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*EVER PRESS FORWARD*

JUNE 27-30, 2023  
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# PRINCIPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE

FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AT CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



The purpose of these principles is to provide a framework for student affairs professionals at Catholic colleges and universities in their reflection and conversation, staff development, and planning and assessment. These principles are born out of our Catholic tradition and shared across our many and diverse institutions.

## Principle 1

Embraces all students as valued members of an inclusive and diverse community that embodies God's love for all.

## Principle 2

Equips student affairs professionals with knowledge and perspectives to contribute to the Catholic mission of the institution. Grounds practice in the living tradition of the Church, as the people of God on a journey to the truth.

## Principle 3

Accompanies students on their search for truth, meaning, and integration through curricular and co-curricular learning.

## Principle 4

Inspires and equips students to live solidarity and commit to the dignity of all people, embracing the goals of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in a community of love.

## Principle 5

Calls and challenges students to personal integrity, reverence, and care for self, one another, and the community.

## Principle 6

Invites and accompanies all students to develop an active and meaningful relationship with God.

## Principle 7

Facilitates relationship building, dialogue, and the pursuit of common ground among individuals and communities with differing world view, contributing in the work for a more just world.

## Principle 8

Assists students in discerning and developing their vocational directions and guides students in reflecting on how their gifts and talents connect with the world's needs.

## Principle 9

Intentionally develops the profession of student affairs at Catholic colleges and universities as a vital component of Catholic higher education.



## Welcome **Message**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, welcome to the ASACCU 2023 Conference!

I am grateful to you for joining us this year at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul! The 2023 ASACCU Annual Conference Committee has been working tirelessly to provide an inspiring, engaging, and rejuvenating experience for us all. I would like to extend a hearty thank you to the entire home of the Tommies community for hosting the conference.

Over the past year, the challenges facing our communities, nation, and world have deepened as we continue to address the consequences of the pandemic, issues related to human dignity, and the wellness of body and mind. The conference reflects our values of “all for the common good” and how we as institutions of Catholic Higher Education are leaning into discourse and practices necessary for transformational student experiences on our campuses.

We are filled with joy about our ability to come together for the common purpose of enhancing our campus communities through our professional development. We will share ideas, engage in learning, discernment, prayer, and reflection while taking time to socialize with colleagues. As we return to our campuses refreshed and energized with deeper and richer knowledge, we can better support and lead our students and our institutions as we “Ever Press Forward”.

Through the year, each of us relentlessly pursues our commitment to our students in the context of a values driven, mission centric institution. We are blessed to work at the places we do, where love of neighbor, the common good, and a sense of purpose larger than ourselves, are foundational to our interactions with colleagues and students.

Please take these few days at St. Thomas to recharge and to be inspired. Enjoy the opportunity to leave email behind, to engage in meaningful conversations about what we do and how we do it, and to be open to thinking anew about the challenges that we seek to prepare our students for and that we face ourselves. And, of course, have some fun too!

May God bless you and your campus communities,

Dr. Linda McMurdock  
Chair, ASACCU Board of Directors

Vice President for Student Affairs  
Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles



## Welcome **Message**

Welcome to all of our ASACCU colleagues from across the country and Canada.

We are so thrilled to share our beautiful campus as well as Minnesota, our beloved "Land of 10,000 Lakes!" Our staff have thoroughly enjoyed planning this conference for you. The conference will provide opportunities for you to engage with fellow colleagues, leadership from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), as well as university presidents from Catholic colleges and universities representing various religious orders. ASACCU has a special place in my heart as I have cherished the opportunities I have had to connect with colleagues who have a shared love for Catholic higher education. I have enjoyed our time together to share ideas about how best to serve our students and institutions. If this is your first time to ASACCU, I hope you take the time to create some new friendships with colleagues too.

The University of St. Thomas has chosen the conference theme "Ever Press Forward" because it was the vision of our founder Archbishop John Ireland. Archbishop Ireland famously said "I see no backwards voyage across the sea of time; I will EVER PRESS FORWARD. I believe God intends the present to be better than the past and the future to be better than the present." We find this vision is still relevant and more important than ever in today's higher education environment.

We have worked closely with our colleagues from St. Catherine's University and the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University to provide opportunities to explore Minnesota culture and beauty on our Night on the Town. I hope you also have a chance to discover our state during your time in Minnesota. If you haven't been to Minnesota before, take a trip to the Mall of America, the largest shopping mall in the United States. Experience the beauty of the Mississippi River as it winds its way through Minneapolis and St. Paul. Or perhaps, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of the Twin Cities by visiting the Walker Art Center, the Guthrie Theater, or the Minnesota Orchestra. But Minnesota isn't just about big cities and shopping malls; we also have breathtaking natural beauty. Our state is home to 72 state parks, including the famous Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a pristine wilderness area that offers unparalleled opportunities for canoeing and camping.

I am thrilled to have you all here at the University of St. Thomas and in Minnesota. I look forward to spending time with you at the ASACCU 2023 Conference. We will have time to connect, learn from each other, share resources and have some fun!

