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President's Letter



When I was a Jesuit Volunteer, the only “technology” that I brought with me was an alarm clock, a multiband radio, and a wrist watch. In our JV house, we had a stereo and a television, both of which were understood to be there for common use and enjoyment.

To be accurate, we actually had three TVs, stacked one on top of the other in a tower around five feet high. All of them were needed for us to actually see and hear one of the four channels available to us at the time. The base was a big, nonfunctioning, early 1970s-era console made when televisions were thought of as furniture. On top of that was a 19-inch black-and-white portable TV. It received sound, but the picture tube was blown. The topmost set was a 13-inch color portable that had very poor sound but, when the rabbit ears were adjusted, had a clear picture. We sat close together so that everyone could see as we laughed over a young David Letterman’s “Top Ten” each night.

JVC has, for a long time, asked incoming JVs to be thoughtful and intentional about what possessions they bring with them and how they plan to use them once they arrive. Through the tenets of simple living and community, JVs are asked to prioritize interpersonal interactions with others around them over individual entertainment. The challenge for JVs today is to be able to fully engage the people around them when it is so easy to remain connected to friends and family in other parts of the world.

This was not much of an issue for us in 1981. There were no iPads, iPhones, or i-anything for that matter. Portable DVD players, laptops, and the World Wide Web weren’t invented yet. For entertainment, we had our stereo and the TV tower. For communication, we had one land-line phone and very high long-distance rates, which kept our conversations with friends and family to a minimum. With so many more choices available to today’s JV, it has become more complicated to navigate the technology landscape.

That’s not to say there isn’t a place for discussion of the proper use of technical innovation in each generation. I remember long discussions about the appropriateness of microwave ovens, as they were just starting to be marketed to consumers, for JV communities. (Not that we had one, mind you, but just in case...)

Technology, like all things, is good, but its usage will determine its value in our lives. Through the Internet, we can waste hours playing Farmville on Facebook, or empower each other to work for change in the world. In this issue, we meet three current and recent JVs who wrestled with finding technology’s place in their own JVC experiences.

On a program note, we welcome 340 new JVs who bring their talent and energy to a myriad of agencies, schools, and organizations where they will serve the vulnerable and marginalized. They are in 40 U.S. locations and 6 countries overseas. JVC has opened a new community in Scranton, and, after many years of absence, we’ve returned to Kansas City and Albuquerque.

As with all beginnings, this year holds so many possibilities. I hope you share my excitement in traveling this new path together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin O'Brien
President

Get Your Geek On

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps has been making more and more use of new media to help set the world on fire. As communications styles change, we too must adapt and make use of the tools available to reach out to others.

At the time of publication, JVC’s Facebook page is nearing 4,000 fans. With stories on the blog, videos on YouTube, photographs on Flickr, and connections on LinkedIn, friends of JVC have many ways to learn about the great work that Jesuit Volunteers are doing across the world.

This year, for the first time, our three recruiters will incorporate tablet computers into their work. From displaying slideshows of JVs during on-campus service fairs to sending follow-up emails to prospective JVs, the recruiters will be more efficient with their interpersonal outreach through usage of cutting-edge mobile devices.

After all, the role of technology is to help improve our lives, not to dictate how we live.

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SCENES FROM THIS YEAR'S ORIENTATION

Across the country, this year's Jesuit Volunteers gathered at orientations.



BALTIMORE



DETROIT



HOUSTON



INTERNATIONAL



SANTA CLARA

JVC MISSION STATEMENT

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps offers women and men an opportunity to work for justice and peace. It sends Jesuit Volunteers for a year or more to live with and serve the poor and marginalized in the U.S. and developing countries. JVs live simply, in community, immersed in Ignatian spirituality. The experience opens the JVs to be conscious of the poor, attuned to the causes of social injustice, and dedicated to service informed by faith. JVC helps Former Jesuit Volunteers nurture this orientation throughout their lives.

From the Field

JV Photography Contest

JVC's 2011 Photography Contest invited Jesuit Volunteers to submit their best photographs that illustrate one of JVC's four core values. Here are the four winning JVs and their photos. Congratulations to all!



