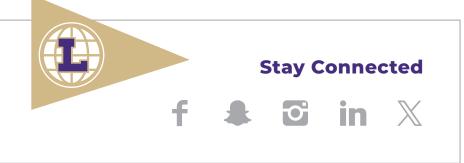
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External Faculty Awards

DR. JIM POLLOCK, Professor of English

> Edna Meudt Poetry Book Award for the best book of poems published by a Wisconsin writer in 2022 for his book Durable Goods.

DR. KENNY LOUI, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

> Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences/SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award in recognition of his significant promise as a teacher.

> Bronze medal in the Readers' Favorite International Book Award Contest and Mom's Choice Award gold medal for the graphic novel Life Lessons from a UFO Catcher: An Autobiographical Manga.

Presidents' Community Partner Award by the Iowa Minnesota Campus Compact: > LISA GAROUTTE, Professor of Sociology

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Sabbatical Awards

KATE COOPER, Professor of Biology Cadherin-23 and Screening for Genes Influencing Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

WILL KANYUSIK, Associate Professor of English Precarious Modernisms: Midcentury Literature of Global Crisis and the Future Literature Can Build

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President's Letter



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Higher education finds itself in challenging and unprecedented times. Per the June 2023 *Chronicle for Higher Education*, there are 1.2M fewer undergraduates enrolled since spring 2020. There are significant societal concerns about our industry including cost of attendance, student debt, lack of trust in or need for higher education, and increased interest in

trade/vocational education. Public and private two-year and fouryear institutions have been scrambling to determine how best to mitigate and address these and many other issues.

As Loras thinks about its future, we embrace and admire the private/public partnership strategy. We recognize we can't be everything to all. However, we can work with others to share our strengths while benefiting from the strengths of others. This means forging and strengthening relationships with other institutions, like St. Ambrose University and Mercy College of Heath Sciences. In this issue, you will find details on these partnerships and the important role they play as we move forward strategically to further grow our academic quality and financial wherewithal.

Also vital are the relationships that extend throughout our Loras community and within the tradition of Duhawks supporting Duhawks. In recent weeks, we launched the largest capital campaign in the history of the College—\$128M—to help ensure future generations have access to a Loras education. From bolstering student financial aid and our endowment to upgrading academic programs and campus facilities, our goal is to lean into our Catholic liberal arts mission and continue to make Loras a thriving institution of higher learning for years to come.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to generously support this important endeavor as we were all fortunate to receive a quality, affordable education thanks to the selfless generosity of many alumni who came before us. Please continue to keep Loras in your prayers and provide unwavering advocacy. Go Duhawks!

Pro Deo et Patria

Jim Callins

James E. Collins ('84) President

DEWEY'S PERCH NEW LOOK

The Perch is open Monday—Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and special event Saturdays. Check out the online store at **perch.loras.edu**.

MERCHANDISE

Duhawks have a new place to find exciting Loras gear to represent their school all year round. Dewey's Perch, the new retail store on campus, offers a revamped collection of clothing and collectibles to spruce up every Loras collection.

The old bookstore has been transformed into a new retail space with a focus on more appealing Loras apparel and geared to a lower price point. That change also means new and returning popular brands like Adidas, Columbia, and The North Face, plus other favorites like Carhartt, Nike, and Artisan.

One of the most notable changes to the offerings in Dewey's Perch is the presence of Dewey, himself. A renewed emphasis on Loras' loveable mascot sees his likeness on different items aimed at all ages.

Loras Cited as One of **NATION'S BEST SMALL EMPLOYERS**

Forbes Magazine identified Loras College as one of America's Best Small Employers in a survey reviewing companies employing between 200 and 1,000 employees. Based on the results, Loras College ranks number six among colleges/universities and number forty-one overall among 300 companies on the list.

"Loras has a long and cherished tradition of employing and retaining outstanding faculty and staff," President **Jim Collins** ('84) said. My colleagues are servant leaders and heavily committed to accompanying our students, honoring our mission, and maintaining high standards. As such, our campus community enjoys being with each other no matter the long hours and hard work. I am humbled by the Forbes recognition on behalf of our outstanding students, colleagues, alumni, friends, and board."

