

Campus Update Monday, December 11, 2017



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Diversity Survey Win a \$20 Gift Card

The University of Saint Joseph's Diversity Council would like to thank the students, faculty and staff who have participated in this fall's Diversity Survey. This survey is intended to obtain information on important areas of diversity, including: culture, ethnicity, and race; age and ability; sexual and gender expression; socioeconomic status; and religion and spirituality.

For those of you who have not yet done so, there is still time to participate! **The survey deadline has been extended to Friday, Dec. 15 at noon.** To express our appreciation for your efforts, at the end of the survey, all participants will receive a 20% off coupon for the USJ Bookstore, and be entered to win one of ten \$20 VISA gift cards. In addition, completion of the survey is point eligible for your Jay's Network community. The incentives drawing, which was to take place on Dec. 1, will now take place on Friday, Dec. 15, after 1 p.m. Gift card recipients will be notified that afternoon through their USJ email address.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USJDiversity2017-18>

Office Hours with President Rhona C. Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Wednesday, January 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.

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



Community Forum

A Community Forum, providing updates on University initiatives for faculty and staff, will be held **Friday, January 12, from 9 – 10 a.m.** in the Hoffman Auditorium of the Bruyette Athenaeum.

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The Nutcracker

Experience the magic of, "The Nutcracker" from Dec. 14-17. Purchase tickets here:
<http://www.dancebtc.org/purchase-tickets.html>



Upcoming Blackboard Changes

As we look ahead to the Spring semester, we wanted to share some information about upcoming changes to Blackboard over the next few months:

Online Grading in Blackboard. If you are using Blackboard's inline grading feature, which allows you to add annotations to student submissions, please note that **this feature will be discontinued by Blackboard on January 15, 2018.** You will no longer be able to electronically annotate assignments within Blackboard, but will still be able to collect assignments and enter grades using the Blackboard Grade Center.

Blackboard to be upgraded Summer 2018. We are preparing for an upgrade to our Blackboard environment after the Spring semester. This upgrade is necessary to better align us with Blackboard version support, and will include a newer look and feel, as well as enhancements to communication (announcements, email), assignment tools, accessibility, grading and content management. With this upgrade, a new version of the inline grading tool will be introduced.

The Teaching and Learning Center and the Office of Information Technology will offer workshops to introduce faculty to the changes in Blackboard. Workshop schedules will be announced starting in January. If you would like a department- or school-specific training session, please [contact the TLC](#) to schedule a date and time.

If you have questions about upcoming changes to Blackboard, please [email the Teaching and Learning Center](#).

Campus Ministry Announcements

Wednesday, Dec. 13: Last mass of 2017 at 12:05 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17: First Wednesday Mass of the spring semester at 12:05 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21: First Sunday Mass

Click [here](#) to download the Wellness Wednesday flyer.

USJ Staff Bootcamp

Join the USJ Staff Bootcamp beginning on Monday, Dec. 18 and resuming on Jan. 8 after break. Bootcamp will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12-1 p.m. in the O'Connell Center.

Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Interpretations Literary Magazine

Submissions Welcome! Submit your poems, short stories, and art work to interpretations@usj.edu

Deadline: Jan. 17, 2018

Questions? Contact:

Senior Editor Sarah Keane: skeane@usj.edu

Faculty Advisor Catherine Hoyser:

choyser@usj.edu

O'Connell Center 2017 Holiday Hours

Saturday, Dec. 23 – 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24 - CLOSED

Monday, Dec. 25 – CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec. 26 – CLOSED

Saturday, Dec. 30 – 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31 - CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 1 – CLOSED

Tuesday, Jan. 2 – 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The center will open regular winter hours all other days.

O'Connell Center 2017 Holiday Hours

Monday, Dec. 11 – 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 – 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 – 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14 – 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15 – 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16 – 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The following is information for New Hires/Rehires as of 11/27/2017:

Maria Dillon, Help Desk Analyst, Information Technology
Stephen Murray, B.S., Public Safety Officer, Public Safety
Kathleen Wilson, B.A., Art Gallery Attendant, Art Gallery

The following is information for Promotions & Status Changes as of 11/27/2017:

Kathryn DaSilva, Director Annual Giving & Alumni Relations, Institutional Advancement

Current Scores: Kelleher has 238, McDonough 241, and O'Connor 375.

Look out for the ultimate prize video announcement at the start of the spring semester!

Click [here](#) to download the December Points Eligible Calendar.

December Live Well Work Well Newsletter

Click [here](#) to download the December 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.

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