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Ricardo Avila
El Paso, Texas
New York Province

Ricardo, 31, received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Chicago and a law degree from Yale. After a stint practicing law in New York, he became assistant director of admissions and a tutor at Cristo Rey High School in New York. Ricardo's interests range from stand-up comedy to motorcycles.



Caleb Bernacchio
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
New Orleans Province

Caleb, 28, studied philosophy at Louisiana State in Baton Rouge, where he was active in the Catholic Student Center, and he earned a BA in philosophy from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome. He served for four years in the army's 10th Mountain Division, including a tour in Afghanistan, and has taught middle-school math and English.



Kirk Boyle
Dallas
Maryland Province

Kirk, 30, has a bachelor's degree in foreign service from Georgetown University and a law degree from the University of Notre Dame. He has practiced law in Dallas and has worked as an assistant for the majority leader and whip in the House of Representatives, traveling with congressional delegations to Asia, South America, Europe, and the Middle East.



Brendan Busse
Los Angeles
California Province

Brendan, 30, has a BA in English from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. After teaching high school religion in the Los Angeles area and serving with the Jesuit Volunteers International in Belize, he returned to Loyola Marymount to work in campus ministry as director of the community service and social justice program.



Robert Carlton
Chicago
Chicago Province

Robert, 25, graduated from Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois, and earned a BA in classical studies from Georgetown University, where he also rowed. He had an internship in the office of Sen. Richard Durbin D-IL and was an officer in the navy. He has run five marathons, including one in Athens and another in Rome.



Steve Crimaldi
Staten Island, New York
New Orleans Province

Steve, 27, graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., with a bachelor's degree in journalism, and then earned a master's degree in theology at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He's worked as a youth minister and also on the staff of Sen. Charles Schumer D-NY.



Joseph Fleischman
Green Bay, Wisconsin
Wisconsin Province

Joe, 30, has BAs in history and economics from St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin. He taught social studies at public high schools in Wisconsin, taught math at the Jesuits' Red Cloud High School in South Dakota, and worked in pastoral care in the Dominican Republic. Joe enjoys theater and working with youth.



Peter Gadalla
Destin, Florida
New Orleans Province

Peter, 26, graduated from the Jesuits' St. George College in Cairo, Egypt, and earned a BS in engineering from the University of South Alabama. He has worked as an engineer for the navy and was president of the Society of Automotive and Aerospace Engineers. He's a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Knights of Columbus.



Jonathan Harmon
Whitehouse, Texas
New Orleans Province

Jonathan, 23, has an associate's degree in general studies from Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas. He's taught middle-school catechism, served as a driver for Meals on Wheels, and volunteered with his parish's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program. He enjoys reading, music, movies, martial arts, and digital painting.

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"I feel it is my duty today to urge (the Society of Jesus) to set out once again in the tracks of your predecessors with the same courage and intelligence, but also with an equally profound motivation of faith and enthusiasm to serve the Lord and His Church."

— Pope Benedict XVI (pictured with Jesuit Superior General, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás)





Kevin Hughes
Cherry Hill, N.J.
Maryland Province

Kevin, 23, graduated from St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia, where he did volunteer work at a food bank. He has a BA in biology from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, where he was active in campus ministry. He's been a bicycle mechanic, cashier, and a dorm resident assistant. His interests include playing the bagpipes, cooking, and bicycling.



Brian Konzman
Carbondale, Pennsylvania
Maryland Province

Brian, 22, graduated from Scranton Prep and earned BAs in chemistry and philosophy from University of Scranton. Other fields of academic interest include political science, German, and Greek. He worked as a resident assistant, chemistry research assistant, and tutor during his university years and also made a service trip to Ecuador.



Andrew Laguna
Chino Hills, California
California Province

Andrew, 21, has a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the University of California, Irvine. He has helped as retreat leader with the confirmation program at his parish and has worked as a barista in a coffee shop. Andrew enjoys running, soccer, and reading.



