IGNATIAN CENTER
FOR JESUIT EDUCATION

IGNITING THE FLAME
OF JESUIT SPIRITUALITY IN OUR WORLD

THE IGNATIAN CENTER FOR JESUIT EDUCATION AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

BRINGING NEARLY FIVE CENTURIES OF

JESUIT EDUCATIONAL TRADITION

INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

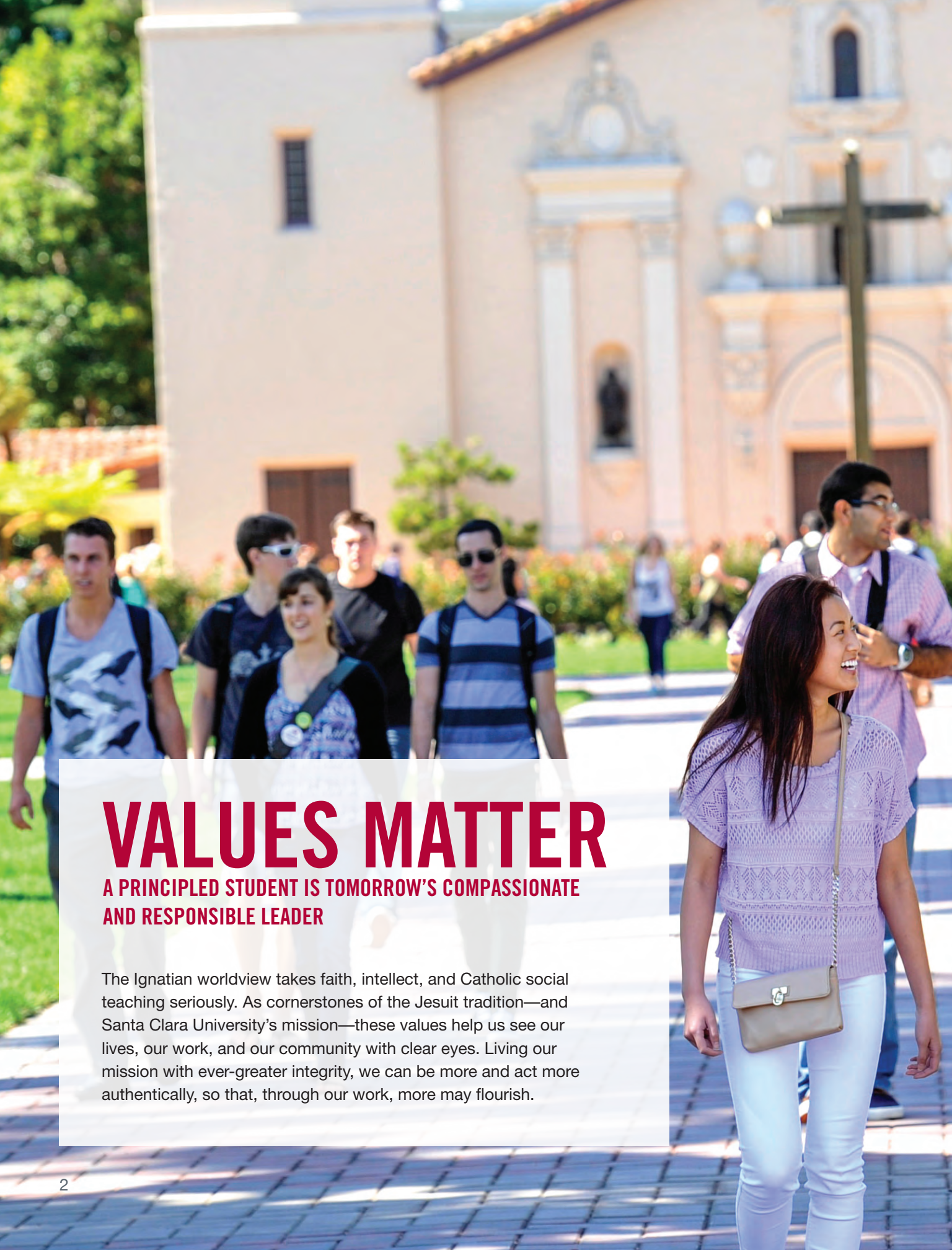
The Ignatian Center exemplifies a centuries-old worldview that feels right for our times. Based on the belief that from deep personal reflection grows mindful action toward a greater good, Ignatian spirituality focuses on a holistic approach to learning, a commitment to open and inclusive dialogue, and finding God's will for better decision making.

