

Campus Update Tuesday, September 4, 2018



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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.

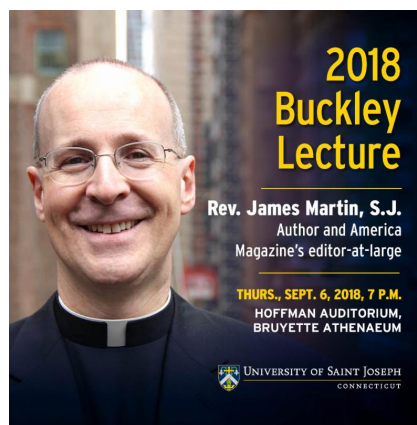
Event Schedule:

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

Admission: FREE

Visit <http://autorino.usj.edu/> to learn more about upcoming events!



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](#).

Students with Disabilities – A Presentation from the Office for Civil Rights for Faculty and Staff

James Moser, Civil Rights Attorney and Mediator for the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR), will speak about a variety of topics relating to the rights and responsibilities of postsecondary institutions in providing equal access for students with disabilities. Topics will include the implementation of academic accommodations, the interplay between academic accommodations and essential course/program requirements, and physical campus access. Faculty and staff are invited to join the Extended Cabinet in attending this important presentation on **Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 10 – 11 a.m. in the Hoffman Auditorium**.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Boylan, Coordinator of Student Accessibility Services, at jboylan@usj.edu or 860.231.5481.

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.

Gengras Center's Mum Sale

Just in time for fall planting! Purchase your mums at the Gengras Center's Greater Hartford Jaycees Greenhouse on Friday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m.–

2:30 p.m. Gift certificate and on-campus delivery is available.

Pricing:

4' Pots – \$2.50

8' Pots – \$2.50

Cabbage/Kale – \$5.00

Large Mums – \$15.00

Questions? Contact Caroline Wilson at cwilson@usj.edu or 860.231.5383.



2018 Munger Lecture

This year's Munger Lecture will be given by USJ alum and Hartford native Waleska Cabrera '07. After receiving her master's from Trinity College, she moved to New York City, where she has organized with Amnesty International USA, the National Lawyers Guild, and churches in the immigrants' rights movement. Waleska has a passion for human rights and liberation theology, and thus has put her passions into action in Mexico and NYC.

When: Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018

Where: Crystal Room, Mercy Hall

Time: 12–1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the USJ Department of Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Studies

WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND MEET A FORMER STUDENT WHO IS LIVING OUT USJ'S CORE VALUES!

USJ ALUMNA
WALESKA CABRERA '07, B.A., PHILOSOPHY

M.A., International Affairs, The New School University, 2012
M.A., Public Policy, Trinity College, Hartford, 2010

Thursday, September 20, 2018
12 - 1:30 p.m.

Crystal Room
Free Lunch

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>

GOT GRIT?

SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
Hoffman Auditorium, Bruyette Athenaeum

Registration - 5:30 p.m.
Program - 6 p.m.
Reception to follow - 7 p.m.

 UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CENTER

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



Download event flyer [here](#).

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.

New Employees and Promotions

The following is information for New Hires/Rehires as of 8/27/2018:

Amanda Bibisi, B.S., Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center
Laurie Burbank, Payroll Administrator, Business Office
Tod Christopher, B.S., Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center
Ramon Hernandez, B.S., Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center
Darryl Herrington, LPN/Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center
Allison Lagassie, B.S., Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center
Melinda Noel, B.A., Communications Coordinator, Marketing & Communications
Michael Pelletier, B.S., Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center
Evan Rexford, B.A., Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center
Erin Roccapriore, B.S., Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center
Lindsay Yanke, B.S., Teachers Assistant, The Gengras Center

The following is information for Promotions & Status Changes as of 8/27/2018:

Arynn Rosenstein, Teacher, The Gengras Center
Meaghan Rubertone, Job Coach, The Gengras Center
Alexandra Thomas, Teacher, The Gengras Center

Teaching and Learning Center Announcements

Faculty: Welcome to the new academic year! The Teaching and Learning Center is ready to help you get up and running for the semester. Sign up for a workshop, or schedule an appointment for 1:1 assistance. Department chairs can also schedule specific training sessions for their department meetings. Contact the TLC for more information!

Please see attached for this month's workshops. In particular, please take note of our **Blackboard Day** workshops for students and faculty on Wednesday, 9/5. Patricia Hayes from Blackboard will be joining us for workshops and office hours for both students and faculty. Students can earn Jays' Network points for attending a workshop.

Questions? Contact Kaitlin Walsh at kaitlinwalsh@usj.edu or 860.231.5483.

Campus Ministry Announcements

Weekly Tuesday Masses will take place in the Chapel at 12:05 p.m. Taizé and Interfaith Prayer Services will be from 6:40–6:50 p.m. on Sundays at the Chapel. All are welcomed!



Jays' Network Announcements

Students, get ready to earn points while having fun with classmates! From Fresh Check Day and Mercy Week, to the Big E field trip, you'll have many opportunities to represent your team.



Download the Jays' Network September Calendar [here](#).

Points Update:

O'Connor: 100

Kelleher: 50

McDonough: 75

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 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

Download event flyer [here](#).

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 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

Download event flyer [here](#).



USJ Athletics: Discover the Latest News

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

Are you interested in becoming a Faculty Liaison to a Varsity Athletic Team?

The University of Saint Joseph Athletic department encourages you to join our Faculty Liaison Program. The program aims to strengthen the relationship and increase communication between faculty, students and coaches/staff and provide additional, valuable, informal mentoring opportunities of our student-athletes outside the classroom.

In addition, the faculty liaison program will provide faculty a deeper understanding of the student's participation in athletics, the values of the Athletic department and the passion our students display for their academic and athletic pursuits.

The goal of this program is to foster communication between faculty and students/coaches. Faculty are asked to integrate themselves into the assigned sports team by occasionally attending a practices and a game, a team meal or service project. Through this faculty-student relationship, students gain a four-year resource as they journey through their time at USJ. This program will aid in recruitment and retention of student athletes.

To accomplish that goal a faculty member will be assigned to one team and be that team's liaison for their season. No training is required, but if you have a particular interest in a specific sport, let me know.

If you are interested, if you have questions or if you need more details :

Please contact Jackie Piscitelli, M.S., associate athletic director, by phone 860.231.5423 or email jpiscitelli@usj.edu. Additional information can be provided by the O'Connell Center at 860.231.5410



Swim Lessons Begin this Fall Semester

Hello Swim Parents!

Swim lessons will be back this school semester.

The first session will begin Sept. 10 and run through Oct. 3. This is called our back to school session. There will be 30-minute classes beginning at 4:30 p.m. running through 6:30 p.m. Olivia Kajda, Swim School Coordinator, will be accepting applications beginning on Aug. 28 through Sept. 7. No late applications will be accepted after Saturday, Sept. 8, without incurring a \$10 late fee.

The second session will begin on Oct. 15 and run for five (5) consecutive Mondays ending on Nov. 12. This is called our fall session. There will be 30-minute classes beginning at 4:30 p.m. running through 6:30 p.m. Olivia Kajda, Swim School Coordinator, will be accepting applications beginning on Aug. 28 through Oct. 8. No late applications will be accepted after Oct. 10 without incurring a \$10 late fee.

** Medical forms must be updated each swim session (attached in the application)**

Download forms [here](#) and [here](#).

For more information contact Olivia Kajda at okajda@usj.edu

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