

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

SUMMER  
2024



# SUMMER LUAU

During this quarter, the students soak up the California life with fun-filled events such as the Summer Luau! The students celebrated the beginning of the Quarter with their favorite hawaiian/vacation outfits and leis to welcome the new quarter! It was such a fun way to say "aloha" to the summer sun!





# Feast Day Celebration

Spiritual Events Coordinator, Angelo Riodique, held a mini Feast Day celebration in the Chesterton to celebrate the Feast Day of San Juniperro Serra, the patron saint of California! His feast day was celebrated with tons of Mexican treats, cafecitos made by Eduardo Jauregui, and many fun facts about San Juniperro Serra!



*San Juniperro Serra,  
pray for us!*



# Fourth of July Block Party

"After being at the school for 3 quarters, I was able to see what kinds of activities engage students. Surprisingly, there were a lot of elements that went into planning the BBQ even though it was potluck style. I used what I thought would attract more students and let the creativity flow from there. I think my favorite part of planning the 4th of July party was coming up with all the red white and blue decorations to make the space more patriotic and inviting!" – Katharine Roach, Events Coordinator





# Mission Monday

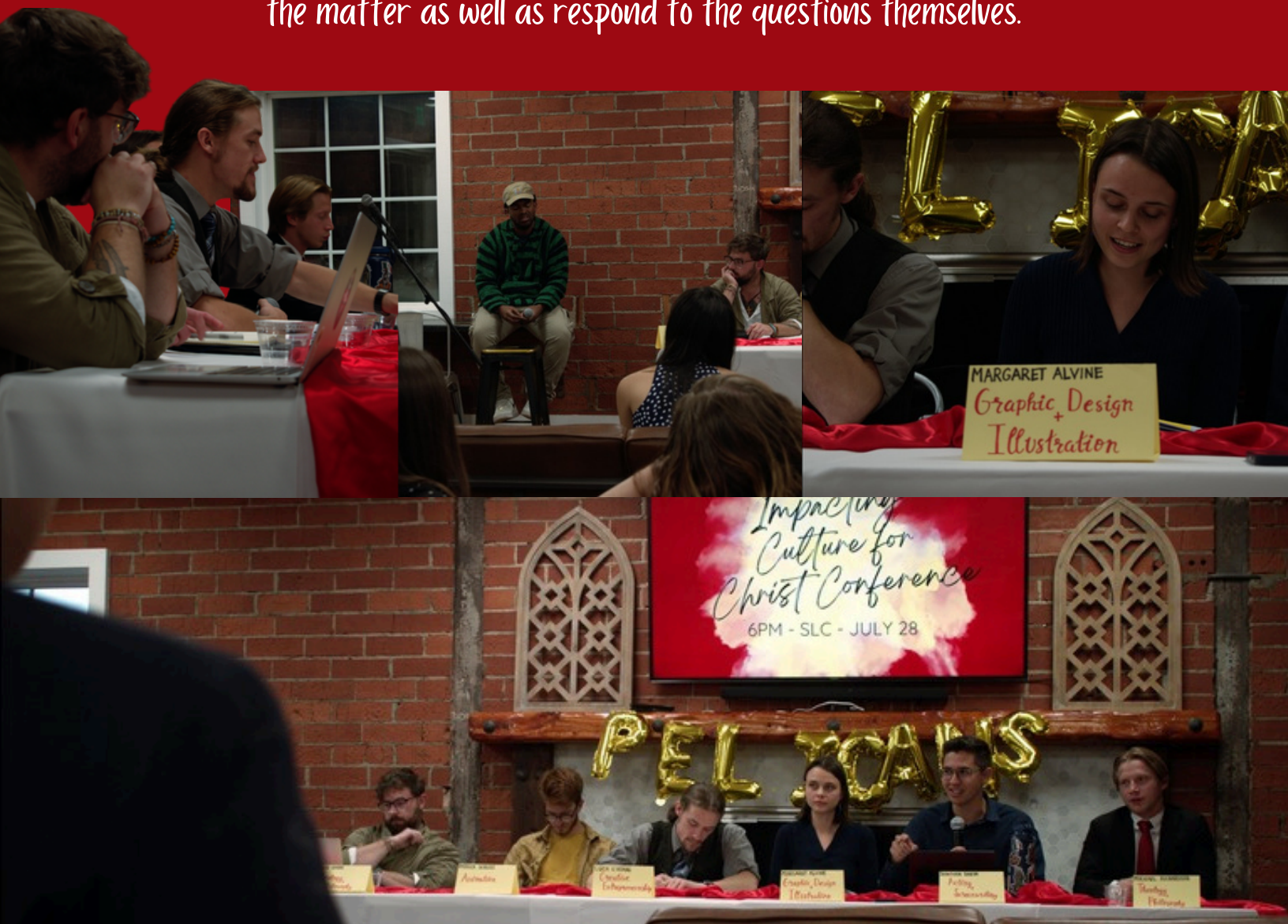
MAKING SACK LUNCHES FOR INTERFAITH



Thank you to all the students who participated in our very first Mission Monday! Students made sandwich bags for a community service organization in Escondido called Interfaith, to help those in need! About 200 brown bag lunches were made! We cannot wait to continue impacting culture for our community in the near future!

# Impacting Culture Conference

Our Campus Life Team held a symposium event, discussing our University's mission statement: "Impacting Culture for Christ." There was a panel of students from each department answering the questions of "What does it mean to impact culture for Christ?" and "What's a practical goal we can set to achieve the mission statement?" Students in the crowd were able to participate, give their opinions on the matter as well as respond to the questions themselves.





# *Religious Days with The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs)*

Over the Summer Quarter, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs), came to visit our campus for three days which they filled with prayer, talks, spiritual direction, and fellowship! It was a great way to continue the summer quarter strong and to keep our students spiritually nourished and renewed!



