

# Campus Update Tuesday, February 20, 2018



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## USJ CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS



### You're Invited: USJ Campus Conversations

Many of you have previously participated in monthly "Diversity and Inclusion Conversations" which have been renamed 'Campus Conversations'. The name change reflects the inclusion of all members of our community in the discussion, conversations have been modified to include students, in addition to faculty and staff.

**The Campus Conversations will take place in the Crystal Room on the last Monday of each month at noon beginning with February 26, 2018.**

The Campus Conversations Committee Members are:

Lucinda Cauty, MSN, CNM, Ph.D. Candidate – Assistant Professor, Nursing

Jennifer Cote, Ph.D. – Associate Professor, History

Erika Lynn Dawson Head, MS. – Diversity and Employee Engagement Coordinator, Human Resources

Meredith McConnochie, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, School of Education

The first Campus Conversation will be focused on the MTV movie, "White People" which will be screened in the Crystal Room on Thursday, February 22 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. If you can't attend the screening but would like to participate in the Campus Conversation please feel free to watch the movie at your convenience, [https://youtu.be/\\_zj1PmJcRM](https://youtu.be/_zj1PmJcRM)

**Questions?** Please contact Nancy Billias at [nbillias@usj.edu](mailto:nbillias@usj.edu)

### Black History Month Event

You are invited to a Black History event presented by Strong Sisters United and the Social Work Student Alliance.

**Date:** Wednesday Feb. 21, 2018

**Time:** 6 – 8 p.m.

**Place:** Mercy Hall-Crystal Room

Join us to hear two dynamite speakers: Dean Arrington of Capital Community College & Dr. Tyrone Black of Wooster School in Danbury.

They will be speaking about Black History, their struggles, successes and visions.

There will be food, fun, music, and prizes. Seating is limited. Please bring a friend. RSVP to Marva Patterson at [m.patterson@usj.edu](mailto:m.patterson@usj.edu). Please wear something red. This

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Download event flyer [here](#).

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## Aetna Career Event

Join Aetna actuaries for pizza and a presentation on, "How to Turn an Interview Into a Job Offer."

**Where:** McDonough 213

**When:** Thursday Feb. 22, 5–6:30 p.m.

**Food:** Pizza

**Details:** Join Aetna actuaries Caitlyn Prescott, Tanen Clark, and Natalie MacDonald for dinner, a discussion on interview skills, and a description of the opportunities for summer internships and entry level actuarial positions at Aetna.

**RSVP to:** Dr. Ekaterina Lioutikova, [elioutikova@usj.edu](mailto:elioutikova@usj.edu) or 860.231.5285

Download event flyer [here](#).

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## Native Voices: Stories for All Times

Enjoy a performance from award-winning Lakota/Kiowa Apache storyteller: Dovie Thomson.

**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018

**Time:** 7–8 p.m.

**Where:** Autorino Center for the Arts  
2nd Floor Bruyette Reception Room



Free and open to the public!

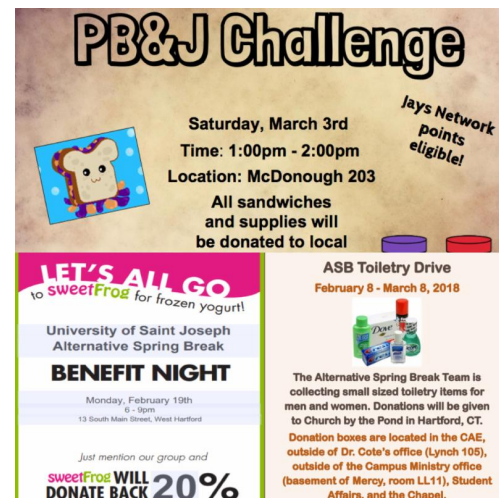
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## Alternative Spring Break Announcements

**Saturday, March 3** – Join the **PB&J Challenge** from 1–2 p.m. in McDonough 203! All sandwiches and supplies will be donated to local charities in the area. This event is sponsored by Student Leaders in Service and Jays Network Ambassadors.

**Now to March 8** – Participate in the **Toiletry Drive!** The ASB Team is collecting unused trial-sized toiletry items to make personal care kits. Donations will be given out at Church by the Pond in Hartford during the Alternative Spring Break Program.

