

## Ignatian Educators of Distinction Capstone Project

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It is a true privilege to be responsible for the creation and execution of the Manresa New Student Orientation program and one I do not take lightly. I am charged with ensuring incoming students are provided with crucial information, opportunities to form community, and a foundation for what it means to attend a Jesuit institution, to give every Xavier student the chance to succeed. The latter has ebbed and flowed in how the program educates students on the Jesuit values that Xavier holds. However, through language surrounding Ignatian Belonging, as well as the opportunity I was given to critically think through how the program currently displays those values, I hope to make that education even more apparent this upcoming Manresa cycle.



In countless ways Manresa displays the following values: cura personalis, service rooted in justice and



love, solidarity & kinship, and reflection.

However, those values are only apparent if you know to look for them and have the definitions of each value readily available. Neither of which are likely to happen with new first years. I am lucky to have a captive audience of 164 extremely passionate orientation leaders who love everything Xavier and want nothing more than to know how they can better assist incoming first years. Thus, through our intensive 4-day training model, I plan to ensure that as each event and small group is explained, the value

it relates to is also shared with the leaders.

As I shared in my presentation, Manresa runs through a peer-to-peer learning model, where highly-trained student leaders are responsible for sharing the majority of the content. This also means that through our training, it's likely that these student leaders also learn something new. I hope that through my own reflections during this seminar, I can better educate both current Xavier students and incoming students that the Xavier community is committed to living its mission and values. That all starts with Manresa.