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MATTHEW LYNCH, PRESIDENT: Mr. Lynch began his career in education as a teacher at federal prisons in Virginia and Maryland. He later taught and coached at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, a Nativity-model middle school in Baltimore. Upon returning to his hometown of Chicago, Mr. Lynch worked as a teacher and administrator at St. Ignatius College Prep. While at St. Ignatius, Mr. Lynch helped create the St. Ignatius Higher Achievement Program, a middle-school enrichment program for students from underserved backgrounds. Mr. Lynch holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Georgetown and a Master of Business Administration from Washington University. He has worked as an educational consultant to Lindbergh High School and Our Little Haven. Mr. Lynch is a past recipient of the Kraft Medal (1998) and the Landegger Grant (1998) for “outstanding service to the community, the nation, and the world.” More recently, Mr. Lynch received the 2007 St. Josaphat Parish Unity Award for “commitment and dedication to Christian unity and the community at large” and was named one of the Community Renewal Society's 35 under 35.

KEVIN ZAJDEL, ED. D., PRINCIPAL: Dr. Zajdel has a B.A. in English from St. Meinrad College (Indiana); an M.S.Ed. in Secondary Education from Indiana University (Indiana); and an Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership from National-Louis University (Illinois). The product of sixteen years of Catholic education, Dr. Zajdel has been involved in Catholic schools as a high school teacher, elementary and high school principal, Director of School Personnel Services (for the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago), and Assistant Professor in Education and Director of Field Experience (at Calumet College of St. Joseph). He holds Administrative and English teaching certification in Illinois, as well as Superintendent, English, and Reading teaching certification in Indiana. Dr. Zajdel’s doctoral research, “*Being There*”: *Voices of Mexican-American Females in an Inner-City Catholic High School*, focuses on the vital role that Catholic schools play for inner-city students. As a current member of the Board of Specified Jurisdiction for St. Dorothy’s School, Dr. Zajdel brings a working knowledge of inner-city school issues. An advocate for promoting state-of-the-art Catholic education, Dr. Zajdel brings theoretical knowledge and practical application experience to Chicago Jesuit Academy. Dr. Zajdel is also a volunteer conciliator for the Archdiocesan Office of Conciliation.

CATHERINE CASSIDY, VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS & DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Cassidy began her career in sales, marketing and client service, during which she managed many major accounts including Home Depot, Target and General Mills. A graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, Ms. Cassidy views Chicago Jesuit Academy as an opportunity to use her sales skills to make a Jesuit education available to young men who would not otherwise have access to a quality, faith-based education. As a member of Kellogg’s Community Relations Club, Ms. Cassidy volunteers with TAP, a tax assistance program serving the working poor. While earning her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from University of Illinois, she completed a service project to Appalachia and since college has volunteered with Children’s Memorial Hospital as a Kids First Marathon runner and The American Diabetes Association. Ms. Cassidy will complete her MBA from Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Business in 2010.

THOMAS BECKLEY, DEAN OF STUDENT PROGRAMS: Mr. Beckley began his career as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy in 1991. He received a bachelor’s degree in Religion from Columbia University. While serving in Rome, Italy, he completed the first cycles of Philosophy and Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. While traveling throughout Europe, Mr. Beckley developed a fluency in Italian and German. Having completed a Master in Curriculum and Instruction at Loyola University Chicago, Mr. Beckley taught Social Studies at Gordon Technical High School and coached cross-country and track prior to joining the CJA faculty.

DAVID DIEHL, DEAN OF STUDENTS: Mr. Diehl’s career in education began at the Academy of St. Benedict the African in the Englewood section of Chicago. He taught there for four years, teaching in the junior high department and third grade. Additionally, Mr. Diehl served as the physical education instructor for grades K-8, the technology coordinator, and a basketball and baseball coach. He graduated from the Inner-City Teaching Corps program in 2002. Mr. Diehl earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Villanova University and has used that degree to work both in the office and in the field executing design and construction projects. He has since earned his Master of Science in Education degree from Northwestern University. He has been afforded the privilege to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in the United States and Africa.

LAUREN HOGEL, DEAN OF FIFTH-GRADE YEAR OF STUDIES: Ms. Hogel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Education from Northwestern University. As a member of the Inner-City Teaching Corps, Ms. Hogel taught fourth grade at St. Martin de Porres Elementary School on the West Side of Chicago, where she founded and coached the school’s soccer team and assisted with the publication of a junior-high newsletter. Ms. Hogel has served as a counselor for the Books ’n Hoops program at DePaul University and the National Youth Sports Program, an athletic and enrichment program for children from underserved backgrounds. In addition to serving as the assistant for the Summer Service Project Internship program at the University of Notre Dame, Ms. Hogel has participated in and led numerous service learning trips, such as the Appalachia Seminar and Urban Plunge Seminar at Notre Dame. She also traveled extensively throughout Asia and Europe while earning her degree at Notre Dame.

CAELA CARTER, HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR & FACULTY MEMBER: Ms. Carter graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Creative Writing and Philosophy. She was accepted to the Alliance for Catholic Education, a graduate program created by Notre Dame to encourage aspiring teachers to make a contribution to needy Catholic schools, and spent the next two years teaching ninth- and tenth-grade English and Creative Writing at Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, FL. She also coached the district champion cross country and track teams at Bishop Kenny. Ms. Carter has had other experiences with children and young adults, including instructing students enrolled in special education at a summer camp, tutoring in Notre Dame’s Teamwork for Tomorrow program, conducting numerous retreats for teenagers in the Diocese of Metuchen, NJ, and working with criminally at-risk young men in Killarney, Ireland. She received her Master of Education from the University of Notre Dame in May 2006.

