

ALUMNI UPDATE

November 2018



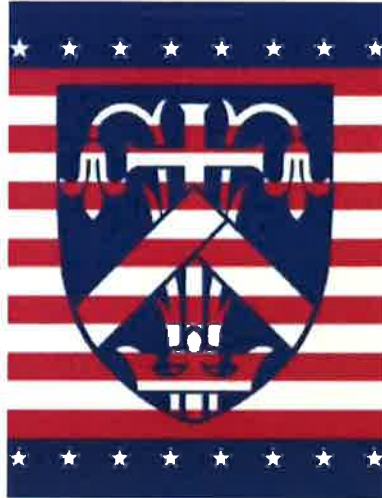
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Veterans Day Observance & Awards Ceremony

In 2016, USJ began honoring veterans within the University community - including staff, faculty, and alumni - with awards named after two alumni: Rear Admiral Frances T. Shea Buckley '50, DAA'79, H'10, and Colonel B. Catherine Noble '47, DAA'75. The USJ community will welcome this year's recipients at an awards ceremony, scheduled for Monday, Nov. 12, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held in Mercy Hall, Crystal Room. Following the ceremony members of our community are encouraged to join faculty and staff for lunch in McGovern Cafe. Veterans can enjoy lunch free of charge, as guests of the University.



This year's keynote speaker is Leesa Philippon. Inspired by her father's service in the Army in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, and the military service of her three older siblings, Leesa served in the Army as a French Linguist/Electronic Voice Interceptor. She met her husband, Sgt. Ray Philippon, while stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. They have been married 37 years and are parents to Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence Philippon, Lieutenant Colonel Bryan Philippon, and their daughter Emilee Pescatore. On Mother's Day, and their 24th wedding anniversary, in 2005, their son Larry was killed in Iraq while serving with the United States Marines. She currently works as the program coordinator for *Resilience Grows Here*, a veteran initiative of the Farmington Valley Health District. She is also a member of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

For more information email Committee Chair [Cindy Dodge](#) or call her at 860.231.5344.

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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GI~~VING~~INGTUESDAY™

November 27, 2018



We love a challenge!

In honor of the 175th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy, we are setting out to reach 175 gifts in 24 hours for #GivingTuesday in their honor. Tuesday, Nov. 27 will be dedicated to the Sisters of Mercy and support student scholarships, the USJ Annual Fund, and the Catherine's Fund*. Make a gift of at least \$20 to one of these areas during this 24 hour period and receive a special gift.

Wait! There is more. When we reach that 175th gift, it will unlock an additional \$3,500 for scholarships from a friend of the University. All of these gifts will immediately begin helping current students receive an education at Saint Joe's!

Stay tuned for more information!

Follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay up to date on the challenge and see the gift reveal!

*The Catherine's Fund is restricted to student emergencies.



Professor Dorothy Bosch Keller, M'85, C'97, DAA'99, H'17, M.Ed., to Host Trip to Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

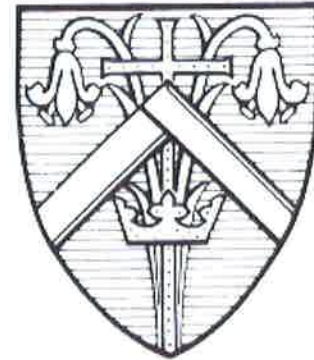
Join USJ alumni and friends in an exciting, engaging, and culturally enriching visit to the [Museum of Fine Arts, Boston](#) on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019. Professor Keller will provide small group tours of the [Art of the Americas](#)

galleries (North, Central, and South - 3,000 years of aesthetic history).

As a prelude to the galleries, visitors will enter into a large, grand courtyard, which is bathed in natural light and celebrates a huge glass sculpture, "Lime Green Icycle Tower", created by Dale Chihuly. The *Arts of the Americas* wing of the museum was designed by Foster and Partners, a British architectural firm that provides an additional 40 plus galleries for display, study, analysis, and conversation about works of art within a global context. The exhibitions include decorative arts created in South and Meso-America and other galleries containing works of early American painting, sculpture, and decorative arts of the Colonial and Federal Periods. Included

Trivia Question

What year was the Alumni Association founded and when did the association celebrate its 50th Anniversary? Email your response to alumni@usj.edu.



There were no correct answers to last month's trivia question. The shield of the University of Saint Joseph combines the insignia of the Sisters of Mercy, the Cross and Crown, with the Coat of Arms of Saint Joseph. The lilies symbolize integrity and indicate that Saint Joseph was the earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose purity is represented by the chaste white lily. The flowers are used to represent the Blessed Trinity, however, in the University shield, the center flower is replaced by the cross which, combined with the crown, represents the Sisters of Mercy under whose sponsorship Saint Joseph College, now University, was founded and continues to flourish.

are works created by JS. Copley (featured to the left), J. Trumbull, T. Sully and so much more!

There are a limited number of tickets available and payment must be received to secure your reservation.

Tickets: \$60/pp

(Includes bus and museum admittance.)

[REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#)

For more information, email [Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17](#). To register by telephone, call 860.231.5364.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 4

7 p.m.

