

DONOR PROFILE

LEAVING A LEGACY

DANIEL COLEMAN (JFRC SPRING '77)

Daniel Coleman fondly remembers his time as a student and residential assistant at the John Felice Rome Center. He described the experience of being 19 and living in Rome as a turning point during his formative years.

“It helped me to not be so myopic, and the experience taught me to embrace other cultures, perspectives, and opinions,” Daniel said. “The whole experience helped me mature into a young adult who was ready to take my place in the world. I gained the confidence to pursue my dreams, and I wasn’t undone by obstacles that came along.”

Daniel’s experiences in Rome solidified his lasting love for Jesuit education. He and his wife, Julie, recently created as part of their estate plans an unrestricted \$75,000 gift to the John Felice Rome Center, which he hopes will go towards maintaining the University’s facilities in Rome for future generations and for scholarships that will allow more students to have the chance to experience Rome and receive a Jesuit education.

“The concept of discernment that Jesuits teach is so powerful,” Daniel said. “The idea of stepping back and really understanding what is being said is critical. The Jesuits taught me not to guess what decision feels right but just to know what is right. You can only get that through discernment. If more people did that, I think the world would be a much better place.”

Daniel and Julie reside in Seattle where he works as the chief investment officer at a local investment firm. He is a seasoned volunteer and proud member of the Rome Center’s Advisory Council.

Daniel and Julie have returned to Rome several times over the years, and in 2001, they enjoyed a nine-month sabbatical with their five children in Perugia, Italy.



Daniel Coleman (JFRC Spring '77) and his wife, Julie, included the Rome Center in their estate plans.

May we include you?

Many of our alumni and friends have included Loyola in their wills. We honor those who have done so with membership in the Society of the Shield. Would you like to know more about how you can become a member of this society? Please fill out and return the enclosed card for more information, or to let us know that you have already included Loyola in your plans.

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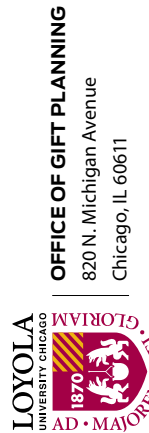
Ready to help

When you have questions about making a gift to the Rome Center, the Gift Planning team is ready to help. We welcome the opportunity to answer your questions. Please call or write us!

To browse more resources and get current advice to help in your estate planning, visit our website at: LUC.edu/giftplanning.

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On the cover: SLA Gabby Barajas and SLA Ola Wysocki at the Colosseum (Photo: SLA Judy Kyrkos)



WILL NEW TAX RULES AFFECT YOU?

With new tax rules come opportunities to evaluate your financial position and plans you have in place, or have been meaning to institute, including estate plans. Will your federal tax rate change? Are there options to reduce your tax rate by giving a charitable gift? In this issue, you'll get answers to some of your burning questions.

PLANNED GIFTS FOR THE AVANTI! CAMPAIGN

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JFRC students attend class on bicycle near the Pantheon

HOW THE NEW TAX RULES MAY AFFECT YOU

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 is the biggest change to taxes since the Tax Reform Act of 1986. You may wonder how it could affect you, your small business, your taxes, your estate, and the charities you care about. You may be asking some of the following questions:

Will a charitable gift always reduce my income tax?

If you itemize your deductions, a charitable gift will reduce your income tax. The amount of the tax savings depends on your tax rate. Since marginal rates are generally lower under the new act, your tax savings may be a bit less than previously, but your savings can still be significant.

CHARITABLE IMPACT:

SAVE TAXES BY DOUBLING UP ON YOUR GIFT

If your total itemized deductions aren't larger than your standard deduction, you might consider contributing in a single year what you would normally give over a two-year period. Your total deductions for the first year would then exceed the standard deduction, so you would itemize in that year and realize tax savings for your charitable gifts—then take the standard deduction the next year.

If I sell an appreciated asset, will I now pay less tax on the capital gain?

No, the new act did not change the tax rate on long-term capital gain. Except for lower-income individuals who pay no tax on capital gain, the rate on capital gains in securities and undepreciated real estate remains at either 15% or 20%—depending on the level of your total income. For certain types of assets, the rate is higher. The 3.8% Affordable Care Act surtax continues and is added to the capital-gain tax rate for those whose adjusted gross income is over a certain level.

CHARITABLE IMPACT: YOU CAN STILL SAVE CAPITAL-GAIN TAXES

When you make a donation using assets owned for more than a year, you still receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value, and you are not taxed on the capital gain. Because of this double benefit, giving an appreciated asset, such as stock, can still greatly reduce the net cost of making a gift.

Should I review my estate plan because of the new tax act?

It is always wise to review your estate documents periodically and make needed changes. The federal exemption for an estate in 2018 almost doubles to \$11.2 million (\$22.4 when combining the exemptions of married couples). If you do not have high net worth, chances are that the new tax act in itself necessitates no changes. However, if your estate would have been subject to estate tax under prior law, then you should definitely consider changes.

CHARITABLE IMPACT: YOU COULD GIVE MORE TO LOVED ONES—AND TO CHARITY

The new tax act makes it possible to give more to loved ones without paying federal estate tax—but if you choose to give them a fixed amount and the balance to charity, you may actually be able to give more to a charity because the estate tax on that fixed amount will now be less. Also continuing is the benefit that your loved ones who inherit and sell appreciated assets will not be taxed on any of the capital gain that accrued prior to your death. Note: Even if your estate is exempt from federal estate tax, it might be subject to state estate tax—a charitable bequest could reduce that tax.

Will my federal income tax go up or down?

Most tax payers will see reduced income taxes, but some will see a tax increase.

Your taxes may go down due to the reduction in marginal tax rates. The top tax is rate now 37%; it was previously 39.6%.

Your taxes may also drop because the standard deduction is now \$12,000. However, if you previously itemizing deductions for state income tax, state sales tax, property tax, and other miscellaneous items that totaled more than \$12,000, you may see a tax increase because some deductions have been eliminated—and others are now limited.

Can I still make charitable gifts in the same ways as before?

In the past, many of our alumni and friends have used a variety of assets to fund a wide variety of gift plans. Here are some ways you can still make planned gifts:

- Establish a charitable remainder trusts that pays you and/or another person income for life or a term of years.
- Fund a gift annuity that pays a fixed amount for life.
- Make a “rollover gift” from your IRAs if you are over the age of 70½.
- Contribute appreciated assets like stock or real estate.
- Name Loyola University of Chicago (legal name of the University) as a beneficiary in your will or as a contingent beneficiary of your IRA or retirement plans.

All of these plans, and more, are still possible under the new tax act. However, some of these giving plans are indirectly affected. Please contact us or consult with your legal or account adviser to make certain new strategies are advisable.

To discuss gift planning options that may be best for you, please contact us at 312.915.7641 or e-mail giftplanning@LUC.edu.



Planned gifts for *Avanti!* campaign

Every day, Rome Center students benefit from your support, whether learning in renovated and new spaces, accessing new resources, traveling on weekends, or receiving critical scholarships that provide them with access to a life-changing, transformative education.

To continue offering this opportunity for so many students, we invite you to participate in the *Avanti!* campaign. In addition to gifts during the life of this campaign, planned gifts—gifts made through estate plans and similar documents—will help ensure the long-term stability of the Rome Center. Such gifts can also help meet your personal and family financial and philanthropic goals, some of which provide for sufficient tax advantages.

To learn more about the campaign, please visit LUC.edu/avanti.

To make a gift, please contact Loyola's Office of Gift planning at 312.915.7641 or e-mail giftplanning@LUC.edu.