

The Network

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Business Alumni Network

Upcoming Meetings

May 18, 2013 – Presidents’ Room, Tower Hall – 8:30 a.m.
 September 14, 2013 – Location TBD – 8:30 a.m.
 November 16, 2013 – Location TBD –8:30 a.m.

President

Joseph Ferrallo '85, '06, '07

History

BAN began in March 2003 when a few business alumni gathered under the tutelage of Bill Dow, Assistant Professor of Business Administration and Frank Wyrostek, Associate Professor of Finance, in order to create a “St. Francis connection.”

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.

Past Events

Career Week, Speed Networking, Mock Interviews, Summer Picnic, Holiday Social, and Bowling Night

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.

Commitment

BAN has 4-5 meetings a year on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Moes Room, Tower Hall. A light breakfast is served at 8 a.m. You may participate via conference call at (866) 230-1124, passcode 8600814.

BAN Meetings

Join fellow business alumni in a group that provides networking, social events and interaction with current USF students. The group assists alumni looking for jobs, changing careers, hiring employees or just looking to reconnect with other grads. All alumni are welcome!

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.

For More Information or to Join

Contact BAN at (877) 811-ALUM or by email at [BAN@stfrancis.edu](mailto:ban@stfrancis.edu)

Interview with Alumni: Jackie Edmonson

1963 ...Registered Nurse

1988...Bachelor of Science

1994...Master of Science in Healthcare Administration

Why did you choose USF? USF was the nursing program associated with my school of nursing (Saint Joseph). When I decided to further my education, I wanted to attend USF because of the smaller classes and the excellent program taught by great instructors. USF prepared me for my very successful career in Nursing and Administration.

Who was your favorite professor and why? It would have to be Francis Lechrone, one of my nursing educators. She took a very sincere interest in her students and worked to produce very caring and competent nurses. She made learning interesting and participative.

What was your favorite class and why? I especially enjoyed the science classes. It is quite amazing to study the anatomy and physiology of the human body. It makes you think of the many unique processes that happen each day to each one of us in our daily routines that make us such superb specimens of the human race.

Have you stayed in touch with anyone from USF? Actually, I work closely with several of the nurses that graduated from USF at the Medical Center. We have a common bond. I also became a member of the USF Alumni Board 9 years ago and have served as the Alumni President for the past 2 years. It has been an awesome experience and has introduced me to many other special graduates who love USF as I do. It is quite a special place.

What is your current profession? I am a professional registered nurse. I have worked in many areas of the nursing spectrum over the years including Critical Care, Emergency Services, Cardiology, Women and Children Services, and most recently as Director of Surgical Services. It has been quite a rewarding journey.

What have you accomplished since graduating? I have been able to positively impact the many advancing changes that are occurring in Nursing practice. Mentoring of student nurses in the clinical setting has allowed me to extend my teaching abilities and share my expertise. USF prepared me to be able to organize and present valuable data and information at professional programs to fellow experts and other medical personnel. I have completed my Masters degree that allowed me to function as an expert in administrative roles. I have served as chairperson on numerous projects and programs that promote patient care and excellence in patient satisfaction. But actually, working closely with the physicians, my staff and students to make certain each patient's experience has been a rewarding and memorable one, has been one of my most wonderful accomplishments.

Involvement within the community? I have volunteered at numerous charity events throughout the Community. I have presented at Community meetings on Advanced Directives and End of Life decisions. Gift of Life for Organ Donation, Health Fairs, Children's Fun Fairs, and Work groups are just a few of the activities that I am involved in. I am a member of St. Mary Nativity parish and have worked closely with the Women's Club and other volunteer activities. I am a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and American Association of Critical Care Nursing. Presently serve on the USF Alumni Board and Board of Trustees for the University.

Why is it important to you to give back to USF? USF has given me a wonderful education and preparation for my successful life and career in Nursing. I have met many very interesting and inspiring individuals in my educational years and Alumni activities. The values of humility and leadership have been engrained in me by the example of St Francis and for which I am very thankful.

Do you think USF prepared you for the "real world"? Absolutely, I learned so much from the class discussions and sharing of ideas among the many individual students in my classes. Most of them were already in jobs and could share their experiences. The Professors helped to make the discussions fruitful and worthwhile.

What is your most memorable moment at USF? I would have to say...graduation. It was the most gratifying experience to receive my diploma after all of the hours of study and discussion. It was a great climax to a great experience.