Spirituality

Submitted by Clare Coda
(Philadelphia '10)

For spirituality night, the Philadelphia JVs wrote their prayers, dreams, and goals for the New Year on paper, which then became Japanese paper cranes.



Community

Submitted by Meg Hannigan
(Los Angeles '09, Washington '10)

Meg Hannigan and her Los Angeles '09 community—Emily Mannix-Slobig, Liz Casey, Christine Chevallier, and Meg Davidson—enjoy the beauty of Yosemite National Park in California.



Capturing the Four Values

See other submitted contest photos via JVC's Flickr group at
www.flickr.com/groups/jvcphotos.

From the Field



Simple Living

Submitted by Jurell G. Sison
(Detroit '10)

Maria De Le Motte (Detroit '10)
tends the JVC plot in the community
garden in Detroit.



Social Justice

Submitted by Jeremy Shea
(Belize '10)

Allison Schommer's (Belize '10)
music lessons with the neighbor-
hood kids of Punta Gorda never got
further than banging away at the
piano and guitar, but it was still a
great time.



From the Field

2011 Jesuit Volunteers Fun Facts

340 JVs are living in community and working at their placement sites, including international JVs completing their second years of service.

5 PROGRAM OFFICES WITH NUMBER OF JVs SUPPORTED

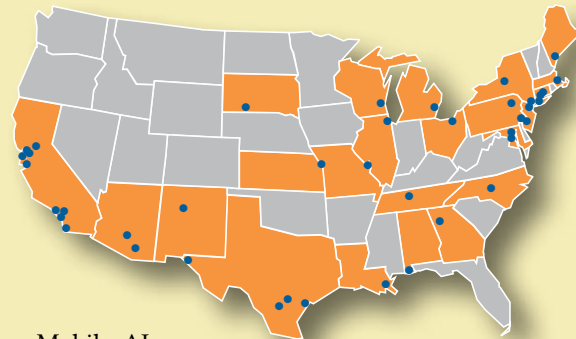
Baltimore 90	International 57
Detroit 48	Santa Clara 84
Houston 61	

SCHOOLS THAT HAVE 5 OR MORE ALUMNI AS NEW JVs

Boston College 24	Marquette University 15
College of the Holy Cross 16	Providence College 5
Creighton University 12	Regis College 6
Davidson College 5	Saint Joseph's University 8
Fordham University 20	Saint Louis University 8
Georgetown University 8	Santa Clara University 10
Gonzaga University 15	Seattle University 11
John Carroll University 5	University of Notre Dame 6
Loyola Marymount University 12	University of Portland 6
Loyola University Maryland 8	University of San Diego 9
	Villanova University 9

UNITED STATES
23 STATES **40** CITIES **49** JV COMMUNITIES

Albuquerque, NM
 Atlanta, GA
 Austin, TX
 Baltimore, MD
 Berkeley, CA
 Boston, MA
 Bridgeport, CT
 Brooklyn, NY
 Camden, NJ
 Chicago, IL (2)
 Cleveland, OH
 Detroit, MI
 El Paso, TX
 Hartford, CT
 Houston, TX (2)
 Kansas City, MO
 Los Angeles, CA (3)
 Milwaukee, WI



Mobile, AL
 Nashville, TN
 New Orleans, LA (2)
 New York, NY (2)
 Newark, NJ
 Oakland, CA
 Philadelphia, PA
 Phoenix, AZ (2)
 Portland, ME
 Raleigh, NC
 Sacramento, CA (2)
 Saint Francis, SD
 Saint Louis, MO
 San Antonio, TX
 San Diego, CA
 San Francisco, CA
 San Jose, CA
 Santa Clara, CA
 Scranton, PA
 Syracuse, NY
 Tucson, AZ
 Washington, DC (2)

20 JVs are serving in the U.S. for a second year.

INTERNATIONAL
6 COUNTRIES **13** JV COMMUNITIES



Belize (2) Micronesia (3)
 Chile (1) Nicaragua (2)
 Peru (2) Tanzania (3)

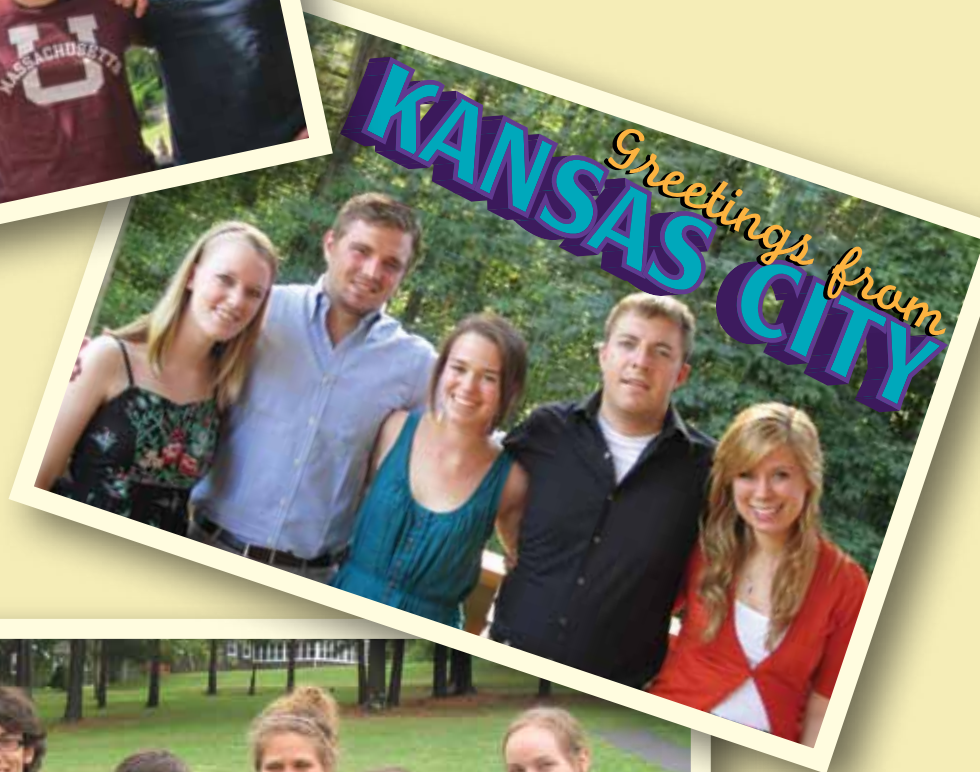
Welcome to Our New JV Communities

From the Field



ALBUQUERQUE

Aida Stuck, *Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe*
Katie Scally, *Love in the Name of Christ, Inc. of South Albuquerque*
Javier Trejo, *La Plaza de Encuentro Gathering Place*
Nick Keeler, *Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe*
Nate Tye, *St. Martin's Hospitality Center*



KANSAS CITY

Celia Fox, *Bishop Ward High School*
David Miller, *Donnelly College*
Ali Shumway, *Migrant Farmworker Project*
Dave Watsula, *Operation Breakthrough*
Liz Venatta, *Kansas City Free Health Clinic*



SCRANTON

Seth Einterz, *St. Francis of Assisi
Soup Kitchen*
Catherine Migel, *South Scranton
Catholic Youth Ministry at St. John Neumann
and St. Paul of the Cross parishes*
Myra Miller, *United Neighborhood Centers*
Nancy Sue Moore, *St. Joseph's Center*
Kim Hotchkiss, *St. Joseph's Center*

Going Forth, Online



Social media demonstrated its far-reaching influence earlier this year when organizers from North Africa and the Middle East used Facebook to coordinate demonstrations during the “Arab Spring” movement. On the other side of the globe, less than a month after Hosni Mubarak stepped down as president of Egypt, it was a trend for people in the U.S. to abstain from that same social network as a Lenten fast.

*Technology
and JVC's
Values*

Facebook, like any tool or technology, has no inherent value on its own. It's the way that people interact with it that makes all the difference. In that snapshot in time, both extremes of its power were revealed—a tool for social change or a habit that needs discipline.

