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Meet your USJ Alumni Relations & Annual Giving Staff

Katie DaSilva Burke '15, M'17, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving (Left)

Katie has been part of the USJ staff for four years, following her graduation from USJ with a bachelor's in Psychology. Katie returned to USJ for her master's in Management with a certificate in Project Management. Using her degrees and experience at USJ, Katie loves to interact with fellow graduates and share common stories. In her spare time, Katie enjoys running, playing with her dog Mia, and going to hockey games with her husband. Katie can be reached at kdasilva@usj.edu or 860.231.5364.

Amanda Burke, Annual Giving Coordinator (Center)

Amanda recently started at USJ and is thrilled to join the team as the new Annual Giving Coordinator. She graduated in 2017 from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland with a degree in Social Anthropology and is looking forward to working with the community at USJ. Amanda enjoys doing yoga, traveling, and reading, and is excited about getting to know West Hartford. Amanda can be reached at arburke@usj.edu or 860.231.5327.

Rachel Scully, Alumni Relations Coordinator (Right)

Rachel has joined the team as our new Alumni Relations Coordinator. Rachel is a 2012 graduate of Emerson College in Boston with a B.A. in Communication Studies. She is now pursuing her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at USJ. A future alumna herself, Rachel is looking forward to meeting the vibrant members of our alumni community and hearing your stories. On weekends, Rachel enjoys working for a local flower shop, spending time outdoors with her husband, and cooking her way through the entire Joanna Gaines *Magnolia Table* cookbook. Rachel can be reached at rscully@usj.edu or 860.231.5447.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Please share with us your thoughts, comments, and suggestions; we would love to hear them!



Reunion 2019

Save the date! Reunion 2019, honoring all classes with a special emphasis on those ending with a 4 & 9, will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 21**. We hope you will come back

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Trivia Corner

What year did the graduate program begin?

Email your response to alumni@usj.edu.

January's Question

Bruyette Athenaeum, home of the Art Museum and the Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities, is a significant cultural site for the USJ and Hartford Community. In what year did the building open?

January's Answer

2001

January's Winner

Michelle O'Connell '04

to campus to relive, remember, and reunite with old and new friends.

Keep an eye on the alumni newsletter and our [social media pages](#) for updates on Reunion.

Would you like to serve on your class Reunion Committee? Questions, comments, or concerns? Please contact Rachel Scully, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at 860.231.5447 or rscully@usj.edu.



Commencement 2019

Attention Class of 1969! You are invited to participate in our 84th Commencement ceremony, taking place on Monday, May 13 at the XL Center in Hartford. A long-standing tradition at USJ is to invite members of the Golden Anniversary Class to process in the ceremony with trustees, faculty, and the members of the graduating class. We hope you will be able to attend as we gather to honor you and welcome the Class of 2019 into our community of USJ alumni.

More information will be mailed to you in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please mark your calendars and encourage your classmates to do so as well. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Scully, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at rscully@usj.edu or 860.231.5447.



Upcoming Events

Romance De La Guitarra

Thursday, Feb. 14

8 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium

Buy tickets [here](#)

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, Feb. 20

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Gengras Center School, Multipurpose Room

Sign up [here](#) and enter code USJ or call 1.800.RED.CROSS

Phantom of the Opera with Alloy Orchestra

Thursday, Feb. 28

7 p.m.

Bruyette Athenaeum, Hoffman Auditorium

Buy tickets [here](#)

**Melanie Sinche, M.Ed.,
M.A., Named Director,
Career Development
Center and the Women's
Leadership Center**



The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) proudly welcomes Melanie Sinche M.Ed., M.A., as director of the Career Development Center and the executive director of the Women's Leadership Center (WLC). In the Career Development Center, Sinche will expand internship offerings, help students to prepare for and pursue professional internships and employment, develop mentoring opportunities, work in partnership with faculty, and cultivate relationships and collaborations with regional employers.

"The Career Development Center and Women's Leadership Center invite alumni to partner with us as we prepare USJ students for internships and careers in the community," says Sinche.

In addition, she will lead the WLC as executive director. After two years of delivering on its mission to encourage, empower, and coach women for leadership roles in their professional and personal endeavors, the WLC – with its new director – will create community partnerships, develop programming, and engage in research about women in leadership roles to guide the organization's work into the future.

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Volunteers needed!

Are you interested in being a career development counselor? Help USJ students prepare for the work force, build resumes, and networking tips. We are always looking for volunteers.

If you are interested, please contact Katie DaSilva Burke at

kdasilva@usj.edu or
860.231.5364



USJ Athletics

The following are home competitions:

Women's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 9 vs.
Emmanuel, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 vs. Lasell, 7
p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16 vs. Regis,
3:30 p.m.

USJ Travels to Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

A group of over 50 alumni and friends of USJ traveled with Professor Dorothy Keller to the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston. The group enjoyed a guided tour of the Arts of Americas Galleries by Professor Keller and had the opportunity to explore the rest of the museum before heading back to USJ. Some alumni shared their experiences:

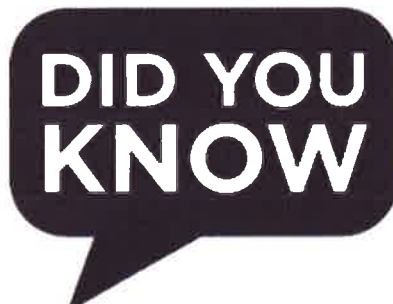
Rosemary Boccalatte Molloy '60 said, "It was a wonderful opportunity to see a museum I had never been to."

"We were very impressed with the efficiency of the whole trip, and we also praise Dorothy for her amazing energy and wisdom," said Evelyn Benoit, M'78, M'79.

Watch the alumni newsletter and [social media](#) for upcoming events. If you have an idea for a future event, please contact Rachel Scully at rscully@usj.edu or 860.231.5447.

USJ Annual Fund

Gifts to the USJ Annual Fund ensure the value of a USJ degree while allowing us to provide students with extraordinary faculty and facilities, financial aid, and an environment that encourages personal and professional growth. But, did you know that only 10% of alumni support USJ and that participation rate is looked at when ranking the University in polls like U.S. News & World Report? The more alumni that give, no matter the amount, the higher the University will rank among peer colleges.



Make your gift today and help us climb the rankings and support the future of USJ. Thank you!

[Donate Now](#)

Men's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 16 vs. Regis, 1 p.m.

Women's and Men's Swimming & Diving

There are no more home meets. Good luck to both teams at the New England Championship from Feb. 21 - 24!

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20% OFF



As a USJ student, alumni, faculty or staff member you are eligible to receive **20% off** of your meal at **Blue Plate Kitchen**, conveniently located in the Bishop's Corner shopping plaza in West Hartford.



The discount will be applied only for the USJ student, alumni, faculty or staff member with a valid ID who dines in the restaurant. Take-out does not apply. USJ friends and family who are eating with you and the discount does not apply toward the purchase of any alcoholic beverages.

USJ Alumni Discount at Blue Plate Kitchen

Our friends at Blue Plate Kitchen invite USJ alumni to print this coupon and receive 20% off your meal. Head over to Bishop's Corner in West Hartford to enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

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