Campus Update Monday, April 23, 2018



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Discussion with Congressman John Larson

Please join CT Congressman John Larson on **Tuesday**, **May 1 from 4–5:30 p.m**. on campus (in **Lourdes Hall**, **Room 115**) to discuss how USJ students can participate in federally sponsored service programs to reduce their student debt while responding to national societal needs in local communities across the United States.

This is a free event and the public is welcome to participate.

For more information on ACTION for National Service, please visit: https://larson.house.gov/issues/national-service

View Facebook Live Video: https://goo.gl/V6bYGw



New! CAE Digital Resources on Blackboard

Check out the CAE's new archive of digital resources, designed to support you in your journey towards academic success! If you're reading this, you're awesome. You are motivated to be the best student you can be and you are interested in improving your academic skills. The ultimate purpose of this digital resources archive is to make the wonderful resources of the CAE more accessible and more meaningful for all students and the larger academic community at USJ. The collection will feature a series of videos; supplemented by PDF documents, powerpoint slides, contact information and additional academic success materials.

Click **HERE** for digital resources!



City of Asylum: Writers-In-Exile

Join the University of Saint Joseph and the World Affairs Council of CT for an intimate discussion with two of the world's most prominent writers from Syria and Bangladesh on the political power structures they confronted, the meaning of freedom of the press, and the world-renowned works which ultimately forced them into exile.

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2018

Time: 6-7:15 p.m.

Where: Hoffman Auditorium, Bruyette Athenaeum

A partnership of the University of Saint Joseph and the

World Affairs Council of CT.

Reception and opportunity for book sale and signing to

follow.



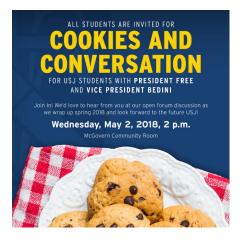
Cookies and Conversation with President Free and V.P. Bedini

Join in, students!! We'd love to hear from you at our open forum discussion as we wrap up spring 2018 and look forward to the future USJ!

When: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Time: 2 p.m.

Where: McGovern Community Room



DAA - Call for Nominations

The University of Saint Joseph has distinguished itself in a variety of ways, but we are most proud of our alumni who have made outstanding contributions within their professional fields, respective communities, and in their personal lives.

Please consider nominating a classmate, colleague, or friend for a 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award. **Nominations will be accepted through Monday, May 21**. Visit us online at www.usj.edu/daa for more information on award categories and for the nomination form.

Questions? Contact Katie DaSilva '15, M'17 at 860.231.5364 or kdasilva@usj.edu.

Accounting & Business Society Toiletry Drive

Help mothers and their children of the women's shelter, My Sister's Place, by donating:

- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

Collection bins are located in McGovern Lounge

When: Monday-Friday, April 23-27.

Time: 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Questions? Email Tina Nguyen at

inanguyen@usj.edu

Quad Party

Join Student Affairs and Bon Appetit for a Quad Party on April 26, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

<u>Note:</u> Commuters, Faculty and Staff: Advance tickets will be available in the café on April 9–April 24 for \$7.00 and **\$10.00 day of event.**

*Residential Student Bring ID Card

Download menu here.

Latino Community Practice (LCP) Annual Celebration

Join us to celebrate student achievement and the five-year anniversary of the Institute for Latino Community Practice (iLCP) on **Tuesday May 1**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bruyette Reception Room. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and our own, Elba Caraballo, M.S., MSW, Ph.D., will be the keynote speaker. RSVP to mschone@usj.edu.

Frame Narrative

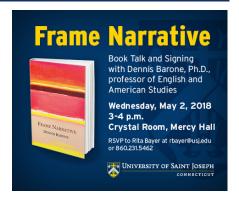
You're invited to a book talk and signing with Dennis Barone, Ph.D., professor of English and American Studies, on his new book, "Frame Narrative."

When: Wednesday May 2, 2018

Time: 3–4 p.m.

Where: Crystal Room, Mercy Hall

RSVP: Rita Bayer at rbayer@usj.edu or 860.231.5462



Office Hours with President Rhona C. Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Monday**, **May 7**, **from 1:30 – 3:30 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 roxman@usj.edu or 860.231.5221



Faculty and Staff Milestones to be Recognized at Community Forum

Please join me in congratulating our colleagues (**list attached <u>here</u>**) who have achieved milestones in continuous years of service or earned faculty promotions. We will be celebrating these achievements, as well as announcing the winners of this year's President's Recognition Award For Inspiring Staff Excellence (P.R.A.I.S.E.), as part of the Community Forum on **Monday**, **May 7**, **at 9 a.m. in the Hoffman Auditorium**.

Questions? Contact Ruth Foxman at 860.231.521 or rfoxman@usj.edu

Hands On Hartford Wine Tasting with Coach Calhoun

Hands On Hartford is excited to announce its first wine tasting fundraiser on **Wednesday**, **May 9**! Join us at our Center for Community at 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, CT for an evening of terrific wine, beer and spirits tastings; delicious hors d'oeuvres; and great connections. Coach Jim Calhoun, will greet guests and offer some reflections.

