Staten Island Family Day

Alumni and their families had a great time when they came back to campus for Staten Island Family Day. The popular event featured something for everyone, with games, rides, a visit from SJU mascot Johnny Thunderbird and a pumpkin patch where the kids could pick their own Halloween pumpkin.

Columbus Day Parade

St. John’s alumni, students, faculty and staff added a flash of red as they marched proudly in the 69th Annual Columbus Day Parade in New York City. The distinctive Red Storm float drew cheers and waves from the thousands of spectators lined up all along the route.

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University Service Day

The University community put its Vincentian mission of reaching out to those in need into action at the 12th Annual Service Day. They worked throughout the day in soup kitchens, nursing homes and other venues to make a difference for the under-served in local communities around the Queens and Staten Island campuses.

World Youth Day

Ashley Bauman ’15C, a Junior from the Staten Island campus and Joseph Reis ’14C, a Senior from the Queens campus joined thousands of young Catholics who traveled to Brazil for World Youth Day. The week-long activities included a prayer service welcoming Pope Francis I, a living Stations of the Cross and the closing Mass celebrated by His Holiness.

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Schermerhorn Street Alumni Reception

Graduates of St. John’s Schermerhorn Street campus reminisced about their days in downtown Brooklyn at a reception held in an authentic Celtic pub in the heart of New York’s Times Square. The alumni caught up on what’s been happening with each other and swapped stories of days gone by.

Lewis Avenue Reunion

William Ryan ’47C and Constance Stoll ’56Ed were honored with the St. John’s Lewis Avenue Alumni Legacy Award at the 56th Annual Lewis Avenue Reunion. The feelings of closeness that have withstood the test of time were readily apparent among the alumni as they reconnected with old friends and former classmates from St. John’s original campus.

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TCBAA Networking Reception

Alumni from The Peter J. Tobin College of Business took advantage of the opportunity to make important personal and professional connections at the Tobin College of Business Alumni Association (TCBAA) Networking Reception. This event is designed to give business alumni a chance to meet and mingle with fellow graduates in leading companies located throughout the greater New York metropolitan area.

SJU Oktoberfest

It was a night of non-stop excitement and fun as alumni came back to the Queens campus for the first annual SJU Oktoberfest. They met St. John’s new President Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M. and spent the rest of the evening sampling traditional German food and beer. The event celebrated the launch of the University’s new brand identity.
From DC to Wall Street, Alumni Provide Unique Perspective

Nothing compares to working on Capitol Hill or the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. And thanks to Alumni Insider’s View (AIV)... Programs throughout the fall semester, students had an opportunity to travel to these iconic locations and gain firsthand insight from alumni professionals.

“Our students learn so much by traveling to where our alumni work and hearing from them directly,” said Elisa Douglas ’05C, Assistant Director in the Office of Alumni Relations. “In particular, Washington, DC and Wall Street are fascinating places to see up-close-and-personal, so I can’t thank our alumni enough for dedicating their time to help our students.”

At the 33rd Annual AIV... U.S. Capital program, students traveled to “the District” to participate in panel discussions and network with alumni who work in industries including law, politics, business, communications and more. For Milana Edwards ’14CPS, Public Relations major, the trip made her much more confident in her career path.

“At the networking reception, I met some alumni with connections at PR firms, both in New York City and Washington, DC,” she explained. “I’m hoping that this will lead to an internship or entry-level job after I graduate — you really never know where networking might take you.”

The program also included visits to Newseum, an interactive museum of news and journalism, and President Lincoln’s Cottage at the Soldiers’ Home, where the final draft of the Emancipation Proclamation was written in 1862.

Meanwhile, the AIV... Day on Wall Street program brought Business students to lower Manhattan to meet with alumni and tour some of the city’s most respected financial institutions. Stops included Zurich North American Headquarters, the New York Stock Exchange, the Museum of American Finance and Standard & Poor’s.

Students later had an opportunity to network with the alumni during a special networking reception, exchanging business cards and chatting about how to kickstart a career in the world of Finance. Gary Chan ’97CBA, Managing Director, Global Head of Fixed Income Cash Products at J.P. Morgan, served as the keynote speaker.

“In today’s economic times, students are finding it harder and harder to find a stable and valuable career,” he noted. “For alumni, events like this are our way of giving back, and if students can gain an edge from what we have to say and what they’ve seen throughout the program, then that’s fantastic.”

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