

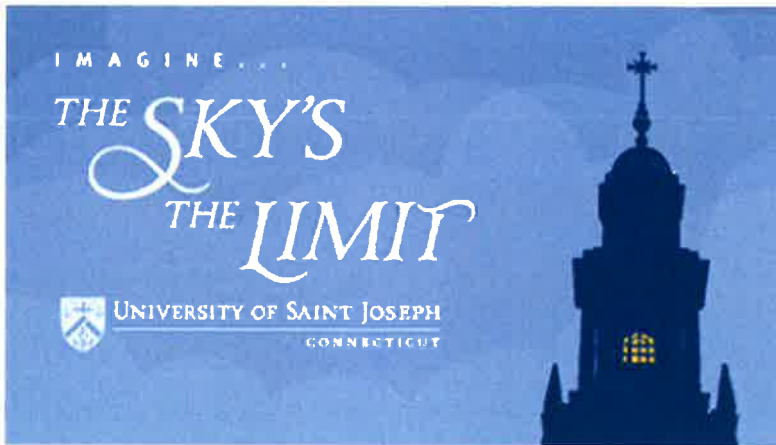


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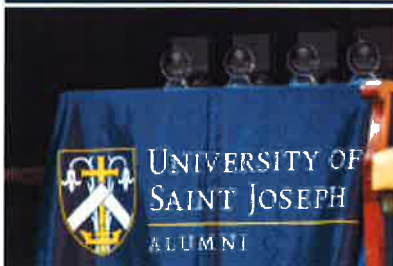


Registration is Now Open for Gala 2019

Join us in celebrating the vision and values of the University of Saint Joseph at this year's *Imagine...The Sky's the Limit* Gala on **Friday, June 7, 2019 at 6 p.m.** at the Connecticut Convention Center.

Register today for a night of dinner, dancing, and an exclusive silent auction. For more information about the Gala and sponsorship opportunities, please contact **Cristina Southward** at **860.231.5291** or Gala@usj.edu.

[Register](#)



Submit your 2019 DAA Nomination Today

The 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held **Friday, Sept. 20, 2019** to celebrate the honorees for their

accomplishments in their professional fields, local community, or the University.

All nominations are due by **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. If you have questions, please contact Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17, at kdasilva@usj.edu or 860.231.5364.

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Trivia Corner

A gift from the Class of 1947, what types of trees were planted along the service drive into the USJ campus?

Email your response to alumni@usj.edu.

March's Question

What was the name of the annual competition, instituted in 1943, involving creativity, song, and class spirit?

March's Answer

Hum Night

March's Winner



USJ Investment in Campus Life

From May 2019 - Sept. 2020, the University of Saint Joseph will be investing in renovations on campus. Our goal is to create a more vibrant and engaging campus

life with learning opportunities, academic and health and wellness programs with services and facilities that meet the diverse needs of the University's students today and well into the future.

Beginning next month we will see improvements that include entirely renovating the interior of the first floor of McGovern Hall. As McGovern Hall will be closed, a temporary Dining Hall Commons will be constructed and located between North and South Residence Halls for use by the entire USJ community. Additional renovation plans are under review for a new turf field and an addition to The O'Connell Athletic Center.

Stay tuned for more news in the upcoming months!

Denise Stankovics '69, M'73



Upcoming Events

Al Qalb - The Heart by Amirah Sackett

Friday, April 12

7:30 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium

[Purchase tickets](#)

Meet Alumni Council Vice President Antonella T. Maccarone '98, M'11



Pictured on the right is Antonella Maccarone '98, M'11. Antonella was elected in September 2018 and has also served in multiple coaching roles at USJ. As USJ's Alumni Council Vice President, Antonella received her bachelor's degree in Management from USJ with the Class of 1998 and then went on to get her master's degree in Counseling in 2011. Antonella currently works as a High School Counselor at the Metropolitan Learning Center in Bloomfield, Connecticut. She has worked as a teacher and a school counselor for 17 years.

When asked to recall some of her favorite memories from her time at USJ, Antonella said, "Receiving my undergraduate degree in front of family and friends was one of my fondest memories. As a first generation college student, my parents always believed in me and pushed me to strive for more."

Antonella's connection to the University is undeniable. "I am extremely proud to be an alumna and often find myself always referring back to life and lessons learned at USJ. Grit,

USJ Dance Ensemble Spring Concert featuring Amirah Sackett

Saturday, April 13

7:30 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium

[Purchase tickets](#)

Leaders in STEAM Speaker Series

Monday, April 15

2 - 3:30 p.m.

resilience, determination, empowerment, leader, fighter, giver, and doer are a few of the words which describe character traits I acquired while at USJ," said Antonella.

When asked how her USJ experience helped shape where she is today, Antonella shared, "Being active in the community is extremely important to me. While at USJ, we found ways to engage and support our community in need. I carry this same mindset today. To be an advocate of change, you have to take action. I find what I have learned from USJ is to always be ready to act, do, and stand for what is right."

