



Parents Connection, our quarterly e-newsletter, is intended to keep the families of USJ students connected and informed with happenings and resources on campus.

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Greetings from the University of Saint Joseph

We are very excited to welcome new students and reconnect with current students when the semester officially begins for undergraduates on Aug. 28.

While our students are looking forward to the transition from summer activities to university classes and college life, family can be helpful with reminders about campus activities and administrative deadlines.

USJ takes great pride in our students who balance academics with professional studies to achieve their long-term career goals. If your student is ready to discuss opportunities to ensure academic success and/or explore potential career paths, it's never too early to start. Our [Student Academic & Career Services Center](#) is ready to work with incoming and returning students. Students can contact [Tami Fagan](#) and [Carolyn Rock](#) for guidance on academic success and [Bret Boudreaux](#) for information about internships and career planning. Also, if you are aware of an employer that would like to connect with our students for internships or career positions, please contact Bret for more information.

News from Campus

Your student's safety is our top priority. USJ's Department of Campus Security is here to keep our community safe by responding to emergency situations on campus. A private security force, campus security officers do not make arrests, but they are trained to recognize when to involve the local police and take action accordingly. The department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and officers patrol campus on a regular basis. To read more about our safety record, [download](#) the most recent University of Saint Joseph Campus Security and Fire Safety Report. While we are still enjoying summer in New England, storms and events that affect campus activities can happen at any time. Sign up for [USJ text alerts](#) and receive updates on weather and other alerts.

Since everyone at USJ loves to read, we relaunched our Common Read program with *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. The idea behind Common Read is to foster a love of reading and a greater sense of community through the shared experiences of reading the same book – one that brings about critical thinking, conversation, and involvement by all members of the USJ community. If you pick up a copy from your local library, bookstore, or download it online, you too can read along with your student and join in on the discussion. Look for an invitation to an upcoming event in the next few weeks.

When it's convenient for you and your student, come visit us, walk around using our [campus map](#) and see the renovations in the Student Lounge or enjoy some fun activities on the Quad.

Upcoming events

There are many ways for you to stay connected with your student at USJ. 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. Two upcoming events we hope you will join us for: *GUITAR UNDER THE STARS* with Daniel Salazar, acclaimed classical guitarist, on September 9th for a free outdoor concert on Saint Joe's quad beginning at 7:30 pm; *Engaging Women in our Community*, an interactive workshop to help women EXPLORE various paths to public service on Sat, Sep 23, 2017 10:00am - 2:00pm. Please check our [events calendar](#) for registration and event information.

USJ Fund

The USJ Fund helps bridge the gap between tuition dollars received and the actual cost of educating a USJ student. The USJ Fund provides support for the University's greatest needs; scholarship support, teaching excellence and faculty development, curricular initiative and campus enhancements. Every gift of any size is important. Please [GIVE](#) today so that we can continue to keep education affordable and accessible to all deserving students. Thank you.

USJ Recognition

Time Inc.'s MONEY recently published their rankings for the best schools in categories such as region, financial aid assistance, earnings after graduation, athletics, and student life. For "[Value-Added All Stars](#)" – a category comparing graduation rates, earnings, and student loan repayment – USJ was the only university in Connecticut to make it in the top ten. Our efforts to prepare students to be strong candidates across all job markets are clear, as 95% of USJ graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation.

USJ has made the [Princeton Review Fire Safety Honor Roll](#). Out of 1,188 institutions reviewed, USJ and 26 other institutions received their highest score of 99. This recognition reflects our commitment to having a safe environment where we are prepared to prevent or respond to campus fires.

Other Parent Resources

Questions about student payments? Our staff is here to assist you with all your questions about financial aid. [Contact Student Financial Services](#) for more information, or to review your tuition payment options. Call Student Financial Services at 860.231.5223 or email at financialaid@usj.edu