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Call for Nominations: Alumni Association Secretary

In accordance to the Alumni Association Bylaws, the secretary will be elected at the annual Alumni Association meeting on Reunion day, Saturday, Sept. 21. For a complete copy of the bylaws, you may visit the [USJ website](#). Completed nominations are due to the Nominating Committee by Wednesday, Sept. 18, and must include the candidate's contact information and a history of leadership at USJ and elsewhere.

As a member of the Alumni Council, the duties during her/his term of office include to:

- Be a committed, informed, and positive representative and ambassador of the University
- Attend meetings as outlined in bylaws and/or operating procedures
- Carry out responsibilities and duties as outlined in bylaws and/or operating procedures
- Set a philanthropic example by supporting the Annual Fund
- Identify potential alumni volunteers, leaders, and leadership gift prospects
- Represent fellow alumni and collaborate with other alumni volunteers to encourage support for the University, its leadership, event participation, and fundraising efforts

Copies of completed nominations should mailed to:

Mary Justine Hockenberry '15, Chair, Nominating Committee
c/o Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Office
University of Saint Joseph



Trivia Corner

The first alumnus to submit the correct answer to this month's trivia question will receive a USJ bundle and a mention in next month's alumni newsletter.

September Trivia Question

The main USJ campus is composed of how many acres of land?

Email your response to alumni@usj.edu.

August's Question

Within the shield of the University of Saint Joseph, what do the lilies symbolize?

August's Answer

Integrity

August's Winner

Michele Turley Confessore '85,
M'93
Congratulations, Michele! Look out for your USJ bundle in the mail!

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or can be emailed to: alumni@usj.edu

Anonymous nominations will not be considered. For additional information, including how to register for the meeting, please contact Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at 860.231.5364 or kdasilva@usj.edu.



Register Today for Reunion 2019

Reunion is just around the corner. Have you registered to join the day's festivities? We are looking forward to another exciting celebration of the many alumni milestones taking place on **Saturday, Sept. 21**. Are you wondering who's joining this year? [Click on this link](#) to see a list of Saint Joe's alumni who will be in attendance.

To register for this year's event, please click the link below or contact Rachel Scully, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at 860.231.5447 or rscully@usj.edu. We hope to see you there!

[Register here](#)



Upcoming Events

Fairfield Alumni Club Fall Luncheon

Saturday, Sept. 7

Noon

Knapp's Landing - Stratford, Conn.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Art Museum Exhibition Opening Reception for *Shared Space*

Thursday, Sept. 12

5 p.m.

Art Museum, USJ

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Women's Work: Stories Behind the Movement

Monday, Sept. 16

5 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum

[Click here to learn more.](#)

The 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony

There's still time to register for this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony. Since 1974, the USJ Alumni Association has presented the Distinguished Alumni Awards annually to outstanding alumni and University community members. This year, the DAA Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 Honorees:

Kathleen McGrath Fitts '79 has been awarded the *Mary Rosa McDonough Award*, which goes to a graduate who has achieved distinction in their professional field or has provided outstanding service to the University or their local community.

Maureen Gorman '86 has been awarded the *Business and Entrepreneurial Award*, which goes to a graduate with a talent for seeing opportunities and developing those in successful businesses or organizations.

This year's DAA Ceremony will be held **Friday, Sept. 20, 2019** at the Hartford Golf Club. Join us to celebrate the honorees for their accomplishments in their professional fields, local community, or the University.

To register, please click the link below.

[Register today](#)



Aetna USJ Alumni Open House Lunch on Monday, Sept. 30

Calling all USJ Alumni working at Aetna! University President Rhona Free invites you to join her for lunch and conversation in the Presidential Suite on the 8th Floor of the Hartford Aetna Building on **Monday, Sept. 30 at 12 p.m.** We encourage you to stop in, even if only for a few minutes on your lunch break.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to **Rachel Scully** at [860.231.5447](tel:860.231.5447) or rscully@usj.edu. *Please note:* for those who plan to attend, you will need to meet at the security desk on the 1st Floor Main Entrance and you will be escorted to the 8th Floor Presidential Suite.

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Friday, Sept. 20

6 p.m. Reception

7 p.m. Dinner and Ceremony

Hartford Golf Club, West Hartford, Conn.

[Click here to register](#)

Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 21

Registration begins at 9 a.m.

USJ Campus

[Click here to register](#)

Cape Cod Alumni Area Event

Friday, Oct. 4

11:30 a.m.

Old Yarmouth Inn

Yarmouth Port, Mass.

