



Jesuit Vocation Office

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Hunter Dudkiewicz

Oakfield, NY

Hunter, 21, recently graduated from Canisius College with a double BA in philosophy and theology/religious studies. While at Canisius, he worked as a resident assistant and as a justice intern in campus ministry. Hunter has also worked as a liturgical coordinator at St. Cecilia Church in Oakfield, NY, and as a sacristan at Christ the King Chapel. He participated in two immersion trips to El Salvador and two service trips to New York City working with the homeless. Two things that profoundly shaped his decision to enter the Society were the witness and Ignatian lives of the Jesuits at Canisius College and his experience of the *19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises*. Developing an Ignatian prayer life greatly helped in his ability to see the work of God in his life and how God has led him to the Society of Jesus. Hunter enjoys movies, theatre and listening to music. (NYK)



Daniel Gustafson

Sioux Falls, SD

Danny, 22, is a 2011 graduate of Georgetown University with a BA in government and theology and a minor in economics. He did an internship at the U.S. House of Representatives and worked as an intern/analyst with Hilltop Public Solutions (a political consulting firm). Danny's discernment to enter the Society was greatly influenced by the many Jesuits he encountered during his time at Georgetown. Other influencing factors include a social justice/solidarity trip to El Salvador during his junior year, and the many retreat experiences he participated in through the Georgetown Campus Ministry. In addition to politics, Danny's interests include history, travel and Hoya basketball. (MAR)



Michael Lamanna

Guilderland, NY

Mike, 23, received a BS in economics and a BA in geography from Syracuse University. After college, he worked in a refugee resettlement program for FrancisCorps, and in community development as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer. Mike was introduced to the Jesuits and Ignatian spirituality at a retreat at Loyola Retreat House in Morristown, NJ. Upon further study, he became very attracted to the Jesuit call to "bring the world to the Church and the Church to the world." Mike's other fields of academic interest include public policy, political science, urban studies and international affairs. He also enjoys ping pong, racquetball, volleyball, running, reading, cooking, and playing piano. (NYK)



Stephen Nicholson

Marlborough, MA

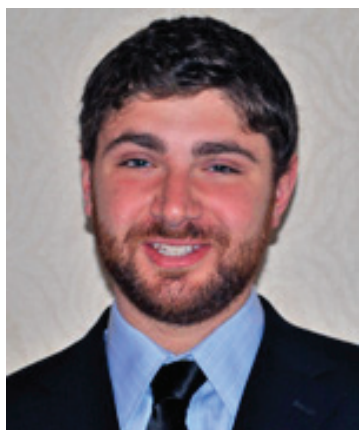
Steve, 25, holds a BS in chemistry from MIT and a Master of Public Health from Boston University. He has worked as the emergency services coordinator at St. Andrew Catholic Church, as an environmental health research assistant at Boston University, and as the confirmation teacher at Immaculate Conception Church in Marlborough, MA. During the past year, Steve has worked in Zambia as a technical support intern at the Center for Applied Health Research and Development. Steve's vocation journey to the Jesuits has been greatly influenced by his work as a member of the JVC Northwest and by the life and work of his great uncle, Fr. Francis Nicholson, SJ. Steve enjoys running, reading, hiking, music, and the outdoors. (NEN)



Zachariah Presutti

Belmont, NY

Zach, 26, has a BA in political science and theology from Canisius College and spent time studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Buffalo at Christ the King Seminary. Zach most recently worked as a pastoral associate at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Buffalo. His decision to join the Society was informed by his experience working in Canisius College Campus Ministry and his encounters with various Jesuits while studying for the diocese. Zach's other academic interests include politics, history and foreign languages. He enjoys reading, theatre, travel, skiing, singing and acting. (NYK)



Salvatore Profaci

Mount Laurel, NJ

Sal, 23, is a graduate of St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia and St. Joseph's University where he received a BA in English and faith-justice studies. In college, he interned for three and a half years in campus ministry and also worked as a clerk for a Philadelphia law firm. Sal's most recent job was in the community service department at Cabrini College. Major factors in his initial interest in joining the Society were his strong desire to serve the Church and his eight years of Jesuit education. A three-month stint living and working with a Jesuit community in Myanmar, in addition to his getting to know numerous Jesuit priests and brothers solidified his passion for the Society's mission and the Ignatian charism. An avid piano player, Sal also enjoys tennis, yoga, running, and most recently, studying Portuguese. (MAR)



William Woody

Bryn Mawr, PA

Bill, 22, graduated from St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia and earned a BA from the University of Scranton, with a major in theology and philosophy and a minor in French. While at Scranton, Bill worked as a resident assistant and served as a foreign and classical language peer tutor. He has also volunteered in a hospice care facility and an inner-city tutoring program. Bill grew up having several Jesuit family friends. That together with eight years of Jesuit education gave him a first-hand experience of various Jesuits' passion and zeal to serve others. Later he was inspired by studying the history of the Society and the lives of numerous Jesuit saints and martyrs. Their common mission – being on fire for Christ and being willing to serve God and to share that love for God with others – was a huge determining factor for his application to the Society. Bill enjoys classical music, reading, traveling, writing, hiking, and playing cards and chess. (MAR)
