

# THE NETWORK

**Business Alumni Network**

**Fall 2016**

## 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 EVENTS

### MEETINGS:

- Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017
- Saturday, April 1, 2017

### ALUMNI SERVICE DAY:

- Saturday, April 1, 2017

### BAN BOWLING PARTY:

- Friday, July 21

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

To register for these meetings and events, please visit our [events page](#).

**For More Information or to join**  
Call (877) 811-ALUM or by email at  
[alumni@stfrancis.edu](mailto:alumni@stfrancis.edu)



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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Pete Rufo '16**

**Management**

**Football #6 Wide Receiver**

Student Alumni Mentoring  
Program

*"The best advice that I can give is to find out what your passion is and then follow that passion with all your heart. Too many people wake up everyday and dread going to work. Don't be one of those people. Be what you want to be by following your passion"*

**What made you want to come to USF?**

I was drawn to USF because of the great reviews on the business program here. I also liked the small school setting where I was more known by professors, classmates, and teammates.

**Why did you pick your major?**

I have always wanted to be in business. I became a management major when I realized how well I can lead and manage others.

**Who was/ is your favorite professor?**

My favorite professor is Shannon Brown. She is also my adviser and has helped me tremendously with my academic career here at USF. She is always willing to help and keeps me on track. Her classes are engaging and makes you reach outside of your comfort level.

**What are your plans after graduation?**

After graduation I will be working in the finance and insurance industries with my own business. I plan on staying in the Joliet area for two years before moving to Phoenix, Arizona.

# WELCOME

New Business Alumni  
Representation on the  
Alumni Board of Directors



**Jason Whiteside '00**

Finance Major  
**Attorney**  
*Whiteside & Goldberg*



**Danielle Martin '09**

Accounting Major  
**Supervisor**  
*Porte Brown LLC*



# Business Incubator

The Business Incubator is a program under the University of St. Francis College of Business and Health Administration (COBHA) that helps entrepreneurs grow through the start-up process. It is located in the Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center in downtown Joliet, Illinois.

October marked the incubator's two year anniversary. They are accepting new applications from entrepreneurs, small businesses, or individuals with an idea!

## Business updates:

**Quasar Design** recently hosted a Kickstarter campaign in support of their latest project: The ELIMIFLY (an eco-friendly mosquito control product). The Kickstarter campaign generated 84 backers for nearly \$25,000. Unfortunately, the campaign did not reach its goal, so the funding was not distributed. However, they may try again with a new goal.

**Custom Community Creations** continues to do well in the "custom caricature maps" sector. They also have a new product - a coloring book that fits in the upward trending marketplace for adults who use coloring books as a relaxation technique (and for fun!).

**Sciexperience** has two national presentations scheduled this fall. On October 27, Dr. Callentine will speak at the National Science Teacher's Association Conference in Minneapolis, MN with a second appearance in Columbus, OH on December 1. Dr. Callentine's books are available on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/Lainna-Callentine/e/B00O9HKKIW>

We welcome Ed Wisniowski as the newest member of the incubator. **E3 Logistics System** creates software for the logistics marketplace. The software is cloud-based and focused on helping organizations with large fleets of vehicles manage logistics and fleet maintenance. E3 applications merge traditional business processes with existing technology to create tools which allow businesses to do more with less. [www.goeethree.com](http://www.goeethree.com)

<http://www.stfrancis.edu/incubator/>

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# BUSINESS CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS ON CAMPUS

There are currently 3 clubs on campus for business students; ACE, FREE, and SBA. They are always looking for speakers for events. If you would like to speak at an event or would like more information, please contact the following people: For ACE: Dr. Steve Morisette, for FREE: Dr. Shannon Brown, for SBA: Dr. Richard Vaughan, for Enactus: Dr. Bonnie Covelli.



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. SBA also organizes field trips, speakers and events.



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



Delta Mu Delta is a national honor society in business administration with a growing membership of nearly 150,000 in more than 200 chapters in public and private colleges and university campuses 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.