Dr. Karen Lange  
Vice President for Student Affairs  
University of St. Thomas



## Mission Integration **Awards**

ASACCU annually presents the Best Practices in Mission Integration awards to highlight and recognize best practices in various student affairs areas. The programs that are recognized each year intentionally articulate Catholic identity as an integral part of a student affairs program.

### Student Activities Award

**Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles, CA)**

Celebrating the Five Freedoms: Loyola Marymount University's First Amendment Week

### Dean of Students Award

**Corpus Christi College & St. Mark's College (Vancouver, BC Canada)**

The INSIPIRE Leadership Certificate (INSPIRE= INspired by Service, Purpose, Industry, Responsibility & Engagement)

### Diversity Equity and Inclusion Award

**College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (St. Joseph, MN)**

Interfaith Leadership Team (ILT)



# Conference Schedule **Snapshot**

## Day 1: Tuesday, June 27

9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Arrival & check-in
9:00 AM-3:30 PM	Pre-Conference Sessions
4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Catholic 101 & Intro to ASACCU
5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Opening Liturgy
6:30 PM-7:10 PM	Opening Reception
7:15 PM-8:30 PM	Opening Dinner
9:00 PM	Late Night Hospitality

## Day 2: Wednesday, June 28

8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	Keynote: Journeys in Catholic Higher Education
10:30 AM-11:15 AM	Meet & Greet with Keynote Panelists
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Lunch
12:00 PM-12:30 PM	Optional Tour- Frey Hall
12:10 PM-12:40 PM	Optional Mass-Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas
12:45 PM-2:00 PM	Session Break-Out
2:15 PM-3:30 PM	Session Break-Out
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*"The future will be  
better than the present"*

*Archbishop Ireland*



# Conference Schedule **Snapshot**

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8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Mindful Stretching & Gentle Breathing
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9:15 AM-10:30 AM	Keynote: The Future of Catholic Higher Education
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Refreshment Break
11:00 AM-12:15 PM	Session Break-Out
12:30 PM-2:00 PM	ASACCU Business Lunch
2:30 PM-3:45 PM	Session Break-Out
3:45 PM-5:45 PM	Refreshment Break & Relaxation Break
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Closing Liturgy: Principal Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Hebda
7:15 PM-10:00 PM	Closing Dinner & Celebration

## Day 4: Friday, June 30

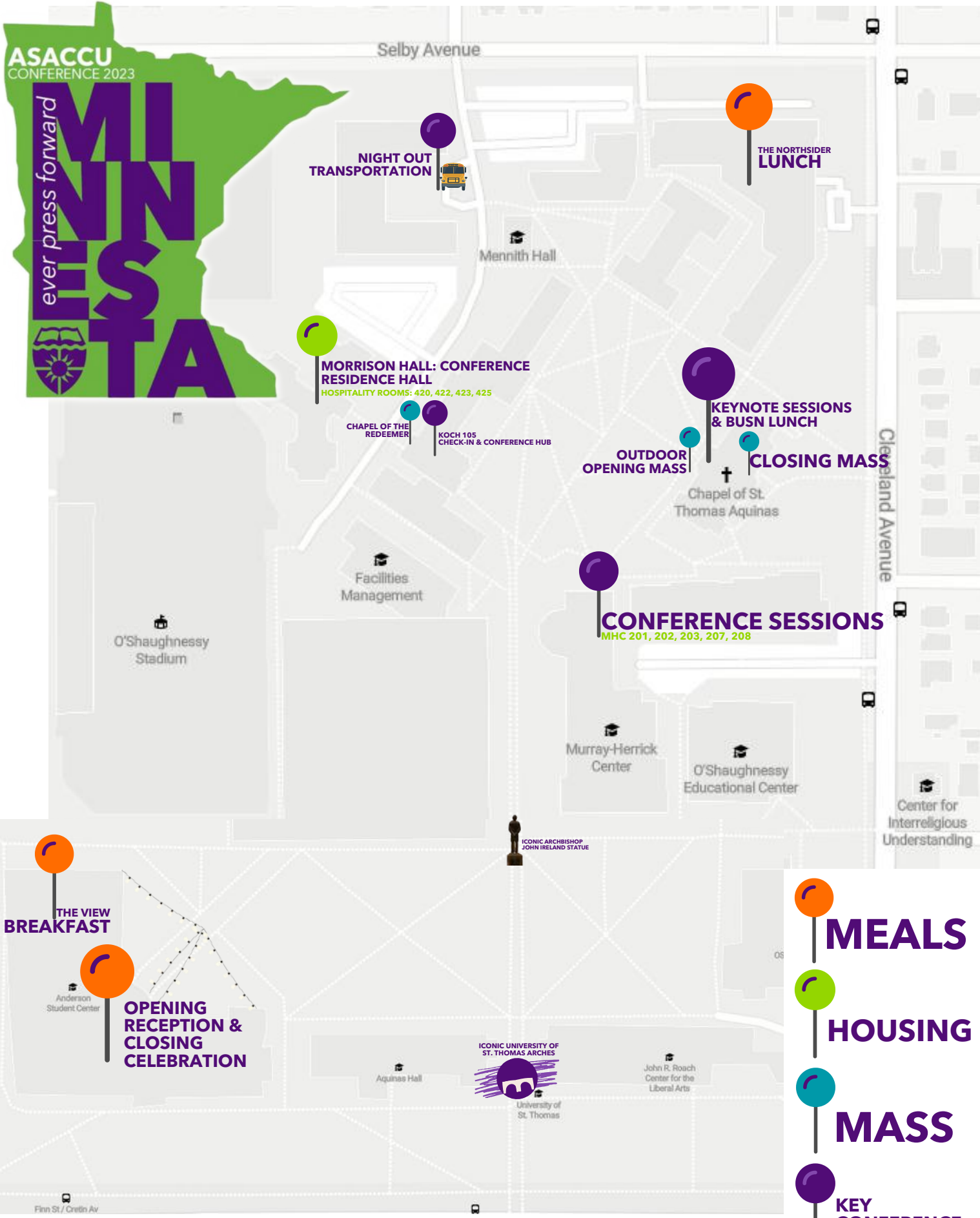
7:00 AM-11:00 AM	Continental Breakfast & Check-Out
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*Reaching across  
differences to encounter  
the dignity of others.*

