

Campus Update Monday, August 27, 2018



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Welcome to campus for the 2018-2019 academic year! It's your first day of classes. We hope your summer was filled with new experiences, relaxation, and quality time with friends and family. The University of Saint Joseph is excited for the upcoming school year.

Convocation 2018

Join the USJ community as we mark the beginning of this academic year at our annual Convocation ceremony on **Aug. 30, 2018** in the Connor Chapel of Our Lady at 3 p.m. Following the ceremony, students, faculty, and staff are welcome to enjoy an ice cream social, sponsored by the Office of the President, on the McGovern Quad.



Campus Ministry Announcements

Weekly Tuesday Masses will begin on Aug. 28. Take a Spiritual lunch break. Come and celebrate the liturgy of the word, body, and blood of Christ. All are welcome to attend.

Please Note: There will be no Mass or Taize / Interfaith Prayer Service on Sept. 2 due to Labor Day.



You're Invited: Welcome reception for Dr. Betsy Francis-Connolly

Please join us at a reception formally welcoming Dr. Betsy Francis-Connolly as Professor and Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Health and Science.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Crystal Room, (Refreshments will be served)



Celebrating USJ's Mission in Action at Commencement 2019 – Call for Honorary Degree Nominations

Commencement may seem far away, but it's time to begin the honorary degree selection process — and we rely on your nominations!

Each year at the Commencement Ceremony, USJ awards honorary degrees (Doctor of Humane Letters) to members of the local, national, and global communities. We are seeking nominations for candidates who, through personal and professional achievements, reflect the University's mission and stand out as excellent role models for our students.

To nominate a candidate, visit www.usj.edu/HonoraryNomination and

- Review the criteria and list of recent recipients
- Complete the online form by **Sept. 4, 2018**

All nominations will be reviewed by the Honorary Degree Award Nomination Committee; final recommendations will be sent to President Rhona Free and selected nominations will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval to be added to the list of potential honorary degree recipients.

2018 Buckley Lecture

On the evening of **Sept. 6, 2018**, the University of Saint Joseph will be welcoming The Reverend James Martin, S.J. to our campus. Join Father Martin as he discusses his latest work, *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity*.

Father Martin is a Jesuit priest, author, and editor-at-large at *America Magazine*. He is a respected clergyman and thinker, and is known as a very compelling speaker. Father Martin will be this year's Floyd and Alice M. Buckley Lecturer.

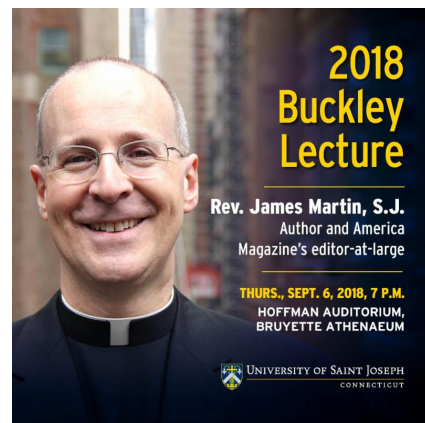
Event Schedule:

7–8 p.m. Lecture

8–8:15 p.m. – Q&A Session

8:15–8:45 p.m. – Book Signing

Questions? Contact Cristina Southward at csouthward@usj.edu or 860.231.5291.



Guitar Under The Stars 25th Anniversary Concert

You're invited to a spectacular evening of Spanish, Latin, Classical, American and International Music.

This is a celebration of music, community and the power of music to bring people together.

When: Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018

Time: Concert 7:30 – 10 p.m., pre-performance activities begin at 4 p.m.

Where: Outdoors, on the Green, USJ
<https://www.usj.edu/arts/performing-arts/performances/our-current-season/>

Admission: FREE



USJ Fresh Check Day

USJ Fresh Check Day will be happening on the McGovern Quad on Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fresh Check Day, the signature program of the [Jordan Porco Foundation](#), is an uplifting mental health promotion and suicide prevention event that includes interactive expo booths, peer-to-peer messaging, support of multiple campus departments and groups, free food, entertainment, and exciting prizes and giveaways. Fresh Check Day aims to create an approachable and hopeful atmosphere where students are encouraged to engage in dialogue about mental health and helps to build a bridge between students and the mental health resources available on campus, in the community, and nationally.