**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.

ACE collecting pet food and supplies that will be donated to the Will County Humane Society



**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. They engage the community in many ways by visiting area schools to teach kids about how to handle their finances responsibly as well as attend forums on global economics

# ALUMNI EVENTS

All ticket sales are FINAL and no refunds will be given.

Reservations MUST be made at least 24 hours in advance of any event. For more information, contact the Alumni & Family Relations Office at 877-811-ALUM or [alumni@stfrancis.edu](mailto:alumni@stfrancis.edu).

## December 2016

### Breakfast with Santa

Our annual Christmas tradition continues with a delicious breakfast and visit with Santa Claus! Take photos with St. Nick and sip some hot cocoa while nibbling on holiday cookies. Activities include face painting, balloon artist, holiday coloring pages, and a visit with our "Bernie" Saint Bernard dogs from Illinois Saint Bernard Rescue.

Saturday, Dec. 3 | 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Sullivan Rec Center

### Christmas Caroling Service Day

Sponsored by the Business Alumni Network  
Looking to spread some holiday cheer this Christmas? Put on your best Christmas sweater and/or hat and join us for an afternoon of singing festive songs to the senior citizens at Sunny Hill Nursing Home. Lyrics will be provided. Meet in the main lobby.

Sunday, Dec. 4 | 12:30 p.m.

Sunny Hill Nursing Home, Joliet

### Honors and Pinning Ceremony

Sponsored by the Leach College of Nursing  
The pinning ceremony symbolizes that the student is now a full-fledged nurse and represents a rite of passage into the nursing profession. The tradition of the nursing pin and the ceremonial pinning we know today actually originated in the 1860s at the Nightingale School of Nursing at St. Thomas Hospital in London. Having been recently awarded the Red Cross of St. George for her service to the injured and dying in the Crimean War, Florence Nightingale chose to extend this honor to her most outstanding graduate nurses by presenting each of them a medal for excellence.

Friday, Dec. 16 | 4:30 p.m. | Pat Sullivan Rec Center  
Complimentary – RSVP required



## January 2017

### The Phantom of the Opera & Petterino's Lunch

Join us on this day trip beginning with lunch at the famous Petterino's in Chicago's theater district. Then, we will make our way to Cadillac Palace Theatre for The Phantom of the Opera. Making its highly anticipated return to Chicago, critics are raving that this breathtaking production is "bigger and better than ever before." This production boasts many exciting special effects including the show's legendary chandelier. Take the USF transportation or meet us there!

Wednesday, Jan. 4 | 10:45 a.m. depart USF/6 p.m. return  
Petterino's & Cadillac Palace Theatre  
SOLD OUT!

### LuLaRoe Pop-Up

Sponsored by the Education Alumni Network (EAN)  
Spend some time shopping with your friends and colleagues. Browse simply comfortable LuLaRoe collections including their famous leggings, tops, dresses, skirts, and more for women and girls. All alumni and friends are welcome to attend! Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, Jan. 19 | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Presidents Room (Tower Hall, 1st Floor) | Complimentary

### 5th Annual Recreation & Sport Management Alumni Gathering

Sponsored by the Recreation & Sport Management Alumni Network  
Whether you are attending the IPRA annual conference or just want to network, join us for this fun evening with fellow alumni and friends of the program! Hosted by: Dr. Syd Sklar, USF Department Chair. Food and drinks will be provided.

Friday, Jan. 20 | 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. | First Draft, Chicago  
Complimentary

### 60th Annual Caritas Scholarship Ball

Join us for a lively evening of cocktails, dinner, and auction at this year's black-tie event to benefit scholarships at USF. For more information, visit [stfrancis.edu/caritas](http://stfrancis.edu/caritas).

Saturday, Jan. 28 | 6 p.m. to midnight | Bolingbrook Golf Club

### Women's Basketball Alumnae Game

Hosted by: Coach Sam Quigley

Calling all former women's basketball players, bounce your way back to USF for an alumnae game with old friends! Bring your families and stay for dinner even if you don't plan to play in the game. Stay for the USF women's game versus Robert Morris University at 5 p.m. and the men's game at 7 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 20 to receive a free alumnae game shirt!