Student Alumni Association

“Look Like a Student, Act Like a Boss”



Alumni, friends and students were invited to attend presentations on professional/career development. They focused on social media and resume writing.

While college teaches you the fundamentals of your chosen field, “Look Like a Student, Act like a Boss” will teach you the basics every student should know before they enter the workplace.

The first presentation, on social media, was given by James Ostrom ‘08, Eric Patnoudes ‘11, and Allison Rios ‘01, ‘12. The second presentation, on resume writing, was given by Cynthia Hall-Ferro ‘82 and double alum Caroline Portlock ‘02, ‘04. Both presentations were filmed and if you would like to watch you can view them at www.stfrancis.edu/videoconferences.

If you are interested in presenting or networking with current students, please email us at saa@stfrancis.edu.

Mentoring Program



The inaugural year for the Student Alumni Mentoring (SAM) program was very successful with 20 pairs of students and alumni matched. The goal of the program is to bring students and alumni together in order to provide a professional relationship, which will help mentor current students preparing to begin their careers. This is exactly what SAM has been able to accomplish.

Every month the pairs have an opportunity to meet at the university and participate in a program such as “Shared Success” and “Speed Networking”. We are ending this year’s program by having an End of the Year Reflection Dinner at Cemeno’s Pizza in Joliet. We are very excited to include many more students and alumni next year.

Interested in becoming a mentor? Visit stfrancis.edu/sam.

Student Business Association

Workshops

Create Your Own Business Cards

Kelly Lapetino of Career Services put on a business card workshop for students. Kelly showed students the best way to market themselves to potential employers on a business card, and she showed the students software to use for a professional look on their business cards. LinkedIn is a huge asset for students seeking employment, so Kelly showed students how to put a QR code on their business cards to link to their LinkedIn account.

Resume Writing

Kelly Lapetino of Career Services put on a resume workshop for SBA and FREE members. Kelly gave a PowerPoint presentation showing students what to include and not to include in their resume.

Dress for Success & Etiquette Dinner

Cristina Harty of Kharisma Finishing School hosted SBA's Mock Interview event. Cristina began the evening with dinner etiquette, moving the students through a five-course meal. The students learned everything from which fork to use, to how to properly place your napkin on your lap. After the meal, Cristina demonstrated a proper introduction of oneself and another person. The students went around the room practicing their introduction skills. Each person benefitted from the personal attention and expertise that Cristina provided.

Mock Interviews

Six business professionals came to USF as mock interviewers, for students. These business professionals came from companies such as Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Northwestern Mutual, State Farm Insurance, RR Donnelley, Home Depot, and the IRS. Students took turns with the employers going through an actual interview process, then they were critiqued on their interviewing skills. The students gained a great amount of insight and now feel prepared for job interviews with their future employers.

Speakers

Ed Balcerzak

Senior Vice President of Finance for Direct TV, Ed Balcerzak flew in from Colorado to speak to business students. Ed shared his successes and gave words of advice for students to advance in their careers. Ed has worked for startup companies and has had moments of unemployment in his career. Through hard work and taking advantage of opportunities, Ed now holds a position of high esteem. Students left the speaker feeling motivated and captivated by the business executive.



Volunteer Services

Big Brothers Big Sisters Basketball Game

Each year, the Student Business Association invites the Bigs and Littles of Big Brothers Big Sisters to come to St. Francis for a basketball game. The students spent time with the Bigs and Littles and talked over pizza before watching the game. Some of the kids got to sit by the men's basketball team and receive autographs from the players. The students and the Bigs and Littles had a great time watching the USF Fighting Saints play St. Xavier.

Super Addison Fundraiser

The Student Business Association (co-hosted by FREE and ACE) hosted a Bowling Fundraiser at Town and Country Lanes for Addison Locke, a 7-year-old fighting liver cancer. These clubs were able to collect monetary donations as well as gift cards and baskets from individuals within the Joliet community.

Financial Research and Education through Experience (FREE) & Acceleration Club for Entrepreneurs



Financial Clinic: "All About Credit"

FREE started out the semester giving a presentation to students to inform them about credit. Topics that were discussed included: types of credit, ways to handle credit responsibly, and what steps to take when a student realizes they are in trouble with their credit. This was the first event put on by the new officers.



