

After five unforgettable years in Chicago, I am returning to Eastern Africa in July. I will be based in Nairobi, Kenya, and continue the work of establishing Hekima University. I am sad to leave Chicago and the U.S., but excited at the opportunity to be on the ground, equipping young Africans with the skills that will transform their lives and bring hope for generations to come.

My time in Chicago has been truly fulfilling. I spent two wonderful years at Saint Ignatius College Prep, fundraising under President John Chandler's mentorship, as well as teaching economics and theology. I enjoyed many enriching encounters with the Saint Ignatius community, and I am grateful, most of all, for so many friends who welcomed me and supported me.

For the past three years, I have worked with colleagues of the Midwest Jesuits to raise much needed funds towards building Hekima University. That work will continue with Fr. Endashaw Debrework, an Ethiopian Jesuit who was regional director of the Jesuit Refugee Service in Eastern Africa.

To mark these five years and to say farewell, an alumna of Saint Ignatius, the Hon. Jeanne Wrenn, is graciously organizing an event at Theater on the Lake on April 17, from 6 pm to 8 pm. It will give me much joy to celebrate this occasion with the Saint Ignatius community. If you can make it, please RSVP by [clicking here](#).

I give thanks to God for you all and will treasure our shared memories until, God willing, we meet again.

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