*Catholic Social Teaching*



# St. Thomas Campus Map



**NIGHT OUT TRANSPORTATION**

**THE NORTHSIDER LUNCH**

**MORRISON HALL: CONFERENCE RESIDENCE HALL**  
HOSPITALITY ROOMS: 420, 422, 423, 425

**CHAPEL OF THE REDEEMER**

**KOCH 105 CHECK-IN & CONFERENCE HUB**

**KEYNOTE SESSIONS & BUSN LUNCH**

**OUTDOOR OPENING MASS**

**CLOSING MASS**

**CONFERENCE SESSIONS**  
MHC 201, 202, 203, 207, 208

**THE VIEW BREAKFAST**

**OPENING RECEPTION & CLOSING CELEBRATION**

**MEALS**

**HOUSING**

**MASS**

**KEY CONFERENCE AREAS**



# Day 1: Tuesday, June 27 **Schedule**

## Pre-Conference Program

9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Exploring an Integrated Health Model & Mindfulness Practices to Support Wellbeing & Resilience	Center for Well-Being
9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Understanding the Hidden Curriculum in Higher Education	Iversen Center for Faith LL16
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Lunch or On Your Own	
1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Exploring The Intersection of Sport and Spirituality: A Primer on NCAA Athletics in Catholic Higher Education	Iversen Center for Faith LL16
1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Play that leads to innovative engagement	create[space] in the Anderson Student Center

## Conference Opening Programs

4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Catholic 101 & Intro to ASACCU	Iversen Center for Faith LL16
5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Opening Liturgy	Amphitheater outside Iversen Center for Faith (rain site: Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas)
6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Opening Reception & Dinner	James B. Woulfe Alumni Hall in the Anderson Student Center
9:00 PM	Late Night Hospitality	4th floor Morrison Hall

# Keynotes



## Journeys in Catholic Higher Education

KEYNOTE PANEL: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Three college presidents share their unique perspectives and experiences on leading Catholic colleges and universities. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Colleen Hegranes, Provost Emerita, St. Catherine University.

Our panelists will engage in conversation about their leadership journeys, lessons learned, and the role of student affairs at a Catholic university. The panel discussion is sure to be interesting, informative, and engaging as these three presidents share their stories, successes, and challenges that they have faced in their tenure as presidents in three distinctive Catholic universities.



## The Future of Catholic Higher Education

KEYNOTE PANEL: THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, C.M., is an esteemed leader in Catholic higher education and current president of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. His insights on how Catholic colleges and universities have adapted to changing times while continuing to value their Catholic identity will be invaluable.

Dr. Brian Bruess, President, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, will moderate a panel of vice presidents from Catholic colleges and universities responding to Rev. Holtschneider's keynote. This panel will provide an opportunity for professionals in our field to gain insight and inspiration from the experience and knowledge of these leaders.



## **Dr. Montserrat Fuentes**

President and Professor of Mathematics  
St. Edward's University

Dr. Montserrat “Montse” Fuentes began her tenure as the 24th President of St. Edward’s University on July 1, 2021, serving as the first Hispanic and second female president. Dr. Fuentes also holds an appointment as Professor of Mathematics. Before this appointment, she served as executive vice president and provost and professor of Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of Iowa. President Fuentes has a rich history of academic and administrative leadership in higher education. She is a first-generation college student and received a dual bachelor’s degree in mathematics and music (piano performance) from the University of Valladolid in Spain and a Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Fuentes has authored more than 100 scientific publications and served as principal or coprincipal investigator on more than 20 research grants, with total funding of more than \$28 million. Since 2019, she has been a principal investigator of a \$3M NSF ADVANCE award to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. In 2008, Fuentes was named an American Statistical Association Fellow and in 2012, she received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Scientific and Technological Achievement Award. President Fuentes is actively involved in the greater Austin community, serving as a member of the Austin Community Foundation Board of Governors, Austin Area Research Organization (AARO), Austin Diocesan School Advisory Board, Ballet Austin Board of Directors, Austin Symphony Advisory Council, National Association of Independent Colleges and University Financial Aid Committee, Frost Bank Board of Directors, and the Assumption Cemetery board of directors.