THE IGNATIAN CENTER

EXEMPLIFIES AND ACTIVATES

THE JESUIT, CATHOLIC CHARACTER OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

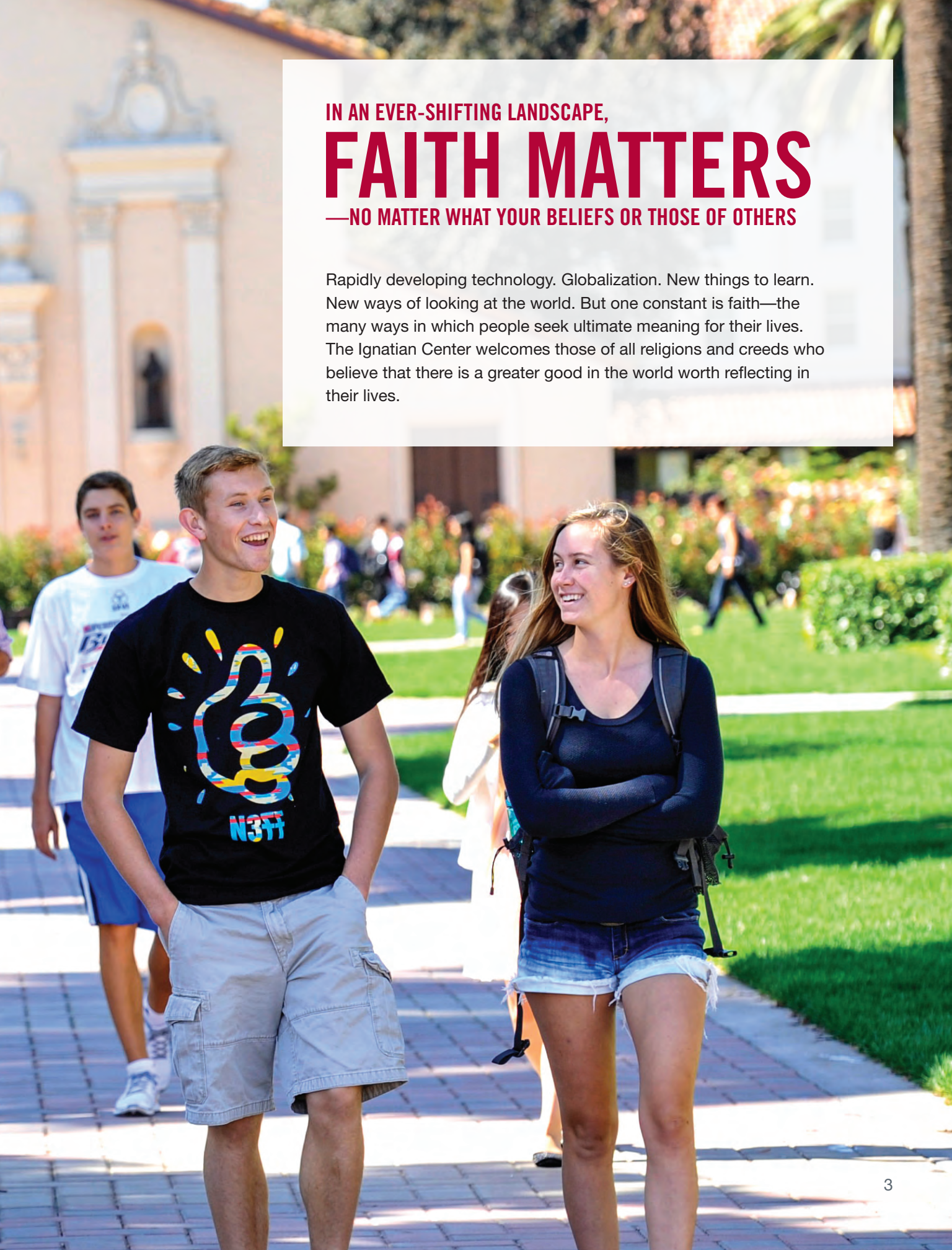
In the modern world, we encourage our students, faculty, staff, and community to embrace Jesuit wisdom by inspiring awareness, thought, reflection, discernment, and action.



