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## **Saint Ignatius College Prep Honors Marilyn Kelly Gardner '84**

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Saint Ignatius College Prep honored Marilyn Kelly Gardner '84 at the school's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Business Society Luncheon on November 13, 2015 at the Union League Club of Chicago. Ms. Gardner received the Alumni Award for Excellence in Business.

The Saint Ignatius Business Society was founded in 2011 to help foster camaraderie for members of the school community who work in the fields of business and finance. The society is open to any alumnus, parent, or friend of Saint Ignatius College Prep that is involved professionally in those fields.

A visionary, strategist and passionate advocate of our city – that's how many of Chicago's top leaders describe Marilyn Kelly Gardner '84. As President and CEO of Navy Pier, Inc., one of Chicago's most visible non-profits and the Midwest's leading leisure destination, Gardner has built a strong reputation as one of Chicago's most respected female leaders.

Since her appointment in 2011, Gardner has been the driving force behind the Navy Pier redevelopment project, a \$115 million, multi-year effort to update and transform 50 acres of Chicago's premier urban waterfront space into a spectacular, global destination. Since construction began in fall 2013, Gardner has overseen every facet of the effort from design and development to programming and fundraising. To Gardner each endeavor is essential in redeveloping Navy Pier for its Centennial celebration in 2016 and beyond, with a goal of attracting more guests to experience the Pier in a reimagined way.

Please join us in celebrating Marilyn Kelly Gardner '84 on this wonderful recognition. For additional information please visit the school Web site at [www.ignatius.org](http://www.ignatius.org).

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Saint Ignatius College Prep, a Jesuit Catholic school in the heart of Chicago, is a diverse community dedicated to educating young men and women for lives of faith, love, service and leadership. Through outstanding teaching and personal formation, the school challenges its talented student body to intellectual excellence, integrity, and life-long learning and growth. Inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ, this community strives to use God's gifts to promote social justice for the greater glory of God.

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