## **Dr. Julie Sullivan**

President  
Santa Clara University

Julie Sullivan was appointed the 30th president and first lay president of Santa Clara University in 2022. Prior to joining Santa Clara, President Sullivan served as the president of the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota (2013-2022), executive vice president and provost at the University of San Diego (2005-2013), and professor of business and accounting at the University of California-San Diego (2003-2005) and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1987-2003). She currently holds appointments on the boards of Loyola University Chicago and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. In addition to extensive non-profit board work, President Sullivan has nearly two decades of cumulative service on public and private company boards, spanning a number of industries. A native of Florida, President Sullivan is a first-generation college graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting, a master's degree in taxation, and a Ph.D. in business from the University of Florida.



## Dr. Rob Kelly

President  
University of Portland

Robert D. Kelly, Ph.D. is the 21st President of the University of Portland. Dr. Kelly has spent his entire professional career in higher education - as an administrator, a professor, and now as the leader of the University of Portland. As President, Dr. Kelly is the University's chief executive officer, with responsibility for leading the institution and its mission of teaching and learning, faith and formation, and service and leadership. Prior to this position, he served as University Vice President at Loyola University Maryland, where he oversaw diverse areas across the University such as mission and identity, intercollegiate athletics, external affairs, and the division for student development. Dr. Kelly served in executive leadership roles such as the Chief of Staff at Union College, and Vice President for Student Development at both Loyola University Chicago and Seattle University.

In addition to a bachelor's degree in political science, Dr. Kelly earned a master's degree from the University of Vermont, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees at Loyola University Maryland and he attended Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management.



## Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, C.M.

President  
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, C.M. is president of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) and chancellor of DePaul University, which he led as president from 2004-2017. He has served as board chair and then COO of Ascension, the nation's largest non-profit health system; executive vice president of his alma mater, Niagara University; clinical associate professor of higher education at SUNY Buffalo; and associate dean and assistant professor of higher education policy at St. John's University, NY.

A national expert on university sponsorship and governance, Fr. Holtschneider holds degrees in mathematics and theology, as well as a doctorate in higher education policy from Harvard University where he lectures on governance and strategy in higher education and has twice been in residence as a visiting scholar. He is a frequent writer and speaker on the purposes of faith-based education in the contemporary world.

Fr. Holtschneider is a member of the ACE and NAICU boards of directors and presently chairs the NAICU Secretariat. He is past chair of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California; and currently chairs the National Pastoral Migratoria which provides services to recently arrived immigrants in various U.S. cities, and the Institute for Global Homelessness, addressing international street homelessness in partnership with the United Nations.

# Responding Panel

Dr. Brian Bruess, President, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, will moderate a panel of vice presidents from Catholic colleges and universities. This panel will provide an invaluable opportunity for professionals in our field to gain insight and inspiration from the experience and knowledge of these leaders. We are confident that their guidance will help further strengthen the Catholic college and university community and foster meaningful exchanges and growth.



**Kathleen Byrnes, J.D.**

Kathleen J. Byrnes, JD, is Vice President for Student Life at Villanova University. In this role, she provides comprehensive leadership, management, and direction to the University's Division of Student Life, overseeing various student-related areas on campus. Known for her genuine care and concern for students, Kathleen's contributions to Villanova go beyond student life. Before joining Villanova, she practiced corporate litigation with firms in Washington, DC, and Philadelphia. She returned to Villanova in 1989 as an instructor at Villanova Law School and later joined the Office for Student Life.



**Charlotte Johnson, J.D.**

Charlotte Johnson, J.D. is Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of San Diego. She served as the Vice President and Dean of Students at Scripps College in Claremont, California. Before joining Scripps in 2014, she was the Chief Student Affairs Officer at Dartmouth College and Colgate University. Charlotte also served on the senior leadership team at the University of Michigan Law School. A practicing Catholic, Charlotte was drawn to USD due to its mission and vision as an engaged, contemporary Catholic university.



**Linda McMurdock, Ph.D.**

Linda McMurdock, Ph.D., is the Vice President for Student Affairs at Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles. She brings a wealth of experience in higher education settings to her role. Prior to her position at Mount Saint Mary's, Linda served as the Vice President of Student Affairs at Marymount University in Virginia, where she spearheaded various institutional programs, including those focused on the prevention of gender-based violence and discrimination, the promotion of inclusive excellence, and the enhancement of career and professional development services.

## Day 2: Wednesday, June 28 **Schedule**

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9:15 AM-10:30 AM	Keynote: Journeys in Catholic Higher Education	Iversen Center for Faith LL16
10:30 AM-11:15 AM	Meet & Greet with Keynote Panelists	Iversen Center for Faith
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Lunch: Optional Round Table Conversations	Northsider
12:00 PM-12:30 PM	Optional Tour of Frey Residence Hall	Meet in Iversen Center 1st Floor
12:10 PM-12:40 PM	Optional Mass	Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas
12:45 PM-2:00 PM	Session 1 Break-Out	Murray-Herrick Center 2nd Floor
2:00 PM-2:15 PM	Afternoon Refreshment Break	Murray-Herrick Center 2nd Floor
2:15 PM-3:30 PM	Session 2 Break-Out 2	Murray-Herrick Center
4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Night on the Town	Buses Depart from Flynn Hall Turnaround
9:00 PM	Late Night Hospitality	4th Floor Morrison Hall



# Session 1: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

## 12:45 PM-2:00 PM

### **Principles 101: A Primer of the Principles of Good Practice for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges & Universities**

Dr. Chris Haug, Visiting Practitioner, Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities (ACCU)  
Michelle Evans, Director of Marketing & Member Services, ACCU

Location: MHC 201

Principle: 2 & 9

In this session, attendees will be introduced to the newest edition, exploring all the principles, available resources and determining next steps for implementation on their campuses within their respective work.

### **Advocacy & Leadership: Transforming a Student Government Association into a Leadership Laboratory for Change and Action**

Dr. Ashley Lauren Joseph, Director of Women's Leadership and Community Engagement,  
Mount Saint Mary's University

Location: MHC 202

Principle: 7

Whether your university has a thriving Student Government or just needing a little recharge, this workshop will be centered on the advising, uplifting, and development within a student government team. Through a cocurricular leadership laboratory for change and advocacy, attendees will leave being able to advise their student governments to better serve the campus community and self-development while interacting with their local, state, and national platforms. Attendees will also be able to share their student government experiences and receive real world advice from Dr. Joseph, who has advised and directed student government teams for over 10 years at the California State University and private school levels.

### **Partner Pop-ups: Building Community Through Intentional Interdepartmental Programming**

Tess Munshower, Resident Director, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University  
D'Havian Scott, Resident Director, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Location: MHC 203

Principle: 5

This presentation shares the lessons learned from the College of Saint Benedict's (CSB) Partner Pop-Up programs implemented in the First-Year Area this year. Through interdepartmental programming, first-year students at the CSB are not only attending diverse programs but learning to care for and participate in the wider campus community. Participants will leave the program having a better understanding of why interdepartmental programming is beneficial, and having ideas on how to partner on their own campuses.

### **Animating Faith Development: The Experience of Student Affairs Professionals at U.S. Catholic Colleges & Universities**

Sarah Williamson, Assistant Dean of Students, Widener University

Location: MHC 207

Principle: 2, 3, & 6

Research indicates that over the last 50 years, education regarding faith was removed from many student affairs graduate programs, especially at non-religiously affiliated institutions. However, student affairs professionals in Catholic higher education are expected to integrate faith into their work. This presentation will explore the findings of a recent qualitative research study identifying the shared characteristics of personal faith development for student affairs professionals in Catholic higher education and the influence of those insights on their work supporting faith development.

### **How Did We Decide to Do That? Decision-Making During Covid-19**

Michael Connolly, Senior Student Affairs Officer and Dean of Students,  
College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Location: MHC 208

Principle: 2, 7 & 9

Learn how a sampling of US Catholic College and University Senior Student Affairs Officers approached non-academic decision-making during the Covid-19 pandemic. Results from this qualitative research study will be presented. The Covid-19 virus impacted all institutions of higher education, and while most campuses have crisis response plans to guide decision-making, most institutions did not have decision-making guidelines to address a sustained pandemic. This research study may contribute to the student affairs profession by understanding the factors influencing non-academic decision-making and experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic and integrating those factors into future campus crisis management plans.

# Session 2: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

## 2:15 PM-3:30 PM



### **The INSPIRE Leadership Certificate (INSPIRE= Inspired by Service, Purpose, Industry, Responsibility & Engagement)**

Gabriel Pillay, Executive Director, Strategy and Planning  
Dean of Students, Corpus Christi College & St. Mark's College

Location: MHC 201

Principle: All

The INSPIRE Leadership certificate program goes beyond preparing students for their future careers and academic success. It also aims to develop skills and aptitudes that will help them set goals, find purpose, and commit to serving their community. The curriculum includes activities that identify and strengthen habits and attitudes crucial for personal leadership development. Students will also learn about the relationship between leadership and community involvement, exploring concepts such as philanthropy, volunteerism, civic responsibility, and social change. The program comprises four courses, all geared towards nurturing students' leadership potential.

### **Incorporating a Climate Justice Perspective into Student Affairs: Programming, Leadership, Transformation, & Retention**

Gregory Peterson, Director of Student Wellness, University of Portland

Location: MHC 202

Principle: 4 & 5

According to the NCHA, the top 7 out of 10 reasons for student distress within higher education are mental health related. Hickman et al., in 2021, surveyed youth globally and found that concerning the Climate Crisis, youth overwhelmingly feel the future is frightening and betrayed by previous generations. This program will overview the mental health impacts of climate change research and discuss with attendees how this information could be applied to Student Affairs.

