LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY

Vice President for University Advancement

Leadership Profile

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Executive Summary

Founded and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, La Roche University is an independent, Catholic, co-educational institution located on a 55-acre campus in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. La Roche invites inquiries, nominations, and applications for the Vice President for University Advancement (VPUA) position.

The University fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars from the region, the nation, and around the world. The University integrates liberal arts and professional education in creative ways, empowering all members of the community to become lifelong learners, succeed in their chosen careers, and promote justice and peace in an ever-changing global society.

The incoming VPUA will provide strategic advice to President Clark on all advancement matters and serve as the Chief Development Officer, responsible for the leadership and management of university fundraising, as well as alumni and constituent relations programs. As a key member of the President's Cabinet, the VPUA will participate in strategic planning and work collaboratively with leadership across the institution to lead a future comprehensive campaign, support key university priorities, initiatives, and opportunities, and serve as the staff liaison to the Board of Trustees' Philanthropy and Advancement Task Force.

The University has developed a preliminary $55 million campaign organized around five priorities: scholarships, academic excellence and signature programs, campus and learning environment transformation, student experience, and corporate and community engagement. The next Vice President for University Advancement will play a central role in refining the case for support, preparing for a future comprehensive campaign, and securing transformational investments. Success will require translating institutional priorities into a compelling philanthropic narrative that inspires major and transformational giving.

The VPUA will provide strategic leadership and mentorship to the Advancement Services team; strategize and lead a future campaign; significantly expand the University's donor base; strengthen relationships with current and past donors; and elevate La Roche's presence in the marketplace of the local and regional philanthropic community to raise funds in support of the University's needs. Among the top funding priorities are growing the University's endowment; increasing scholarships to enhance affordability and access; and expanding resources to support academic programming, workforce skills development, educational technology, and sustainability and green initiatives. In FY2026, La Roche raised approximately $6.8M in annual funds (including the Providence Heights Motherhouse gift, nearly $3.2M). The goal for FY27 is $4.5M. Taking an innovative, metrics-guided approach to advancement, the VPUA will increase philanthropic capacity by employing creative strategies, diversifying the pool, creating a compelling case for support, supporting the advancement team, and building meaningful relationships with donors.

This is an opportunity for an ambitious professional who is eager to make an impact. The VPUA must have strong curiosity and servant leadership to continue to grow the advancement operation. The VPUA will have a history of success in securing principal and major gifts and being an effective manager and mentor of people. As would be expected, superior communication and relationship-building skills are necessary, with a master's degree or other advanced degree preferred. The VPUA will be an inspirational team builder with the capacity to further embed best practices in advancement within institutional values and aspirations. The VPUA must be a leader of impeccable character, bring an energetic and optimistic perspective, enjoy building systems and relationships, and bring strong collaboration skills. Most importantly, the VPUA must possess genuine excitement about and commitment to the La Roche mission and identity.

What began as a school for religious women in 1963 with seven students in its first graduating class is now a university that offers 66 undergraduate programs of study, seven master's degrees, and two doctoral degrees, with particular strengths in education, business, criminal justice, psychology, nursing, health and medical sciences, interior architecture and design, as well as graphic design. This residential university provides a vibrant campus community for more than 1,000 men and women, enjoying 30-plus student organizations and an exciting NCAA Division III athletics program. The University's 15,000-plus alumni live in every state in the U.S. and in 59 countries around the world.

To submit a nomination or express personal interest in this position, please see Procedure for Candidacy at the end of this document.



Role of the Vice President for University Advancement

The Vice President for University Advancement reports to the President of the University and is an active member of the President's Cabinet. The VPUA leads and directs all University fundraising, alumni and constituent relations programs, and staffs the Board of Trustees' Philanthropy and Advancement Task Force. Working in close partnership with the President, the VPUA is the University's Chief Development Officer, responsible for leading fundraising activities across the University. As one of six University vice presidents who report directly to the President, the Vice President will actively participate in senior-level decisions regarding university priorities and policies by serving on the President's Cabinet.