When she is not busy with work, coaching her son's 5th grade travel basketball team, or being active in the community, Antonella loves to travel. She most recently traveled to Puerto Rico with 20 students and her son on a mission trip and once glacaded 1,000 feet down the side of Mount Massive in Colorado!

Bruyette Athenaeum, 2nd Floor Reception Room

[Click here](#) for more information

Afro-Cuban All Stars

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium

Buy tickets [here](#)



Hartford Healthcare USJ Alumni Gathering

On March 15, Hartford Healthcare USJ Alumni came together from all areas of Hartford Hospital to join President Free to share stories, memories

of favorite professors, and USJ experiences that helped shape their careers. With titles ranging from Financial Analyst to Clinical Research Coordinator to Women's Outpatient Nurse, this was one incredible group of USJ Alumni.

Left to right: Novelette Brown '15, Rose-Marie Clarke '87, Lizabeth Roper '81, Kristen Hallisey '89, Sophia Sowell '14, and President Rhona Free. *Not pictured here is Victoria Freed '14, who joined us as well.

Save the Date

The Fairfield Club Luncheon

Saturday, June 22

The Stone's Throw

Seymour, Conn.

*More details to follow next month.

Trinity Health USJ Alumni Event

Following the success of the Hartford Healthcare luncheon, Trinity Health USJ Alumni came together at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center on Friday, March 22.

Third-year USJ Pharmacy Residents stopped by to chat with President Free and share their stories of hard work and determination as they power through to graduation.



Volunteers needed!

Are you interested in being a career exploration volunteer? Help USJ students prepare for the work force, build resumes, and learn networking tips. We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Katie DaSilva Burke at



Connections were made across fields of study, USJ memories, and beyond. From resident status to seasoned Registered Nurses, the experiences of our alumni are powerful and inspirational to all.

Left to right: Pharmacy Student Nora; Crystal Miller '79, M'84; Dawn Monahan '99; Patti Szabo '00; and President Rhona Free. *Not pictured here is Ann Nelson '92

kdasilva@usj.edu or 860.231.5364.



USJ Athletics

The following are home competitions:

Softball

Saturday, April 6 vs. Johnson & Wales, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10 vs. Pine Manor College, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 14 vs. Suffolk, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 20 vs. Rivier, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Saturday, April 6 vs. Rivier, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10 vs. Johnson & Wales, 4 p.m.

*Due to renovations to our athletic facilities, all women's lacrosse home games will be held at CCSU.

[Register](https://giving.usj.edu/Nightingale)



Did You Know?

The University of Saint Joseph joined more than 200 universities and 400 communities around the world in the Charter for Compassion to affirm our belief that a compassionate world is a peaceful one. From the founding of Saint Joe's,

compassionate service to others has been an integral part of

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our community. Karen Armstrong, scholar, author, and founder of the Charter, once said, "Compassion is not a popular virtue." Here at USJ, we have made it part of our mission to change that, and financial support from friends and alumni allows us to do so. Your help assures that our students always have an opportunity to participate in service projects and enact positive change in the community.

On campus, there are new service projects to get involved with each year, whether it's our Nursing Department's Annual Diaper Drive or the biannual blood drive with the American Red Cross. Recently, the Community Engagement Office organized a PB&J sandwich-making competition, donating all the food to the Friendship Center at Mercy Housing and Shelter.

We have a lot to be proud of at the University of Saint Joseph, and your support will allow us to create new and meaningful service opportunities on a local and national scale. We hope that you will invest in the USJ commitment to service with a gift to the USJ Annual Fund.

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Class of 1972 Gains a New Sister at the 'Pounding the Pavement for Pink' Walk

In October 2018, alumna Clara Bernardo '02 signed up to walk *Pounding the Pavement for Pink* and was pleasantly surprised to be greeted by Saint Joe's Class of '72. As a breast cancer survivor, Bernardo had a personal connection to the walk. "I had done many 5ks for different organizations, but this was the first breast cancer 5K I did as a breast cancer survivor. I am so glad I was able to walk with my Saint Joe's sisters," said Bernardo.

Bernardo went on to say, "While walking the 5k, we chatted about our experiences at USJ. Every time I meet someone who

has attended Saint Joe's, you instantly become sisters because of the connection." Hoping to invite other alumni along, Bernardo shared, "We are planning on walking again next year!"

If you would like to walk with USJ alumni this October, please contact Rachel Scully at rscully@usj.edu or 860.231.5447.

Left to right: Clara Bernardo '02, Louise Butler '72, Mary Connors Young '72, Mary Deming '72, Cindy Sarnowski '72, Kathy Rohn '72, Regina Wohlke '72, Linda Tagliamonte '72, and Linda Andrews '72

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