### **What's Faith Got to Do with It? A Crash Course in Supporting College Student Faith Development**

Sarah Williamson, Assistant Dean of Students, Widener University

Location: MHC 203

Principle: 2, 3, & 6

Faith development is integral to Catholic identity and holistic student support. However, during the recent revision process of the Principles of Good Practice, student affairs professionals at Catholic colleges and universities self-reported low levels of responsibility and understanding in applying faith in their work. This presentation will provide an overview of faith development including its connection to creating a sense of belonging and its ability to serve as a resiliency tool. Participants will leave the session with strategies that may be used to integrate faith into their work.

### **Living Our Mission Through the Curricular Approach**

Erica Thompson, Associate Director of Residence Life, University of St. Thomas  
Dr. Vern Klobassa, Director of Student Development & Co-Director, First-Year Experience, University of St. Thomas

Location: MHC 207

Principle: 3, 7, & 9

A curricular approach to learning outside the classroom gives student affairs professionals a framework to ground their work in the mission of the institution and effectively enact the Principles of Good Practice. The presenters will share the process of developing and implementing the Tommie Advantage co-curriculum, lessons learned along the way, connections to the institutional mission, and highlight the alignment between student learning and the Principles of Good Practice.

### **Assessing the University of Portland's Collective Efforts to Increase a Sense of Belonging Within the LGBTQIA+ Community**

Jeremy Koffler, Director of Student Activities, University of Portland

Location: MHC 208

Principle: 1, 2 & 7

To better meet the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community, the University of Portland has been making structural changes, bolstering training and support, and intentionally increasing programming efforts. As part of the NWCCU fellowship, an assessment project was completed to review the effectiveness of these initiatives to increase a sense of belonging. Come learn about this effort and participate in a collaborative discussion of best practices.

# Night on the **Town**

Night on the Town is an optional ASACCU community-building tradition. The host institution showcases the best of its location by taking participants off campus to a fun location, event, etc. This year, the University of St. Thomas has partnered with two other ASACCU institutions to provide conference attendees with three opportunities to explore the Twin Cities.



## **Mall of America**

Organized by the University of St. Thomas we invite you to explore the Mall of America® for a self-guided evening of connecting with old and new friends from ASACCU.

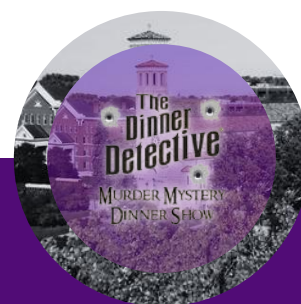
Since opening its doors in 1992, Mall of America® has revolutionized the shopping experience and become a leader in retail, entertainment and attractions.



## **Margaritas on the Mississippi**

Organized by College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University we invite you to enjoy a happy hour cruise while snacking on chips, salsa and a taco bar. A great way to experience the beauty of the mighty Mississippi and to catch up with friends and colleagues!

Bus will include a tour down beautiful Summit Avenue stopping for views and photos at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



## **Dinner Detective: Murder Mystery**

Organized by St. Catherine University we invite you to enjoy the Dinner Detective: Murder Mystery.

The largest, award-winning, interactive comedic murder mystery dinner show in the United States, is unlike any other murder mystery dinner show. Here you will find no cheesy costumes, no recited campy dialogue and no hokey song and dance. An entertaining experience with your colleagues at the St. Kate's Rauenhorst Ballroom.

Night on the Town transportation will depart from Flynn Hall turnaround. Please pay attention to the morning announcements for departure times.

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2:30 PM-3:45 PM	Session 4 Break-Out	Murray-Herrick Center
3:45 PM-5:45 PM	Relax & Unwind: Refreshments available in Koch 105	Koch 105
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Closing Liturgy: Principal Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Hebda	Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas
7:15 PM-10:30 PM	Closing Celebration	John P. Monahan Plaza outside the Anderson Student Center

# Session 3: Thursday, June 29, 2023

## 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

### **Celebrating the Five Freedoms: Loyola Marymount University's First Amendment Week**

Tom Nelson, Director of Student Media, Loyola Marymount University  
Kevin O'Keeffe, Assistant Director of Student Media, Loyola Marymount University  
Location: MHC 201



Principle: All

First Amendment Week (FAW) launched more than two decades ago with a few small events that celebrated the freedoms in the Constitution's Bill of Rights. Today, the annual event is a widely anticipated university-wide collaboration – and most crucially, intimately connected to LMU's mission. Join us to discuss the importance of events such as FAW in an increasingly polarized world as well as explore ways you can bring a similar event to your campus (even on a tight budget!).

### **It's a Catholic Thing: Effective Strategies for Lay Leadership in Student Affairs** Dr. Matt Goodwin, SSAO-Associate Provost for Student Affairs, St. Catherine University

Location: MHC 202

Principle: 7 & 9

From engaging stakeholders on interfaith practices, conduct policies, food service, residence halls, campus events, health center practices, and student sexuality - it's important for student affairs professionals to contribute to these conversations informed by their campus' spiritual identity. Participants can expect a fun and engaging session, learning through real case studies, about how to contribute to some of these common, and complex, conversations. Whether you're new to Catholic higher education or a seasoned professional, participants will leave the session with a better understanding of how to approach these conversations.