- Collection Dates: Feb. 8 – March 8
- Donation Box Locations: CAE, Outside of Dr. Cote's office (Lynch 105), Outside of the Campus Ministry office (basement of Mercy, room LL11), Office of Student Affairs (MCG 200) Chapel
- Items Needed: (Please be sure these are the small trial sized items), Toothpaste, Toothbrushes,
- Deodorant (Women's and Men's), Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash/Bar Soap, Lip Balm, Hand/Body Lotion



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Location: McDonough 203  
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Jays Network points eligible!

**LET'S ALL GO**  
to sweetFrog for frozen yogurt!  
University of Saint Joseph  
Alternative Spring Break  
**BENEFIT NIGHT**  
Monday, February 19th  
6 - 9pm  
13 South Main Street, West Hartford  
Just mention our group and  
**sweetFrog WILL DONATE BACK 20%**

**ASB Toiletry Drive**  
February 8 - March 8, 2018  
The Alternative Spring Break Team is collecting small sized toiletry items for men and women. Donations will be given to Church by the Pond in Hartford, CT. Donation boxes are located in the CAE, outside of Dr. Cote's office (Lynch 105), outside of the Campus Ministry office (basement of Mercy, room LL11), Student Affairs, and the Chapel.

*Many thanks for your help and your donations!*

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## Discussion and Book Signing with Randa Elbih, Ph.D.

Join Randa Elbih, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education at the University of Saint Joseph, as she discusses her most recent work, which delves into teachers' pedagogies of 9/11 and develops critical


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**Where:** Crystal Room, Mercy Hall  
**Time:** 3–4 p.m.

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University of Saint Joseph  
1678 Asylum Ave.  
West Hartford, CT, 06117


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## 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](http://redcrossblood.org) or enter: USJ to schedule an appointment.

Download event flyer [here](#).



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Download the Blood Drive App Today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your blood donations, view your blood history and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.

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## Coed Conversations

Dear Faculty and Staff: Due to popular demand, the Coed Conversations session "Male and Female Development: Brain, Morality and Behavior" (**Wednesday, 2/28, 12-12:50 p.m.**) has been moved to the Crystal Room. Please feel free to bring your lunch.

Space is running out! If you have not yet registered, please email [Carolyn Rock](mailto:Carolyn.Rock). We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Carolyn Rock at [crock@usj.edu](mailto:crock@usj.edu) or Kaitlin Walsh at [kaitlinwalsh@usj.edu](mailto:kaitlinwalsh@usj.edu)

## New Employees and Promotions

**The following is information for New Hires/Rehires as of 2/5/2018:**

Shyla Boutilier, B.S., Assistant Athletic Trainer, Athletics

**The following is information for Promotions & Status Changes as of 2/5/2018:**

Christina Flood, Librarian, Digital Literacy, Library

## TIAA Offering Individual Retirement Counseling

TIAA will offer individual retirement counseling for USJ employees on **March 20, 2018** 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mercy Hall, Provost Conference Room 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](mailto:lperuccio@usj.edu) or at 860.231.5509

## Nominations Being Accepted for the 2018 Father Stack Teaching Award

As one of the highest awards given at the University, the Reverend John J. Stack Award recognizes faculty excellence in teaching. The recipient of the award is selected in the spring from nominations by students and faculty, and is presented with the award at commencement in May. He or she is then the featured speaker at Convocation in the fall.

Submissions are due on Friday, Feb. 23. **Find out more and download the nomination form** [here](#).

## Speaker Series featuring U.S. Attorney John H. Durham


U.S. Attorney John H. Durham will talk about the criminal case of infamous Irish gangster James "Whitey" Bulger. Mr. Durham will also talk about his investigation involving the identification and prosecution of corrupt FBI agents and police officers who protected Bulger. The lecture will be about 45 minutes with a 15 minute Q&A.

**This lecture will take place in the Hoffman Auditorium from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., on March 5, 2018. Free and open to the public.**

USJ welcomes  
**JOHN H. DURHAM**  
52nd U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut

*Learn about some of the nation's most sensitive corruption and intelligence cases from his 40+ year career*

**Monday, March 5, 2018**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
Hoffman Auditorium  
Free & open to the public



## Mindfulness & You

Join us for this informative session and learn about the role mindfulness plays in our health and well-being on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018** at 2 p.m. in the McAuley Auditorium.

This session will be located at The McAuley: West Hartford's Only Life Plan Community at 275 Steele Road in West Hartford.

For more information, click [here](#).

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West Hartford's Only Life Plan Community  
275 Steele Road in West Hartford




## Annual Recognition Dinner

You are invited to join the USJ Latino/a Social Workers Network at the 2018 Annual Recognition Dinner recognizing Latino/a Social Workers on **Monday, March 26 from 5:30–7:30 p.m.** in the Crystal Room in Mercy Hall.

