

Campus Update Monday, November 12, 2018



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Celebrating International Education Week at USJ!

International Education Week (IEW), Nov. 10-16, celebrates the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. The University of Saint Joseph is participating in this initiative by holding IEW events open to the University community and the public. [You can download the event\(s\) flyer here.](#)



The Institute for Latino Community Practice (iLCP) Fall Reception

Please join us in welcoming our new dean, Elizabeth Francis-Connolly, Ph.D., of the School of Interdisciplinary Health & Science to the iLCP Community. Light refreshments will be served.

When: Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018
Time: 5–7 p.m.
Where: Mercy Hall, Crystal Room

Kindly R.S.V.P. to Mary Schone - Graduate Assistant at MSchone@usj.edu



Leaders in STEAM Speaker Series with Dr. Linda Barry

Linda K. Barry, M.D., M.P.H., FACS, is a board-certified liver and pancreas surgeon with a unique background in both clinical and basic science research. She will share some of her personal journey as part of her lecture hosted by Women LEAD in STEAM. She will describe some of the ups and downs as well as lessons learned as she pursued her profession, and she will explain a bit of her current work at UConn School of Medicine and her former role at CICATS.

When: Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018
Time: 12-1 p.m.
Where: Mercy Hall, Crystal Room



Thanksgiving Luncheon

Join us for a Thanksgiving Luncheon in the cafe on **Thursday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. –1 p.m.** for \$10.00 per person/residential students: meal swipe.

Menu: Carved Tom Turkey with Gravy, Herb Stuffing, Honey Glazed Country Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole with Onion Straws, Whipped Butternut Squash, Cheese Ravioli with Butternut Squash, Goat Cheese and Brown Sage Butter, Cranberry Sauce, Tossed Salad, Relish Tray, and Fresh Baked Rolls and Holiday Pies.

Give Thanks 4 Books

Book Drive: Now through Nov. 30, 2018

Donate your **new & gently used books** today! **GOAL 175 books for children & teens** at Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford Hands on Hartford Hartford Elementary Schools. Co-sponsored by: Center for Academic Excellence (CAE), USJ Student Leaders in Service, IT Helpdesk, Academic Advising Center, Community Engagement, Social Work Department, Pope Pius XII Library, and Café Bon Appetit.

Questions? Contact Renée Lavoie for more information: rlavoie@usj.edu. #Mercy175

Chapel Bells Mass

In honor of our USJ alumni and friends who have passed this year, a **memorial liturgy will be held on Nov. 18, at 4 p.m. in the Connor Chapel of Our Lady.** The names of our passed loved ones and friends will be read aloud and the chapel bells will ring during this moving mass. The service will be followed by a reception in the lobby of the Bruyette Athenaeum. All are welcome to honor these beloved members of our community. Kindly R.S.V.P. to Amanda Sherman 860.231.5462 asherman@usj.edu.



Office Hours with President Rhona C. Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Tuesday, Nov. 20, from 8:30–10:30 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.

Contact: Ruth Foxman, executive assistant to the President/secretary to the Board of Trustees at rfoxman@usj.edu or 860.231.5221



Gengras Center Holiday Wreath Sale

The Gengras Center community is hosting their 15th Annual Holiday Wreath fundraiser! Profits will benefit Gengras Center Greenhouse. All wreaths are fresh double faced balsam with a standard red ribbon included. To purchase a wreath complete the order form and enclose cash or check payable to The Gengras Center. **Orders must be received no later than Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.**

Download your order form [here](#).

Questions? Contact Caroline Wilson at



TLC Announcements

Download the November/December newsletter for upcoming faculty workshops [here](#). All sessions will be held in the TLC unless otherwise noted.

Email tlc@usj.edu to register!



Bon Appetit: 175 Acts of Mercy

Dear Faculty & Staff: Please help us exceed our goal of donating \$175.00 by purchasing lunch with cash every Friday at Bon Appetit! 50% of all cash purchases from lunch made by faculty and staff every Friday goes to support various community organizations. Through Thanksgiving, your donations go to support **Community Partners in Action Resettlement Program**.



“Linking Learning, Belonging, and Community” at the Hartford Public Library

Serve as a volunteer Mentor/Tutor for immigrant high school students, who are recent arrivals to Hartford. Offer your support as they learn English and adjust to a new culture. These sessions are scheduled for Mondays, from 3:30–5 p.m. at the Hartford Public Library on 500 Main Street in Hartford.

Questions? Contact Michele Brophy, Instructional Specialist, at mbrophy@hplct.org or 860.803.3538.

TIAA Offering Individual Retirement Counseling

Attention Faculty and Staff: TIAA will offer individual retirement counseling for USJ employees on **Dec. 13, 2018**, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m., Mercy Hall, Room 338 main campus.