The VPUA oversees the following team members: Director of Major Gifts, Director of Advancement Services, Sr. Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, Executive Coordinator for Strategic Initiatives, and Manager of Stewardship & Donor Experience.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provides leadership, planning, coordination, and management of development, alumni relations programs, and special events for the University as a whole.
- Supports the President in deepening the University's culture of philanthropy.
- Actively participates in university strategic planning, helping to establish appropriate goals and metrics for philanthropic investment for the plan's priorities.
- Leads overall fundraising strategy, including annual fundraising activities, planned gifts activities, grant oversight, and capital campaigns as set forth by the University's strategic plan.
- Leads and develops a highly effective team of people who make successful and lasting contributions to the University's mission and strategic plan as it relates to fundraising and constituent relations.
- Actively engages with and manages a portfolio of prospects, including personal cultivation, solicitation, closing of gifts, and stewardship. Serves as one of the University's lead fundraisers.
- Supports the President in advancement activities, managing engagement of prospects for major university priorities, providing research and leading best practices, and conferring on strategies.
- Travels regularly with the President and independently for donor visits and alumni events to cultivate relationships, advance philanthropic support, and strengthen alumni engagement.
- Supports Board members and other leading volunteers in advancement activities, managing engagement of prospects for major university priorities, providing research and leading best practices, and conferring on strategies.
- Actively and effectively engages with the Sisters of Divine Providence on the Board, understanding and valuing their charism, history, and enduring partnership with the University as its founders and biggest philanthropic supporters.
- Serves as an active member of the President's Cabinet, representing the University as a whole in the important deliberations of this group as it advises the President.
- Maintains effective relationships and collaborates well with other vice presidents, other departments, and members of the La Roche community.
- Learns the work of the faculty and encourages their participation in prioritization efforts for philanthropy.
- Oversees the programs of alumni relations and constituent relations as they seek to engage alumni and others effectively in the life of the University.

- Maintains responsibility for the creation and promotion of planned giving programs, and oversees the University's relationships with corporate, institutional, and foundation supporters.
- Maintains productive relationships with university staff involved in public relations and marketing, as well as other key stakeholders within the wider university community.
- Partners closely with Finance to ensure accurate gift accounting, stewardship of restricted funds, campaign reporting, endowment tracking, and compliance with University policies and donor intent.
- Establishes policies and creates a vision regarding effective and appropriate management of the University's advancement database and prospect research.
- Inspires high morale and the delivery of quality service by each employee within University Advancement through a leadership style that empowers employees and motivates them to strive enthusiastically toward the accomplishment of established goals and objectives.



About La Roche University Advancement

La Roche University's advancement efforts are grounded in a mission-centered culture of philanthropy that reflects the institution's Catholic heritage, commitment to student success, and emphasis on preparing graduates for meaningful careers and lives of service. University Advancement partners with alumni, parents, foundations, corporations, faculty, staff, and friends to secure philanthropic support for scholarships, academic innovation, student success initiatives, campus improvements, and strategic institutional priorities.

The University is building momentum for a vibrant and sustainable future. Over the past two years, fundraising and partnership successes have strengthened La Roche's philanthropic foundation and expanded opportunities for future growth. In 2025, the Sisters of Divine Providence gifted the Providence Heights Motherhouse and approximately 15 acres of adjoining property to the University. This transformational gift, as well as the new Sponsorship Covenant, deepened the longstanding relationship between the University and its founders and partners while creating new opportunities for mission-aligned programmatic expansion, community engagement, and future philanthropic investment.

The University has also demonstrated an ability to attract significant external investment in support of its mission. This fall, La Roche secured a nearly $3 million federal grant to advance student success and career readiness initiatives, which has further strengthened institutional capacity and provides a compelling platform for future philanthropic partnerships focused on student outcomes, workforce development, and educational access.

In addition, La Roche continues to cultivate a culture of engagement and philanthropy through annual campaigns, donor engagement efforts, and community-wide fundraising initiatives. Events such as Giving Mania, the University's annual Day of Giving, bring together alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, and friends in support of institutional priorities and student success.

As La Roche looks toward the future, University Advancement will play a central role in helping the institution realize its strategic aspirations. The next Vice President will have the opportunity to build upon recent successes, strengthen alumni and donor engagement, expand major and planned giving efforts, leverage the University's compelling mission and history, and help secure the resources necessary to advance student success, academic excellence, and long-term institutional sustainability.



Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

The following represents some of the immediate opportunities that the new Vice President for University Advancement will address during the first two to three years in the role.

Lead the Next Campaign

La Roche is primed to launch a comprehensive fundraising campaign, which the next VPUA will lead and see through to completion. La Roche has partnered with Johnson Grossnickle and Associates (JGA) on a comprehensive campaign feasibility study and is currently conducting interviews, focus groups, and surveys. The campaign is being developed in response to affordability challenges, changing federal aid dynamics, and the University's commitment to preserving its distinctive culture of care and social mobility mission. This campaign will invest $55 million in five integrated priorities that secure La Roche's future while staying true to its roots: approximately $19M for scholarships, $11M for academic excellence and signature programs, $7.5M for campus transformation, $6.5M for student experience, and $6M for corporate and community engagement. Success will require translating institutional priorities into a compelling philanthropic narrative that inspires major and transformational giving and further engages and inspires existing and new donors. In addition, broad campus engagement around campaign priorities, student success, mission integration, institutional sustainability, and affordability will be essential to campaign readiness and long-term fundraising success.

Foster a Culture of Philanthropy

The University has a compelling story as a leading social mobility institution, ranking #1 in the Pittsburgh region last year and among the top Regional Universities in the North for social mobility, while maintaining a 97% career outcomes rate across all majors and serving students from more than 47 countries. The VPUA will lead collaborative efforts with the President's Cabinet, trustee leadership, and the faculty to develop and encourage a campus-wide culture of philanthropy that fosters appreciation for and engagement in advancement efforts. They will proactively facilitate and support networking opportunities and connections for individuals across the La Roche community with external contacts for fundraising, funding, publicity, and community and business partnerships to advance the University's current and future strategic goals. They will serve as a liaison for relationship-building between internal and external stakeholders, facilitating and shepherding communication and engagement. There are particular opportunities to engage international alumni, parents, corporate partners, and individuals who value La Roche's emphasis on access, global education, workforce development, and student achievement.

The next Vice President for University Advancement will have the opportunity to align La Roche University's philanthropic future with some of its most distinctive and mission-rich assets. The University's alumni community reflects a remarkable global and values-driven legacy, including graduates of the Pacem in Terris program from Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Qatar, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Palestine, Jordan, Northern Ireland, Equatorial Guinea, Namibia, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen, whose stories embody the institution's commitment to peace, justice, and intercultural understanding.

The Vice President will also help steward engagement around two significant milestones: the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Divine Providence by Bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler and Marie de la Roche, and the 150th anniversary of the Sisters' arrival in America. These anniversaries create a powerful platform for deepening relationships with alumni, friends, and benefactors who are drawn to the University's founding charism and enduring Catholic identity and values. In addition, the adjoining Rachel Carson EcoVillage, situated on land given by the Sisters, offers a compelling expression of La Roche's commitment to sustainability, community, and responsible stewardship.

Together, these create meaningful opportunities for the VPUA to strengthen alumni affinity, elevate mission-centered storytelling, and expand planned giving among alumni and friends of the Sisters who seek to ensure that the University's values and the Sisters' legacy continue to flourish for generations to come.

Broaden the Pool of Prospective Donors

The VPUA will be expected to rekindle donor relationships that have waned through previous leadership transitions, renew engagement and philanthropic support, and build new relationships. This leader will think creatively and entrepreneurially about expanding La Roche's philanthropic community to include international alumni, parents, business and community leaders, and individuals who connect with the University's mission and vision. The VPUA will play a critical role in identifying and building relationships with these individuals to further support La Roche's mission, impact, and reach. The VPUA will need to secure support across all areas in a competitive fundraising environment. They will personally identify, solicit, cultivate, and attain major gifts and beneficial external relationships for La Roche.

Optimize Presidential Reach and Influence

The VPUA will serve as a key strategic partner to the President as she advances institutional priorities focused on innovation, global education, AI readiness, mission integration, access, and student success. The VPUA will strategically engage the President in high-level, principal-gift fundraising strategies and activities, provide exceptional staffing support, and ensure the President's time is appropriately leveraged to maximize high-value meetings aimed at securing impactful gifts. The VPUA should be comfortable serving as a key consultant and advisor to the President on matters of donor and board relations as it pertains to advancing comprehensive advancement strategies and initiatives.

Lead, Motivate, and Build the Advancement Team

Leading with influence, the VPUA will be responsible for evaluating the advancement staff, identifying the team's strengths, ensuring training and mentorship, and effectively allocating resources and responsibilities. The VPUA will recruit and retain successful advancement professionals, with an immediate opportunity to fill a new position and ensure the team's continued growth and success. The advancement team will be expected to build greater campaign readiness, expand fundraising capacity, strengthen donor pipeline development, and support increasingly sophisticated major- and principal-gift activity. The VPUA will be expected to provide strong leadership and motivate the team to its highest levels of teamwork and performance. The incoming VPUA should lead by example and serve as a highly visible, engaged leader by motivating and inspiring staff, coalescing team members around a shared vision, celebrating successes, advocating on behalf of the unit, helping overcome challenges, and achieving a high level of fundraising success through their own donor portfolio.

Strengthen Stewardship

The next Vice President for University Advancement will be charged with strengthening and extending La Roche University's emerging culture of disciplined, relationship-centered stewardship across the institution's full community of supporters and partners. Building on important progress already underway, the Vice President will help embed practices that reflect the University's commitments to transparency, accountability, gratitude, and enduring engagement with donors, alumni, and the Sisters of Divine Providence, whose roles as founders and partners remain central to La Roche's identity and future. Within this broader stewardship framework, the Vice President will also help honor the recent transformational Motherhouse gift and support the implementation of the new Sponsorship Covenant, while ensuring that these important developments are situated within a larger, more comprehensive effort to deepen relationships, renew lapsed connections, and foster sustained philanthropic investment aligned with the University's mission and priorities

Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

The Vice President for University Advancement must have a degree from an accredited institution with progressive experience in fundraising and be a positive, entrepreneurial individual who is professionally active and possesses supervisory experience in the fundraising field. A master's degree is preferred. The new VPUA need not be a practicing Catholic but will embrace La Roche's Catholic values and mission and will both embody and articulate these values with ease. The VPUA will maintain an active, visible presence on campus and throughout the region, participating in university activities and regional events and serving on a community board to strengthen relationships and expand La Roche's connections.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate many of the following qualifications and qualities:

- Strong knowledge of current fundraising practices, a proven track record in planning and implementing fundraising programs, and experience in establishing and working with a corps of volunteers are essential;
- Excellent communication, leadership, and organizational skills;
- A successful track record with comprehensive campaigns, and the ability to represent a values-centered, Catholic university and work effectively with administrators, trustees, faculty, alumni, friends, and corporate executives to promote the mission of the institution;
- Experience developing campaign cases for support and securing philanthropic investments in scholarships, academic innovation, workforce development, student success initiatives, capital improvements, and endowment growth is highly desirable;
- A collaborative leadership style that inspires confidence, professionalism, and pride in the organization based on a demonstrated ability to set a clear vision for University Advancement;
- A strong and well-demonstrated leadership background with expertise in current fundraising methodology and practices; demonstrated personal success in major donor cultivation and solicitation;
- Ability to position the President to maximize her potential as a fundraiser for the University;
- An ambitious leader and team builder who can provide mentorship and support while also balancing their own portfolio of donors;
- An active learner and listener with exceptional skills in communication and interpersonal relations; the ability to authentically and easily express excitement to tell the stories of La Roche and its students, faculty, and programs to engage both internal and external audiences and make a compelling case for philanthropic support;
- A demonstrated commitment to human dignity, equal opportunity, and La Roche's distinctive culture of care, with a successful track record of removing barriers to participation, welcoming diverse perspectives, and building effective relationships with people across backgrounds and experiences;
- Familiarity with Raiser's Edge NXT fundraising software and GiveCampus and ThankView platforms.

About La Roche University

Overview



As an independent, liberal arts university in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh, La Roche University offers 66 undergraduate programs of study, seven master's degrees, and two doctoral degrees, with particular strengths in education, management, criminal justice, psychology, nursing, health and medical sciences, interior architecture and design, as well as graphic design. With a Fall 2026 enrollment of 1,018 undergraduate and graduate students and over 1,500 dually enrolled students, La Roche University provides a vibrant campus environment with 30-plus student organizations and an exciting NCAA Division III athletics program. Founded by the Sisters of Divine Providence in 1963, La Roche embraces its Catholic heritage while welcoming people of all faiths and backgrounds. With a legacy of Catholic social justice and a commitment to international exchange, La Roche educates students to be lifelong learners and achievers in an increasingly diverse and global society.

In keeping with the global compass of its mission, the University recruits students from both its traditional home base in Western Pennsylvania, numerous other states, and many foreign countries and ensures that students with less preparation are furnished with the assistance they need to enable them to achieve academic and career success.

The University offers flexible learning options, including online and hybrid formats, which support a range of student needs. While a portion of the student body is enrolled part-time, the institution maintains a robust full-time presence that reflects its commitment to traditional academic pathways alongside modern delivery models.



The Princeton Review has ranked La Roche among the Best Northeastern Colleges for 21 consecutive years (Best in the Mid-Atlantic recently). Consistently identified as a College of Distinction in multiple areas and ranked among US News and World Report's Best Regional Universities and as a Top Performer on Social Mobility for Regional Universities in the North, this fall La Roche was ranked #1 in the Pittsburgh area and #9 in Pennsylvania for college food by Niche.

La Roche participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program and received the 2024-25 Gold Military Friendly School Award. Home to the Redhawks, La Roche also offers 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams.



Mission

La Roche University, a Catholic institution of higher learning, founded and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars from the region, the nation, and around the world. The University integrates liberal arts and professional education in creative ways, empowering all members of our community to become lifelong learners, achieve success in their chosen careers, and promote justice and peace in a constantly changing global society.

Values

La Roche University shares the core values of its founders, the Sisters of Divine Providence:

Inclusiveness – An inclusive community that seeks to understand, respect, and include all.

Integrity – A community that values honesty, ethical behavior, and doing what is right, even if it is not popular or if no one is watching.

Determination – A community founded through determination shown by the Sisters of Divine Providence. They seek to exemplify this core value, to steadfastly thrive even when facing the most difficult of odds.

Compassion – A community that gives personal attention to its students and extends compassion and kindness to all.

Inspiration – A compassionate community, but also one that challenges and inspires their students to be the best that they can be, to be the best for the world.

Justice & Peace – A community that strives to promote peace and justice for all, but especially those who need it most.

The La Roche Difference

At La Roche, peace of mind isn't a promise – it's proven. With career outcomes at the top of the Pittsburgh region across all degree programs, a fully immersive experiential curriculum, and a campus where 98% of students say they feel safe, they deliver more than a degree – they deliver confidence in what comes next.

Academics

La Roche is characterized by programming that addresses the changing needs of the nation and world, attracts a student body with a strong international presence, and exhibits a renewed commitment to the Pittsburgh metropolitan area that is its home. Fully accredited by several national governing bodies, the university offers 66 undergraduate programs of study, seven master's degrees, and two doctoral degrees, with particular strengths in education, management, criminal justice, cybersecurity and forensics, psychology, nursing, health and medical sciences, interior architecture and design, as well as graphic design.

Sisters of Divine Providence



The Sisters of Divine Providence, formerly St. Peter Province, Pittsburgh, founded La Roche College in 1963. The Sisters have sponsored and supported the University since its inception. The University's name honors Marie de la Roche, cofounder of the Congregation.

Mahler Hall, a residence building, is named for *Sr. De la Salle Mahler*, the University's third President. The majestic Providence Heights Motherhouse, a structure which dominates the North Hills landscape, was designed and built in 1927 in the style of a Bavarian castle. Gifted to the University, Providence Heights now contains administrative and faculty offices, as well as classroom space. The Sisters moved to their new home, The Commons at Providence Heights, in 2022. Through contributed services, rent, and outright gifts, the Congregation has provided over $20 million to the University over the years. The 30 acres of land that make up the Congregation's campus include: The Commons at Providence Heights; Kearns Spirituality and Conference Center; two private residences, and garages. The cemetery and a woodland sanctuary are located on the eastern portion of the CDP campus. Currently, the Rachel Carson EcoVillage is being developed on eight acres of the Sisters' property, offering the prospect of partnership opportunities around sustainability and eco-justice.

Through the years, more than 100 Sisters of Divine Providence have served the University as trustees, faculty, officers, administrators, and staff. Currently, two sisters minister at La Roche in full- or part-time capacities. In addition, seven sisters serve on the Board of Trustees.

The spirit of the University emanates from the spirit of the Congregation, and the University's mission is an extension of the Congregation's mission. For more information about the Sisters of Divine Providence, please visit the Sisters of Divine Providence website at cdpsisters.org.

The Spirit of Providence

La Roche University has undergone many transformations in its history to become the vibrant institution that it is today, one with genuine international impact. From its scenic campus in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, La Roche reaches out to students from across the United States and from many nations, offering the promise of more fruitful lives for individuals and the hope of a better world for all.

One thing that has remained constant throughout its history is the spirit that brings life to the institution. It is the same spirit that has animated the Congregation of Divine Providence since its founding almost 175 years ago. It is that spirit that will lead La Roche University throughout its future.

Leadership



President Clark

In 2024, Christina A. Clark was appointed La Roche's eighth president, becoming the second lay person to serve as president in the University's history. With more than two decades of experience in higher education leadership and academic administration, she has maintained a consistent focus on academic quality, institutional mission, and student success.

Since joining La Roche, Dr. Clark has led a series of transformational initiatives. Soon after her arrival, she implemented direct admission to broaden access to higher education. To deepen mission integration, she established the Division of Mission and Ministry, strengthening the University's relationship with the Sisters of Divine Providence, and, in partnership with the Sisters, launched the Ketteler Center for Peace, Justice, and Inclusion. Building on this work, she founded the Division of Global Education to support international students and expand global engagement.

Positioning La Roche at the forefront of innovation, Dr. Clark launched campus-wide artificial intelligence initiatives. These efforts include establishing a Task Force to shape La Roche's AI strategy and propose responsible use policies; charging faculty to embed ethical AI use and essential AI skills into the curriculum, ensuring all students graduate with demonstrable competencies by Spring 2025; and enabling faculty and staff to build their own AI fluency through the AI Ready: All Campus Essentials program, offered in partnership with the Council of Independent Colleges. These strategic moves reflect her vision of a university grounded in mission and poised for innovation. Most recently, she led the creation of the new *Pathway to Sustainability: A Two-Year Strategic Sprint*, on which much progress has already been made.

Prior to La Roche, Dr. Clark served as provost at Marywood University. A key institutional leader throughout the pandemic, Dr. Clark led the successful implementation of the HyBridge Education Model, achieving 87 percent undergraduate student retention and 81.4 percent graduate student retention from Spring 2020 to 2021. She also oversaw the development of new degree programs in construction management, environmental studies, and counseling psychology.

Before that, Dr. Clark served as dean of the School of Design, Arts, and Humanities at Marymount University in Virginia, a Catholic Hispanic-Serving Institution, where she was also a tenured professor of literature and languages. From 2001 to 2016, she served in a variety of academic leadership roles at Creighton University in Nebraska. Her leadership portfolio includes strategic planning, program assessment, recruitment and retention, curricular development, shared governance, university advancement, and partnership development.

Dr. Clark earned master's and doctoral degrees in classics from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University. She held a tenured faculty position at Creighton University and also served as associate professor at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome.

Board of Trustees

La Roche University is governed by its Board of Trustees, which is comprised of no fewer than 20 and no more than 42 trustees. The Board of Trustees has primary oversight for the business and affairs of the University. Its primary functions are policymaking and responsibility for sound resource management of the University.

La Roche has a two-tiered board with several powers reserved to the founders of La Roche, the Sisters of Divine Providence, which are delineated in the bylaws of the University. Seven members of the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence serve on the Board and are appointed by the provincial director.

Academic Senate

The Academic Senate is comprised of all full-time faculty members. The faculty have primary responsibility for the curriculum and for personnel decisions regarding contracts and promotions. They make recommendations on these matters which then come to the President and Board, which has the ultimate authority.

Student Government Association

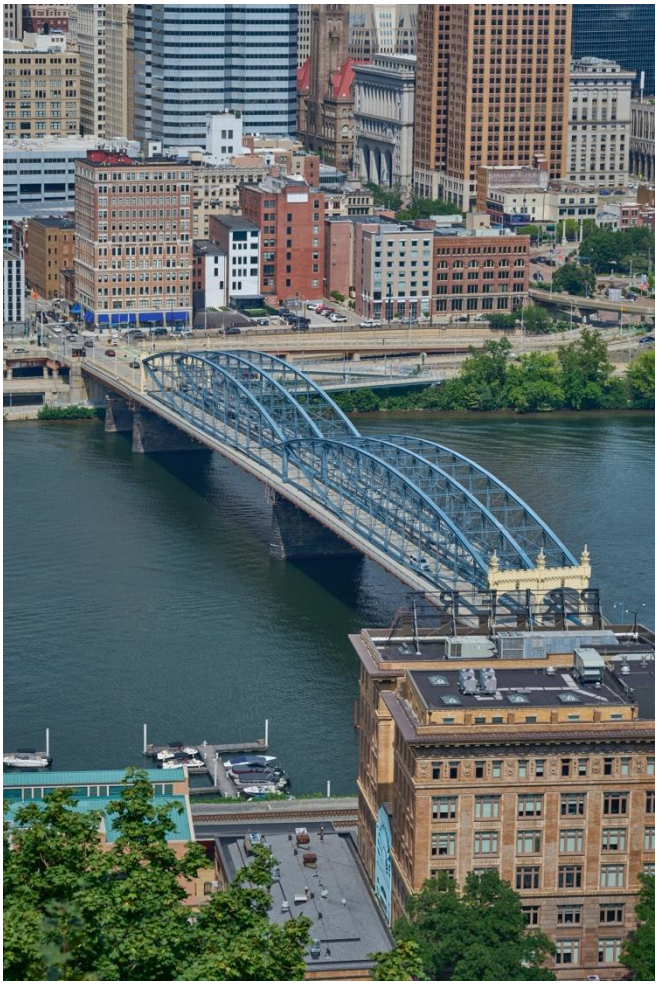
The Student Government Association (SGA) is the elected representation of La Roche students. They are recognized and authorized by the President and the Board of Trustees. SGA's structure and authority allow it to recognize and oversee all student organizations.

President's Cabinet and Cabinet

Persons designated by the President as members of the President's Cabinet are in charge of major organizational units of the University including: Academic Affairs, Student Life, Enrollment Management, Finance and Administration, Mission and Ministry, Global Education, and University Advancement as well as other areas as may be established from time to time at the discretion of the President.



North Park, Pittsburgh, and the North Hills



Situated in Pittsburgh's North Hills, La Roche University's 55-acre campus offers students the best of both worlds: a residential setting, but with big-city amenities. With downtown Pittsburgh only a 15-minute drive away, students can reap the benefits of the city's cultural and business districts, global corporations, famous museums, exciting nightlife, and three major professional sports teams.

La Roche students also have the convenience of employment and entertainment opportunities within walking distance to campus. Across the street is McCandless Crossing, a neighborhood district and town center, featuring everything from a movie theater, shops, and restaurants to a pharmacy, bank, and grocery store. Also adjacent to the University is UPMC's Passavant hospital. Just a short drive away is the scenic North Park of Allegheny County, pictured above, which offers opportunities for outdoor sports, exercise, and various other forms of recreation.



Procedure for Candidacy

All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile.

WittKieffer is assisting La Roche University in this search. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and the position remains open until filled.

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

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It is the policy of the University to promote equal opportunity to all qualified individuals regardless of race, color, creed, age, religion, gender, national or ethnic origin, veteran status, or non-job-related disability.

This includes all aspects of the employment relationship, including, but not limited to, recruitment, employment, job assignment, transfer, promotion, demotion, compensation, training and development, employee benefits, layoff, termination, and general working conditions.