Uccello Fine Art Lecture

Monuments and Memorials

Bruyette Athenaeum,
Hoffman Auditorium

Erika Doss, Ph.D., professor of American Studies at the University of Notre Dame, will deliver the Vincenza Uccello '56 Fine Art Lecture.

For more information, email [Rochelle Oakley](#), Collections Manager, or call 860.231.5743.

Day of the Dead Altar

Thursday - Sunday

Nov. 1 - 4

**Bruyette Athenaeum,
Second Floor Reception
Room**

This is a community project led by artist Yolanda Vasquez Petrocelli.

Join us in creating elements for a community altar to memorialize family and friends. Participate in FREE workshops for families, students, and the community.

The workshops are for groups of all ages and backgrounds. Participants are

Chapel Bells

Please Note:

The date of the Chapel Bells Mass has changed.

The new date is:

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018

4 p.m.

Connor Chapel of our Lady

University of Saint Joseph

The Mass will be followed by a light reception in the Bruyette Athenaeum, Coleman Lobby.

Email [Amanda Sherman](mailto:Amanda.Sherman@usj.edu), Stewardship Coordinator, or call her at 860.231.5462 with questions.

asked to bring one or more photos of loved ones they wish to remember, copies of which will be made for the altar. Other projects will include decorating the altar with flowers, candles, skulls, and making papal picado.

For [additional information](#) or to [register](#) a group of eight or more, please contact Rochelle Oakley at 860.231.5743 or roakley@usj.edu.



16th Annual 5x5 Contemporary Dance Festival

The 16th Annual 5x5 Contemporary Dance Festival will be held on campus in the Bruyette Athenaeum throughout the day on Saturday, Nov. 3. This dance festival brings together choreographers, performers, educators, students, and dance lovers to study, perform, and create new work. There will be dance workshops throughout the day, with a showcase performance at the end.

Saturday, Nov. 3

12:30 p.m. - Workshop

A master class taught by Aguibou Bougobali Sanou will focus on deconstruction and reconstruction of traditional African steps by playing with



Join us as Blue Jays Basketball opens the
2018-19 season!

Friday, Nov. 9

Men's Basketball vs. William Paterson University

7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Ferris Athletic Center, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

Tickets are \$10.

[BUY SEASON OPENER TICKETS HERE](#)

Saturday, Nov.10

Women's Basketball vs. Mount St. Mary College

1 p.m.

The O'Connell Center, University of Saint Joseph

Any questions or for more information, please email [Josh Ingham](#) in the Sports Information Office or call him at 860.231.5296.

Fans can also download the [USJ Front Row Mobile App](#) and subscribe to our [Newsletter](#) and [Text Alerts](#).

#GoBlueJays #WinTheDay



ATTENTION ALUMNI

Join us for the Alumni Day Double Header!

Saturday, Dec. 1

1 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

3:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Suffolk University

O'Connell Center, University of Saint Joseph

Special Alumni Day Admission: two games for \$5 per ticket!

rhythm and space. Workshops held on Hoffman stage.

Space is limited.

Saturday, Nov. 3,

2 p.m. - Workshop

The master class taught by Lorelei Chang in "Dance & Calligraphy," offers an insightful way to connect body, mind and spirit. In this master class, we will be experiencing Chinese calligraphy-inspired movement, composing dance phrases based on the brush work. The purpose of using different art forms to inspire dancers is to help them discover new ways of connecting the body and mind, composing movements, and providing an opportunity to explore the art of movement through different lenses. Space is limited. Workshops held on Hoffman stage.

Saturday, Nov. 3,

7:30 p.m.

Showcase Performance, Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium

For more information, email [Susan Murphy](#) or [Steven Ginsburg](#). [Register](#) today for the workshops and the showcase performance.

Fairfield Alumni Club

RESCHEDULED Luncheon

Due to inclement weather the luncheon at the

(limit four tickets)

[BUY ALUMNI GAME TICKETS HERE](#)

Email [Katie Dasilva Burke '15, M'17](#) with questions or call her at 860.231.5364.



Josh Ingham and Jackie Piscitelli

Athletics: the team behind the teams

In the United States today, many college sports are extremely popular on both regional and national scales and, in many cases, compete with professional teams for prime media and print coverage. Universities focus on equity, sportsmanship, ethics, academic standards compliance, and much more.

The University of Saint Joseph is no different. The athletic staff at the University of Saint Joseph has seen a greater focus on USJ athletic programs recently. Local and national news crews have visited the campus and additional teams have been added. There is excitement in the air. This spotlight has brought heightened interest and curiosity – and, along with that, an increased set of responsibilities. To ensure that USJ continues to put our best foot forward and remain code compliant, there is a team behind the scenes that works every day to make it happen, Jackie Piscitelli and Josh Ingham. Both see great things on the horizon for USJ and have a keen interest in athletics.

Jackie Piscitelli, M.A., associate athletic director, shared that she played sports her whole life, but does not consider herself an athlete. During her time as a student at Central Connecticut State University, she became a student of

Stonebridge Restaurant in Milford was rescheduled to Saturday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m.

Register [here](#) for the rescheduled date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Appalacia Gift Wrapping

Saturday, Dec. 1

1p.m.

