

# Campus Update Monday, April 9, 2018



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## Upcoming Coed Conversation

Dear Staff,

The Academic and Career Advising Center and the Teaching and Learning Center are pleased to offer a program this month to continue our series related to coeducation:

- Leveling the Playing Field: Supporting the Unique Needs of Male and Female Collegiate Student Athletes - **Monday, April 16 at noon**

Please email [tlc@usj.edu](mailto:tlc@usj.edu) to register.

Coed Conversations:  
**Leveling the Playing Field:  
Supporting the Unique Needs of Male  
and Female Collegiate Student Athletes**

Monday, April 16, 2018  
12:00-12:50 pm Brayette AV Room



A Panel Discussion Featuring:

Jackie Puschall  
Associate Athletic Director, USJ

Josh Lughan  
Sports Information Director, USJ

Kelly Shinnick  
Head Coach, USJ Women's Soccer

Paul Wright  
Head Coach, USJ Men's Soccer

Derek Sarfo-Danku  
Former Football Player, Salve Regina University

As we, at USJ, prepare ourselves for the transition to a fully coeducational institution, this discussion explores the topic of similarities and differences in the academic support of male and female collegiate athletes. Our panelists will share their insights as higher educational athletic professionals and as former collegiate athletes.

Please join us for this fascinating discussion!  
Open to all interested faculty and staff

RSVP to Carolyn Rock [crack@usj.edu](mailto:crack@usj.edu)  
(Feel free to bring or purchase lunch.)

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Sponsored by the Academic and Career Advising Center and the Teaching and Learning Center

Download event flyer [here](#).

## Gospel Fest

**When:** Friday, April 20, 2018

**Time:** 7–9 p.m.

**Where:** The Connor Chapel of Our Lady

**Featuring:**

- The Little Light Choir

- Mt. Bethel Shekinah Praise Team
- Ebenezer Holy Temple (EHT) Choir
- Mount Bethel Praise Team

RSVP: Marva Patterson at [mpatterson@usj.edu](mailto:mpatterson@usj.edu) by April 16

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The Connor Chapel of Our Lady  
1070 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT

FEATURING The Little Light Choir - Mt. Bethel  
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(EHT) Choir - Mount Bethel Praise Team -

RSVP [MPATTERSON@USJ.EDU](mailto:MPATTERSON@USJ.EDU) BY  
APRIL 16

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and Marva Patterson  
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Ignitee Colton  
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families in need

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## BioBlitz

BioBlitz will take place from **Friday, April 20–Saturday, April 21, 2018**, starting at 3 p.m.

What is BioBlitz? A free biological event involving scientists, taxonomic experts, and the general public. Participate in nature walks, art activities, live performances, and live animal presentations.

This event is hosted by the USJ Women Lead, Empower, Advance, and Discover (L.E.A.D.) in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) Group.

For more information and to register: [giving.usj.edu/BioBlitz](http://giving.usj.edu/BioBlitz)

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A free 24-hour biological survey event involving scientists, taxonomic experts, and the general public. Participate in nature walks, art activities, live performances, and live animal presentations.

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## Faculty Development Day 2018 Call for Proposals – Deadline April 20

Dear Faculty and Staff,

The Teaching and Learning Center Coordinating Committee is now accepting proposals for the Faculty Development Day on **Thursday, August 23, 2018**. Faculty Development Day is a great opportunity for faculty and staff to share their knowledge, skills and experience with their peers.

The theme of this year's Faculty Development Day is **Embracing Diversity: Campus and Classroom**. Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit proposals that surround inclusive teaching strategies, examples of instructional methods employed by faculty to address diverse learning styles, or other topics related to supporting a diverse population in the campus community.

[Dr. Amanda Irvin](#), Associate Director of Faculty Programs and Services at Columbia University, will deliver the keynote presentation: "Engaged Learning in Changing Times: Inclusive Teaching in Co-Educational Classrooms." She will also offer breakout sessions on strategies for facilitating an inclusive classroom. Please submit your proposal for a 50-minute session using [this form](#) by no later than **Friday, April 20, 2018**.

For questions about submitting a proposal or using the electronic form, please contact the TLC.

### Teaching and Learning Center

University of Saint Joseph  
860.231.5852 | [tlc@usj.edu](mailto:tlc@usj.edu)

## Office Hours with President Rhona C. Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Monday, April 23, from 2:30 – 4:30 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.



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## Commemoration: Giving Gratitude for SJC/USJ's Past and Creating Possibilities for USJ's Future

Please join for *Commemoration: Giving Gratitude for SJC/USJ's Past and Creating Possibilities for USJ's Future* on **Monday, April 23 from 5-9pm** in the Crystal Room at USJ.

This special evening will allow a cross-section of stakeholders (faculty/staff, students, and supporters, administrators) to have a safe space to reflect on USJ's institutional changes. Specially, we seek to ***honor/show gratitude for aspects of our past institutional identity*** (e.g.: The Women's College, SJC) and ***welcome/imagine our new institutional identity*** (e.g.: Co-Ed student body, new majors, sports).

This is a community potluck. Please sign up to state what you plan to contribute:  
<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/RUKR5559>

We are excited to celebrate USJ's rich history and partner around new possibilities!