"It might help to think of hot technologies like food," said John Staudenmaier, SJ. "Eating is excellent, eating is holy, it's to be treated with reverence. Too much eating and you die. But what is too much?"

Staudenmaier is assistant to the president for mission and identity at the University of Detroit Mercy. He was editor-in-chief of *Technology and Culture* from 1996 to 2010. He also has made presentations at JVC retreats for many years.

As technology becomes more ubiquitous in day-to-day life, today's Jesuit Volunteers are challenged to discern its place within the JVC experience, both at work and in community.

How does God find you?

"That breathless awe [over technology] reduces a person's ability to use it critically," said Staudenmaier. "Instead, you burn incense before it. In the Catholic tradition, you should reserve your incense for God."

It's easy to think of the endless amount of information available via the Internet and wonder how someone can find God through all of the noise. Staudenmaier said it's better to think in reverse. "Since I am immersed in digital media practice, what must God do to help me find my way to the conversions I need?"

Mike O'Sullivan (*South Dakota '10, '11*) has a unique position as a conduit in this divine task. He's a radio DJ for KINI-FM, the Jesuit-operated radio station for St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Lakota Reservation in South Dakota.

"Going into a show, I research each episode to learn more about my own spirituality and slow down and take the chance to reflect on my life." Each of his half-hour episodes takes an average of three to five hours to write, produce, and edit.

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— JOHN STAUDENMAIER, SJ

His shows operate around one theme inspired by the Church calendar or that week's Gospel reading. "When Jesus was baptized at the beginning of the year, I did a show on water," he said. "I talked briefly

media specialist. He encouraged the mission and radio station to start Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter accounts and helped with the redesign of their respective websites, all of which he administrates. The radio station now streams online, making a tiny, local station and its Christian message available to a worldwide audience.

Virtual advocacy

Since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty has been campaigning against it. After 35 years, Gov. Pat Quinn signed the repeal into law on March 9, 2011.

A major challenge in advocacy work is



Mike O'Sullivan is "DJ Sully" for KINI-FM at St. Francis Mission in South Dakota.

about the idea of water and its significance to us and in the Church. Basically, it's my take. I do research for every one of my shows because I'm by no means an expert.

"That's the great thing about having a strong Jesuit community here, because I can ask for their advice and insight, which I've done for many of the shows."

O'Sullivan is also the resident social

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twitter.com/ICADP



*Katie Holihan (center) and her colleagues were congratulated via cell phone by Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of *Dead Man Walking* and a leading advocate to end capital punishment.*

PEOPLE MAY NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE MAKING PHONE CALLS OR WRITING LETTERS, BUT WITH THE 'CLICK FOR ACTION' OPTION, THEY CAN EASILY CONTACT REPRESENTATIVES.

– KATIE HOLIHAN

gathering people and building momentum behind your cause. For more than three decades, the coalition organized rallies and letter-writing campaigns. It published a newsletter and eventually email alerts.

When Jeremy Schroeder came on board as executive director about two years ago, they added Facebook and Twitter to their toolbox. Emails were redesigned as action-alerts that connected their supporters with their local state representatives.

"So many people know their federal representatives, but don't know their state-level representatives," said Katie Holihan (*Chicago '10*). "Rather than sending out a newsletter or using other more traditional tools, we can connect people directly with their representatives. People may not feel comfortable making phone calls or writing letters, but with the 'click for action' option, they can easily contact them."

These new tools expanded the coalition's reach well beyond its existing constituents in Illinois. As organizing coordinator, Holihan was in regular communications with supporters from around the state and Amnesty International. "We were able to get 12,000 calls to the governor between the legislature passing the bill and the governor signing it into law." Some of those calls came from as far away as France, Israel, and Ireland.

As large as the movement became, it was still the product of single individuals taking many individual, yet common, actions. "A lot of the legislative advocacy

work was isolated. Action alerts asked people to make phone calls or send an email, steps that can take place at a desk."

It's a far cry from the rallies of days past, when after protesting together, everyone went out to lunch. The act of physically rallying and lobbying with other people created community that extended beyond politics. Though there was much to gain in effective organizing, the social aspect has been dwindling. Technology has played a large role in that shift.