Curtis Leighton
Seattle
California Province

Curtis, 24, has a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Notre Dame. After graduation, he worked as a teacher at a grade school in Gilroy, California, for the "Teach for America" program. Curtis enjoys hiking and other outdoor activities, cooking, and American literature.



Alex Llanera
Sacramento
California Province

Alex, 20, attended Jesuit High in Sacramento and earned BAs in political science and theology from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he organized a student service trip to the Philippines. His interests include playing cards, politics, recreational reading, and working out.



Sean MacLennan
Farmington, Michigan
Detroit Province

Sean, 22, is a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Saint Louis University with a BA in philosophy. He was active in the university's Community Action Program, Students for Life, the St. Edmond Campion Society, and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoys watching baseball and playing racquetball and football.



Keith Maczkiewicz
Lake Ronkonkoma, New York
New England Province

Keith, 26, has a BA in American Studies from Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut, and an MA in secondary education from Providence College in Rhode Island. He has been involved in campus ministry at the high school and university levels and has accompanied students on service trips to Ecuador, Jamaica, New Orleans, and Philadelphia.



Juan Manuel Manjares
Aquila, Michoacan, Mexico
Oregon Province

Juan Manuel, 37, the second of eight children, graduated from Granger High School in Granger, Washington, in 1993. He has worked for a restaurant, a housekeeping company, and his parish. Juan Manuel is fluent in both English and Spanish. He likes to run and take walks, and he is most attracted to the Society's ecumenical and social ministries.



Vincent Marchionni
Rosemont, Pennsylvania
Maryland Province

Vinny, 22, graduated from Philadelphia's St. Joseph's Prep and then Saint Joseph's University with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in theology. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and has volunteered for the Adopt-a-Pop program of the Jesuits' Maryland Province infirmary. He roots for the Philadelphia Eagles and listens to heavy metal.



Ryan Masterson
Clinton, Iowa
Chicago Province

Ryan, 24, graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Xavier University in Cincinnati, where he also sang in the choir and played lacrosse. He's practiced as an accountant and has volunteered with a tax-preparation program, assisting low-income and elderly taxpayers. He roots for the Ohio State Buckeyes.



Timothy Moriarty
Seattle
Oregon Province

Tim, 23, has a BA in philosophy from Boston College. He worked as an intern at the King County District Court in Seattle and at a homeless shelter in Boston. While at Boston College, he was active in the Sons of St. Patrick, an intentional faith community for undergraduate men. He plays Irish fiddle; for exercise he runs and bikes.



Justin Mungal
Santa Clara
California Province

Justin, 23, has a BA in statistics from the University of California, Berkeley. He taught high school math in El Paso, Texas for the "Teach for America" program. He enjoys traveling; he spent two months on a backpacking trip through Australia. Justin also likes swimming and playing the drums and is learning to play guitar.



Daniel Napolitano
Cleveland
Wisconsin Province

Danny, 24, has a bachelor's degree in theology from Marquette University in Milwaukee, where he was also a resident assistant in a dorm. He has worked in various capacities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and he also taught religious education in Washington, D.C. He likes running and reading.



Richard Nichols
Washington, D.C.
Maryland Province

Rick, 31, graduated from Loyola Blakefield High in Towson, Maryland, and from Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, with a BA in math. He served in the navy on a submarine and traveled to Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and South America. Rick is a former seminarian in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., and he enjoys literature and running.



Patrick Nolan
Massapequa, New York
New York Province

Patrick, 29, a graduate of Loyola College in Maryland with a BA in history and a minor in business, spent junior year at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, and was senior class president. He worked for MasterCard and was a member of the Ignatian Young Adults Committee at St. Ignatius Parish in New York. He's completed five New York City marathons.



