

AD INFINITUM

LOYOLA'S SOPHOMORE LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Ad Infinitum Sophomore Community is an intentional community designed to support you through your sophomore year journey at Loyola University. In a year when students grapple with issues of identity, relationships and academic choices, Ad Infinitum is a place where you can find support from the Office of Student Life, the Office of Sophomore Initiatives and your peers. Support comes through a host of community programs addressing issues such as studying abroad, career and internship exploration, strengthening friendships, personal reflection, spiritual guidance and vocational discernment. The goal of Ad Infinitum is simple, yet powerful – we want you and your friends to live and learn better together.

Would you enjoy the Ad Infinitum experience? You would if you.....

- Want to take some time on a regular basis to REFLECT and think about your life at college – your classes, study abroad, choosing a major, internships, relationships, leadership opportunities and spirituality.
- Want to focus on your STRENGTHS and how you can best utilize them each day of your life.
- Want to live with your friends from freshman year but really want to MEET NEW PEOPLE during your sophomore year as well.
- Value REAL RELATIONSHIPS and want to develop trust with others by taking part in discussions, debates and other community activities.
- Enjoyed attending Loyola events in your first year and want to take a more ACTIVE ROLE in planning events for your peers.

Are there requirements to live in the community?

Every residence hall community has a set of expectations outlined by Loyola's Community Standards, the Resident Assistants and residents living in the area. Since students choose to join Ad Infinitum, we have additional expectations for living in this community. They include:

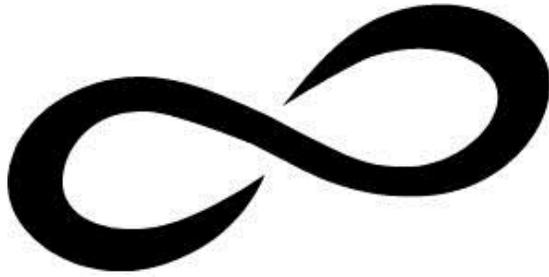
- Attend an Orientation meeting on April 3, 2013 from 8pm-9:30pm
- Complete the StrengthsQuest online assessment by April 19, 2013.
- Check e-mails throughout the summer to learn about upcoming events and starting to build relationships with each other.
- Arrive back to Loyola on Saturday, August 31, 2013 between 11am-1pm to move in and attend an Ad Infinitum Community Retreat on Sunday, September 1 - Monday, September 2, 2013.
- Planning 1-2 events during the year with a group of students from your floor. These "Floor Fun Events" are your chance to be creative and plan an activity for your floor – the possibilities are endless! You are also expected to participate in at least three peer led events each semester.
- Attending monthly Community Nights that address sophomore issues and strengths development.
- Attend the end of the year banquet, typically held on the last day of classes during the spring semester.

So what is StrengthsQuest?

- StrengthsQuest is a program for college-age students that gives you the opportunity to develop based on your **strengths** rather than your weaknesses. In other words, it helps you learn what you do best and then reflect on how you can use those talents each day.
- With StrengthsQuest, you can:
 - discover and develop your greatest talents
 - use your strengths to improve your grades and enhance your learning experience
 - learn how your strengths impact your relationships with family, friends and peers
 - strategically determine a rewarding career path
 - focus on your strengths rather than your weaknesses
- At the retreat, you will learn about your strengths and the strengths of others in your community. Each month, you will have an opportunity to discuss a different StrengthsQuest topic and how it applies to your life at Loyola and beyond.

What Do I Have to Do to Apply?

- You may apply to Ad Infinitum in groups of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6. Acceptance to the community will correspond to how you apply (eg. If you apply as a single person, you will be accepted as single person; if you apply as a full-room, you will be accepted as a full room). Please note that all students who apply in a non-full room will receive suitemates. All beds in an apartment/suite will be filled by the Office of Student Life.
- Each person who applies will fill out an individual application. A complete application includes the cover sheet and individual applications from each person listed on the cover sheet. This application will take the place of the online housing lottery roommate agreement process (Phase II). All applicants should still fill out the Intent to Return form online (Phase I).
- **Applications are due on Monday, February 18, 2013 at 12pm. Applications must be dropped off to the Office of Student Life (located in Seton Court 08B).**
- When you hand in your application, you will sign up for a brief interview with current students and administrators associated with the current Ad Infinitum Community. All members of your group should be available to attend the interview. Interviews will take place between Tuesday, February 19 – Thursday, February 21, 2013 in Student Life and the Office of Sophomore Initiatives.
- Acceptance decisions will be sent after 3pm on Friday, February 22, 2013 via e-mail.
- An Open House will be held on the Ad Infinitum floor in Campion on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 8pm for accepted members to view rooms and meet other accepted students in the hopes of forming complete roommate groups.
- Final roommate pairings are due on Friday, March 1, 2013 by noon, and final room placements will be sent via e-mail by Tuesday, March 5, 2013 and must be confirmed by Friday, March 8, 2013.



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2013-2014 INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

Name: _____

Student ID: _____ E-mail: _____

Best phone number to contact you: _____

Current Room Location: _____ Mail Stop: _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL _____ Major: _____

Are you currently in a first year program (Alpha, Collegium, Experience Baltimore, FE 100 Leadership Floor, Honors Housing/Messina, Substance Free)? If Yes, Which One(s)?

Please list the extra-curricular activities you have become involved in at Loyola during your First Year. In addition, what new activities do you plan to be involved in next year?

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following essay questions:

1. Describe what you believe are your three top strengths. Give 1-2 examples how you have used them while at Loyola University.
2. Define an authentic (real) relationship. How can you tell the difference between real and fake relationships with friends?
3. What is your biggest fear for your sophomore year? What is your biggest hope? Why?
4. Over 400 sophomores typically live in Campion Tower but only 60-70 are apart of the Ad Infinitum Community. What do you hope will make the Ad Infinitum experience unique? What can you offer to other community members?