

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.



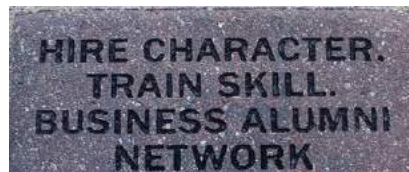
Commitment

BAN has Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Alumni Meeting Room, Motherhouse. A light breakfast is served at 8 a.m.

Meeting Dates:

- Saturday, May 7, 2016
- Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016
- Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017
- Saturday, April 1, 2017

You may participate via conference call at (888) 204-5987, passcode 3281760.



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 alumni@stfrancis.edu



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Anne-Christine Thompkins '14, '15

Credit Analyst at First Midwest Bank

USF Degrees:

Bachelors in Business Management and International Business
MBA in Finance



“My advice for current students would be to get as involved as you can during your time in college and network as much as possible. USF provides so many opportunities to network with alumni, so take advantage and meet as many people as you can. “

What have you accomplished since leaving USF?

I obtained a full time job at First Midwest Bank as a Credit Analyst, joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and I am the President-Elect of the Business Alumni Network.

How did you expect college to change your life?

I expected to have a great experience throughout my time in college, and my time at USF exceeded all of my expectations. Not only did I gain lasting friendships, but USF also gave me the opportunity to be involved both in the classroom, on the tennis court, and with several student organizations. Collectively, all of these experiences helped to prepare me for my full-time career after college.

Why did you choose your career or area of study?

I've always been interested in business and I was able to determine exactly what field within business once I started the program at USF and found out exactly which area of study I enjoyed learning about the most.

Why did you choose USF?

I was given the opportunity to join the women's tennis team here at USF. Also, I was already very familiar with this University because my mom graduated from USF in 1985.

Most Memorable moment at USF ?

The most memorable time would probably have to be my COBHA International Business trip to Costa Rica in May of 2015, led by Dr. Vaughan. We learned so much by visiting international companies, spending a day of service to paint a local school building, and had an absolute blast immersing ourselves in the Costa Rican culture.

Favorite Professor and course? why?

All of my COBHA instructors were outstanding- I can't choose just one! Business Policy combined the information we learned from several business courses and allowed us to work in teams to compete against groups within other Universities across the U.S. Since this course was largely presentation-based, it got all of us more comfortable with presenting in front of the class along with our final presentation in front of a panel of judges.

What is your lasting impression of USF?

The small class sizes and personal relationships with both students and professors provided me with an education that was focused on presentation skills and overall communication, which are essential to have within the business world.

Student Organizations



Student Alumni Mentoring Program (SAM)

This program was established to bring students and alumni together in order to provide a professional relationship, which will help mentor current students preparing to begin their careers.

To mentor a current student, or for more information, please visit www.stfrancis.edu/sam

Business Student Clubs and Organizations

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.



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.



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



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.

What USF has to offer

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. They currently have 8 businesses as incubator members.

Visit the Business incubator website for more information at <http://www.stfrancis.edu/incubator/>



UNIVERSITY OF ST FRANCIS

COBHA DEGREES

Bachelor of business Administration (BBA)

- Accounting
- Finance
- Entrepreneurship
- Transportation and Logistics
- Management
- Marketing
- International Business

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

- Healthcare Management

Bachelor of Business Administration Healthcare Management (BHM)

Bachelor of Science Healthcare Leadership (Adult Degree Completion)

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- Accounting
- Business Analytics
- Finance
- Health Administration
- Transportation and Logistics
- Management
- Training and Development

Master of Science in Management (MSM)

- Management
- Health Administration
- Training and Development
- Transportation and logistics

Master of Science Healthcare Administration (MSHA)

Considering a degree with USF? Contact Graduate Admissions at [800-735-7500](tel:800-735-7500) and ask if YOUR employer is a Corporate Partner eligible for reduced tuition rates!

USF is Expanding

USF is growing and added new buildings like the Rialto Campus building and Robert W. Plaster Center located in downtown Joliet. Some of the more recent expansions are includes the St. Clare Campus .The upcoming Laverne and Dorothy Brown Science building that will be breaking ground in May .



The science program is very popular at USF and the new science building will meet the rising demand. This new three-story Science building will contain a multipurpose lecture hall, 3 labs on each floor, 4 research labs, 14 faculty offices, as well as various spaces to study or for students to hangout. The students are very excited to see the new building come to life within the next year.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Joy Thompson Scholarship

As a faculty member Dr. Joy Thompson was the founder chair for the MS Training and Development program and at USF she had a passion for working with adult students. This is the first scholarship offered to the adult population that are looking to return to graduate school.

Dr. Michael LaRocco Scholarship

Honoring the former dean of COHBA, this scholarship was established upon his retirement. This scholarship is available for business majors who either is a veteran or a child of a veteran.

To learn more about these scholarships or make a donation, please visit www.stfrancis.edu/giving.



The USF Enactus Team: Helping our Neighbors

By Shannon Patiño and Diana Viveros



en•act•us

entrepreneurial—having the perspective to see an opportunity and the talent to create value from that opportunity;

action—the willingness to do something and the commitment to see it through even when the outcome is not guaranteed;

us—a group of people who see themselves connected in some important way; individuals that are part of a greater whole.



Photo: Diana Viveros, Kennedy Braasch, