

USJ Parents' Connection



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Greetings from the University of Saint Joseph

While winter weather persists in Connecticut, spring break is here and it's time for students to enjoy some time off and get reenergized for the second half of the semester which includes many academic, athletic, cultural, and social events. Highlights include Symposium Day on April 10, a showcase of students' research projects and an art display, the USJ Undergraduate Awards Ceremony on April 24, and our annual Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement. You are welcome to join your student for any one of the dozens of upcoming events, review the [USJ Calendar](#) for up-to-date scheduled activities. You may also want to check with your student about upcoming deadlines for class registration and student financial services.

News from Campus

Congratulations to our highest achieving students who earned a spot on the [fall 2018 USJ Dean's List](#).

USJ is very proud to announce that our [University is a recipient of a \\$64,000 grant](#) from the Connecticut Health & Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA), which will be used to purchase laboratory equipment for faculty-student biomedical teaching and research.

A Core Value at the University of Saint Joseph is Compassionate Service: we promote, support and facilitate caring services as an integral part of all teaching and learning experiences. Recently, about 15 student-athletes from our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee created a new program, "[Gengras Buddies](#)" with students at the Gengras Center School.

Launched in 2017 due to student and market demand, our Sport Management and Promotion major is growing, growing, growing! Assistant Professor of Business Administration Janet Howes, Ph.D., leads a class, [Introduction to Sports Operations](#), which is getting rave reviews from our students.

USJ installed an updated blue light safety system complementing our mobile safety app, [LiveSafe](#). The 10 towers have a HELP button that connects directly to Public Safety. To ensure that you have the most up-to-date information, [please sign up for USJ text alerts](#) to receive messages on weather-related issues and other

campus safety notifications.



Resident students will participate in the housing selection process for the 2019-2020 academic year beginning in March and April. This year the Office of Residential Life will be implementing a fully on-line process for students to select their room using eRezLife, an online resource page for USJ residents to access housing forms, room condition reports, RA Programming, and more! Students will receive a selection time based on Priority Points; a points system that has replaced the lottery system that was previously used for housing selection in order to recognize students who are engaging in the residential experience. Throughout the academic year, resident students earn points for attending programs hosted by Residential Life and Student Affairs, for credits earned, cumulative GPA, and good conduct standing with the Student Affairs Office.

Spring 2019: Important Dates

USJ Summer Sessions are a great way to catch up or get ahead – Students should go to MyUSJ and registrations will be processed as follows:

- Monday, April 8, Graduate student and Honors students
- Tuesday, April 9, Seniors, PAL students and second degree students
- Wednesday, April 10, Juniors
- Thursday, April 11, Sophomores
- Friday, April 12, First Year students

Sunday, April 9 is the last day for all [outstanding balances](#) for the spring term to be resolved with the Office of the Bursar, Bursar@usj.edu or 860.231.5278.

Monday, April 10 is Symposium Day for all students who want to showcase their research projects and art work.

Friday, April 19, the University is closed for Good Friday.

Wednesday, April 24, Undergraduate Student Award ceremony.

Friday, May 3, last day of spring classes.

Week of May 6: Final Exams.

Week of May 6: USJ Groundbreaking Ceremony for new athletic center. Coming in April: stay tuned for information about all of our 2019-2020 capital investment projects.

Move-Out Dates: Residence Halls Close May 10 for non-graduating seniors and May 14 for graduating seniors.

Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m., USJ will host one ceremony for all graduating students at the XL Center in Hartford, CT. Our [Commencement](#) webpage will soon be updated with plans.

Spotlight on USJ in the Arts: If you haven't had a chance yet to attend a performing arts show or visit our Art Museum, spring is the perfect time to do so. There are many upcoming events, whether or you enjoy Cuban salsa, hip-hop, the USJ Dance Ensemble, or a range of 2,000 works of art in our Museum with changing special exhibitions – check our website for the latest information at <https://www.usj.edu/arts/>

For families with seniors:

Senior Weekend 2019

Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th

After years of studying, graduating seniors can unwind with their friends during Senior Weekend in the days leading up to commencement. This weekend celebration is in honor of your hard-work, determination, and accomplishments!

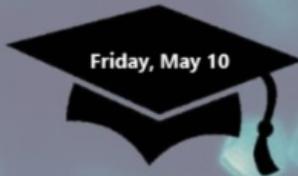
Senior Weekend allows students to reflect on their collegiate experience with their peers prior to crossing the stage and heading into the next phase of lives!

Senior Ticket Prices:

2019 USJ Graduating Senior individual: \$200.00

2019 USJ Graduating Senior with non USJ guest to Dinner Cruise: \$250.00

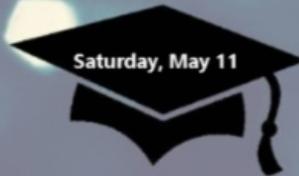
Payment Plans available through Student Activities & Leadership Development



Friday, May 10

Rock Out with the Senior Class
Seniors Paint the Rock
11am—1pm

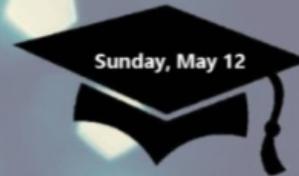
Seniors Only Bingo
& Brewery Night
O'Connell Center
9pm—12am



Saturday, May 11

Seniors Brunch Crawl
Blueback Square, West Hartford
10:30am—1:30pm

Seniors CT River Dinner Cruise
Buses leave campus at 7:00pm
Buses return to campus by
11:30pm



Sunday, May 12

An Afternoon at the Casino
Foxwoods Resort & Casino
Buses leave campus at 2pm
Buses return to campus by
1:30am



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