Saturday, Jan. 28 | 2:30 p.m. alumnae game/4 p.m. dinner | Pat Sullivan Recreation Center  
Complimentary

## February 2017

### Sunny Hill Nursing Home Volunteer Night & Valentine's Party

*Sponsored by the Education Alumni Network*

Join fellow education alumni in providing a night of visiting, valentines, and bingo to the residents of Sunny Hill Nursing Home. Alumni who can't make the event can contribute homemade valentines (have your students make them) and/or bingo prizes. Valentines and prizes are due to the Alumni Office by Feb. 6.

**Thursday, Feb. 9 | 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunny Hill Nursing Home, Joliet**

### Tennis Alumni & Student Match & Reunion

Calling all men's and women's tennis alumni! Current coaches Jim Trudeau (women's) and Bob Farrington (men's) invites you to join us as we enjoy an evening of tennis, meet the current team and renew friendships with fellow tennis alumni. Dinner will be served.

**Saturday, Feb. 11 | 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. | Challenge Fitness, Lockport**  
**Complimentary**

### ISCPA CareerFest

Join the Career Success Center and 19 other universities at the Illinois Small College Placement Association CareerFest. The purpose of this event is to connect quality student and alumni candidates from these schools with Illinois employers who want to hire for their job and internship positions. Contact the Career Success Center for details at 815-740-3384 or [mhearn@stfrancis.edu](mailto:mhearn@stfrancis.edu).

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Tinley Park Convention Center. \$20 per person**

### Career Networking & Etiquette Dinner

We are partnering with the Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) student club on campus to host this excellent networking opportunity for both alumni and students. Each course during dinner will be spent with a different group of alumni and students so you will meet lots of new people. Don't forget to bring plenty of business cards to share! Complimentary, professional head shots will be available.

**Thursday, Feb. 23 | 6 p.m. | San Damiano Hall, Motherhouse 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**  
**Complimentary (Limited Tickets Available)**



## March 2017

### The Secret to Managing Your Stress

*Sponsored by: Education Alumni Network*

Stress tops the list of impediments to professional and personal productivity in educators. In this seminar, Mr. Craig Schmidt, an expert in the affective domain of teaching, examines the danger stress poses to one's physical and psychological well-being and goes on to share many time-tested means for managing stress in order to experience the peace and joy available to everyone.

**Thursday, March 2 | 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**San Damiano Hall, Motherhouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**\$10 per person (\$5 is a donation to USF)**

### USF Career Fair

*Sponsored by: Career Success Center*

We are proud to assist our students and alumni with resources and events for lifelong careers connections! You are invited to network with alumni employers for internship, job, and job shadowing opportunities. Professional attire and resume are required.

**Thursday, March 16 | 9 a.m. to Noon**  
**Sullivan Recreation Center**  
**Complimentary**

### Mass Communication Degree...Now What?

*Sponsored by: Mass Communication Alumni Network*  
Join us for networking and alumni-guided discussion about career opportunities and pathways open to those with a degree in Mass Communication. Current students and alumni welcome. Refreshments provided.

**Tuesday, March 21 | 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Mac Lab, Tower 4th Floor**  
**Complimentary**

### USF Relay for Life *Sponsored by: Student Government Association, Student Activities Board, and Student Life*

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities and campuses around the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Students, alumni & friends are welcome to form teams for this event and should contact [alumni@stfrancis.edu](mailto:alumni@stfrancis.edu) for more information. All are welcome to attend.

**Friday, March 24 | 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.**  
**(5:30 p.m. Survivor Dinner/8:30 p.m. Luminary Ceremony)**  
**Sullivan Recreation Center**  
**Complimentary**

### Emerald Ball *Sponsored by: Social Work Department*

Social work alumni, we hope you can join fellow alumni, students, and faculty for our annual fundraiser that directly helps our students by supporting the McCabe/Ponquinette Scholarship. Food and raffle prizes are included.

**Saturday, March 25 | 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.**  
**San Damiano Hall, Motherhouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**\$25 per person/\$40 per couple/\$15 students**  
**(Ticket price is a donation to USF)**

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