Simplicity in the darkness

In his retreat talks, Staudenmaier regularly encourages JVs to fast from electricity. "You have to reverently fast from a very powerful dimension of your affective life. It has to be done humbly. Fasting from consumption is good when doing a holy thing. JVC is a holy thing."

JVs have approached him over the years and told him about incorporating electricity fasts into their spirituality or community nights. "What they found was they stayed together because it's no fun being by yourself alone in the dark."

Caroline Burns (*Micronesia '09*) and her JV community in Chuuk, Micronesia, have experienced life without electricity. The power is rationed to one half of the island at a time with an unpredictable schedule.

"It increases the intimacy of our time together. At times we'll eat dinner and don't have lights, so we sit in the darkness. It makes dinner quieter and affects our mood. It does bind us a lot more."

International JVs are asked to not bring cell phones with them, but they are permitted to bring laptops and often have access to Internet. In Micronesia, the JVs have a dial-up connection that requires a phone card to access, but it is still a relative luxury. Burns and her community members struggle to reconcile that with JVC's values.

"Chukeese friends walk into our apartment and right away they're overwhelmed by five laptops, five iPods, and five cameras—all in one household. It's absurd. It's definitely not living in solidarity

TODAY'S TOOLS LOOK DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF ST. IGNATIUS, BUT THEY CAN BE USED TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD.

with the people we serve. We've talked about it as a community and at times feel hypocritical to have these things that aren't found in the average Micronesian home."

In that regard, Staudenmaier said, "Simple living cannot mean pretending for a year to be like the people that you encounter who have never had the shot at life that you've had. It's an attempt to get closer to imagining that the people with whom we work are our peers. The main point is that through simple living you're able to see the world of the people with whom you work more truly."

Fluidity of community

For the majority of human history, people defined their communities in terms of geography, like a neighborhood. As communication technology increases in speed and capability, the miles between people don't hinder maintaining relationships.

"You can have friendships and bring them with you wherever you go in life," said Staudenmaier. "It gives people a sense of security in a very fluid world."

The nature of full-time service requires JVs to be resilient. Moving to a new city, living in a house with strangers, having

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- CAROLINE BURNS

serious responsibilities at work, and living on a stipend are all things that, individually, are stressful. Recognizing this, JVC's program helps JVs build connections and rely upon each other as support.

"Can you give your attention to the humans with whom you're living? It's easy not to," said Staudenmaier. "It's one of

the challenges of JV communities. Do you take your attention away from your social networks for long enough times that you give your community mates a chance to become important to you?"

In South Dakota, the JVs don't just live together, they all work at the mission, too. O'Sullivan explained, "We all check our Facebook daily, but won't stay on it too long. We're pretty conscious of it. I think it's different for us compared with other JV communities. Because we're isolated, we don't have the same options to meet up with another JV community easily or even go out to a café in town. I think we use it as an escape or just to connect with other people. Everyone needs a little away time and that's not always an option."

Holihan's community regularly coordinated monthly meet-ups with Cleveland, Nashville, and other nearby communities through Facebook. "We definitely have a closer connection with other JV communities than what was possible 10 years ago."

"A challenge is that everyone is really

far from home, so we need to keep in touch with family and friends. If you're still in close contact with friends from home, then you're less present here," she said.

"There are times when it's isolating and there are times when it's life giving. As a community, we try to be conscious of it."

Setting the world aflame

In the 16th century, St. Ignatius could have not imagined today's technological capabilities. Gutenberg started printing his bibles only about 50 years before Ignatius was born. Communication moved at the speed of the messenger.

Yet his words, "Go forth and set the world aflame," still have weight to inspire generations. Today's tools look different than those of St. Ignatius, but they can still be used to find and share the Word of God.

As technology continues to evolve, JVC's core values—spirituality, simple living, community, and social justice—will help JVs provide context for the ever-changing landscape. 🌍



Caroline Burns and her fellow JVs in Micronesia gather around a laptop to watch a movie after the power has been turned off.