Bryan Norton
Broadview Heights, Ohio
Detroit Province

Bryan, 24, graduated from St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and has a BA in philosophy from Williams College in Williamston, Massachusetts. He studied at Oxford during his junior year. While in college he was involved in music ministry and Bible study. He has worked on service projects in Appalachia and in the Bronx. Squash and basketball are his sports.



Timothy O'Brien
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
Maryland Province

Tim, 24, graduated from Holy Cross with a BA in political science, having spent a college summer studying in Valparaíso, Chile. He worked as a paralegal in the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and taught religious education at the Jesuits' Holy Trinity Parish there. Tim enjoys cooking and travel.



Perry Petrich
Tacoma, Washington
Oregon Province

Perry, 23, graduated from Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma and earned BAs in theater and theology from Fordham University in New York. He participated in a Six-Weeks-a-Jesuit program in Milwaukee, during which he taught algebra and directed the theater program at St. Aloysius Parish. He plays guitar, enjoys singing, and is an avid biker and hiker.



David Rimshnick
Princeton, New Jersey
New York Province

David, 25, who holds a BS and an MS in industrial engineering from Cornell University, worked as a pharmaceutical sales and marketing consultant. He also worked with young adult groups at St. Paul's Church in Princeton. His other academic interests include economics, computer science, and math, while his nonacademic interests include golf and fishing.



Nathaniel Romano
Temecula, California
Wisconsin Province

Nate, 26, graduated with BAs in history and political science from Marquette University in Milwaukee, where he was the student liturgy coordinator and active in student government. He earned a law degree from University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he was involved in the Elder Law Clinic. He's worked in criminal defense and family law.



Travis Russell
Roseburg, Oregon
California Province

Travis, 23, has a bachelor's degree in global security and intelligence studies from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. He has done volunteer work in his parish. Travis is interested in aviation and Islamic culture; in his free time he enjoys biking, hiking, scuba diving, and golf.



James Sand
Cincinnati
Chicago Province

James, 24, has a bachelor's in classics and history and another bachelor's in education from Miami University in Ohio. He completed a Six-Weeks-A-Jesuit program in Chicago, and he taught at St. Cecilia school in St. Louis as a Jesuit Volunteer. His interests range from baseball and naval history to science fiction.



John Simmons
Auburn Hills, Michigan
Detroit Province

John, 22, graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and Catholic Studies from Cleveland's John Carroll University, where he was president of the Interfraternity Council, worked in the admissions office, and gave campus tours. John enjoys swimming, playing the piano, and reading.



Matthew Spotts
Cincinnati
Chicago Province

Matt, 23, attended St. Xavier High in Cincinnati and holds BAs in history and philosophy from Fordham University in the Bronx, where he was a resident assistant in a dorm for two years. He was active in Fordham's Christian Life Community and in parliamentary debate there. He is a fan of soccer and Ohio State football.

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Sean Towey
Tacoma, Washington
 Oregon Province

Sean, 20, a graduate of Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma, was a student of international studies and English at Seattle University. He has worked detailing cars and waiting tables. He describes his ability in Spanish as “satisfactory.” Soccer and rugby are his sports; he also lifts weights and plays guitar.



Robert Van Alstyne
San Carlos, California
 California Province

Robert, 22, has a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Boston College. He has worked as a lifeguard, a swim instructor, a summer camp counselor, and he volunteered as a tutor for middle-school students. He enjoys swimming, playing acoustic guitar, singing, hiking, camping, reading, and listening to classical music.



Nino Francisco Zelaya
Santiago de Maria, El Salvador
 Oregon Province

Francisco, 31, has a degree in accounting from the University of El Salvador and studied linguistics at the University of Rouen in France. He worked as an accountant for local development projects in San Salvador. He likes working out, reading, and film. He knows English, French, Italian, and Portuguese as well as his native Spanish.



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Come if you have broad and sufficiently strong shoulders. Come if you have an open spirit, a reasonably open mind and a heart larger than the world. — Pedro Arrupe, SJ