Home of Carol McClatchie '60

Twelfth Night Celebration

Saturday, Jan. 5

Home of Susan Marra '65

1pm

Register [online](#) for one or both events.

For more information and to register by telephone call 860.231.5364 or email [Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M17](#)

Festival of Lights

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018

4 p.m.

Connor Chapel of Our Lady

Transfer Student Information Session

athletics, learning from her mentor, associate director of Athletics, Steve Villanti, while she worked with him. Jackie immersed herself in the whole program, feeling the familial aspect as well as gaining insight on the quest for improvement and commitment to athletics. She completed her graduate education in sports management at the University of New Haven and a graduate internship at Boston College. She is committed to supporting all talented athletic teams at USJ; highlighting all the athletes who have experienced trials, tribulations and success; and bringing to light the contributions that each and every student-athlete makes.

Josh Ingham, sports information director, is well positioned to take USJ athletics to the next level. He has extensive knowledge of what it takes to be a successful athlete. Graduating in three and half years with a double major in Accounting and Marketing, Josh was also a member of the Division I baseball team at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) and holds the record for relief pitcher saves. Josh served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and gained athletic communications experience as an athletic communications graduate intern at CCSU. Josh's primary responsibilities at USJ are to oversee the athletic department's marketing, communications, social media, and multimedia strategies. He will complete a Master's degree in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations in the spring of 2019 and looks forward to securing St. Joe's place in local and national media spotlights.

When asked about what's next, Jackie and Josh agree that there are exciting times to come for USJ athletes. There are excellent resources on campus for student-athletes and the staff works each day to open doors for them. The goal is for each athlete to continue to grow as a whole person. One connection forged has been with the department of Nutrition and Public Health in the School of Interdisciplinary Health and Science. Jackie shared, "Dr. Melissa Brown, Ph.D., R.D., and her team have been outstanding with our student-athletes, educating them on proper fueling both before and after a game, what options they should choose when in the cafeteria as well as in the grocery store." Academic excellence is also critical to the success of the student-athlete. Jackie and Josh both agree that creating athlete/faculty mentor relationships is an integral part of ensuring the success of student-athletes. The Faculty Liaison program was developed to strengthen the relationship and increase communication between faculty, students, and coaches/staff and provide additional valuable and informal mentoring opportunities for student-athletes outside the classroom. Using campus resources, Josh and Jackie strive to support student-athletes in their continued development of the whole person, their goals of academic excellence, and the goal of respect and integrity in the classroom, on campus, and on the field.

Athletes are naturally competitive. USJ student-athletes strive each day to be their best, resulting in their own success. Teams grow with each passing year, living the core values that the University instills in all students. The attention given

Wednesday, Dec. 5

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Mercy Hall, Crystal Room

For more information email [Molly Dever](mailto:Molly.Dever@usj.edu), Director of Admissions.



Alumni Volunteer Opportunities

Career Development Center Mentoring Opportunity

Are you a school superintendent, principal or human resource professional? In our continual efforts to professionally prepare our teacher candidates to be Connecticut's finest educators, we invite you to share your knowledge and give them your perspective on marketing themselves in an increasingly competitive job search, what you specifically look for when hiring teacher candidates, and how they can maximize their skills. The Career Development Center is seeking volunteers who would be willing to serve as panel participants on Nov. 13 from 4 - 6:30 p.m.

The panel will be moderated by Valerie Wilson, Assistant Director, Employer Relations, USJ Career Development Center. Email [Valerie](mailto:Valerie@usj.edu) or call

to the athletic department at USJ has had a direct and positive effect on all student-athletes; they are strong, competitive, and motivated to be the best people they can be, on and off the field. Having a strong team behind the scenes has been crucial to the competitiveness, motivation, and success of student-athletes. "USJ is a hidden gem. It's exciting to see our University being recognized for its academics and athletics. The athletic department supports us by encouraging teamwork and leadership. They push us to be our very best in the classroom and on the field," said softball player and Mathematics major Megan Burke '21.

Follow this [link](#) to learn more about USJ Athletics.

her at 860.231.5551 for more information.

ConnectiKids, Inc. Mentoring Opportunity

Would you like to mentor a 5th grade student from West Middle Community School in Hartford? ConnectiKids, Inc. is an after school academic enhancement program for Hartford youth. Mentors work with students using literacy-based curriculum and mentoring that helps students succeed in Hartford Public Schools. Mentoring sessions take place on Wednesdays from 4:20 - 5:35 p.m. at USJ. For more information on how USJ interfaces with ConnectiKids, Inc., email [Liza Bocchichio](#) or call her at 860.231.5202.

For additional information or to register as a mentor, contact [ConnectiKids, Inc.](#) at 860.522.8710. Email [Kiera Steele](#), Program Director, with additional questions.

Class Notes Ambassador

Watch for the next edition of Outlook to read the latest updates from your classmates. Alumni Relations is looking for volunteers to collect and coordinate class notes. Find out if there's a classmate who has a career, family, or education update. To volunteer, email [Katie DaSilva Burke](#) '15, '17, or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 860.231.5364.

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