America's Best Small Employers ranking was based on the analysis of over seven million data points, with over 11,000 companies within the category. Placement on the final list was awarded based on a scoring model that considered employee satisfaction, public opinion data, and social listening data.



Dubuque Institutions

While Loras students have been working as interns at A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. for many years, the arrival of Emilie Loras has brought our two histories together in a new way. Loras, a descendant of the College's founder, served as an intern while attending the institution that bears her family name. "I've always wanted to be here," she said. "I have met so many people who just say 'hi' because of my name. The funniest part is the sports game because athletes are running everywhere with my name, and I am here to cheer them on."

In Memoriam Sister Bernadine Curoe

Sister Bernadine Curoe, known affectionately as "Sr. B," was a staple of Loras for four decades and left a positive impact on everyone she knew right up to her passing in July.

Growing up on a farm in rural Cascade, lowa, Sr. B attended high school through the Sisters of the Visitation before earning her undergraduate degree from Clarke College in 1959 and graduate degree from Loras in 1969. She served as a teacher for the Academy of the Visitation and Nativity School. She then went on to serve as guidance counselor at both the Academy & Wahlert High School, respectively.

In 1978, Sr. B's career at Loras began when she was hired as a part-time counselor. Within one year, she was hired as a full-time counselor and passionately served our community in various roles, including academic success coordinator and director of counseling until her retirement in 2018.

In honor of the indelible impact she made on the Loras community, the Sr. Bernadine Curoe Scholarship was established as a part of her eighty-fifth birthday celebration in order to provide students in need with access to a Loras education. To continue her legacy, you can donate to the scholarship fund at **alumni.loras.edu/sisterb**.

We fondly remember Sr. B and strive to be servant leaders like her.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI Honored

For more than three decades, the National Alumni Board has acknowledged

accomplishments, and support to their community and to Loras. This year's distinguished alumni award recipients, **Tim Cleary** ('77), Amicus, **Denise Whitaker** ('87), Professional Achievements, **Fr. Michael Fuller** ('89), Humanitarian, **Lisa (Coulter) Even** ('08), Young Alumni, and Dan Conry, Campus Contributions, were honored during Homecoming weekend.

Unite Through Internships

Emilie's experience gained through the internship has been significant as she prepares for a career in logistics and manufacturing. A student of KEDGE Business School in Bordeaux, France, she has taken on a major initiative at A.Y. McDonald that introduces reusable containers for part of the supply chain.

individuals for their service,

"This program is all logistics—it can reduce waste and expense and improve the safety of all parties involved," Ben Winders, A.Y. McDonald purchasing manager and Emilie's supervisor, explained. "She is right in the middle of it, making it happen. It is a big deal."

Emilie is the latest in a series of students from the College to work as an intern at A.Y. McDonald. The hands-on learning is significant for the students, but, as **Brad Johnson** ('04), A.Y. McDonald human resources manager, explains, it is a mutually beneficial arrangement.

For Emilie's part, the combined experience at both Loras and A.Y. has been positive.

"The best part at A.Y. has been working with a very welcoming team. I am learning so much about a subject I like. I have met many great people at Loras and made new friends. Everyone has been so nice to me. I am having a great time," she said.

NAVIGATING THE FUTURE with Health Sciences

The higher education landscape is going through a seismic shift due to various factors, including changing demographics, attendance costs, declining interest in college, and student debt. Loras' response is to lead in establishing collaborative and innovative relationships with other institutions that will meet student demand.

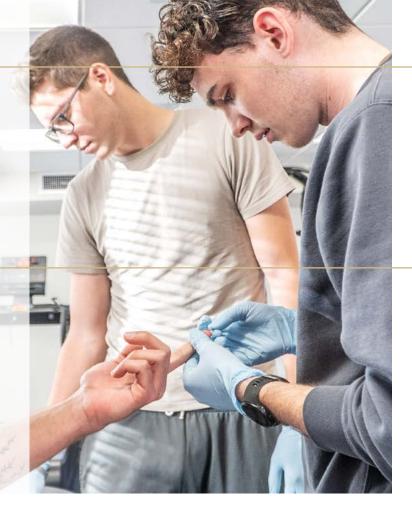
Building strong relationships and working in partnership with other institutions provides Loras students with an education that maintains our high academic standards. Loras can bring health professional programs to our campus on a rapid timeline and at a fraction of the cost than if we were to launch a program independently.