DEVELOPMENT Notes

An Interview with Colleen Kerrisk *JV Finds Funds From Facebook Friends*

Colleen Kerrisk was a Jesuit Volunteer in 2010 at *Proyecto Pastoral* in Los Angeles, California, and serves her second year at *For Love of Children* in Washington, D.C. Like all of the incoming JVs, she asked others to help sponsor her through the annual *Send Me to Serve* campaign. Prior to her first JV year, Kerrisk reached out to her friends through Facebook and quickly reached her goal.

What first brought you to JVC?

I was involved in campus ministry at Georgetown from my freshman year and I learned about JVC from a few Former Jesuit Volunteers who worked there. I thought, "Oh! I could do this. JVC could be the way to continue my Jesuit education outside of the classroom."

Tell me a bit about your strategy with Send Me to Serve.

The problem for me was that I had done service projects in college that required fundraising and I didn't want to ask my relatives again. I had to think of who else I could ask, and it was my friends. I knew I could only ask them for reasonable amounts of money.

What inspired you to use Facebook?

One day, I looked at my Facebook page and realized that if everyone I was friends



with gave me \$1, I would exceed my goal. I talked through the idea with JVC and felt supported. I created an event on my Facebook page called "Is our Facebook friendship worth \$1?" I sent it to every one of my friends, regardless of who they were or when we last spoke. Using Facebook was an easy way to explain to a lot of people at once what I would be doing in JVC and why it was important to me.

What sort of response did you get?

After just one day, I reached my goal of \$500. After two days, I passed \$700. Facebook spread the word quickly and the Internet made it convenient for my friends to donate, since young people don't want

to send a check. It was a great experience to share what I was going to do and know that I would be supported by friends even though they wouldn't be there with me. I felt blessed. Afterward, I sent an email thanking everyone and announcing my total. I received 78 gifts totaling \$780.

Do you have any advice for new JVs who are fundraising now?

Be bold! Asking for money may not be everyone's cup of tea, but the friends who know you and how important this experience is for you will want to give.

Did you encounter any challenges with technology during your first JV year?

We didn't have Internet access, so it was a challenge to discover how much I relied on the Internet in my daily life. Switching my reliance to my housemates was rewarding and has created a stronger sense of community. Not being connected helped me slow down and focus on what's important. It's ironic when compared to how I used Facebook to fundraise—it was being so connected that helped me be successful. 🌐

If you would like to read more stories from incoming JVs and sponsor a JV's year of service, visit www.jesuitvolunteers.org/sendmetoserve.

THE CORPS OF COMPANIONS

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps exists because of the spirit of generosity. Every year, young adults work for justice with people they've never met before and may never meet again. They embody *agape*, selfless love, and live out the Gospel's teaching.

For decades, JVC has not only been the facilitator for great acts of charity, but also the recipient of them. We rely upon philanthropy to fund half of our operating budget. The consistency of our donors, year after year, is a testament to their belief in the strength and importance of our mission. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Mt 6:21).

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THERE YOUR
HEART WILL
BE ALSO."

(Mt 6:21)

Ignatius called his colleagues his *compañeros* in Christ. Likewise, we introduce the **Corps of Companions**, our recognition society for lead donors. They share JVC's vision and dedicate essential resources so that we can help make manifest God's kingdom here on earth together.

To learn more about becoming a member of the **Corps of Companions**, contact:

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Houston

24th Annual Standard of Christ Award *Honoring Fr. TJ Martinez, SJ, founder and president of Cristo Rey Jesuit Preparatory School of Houston*

The Standard of Christ Award honors those who have made a long-term commitment to faith-filled service to others. The award is given to people who inspire Jesuit Volunteers and serve as role models, ever striving to be contemplatives in action, something that cannot be accomplished in a few acts of kindness or even a year of service, but is lived out over a life time. It is given to philanthropists, educators, activists, and grassroots practitioners who provide services directly to those most in need.

In May, the award was presented to Fr. TJ Martinez, SJ, founder and president of Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston.

