Greetings from the University of Saint Joseph

We greatly enjoyed welcoming you and your students back to campus in August! Seems like it was just yesterday, yet fall term is about half-way complete and, already, we are looking to prepare for spring semester. This fall newsletter includes recent news from campus and upcoming administrative deadlines. You are welcome to contact us with questions.

President Free sent this note to USJ Students, Faculty, and Staff on Oct. 11 and thought you would like a copy.

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You may have read news regarding a complaint against the University of Saint Joseph alleging violations of Title IX, filed in the U.S. District Court of Connecticut. I want you to know that we are approaching this situation through the lens of our Mission and Core Values. I have assigned a small team of University staff to ensure that we are appropriately engaged in the legal process so that the rest of our Community can continue to stay focused on providing a rigorous education to our students in an inclusive environment that encourages strong ethical values, personal integrity, and a sense of responsibility to the needs of society. When we think about all of the people involved in this complaint, we do so with respect and compassion.

While the legal process commences, and this will take some time, I want to assure our Community that we are taking the allegations very seriously and will continue to work with everyone to comply with Title IX and all laws. Please know that you can make use of all available Title IX resources, including the Tell Somebody Report and all policies that uphold our Mission and Core Values. If you have questions or for more information, please contact USJ’s Title IX Office at TitleIX@usj.edu.

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Recent news and updates:

USJ students have shown great flexibility this semester, with campus activities and services being moved around because of construction. To get an update on all of our construction projects, please watch this brief video featuring USJ’s President Free. Construction Update

- A record number of students participated in 2019 summer term courses – many USJ students take one to three courses during the summer, when terms are just four to six weeks long. It’s not too early for students to ask their academic advisor about summer 2020 options.
- The temporary Dining Hall Commons has been operational and will be closed down, as planned, at the end of December, when renovations to McGovern Hall, our student center, are complete. McGovern Hall will include a new student lounge, cafeteria with more food options, and a bookstore, which will be open on time when students return for spring semester.
- Our new turf field was completed on time and has been in use; construction of the six tennis courts in the new tennis court complex is almost complete.
- USJ partnered with an online bookstore to offer better services and value to our students.

This fall, the University introduced a new one-card to students, faculty, and staff, called the Jay Card. This card provides students access to their assigned residence halls, meal plans, and the ability to add cash onto the card for laundry, the bookstore, and the McDonough Hall Coffee Cart. Students will be able to use their card to swipe into events or pre-register for trips using the Jay Card site.

Family members can add Jay Bucks to a student’s card for these on-campus purchases by visiting the Parent/Family Portal (https://secure.touchnet.net/C20350_oneweb/parental/logon) and using the student’s ID number and first 3 characters of their first name. Please note that the funds added to the Jay Card via One Web are not accessible for printing services, just as funds added to the Pay to Print Campus Card Center are not accessible for Jay Bucks. For the time being, pay-to-print funds are still available using the Campus Card Center (https://usj.campuscardcenter.com/ch/quick_revalue.html).

Spring term is soon approaching and class registration will open on Nov. 11, 2019. Please note that all student account balances must be resolved before registering for the next term. Students need to: Log in at my.usj.edu, click on the "student tab," and then click on the CASHNet link. Questions? Contact the Registrar 860.231.5225 or registrar@usj.edu about course registration and contact the Bursar 860.231.5278 or Bursar@usj.edu about billing and payments.

We hope to see you and your family at the Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities at the University of Saint Joseph. Please join us for our upcoming season, 2019-2020 Season Disruption. Each one of our eclectic and electrifying productions will provide deep connections to artists who share experiences, traditions, stories, and meaning through exciting performances.
Find out why The New York Times called the Art Museum at USJ, “One of the liveliest campus museums in the state.” With more than 2,100 works of art, six exhibition galleries, changing installations, a print study room and a variety of programs for the University and the public, the Art Museum provides countless opportunities for the study and enjoyment of art.

Join us for an upcoming Women’s Leadership Center event:

FROM MUSE TO MAKER: 20TH CENTURY WOMEN AS LEADERS IN CONNECTICUT VISUAL ARTS
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019
Join historians and art lovers for a presentation about Connecticut women leaders in the visual arts.
Location: University of Saint Joseph, Bruyette Athenæum, 2nd Floor Reception Room
6:45 p.m. Registration; 7 p.m. Presentation

Our Blue Jay nation continues to grow, please join us at an upcoming game to support our student-athletic teams or learn more about becoming a member of the O’Connell Athletic Center Fitness Center.

Our events calendar can keep you up-to-date with activities all year long, while our academic calendar can be used as a reference for important deadlines.

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