# All School **Pizza** Lunch

We had the great gift of having Mass be celebrated with the CFRs during their three-day stay with us! The students got to spend some time getting to know the CFRs and hang out with them after Mass for an All School Pizza Lunch in the Student Life Center!





# Theology on Tap

## Humility & Mercy

Our first night with the CFRs included Theology on Tap with Fr. Juan Diego on Humility and Mercy. One of the biggest takeaways from this event was St. Peter's example of receiving humility and mercy and in turn, giving back love and mercy to others because he encountered Love and Mercy Himself.





# Prayer and Praise Night Eucharistic Heart of Jesus

On the second night, we hosted a Prayer and Praise Night which consisted of Adoration, praise and worship, and time of reflection. To participate in the Eucharistic Revival, we postured our hearts on the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus!





# MEN'S NIGHT with Fr. Juan Diego

On the last day with the CFRs, the men of JPCatholic got to spend exclusive time together with a Men's Night! Fr. Juan Diego and the guys got to enjoy some treats and hang out in the Chesterton with Father before he said his goodbyes to everyone!





# Graduation Week

The last week of Summer Quarter is always one of the most exciting weeks during the whole school year as students prepare for graduation, they get showcase their work, and perform! In this final week, we get to see how far each student has grown and celebrate that!



# Visual Arts Showcase

On Thursday morning, a walk-through visual arts showcase highlighted a variety of digital and traditional artwork from the graduating class, along with a demo of Aspyrian Reach, a fantasy map-making game created by the Senior Game Development students that will be published on Steam.





# BUSINESS PITCH CONTEST

Business Students, Luca Hoang and Christian Doche pitched to a panel of entrepreneurs as part of an inaugural Business Pitch Competition. Luca Hoang was awarded \$750 in funding to help him take the next steps in growing his business, Archangel Drones. Christian Doche and Donovan Bakin were awarded \$550 to help fund game prototypes for their company Vinny's Game Cabinet.





# Beauty and the Beast Musical

On both Thursday and Friday, JPCatholic Theatre Productions presented Disney's Beauty and the Beast at the Ritz Theater, which was co-directed by Profs. Courtney Balaker and Katelyn Slater. Over 30 students were involved in the production, including many graduating seniors!





