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SASSEN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Loyola University of Chicago's Board of Trustees elected James Sassen to the position of vice president, development, at the Sept. 9 board meeting.

"Jim Sassen knows higher education, notably Jesuit higher education, in this country," said Loyola's President Raymond Baumhart, S.J. "He is profoundly aware of Loyola traditions and at the same time looks forward to what Loyola needs for continued success in the twenty-first century. He brings to this challenge a wealth of experience, and good ideas which promise success for Loyola University fund raising."

Prior to his promotion to vice president, Sassen held the position of associate vice president, development and alumni relations. He accepted the associate vice president position in November 1984, after ten years as the vice president for development and public information at his alma mater, Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. He also held a succession of development positions, including vice president for development and finance, at Saint Benedict College in St. Joseph, Minn. from 1967-1974.

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Sassen's affiliation with Loyola actually began in 1960, when he accepted the position of director of alumni relations. He held that position until 1967, when his development career led him to Saint Benedict.

Of his thirty-year career in private university development Sassen says, "I became interested in the field when Xavier University offered me the position of alumni director in 1957; I was the first full-time alumni director for the university. I had just received my undergraduate degree and wasn't completely aware of the concept of university development.

"The more I learned about the field--and the longer I stayed in it--the more I liked it," Sassen continued. "And I think that most people who work in private and Catholic universities come to enjoy and appreciate their special environments."

Sassen earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1957 and a Master of Business Administration degree from the same institution in 1978.

He is currently a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and is a past president of Jesuit College University Advancement Administrators.

Sassen resides in Western Springs with his wife and three children.

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