To that end, Loras has turned an eye to fields in healthcare to expand learning both on campus and beyond. Through new partnership agreements with St. Ambrose University (SAU) in Davenport and Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, students can pursue health professional careers and earn two degrees on an accelerated timeline.

"These partnerships demonstrate our strategic resolve and desire to move forward together strategically," President **Jim Collins** ('84) said. "We are blessed to have several partners to counteract the marketplace and higher education challenges."



President Collins and SAU President Amy Novak sign articulation agreements.



NURSING

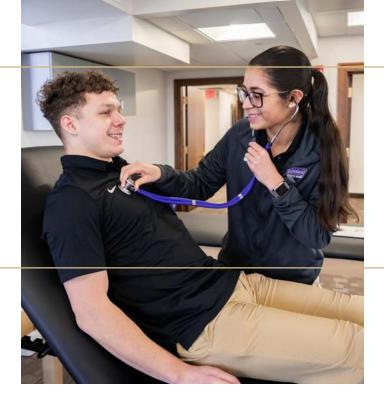
Through an agreement with Mercy College of Health Sciences, Loras students pursuing a nursing career will find a 3+1 accelerated dual degree pathway to bachelor's degrees from both institutions (BA/BS+BSN) while staying on the Loras campus all four years. With nursing lab instruction on Loras' campus and clinical work delivered at MercyOne Dubuque and regional MercyOne affiliates, access to a nursing degree is incredibly easy.

Loras also has arrangements with Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta and Allen College in Waterloo for undergraduate study at Loras and nursing coursework at the partnering schools.

Additional degree pathways are available

with SAU including a Master of Science in Exercise Physiology and a Master of Social Work. With both 4+1 programs, Loras students will complete their bachelor's degree and then transition to SAU for their graduate work.

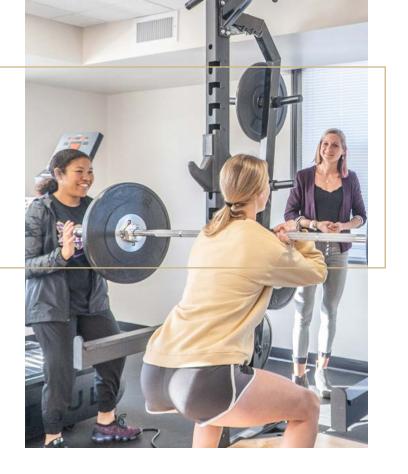
Partnerships go both ways as students from SAU can learn from Loras' top-notch faculty. The College's Master of Athletic Training program will accept SAU students after three years of college coursework, and the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program will seat SAU students after they obtain their bachelor's degree.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The opportunities presented through partnerships extend to high school students before they arrive at Loras. Accepted high school seniors may apply for automatic conditional admission into the St. Ambrose University Doctor of Occupational Therapy program. This early acceptance also applies to first-year Loras students as long as all requirements are met and maintained. For students already focused on their career goals, this 3+3 agreement gets them on track for a bachelor's and doctoral degree in six years, the shortest possible time.

Of course, the agreement with SAU is not just for incoming students. All other Loras students can apply for the program. In addition, lab instruction for the occupational therapy program will be done at Loras in the new classrooms and lab space on the soon-to-be remodeled fifth floor of Keane Hall. The space will include a home health lab, a sensory motor lab, clinical lab space, faculty offices, a conference room, and a student gathering space.





The partnership with SAU also extends to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program with a 3+2.5 pathway. Loras students can earn a bachelor's degree from Loras College and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from SAU with time spent on both campuses. Similar to occupational therapy, high school seniors have the opportunity for early admission.

