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Letter from the Editor

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Dear readers:

It is with great pleasure that we present the second volume of *Magis: The Jesuit Journal of Student Development*, the emerging journal from the Student Development Administration (SDA) program at Seattle University. It has been a busy five months since we began work on this second volume, including placing Melissa Shaub's work online as Volume One last November. The work we present here demonstrates the quality of work expected in the SDA program.

This year we feature a greater diversity of authors and topics from Seattle University, as well as far-away Jesuit universities like Loyola in New Orleans and Loyola in Chicago, and the material covers topics that range from analyzing the NASPA conference curriculum, to the need to support affirmative action in higher education, to a reflection on the life of Fr. Pedro Arrupe, the visionary past leader of the Society of Jesus. This is due in part to the establishment of an advisory board for the journal which is comprised of Vice Presidents and other administrators at Jesuit universities across the United States.

In other words, this has been a great "building up" year for *Magis*. Even its name, *Magis*, means "the more." We nearly changed it but after much conversation, no one could argue against its use as it represents what we aspire to do in this journal, and what student affairs administrators aspire to do across the nation is to help push students—and ourselves—to constantly seek, "the more."

We are especially grateful to all our authors for the time and patience they exerted going through this process with us. Our intent was for this to be a learning experience for everyone involved, and a learning experience it was. We have a wonderful product to show for all that hard work—Melissa did an excellent job with her first volume, and we believe this second volume raises the bar even higher. The quality of writing, the level of scholarship presented, and the passion around Jesuit higher education shines through these six pieces as we continue to establish an identity and a reputation for SU's fledgling SDA journal. We are forming a solid foundation from which to build a stellar journal, and we are excited to see what unfolds for the third volume. It truly is the relationship formed between the editors and the authors that creates such a quality end-product.

Thank you all so much, and happy reading,

Bryce Hughes

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