

THE NETWORK

Business Alumni Network

Spring 2018

What is BAN?

The **Business Alumni Network** is for all alumni who are part of the business industry, whether you are a recent graduate or someone with significant experience. We are made up of good, dedicated people, who are proud of our careers, education and the University of St. Francis community.

Why Join?

This network provides beneficial networking opportunities, social events and fosters relationships between students and alumni. The group assists alumni looking for jobs, changing careers, hiring employees or just looking to reconnect with other alumni. By creating this network, a variety of backgrounds, experiences and talents are made available as a resource to others.

How Else Can You Help?

Consider hiring fellow USF alumni at your place of business or connect us with your employer for a corporate partnership and tuition discount.

Upcoming BAN Meetings & Events

All meetings are held at 8:30 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room (Motherhouse, 3rd Floor) unless otherwise noted.

To register for meetings and events, please visit the USF Alumni [events page](#).

For more information or to join

Call: (877) 811-ALUM

Email: alumni@stfrancis.edu



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RECENT EVENTS

LAVERNE & DOROTHY BROWN SCIENCE HALL

Sr. Dolores Zemont, OSF, president of the Sisters of St. Francis, and Art Scheuber, chair of the USF Board of Trustees, cut the dedication gold ribbon.



Feb. 8, 2018—At the University of St. Francis, science plays an important role in our lives and dominates the culture in which we live and work. Advances in technology and science are transforming our world at an incredibly fast pace, and it is important that our young people are adequately prepared for it. The LaVerne & Dorothy Brown Science Hall will allow present science instruction to be segmented into three academic clusters: microbiology, genetics and molecular biology on the first floor; human anatomy, physiology and biomechanics on the second floor; and chemistry, organic chemistry and biochemistry on the third floor. Each of the three clusters in the new building will share equipment and space. In addition, the building will also include four research areas, creating exciting interdisciplinary learning opportunities for students and faculty members.

2018 Caritas Scholarship Ball

Caritas has raised more than **\$5 million** to help deserving students make the dream of earning a college degree a reality. For the 4th year in a row, the Caritas Scholarship Ball raised more than \$340,000 in direct funding for student scholarships. Thank you to our sponsors who provided \$89,000 in scholarship aid, including Gold Sponsors: Wintrust Commerical Banking; Silver Sponsors: LaVerne and Dorothy Brown, and an anonymous donor; and Bronze Sponsors: Jay and Lori Bergman (First Secure Bank), Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Bill and Diane Habiger and Hollywood Casinos. Additional scholarship funding was provided by all who participated in the paddle raise, which netted more than \$104,000. Please save the date for the 62nd annual Caritas Scholarship Ball, to be held on January 26, 2019. Caritas will be held in Joliet once again to support the community and it will be held at the Renaissance Center.

- Written by Arvid C. Johnson, Ph.D., President

2017 Career Networking Night



The career networking night was a great simulation of life after graduation. The evening provided great opportunities for future scenarios. Attendees were mentees and mentors of the Student Alumni Mentoring (SAM) program. Maribeth Hearn from the USF Career Success Center delivered a presentation on what to expect in a networking opportunity. Mentors were eager to facilitate concepts taught in the SAM program. Networking success is about making connections when an employer is seeking possible candidates.

BUSINESS CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS ON CAMPUS

Acceleration Club for Entrepreneurs (ACE) helps members create businesses of their own by fostering collaboration in the creation of business and marketing plans, budgets and more.



Delta Mu Delta

Delta Mu Delta is a national honor society in business administration with a growing members across the United States and Europe. The Delta Kappa Chapter of Delta Mu Delta is chartered at USF to recognize outstanding achievement in business administration.

F.R.E.E. (Financial Research and Education through Experience) is dedicated to providing USF students and the community learning opportunities about personal financial matters through research and experiential learning activities.



enactus is a community of student, academic, and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a more sustainable world.

The **Student Business Association (SBA)** provides learning opportunities and awareness of the business world that supplement classroom experiences. Workshops, seminars, lectures, panel discussions, and service programs are just a few of the activities offered.



SCALES (Students Collaborating in Accounting, Leadership, and Education to be Successful) SCALES is providing a variety of resources for accounting students to prepare for their futures and their careers.

Upsilon Phi Delta is a national academic honor society for students in health care management and policy. The society recognizes, awards and encourages academic excellence in the study of health care management.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Karen A. Ende

Master of Science Health and Administration

Graduating May 5, 2018

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

- Maya Angelou

Why did you choose USF for your graduate studies?

I obtained my undergraduate degree from USF. The people inside the walls of this organization are the best! From the academic advisors, administrators, professors, to my fellow students that supported me along my journey, made the decision to come back a no brainer!

Why did you pick your major?

I chose Healthcare Administration because I have worked in direct patient care for over twenty years. I have a passion to not only deliver a better patient experience but also to more actively engage the thousands of caregivers that are starting to fall out of love with healthcare.

Who was/ is your favorite professor?