"We are delighted to partner with St. Ambrose University to offer excellent educational opportunities for students at both institutions to access graduate-level programs, preparing them for careers in high-need healthcare areas on an accelerated timeline," Provost Donna Heald said. "These agreements will reduce costs for students while also helping them to enter the workforce sooner."



EMT TRAINING

A partnership with Paramount EMS broadens opportunities for community members interested in a career in emergency medical services. With instruction on the Loras campus, students who complete this program will be eligible to sit for examinations in pursuit of emergency medical technician certification.

LORAS LAUNCHES \$128 MILLION CAMPAIGN

There are certain things at Loras that endure across the graduating classes and the decades. These include the values that make Loras 'Loras'—core values such as truth, respect, responsibility, excellence, and service. These endure not only at Loras in Dubuque, Iowa, but also 'at Loras' out in the world, found in our alumni. Something else that endures at Loras is a constant focus on the future, ensuring we are always growing our institutional capacity to serve our students and be the threshold to opportunity we have always been.

These truths are the reason for Loras' comprehensive campaign, co-chaired by Regents **Rich Scalise** ('76) and **Tom Tauke** ('72). Launched October 5 on the eve of Homecoming and dubbed ENDURING VALUES/VIBRANT VISION, this campaign aims to build upon the historic strengths of Loras—its enduring values in service of a vibrant vision. To do this, Loras has identified five objectives that encapsulate this vision:

Enhance the learning and living environment

Increase access to Catholic higher education

Empower leaders for church and society

Forge partnerships for a stronger Loras

Nurture and develop faith

There has never been a time in my life when the values that Loras exhibits and instills in its students have been needed more. Life is complicated but made easier to navigate when someone has the vision for the future instilled in them as Loras provides.

Theresa (Obermann) Hoffman ('81), Campaign Steering Committee Member & Regent



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In a higher education climate with unprecedented challenges, a bold response is needed.



These five objectives that make up Loras' response will allow the College to provide critical financial aid to students, build up our academic programming and faculty and staff development, deepen our commitment to spreading the Gospel, and enable key improvements on campus. These campus improvements include continued residence hall renovations, creation of classroom and lab space on Keane Hall fifth floor to house nursing and occupational therapy programs born through innovative partnerships with Mercy College of Health Sciences (Des Moines) and St. Ambrose University (Davenport), renovation of Wahlert Hall to serve as our new multimedia center, and more.

All alumni and friends of Loras College are invited to join in making this vibrant vision a reality.

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AW/ARD WINNING

12 National Championships Undergraduate Sport Management Program Thank you for joining us in renewing Loras' promise.

Pro Deo et Patria

For God and Country

ANALYZING Her Future

Kaylee Osterberger ('22) is pursuing a Master of Science in Applied Analytics degree at Loras, and flexibility, cohort diversity, and range of experiences are preparing her for success.

Kaylee earned her bachelor's degree from Loras in accounting and business administration with a minor in analytics. And now, as she progresses toward her master's degree, Kaylee finds tremendous value in the program's coursework. Covering a wide array of topics, she feels more well-rounded and feels she is being prepared for a broad spectrum of different tasks or jobs that may arise.

The cohort's diversity has proven valuable as she is learning alongside other students in various fields that benefit from analytics.

"It is helpful to see how other people use the program in their jobs," she said. "The software programs we use in classes are used



in various fields now. Analytics is such a big field, and I can see many more options out there than I originally thought," she shared.

An additional benefit of the graduate program is continuing to compete as a student-athlete. Kaylee ran on the cross country and the track and field teams as an undergraduate. By the time she completed her degree, she still had one more year of eligibility.

"I knew I wanted to continue running and use up my eligibility. Rather than taking undergraduate classes, I wanted to find something that would help me continue to learn and stand out in a pool of applicants as I move forward with a career. Loras' applied analytics program made sense while still being able to compete," she explained. "The flexibility only made it easier to manage. I initially thought I would complete the program in one year while running cross country and track. It was all a bit much. Switching to the two-year program enabled me to spread things out more and make it manageable."

While she doesn't have a firm vision of where she wants her applied analytics degree to take her, Kaylee feels good about how the program prepares her for success.