VALUES MATTER

A PRINCIPLED STUDENT IS TOMORROW'S COMPASSIONATE AND RESPONSIBLE LEADER

The Ignatian worldview takes faith, intellect, and Catholic social teaching seriously. As cornerstones of the Jesuit tradition—and Santa Clara University's mission—these values help us see our lives, our work, and our community with clear eyes. Living our mission with ever-greater integrity, we can be more and act more authentically, so that, through our work, more may flourish.



IN AN EVER-SHIFTING LANDSCAPE,

FAITH MATTERS

—NO MATTER WHAT YOUR BELIEFS OR THOSE OF OTHERS

Rapidly developing technology. Globalization. New things to learn. New ways of looking at the world. But one constant is faith—the many ways in which people seek ultimate meaning for their lives. The Ignatian Center welcomes those of all religions and creeds who believe that there is a greater good in the world worth reflecting in their lives.

HOW IT'S POSSIBLE—AND WHY IT'S MEANINGFUL—TO EXPERIENCE

JESUIT EDUCATION IN ACTION

The Ignatian Center's programs provide a go-to resource for students, faculty, staff, and the community to discover Jesuit principles and make them their own. Participants learn first-hand how Ignatian wisdom can enrich lives, bridge differences, and catalyze meaningful change toward a more equitable, sustainable world. No other enterprise, at Santa Clara University or in Silicon Valley, plays this role.

IMMERSION PROGRAMS

THE IGNATIAN CENTER IN THE
WORLD

A large part of the Ignatian Center's purpose is to help others see the world with new eyes. Participants are invited to let the reality of this world into their lives, so they can learn to feel it, think about it critically, respond to suffering, and engage constructively.

THE BANNAN INSTITUTES

THE IGNATIAN CENTER IN

ACADEMIC DIALOGUE

The Bannan Institutes are key to our mission of engaging students, faculty, and our community in the contemporary issues facing justice, religion, culture, and society. The Institutes' programs take different shapes, but are characteristic of the University's Jesuit vocation to engage the broader community on modern issues.

COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING

THE IGNATIAN CENTER AND OUR
NEIGHBORS

Directly placing Santa Clara University students into the community helps them embody the Ignatian way as they form bonds with the neighborhoods in which we live. By integrating this community experience into classroom learning, students gain perspective that just isn't available from theory or study.

ARRUPE WEEKLY ENGAGEMENT | THRIVING NEIGHBORS INITIATIVE

IGNATIAN TRADITION OFFERINGS

IGNATIAN CENTER IN

ACTIVE CONTEMPLATION

At the core of the Ignatian Center's mission is helping students, faculty, staff, and alumni gain a deeper appreciation of Ignatian spirituality by providing ways to encounter the wisdom of St. Ignatius. The Center offers a range of events focused on the spiritual practices of various faith traditions that are valuable to anyone seeking to bring deeper reflection and discernment to their career and life decisions.

People frequently talk about the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education as the "heart" or "soul" of Santa Clara University. As one of SCU's three Centers of Distinction, the Ignatian Center distinctively reflects Santa Clara's Jesuit character. Among Jesuit universities in this country, the Ignatian Center is indeed unique as the only center dedicated to bringing together—in a typically Jesuit way—intellectual reflection with practical social action.

The Ignatian Center shines a light on our heritage of Ignatian wisdom, a way of being in the world that is practical, universally relevant, and transformative. We exist not only to exemplify the Jesuit, Catholic character of Santa Clara University but also to make that wisdom a reality with and for others, on campus and beyond. The Center's gamut of programs all foster thinking, believing, imagining, and action to enrich lives, bridge differences, and catalyze change for the greater good.

In this next generation of our work, as we continue to support Santa Clara as a premier Catholic, Jesuit University, the Ignatian Center now seeks new partnerships to respond to new opportunities. Located as we are in an ecosystem of global influence that is Silicon Valley at a time of seismic social change, we are passionately convinced that the rich legacy of Jesuit education can contribute significantly to the emerging realities of this century. The more voices that contribute to our Jesuit story, the greater will be our shared impact.

Father Dorian Llywelyn
Executive Director of Ignatian Center

Santa Clara University

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara University blends high-tech innovation with a social consciousness grounded in the Jesuit educational tradition. Founded in 1851, Santa Clara University is the oldest operating institution of higher learning in California and has remained in its original location for over 165 years. We are committed to leaving the world a better place. We pursue new technology, encourage creativity, engage with our communities, and share an entrepreneurial mind-set. Our goal is to help shape the next generation of leaders and global thinkers.

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