

Jesuit University in Colombia Sends Visitors to NOLA



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Loyola's Office of Mission and Ministry welcomed three visitors last week from Javeriana University located in Bogota, Colombia. Fr. Antonio Sarmiento, S.J., Fr. Hugo Gomez, S.J., and Prof. Esteban Ocampo were commissioned from their own Mission and Ministry Office to visit various Jesuit Universities across the U.S.

They arrived Saturday evening, April 9th 2011, eager to discover how Loyola N.O. staff and students incorporate the Jesuit mission and identity into various student and staff activities. During their journey they planned to collect and learn "best practices" from the various institutions they visited. "We have really enjoyed making connections with other universities for further exchange, collaboration and travel opportunities for faculty, staff and students," said Professor Ocampo.

Excited to make the most of their short trip, the group planned for a busy itinerary during their mere two days in New Orleans. They toured Loyola's campus and met with University staff including the University President, the Director and Asst. Director of Mission and Ministry, the Director and Asst. Director of the Jesuit Center, the Director of the Jesuit Social Research Institute and the University Ministry Staff. In addition, they spoke with representatives from student organizations such as LUCAP, CARE, Hunger Relief, SMILE and Awakening.

In addition to visiting Loyola N.O. during their 2-week journey, the men also visited Fordham University, Loyola University Chicago, St. Louis University, Regis University and St. Joseph University.

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