

New President is DePaul's First Non-Ordained Leader



Gabriel Esteban, PhD, will serve as the 12th president of DePaul University, effective July

The first lay leader in DePaul's 119-year history, Esteban was unanimously selected after a five-month, international search process. Originally from the Philippines, he is currently the president of Seton Hall University

(New Jersey), a Catholic school with nearly 10,000 students. Through innovative strategies in enrollment management and financial aid, Esteban enhanced the university's reputation in a tough economic environment. In the past five years, Seton Hall invested close to \$150 million on campus infrastructure, while fundraising reached all-time highs, topping \$40 million in the last 18 months alone.

"In the search for DePaul's next president, our committee sought an academic leader and strategic thinker with a deep personal commitment to DePaul's values," says James T. Ryan, chair of the search committee and vice-chair of the board. "Dr. Esteban has the vision and compassion to champion DePaul's distinct educational mission." The University of California, Irvine, recently recognized Esteban as one of its top 50 graduate and postdoctoral alumni. The Carnegie Corporation of New York named him a "Great Immigrant" in 2015, and New Jersey's leading business journal, NJBIZ, included him in its list of the 100 most powerful state leaders in 2016 for the second year in a row.

"DePaul University has an excellent academic reputation, and I am honored to have the opportunity to help shape its future in

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22,502: number of freshman applications received for Fall 2016 **15,407**: number of undergraduate students enrolled in 2016-2017 **2,059**: number of students who elected "test optional" for Fall 2017

Counselor Visit Day: Save the Date

Join us for the annual **Counselor Visit Day** tentatively scheduled for **Friday, December 1** at the Lincoln Park Campus. More information will be available in the fall. partnership with the university community," says Esteban. "The university's mission and values—which are so deeply assumed by the students, faculty and staff—strongly resonate with my own personal beliefs. My family and I look forward to joining the DePaul community."

Esteban earned a BA in mathematics and an MBA at the University of the Philippines, where he met his wife, Josephine. He was the first Philippine recipient of the Fujitsu Scholarship, taking him to Chaminade University in Hawaii, where he earned an MA in Japanese business studies. He holds a PhD in business administration from the University of California, Irvine. His wife holds an MBA from the University of California, Riverside, as well as an MA in economics and a BA in business economics from the University of the Philippines. Their daughter is a medical resident at the University of Chicago.

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CAMPUS UPDATES

Go Blue Demons: DePaul's New Arena Opening in the Fall

In a few months, Wintrust Arena will bring DePaul basketball back to Chicago.

In addition to hosting men's

and women's basketball, the arena will also become a prominent venue for concerts, sporting events, meetings and conventions, and family-friendly shows. The 10,387 seat venue will feature 22 suites, 479 club seats, two VIP club lounges, and the Demon Deck, a designated section for DePaul students with a close-up view of the on-court action. Located at South Indiana Avenue and East Cermak Road, Wintrust Arena will be part of a lively entertainment district.

"We're excited to partner with Wintrust, because our goal from the beginning was to work with a Chicago-based company that shares DePaul's values," says Jeanne Lenti Ponsetto, athletic director. "This project will benefit youth and residents, and its positive impacts will be seen for years to come."

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Information Sessions and Campus Tours

We offer regularly scheduled information sessions and tours of the Lincoln Park Campus Monday through Saturday. Our information sessions, led by an admission counselor, provide an opportunity for prospective students and their families to learn more about academics, student life and the admission process at DePaul. Each Lincoln Park information session lasts one hour and is followed by a campus tour. We also offer Loop Campus tours Monday through Friday. To register,

visit **<u>go.depaul.edu/visit</u>** or call our office at (800) 4-DePaul, extension 57500.

New Majors on the Horizon?

- The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences has two new degree programs in Art: a BFA in Art, Media, and Design and a BA in Art. The BFA includes experiential learning and internships to connect students to the art community and employers in Chicago. In the BA, students can add a second major or a minor—leading the way to job opportunities in art therapy, creative and professional writing, anthropology, public relations/advertising, and community service.
- The College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM) is proposing a BS in Data Science, a new interdisciplinary field that combines elements of computer science, applied math, and information management. The program will include courses in software engineering, applied math, multivariate statistical models, machine learning, data visualization, and data management systems.
- The College of Science and Health is proposing a BA in Data Science. It differs from the BS in Data Science in giving students a broad exposure to the field, while training them in the application of data computational tools and techniques. Students will pursue a minor or a double major in another field of study, thereby providing a contextual experience for the use of data analytics in many areas.
- Note: According to the Bureau of Statistics, the employment of statisticians (a proxy for data analysts) is projected to grow by 27 percent from now to 2022. In the US, there are only a handful of data science programs at the BA level, with none in Illinois. Our goal in launching two data sciences degrees is to exploit a terrific growth opportunity for our students.

ADMISSION UPDATES



Early Action and Regular Notification Deadlines

The early action program (EAP) requires materials to be postmarked by November 15, 2017. Students will be told of an

admission decision by January 15, 2018. The regular notification application deadline is February 1, 2018. Students

applying by then will receive an answer no later than March 15, 2018. Applications received after that will be considered on a space-available basis.

These materials must be submitted: the Common Application, (no other form is allowed), an official high school transcript, test scores (unless the student chooses the "test optional" alternative), and a counselor recommendation. We encourage students to complete an optional essay to give us more insight about their application; applicants may also be required to submit additional materials.

The application deadline for applying to the School of Music is December 1, 2017 or for The Theatre School is February 1, 2018

UPCOMING VISIT DAYS FOR YOUR STUDENTS

Summer Snapshot Visit Days Monday, June 19, 2017 Monday, August 14, 2017

Fall Visit Days: Saturday, October 21 & Saturday, November 4, 2017

Spring Visit Day: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Prospective students learn about admission and financial aid processes, as well as talk to current students and faculty from all our undergraduate colleges. To register, visit **go.depaul.edu/visit** or call (773) 325-7500.

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