Building a new generation of Polish American political activists in celebration of the life and leadership of Roman Pucinski by promoting a better understanding of politics at the local, state and federal levels, with the aim of inspiring future leaders.

**Friday, November 15th, 2019**

Piper Hall, 970 W. Sheridan Road

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 WELCOME and OPENING SESSION

Thomas Regan, SJ, PhD, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago

Hon. Piotr Janicki, Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Chicago

Bożena Nowicka McLees, Director of Interdisciplinary Polish Studies, Loyola University

9:15 – 10:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Dominic Pacyga, Professor Emeritus, Columbia College

*Polish American Politics in Chicago*

10:00 – 11:30 PANEL 1: Political Agendas of the Polish American Community
• From Parishes to Politics – **Matt Olchawa**, PhD Candidate Jagiellonian University
• Labor Unions and Local Politics
  - **Tom Balanoff**, President of SEIU Local 1
  - **Richard Owsiany**, President, Polish Museum of American
  - **Daniel Pogorzelski**, Writer and Editor, Forgotten Chicago
• Polish American Congress – **Dr. Joanna Wojdon**, University of Wroclaw

11:15 – 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 – 1:00  **PANEL 2: Roman Pucinski’s Life and Career**
• Lidia Pucinski’s Role – **Dr. Joanna Wojdon**, University of Wrocław
• About Roman Pucinski – **Dr. James Pula**, Purdue University

1:00 – 2:00  Lunch

2:00 – 3:00  **Documentary Film about Roman Pucinski** – introduction by Daniel Pogorzelski
• Post screening discussion led by Bożena Nowicka McLees

3:00 – 3:15  Coffee break

3:15 – 4:45  **PANEL 3: Remembering Congressman and Alderman Roman Pucinski**
• In the U.S. Congress (1959-1973) and in the City of Chicago
• The Chicago City Council, Alderman from the 41st Ward (1973-1991)
  - **Dr. Arthur Lurigio**, Loyola’s CAS Dean for Faculty, 41st Ward constituent
  - Former Alderman **Jack Jennings**
• Stories from the Alderman’s Office
  - **Richard Owsiany**, President of the Polish Museum of America
  - **Therese Samulski-Korzeniowski**, retired CPS teacher
• President of the Polish American Congress Illinois Division,
  PAC Charitable Foundation and other civic and political activities in Chicago
  - **Fr. John Pawlikowski**, Polish-Jewish Dialog
  - **Eugene Rosypal**, Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation

4:45 – 5:00  CLOSING REMARKS - **Hon. Aurelia Pucinski**
ROMAN PUCINSKI LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS
for Polish American High School & College Students
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Saturday, November 16th, 2019
Regis Hall, 6340 N. Winthrop Avenue

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome:
Bożena Nowicka McLees, Director of the Polish Studies Program
Hon. Aurelia Pucinski, Judge on the Illinois Appellate Court

10:05 – 10:45 Opening remarks:
Conrad Nowak, Attorney, former Chairman of the Polish American Association

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 1:00 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS LED by:
1. Joanna Borowiec - Participate in the 2020 national census. Vote and register people to vote.
3. Nancy Kaszak - IL State Representative, running for Congress, working with your constituency.
4. Mark Kupiec - ALL politics are local: organizing political campaigns in Chicago.
5. Thomas McLees - Volunteer in local elections, phone banks, canvassing and knocking on doors.
6. Conrad Nowak - Getting involved and making a difference: effective strategies for committing to a cause in a meaningful way.
8. Maureen Pikarski-Murphy - Organize groups with common interest in your high school or universities to effectively express your ideas, requests, and if needed to take action.
9. Sergiusz Zgrzebski - Develop your skills in public speaking, communicate through various media, and navigate the social media campaigns.

1:00 – 1:30 CLOSING SESSION: ALL panelists and participating students FORUM