"Wherever I work, I want them to trust me to lead and develop projects that benefit the company. The program gives a broad range of experiences, and I see so many aspects that will apply to a job in the future," she shared.

Loras is now accepting applications for this degree and many other graduate and professional development programs for spring '24.

Apply for free at loras.edu/apply.



ANDREW RYAN ('99) WINS JOURNALISM AWARD

An investigative reporter for *The Boston Clobe*, **Andrew Fyan** ('99) has been named a 2024 fellow at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University. Nieman Fellowships brings journalists from around the world to Harvard for a year. Ryan will study how reinvigorated accountability reporting at the local level could be used to establish fresh footholds in news deserts. This will include examining whether artificial intelligence might help augment local investigative reporting.

Loras Launches New Website

The Loras College website received a fresh new look just in time for the fall recruitment cycle. The relaunched loras.edu went live in August and showcases a modern redesign improving the user experience for prospective students and families.

With an intuitive interface optimized for mobile, enhanced navigation, and improved search, the new site offers streamlined access to information on Loras' fifty-plus academic programs, student life, admission, financial aid, and more. According to the VP of Marketing and Strategic Communications Demeri Mullikin, "This website redesign has been eighteen months in the making, with campus-wide input to ensure Loras is represented in the best light. We aimed to create an engaging gateway highlighting all Loras has to offer."

Loras looks to continue expanding its reach and attracting students seeking a supportive, rewarding college experience with this new website.

Glad You Asked: What is the Synod on Synodality?

On the first episode of this season's US Catholic's podcast, Glad You Asked, theology professor Amanda Osheim helps clarify what the Synod on Synodality is all about.

Osheim is the Endowed Professor of the Breitbach Catholic Thinkers and Leaders program and professor of Practical Theology at Loras. Her publications include A Ministry of Discernment: The Bishop and the Sense of the Faithful and Stepping Towards a Synodal Church. Her research interests include the Holy Spirit, the church, and ministry.

Glad You Asked podcast is available on Apple, Google, Spotify.

De la Mora, Perez HONORED at National LULAC Conference

Emily De la Mora ('26) and Sergio Perez ('13) were presented with awards at the ninety-fourth League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) National Convention and Exposition in recognition of their leadership abilities. Both are selected from a national pool of young adult/collegiate chapters.

De la Mora was recognized as the National LULAC Sweetheart, given to an eighteen- to twenty-nine-yearold woman that embodies the best of the LULAC code and is seen as a developing leader who is respected by her peers within her council.

Perez, Loras' director of the Center for Inclusion and Advocacy, was recognized as the LULAC National Advisor of the Year for his work advising Loras LULAC Council #380.

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The Loras Promise

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Education

Loras is known for producing leaders ready to shape a changing world from classrooms to boardrooms, parishes to hospitals. Our students attribute their achievements to life-changing mentors, enduring friendships, and the generous support of alumni through scholarships.

Loras is consistently regarded as one of the most affordable private colleges in the Midwest. We are here to help prospective students understand the true cost of a college education, its associated costs, and how to compare costs across different colleges.

Through the Loras Promise, we offer generous merit scholarships for all first-year students as well as a tuition-free education for students who are eligible for the Iowa Tuition Grant and the Pell Grant.

TUITION-FREE PROMISE

Iowa residents eligible to receive the Pell Grant and Iowa Tuition Grant will have their full tuition need met by the Loras Promise. First-year students must meet the criteria listed below. Qualifying students are not required to live on campus.

Expand the Flock!

GENEROUS MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Prospective first-year students receive a merit scholarship of up to \$24,000 based on academic achievements. Providing generous merit scholarships through the Loras Promise and high-impact educational experiences will set students up for greater success in the workplace following graduation.



SIX NEW DUHAWKS ENTER HALL OF FAME

Loras College Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed six new members in an enshrinement ceremony over Homecoming. The 2023 Hall of Fame inductees include five former student-athletes: women's cross country and track and field's **Mary Bridget (Corken) Deutsch** ('10), men's cross country and track and field's **Ben Grant** ('08), women's soccer's **Kate (Young) Irwin** ('12), football's **Julius Robinson** ('98), wrestling's **Rick Healey** ('01), and contributor **Greg Cumbel** ('67).

