

USJ Parents' Connection



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Greetings from the University of Saint Joseph

As you enjoy time with your student during spring break, we will be planning for their return with many exciting academic programs, annual recognitions, and student activities. From our annual Symposium Day on April 18 when students demonstrate their academic and professional achievements via multi-media presentations, the annual Undergraduate Student Awards Ceremony on April 25, to a plethora of student activities that include skill-building workshops, diverse religious programs, athletic team events, along with field trips, movies, and game nights that are just a lot of fun for everyone involved. We are also in the midst of many capital projects on campus to improve the facilities and infrastructure for current and future students. Next time you visit you may see renovations going on in the O'Connor Athletic Center, residence halls, classrooms, or on campus. As you'll read in this newsletter, we are working towards the best USJ ever, we look forward to your next visit!

News from Campus

During January and February our students got involved with on campus and off campus programs.



Approximately 75 students participated in our annual Leadership Quest, an all-day leadership development program. Attendees actively engaged in workshops ranging from Time Management to Job Interview Success and Leading in the Present. Leadership development opportunities are available to students year-round through service learning, clubs, committees, and academic programs.



Applause for the USJ swimming and diving team! The Blue Jays were named a Scholar All-America Team by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. The awards are in recognition of teams' that achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or higher during the 2017 Fall Semester. USJ has earned Scholar All-America status in each of the last six semesters dating back to 2015. USJ posted a team GPA of 3.25 while four of its 11 members boasted a 3.50 GPA or higher, including senior Veronika Latawiec (Newington, Conn.) who posted a perfect 4.0.



Upcoming events

Current students have more options than ever for on-campus housing, including coed residence halls. Housing Selection takes place in the spring semester for students registered for fall classes who wish to live on campus for the 2018-2019 academic year. Students may get together with friends to fill an entire suite, we have removed the \$250 housing deposit, and adjusted the withdrawal process. For more information visit our [Student Housing website](#). Please discuss options with your students. Contact us with any questions, our [Residential Life](#) team is available to ensure you are making the most informed decision for your family.

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.

Please join us for upcoming events, including:



23rd Annual Symposium Day at USJ

USJ students will present their research at Symposium Day, an annual recognition of academic scholarship featuring oral and poster presentations at various locations across the main campus. Join us on April 18, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., ask your student if she is participating.



2018 Undergraduate Student Awards Ceremony

The University of Saint Joseph will hold its annual Undergraduate Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Hoffman Auditorium of Bruyette Athenaeum. Join other parents and friends to proudly recognize our outstanding award winners.



Student Affairs is hosting a series of **Friday After Dark** events – join your student for a movie or other fun activity on campus.

- March 23 – Coffee House, 9 p.m. McGovern Lounge
- March 24 – Trivia Night, 8 p.m. McGovern Café
- March 25 – “Coco”, 7 p.m. McGovern Café

Parent Resources

Your student’s safety is our top priority. Bad weather in Connecticut can cause a delayed opening, early closing, or cancellation of all classes. 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 notifications. Questions about student tuition payments? Our staff is here to assist you with all of your questions about financial aid. Contact [Student Financial Services](#) or call 860.231.5223 for more information, or to review your tuition payment options.