[Click here to register](#)

Pounding the Pavement for Pink 5K

Saturday, Oct. 5

8 a.m.

Seymour, Conn.

"If I had known..." Lessons Learned on the Job

Learning, networking, and
fun! All in just 90 minutes!

The Office of Alumni Relations
and the Career Development
Center invite you to join alumni and current students for a
panel discussion "If I Had Known...Lessons Learned on the Job"
on **Monday, October 7th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the
Second Floor Reception Room, Bruyette Atheneum.**

Panelists **Pamela Rich Mulhearn '85**, owner of *Her Podium*,
Michelle Cutralli '97, financial advisor for New York Life, and
Charlene Russell-Tucker '85, Chief Operating Officer at
Connecticut State Department of Education will share important
lessons they've learned in their varied careers.

The formal program will run from 5:30 – 6:30, followed by
informal networking and socializing. See old friends, make new
contacts and bring your business cards!

To RSVP, contact **Rachel Scully** in Alumni Relations at
860.231.5447 or rsully@usj.edu.



Women's Work: Stories Behind the Movement

Join the Women's Leadership
Center to watch a selection
from Women's Work, a
multimedia series from Connecticut Public, featuring the stories
of local women who share a common desire to be part of a
collective effort. Co-sponsored by the Aurora Foundation. Join
us on Monday, Sept. 16!

5 p.m. Registration and Reception
6 p.m. Screening, followed by panel discussion

Interested in attending? Click the link below to register.

[Register](#)



Contact [Rachel Scully](#) for
details

SAVE THE DATE USJ Turf Field Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, Oct. 5

11:45 a.m.

USJ Turf Field

The Ribbon Cutting will take
place before the Women's
Soccer game at noon. Stay
tuned for more details.



Volunteers needed!

Are you interested in being a
career exploration volunteer?
Help USJ students prepare for
the workforce, build resumes,
and learn networking tips. We
are always looking for
volunteers. If you are
interested, please
contact Katie DaSilva Burke
'15, M'17, at kdasilva@usj.edu
or 860.231.5364.



USJ Community Mourns the Loss of Sister Fay O'Brien

The USJ community mourns the loss of Sister Fay O'Brien, who passed away on Saturday, Aug. 17. Sister Fay devoted many years to the University. She was director of - and later, consultant to - the School for Young Children, a faculty member in Education for more than 30 years, and a member of numerous University committees.



After receiving the Winifred E. Coleman Service Award in 2009, the University named an award in her honor in 2011. The Sister Fay O'Brien Education Award is presented to a graduate who majored in the discipline of Education and who has promoted the growth of the whole person in an inclusive environment, encouraging strong ethical values, personal integrity, and a sense of responsibility to the needs of society. She was elected a Trustee Emerita in 2013, after serving as a Trustee from 2008 - 2013.

Read her full obituary posted in the *Hartford Courant*.



Visit the USJ Art Museum for *Shared Space: A New Era, Photographs from the Bank of America Collection*

Shared Space explores an evolving social landscape captured in photographs and video created over the span of nearly 25 years. 18 artists from nine countries explore how the physical spaces in which we interact - from city streets to rural landscapes - have evolved alongside our access to a virtual "global village."

"Bank of America is pleased to support the Art Museum at the University of Saint Joseph and honored to share works from our collection with the community through our Art in our Communities program," said Joe Gianni, Greater Hartford Market President, Bank of America. "At Bank of America, we believe in the power of the arts to help economies thrive, educate and enrich societies, and create greater cultural understanding."

"We are delighted that the generosity of Bank of America has made it possible for us to host *Shared Space: A New Era*, bringing works by an international roster of superb

USJ Athletics Home Games

Women's Tennis

Tuesday, Sept. 10 vs. Wentworth College, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12 vs. Western, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 vs. Albertus Magnus, 4 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Saturday, Sept. 7 vs. Eastern Nazarene College, Noon

Wednesday, Sept. 11 vs. Bay Path, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 14 vs. Norwich University, Noon

Men's Soccer

Saturday, Sept. 21 vs. Lasell, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 vs. Eastern Nazarene College, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28 vs. Colby Sawyer College, 2:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Saturday, Sept. 7 vs. SUNY Cobleskill, Noon

Thursday, Sept. 12 vs. Elms College, 7 p.m.

photographers to our Greater Hartford community," said Ann H. Sievers, Director of the Art Museum.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 vs. Nichols College, 7 p.m.

This exhibition has been loaned through the Bank of America Art in our Communities® program. Click the link below to read more.

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*For a schedule of away games, visit the USJ Athletics page [here](#).

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