ATHLETICS EARNS HIGHEST LEARFIELD RANKINGS IN SCHOOL HISTORY

Loras College Athletics placed twenty-third overall in the LEARFIELD Directors' Cup Standings for the 2022-23 academic year, improving one spot after ranking twenty-fourth on this list last year.

The LEARFIELD Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in NCAA Championships.

The Duhawk athletic programs combined to score 612.5 points, including 161 points during the recent spring semester. Women's outdoor track and field, which earned a runner-up finish at the

NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field National Championships, earned ninety of those points while the men's outdoor team earned forty-six points for a twenty-fifth-place finish in the country. Additionally, Duhawk baseball contributed twenty-five points after advancing to the NCAA Division III National Tournament for the first time in program history.

BASEBALL MAKES DEBUT IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

For the first time in program history, Loras College baseball earned a spot in the NCAA tournament after an undefeated tournament run earned them the American Rivers Conference Tournament title.

Despite bowing out in the first round, the tournament appearance punctuated a successful season for the squad.

Seven players were named to the A-R-C All-Conference teams: Max McCallum ('25), Dakota Church ('23), Daniel Rogers ('24), Ethan Peters ('23), Tyler Pransky ('23), Nick DiBenedetto ('24) and Cody Sunny ('26). In addition, three were named as College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District selections: Max Cullen ('23), McCallum, and Pransky. The season also saw head coach Carl Tebon achieve his 600th career win.

FRIENDS RETURN WITH THE NEXT GENERATION

When COVID spread across the globe, **Mark Wojtowicz** ('99), was already feeling the crush of the corporate grind in Chicago and thinking of ways to reset his thinking. He thought back to his time as a counselor at Loras All-Sports Camp.

"I needed a palette cleanser and thought if I go back to camp, I can find something that I know has heart and lean into the values and nostalgia. I had previously filled out the application to work as a coach but never sent it in. When COVID hit, that is when I really started getting serious."

The pandemic also affected Rich Weitz. His twin daughters were old enough to attend their first camp in 2021 but missed out when it was canceled. A Dubuque native now living in Kansas City, Weitz attended the camp while growing up and wanted his kids to have the same experience. In 2022, his daughters attended for the first time, and Rich assisted as a coach.

This past summer, Mark joined Rich as a coach. They were not alone as two other coaching positions were filled by their good friends **Tom Kettmann** ('97) and **Mike Poleski** ('98), two other former All-Sports Camp counselors excited to share the experience with their friends and children.

"It was always a goal of mine, if I had a family, to come back for a week while they attended the camp. We all had a similar mindset," Mike said. "One by one, the four of us aligned on things this year." All-Sports Camp left an indelible impression on all four men when they were younger. For Rich, the atmosphere and meaning behind the camp meant a lot. Mike and Tom's camp experience shaped their career paths working with youth. Mike has taught for the past twenty-two years and works in the Cicero, Illinois School District. Tom is in Marion, Iowa, and works as a school counselor.

Mark explained, "We have all had a similar experience when we try to explain to our friends what we are doing, they kind of nod and say okay, but in the back of their minds, they are thinking, 'What are you doing?' It's not their fault, they can't possibly know the little things we experienced here that make it so meaningful. That makes us feel even more connected. We are on the inside of something special. We are in the right place."

"It has really been great for all of us. We are having fun. Our kids are having fun. The plan is to continue doing this each year," Rich said.

"Being at Loras is about relationships. That is why students come here for college. It is also why kids come back for the camp each year—creating relationships where everyone meets new people, has fun, and pulls in the same direction. That is why Loras is such a fantastic place; it has the same values interwoven all the way through," Tom shared.

