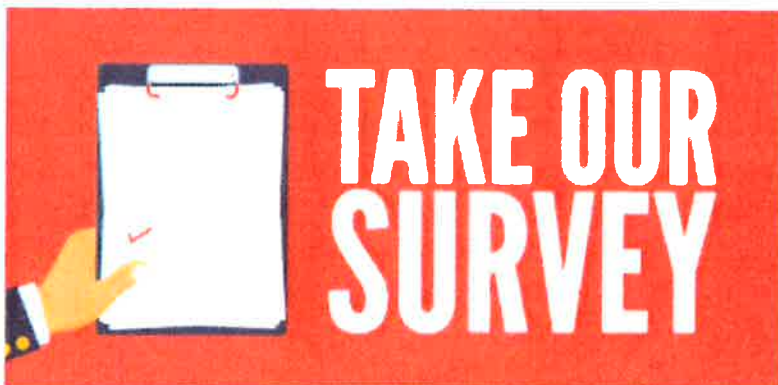




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## Alumni Newsletter

March 2019



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the 2019 Reunion Survey**

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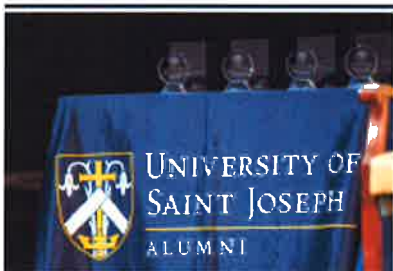
Reunion is a wonderful opportunity to revisit the splendor of your campus while also remaining close to the university we are growing into. Throughout the day's events, you'll get the chance to remember the enrichment of your coursework, reunite with friends – past and present – and connect with all that's new and exciting here on campus.

As some of you may know, we are planning significant construction in the year ahead. We welcome the exciting changes to McGovern Hall and the O'Connell Athletic Center, which will allow us to better serve our growing undergraduate population. However, this will require that we make some changes to the locations of certain Reunion traditions.

*Your feedback matters greatly to us.* We would appreciate a moment of your time to complete the enclosed survey to help us ensure that you have a wonderful experience at your 2019 Reunion. Those who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win an exclusive USJ bundle!

The survey will remain open until Friday, March 15.

### Take the Survey



## Nominations for the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards are Now Open

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](mailto:kdasilva@usj.edu) or 860.231.5364.

Submit

**Meet your Alumni Council President, Mary Dillon Dickerson '89, P'15, P'16, MBA**

Pictured on the right with her husband, Tim, is Mary



### Trivia Corner

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

Email your response to [alumni@usj.edu](mailto:alumni@usj.edu).

### February's Question

What year did the graduate program begin?

### February's Answer

1959

### February's Winner

No Correct February Answers



### Upcoming Events

**Global Changemakers: International Women's Day Celebration 2019**

Dillon Dickerson '89, P'15, P'16, MBA. Mary was elected in September 2018 and served as an ex officio member of the University's Board of Trustees. As USJ's Alumni Council President, Mary received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from USJ with the Class of 1989 and then went on to get her master's degree in International Business Administration from Central Connecticut State University. Mary also works as the Land Use and Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Portland, Connecticut.

When asked to recall some of her fondest memories from her time as an undergraduate, Mary said, "The Sisters were always so supportive of our goals and dreams. There was a connectivity between the Sisters and the students that was very special."

With a full plate, how does Mary manage to stay so involved? She charismatically exclaims, "I can't imagine not being involved! The Mercy Values were instilled in me as an undergraduate. As an alumna, I find the core values still just as important on campus, so being involved is re-energizing for me." Year after year, Mary remains committed to the USJ mission: "There are so many ways to be involved - attending student events, sporting events, alumni events, fundraisers, and reunions."

