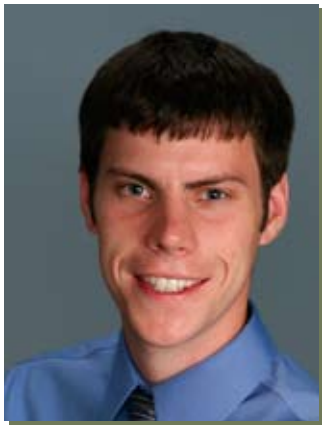




Newcomers 2007

We're proud to introduce you to the 30 young men who made the decision to join the Society of Jesus in the United States this summer. Each made his way to one of the novitiates across the country on a weekend in August to begin his vocation as a Jesuit. Please keep them all in your prayers as their journeys continue.



Benjamin Anderson
Chanhassen, Minnesota

Ben, 23, has bachelor's degrees in history and economics from Creighton University in Omaha. He was an Interfaith Worker Justice intern in Minneapolis and taught math to seventh graders while taking part in the Six Weeks A Jesuit program in New York. He is interested in community living and enjoys swimming and fishing. (Wisconsin Province)



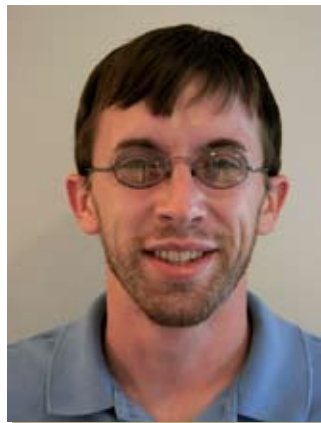
Matthew Baugh
Casa, Arkansas

Matthew, 28, has a BA in international development from Duke, an MA in international relations from Oxford, and a law degree from Yale. A Rhodes Scholar, Matthew edited the *Yale Journal of International Law* and was a volunteer consultant for World Youth Alliance. He also co-wrote radio programs on public health in rural Haiti. In his downtime he fishes and plays piano. (New Orleans Province)



Daniel Corrou
Saratoga Springs, New York

Dan, 35, has a BA in religious studies from Le Moyne College in Syracuse and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Harvard Divinity. He worked for Fidelity Investments and was a Jesuit Volunteer in Micronesia; he was later the associate director of Jesuit Volunteers International. He enjoys traveling, opera, and reading. (New England Province)



Patrick Couture
Quincy, Washington

Patrick, 25, received a bachelor's degree in English writing from Carroll College in Helena, Montana. After college he returned home to work in his family's heating and cooling business in Quincy. He is interested in education and social ministry and enjoys reading and writing short stories and poetry and weight lifting. (Oregon Province)



Roberto Carlos Durán
San Salvador, El Salvador

Roberto, 29, has a BA in advertising from the Universidad Don Bosco and a teaching degree from the Instituto Especializado de Educación Superior in San Salvador. He taught in El Salvador and worked in sales at *El Bohemio News*, a Spanish paper in San Francisco. He was active in his parish; his interests include reading, music, and running. (California Province)



Bryce Evans
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Bryce, 23, has a BA in theology from Marquette University. He volunteered at Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and has been on several mission trips. His academic interests include philosophy, Latin, math, and science, and he enjoys hockey and golf in his leisure time. (Wisconsin Province)



Matthew Fish

Tacoma, Washington

Matthew, 28, has a BA in philosophy from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio and an MA in theology from the International Theological Institute in Gaming, Austria. He taught literature at Jesuit College Prep in Dallas, taught theology in Austria, and volunteered in youth ministry at his home parish. He enjoys road trips and the great outdoors. (New Orleans Province)



Thomas Flowers

Morgan Hill, California

Thomas, 23, graduated from Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose, earned a BA in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and studied pastoral ministry at Santa Clara University. He worked in a bookstore, taught religion at Archbishop Riordan High in San Francisco, and has been very active in young adult ministry. His interests include creative writing and reading. (California Province)



Christopher Harris

Metairie, Louisiana

Chris, 27, graduated with a bachelor's degree in science commerce from Santa Clara University. He was a management consultant in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands, where he also worked as a bartender and was first mate on a sailboat. He enjoys languages, Church history, swimming, reading, and playing guitar. (New Orleans Province)