Resume and Cover Letter Workshop

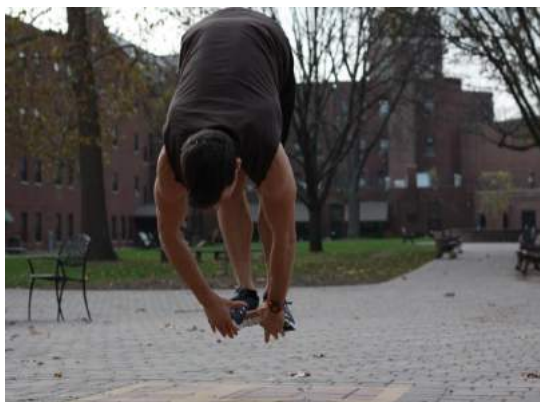
FREE collaborated with Student Business Association and Career Services to put together this presentation by Kelly Lapetino, director of Career Services. This well attended event helped students figure out how to update and personalize their resumes to help them stand out.



Social Media for Start Ups

ACE (Entrepreneur Club) hosted a five week class called Social Media for Start Ups. Jason Kolb and Jeremy Kolb, two brothers, taught the class of about thirty students about using social networking sites to their advantage in the business world.

Feed My Starving Children



In efforts to carry out the Franciscan values of service on April 6th, 2013, our community of students, faculty, and staff joined together to form a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™. FMSC is a Christian non-profit hunger relief organization working with volunteers to produce scientifically formulated MannaPack™ Rice. Our university produced 100,000 meals for starving children across the globe.

USF student Brandon Collofello was featured on WGN Channel 9 in Chicago to bring awareness about and to raise money for the Feed My Starving Children initiative here at USF.

Watch the segment at:

<http://www.kspr.com/videogallery/73470779/News/Aztec-pushups-help-raise-money-for-hungry-children>

Brandon demonstrated 7 push-ups on the segment above, but on Wednesday, November 28th, students, community members, and faculty gathered during half-time of the Men's basketball game in the Pat Sullivan Center to watch Brandon achieve a new Guinness world record of 31 set for the most Aztec pushups!!

Watch the video here:

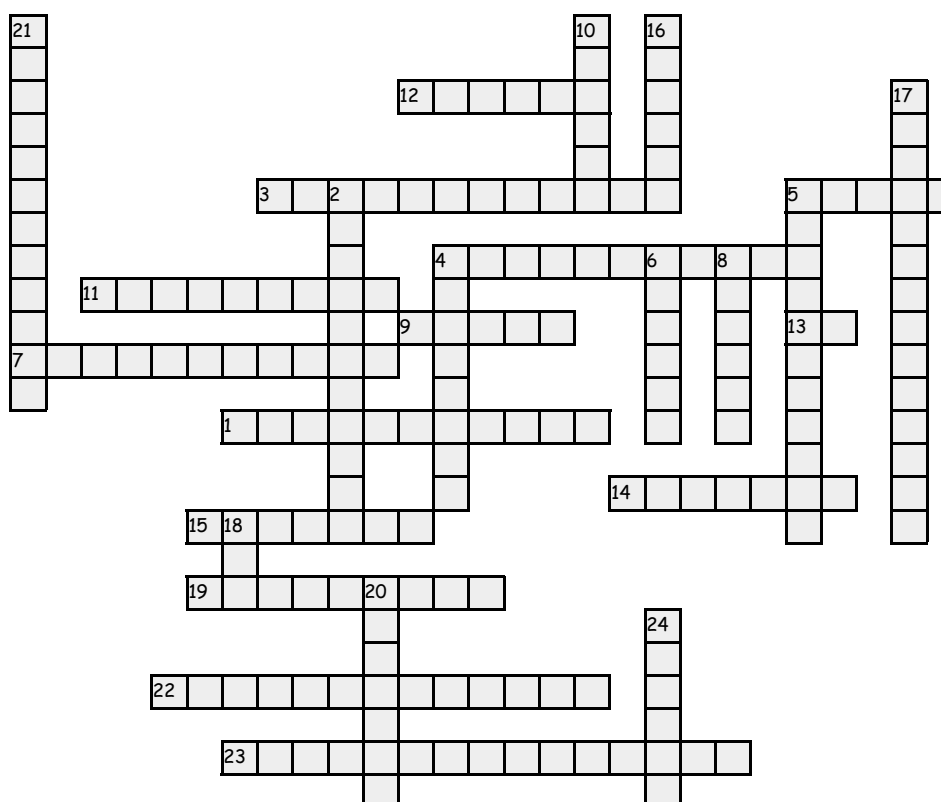
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuAMoBIH5_g

Here's where you join the journey. The USF FMSC committee is asking that you donate towards our cause or pledge to donate for every Aztec pushup that Brandon completes. Our University must raise twenty-two cents for each meal (\$22,000 total) for this MobilePack.

