



What AFMIX Has Taught Me

As a member of Xavier's Admission Staff, I find myself frequently talking about the value of a Jesuit Education and how Ignatian Spirituality impacts our students, our classrooms, and our entire campus community. I speak about Ignatian Values on a daily basis, but I never thought about how they were influencing me as an employee. AFMIX has given me the opportunity to step back and examine how I can better live the mission that I speak about with students so frequently. It has given me a greater appreciation for Xavier and what we do not only for the students, but also what we do for the entire campus community.

AFMIX was challenging for me because it forced me to make time for many things I would normally push aside. Generally, for me, work comes first. I find that most of my time is spent at, or thinking about, work. Attempting to take time out of my work days not only to attend the weekly AFMIX meetings, but to reflect or do readings was a struggle that I am still working on. But through the small groups and talking with other AFMIXers I was able to gain a little flexibility and realize the importance of taking time for God and for one's self. This is the greatest lesson I will take with me as AFMIX ends.

I look forward to moving forward and continuing to reflect on all that AFMIX has done for me and all that it will continue to do for Xavier.

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