CLARA CHU, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE: Ms. Chu earned a Bachelor of Science from Santa Clara University and a Master of Education from Northwestern University. As a member of the Inner-City Teaching Corps, Ms. Chu taught middle school math at a school on the Southside of Chicago. Prior to joining Chicago Jesuit Academy, she taught English to students of all ages in the People's Republic of China. At Santa Clara, Ms. Chu founded Sisters Speak, an organization empowering women of color through social action; volunteered as a coordinator with the Santa Clara Community Action Program; and, served through the Pedro Arrupe Community-Based Learning Project as a coach and tutor at various schools in East San Jose, California.

CHRISTOPHER DWYER, FACULTY MEMBER: Mr. Dwyer attended Marquette University High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Geology at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota. At Macalester he conducted research on the chemistry of fossil dinosaur teeth and captained the basketball team. His undergraduate work in Earth Science has been published in the Geology Society of America. After college, he spent two years in Jesuit Volunteers International living and working on the island of Weno in the Federated States of Micronesia. At Xavier High School, a Jesuit institution, Mr. Dwyer taught English Skills, General Science, Biology, and Calculus. In addition, he coached the Xavier Navigators boys' volleyball and basketball teams, served as the choir director, and assisted with retreat programs.

BRIAN FARMER, FACULTY MEMBER: Mr. Farmer comes to the Chicago Jesuit Academy with a background as an attorney for the Cook County Public Defender's Office. As an attorney, he worked on over 40 criminal trials and was a member of the Forensic Sciences Division, focusing on cases involving scientific evidence such as DNA, fingerprints, and ballistics. Mr. Farmer earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Computer Applications from the University of Notre Dame, a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School, and a Master of Education from Northwestern University.

SARAH FINCH, FACULTY MEMBER: Ms. Finch earned a Master in Education in July 2006 from the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE). During her time in ACE, Ms. Finch taught fifth grade and coached at St. Mary's School in Birmingham, Alabama, and helped to organize ACE teachers' participation in the city's annual marathon. Over 20 ACE teachers ran in the marathon in February 2006, raising \$40,000 to help keep an ACE school in Tucson, AZ, open. While earning a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from the University of Notre Dame, Ms. Finch spent a semester studying and working at the State Department in Washington, DC. During studies at Notre Dame, Ms. Finch participated in many service opportunities including Teamwork for Tomorrow, student government, Summer Service Projects, and Urban Plunge.

JOYCE HATCH, FACULTY MEMBER: Ms. Hatch has much experience working with the development of children with special needs and has traveled extensively around the world working for social justice in global education. Ms. Hatch has a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Northern Illinois University. In addition to building special education departments for autistic children in London and Singapore, Ms. Hatch has co-founded an inner-city organization, "Community Ministers," which facilitates cultural and global awareness of young African-American leaders in West Garfield Park.

MARCY HAUGH, SOCIAL WORK INTERN & PARENT OUTREACH COORDINATOR: Ms. Haugh comes to Chicago Jesuit Academy with a diverse number of experiences working with children and families. After receiving a degree in Education from the University of Illinois, Ms. Haugh volunteered in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) for two years in Juneau, working for Catholic Charities assisting pregnant and parenting teens. While in Juneau, she also served as a

member of the Domestic Violence Task Force, a group of concerned professionals working together to decrease domestic violence and assist victims of abuse. Ms. Haugh volunteered with AmeriCorps during the 2004 school year, implementing literacy interventions at an elementary school in Commerce City, Colorado. Ms. Haugh is pursuing a Master in Social Work, is a member of the Illinois Association of School Social Workers and is participating in the JVC Magis Program.

LISA HEROLD, FACULTY MEMBER: Mrs. Herold earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and Spanish from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. While attending St. Thomas, she studied in Mexico City, Mexico, and Sevilla, Spain. She moved to Houston, Texas, after graduation and spent time learning language and culture through teaching Salvadoran first-grade students. Mrs. Herold continued teaching bilingual classes in Blue Island, IL, then transitioned to teaching fifth grade in Chicago. After taking time to raise children, she returned to teach pre-K through eighth-grade Spanish at the School of St. Mary in Lake Forest, IL.

QUINCY JONES, FACULTY MEMBER: Mr. Jones is a graduate of the Inner-City Teaching Corps (ICTC). Prior to being involved with ICTC, Mr. Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from James Madison University. While a student at James Madison University, he served as a resident advisor in the on-campus residence halls and was involved in Brothers of a New Direction (BOND), established to provide support for minority men as well as fostering cultural awareness throughout the university community. He also worked as a summer counselor at Fort Belvoir military base in northern Virginia. Mr. Jones serves the young men of the Academy as both a fifth-grade Fine Arts teacher and a sixth- and seventh-grade Social Studies teacher. He also coaches the soccer and basketball teams. Mr. Jones is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Education at Northwestern University.

BERNINA SYKES, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Ms. Sykes has more than ten years experience in customer service and office work. She worked as a Financial Representative for Oak Park Hospital for three years where her duties included maintaining contracts with insurance companies, medical billing and maintaining medical records requests. Ms. Sykes previously worked as a claims adjuster and client service representative for United Healthcare and Unicare. Ms. Sykes is pursuing a Bachelor degree at Benedictine University, serves as a member of Toastmaster International (TMI), and has a child currently enrolled at Chicago Jesuit Academy.

DAVID SZYDLOSKI, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES & IT: Mr. Szydoski graduated from DePauw University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and spent a year of volunteer service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Working at the Howard Area Community Center's Employment Resource Center in Chicago, Mr. Szydoski helped adults with job placement and worked to improve their computer-related job skills. The son of a career Army officer, Mr. Szydoski has traveled all over both the United States and the world an experience which developed his continuing interest in learning and meeting new people.