To pledge go to:

<http://www.fundraising.fmsc.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1032986>

Wordsearch



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Across:

1. "The Prince" author
3. Graduation
4. Junction Black Rd., Ruby St., Raynor Ave., Plainfield Rd.
5. Asset balance
7. Mokena, New Lenox, Joliet railroad
9. "The Republic" author
11. Football coach
12. Campus southern-border street
13. Ratio circumference to diameter
14. Grotto of Our Lady _____
15. Road on campus northern border
19. Town east of Joliet
22. Assumption that a business will remain in operation
23. Route 30 in Joliet

Down:

1. Dorms
4. Basketball coach
5. River
6. Joliet theater
8. Assets=Liabilities+ _____
10. USF mascot
16. Liability balance
17. Original USF name
18. Past President
20. Original College of St. Francis sports team name
21. Employees, customers, neighbors, investors, suppliers
24. Western border street

Can you identify this on-campus object?



Photo by: Tim Wills, '92

If so, send your answers to alumni@stfrancis.edu
Subject line should read "BAN Newsletter Photo".
The first three to guess the correct answer will win a free alumni t-shirt!

2013 Summer Events

All ticket sales are **FINAL**. No refunds will be given.

Reservations **MUST** be made at least one week in advance prior to the event.

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Saturday, May 18
8:30 a.m. Meeting
Moes Room, Tower Hall

Retirement Planning Today

This course is designed to teach you how to build wealth and align your money with your values to accomplish your life goals. Whether you plan to retire 20 years from now or are recently retired, the information you learn in this class can deliver rewards throughout your lifetime.

Saturday, May 11 and 18
8:30 a.m. – Noon or
Thursday, May 16 and 23
6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Donovan Hall, C305AB
\$60 per person (bring one free guest)

Education Alumni Network (EAN) Meetings

Join fellow education alumni in a new group that provides networking, social events and interaction with current USF students and faculty. The group provides assistance to alumni looking for jobs, changing careers or just looking to reconnect with other grads. All alumni are welcome!

Saturday, May 18
9 a.m. Meeting
Moes Room, Tower Hall

Physician Assistant Alumni Dinner

Join your fellow University of St. Francis Physician Assistant Alumni for a complimentary, fun dinner at the IMPACT '13 Conference, Washington D.C.

Tuesday, May 28, 2013
6-8 p.m.
Renaissance Washington DC Hotel
Meeting Rooms 8 & 9

Reunion Weekend 2013

Spend a day or the entire weekend with your fellow alumni reminiscing your years at St. Francis! We have great programming for the entire weekend and hope you'll return to your alma mater.

Saturday, June 8 – Sunday, June 9
For more information or to RSVP, contact the Alumni Office at (877) 811-ALUM or alumni@stfrancis.edu.

2013 Summer Events

Broadway in Chicago – West Side Story

West Side Story tells the story of star-crossed lovers Tony and Maria as they struggle to rise above the hatred and intolerance that surrounds them. It soars as the greatest love story of all time. Don't miss this performance!

Saturday, June 15

8 p.m. performance/6 p.m. depart USF
Oriental Theatre
\$45 per person /\$50 with transportation
(Limited Tickets Available)

The Big Brewery Tour

Join us for a visit to an Irish Pub, a beer-and-bacon bar (where you will snack on beer and bacon pairings), a specialty beer and wine store, and a punk rock bar that's been around since pre-Prohibition, all in the Lakeview/Lincoln Park areas of Chicago.

Saturday, July 13

12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
\$50 per person with transportation
(Limited Tickets Available)

8th Annual Alumni Progressive Dinner

Join alumni & friends for a mystery progressive dinner. This year, we will dine in class at three different steakhouses for delicious appetizers, entrees and desserts (games and prizes included)!

Saturday, Aug. 10

5 p.m. (USF shuttle bus departure)
\$50 per person; \$95 per couple
(includes food and transportation)
(Limited tickets available)

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