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

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

Mentoring Opportunity

Would you like to mentor a 5th grader from West Middle Community School? **ConnectiKids, Inc.** is an after school academic enhancement program for Hartford youth. Tutors work with student using a literacy-based curriculum and mentoring that helps students succeed in Hartford Public Schools. Mentoring sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 4:20–5:35 p.m. at USJ. Download the flyer [here](#).

Questions? Contact Liza Bocchichio lbocchichio@usj.edu or 860.231.5202.

Volunteer for Avenue of Dreams

The Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families is seeking volunteers for the **9th annual Avenue of Dreams prom event on March 9, 2019**, for at risk youth.

The positions we are currently looking to fill are as follows: Fairy Glam Mother, Shining Knights, Shoe Attendants, Dressing Room Attendants, Traffic Flow, and Sign-In and Registration.

Questions? Contact the outreach coordinator at 860.258.3400 or by e-mail at Catherine.rose@cafafct.org.

Winter Coat and Clothing Drive

Please donate new or gently used coats and clothing of all sizes and styles to help our students and neighbors stay warm this winter. Help us reach our goal of 175 donations for the 175 Acts of Mercy Campaign. Donations will support USJ students and neighbors in need at

Send a Thanksgiving Greeting!

Show you're grateful for someone by sending them a Thanksgiving

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

- Mercy Hall- Business Office & Campus Ministry
- Lynch- Lobby
- McDonough- Lobby near the Coffee Cart
- McGovern- Student Affairs Office 2nd fl.

Questions? Contact Marva Patterson
959.200.1599 or mpatterson@usj.edu

greeting, now through Nov. 19. Send a note to friends, staff, or faculty here on campus. The goal is to collect at least 175 cards of thanks. Each department will receive an envelope with greeting cards that will be mailed to Student Affairs or can be dropped off to RAs.



Campus Ministry Updates

Silent Night, Holy Night! You're invited to **Festival of Lights on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 at 4 p.m.** in the Connor Chapel of Our Lady! All are welcomed to join this Ecumenical Christmas Celebration! There will be dancing, Carols, Scripture readings, and Light. For light was born into the world

Campus Ministry Reflection:

Many times our Spirits are shattered when we are continuously exposed to the news of horrible acts of violence taking place throughout the world. In truth, it should impact us for we are part of the HUMAN FAMILY. We are all Divinely created! As such, we are connected. I offer this prayer as a way to find some healing and hope; as a way for us to continue staying connected in love and peace which is the ultimate way of honoring ourselves, each other, and the sacred universe from which we come.

Interpretations Literary Magazine

Submissions welcome! Submit your poems, short stories and art work to interpretations@usj.edu before Jan. 22, 2019.

Contact Senior Editor Sarah Keane at skeane@usj.edu or Faculty Advisor Catherine Hoysler at choyser@usj.edu with any questions.



Needed: Therapeutic Support Staff at Community Residences, Inc.

If you're ready to make a difference, become a Therapeutic Support Staff or Support Staff. Our TSS/SS develop a positive, ongoing relationship with a child in need. If you have experience working with children and an education background in human services, this may be right for you. Download the flyer [here](#).

Questions? Contact Stacy Kelsey at 860.608.7630 or kelseys@criinc.org.

2018 Thanksgiving Hours for the O'Connell Center

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| Wednesday | 11.21.18 | 6:30 a.m.–6 p.m. |
| Thursday | 11.22.18 | CLOSED |
| Friday | 11.23.18 | CLOSED |
| Saturday | 11.24.18 | 10 a.m.–6 p.m. |

Have a wonderful Holiday from the O'Connell Center Staff.

The Autorino Center for the Arts & Humanities

The beautiful 365-seat Hoffman Auditorium is the heart of USJ's arts center, where music, dance, theatre and more dazzle audiences from both the University and the surrounding area.

Like their [Facebook page](#) and visit www.autorino.usj.edu to stay up to date with their 2018-19 season "USJ Got Soul."





USJ Athletics: Discover the Latest News

Visit www.usjbluejays.com and like [@usj_bluejays](https://www.instagram.com/usj_bluejays) on social media for more updates!

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING O'Connell Center Closures****

Wednesday, Nov. 14 – Visitor/general locker room closes at 5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 16 – The O'Connell Center Closes at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17 – The O'Connell Center Closed the Whole Day

Sunday, Nov. 25 – Visitor/general locker room closed 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1 – The O'Connell Center Closed the Whole Day

Monday, Dec. 3 – Visitor/general locker room closes at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8 – The O'Connell Center Closed the Whole Day

Monday, Dec. 10 – Visitor/general locker room closes at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15 – The O'Connell Center Closed 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

January – February's schedule will be posted in the beginning of December.

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