Lorenzo Herman

Cleveland

Lorenzo, 33, attended Spring Hill College in Mobile and then served in the air force for seven years. He worked in AIDS education and prevention for various nonprofit groups. In high school, he spent a semester as an exchange student in Brazil and learned Portuguese. He likes writing, travel, music, and yoga. (Oregon Province)



Andrij Mykola Hlabse

Brecksville, Ohio

Andi, 22, earned bachelor's degrees in music and romance languages and literature from the University of Notre Dame. An avid jazz musician, he enjoys composing and performing. A Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic, Andi went on two service trips to Ecuador and studied in Rome. He speaks Spanish, Italian, and Ukrainian. (Detroit Province)



Christian Hoeffel

Garrett, Indiana

Christian, 22, has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Notre Dame. Active in politics, he interned at the office of Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) in Fort Wayne and managed his mother's mayoral campaign in Garrett. He is interested in computer technology and is devoted to football fandom, travel, and tutoring. (Chicago Province)



Jason Lalonde

Lakeland, Florida

Jason, 27, has BAs in English and history from Florida State and an MBA from the University of Florida in Gainesville. He was active in numerous programs at his parish and volunteered at a Catholic Worker House. He has worked in arts administration and in software marketing. He enjoys opera, theater, and cycling. (New Orleans Province)



Michael Laveson

Bainbridge Island, Washington

Mike, 24, graduated from Seattle Prep and attended Seattle University. He earned BAs in philosophy and theology from Boston College. He has traveled to El Salvador and Spain and worked in the L'Arche community in Tacoma, Washington. He is interested in refugee services and likes to swim, read, and play the violin. (Oregon Province)



David Moore
Kempner, Texas

David, 27, holds a BA in aerospace engineering from Texas A&M University. He served in the air force for three years as an engineer. He volunteered with Theology on Tap and was on the board of an inmate reintegration program in Dayton, Ohio. He enjoys traveling, board games, and sports. (New Orleans Province)



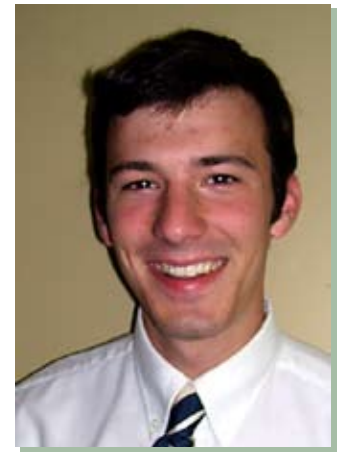
Shane Mulligan
St. Louis

Shane, 19, studied theology and Spanish at Saint Louis University. He worked in various administrative positions at his alma mater, St. Louis University High, and developed the website for SLUH's counseling department. He has volunteered at local hospitals and nurseries and enjoys gardening, photography, and graphic design. (Missouri Province)



John Peck
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

John, 26, earned a bachelor's in philosophy from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and a bachelor's in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. A modern languages enthusiast, John speaks German, Italian, and French. He enjoys traveling, art museums, and classical music. (Maryland Province)



Sean Powers
St. Louis

Sean, 20, studied history and theology at Creighton University in Omaha, where he also worked at the Center for Service and Justice. An Eagle Scout, Sean spent four summers at S-F Scout Ranch in southern Missouri. He also volunteered at several Omaha parishes. He enjoys backpacking, painting, and the St. Louis Cardinals. (Missouri Province)



James Riordan
Chicago

Jim, 30, has BAs in philosophy and theology and an MA in theology from Loyola University Chicago. He taught at St. Patrick's High and DePaul University and was a case worker for the developmentally disabled at Misericordia Center, all in Chicago. In his free time, Jim loves cooking, working out, and films. (Chicago Province)



Anthony Joseph Rizzo
Philadelphia

AJ, 26, holds a BS in biology from the University of Scranton and recently earned an MA in counseling from Loyola College in Maryland. He worked in ministry at Loyola Blakefield in Towson, Maryland, and St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia. AJ has also directed student service trips to Arizona, New Mexico, Jamaica, and Mexico. (Maryland Province)



