

Campus Update Monday, January 22, 2018



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Introducing the McGovern Community Room

Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to use the McGovern Community Room which was previously known as the Faculty Dining Room (FDR) in McGovern Hall.

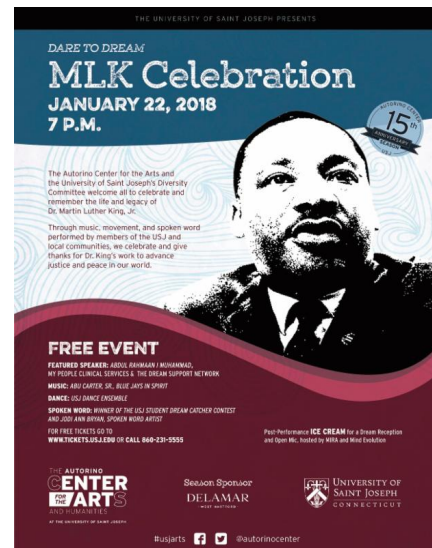
"The reinvigorated Council on Staff Affairs continues to provide good advice and suggestions. They made a recommendation about changing the name of the small dining area in McGovern to make it more welcoming to all. It will now be called the McGovern Community Room to make it clear that it is open to everyone on campus," said President Free, Ph.D.



Tonight: MLK Celebration Dare to Dream

This is a reminder that the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration Ceremony, sponsored by the USJ Diversity Committee, in partnership with the Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities, will be held in the Hoffman Auditorium on **Monday, Jan. 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**, followed by an "Ice Cream for a Dream" reception and open mic from 8:30-9:00 p.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend. The event is free, but those planning to attend are asked to reserve tickets by going to the Autorino Center website, <http://tickets.usj.edu>, or <http://bit.do/usjmlk2018>.

In conjunction with the commemoration, the Office of Campus Ministry, in partnership with Women with a Vision Ministries, will be sponsoring a winter clothing drive. This is an opportunity to put the ideals of Dr. King into action through service. Collection bins will be available in the lobby of the Autorino Center the evening of the event. Please see the flyer attached for details.



RSVP on Facebook: <https://goo.gl/nhQBGT> | Download Event Flyer [here](#), and [here](#).

Office Hours with President Rhona C. Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 9 – 11 a.m.** in the President's Office, Room 1, Mercy Hall (at the far end of the hallway). Faculty, staff, and students are invited to sign up (recommended) or stop in for a 15-minute appointment with the President during this time.



Queenes Companye Meeting

Queenes Companye—USJ’s drama group and oldest student organization—is hosting our first general meeting of the semester to plan our spring 2018 production. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

General Meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 6:45 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.** in Lynch Hall 212.

For more information please contact Professor Mark Zelinsky, Director of Queenes Companye, at mzelinsky@usj.edu or 860-231-5252

Don't Miss College Night!

For the second year, Hartford Consortium for Higher Education (HCHE) will be partnering with The Wadsworth Athenaeum to present, “**Art after Dark: Fire and Ice | College Night**” on **Feb. 1, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

All college students are free with ID.

Here are some of this year’s highlights:

- DJ
- Free snacks, cash bar
- Prizes: books, gift certificates to MRG (Mill Restaurant Group) restaurants, mood rings, catalogs
- Infinity Music Hall gift certificates
- Events: ice sculpting, “fire eater” performance, trivia game contest, tours, performances by The Dance Collective
- Art project: painting landscapes on postcards from either a warm or cold destination
- Film: THE BIG SICK
- After Party



**ART AFTER DARK
FIRE & ICE**

COLLEGE NIGHT!
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 5–8PM | \$10/\$5 MEMBERS

College students receive free admission with a valid ID this month!

Visit the museum after hours for music, free snacks, cash bar, tours, a film, an art activity, and much more!

February’s event features an ice sculpture demonstration and a fire eating performance, trivia contest with prizes, and dance performances by The Dance Collective. An 8pm screening of *The Big Sick* is included with admission.

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Blackboard Seminars

January’s TLC seminars focus on getting your course up and running for the semester, whether you are teaching a course for the first time or want to reuse materials from courses you have taught previously.

Session descriptions are below. All seminars are held in the Teaching and Learning Center. If you are unable to make it to campus, many sessions can also be made available remotely via Skype for Business. To register for a session, please email the Teaching and Learning Center at tlc@usj.edu.

Organizing Your Course Materials in Blackboard

Monday, January 15, 12-1 pm or Tuesday, January 23, 12-1 pm

This seminar will cover options for presenting and arranging materials in your Blackboard course in ways that minimize confusion and keep everyone organized. We’ll look at the various options for adding content, such as the difference between sorting materials into folders or learning modules, as well as controlling the visibility of content to students. We’ll also look at the ways you can add multimedia elements to your course, as well as copy content from one section to another. Bring your laptop and electronic copies of your materials

for this hands-on session!

Stay on Track! Using Technology to Make Up Class Time

Wednesday, January 24, 12-1 pm or Monday, January 30, 12-1 pm

As you think ahead to your Spring courses, are you concerned about losing class sessions due to inclement weather? There are several technology tools that can help you keep your students on track, no matter the weather. Learn how to post content to Blackboard, host a virtual class meeting or record mini-lectures to share with your students.

Blackboard Grade Center: Do It Now!

Thursday, January 18, 12-1 pm or Monday, January 29, 4-5 pm

Even if you aren't collecting assignments in Blackboard just yet, using the Blackboard Grade Center has numerous advantages. Setting up your Grade Center early in the semester means you can:

- Have course grades calculated automatically throughout the course.
- Help students track their own progress.
- Have information ready at your fingertips when it's time to submit final grades.
- Weigh grades and drop lowest scores easily.