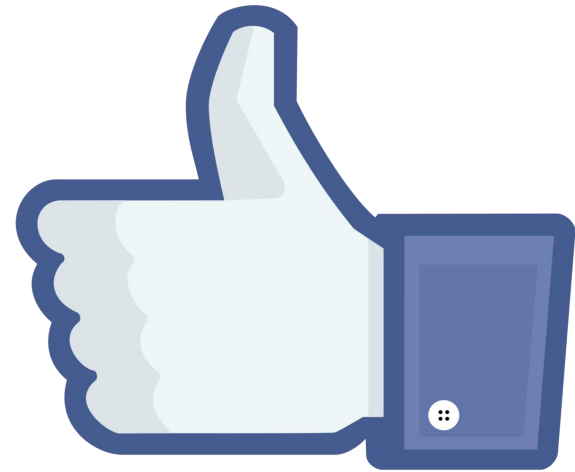
I cannot express enough appreciation for the numerous people at USF that have helped me complete two degrees! However, there will always be a special place in my heart for my mentor Joseph Ferrallo. Joseph has been my mentor through S.A.M. for the past two years. He continually pushes me out of my comfort zone to achieve my goals and is always there with a long email bursting with encouragement, love and support when I fall short of my own expectations

What are your plans after graduation?

My plans after graduation are to obtain a position in senior leadership, particularly in patient experience and employee engagement. I am ready and eager to make a difference in healthcare and impact lives in a unique and more positive manner .

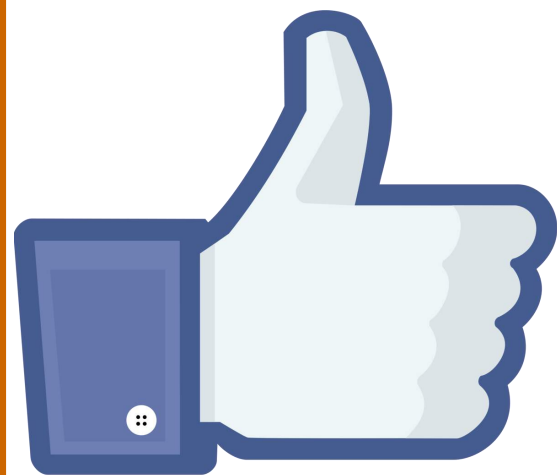
Would you recommend the Student Alumni Mentoring to other students?

I would highly recommend the Student Alumni Mentoring program. I have become a more well-rounded person and student because of this program! The different events that I have participated in such as the Etiquette Dinner and the Speed Networking Event have bolstered my overall confidence.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Joseph Ferrallo

Faculty, College of Business and Health Administration

University of St. Francis

- ◆ 1985 Bachelor of Business Administration
- ◆ 2006 Master of Business Administration
- ◆ 2007 Master of Science in Training and Development

What have you accomplished since leaving USF?

I have had a successful career working for three Fortune 100 companies in a variety of senior leadership positions, which is directly attributed to the education I received from the University of St. Francis, rooted in Franciscan values of respect, service, compassion, and integrity.

How did you expect college to change your life?

While in high school, I started my working career in the grocery industry. I realized that although the grocery industry is a noble profession, I wanted to explore my gifts and talents beyond the physical demands of labor intensive work.

Why did you choose your career or area of study?

Before achieving career success in the Telecommunications industry after college, I began working at age ten, establishing a large new service territory for the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times. So I developed the bug for business and entrepreneurship early in life.

Why did you choose USF?

When I visited the University of St. Francis campus the very first time, I realized it was an incredibly special place. I was welcomed by so many caring, and hospitable people that I knew I wanted to come to school here.

Favorite Professor and why?

As an undergraduate student, Professor Bill Dow was incredibly helpful to me in my management major as he encouraged me to grow, develop, and network with many people. As a graduate student, Dr. Steve Morrissette, and Dr. Joy Thompson were critical to my success as people who pushed me out of my comfort zone for learning.

What is your lasting impression of USF?

To attend school at the University of St. Francis is nothing short of life changing. How do you say thank you to an institution that has immeasurably transformed your life?

CONTINUE YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY WITH A USF GRADUATE BUSINESS DEGREE!

Master of Business Administration (U.S. MBA)

University of St. Francis Master of Business Administration (MBA) provides an innovative customized format that prepares students for the increasingly competitive, technological, global world of management.

Concentrations in Accounting, Business Analytics, Finance, Health Administration, Human Resource Management, Supply Chain Management, Management, and Training & Development.



Master of Science Management (MSM)

The Master of Science in Management is appropriate for professionals who want to remain in their specialty field (social work, research and development, engineering, nursing, etc) but who want to step into a managerial role or enhance their leadership abilities.

Concentrations in Health Administration, Logistics, Management, Training & Development.

Master of Science Health Administration (MSHA)

Masters of Science in health administration is designed for students who have knowledge and experience in specific areas of health care, and are seeking a broader understanding of the field.

To Learn More Visit

www.stfrancis.edu/academics/graduate-masters

UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Graduate certificates are designed to enhance the credentials of the business professional. They can also be applied toward a graduate degree at a later date.