### **Partnering to Care for the Well-Being Needs of Your Campus Community** Emily Pettit, VP of Strategic Partnerships, The Virtual Care Group

Location: MHC 203

Principle: 1, 3, & 5

Almost 50% of 2022 entering college students report being "Mentally Exhausted" (BCSSE, 2022) as they were beginning college. With the increase in student need running head first into the employee Great Resignation/Quiet Quitting, sustainable solutions are complicated. This session will highlight the national data on campus wellness, showcase a telehealth partnership and share some resources for caring for your campus community.

### **Fostering Resilience** Dr. Lynn Ortale, President, Maria College Dr. Stephen Stunder, Assistant Professor, Director of the Human Service Management Graduate Program, Chestnut Hill College

Location: MHC 207

Principle: 3, 4, & 5

As educators in inclusive Catholic learning communities, we are committed to students' holistic development. Failure is a natural and often necessary part of achieving success. This program provides strategies and insights on how to teach students, as well as staff, to cope with failure in positive and life-giving ways. This program will ground participants in theory while providing practical strategies for helping students and staff to positively cope with failure. This interactive program focuses on effective strategies to teach and nurture resilience. Ideally, helping students to achieve their true potential and become reflective leaders of the future.

### **Exploring Models for Bias Response** Linda Baughman, Dean of Students, University of St. Thomas Danielle Hermann, Former AVP for Equity Compliance & Title IX Coordinator, University of St. Thomas

Location: MHC 208

Principle: 1

This interactive session will give participants the opportunity to share and learn from one another about institutional response to bias reports. Presenters will share the model utilized by the University of St. Thomas from report to resolution and discuss perceived strengths and areas for growth as well as pose questions for discussion. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their own processes and experiences in a small group format.

# Session 4: Thursday, June 29, 2023

## 2:30 PM-3:45 PM



### **"Listen with the Ear of Your Heart": A Benedictine Approach to Interfaith Dialogue**

Aaron Voth, Director of CSB Campus Ministry, Interim Director of Student Activities & Leadership Development, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Location: MHC 201

Principle: All

This session will discuss the development and implementation of the Interfaith Leadership Team (ILT), a ministry of Campus Ministry at the College of Saint Benedict, which programs around religious diversity and interfaith dialogue. Learn how the program came about, the stages of its development, and the lessons we have learned along the way.

### **Building Bridges: Making the Transition from First Year to Career**

Denise Brenes, Assistant Director for Student Success, University of Notre Dame  
Trevon Jones-Dear, Program Coordinator for Student Success, University of Notre Dame  
Zach Howman, Employer Engagement Specialist, University of Notre Dame

Location: MHC 202

Principle: 3 & 8

We are aware of the significance of our role in addressing the gaps and obstacles that particular first-generation college students and students of color face. We collaborated with Career Services to provide access to new career development opportunities to better assist in the career discernment process. We have created particular touchpoints for different classes and academic years in order to cater to their particular needs for career growth. We will be utilizing Bandura's Social Cognitive Theory.

### **Living the Mission: Utilizing the High Impact Practice (HIP) of Community Engagement in a Co-Curricular Setting to Foster Curiosity, Empathy, and Understanding**

Dustin Killpack, Associate Director, Center for the Common Good, University of St. Thomas

Location: MHC 203

Principle: 3 & 8

The Center for the Common Good encourages students to invest their time and talents into the community. Thanks to the assets of our community partners, we introduce students to engagement opportunities related to real local challenges such as housing and food security and the opportunity gap. Through regular engagement and reflection, students develop a deeper understanding of self and connection to others. Participants gain insight into our approach and explore their own ideas and questions.

### **Being Effective Gate Keepers: Suicide Prevention Strategies**

Dr. Lynn Ortale, President, Maria College  
Dr. Stephen Stunder, Assistant Professor, Director of the Human Service Management Graduate Program, Chestnut Hill College

Location: MHC 207

Principle: 3, 4 & 5

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students. The stigma associated with suicide requires intentional, purposeful and mission-grounded education. Through this interactive program, participants will learn effective intervention strategies, best practices, and how to develop an effective comprehensive campus plan.

### **CARE Oasis: Explore How to Actually Take Care of Yourself**

Mary Olson, Residence Director, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Location: MHC 208

Principle: 5

Self-care is such a buzz word these days, but do your students actually know how to take care of themselves physically, spiritually, mentally, financially, environmentally? Learn about a program event model that will help students explore self-care strategies they can implement in their daily routines. Oh, and also make your own coffee mug at this session.

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# About ASACCU

## Mission

ASACCU promotes the exploration and sharing of knowledge to further holistic student development founded on Catholic mission, values, and identity. ASACCU provides professional development opportunities for those working in student affairs at Catholic colleges and universities.

## Overview

ASACCU was founded in 1999 by student affairs professionals working at Catholic institutions who had attended the Institute for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges (ISACC), a five-day summer program sponsored by ACCU. As an outgrowth of that Institute, ASACCU was founded to provide opportunities for on-going dialogue and connection, through the annual conference and other activities, where issues and topics related to Student Affairs practice and Catholic identity are explored and furthered.