Cristo Rey Jesuit is a high school dedicated to providing children with limited access to quality secondary education the opportunity to get into college. JVC has a well-established relationship with Cristo Rey schools across the country. Many current and former Jesuit Volunteers teach at them, as both organizations share common values and a commitment to underserved populations.

Martinez's high energy and vibrant personality is energizing to the people he works with, be they Jesuit Volunteers, Cristo Rey staff and students, or members of his local community. 🌍



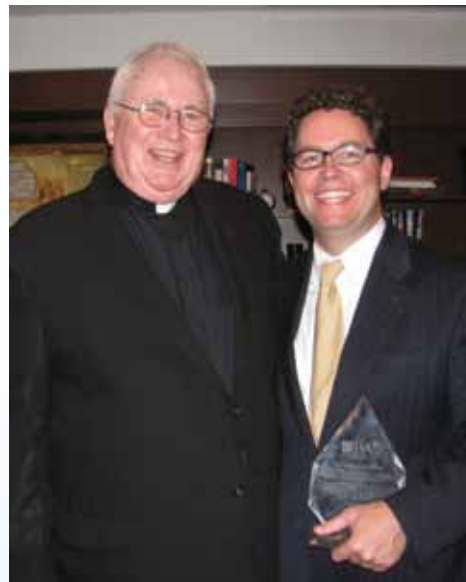
Richard Hogan (Baltimore '81), a JVC board member, presents TJ Martinez with this year's Standard of Christ Award.

Chicago

Padre Juan Award

Honoring Joshua Hale (Marshall Islands '95), executive director of the Big Shoulders Fund

The Padre Juan Award honors Former Jesuit Volunteers and friends of JVC who are inspired by the values of JVC—being spiritual, living simply, building community, and working for justice. This award honors those who strive to transform our world into a place where peace and justice thrive.



Fr. John Foley, SJ, stands with former colleague Joshua Hale (Marshall Islands '95), after he received the first Padre Juan award in June 2011.

Padre Juan, or Fr. John P. Foley, SJ, is a Chicago native who started the first Cristo Rey School in 1995. The award is named after him not only because of the tremendous work he does, but also for the way in which he has accompanied Jesuit Volunteers over the years, challenging and nurturing their growth.

In June, the inaugural recipient was Joshua Hale (Marshall Islands '95), executive di-

rector of the Big Shoulders Fund, an organization that uses its \$40 million endowment to support urban Catholic schools.

Hale was named one of "Chicago's 40 Under 40" by *Chicago Business* in 2010. In five years, he tripled Big Shoulder's donor base and doubled the number of scholarships.

Hale, throughout his career, has embodied JVC's core values to work for justice and create community. Prior to Big Shoulders, he worked with Fr. Foley at the first Cristo Rey School as director of development and public relations. His tireless work contributed to the program's early success. 🌍

News from FJVs

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Facebook and the Jesuit Novices

After a two-year hiatus, **James Ferus, ASJ**, (*West Harlem '07, Portland, OR '08*) may revisit his Facebook profile again. As a very early adopter of the social network, James made frequent use of it until he entered the Jesuit novitiate.

Facebook had a modest start on Harvard's campus in 2004, James' freshman year at the university. "I delayed joining for a few weeks until I succumbed to the peer pressure of my roommates who were comparing how many 'friends' they gained over night."

When he entered the novitiate, he closed his account. Most novitiates restrict the use of communications media so that novices can devote more attention to prayer, ministry, and community.

"I discovered that my regular usage of these technologies in the past was a perceived dependence, an illusion about how 'connected' I needed to be to lead a fulfilling life. I've learned to be more engaged in the present: to remain focused on a conversation or activity for its duration instead of distracted by incoming messages—a wonderful pastoral and relational skill."

James also found that the experience fostered a greater sense of availability for mission.

"I've become more realistic about the challenges of staying in touch. I've arranged gatherings with friends (who are now spread around the country) when our paths cross, or exchanged occasional emails or phone calls when distance separates us. Ultimately, the majority of my friendships from my pre-Jesuit days have continued to blossom, and I've experienced God's graces through the diverse friends I've made since entering—especially my brother Jesuits."

James took vows as a Jesuit in August 2011. This fall, he will study philosophy at Fordham.