LORAS ALL-SPORTS CAMP BY THE NUMBERS

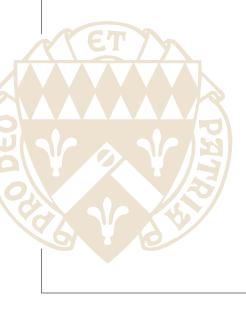
CAMPERS

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COACHES & COUNSELORS

5 SPORTS OFFERED

Who We Are Ioras.edu/about



Over the last eighteen months, Loras has aligned our institutional story and core messages. While reaffirming our mission, vision, values, and dispositions, we've established a new brand promise and tagline to confidently communicate Loras' identity and offerings to prospective students and families.

Prospective students seek the enriching experience Loras provides—the same experience many alumni cherish. We know the power of alumni advocacy and hope to equip our alumni as brand ambassadors with our new messaging below.

Duhawks' willingness to support Loras and share fond memories is invaluable. We remain grateful to alumni for passing on Loras' transformative role in their lives. Your stories introduce new generations to the welcoming place we proudly call home.

BRAND PROMISE

Loras prepares you to seek truth through faith and reason, grow personally and intellectually, to enrich the lives of those around you.

TAGLINE

Learn. Serve. Lead.

Hallmarks of a Loras College Education

THE LORAS EXPERIENCE Rooted in the transformative power of learning, Loras creates an atmosphere where faith, reason, and scholarship can seamlessly connect. Motivated by our Catholic faith, Loras provides a culture of compassion and care for each other and participates in each other's lives.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION Loras helps you strengthen the connections between theory and practice from the very beginning. You will communicate with confidence, think critically, write with clarity, research with accuracy, and dialogue with respect.

COMMUNITY FOR ALL Loras is committed to creating an environment where every member is beloved and accepted. Grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition and guided by Catholic social teaching, the Loras community supports diversity, equity, and inclusion, creating a culture of mutual respect and understanding for one another. This is a shared vision and a shared responsibility inspired by the life of Jesus.

FIND YOUR VOCATION The search for your vocation is not just a destination but a lifelong pursuit that prepares you for a meaningful and fulfilling future. You are empowered to pursue your interests and positively impact the world through engaging classes, meaningful extracurricular activities, and deep connections with faculty and fellow students.

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION Loras values your education, so we offer a high-quality education that delivers a strong return on investment. We partner with every student and family to understand your unique financial needs. We work to offer the best financial aid package from the outset.

FOREVER A DUHAWK Being a Duhawk means you have a lifelong connection with an incredible community. At Loras, you are surrounded by others committed to participating in your life, willing to act on your behalf, and share in your successes and challenges.

CITY OF BIG POSSIBILITIES Dubuque is a vibrant city located along the bluffs of the Mississippi River. It is a significant hub in the tristate region, providing additional advantages, including proximity to rural communities and major cities and access to a broad range of culture, entertainment, employment, and recreation.

REPEATEDLY RANKED **TOP** BACHELOR COLLEGE IN THE NATION

Washington Monthly

98% OF GRADS EMPLOYED OR IN GRADUATE SCHOOL WITHIN 1 YEAR 2022 Undergraduates

> LULAC IOWA'S FLAGSHSIP

COLLEGIATE COUNCIL LEAGUE of UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

72% GRADUATES

HAD ONE+ INTERNSHIP, CLINICAL OR PRACTICUM

Loras College

CONSISTENTLY RATED A BEST VALUE AMONG PRIVATE COLLEGES IN IOWA US News

1839

IOWA'S FIRST COLLEGE Loras College

TOP 100

BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN THE US Livability.com 2022













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Duhawk Day wednesday March 6, 2024



Legacy Ball FRIDAY May 10, 2024







U.S. News Ranks Loras as

Twelfth Best REGIONAL COLLEGE

The 2024 U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges rankings ranked Loras twelfth best regional college from a twelve-state region. Eligible schools are ranked on academic excellence, including assessment of excellence, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving.

TOP 25 Catholic Colleges in America

Ranked by Niche

Ranked number twenty-three out of 160 in Niche's Best Catholic Colleges in America list. Loras also earned high marks among Iowa colleges, ranking #4 as Best Small College in Iowa and #4 Best Student Life in Iowa. The 2024 ranking is based on Niche's academic, admission, financial, and student life data analysis for 4,048 colleges and universities.