ASACCU hosts an annual summer conference at a member institution, a Senior Student Affairs Officer Roundtable each November, and has been a partner with ACCU on many initiatives, including the Principles of Good Practice and the 2017 publication, Student Life in Catholic Higher Education: Advancing Good Practice (ACCU and Sandra M. Estanek).

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## About the **University of St. Thomas**

### Mission

Inspired by Catholic intellectual tradition, the University of St. Thomas educates students to be morally responsible leaders who think critically, act wisely, and work skillfully to advance the common good.

### Charism: All for the Common Good

The Charism is embedded in the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Statement of Convictions that guide our work and life together. Our Charism is grounded on the vision of Archbishop Ireland, the intellectual rigor expressed in the work of St. Thomas Aquinas, and the moral guidance of Catholic Intellectual Tradition, all of which, like our present mission, are inspired by Catholic Social Teaching. These sources help us to articulate our impact on the lives of students and our contributions to the broader community.

### About St. Thomas

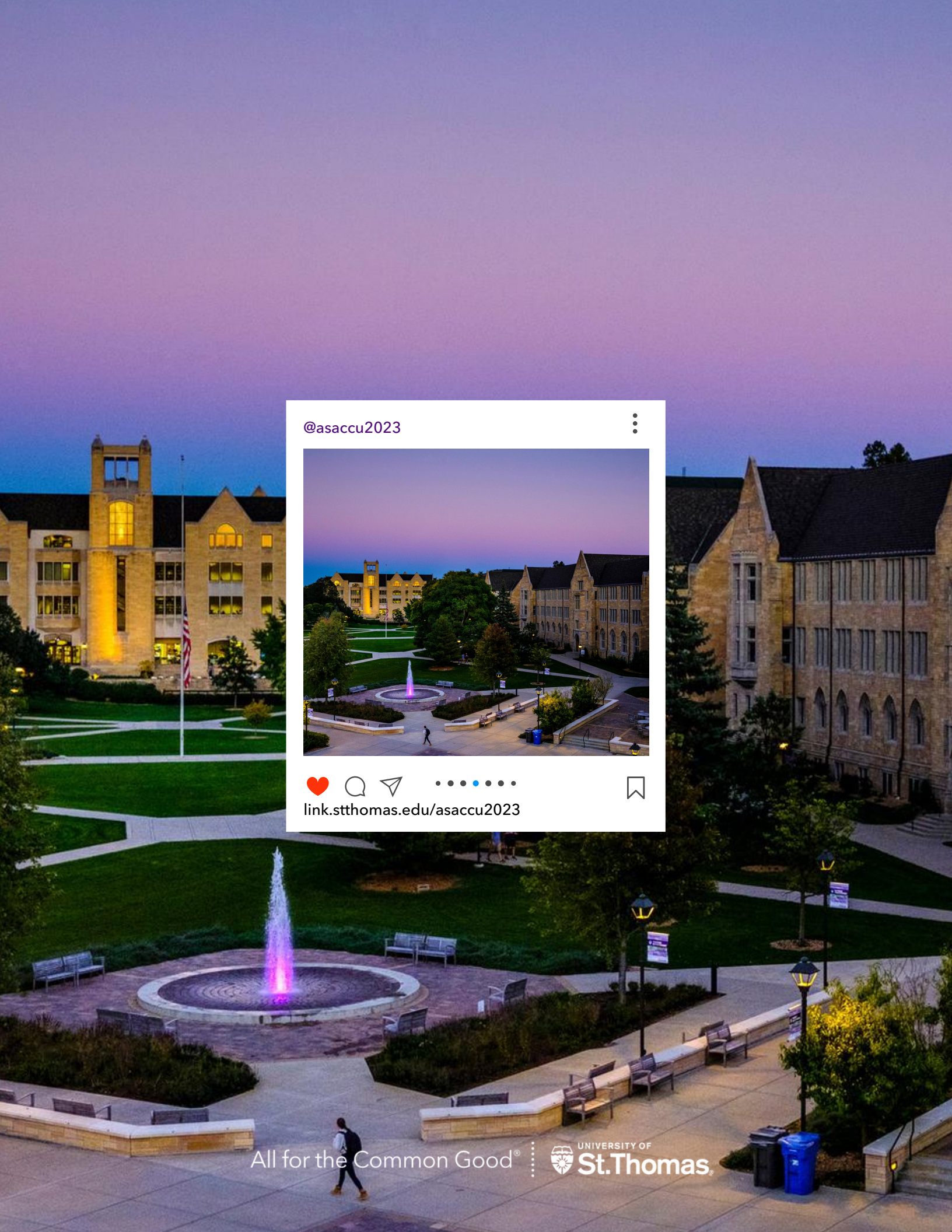
The University of St. Thomas is the largest private university in Minnesota and one of the largest Catholic colleges or universities in the nation, with more than 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students at our eight schools and colleges.

Our founding was inspired by Catholic intellectual tradition, a 2,000-year-old practice of uniting faith and reason to explore the world. Rooted in this Catholic identity, we are committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I); our convictions call us to protect and enhance the dignity of every human and to work for a more just and equitable society. At the University of St. Thomas, we develop future leaders of all faiths looking to make a positive impact on the world.



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