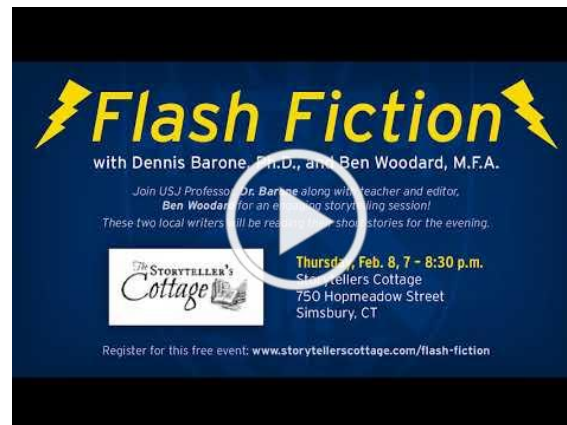
Bring your laptop and a copy of your syllabus to this hands-on seminar and get a jumpstart on your Spring grading!

Flash Fiction with Dennis Barone, Ph.D., and Ben Woodard, M.F.A.

Join USJ Professor, Dr. Barone along with teacher and editor, Ben Woodard for an engaging storytelling session! These two local writers will be reading their short stories for the evening.

Thursday, Feb. 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Storytellers Cottage on 750 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, CT.

Register for this free event: <https://www.storytellerscottage.com/flash-fiction>

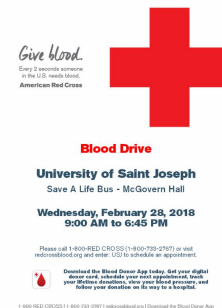


USJ Blood Drive – Volunteer!

The University of Saint Joseph will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, **Feb. 28, from 9–6:45 p.m.** outside of McGovern Hall in the "Save a Life Bus." In partnership with the American Red Cross, this is an important day to make a difference in someone's life. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

To volunteer please call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767) or visit redcrossblood.org or enter: USJ to schedule an appointment.

Download event flyer [here](#).



Jays' Network Ultimate Prize Announcement

We are very proud of all the Fall 2017 Dean's List recipients! Each student on the list earned 10 points for their community. McDonough has the most students on the Dean's List, gaining an extra 170 points!

Points Update: Kelleher 438, McDonough 411, O'Connor 465. The points are very close; continue to get

involved and attend USJ events to help your community win the Ultimate Prize and Community Cup for 2017-2018! Save the date for the Spring Olympics on Friday, March 23.

Stay up-to-date with the latest events with the January Points Eligible Calendar [here](#).



Alternative Spring Break

Looking for community service opportunities? Alternative Spring Break (ASB) will take place from Friday, March 9 to Wednesday, March 14. Attend an ASB info session to learn more.

The first informational session is this Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in McGovern Lounge!

Download informational flyer [here](#).

Hartford Symphony Orchestra

Discounted tickets are available for Hartford Symphony Orchestra's upcoming Masterworks concert, *The Keys to Romance*, coming up Feb. 16-18 to The Bushnell in Hartford.

Student tickets are just \$10! We are thrilled to welcome the dynamic Anderson & Roe Piano Duo our stage for a concert celebrating epic love and romance! For more information, visit: <https://hartfordsymphony.org/concerts/the-keys-to-romance/>

Download event flyer [here](#).

New Employees and Promotions

The following is information for New Hires/Rehires as of 1/8/2018:

Emily Oumano, MS, Librarian, Digital Literacy, Library
Kristy Santos, MS, Director of Student Affairs, Student Affairs

The following is information for Promotions & Status Changes as of 1/8/2018:

N/A

TIAA Offering Individual Retirement Counseling

TIAA will offer individual retirement counseling for USJ employees on **February 14, 2018** 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mercy Hall, Conference Room 345 main campus.

To schedule an appointment: Call the TIAA office in Hamden, 866.842.2051 X252403

Contact: Lisa Peruccio, Benefits Administrator at lperuccio@usj.edu or at 860.231.5509

Campus Ministry Announcements

Jan 24 (Wed): Mass. Time: 12:05 – 1 pm. Location: Chapel.

Jan 24 (Wed): Alternative Spring Break Session (ASB). Time: 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Location: McGovern Lounge

Jan 25 (Thursday): Alternative Spring Break Session (ASB). Time: 11:30 am – 1 pm. Location: McGovern Lounge

Jan 25 (Thursday): Interfaith Social. Time: 5 pm – 6 pm. Location: Reception Room in Bryuette

Jan 26 (Friday): Alternative Spring Break Session (ASB). Time: 11:30 – 1 pm. Location: McGovern Lounge

Jan 28 (Sunday): Join us for Mass, and food will be provided after service. Time: 6-7 pm. Location: Chapel

Fall 2017 Dean's List

Congratulations to the following students who made the University of Saint Joseph Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester.

View Full List: <http://www.usj.edu/news/usj-students-named-fall-2017-deans-list/>

January Live Well Work Well Newsletter

Click [here](#) to download the January edition of *Live Well Work Well*, which provides you with health and wellness tips for your work and life—presented by 360 Corporate Benefit Advisors.

USJ Athletics: Discover the Latest News



Join us in celebrating 25 years of Division III NCAA athletics at the University of Saint Joseph.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018

1 p.m.: USJ vs Rivier Basketball game tip-off

Half time: Celebration of USJ women athletes

Post game: Dessert reception with current and former USJ Athletes

The O'Connell Center, USJ West Hartford Campus

Visit www.usjbluejays.com/ for more updates!

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