# *Acting Practicum & Senior Screenings*

At the Ritz Theatre, the Acting Practicum Showcase screened capstone short films, scenes, an original monologue, and a comedy podcast. Later that evening, Senior Screenings premiered capstone projects from Film and Animation seniors which consisted of six narrative live-action shorts, three documentary shorts, and two animation projects.





# Senior Screening Projects





# Baccalaureate Mass

John Paul the Great Catholic University's annual commencement was held on Saturday, August 31st at The Grand Ritz Theater in Escondido. The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated Saturday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The commencement exercises celebrated 83 undergraduate students from the Class of 2024, plus 7 more who graduated last December. Congratulations to all of our new alumni!



# Commencement Ceremony



# Congratulations Class of 2024



After the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony, the graduating seniors went to the Classical Arts Academy for their reception to celebrate with JPCatholic staff, family, and friends!





To the next adventure....



*freshman year*



*senior sunset*



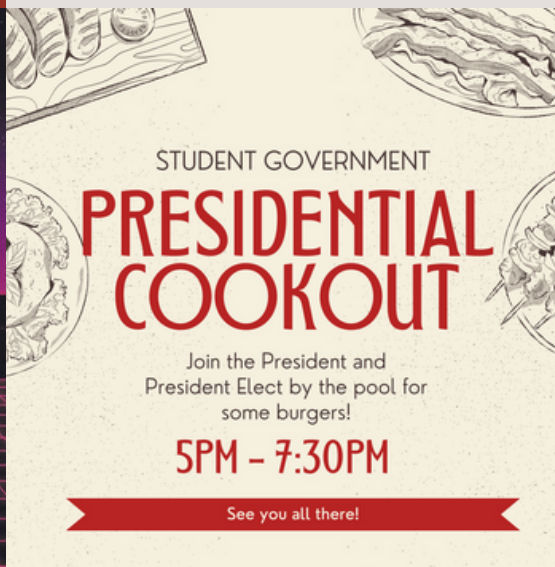
*graduation day!*

We are so proud of you!



# COMMON ROOM EVENTS

The common rooms have been poppin' again, thanks to the common room mini events! Our Campus Life Team members have been keeping community life alive in the common rooms by hosting mini events during their shifts. Events have included: Make Your Own Pizza Party, Board Game Night, Karaoke Night, and so much more! If you missed out last quarter, make sure to check your weekly email and the Student Life Instagram to join in!





# CLUB & MINISTRIES



*baking club!*



*improv club*



*women's bible study*



*hiking club*



*pelicane traditiones*

Our Clubs and Ministries have been so active this past quarter. Baking Club held a Baking Competition for a couple of weeks during the quarter. Improv Club has been meeting every week. With Donovan Bakin graduating, he has handed the leadership baton over to Therese Boucher! Hiking Club has been revamped with a special thanks to Fr. Dominic who has been coordinating many hiking trips and providing the sacraments during the outings! With an increase of women attending, Women's Bible Study has been growing in number as well as in their study of scripture. Lastly, Pelicane Traditiones has been bringing others who find beauty in the Traditional Latin Mass to the Extraordinary Mass on Sundays at Saint Anne's and occasionally at Vespers!



# Household Life at JPCatholic



## Lux Christi

Introducing the new household, Lux Christi, this community of women strive to set the world ablaze through loving those around them! For any women who desires to grow in your faith and in community through evangelization, this household is for you. Connect with Kateri Esposito to learn more about the household!

## Men's Households



## Brothers of the Fiat

Leaders: Angelo Riodique  
and Hadriel Salinas



## Lema Sabachthani

Leaders: Tomas Escovar  
and Timothy Halpin

## Women's Households



## In Corde Svo

Leaders: Karla Avila and  
Kayla Sacluti



## Mariposas of Guadalupe

Leader: Isabella  
Rentmeester



## The Siena Society

Leaders: Lucy Knoell,  
Madalyn O'Campo, and  
Katharine Roach

Interested in Household Life?

Contact any of these leaders to learn more about their household community!



