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From the President

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Discovery brings awe and excitement, sets creativity ablaze and teaches us about ourselves and our world. It is that aha moment when new knowledge enters our consciousness.

This issue of DePaul Magazine celebrates a very special kind of discovery. We turn a collective eye to treasures that are hidden in plain sight. The Pullman neighborhood, Illinois’ first national monument, offers a wealth of opportunity to faculty scholars from across disciplines, who bring their expertise to a site that has been part of the greater Chicago landscape for 130 years. Students search through layers of earth to uncover fragments of how those who came before us lived their lives.

On campus, we find treasures buried not beneath layers of dirt and brick, but housed in the library’s Special Collections and Archives. Included in the collections are artifacts related to Napoleon and Charles Dickens, as well as the personal papers of Daniel Berrigan, S.J., and Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J. Closest to our heart is the Vincentian Collection, particularly letters written by or for St. Vincent de Paul.

Opportunities to experience the cultural contributions of DePaul alumni, faculty and students can be as close as the nearest theatre or music venues. We encounter a broad range of talent and hear about the power of education to transform dreams into reality. We find in these stories magical moments of discovering a dream career, an unknown talent and, with jubilation, the greatest discovery of all, the discovery of the self.

These treasures and many more that enrich our campuses, our city and our community may surprise you. I invite you to discover all that we have to offer.

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