

# The Network

## Business Alumni Network

### 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.

### Commitment

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

### 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

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

### BAN Outreach

#### *Spreading Cheer at Sunny Hill Nursing Home*

A group of alumni has been spending some time visiting with residents at the Sunny Hill Nursing Home. On December 7, a group went and sang Christmas carols to the residents. Caryn Jakielski '03, '06 recalls how the residents really enjoyed their company and they were able to talk with the residents for a few minutes after they finished singing to them. One of the residents they met was a retired choir director who joined them in singing carols in other rooms. On Valentine's Day, the group returned to deliver balloons for the residents. The experience gave Caryn a sense that they had made a huge difference and they are hoping to return some time in the spring to help make and plant flower beds.



### Upcoming Meetings

May 10, 2014 – Alumni Gathering Room,  
Motherhouse – 8:30 a.m.

September 20, 2014 – Moes Room,  
Tower Hall - 8:30 a.m.

November 8, 2014 – Alumni Gathering Room,  
Motherhouse –8:30 a.m.

# Student Organization News



## **Student Alumni Association (SAA) Career Progressive Dinner**

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, alumni and students gathered in the Pat Sullivan Recreation Center for a successful night of networking hosted by SAA, SAM, and Alumni & Parent Relations. The forty-four guests enjoyed a three course meal where for each course they sat at a different table. Some industries that were present included sales, industrial, nursing, and education. This gave a variety of different alumni for the students to be able to talk to as the students came from a variety of different majors as well. This setup allowed the guests to meet a greater variety of people, to make new connections and allowed students and alumni to promote themselves to a wider group of people. Kayla Madej, SAA President, felt that the "event was very beneficial for both students and alumni. We hope to continue this event in the years to come by making it bigger and better."

## **Student Alumni Mentoring Program (SAM)**

In its second year, SAM matched 52 students with 52 mentors allowing for a very successful year. For the pairs, several functions were put on to encourage networking. These functions included a Kick Off Dinner, Annual Alumni Social, Service for the Hungry, and End of the Year Reflection Dinner.

Interested in becoming a mentor? Applications for next year will be due on Friday, September 12 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni & Parent Relations Office. Applications can be filled out online at [www.stfrancis.edu/sam](http://www.stfrancis.edu/sam).



## **Fulton-Carroll Incubator**

Located in Chicago, the Fulton-Carroll Incubator is home to over 100 small businesses that specialize in manufacturing. 11 students were able to visit this complex.

## **Bowling**

Co-sponsored with SBA, FREE, and SAB a night of bowling was put on for the students. During the night a 42" TV was raffled off to raise money for Guardian Angels Community Services.

## **Pizza With R.J. A. D'Orazio**

In April, ACE brought in the CEO of D'Orazio Capital Management who talked to the group about what it takes to get to where he is at. About 50 students had a chance to sit down with him for lunch to gain more insight.

## **Service**

On March 28th, 6 members of ACE took time out of their morning to serve breakfast at Daybreak.

# Bernie Lean



Students and Alumni gathered in Memorial Stadium to take part in an attempt to break the world record for "Having the Most People Doing A Hip-Hop Dance At the Same Time" on March 31. USF students Brandon Collofello, Alison Rhodes, Chelsea Rimmington, and Katie Hayes organized the event to help raise money for Special Olympics and Mercy Ships. While waiting for people to arrive the team had children come down and compete in hula hoop contests and a Frisbee throwing



contest to entertain the crowd. To officially break the record 1,000 people needed to participate in the event. 230 people came to take part so the group was unable to break the record but more than \$1,500 was raised for Special Olympics and Mercy Ships. A video of the attempt can be found on the [USF TV Club Facebook page](#) under the title Bernie Lean World Record Attempt.



# Alumni Information

## Young Alumni Happy Hour

At the end of the day, there's no better way to relax and have fun than with your fellow young alumni! Open to alumni aged 22 to 35, gather a group of alumni friends or just drop by on your own. RSVP by June 26 and your first drink is on us! Food will be served.

**Thursday, July 10**—5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Jameson's Pub, Joliet

Complimentary

## Alumni Summer BBQ

This family friendly event is complete with all the barbeque fixings, outdoor games and summer fun for all ages! Mingle with fellow alumni while the kids bounce in the moon jump.

**Saturday, July 19**—11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$5 per person (3 and under are free)



## Relay For Life of Tinley Park - Alumni Service Day

**Saturday, June 7**—2 p.m.

Tinley Park High School— \$10 per person

## Homecoming/Reunion Weekend

**Save the Date** for  
**September 19-21, 2014.**

For details on the  
weekends activities, visit:

[stfrancis.edu/alumni/hcrw](http://stfrancis.edu/alumni/hcrw).



## We'd love to have you join us!!

For a complete list of events, visit

[www.stfrancis.edu/alumni/events](http://www.stfrancis.edu/alumni/events)

Please remember: All ticket sales are **FINAL**. No refunds will be given. Reservations **MUST** be made at least one week in advance prior to the event.

Contact the Alumni & Parent Relations office toll free at (877)811-ALUM for registration information

## Alumni & Parent Relations Office Update... New Gathering Room

In addition to the new offices for the *Alumni & Parent Relations Office*, the *Alumni Gathering Room* recently opened.



Located inside the Motherhouse (Room 248), the Gathering Room displays a variety of alumni memorabilia and features some of USF's accomplished authors. The space is available for groups, like BAN, to host meetings. The room is also open for alums to stop by and catch up with each other and University activities.

Aubrey Knight '04, '07 (Director) and Donna Eakle '09, '13 (Manager) offices are located next door to the new room, so if you are in the area and visiting the campus, please stop by and say hello!

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