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## Loyola '60s-themed dinner raises more than \$1M

by Staff Reporter



Susan R. and Earl E. Webb of Wilmette, laugh during the Ramble 2011 Live Auction and dinner May 7th.

Beginning its second century in Jesuit education, Loyola Academy held its annual Ramble Auction and Dinner on May 7.

The school gym was transformed into a groovy, 1960s retro-chic space, reflecting this year's theme: The Beat Goes On. Organizers Tracie and Dan Michalek and Meg and Bill Phelan, and their cadre of volunteers, raised \$1.1 million for Loyola's Tuition Assistance program. Loyola awards more than \$4 million in aid to nearly 30 percent of its 2,000 students each year.

This year's annual Ramble Auction, which began its long run in the late '60s after a fire in Loyola's library, offered the latest bidding technology to its 600 guests. Silent auction bids were placed with smart phones and iPads, on borrowed iTouches available at check-in or at laptops and kiosks placed throughout the gym.

The evening began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, while guests made their silent auction bids. Entertainment included performances by Loyola's Jazz Ensemble, led by Corey Ames, and '60s guitar music by Katelin Jenko and Luke Ray, as well as a special appearance by Loyola's Drumline.

The program kicked off with Caroline Williams singing the Star Spangled Banner, followed by a welcome from Loyola President Rev. Patrick McGrath.

"As we move into the second century of our holy mission to form young women and men for meaningful, joyful lives of service, we gather tonight to celebrate success and provide for the future," McGrath said.

**Dinner and the live auction, led by auctioneer David Goodman of Auction Results,** followed. The live auction featured several unique and popular bidding packages, including six days in New York with courtside seats to the 2011 U.S. Open; a vacation for 10 at a home in Sundance, Utah for the Sundance Film Festival; platinum and gold packages to the Grammys; dinner for 10 with Brian Urchlacher; and a seven-day stay for eight at a 17th century villa in Tuscany. The live auction concluded with a pitch for Loyola's Guardian Angel Fund, followed by raffle drawings for a wall of 100 bottles of wine and two pieces of Tiffany's classic jewelry.

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