Work & Life

Cleveland JVs and FJVs gathered for an end-of-the-year pot luck dinner at St. Martin de Porres High School.



BACK TO FRONT: **Megan Gergen** ('08), **Deidre Kiefer** ('10), **Renee Borghesi** ('10), **Brenna Davis** ('10), **Tom Kerrigan** ('07), **Emma Ackels** ('10, Portland '09), **Steven Ayala** ('10), **Renee Berlon** (Detroit '07), **Brigid Williams** ('07), **Ellen Stracensky** ('08), **Elizabeth Beldon** ('10), **Stephanie Donatelli** ('10), **Veronica Favela** ('07).

David Banks (*Houston '86*) and his wife, **Martha Castañeda**, participated in a diabetes and hypertension public health screening in Washington, D.C., as part of the national Black Barber-shop program. David is a nurse scientist administrator with the National Institute of Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. They live in Washington, D.C.

Andrea Woods (*Philadelphia '09, Washington '10*) is a 2011 recipient of the Gates Public Law Scholarship from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She begins studying at the University of Washington's School of Law this year.

Kevin McCarthy (*Philadelphia '80*) was ordained to the diaconate on May 21, 2011, by Bishop Timothy McDonnell

at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, Massachusetts. He's assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Springfield as a school counselor.



Kevin with his wife, **Eileen Kirk** (Philadelphia '80).

Nuptials

Maggie Belasco (*Los Angeles '05*) married **Brian Barrett** in April 2011 at Duke University in Durham. They were joined by many Los Angeles FJVs.



LEFT TO RIGHT: **Kate Walsh** ('05), **Chris Mannion** ('05), **Brian, Maggie, Andrew Lynch** ('05), **Alison Cevasco** ('05), **John Stevens** ('05, Sacramento '06, Staff '07-present), and **Michelle Jardine** ('05).

Matthew Havlik (*Nicaragua '05*) and **Julie Frye** (*Nicaragua '04*) were married in the chapel at Seattle University in April 2011. Joining them were fellow Nicaragua FJVs.



BACK TO FRONT: **Joshua Grode**

('06), **James Meinert** ('06), **Mary Densmore** ('06), **Michael Marchesini** ('07), **Mike Gonzalves** ('04), **Holly Fuller** ('03), **Maren Haynes, Vince Prietto** ('04), **Margaret Nuzzolese** ('06, Staff '08-present), **Emily Todd** ('04), **Matthew, Julie, and Adriana Gallardo** ('05).

Kristi Sobbe (*Visalia '93*) married **Brad Richter** in January 2011. Several Fresno FJVs attended their February 2011 wedding reception in St. Louis: **Harry Risetto** ('93), **Liz (Hanifin) O'Driscoll** ('93), **Kristi, Brad, John Callahan** ('93), and **Maria (Tendero) Laberteaux** ('93).

Family

To **Kristin (Love) Boscia** (*Houston '03*) and **Chris Boscia**, **Katherine Love** on June 23, 2011. The family lives in Santa Clara, California, and will be serving as support people to the San Jose JV community this year.



To **Rosemary (Bates) Walsh** (*Kansas City '99*) and **Kevin Walsh** (*Richmond '96*), **Liam** on June 13, 2011.

To **Erin Dwyer Collins** (*San Diego '01*) and **Jim Collins, Nora** on May 4, 2011.

To **Margaret (Goatley) Laracy** (*Jersey City '02*) and **Paul Laracy, Raymond David** on August 18, 2010.

Introducing JVC's New Website

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Tech Note



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Seven Former JVs Enter the Jesuits



Seven Former Jesuit Volunteer novices gathered at the Jesuit Novice History Course in Denver in July 2011.

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Jeff Sullivan (Milwaukee '03), John Guyol (Montana '09), Brad Mills (Bolivia '06), Garrett Gundlach (Portland, OR '09).

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Ted Penton (Raleigh '00), Bobby Karle (Belize '07).

NOT PICTURED: James Ferus (West Harlem '07).

Sullivan, Penton, and Ferus took their first vows in August.

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