Kyle Roark
Auburn, Indiana

Kyle, 24, has a bachelor's in philosophy from St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota. He was assistant golf pro at Bridgewater Golf Course and varsity golf coach at Lakewood Park High School in his hometown; he also tutored philosophy students at St. Mary's. Kyle loves weight lifting, golf, reading, and basketball. (Chicago Province)



Michael Rossmann
Iowa City, Iowa

Michael, 22, has BAs in economics and theology from the University of Notre Dame, where he was valedictorian. He has traveled throughout East Africa and Europe and studied and taught in Uganda and Poland. Michael is interested in agricultural economics; in his free time he enjoys reading, running, hiking, and cooking. (Wisconsin Province)



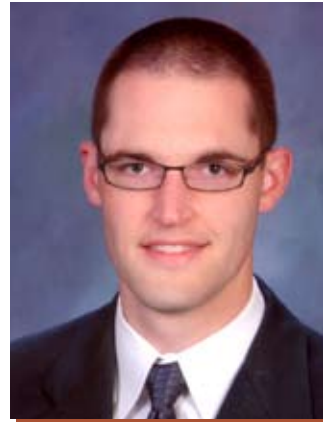
Edgar Sanchez
Mexico City

Edgar, 37, has a degree in graphic design from the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana in Mexico and studied computer graphics at DePaul University in Chicago. He worked as a graphic designer and took part in several immersion trips to Ecuador and El Salvador. Edgar enjoys photography, drawing, swimming, and hiking. (Chicago Province)



Henry Joseph Shea
Wayzata, Minnesota

HJ, 22, is a 2007 graduate of Georgetown University with a BA in government. He also studied at the Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago, Chile, and taught English in Panama. In 2006 he worked at the Philanthropy Roundtable in Washington, D.C. His hobbies include basketball, jogging, and playing piano. (Maryland Province)



Travis Stoops
Venetia, Pennsylvania

Travis, 24, received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He co-founded Duquesne's chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the international philosophy honor society. A classics enthusiast and trombone player, Travis also enjoys fishing, reading, and jazz. (Maryland Province)



John Tanner
Pasadena, California

John, 25, has BAs in philosophy and religious studies from California State, Long Beach. He worked as a coordinator of young adult ministry at his parish in Brea, California. He has traveled to Europe, Japan, and New Zealand. His interests include playing the guitar and bass, movies, reading, and running. (California Province)



Tho Vu
Omaha

Tho, 23, has a BS in emergency medical services from Creighton University in Omaha. He was a medical librarian, did genetic research, and was a team-leading paramedic at Creighton. He has traveled to Vietnam and coached tennis and soccer. He enjoys chess, origami, and playing piano. (Wisconsin Province)



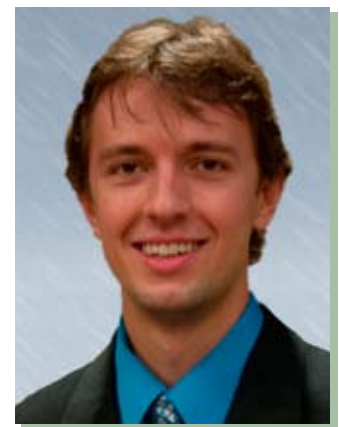
Benjamin Wilson
Davenport, Iowa

Ben, 23, has a BA in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame, where he was also a retreat leader and campus minister. He taught philosophy and theology at Creighton Prep in Omaha and has traveled to the Dominican Republic, Uganda, Italy, and Russia. He loves playing music, reading, frisbee, and running. (Wisconsin Province)



Joseph Wotawa
St. Louis

Joe, 19, graduated from Saint Louis University High. He worked as a camp counselor at Midtown Catholic Charities in St. Louis, was a receptionist at his parish, and volunteered at the St. Louis Science Center. He is interested in Russian language and culture and enjoys music, soccer, and world events. (Missouri Province)



Michael Wynar
Denver

Michael, 24, holds BAs in English and philosophy from Regis University in Denver. He lived at Romero House at Regis, volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club full-time. He also tutored runaway youth. Michael has traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia and enjoys volleyball, painting, and fixing things. (Missouri Province)