Proceeds from the evening's event support Hands On Hartford's food and nutrition programs, including the MANNA Community Pantry and Children's Backpack Nutrition Program.



Tickets: Purchase tickets online <u>HERE</u> or (to avoid service charges) mail your check payable to Hands On Hartford to:

Questions? Contact Kate Shafer at kshafer@handsonhartford.org or 860-706-1505.

Making Her Story: Carolyn Miles

USJ Women's Leadership Center is proud to join NPR's host Lucy Nalpathanchil Where We Live series for an interview with Carolyn Miles, CEO of Save the Children. This Making Her Story conversation will explore Ms. Miles' successful career and share insights as well as lessons learned from her nearly twenty years with Save the Children and the commitment to children in need around the world.

When: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Where: Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield,

CT 06877

Time: 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. program

Tickets: \$10

RSVP here:

https://ridgefieldplayhouse.org/events/making-her-story/



Download event flyer here.

Professional Development Day

Professional Development Day for USJ staff and faculty is a learning experience that contributes a community based on the Mercy Core Values. We are honored to have Alfred Carter, M.S., as our keynote speaker. He will be facilitating our first workshop of the day.

When: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 Time: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Where: Mercy Hall, Crystal Room

Pre-register here: https://goo.gl/hneKrH



Download event flyer here.

Film Event: STEP

USJ Women's Leadership Center is joining with the I SHALL NOT BE AFRAID Foundation to present

STEP. As a distinguished winner of the U.S. Documentary Special Jury Award for Inspirational Filmmaking, STEP highlights the senior year of a Baltimore girls high school step dance team and their important message of empowerment, education and reaching your goals.

When: Saturday, May 19, 2018 Time: 1 p.m. film, 2 p.m. discussion

Where: Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford,

Conn.
Tickets: Free

RSVP: Jestina Gilbert, jestinagilbert@gmail.com



Download event flyer here.

Career Development Center Announcements

 Interested in gaining experience in a local startup? This is an exciting opportunity to work for a new Healthcare/Social Service company and gain wide-ranging experience across business operations. Three different internship opportunities available – Social Network & Service Provider, Marketing & Business Development, and IT. – email Breton Boudreaux – bboudreaux@usj.edu for more details or to apply

Seniors – With graduation right around the corner, we are posting new jobs every day at
 <u>USJConnect</u>. Download the navigation guide from the Career Development tab on MyUSJ or make
 an appointment with Career Development today by emailing <u>careercenter@usj.edu</u>

Campus Ministry Announcements

- April 25 There will be Mass this Wednesday at 12:05 p.m.
- April 29 Sunday Mass at 6pm. (Please note that May 6 will be the last Sunday Mass).
- May 11- at 5 p.m. at the Connor Chapel of Our Lady will be the Baccalaureate Mass. All are welcomed to celebrate our Senior students' accomplishments.

Gengras Center Schol Reminders

At the Gengras Center School, we warmly welcome dozens of visitors every day.

We are very grateful to the visitors who come to support our community and we know that you have our students' best interests at heart.

While we can't wait to see those spring flowers bloom across campus, when you visit we need you to be 100% fragrance free.

For security and record keeping, we also need you to check in and check out at our main office – it just takes a minute. And we require USJ IDs be visible so everyone knows who you are.

Thank you for all that you do for Gengras. I look forward to seeing you in the Center soon.

Questions? Please contact Michelle L. Lestrud at 860-231-5429

New Employees and Promotions

The following is information for New Hires/Rehires as of 4/2/2018:

Filomena Fiore, BA, Administrative Assistant, Nursing, SHNS

Colin Sonstrom, BA, Teaching Assistant, Gengras Center

TIAA Offering Individual Retirement Counseling

TIAA will offer individual retirement counseling for USJ employees on **May 17, 2018** 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mercy Hall, Room 341 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

Live Well Work Well Newsletter

Click here to download the April 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.

Hartford Symphony Orchestra Performances

Attend the he Hartford Symphony Orchestra's next Masterworks concert, *Shostakovich 5*, coming May 4-6 and *Love on Broadway*, coming May 19 to The Bushnell in Hartford. Student tickets are just \$10! We are thrilled to be celebrating the work of one of the most influential composers of the 20th century!

For more information, visit: https://hartfordsymphony.org/concerts/shostakovich-5/

Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to visit the office, call, or email with concerns, recommendations, or programming requests, as well as to discuss issues related to diversity and inclusion.

Located in Mercy Hall's lower level in Room LL5, the ODI will be open four days per week. The phone number for the office is 860.231.5499.

Please see below for office hours and assigned staff:

Monday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Lynnette Colón, Director of Campus Ministry, <u>lcolon@usj.edu</u>

Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Erika Dawson Head, Diversity and Employee Engagement Coordinator, <u>edawsonhead@usj.edu</u>

Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Erika Dawson Head, edawsonhead@usj.edu

Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Nancy Billias, Professor of Philosophy and Interim Diversity Coordinator, <u>nbillias@usj.edu</u>

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