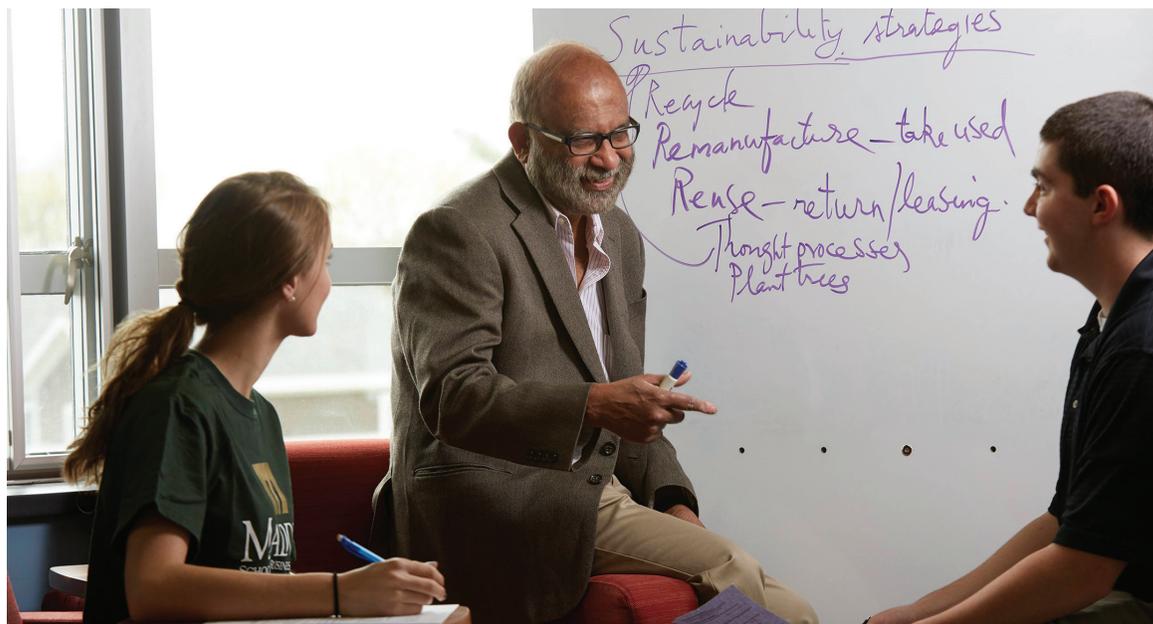


➤ MEANINGFUL SUCCESS: THE MANRESA PROGRAM

“He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself.”

St. Ignatius of Loyola



- Manresa**
1. A town in Catalonia, Spain, where St. Ignatius of Loyola lived and prayed for a year before writing the *Spiritual Exercises*.
 2. A transformational experience at Le Moyne that merges personal growth with professional development to ignite our true passions and discover our place in the world. Through Manresa, students blossom, pathways appear and lives are changed.

A Different Kind Of Career Preparation

Le Moyne students are driven. Many are the first in their families to attend college. They often balance their studies and work, and their families make sacrifices so that they may attend Le Moyne. Understandably, many have a singular focus on making sure they're employed by the time they graduate. Regrettably, they do not always believe they have the “luxury” of exploring their talents. Manresa helps integrate students' desires to find meaningful employment with their longing to explore their interests and pursue their passions. Manresa encourages them to think beyond what lies immediately before them and expand their visions for their futures. Through Manresa, students pursue their vocations – their callings – and develop personally, professionally and spiritually.



Manresa prepares students to make more thoughtful career choices; gain a better understanding of themselves; and solidify a moral, intellectual and professional ethos. Through Manresa, students develop a sense of responsibility for society at large that guides their personal and professional lives.

“In an age where complexity and the speed of change and volatility is so great, the capacity to be discerning is a great asset for the world.”

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A Journey of Self-Discovery

Many colleges, particularly religiously affiliated ones, have programs focused on character and spirituality. Manresa, however, is distinct in that it takes those principles and pairs them with academics and vocation, and further integrates those dimensions with the core curriculum.

Le Moyne's program unfolds over four years, whereas other programs typically span a weekend or a semester. This affords students ample time to develop and reflect at each stage of their College experience. It also challenges them to think more deeply about their vocational journey, from their first year until graduation, while providing them with tools for self-reflection that will last a lifetime. The primary goal of Manresa is to magnify preparation for purposeful, meaningful lives. It provides an alternative to a false dichotomy between job-training and intellectually enriching and personally satisfying study. By the end of the program, students will be prepared to thrive personally and professionally in a rapidly changing world.

Growth In All Ways

We know we're on to something. Our applicant pool has increased by 20 percent, and Manresa is only beginning its fourth year.

With your support, we will expand offerings to include weekend intensive workshops, weeklong programs to create more opportunities for students and more accessible dates. Additionally, we will create pathways that enable students to join the program as sophomores without missing the foundational first steps.

Our challenge is to retain the small group model that makes Manresa unique, while at the same time adapting the program so that no student is denied the opportunity to participate. Our aim is to incorporate advising, classroom intensives and programs-in-residence, creating many ways for students to connect with and participate in Manresa.

Benefits Of An Endowed Program

Gifts to endow the Manresa program at Le Moyne will enable the College to ensure that any student who wants to participate has the opportunity to do so. An endowed Manresa program demonstrates our institutional commitment to providing our students with personal guidance throughout their time on the Heights. This thoughtful, holistic approach to career and life planning will play an important role in helping students and their families make the decision to invest in a Le Moyne education. Beyond recruiting prospective students, the Manresa program will help us retain current ones. Due to the considerable personal, academic and career mentoring that they will receive through Manresa, students will be on track to graduate within four years, and early career exploration will help them align their goals with various internship and professional opportunities. Manresa's small-group model helps students develop deep bonds with one another and members of the community, and nourishes an affinity for Le Moyne that is vibrant long after they leave the Heights.

Generous support of Manresa will enable each Le Moyne student to pursue a higher calling.