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All Xavier faculty and staff,

I am pleased to share the results of the most recent evaluation of **student mission engagement and Jesuit education**. The positive findings are undoubtedly a reflection of our campus' collective focus on the Ignatian core values and your unique contribution to that focus in ways fitting you and your position. Together, curricular, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular impacts have resulted in transformative outcomes.

About the survey

For almost two decades, as part of the National Survey of Student Engagement survey, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities institutional research teams include an additional 13 questions to assess mission engagement whenever they administer the NSSE to first year (FY) and senior (SR) students; Xavier is on a 3-year cycle. The questions, on a 4-point scale, are:

To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge of the following?

1. Understanding the mission of the institution
2. Devoting effort to help others in need
3. Leading by example
4. Increasing your awareness of the relationship between global and local issues
5. Actively working to further social justice
6. Defining your own values and beliefs
7. Demonstrating respect for others' differences
8. Actively working toward a more inclusive community
9. Ability to look critically at society and its institutions
10. Making ethical decisions in personal situations
11. Making ethical decisions in professional situations
12. Understanding the Jesuit principle of being men and women for others
13. Making connections between your intellectual and spiritual life

Response rates for the 2020 survey were robust with 43% of first-year students and 32% of seniors responding; the Jesuit comparison sample this year consisted of students from:

Boston College

Canisius College

College of the Holy Cross

Fairfield University

Gonzaga University

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University New Orleans

Loyola University Chicago

John Carroll University

Marquette University

Saint Louis University

Saint Peter's University

Seattle University

University of San Francisco

University of Scranton

Results*

First Years

Highest scores were on:

Demonstrating respect for others' differences

Defining your own values and beliefs

Actively working toward a more inclusive community

Most improved from 2014

Actively working toward a more inclusive society

Increasing your awareness of the relationship between global and local issues

Statistically higher compared to Jesuit peers

Understanding the Jesuit principle of being men and women for others

Seniors

Highest scores were on:

Demonstrating respect for others' differences

Making ethical decisions in personal situations

Making ethical decisions in professional situations

Highest compared to 2020 FYs

Making ethical decisions in personal situations

Making ethical decisions in professional situations

Most Improved since 2014

Actively working towards a more inclusive society

Making connections between your intellectual and spiritual life

Statistically higher compared to Jesuit peers

Actively working towards a more inclusive community

Making connections between your intellectual and spiritual life

Understanding the Jesuit principle of being men and women for others

Demonstrating respect for others' differences

Overall

FY mean scores increased for 9/13 knowledges from 2014

FY mean scores were higher than Jesuit peers for 8/13 knowledges

SR mean scores increased for 12/13 knowledges from 2014

SR mean scores were higher than Jesuit peers for 12/13 knowledges

Thank you for your talents and contribution to developing tomorrow's leaders "intellectually, morally, and spiritually" through the Gifts of the Ignatian Heritage.

Kind regards,



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