

# Campus Update Monday, February 5, 2018



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### McDonough Hall Recycling Project

Awarded the Coca-Cola/Keep America Beautiful Collegiate Bin Grant in 2017, the USJ community — led by Kirsten Martin, Ph.D., associate professor of Biology, and her students — has tracked the amount of recyclables collected in 60 grant-issued bins distributed throughout McDonough Hall. Over the course of the year, USJ collected over one ton of recyclables — 2134.949 lbs to be exact. Moving forward, the bins will extend beyond McDonough, reaching other buildings around campus. With your help, we can continue our successful recycling efforts and make a difference for our planet.

### Free Movie Screening this Wednesday

Enjoy a free movie screening of, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" this Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Hoffman Auditorium.

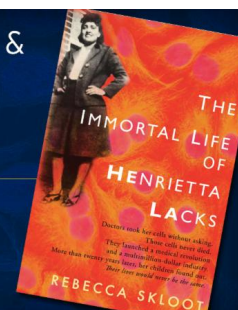
The book centers around an African-American woman named Henrietta Lacks in the 1950s. While receiving treatment for cervical cancer, doctors took her cells without her knowledge. The family of Henrietta Lacks found this out 25 years later and had a lot to say.

LOVED THE BOOK &  
WANT TO WATCH  
THE MOVIE?

Join the USJ community  
for a free screening!

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**  
7 p.m. - Hoffman Auditorium

Win Jays Network Points - Door Prizes - Free Popcorn  
Open to all students, faculty, and staff  
(Movie is approximately 90 minutes)



## 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](#).**

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### Office Hours with President Rhona C. Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1–3 p.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](mailto:rfoxman@usj.edu) or 860.231.5221



### 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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### 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>

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## We-Fit: Lunch and Learn

Attend the We-Fit: Lunch and Learn, “Mindfulness: Being Present in Your Work and Life” on **Wednesday, Feb. 14**, from 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. in the McGovern Community Room.

This workshop will provide you with the tools and skills to develop your natural ability to be mindful. It will be a guided training that will increase your ability to be in the moment and fully present.

Download event flyer [here](#).



### Mardi Gras "French for Fat Tuesday" Lunch

Mardi Gras, also called Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday and Fat Tuesday, is the last day of feasting before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

**Tuesday Feb 13, 2018 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**McGovern Café**

Traditional Cajun Foods Menu:

sausage and chicken gumbo, sea food boil, not so dirty rice creole green beans cajun blackened fish mardi gras pasta, king cake, southern lemon layer cake.



### Mardi Gras "French for Fat Tuesday" Lunch

**Wednesday February 14, 2018 11:00 am – 1:00 pm McGovern Café**

Students Favorites Menu:

chicken tenders macaroni and cheese chocolate fondue station flavored coffee bar special dessert from our baker candy and flowers  
Ash Wednesday Special at the Global Steamed Curry Mussels

Note: Purchase Valentine's Day gifts in the Jays' Nest.

## 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 or 860.231.5285

Download event flyer [here](#).

## 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 dialectical pedagogy (CDP) in order to nurture the next generation of global citizens.

**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 28

**Where:** Crystal Room, Mercy Hall

**Time:** 3–4 p.m.

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**Feb. 28, 2018, 3-4 p.m.**

Crystal Room, Mercy Hall  
University of Saint Joseph  
1678 Asylum Ave.  
West Hartford, CT, 06117

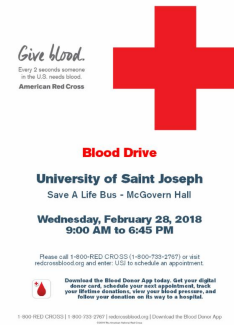
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## USJ Blood Drive – Volunteer!

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.

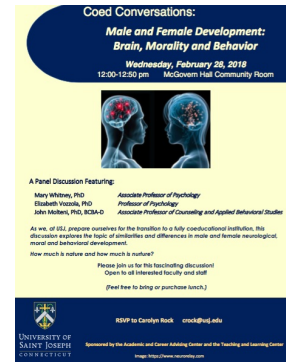
Download event flyer [here](#).



## Coed Conversations

Join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 12 – 12:50 p.m.** in the McGovern Hall Community Room for a panel discussion, "Male and Female Development: Brain, Morality and Behavior" featuring USJ psychology and counseling professors. Open to all interested faculty and staff.

Download the event flyer [here](#).



## New Employees and Promotions

The following is information for New Hires/Rehires as of 1/22/2018:

Leanne Vallee, MS, Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant, HNS

The following is information for Promotions & Status Changes as of 1/22/2018:

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](mailto:lperuccio@usj.edu) or at 860.231.5509

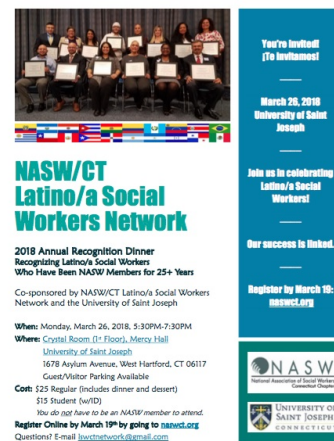
## Annual Recognition Dinner

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 [naswct.org](http://naswct.org) | Download event 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.

## OfficeMax is now OfficeDepot

OfficeMax, the University's source for office supplies, is now OfficeDepot. USJ employees authorized to make online office supplies purchases should have received an email with additional

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](#).

information. Direct any questions to Diana Chudy ([dchudy@usj.edu](mailto:dchudy@usj.edu), X5550) or Les Meyer ([lmeyer@usj.edu](mailto:lmeyer@usj.edu), X5414).

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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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## Campus Ministry Announcements

Wednesday, Feb. 7 - Mass at the chapel. 12:05–1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 - Lenten retreat with U-Hart Campus Ministry, West Hartford

Sunday, Feb. 11 - Mass at the Chapel. 6–7 p.m.

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### 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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