The future of USJ is bright, and it's because of leaders like Mary. "I can't wait to see the results of the renovations. Graduation in May will be held at the XL Center and that's a big change from the days when we erected a tent on Flag Island and graduates, faculty, family, and friends could all fit underneath for one combined ceremony. We've grown and so has the impact of our graduates. I see this year's graduation ceremony as symbolic of that, and that is very exciting," says Mary.

When she's not busy with family, work, and USJ activities, Mary's favorite way to spend an afternoon is paddling around in a kayak with her dog, Annie.



Monday, March 4

5 p.m. Reception

6 - 7:15 p.m. Program

Hoffman Auditorium

Register [here](#)

### **Invisible No More Exhibition Main Presentation**

Witness an exposition on the domestic workers whose work builds the foundation for our community and the humanity and dignity of these individuals. Portraits will be displayed in McGovern Lounge from March 18th to the 25th.

Monday, March 25

4 - 5:30 p.m.

Mercy Hall, Crystal Room

### **Chad Browne, Springer & Phat A\$tronaut**

Thursday, March 28

7:30 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman  
Auditorium

Buy tickets [here](#)

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### **Save the Date**

**The Nightingale Lecture  
and Reception**

## Calling all Hartford Healthcare and Trinity Health USJ Alumni

Are you currently employed by a Hartford Healthcare or Trinity Health organization? Mark your calendars! USJ President Rhona Free invites USJ alumni and members of the Hartford Healthcare and Trinity Health families to their corresponding open house gatherings for lunch and conversation. We encourage you to stop in, even if only for a few minutes.

### **Hartford Healthcare USJ Alumni Event**

Friday, March 15, 2019  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open House  
Hartford Hospital - Special Dining Room  
80 Seymour Street, Hartford  
*Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 12*

### **Trinity Health USJ Alumni Event**

Friday, March 22, 2019  
12 - 1:30 p.m. Open House  
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center - CIPCI Center Stage  
114 Woodland Street, Hartford  
*Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 19*

If you are interested in joining us, please notify **Rachel Scully**, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at [rscully@usj.edu](mailto:rscully@usj.edu) or 860.231.5447.

Monday, April 29

6 - 8 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum

The annual Nightingale Lecture, sponsored by the Department of Nursing, honors the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale. Because of the significance of her observations and research, her work serves as the theoretical basis for the USJ curriculum and continues to provide a lightpost which guides the profession today. Nightingale focused on the effect of the environment on a person's health and thus remains current even over a century after her death. The annual Nightingale Lecture features a nurse who exemplifies the art and the science of nursing. The speaker serves as a role model for students entering the profession or advancing their careers by sharing his or her personal practice of caring for the human spirit using science based interventions under the umbrella of service to humanity.

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## Winter Sports Wrap-Up



### **Women's Swim & Dive Records Best-Ever NEISDA Finish**

The women's swimming and diving team posted its best-ever finish in program history

at the 2019 New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships, concluding the four day championship meet on Sunday evening at the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center Pool on the campus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

The Blue Jays racked up a total of 345 points for a program-best 12th place finish out of 20 women's teams, finishing 63 points and one spot better than they did at the 2018 NEISDA Championships. USJ ended just 70 points outside the top-10 and finished ahead of fellow GNAC schools Norwich (223), Husson (188), Elms (161), and Saint Joseph's College (143).



### **Volunteers needed!**

Are you interested in being a career development counselor? 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 [kdasilva@usj.edu](mailto:kdasilva@usj.edu) or 860.231.5364.

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## Blue Jays Fall One Step Short of GNAC Title in First Ever Season



The USJ men's basketball team could practically taste the trophy, but ultimately came up just short down the stretch, falling in a hard-fought Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championship game to Albertus Magnus College (AMC), 81-77, inside the Cosgrove Marcus Messer Athletic Center Saturday afternoon.