# CHECK OUT THE JPCATHOLIC MERCH

Have you checked out the new JPCatholic merch yet?! We have plenty of new upgrades on t-shirts, sweaters, and crenecks! Not to mention, we have beanies, tote bags, and stickers to help you accessorize. You can find all this & more in the gift store!

<https://jpcatholic.edu/store/>







# FALL EVENTS TO MARK

**OCT 4**

**CLUB AND  
MINISTRY FAIR**

**OCT 20**

**FLANNEL  
FEST**

**OCT 22**

**ST. JPII FEAST  
DAY CELEBRATION**

**OCT. 25-27**

**INTO THE DEEP  
FALL RETREAT**

**OCT 31**

**HALLOWEEN CANDY BAR  
& COSTUME CONTEST**

**NOV 1**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY  
FESTIVAL**

**NOV 2**

**ALL SOULS' DAY  
ALL DAY ADORATION**

**NOV 14**

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

**NOV 15**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**NOV 23**

**COFFEEHOUSE**

**DEC 6-7**

**24 HOUR  
ADORATION**

*don't forget to  
save the  
dates!*

# DAILY MASS 11 AM IN ROOM M

Mondays through Fridays

“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. **It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek.** He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him *without tiring*, welcome him *without reserve*, love him *without interruption*: today, tomorrow, forever!”

- Saint Pope John Paul the Second

Let us allow the Eucharistic Revival to continue to renew our hearts to greater devotion to the Eucharist which is truly the ***body, blood, soul, and divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ!*** We encourage our student body to continue to come to Mass, to taste and see our dearly Beloved Lord who waits for you always in the tabernacle and desires to be in the tabernacle of your heart in this daily Eucharistic Feast!





# PEER MENTOR PROGRAM



Are you in need of extra help studying? Need someone to help you understand certain material for your classes? Meet our Peer Mentors! These are students who desire to engage with students, support them in their academics and strengthen them in their intellectual life. You can always find their office hours in the weekly email!

*Say hi to our peer mentors!*

**Abigail Alsop**

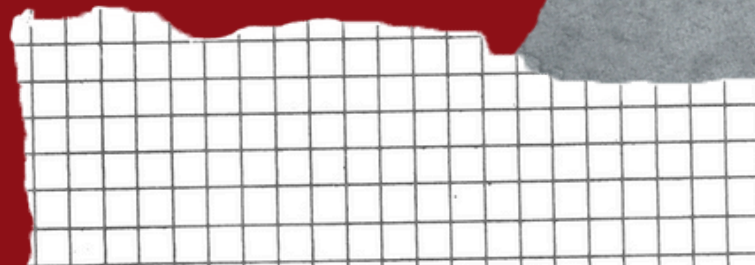
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**Dominic Quirk**

*Theology and Philosophy*

**Diego Solano**

*Communications Media  
and Business*



# STUDENT WORKERS

We have a new Campus Life Team (CLT) lined up for this coming Fall Quarter. As our graduating seniors transitioned to the next chapter, we got some new faces! We're so excited to serve you all. We are here for **YOU!** Do not hesitate to come to us if you have any ideas, comments, questions, and/or concerns about campus life!

## Campus Life Team

## Student Government



Darla Lopez  
CLT Head



Alex Granata  
Student Life Assistant



Kayla Sacluti  
Communications Media  
Coordinator



Cormac Tully  
Photographer &  
Videographer



Connor Hankel  
President



Katharine Roach  
Event Coordinator



Angelo Riodique  
Spiritual Events  
Coordinator



Madelyn O'Campo  
Ministry Coordinator



Nieves Hippler  
Club Coordinator



Lisa Ruiter  
Vice President

Thank you to all of our former Campus Life and Student Government Student Workers: Luca Hoang, Kateri Rausch, Timothy Johnson, Anna Engel, and Mary Dalessandro! Thank you for sharing your gifts with the JPCatholic Community and impacting culture for Christ here!





## INTERESTED IN STARTING A CLUB OR MINISTRY?

**Eleazar Palma** (Dean of Students):

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## Instagram Info



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**ALL THINGS STUDENT LIFE**



**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**  
**CAMPUS EVENTS & CLUBS**



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THE GREAT**  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY