A Jesuit University: Jesuit Education

Exploring the Jesuit and Catholic dimensions of the university's mission

There are some 950 institutions of higher, secondary, primary, and technical education around the world associated with the Society of Jesus. They enroll almost 3 million students and employ more than 130,000 staff, of which some 3700 are Jesuits.

Boston College is one of 28 colleges and universities, 54 high schools, and a growing number of middle schools in the United States that were founded or are associated with Jesuits.

The education web site of the Jesuit headquarters in Rome is a good place to begin looking for information. It has data on Jesuit education worldwide, a directory of those responsible for Jesuit education around the world, Jesuit documents on education, and links to institutions and associations around the world. Also helpful are the web sites for the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) and the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA) in the U.S.


The sites of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni and that of "Famous Jesuit Alumni" are two places to see the products of Jesuit education.

A very useful collection of materials from a variety of contemporary sources is A Jesuit Education Reader, ed. George W. Traub, S.J. (Loyola Press, 2008).