Download event flyer [here](#).

Office Hours with President Rhona C. Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Thursday, Sept. 13, 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 foxman@usj.edu or 860.231.5221



2018 Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony and Reception

Please join us on **Friday, Sept. 14** as we celebrate the four honorees for their professional achievements and service to the community. The 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony and Reception will take place on the University's West Hartford Campus in Bruyette Athenaeum and honor Marie Benoit-Connors '83; Paula Ballantyne DeSilva '68, Ph.D.; Dayne Laskey, Pharm.D., DABAT; and Sherry Stearley Neuner '73. To read more about the honorees and to register for the event, please visit us at www.usj.edu/daa

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

Got Grit? WLC Conference

You're invited to USJ's Women's Leadership Center's conference, "Got Grit?" on Wednesday, **Sept. 26, 2018**, in the Hoffman Auditorium, Bruyette Athenaeum. If you are ready to learn

more about how building the characteristics of Grit and growth mindset into your life can help you be more successful, please join us!

Register here: <https://giving.usj.edu/GotGrit>



Exhibition Opening Reception: In Memoriam: Commemorative Art by Contemporary Artists

The Art Museum, USJ invites you to the opening of In Memoriam: Commemorative Art by Contemporary Artists (Sept 14 – Dec 16). This exhibition features sculpture, paintings, prints, and video art memorializing events of political or social significance, honoring family members, or paying tribute to cultural heroes or mentors. Among the featured artists are Adel Abidin, Nick Cave, Ann McCoy, Belkis Ramirez, Hank Willis Thomas, and Jave Yoshimoto. Join us for fine art, good food, and stimulating conversation. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 860.231.5399 or visit our website www.usj.edu/artmuseum.



Download event flyer [here](#).

USJ Communication Process for Emergencies

The safety of our students, faculty, and staff is a priority at USJ. Please download the Emergency Communication Process form [here](#).

Questions? Contact Public Safety at (860) 231-5222.

2018-19 Parking Permit Information

To purchase your 2018-2019 parking permit, please download the application form [here](#) and the campus parking map [here](#). **All vehicles must be registered with the Department of Public Safety no later than Aug. 31, 2018.** You can purchase your permit in person or online at <http://www.usj.edu/payonline>.

USJ Parking Permit Fees:

Authorized Reserve Parking – \$100.00

Students – \$50.00

Faculty and Full-time Staff – \$50.00

Adjunct Faculty and Part-time Staff – \$25.00

TIAA Offering Individual Retirement Counseling

Attention Faculty and Staff: TIAA will offer individual retirement counseling for USJ employees on **Sept. 25, 2018**, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Mercy Hall, Room 338 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

Lunch and Learn: "Preventing Diabetes"

Attention Staff and Faculty: Come join our lunch program to learn more about diabetes and how

Employee Wellness Fair

Attention Staff and Faculty: Save the date for the Annual Wellness Fair, Flu Shot Clinic, and Employee Open Enrollment. This fair will have a

you can protect yourself and your loved ones through preventive exams, proper nutrition, and physical activity.

When: Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018
Time: 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Where: Crystal Room, Mercy Hall

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flu shot clinic, blood pressure screenings, chair massages, analysis, mobile mammogram bus, Zumba class and more!

When: Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018
Time: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Where: Bruyette Athenaeum

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USJ Athletics: Discover the Latest News

Visit www.usjbluejays.com/ and like @usj_bluejays on social media for more updates!

O'Connell Center Hours

Facility Fall Hours

Fitness Center:

Monday–Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Friday 6:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
*Sunday 12 – 10 p.m.

Gym: See front desk for gym hours

Indoor Track: See hours at the Fitness Center

Pool: See separate pool schedule

Visit us online for updates and changes to the schedules at www.usjbluejays.com

Please note that these ours are subject to change without prior notice.

*New hours start on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018.



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