Hundreds sold out "The Nest" to see this Connecticut Clash for a trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Blue Jays (16-12) are the only seven seed in the history of the GNAC to make it to the championship game. They were tasked with winning three games on the road, and having knocked off two-seeded Suffolk Tuesday, and six-seeded St. Joseph's (ME) on Thursday, all that was left was the seven-time GNAC Champions, the Falcons of Albertus Magnus (20-7). A true test of mental and physical toughness came down to the final minutes, exactly as it played out when these two teams met three weeks before. Once again, it was AMC who out-muscled USJ with some huge second-chance points to close out their eighth GNAC Title (seventh in the last ten years).

Freshman point guard Delshawn Jackson Jr. (Hartford, Conn.) scored a game-high 23 points and was named GNAC Rookie of the Year. Freshman shooting guard Chris Childs (Bronx, N.Y.) scored 22 points and dished out four assists. Jackson and Childs were named to the all-tournament team.

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## Blue Jays Fight to the End, Fall 58-48

The USJ women's basketball team closed out the season with a fight to the end, just like they always did, but

ultimately could not come away with the win in a scrappy battle with Regis College (RC), 58-48, inside the O'Connell Center Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Jays (3-22, 0-12 GNAC) trailed by four with 2:02 to play, but the Pride (11-14, 7-5 GNAC) executed just a little better down the stretch, relying on their inside game and full-court pressure to walk away with the win. Freshman forward Arie Searcy (Santa Rosa, Calif.) scored a game-high 18 points (8-15 FG) and grabbed nine rebounds. Sophomore guard Nikki Bitinaitis (Cromwell, Conn.) had a well-rounded performance



## USJ Athletics

The following are home competitions:

### Softball

Thursday, March 21 vs. Bay Path, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27 vs. Sarah Lawrence, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

Wednesday, March 13 vs. Albertus Magnus, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20 vs. Regis, 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 23 vs. Mitchell, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27 vs. Norwich, 4 p.m.

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

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(13 PTS, 4 REBS, 4 STLS), including 9-of-10 from the free-throw line. Junior forward Katryna Veasey (Quincy, Mass.) scored 11. The Pride could not make a three all game (0-11), but made up for it at the charity stripe (23-28 FT, 82%). Freshman guard Silvana Barcomb (Middletown, Conn.) scored a team-high 14 points for the Blue Jays. Freshman forward Cheyenne-Mone Smith (Wethersfield, Conn.) scored 13, while freshman forward Lindsey Montminy once again led the way in the rebounding department (8 PTS, 10 REBS).

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## Men's Swim & Dive Finishes Ninth at Inaugural NEISDA Championships



The men's swimming and diving team finished ninth out of 16 teams at the 2019 New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships, wrapping up the four day meet on Sunday evening inside the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center Pool on the campus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

In the Blue Jays' inaugural season and first-ever time competing at the NEISDA Championships, they posted a top-10 finish logging a total of 134 points to claim ninth place overall. USJ edged out in-state foe Western Connecticut (131) for ninth place and nearly caught fellow GNAC opponent Husson (149) for eighth place. USJ's all-freshman team also finished ahead of GNAC counterparts Elms (98), Saint Joseph's College (73), and Colby-Sawyer (3).

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## USJ Annual Report

Whether you joined us on campus or read about our accomplishments from afar, you've seen how our 2018 financial results supported the University of Saint Joseph's ability to foster a dynamic learning culture with more majors, an increase in experiential learning opportunities, and expanded student activities.

For financial highlights, we encourage you to read our online annual report. Thank you for your continued support of the University of Saint Joseph.

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## USJ Speaker Series: Restorative Justice in Law Enforcement

Please join the USJ community as we welcome the Chief of the New Haven Police Department **Anthony Campbell**, Chief of Hartford Police Department **David Rosado**, and Middlesex State's Attorney **Michael A. Galko**. With Visiting Assistant Professor and director of USJ's Criminal Justice and Restorative Justice Program, **Nikos Valance** as Moderator.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**  
**6-7 p.m.**  
**MERCY HALL, CRYSTAL ROOM**

For all interested in attending the forum, registration is required at:  
<http://giving.usj.edu/USJSpeakerSeries>



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