Cost includes dinner and dessert:  
\$15 Students with a valid ID  
\$25 All others

Sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter and the University of Saint Joseph, this event is open to the public.

Register by March 19 at [naswct.org](http://naswct.org) | Download event flyer [here](#).



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**March 26, 2018**  
University of Saint Joseph

Join us in celebrating Latino/a Social Workers!

Our success is linked.  
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[naswct.org](http://naswct.org)

**NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network**



**2018 Annual Recognition Dinner**  
Recognizing Latino/a Social Workers Who Have Been NASW Members for 25+ Years

Co-sponsored by NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network and the University of Saint Joseph

**When:** Monday, March 26, 2018, 5:30PM-7:30PM  
**Where:** Crystal Room 07-Fisopi, Mercy Hall  
University of Saint Joseph  
1678 Aylam Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117  
Guest/Visitor Parking Available

**Cost:** \$25 Regular (includes dinner and dessert)  
\$15 Student (w/ID)  
*You do not have to be an NASW member to attend.*

**Register Online by March 19<sup>th</sup> by going to [naswct.org](http://naswct.org)**  
Question? E-mail [jay@thesocialworkersnetwork.org](mailto:jay@thesocialworkersnetwork.org)



## TLC Announcements

Attention Faculty and Staff: February is finally here! The TLC has been working with departments across campus to bring you this month's seminar offerings. Come learn about tools that will streamline your course delivery and grading, and get an introduction to the upcoming Blackboard upgrade. You can view the full schedule attached, and [register for sessions here](#).

A few announcements and reminders:

**Blackboard Upgrade Confirmed** - Blackboard will be upgraded on **Tuesday, May 15**. The Blackboard system will be unavailable for about 24 hours during this process. Stay tuned for further details from the TLC and the Office of Information Technology throughout the semester.

In preparation for the upgrade, we will be offering a webinar this on **Thursday, February 15, 12-1 pm** called **What to Expect from Your Blackboard Learn Upgrade**. Katie Deese, Customer Success Advocate for Blackboard, will share specific updates and changes you can expect in the USJ Blackboard system. You can join the webinar from anywhere you like by clicking on [this link](#), or join us in the TLC to watch it as a group.

**Coed Conversations Series:** Space is running out for the first session of our Coed Conversations Series,

**Male and Female Development: Brain, Morality and Behavior.** See attached for the session flyer. To register, [please email Carolyn Rock](#).

As always, for questions or assistance, please feel free to contact the TLC. Stop by and visit us in McDonough Hall, or [send us an email](#). If you are unable to attend one of our scheduled sessions, we can also arrange to hold mini-workshops as part of your school or department meeting.

Download informational flyers [here](#) and [here](#).

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## Campus Ministry Announcements

**Feb. 19** - ASB MEETING 12 pm

**Feb. 21** - Mass (chapel)

**Feb. 21** - Lenten Reflection dinner. 4:30-5:30 pm

**Feb. 25** - Mass (chapel)

**Feb. 21, 28, and March 21** – The Stand on Stone Lenten Dinner Reflection will take place from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Office located in Mercy Hall, Rom 11, Lower Level. Download the event flyer [here](#).

**Now to April 3** – Check out Campus Ministry's two giveaways! Download the flyer [here](#).

Download the Lent Calendar [here](#).

## Bookstore Updates

The Bookstore will be closed on Thursday, February 22 for our yearly inventory. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

Questions? Contact Tim Galligan at [tgalligan@follett.com](mailto:tgalligan@follett.com)

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## Jays Network Announcements

**What's New?** *Jays Network Ambassadors!* This program will be entirely driven by student leaders, for students. This is an opportunity to employ your voice, agency and experience to inform, inspire and challenge your student peers.

**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 February Points Eligible Calendar [here](#). Check out the Jays Network Ambassador Workshop Series schedule [here](#).



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## Blue Jay Duathlon

Attend the Blue Jay Duathlon on **Sunday, March 4 at 10 a.m.** at the O'Connell Center. \$20 entry, \$30 a team (\$10 for USJ students). All proceeds go directly to the Hands on Hartford Community Meals Program.

Find out more by downloading the event flyer [here](#).





## February Live Well Work Well Newsletter

Click [here](#) to download the February 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

Visit [www.usjbluejays.com/](http://www.usjbluejays.com/) and like @usj\_bluejays on social media for more updates!

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