- Accounting Certificate
- Business Analytics Certificate
- E-Learning Certificate
- Finance Certificate
- Human Resource Management Certificate
- Logistics Certificate
- Management of Training and Development Certificate
- Training Specialist Certificate

ACBSP Accreditation

USF's School of Business is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), the leading specialized accreditation association for business education supporting, celebrating and rewarding teaching excellence. Accreditation is evidence of USF's commitment to teaching excellence, best practices and continuous improvement of programs. There are about 2,400 U.S. institutions of higher education that have business-related curricula. Only 300 have successfully achieved ACBSP accreditation.

Since 2007, the College of Business has been accredited by ACBSP. The school recently had their affirmation in Spring 2018. The school will receive official results in the last week of April. The faculty and students are confident and positive of renewal.



ALUMNI

MAY 2018

Cinderella & Italian Village Lunch

Join us on this day trip beginning with lunch at the famous Italian Village in Chicago's theater district. Then, we'll make our way to Cadillac Palace Theatre for Cinderella. This lush production features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more—plus some surprising new twists!

Wednesday, May 2

10:45 a.m. depart USF/6 p.m. return

Italian Village & Cadillac Palace Theatre

Bluestem Earth Festival

Sponsored by: The Sisters of St. Francis and their Associates

Get ready for an exciting day featuring over 80 eco-conscious exhibits and vendors, earth-friendly activities, workshops, live demos, entertainment, local food, and children's activities. Enjoy live music and families with children can stop by our "Kids Corner." Visit bluestemearthfestival.com for more information about this free event!

Administrator Academy #1221

Sponsored by: Regional Education Academy for Leadership (REAL). This Administrator Academy will cover the Role of Athletic Directors in Managing Conflict in Interscholastic Athletic Programs.

Wednesday, May 23

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Presidents Room, Tower Hall 1st Floor

\$250 per person – Register online

\$110/\$120 with transportation (\$5 of each ticket is a USF donation)

Limited Tickets Available



JUNE 2018

Pat Sullivan Golf Outing

Sponsored by USF Athletic Department

Grab your friends and join us on the course for our annual golf outing benefitting more than 440 student-athletes in the university's athletics program. Your participation directly supports our current students. Games, prizes and giveaways, food, and guaranteed fun are all included. Contact the Athletics Office for tickets at (815) 740-3464.

Friday, June 1

9 a.m. Shotgun Start

Inwood Golf Course, Joliet

\$160 per person/\$640 foursome

AFCU Symposium "With Living Stones: Building a Franciscan Future Together"

[This event has a special registration page here.](#)

This biennial Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities conference consists of 25 academic institutions committed to the Catholic and Franciscan spiritual and intellectual traditions promotes scholarship and curricula that, in keeping with the vocations of Saints Francis and Clare, to address the needs of the poor, attend to the environment, and promote peace. We will explore three common characteristics, relationships, sacramentality and groundedness in the Gospel from three incredible speakers – Dr. Timothy Johnson, Sr./Dr. Mary Beth Ingham and Sr. Nancy Schreck.

June 5 – 7

All day event, Main Campus

\$295 per person/\$150 per alum

EVENTS



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Italy Trip

Sponsored by: Dr. Donna Metlicka, Associate Professor of Education

Join us on this spectacular adventure as we visit Rome (Vatican City, Colosseum, Roman Forum), Amalfi Coast (Positano, Capri), & Sicily (Syracuse, Mt. Etna, Palermo) and enjoy the sights, sounds, smells, and certainly the tastes of this beautiful country. This small group cultural trip is open to alumni, students, family, and friends of USF. Contact Dr. Donna Metlicka for more information at (815) 740-3644.

June 6 – 19

\$4500 per person

Park Tavern & Zanies Comedy Club

Laugh the night away with us as we begin with hors d'oeuvres at Park Tavern Rosemont and walk to Zanies Comedy Club for a hilarious evening of fun. We guarantee you'll have a great time with fellow alumni.

Saturday, June 9

6:30 p.m. Departure/Midnight Return
Rosemont, IL

\$50 per person by April 30/\$60 after
(\$5 of each ticket is a donation to USF)

Limited Tickets Available

JULY 2018

“Pay It Forward” Service Days

Sponsored by: University Ministry

Geared towards high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, we hope you'll consider sending your school-aged children to earn 20 service hours to apply towards their high school requirement. The day begins with a morning activity with University Ministry, four different service experiences in the area, and end the day with a reflection. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

July 9-12

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

San Damiano Hall, Motherhouse 3rd Floor

\$60 per person – Register online

AUGUST 2018

13th Annual Mystery Progressive Dinner

Are you looking for a culinary adventure by land or by sea? Join us as we tour three different mystery surf 'n turf restaurants for a three-course meal. Games and prizes will be included on the bus! If you have a dietary restriction, please contact our office for accommodations. This event sells out quickly so be sure to buy your tickets early and join in on the fun!

Saturday, Aug. 11

5 p.m. (USF shuttle bus departure)

\$65 per person (includes food and transportation)

(\$5 of each ticket is a USF donation)

Limited Tickets Available – two ticket limit per alum

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