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Alumni Newsletter

January 2019



**USJ Offers First
Blockchain
Technology
Certificate Program
in the Greater
Hartford Area**

EVENTS

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Meeting the growing demand for college graduates with blockchain training, USJ, in collaboration with DappDevs™, has developed the Greater Hartford area's first two-part certification program for future blockchain technologists. Businesses and employers are expanding their use of blockchain - an incorruptible digital ledger of transactions to increase transparency, security, and efficiency in their processes.

President Rhona Free, Ph.D., remarked, "With this certificate program, USJ continues its commitment to providing educational programs aligned to our regional economy. The Greater Hartford community will benefit from this newly-created training program that offers skill development and career advancement in blockchain application development."

With jobs in computer and data science and financial services already an important part of our region's growing economy, there is a promising opportunity for the University to become a leader in preparing students for a career in blockchain technologies. In 2016-2017, there was 400% growth in job postings related to the blockchain industry on LinkedIn, followed by 700% growth in 2017-2018. According to Indeed.com, 25.5% of all postings for "Blockchain Engineer" are between NYC and Boston.

The USJ pre-certificate program, geared toward faculty, current college students, and college graduates in the Greater Hartford region, begins on Feb. 2, 2019, and runs over four weeks as one three-hour evening session per week. The full certification program is a six-week session that runs from March 5-April 11, as two three-hour sessions per week.

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USJ Comes to Washington

Join USJ President, Dr. Rhona Free at the Ritz-Carlton on Monday, Feb. 4 for drinks and light hor d'oeuvres. Hear about what is happening at the University, what is coming up, and catch up with fellow USJ alumni. We hope you are able to come!



Monday, Feb. 4

5:30 p.m.

Ritz-Carlton

1150 22nd Street, N.W.

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Trivia Corner

Bruyette Athenaeum, home of the Art Museum and the Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities is a significant cultural site for the USJ and Hartford Community. In what year did the building open?

Email your response to alumni@usj.edu.

Last Month's Question

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

Last Month's Answer

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Last Month's Winner

Karen Mellon Oddi '61

Washington, DC

To register or if you have any questions, please contact Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17 at kdasilva@usj.edu or 860.231.5364.



USJ Nursing Professor Featured on FOX61 News

While the holidays are a time to spend with loved ones, it's important to keep you and your family safe from illnesses. Heather Evans, Ph.D., RNC-MNN, CLC, assistant professor of Nursing, discussed how parents can keep their kids healthy during the holidays.

Reunion 2019

We have rung in the new year, which means Reunion 2019 is only nine months away! The date will be announced in the coming week, watch the [alumni facebook page](#) and [website](#) for details.



We would love to hear your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions to make 2019 Reunion the best yet. If you would like to participate in the Reunion Committee, please email the alumni office at alumni@usj.edu or call Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17, Director of Alumni Relations, at 860.231.5364.

If you are unable to participate in a committee, but would still like to give your input, we would greatly appreciate it.



Upcoming Events

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Trip with Professor Dorothy Keller

Saturday, Jan. 12

8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

\$60 per person

Register [Here](#)

Limited Seats Available

Voices of Women in Music

Wednesday, Jan. 23

6 - 8 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium

Free event, [RSVP](#) recommended

Annual MLK Celebration

Monday, Jan. 28

7 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium



Look back at 2018

2018 will be a year we won't soon forget. In addition to welcoming the first coed class, rolling out four new academic programs, and completing numerous building renovations, we also held one of the most highly attended reunions, celebrated four honorees at our Distinguished Alumni Awards, and traveled

near and far to visit with alumni. We are excited to see what 2019 holds for USJ. [Share with us](#) your favorite 2018 memory and what you look forward to for 2019.

Top Stories

USJ Blue Jays!

Come cheer on your USJ Blue Jays at the following home games/meets this month!



Women's Basketball

Tuesday, Jan. 29 vs. Simmons at 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 10 vs. Emmanuel at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 17 vs. Lasell at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19 vs. Norwich at 1 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31 vs. Johnson & Wales at 7 p.m.

Women and Men's Swimming

Friday, Jan. 11 vs. Plymouth State at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 vs. Eastern Connecticut at 6 p.m.

Check out the remainder of the schedules, including away games/meets at www.usjbluejays.com.

USJ in Washington, DC

Monday, Feb. 4

5:30 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton

Register [here](#)

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, Feb. 20

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Gengras Center School, Multipurpose Room

Sign up in advance at redcrossblood.org, enter code USJ or call 1.800.RED Cross

Phantom of the Opera with Alloy Orchestra

Thursday, Feb. 28

7:30 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium

Buy tickets [here](#)

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