

*August 22, 2023*

Dear Academy Community,

We are underway in our search for the next permanent President of St. Ignatius Loyola Academy. With a job description in hand, several Trustees met earlier this summer with potential search partners. The board selected and hired [DRG Talent](#), a nationally-recognized leader in the field, to assist us with our search. DRG talent experts [Andrew Watson](#) and [Jennifer Fleischer](#) will coordinate the search, with assistance from their research and outreach team members.

Following a recent school visit and community survey, DRG created an [Opportunity Statement](#) to share with prospective candidates. It has been shared broadly through postings on multiple online educational channels, and DRG has been conducting targeted outreach to promising candidates as well. The deadline for all prospective candidates to submit applications is September 27. If you know of someone with the mission-driven skills and experiences required for the position, please encourage them to visit the [DRG website](#) to express their interest.

Based on initial interviews that have already taken place, it seems clear to our consultants that there will be a strong slate of candidates to present to the Search Committee soon after the deadline. Andrew and Jennifer tell us that interested candidates exhibit great eagerness to learn more about the Academy's life-changing mission, Jesuit ideals, and network of generous donors.

To encourage as many candidates as possible to apply, the work of the Search Committee will remain confidential until a set of finalists are chosen. Once selected, the finalists will visit the school individually and there will be opportunities at that time for various community members to meet with them. Our job as a community will be to welcome them with open arms while also vigorously assessing their candidacies.

The Search Committee, aided by the materials produced by the candidates, multiple interviews, references, and feedback from our community survey, expects to make a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees this fall. At that point, the board will decide upon and hire our next permanent President. This is an important and time-consuming task, so please join me in recognizing and thanking my fellow Search Committee members:

- Mary Jo Wiese: current Trustee, former Board Chair, and previously an educator at the Academy
- Ned Insley: current Trustee and Board Chair at the Calvert School
- Rev. Greg Chisholm, S.J.: current Trustee and Superior of the Jesuit community at Loyola University Maryland
- Kyle Taylor '97: current Trustee and Academy alum
- Tony Moag: long-time Academy supporter and current Board Member at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School Baltimore

- Chris Post: Headmaster, The Boys' Latin School of Maryland
- Matthew Lynch: President, Chicago Jesuit Academy

I will write again towards the end of September with an update and soon thereafter with details about the candidate visits.

Go Knights,

Brian Graney

*Chair, Board of Trustees & Search Committee Chair*