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## Quad Party

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

**Note:** 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

### ***Cold Fried Chicken***

*boneless chicken breast fried in a buttermilk herb crust*

### ***Cheeseburgers and Garden Burgers***

### ***Fingerling Potato and Arugula Salad (gluten and vegetarian friendly)***

fingerling potato, pecorino cheese and arugula with e.o.o. and lemon vinaigrette

### ***Penne Pasta Salad with Sun Gold Tomatoes and Fresh Mozzarella (vegetarian friendly)***

sun gold and red tomatoes with locally made mozzarella in a house made dressing

### ***Berry Salad (gluten and vegan friendly)***

spinach salad with blueberries, dried cranberries, feta cheese and toasted pumpkin seeds tossed with balsamic vinaigrette.

### ***Johnny Cake with Whipped Honey Butter (vegetarian friendly)***

### ***House made desserts***

### ***Beverages***

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## 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](mailto:rbayer@usj.edu) or 860.231.5462



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## Jays Network Announcements

**Congratulations, O'Connor!** They are the winners for the 2017-2018 academic year with 577 points.

Check out the Jays Network Ambassador Workshop Series schedule [here](#).

## Career Development Center Announcements

**Looking for a full time job after graduation? Interested in giving back to Hartford?**

The North Hartford Promise Zone brings community members, government leaders, nonprofits and community organizations together to support the most distressed area in Hartford, specifically focusing on:

- Resource development and collaboration
- Economic activity and job creation
- Improving educational opportunities
- Reducing crime
- Leveraging private investment to improve the quality of life

If interested please contact Bret Boudreaux – [bboudreaux@usj.edu](mailto:bboudreaux@usj.edu) for information on how to apply

**Interested in Careers in Medicine?**

Join us for a **Health Professions Speed Networking Event** on **Friday, Apr 6, 2018** from **12–1 p.m.**, in **Bruyette Athenaeum, 2nd floor Reception Room**.

Students will rotate between tables to meet various health professions and have the opportunity to learn about their careers and ask questions. Please RSVP to [ireed@usj.edu](mailto:ireed@usj.edu) by Monday 4/2.

**Get ready for the upcoming Spring Internship and Mini Job Fairs!**

**SAVE THE DATES: April 9, April 16, April 23**  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Local companies and representatives are coming to campus to speak to students about their internships, summer, part-time and full-time professional positions.

Need your résumé reviewed? Make an appointment today, by emailing [careercenter@usj.edu](mailto:careercenter@usj.edu) or stopping by the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library.

## Campus Ministry Announcements

**Food for the Soul: Thursday, April 12, 12-1:15 p.m. in the McGovern Dining Hall**

- Come and learn more about Afro-Semitic Experience spiritual journey through their music and life experiences. Lunch will be provided! Coupons will be available for commuters for a Half-Discount on lunch.

**Holi Festival of Colors: Wednesday, April 18, 4 p.m. at the McGovern Patio**

- There will be Indian food and music! "Let this festival burn all negativity and bring positivity in life. Celebrate with vibrant colors."

**"You Raise Me Up" Voice Recital: Thursday, April 19, 5 p.m. in the Connor Chapel of Our Lady**

- Featuring Mary Anderson '18, Mezzo Soprano, A student of Dana Kephart, listen to Mary perform various works, including *Ave Maria*, *Send in the Clowns*, and *New York, New York*, featuring



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ALL AGES EVENT - Please bring one of the following: Non-perishables, School Supplies, or hygiene Products  
Sponsors: Spring Dinner, United, Angels, Basketball, and Maria Padernan, Campus Ministry, Lumenis Girls, and Social Work Alliance  
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Spontaneous and joyful in spirit  
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Download event flyer [here](#).

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## 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.

## TIAA Offering Individual Retirement Counseling

TIAA will offer individual retirement counseling for USJ employees on **April 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](mailto:lperuccio@usj.edu) or at 860.231.5509

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## Women's Leadership Center's Quote of the Week:

“Speak up. Don’t be afraid to say what’s on your mind or ask for what you want.” –*Susan Wojcicki, CEO, YouTube, Google/Alphabet*

To learn more about the WLC, click [here](#).

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## Hartford Symphony Orchestra Performances

Attend the he Hartford Symphony Orchestra's next POPS! concert, *The Celtic Spirit featuring Eileen Ivers*, coming **April 21** and Masterworks concert, *Shostakovich 5*, coming **May 4-6 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 20<sup>th</sup> century!

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

Download event flyer [here](#) and [here](#).

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## Now Hiring: Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

### Are you a Certified American Red Cross Lifeguard?

Swimmers in the O'Connell Center Bruyette Natatorium need you! \$12/hour work shifts are available days, nights, and during the weekend until May 31.

### Do you want to teach kids how to swim?

Swim instructors (no certification required) needed to teach children basic swimming skills at \$12/hour. Instructors must be available during the 4-week sessions from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday's and Wednesday's until May 31 with an extra stipend for instructors who complete the entire swim lesson session.

For more information about becoming a Lifeguard or Swim Instructor, please contact Brenda Straker: [bstraker@usj.edu](mailto:bstraker@usj.edu)

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## Office of Diversity and Inclusion Hours

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, [lcolon@usj.edu](mailto:lcolon@usj.edu)

Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Erika Dawson Head, Diversity and Employee Engagement Coordinator, [edawsonhead@usj.edu](mailto:edawsonhead@usj.edu)

Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Erika Dawson Head, [edawsonhead@usj.edu](mailto: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, [nbillias@usj.edu](mailto:nbillias@usj.edu)

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