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Alumni Newsletter

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Catch up, reconnect, and have fun!

This time of year is extremely busy for all. We understand everyone wants to be with family, traveling for the holidays, or having people over. We hope you count USJ as a family too. We have some great upcoming events and welcome newcomers. Also, if you have an idea for an event either on campus or in the community, please let us know! You can email your suggestions to alumni@usj.edu.

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Saturday, Jan. 5

Fairfield Club - Twelfth Night Celebration

Free Event

[**Register Now**](#)

Saturday, Jan. 12

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston with Professor Dorothy Keller

\$60 pp

Limited Availability

[**Register Now**](#)

Save the Date: Monday, Feb. 4, 2019

Washington, D.C. Area Reception

5:30 p.m.

Location TBD



Upcoming Events

Gengras Center Craft Fair

Friday, Dec. 7

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Gengras Center, Multi-purpose Room

Master of Social Work Info Session

Monday, Dec. 10

5 - 6 p.m.

Crystal Room, Mercy Hall

Fairfield Club

The Fairfield Club, a strong and dedicated group of alumni, has been meeting for over 50 years. The group meets throughout the year for meetings, celebrations, and lunches. The President of the club, currently Susan Conti Root '68, sits on the Alumni Council and reports club news quarterly. The Club is eager to attract new members and host new events. To become a member or learn more about the club, please contact Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17, at kdasilva@usj.edu or 860.231.5364.



We hope to see you at the club's next event, which will be on Saturday, Jan. 5 for the Annual Twelfth Night Celebration. Learn more and register [here](#).



Reunion 2019

Calling all classes ending in a 4 or 9. Are you interested in being on your Reunion Committee? Do you have ideas of how to make your Reunion perfect? Do you want to get the biggest turn out possible for your class? Consider joining your committee! If you are interested, please email Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17, or call her at 860.231.5364.

Polkadots- The Cool Kids Musical

Saturday, Jan. 26

1 p.m.

Hoffman Auditorium,
Bruyette Athenaeum

Buy tickets [here](#)

Annual MLK Celebration

Monday, Jan. 28

7 p.m.

Hoffman Auditorium,
Bruyette Athenaeum

This is a free event, but [RSVP](#) is recommended



Trivia Corner

Where did students take classes in the first years of the college?

Email your response to alumni@usj.edu.



Commencement 2019

The 50th Reunion Class traditionally participates in the Commencement ceremony to kick off their Reunion year. Class of 1969, the Office of Alumni Relations cordially

invites you to participate! We hope all members of the Class will join us on Monday, May 13 at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn.

The Class of 1969 is invited to process in the Commencement ceremony with faculty, trustees, and the Class of 2019. More information about regalia will be sent out in January.

Contact [Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17](#), Alumni Relations, or call 860.231.5364 with questions or to register.

We hope you will consider joining your class and the class of 2019 for this special event!



#GivingTuesday

There is Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving that kicks off the charitable season! The University of Saint Joseph celebrated #GivingTuesday with a 24 hour challenge to receive 175 gifts in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy, we are happy to say that we surpassed this goal with a total of 183 gifts totaling over \$18,000! By reaching



Last Month's Question

What year was the Alumni Association founded and when did the association celebrate its 50th Anniversary?

Last Month's Answer

In 1936 it was founded in conjunction with the first graduating class. It celebrated the 50th anniversary in 1986.

Last Month's Winner

There were no correct answers this month.



This Month in USJ History

In 1978, the first Festival of Lights was celebrated.



this goal, we unlocked an additional \$3,500 to the USJ Annual Fund to support our current students.



Thank you to all who supported #GivingTuesday. There is still time to support your alma mater. Make a gift of \$20 or more by December 31 and grab a pair of USJ socks.

Donate now!



Distinguished Alumni Award Chair Appointed

The Alumni Council is pleased to announce that Rita Bayer '05 will be the chair of the Distinguished Alumni Award Committee for the 2019 and

2020 ceremonies. Rita has served on the committee for three years and recently retired from USJ after nearly 20 years of service. As chair, Rita will chair the committee meetings, assist in selecting members, and manage the selection process.

Nominations for the 2019 Distinguished Award recipients will open in January. For more information on awards and their criteria, please visit us [here](#).

Interested in being part of the DAA Committee? Please email the Alumni Office at alumni@usj.edu.

Congratulations Lisa Garcia, M'17

USJ Alumna, Lisa Garcia has been awarded the Emerging Dietetic Leader Award by the New Hampshire Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The award is given to a dietitian who has demonstrated leadership qualities in the active service either the national association or the state affiliate and promotes optimal health and concern for nutrition status of people of their state through their professional and volunteer work.

Lisa has served on boards of a variety of non-profit organizations, including the New Hampshire Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics since 2009.

Congratulations, Lisa!



We hope to see you on campus in 2019.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season!



USJ Blue Jays

Cheer on your USJ Blue Jays at the following home games:

Women's Basketball

Saturday, Dec. 8 vs. Elms College at 3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 10 vs. Mitchell College at 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Saturday, Dec. 8 vs. Pine Manor at 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15 vs. Castleton at 2 p.m.

There is more! On Dec. 18, USJ Men's Basketball will be traveling to Daytona Beach, Fla. for the 2018 Daytona Beach Shootout. USJ will play on Wednesday, Dec. 19 vs. LaGrange at 7 p.m. and then on Thursday, Dec. 20 vs. Rockford. All games will be held at Ocean Center and free of charge.

If you plan to attend the games in Florida, please let us know! Email alumni@usj.edu or call 860.231.5364.

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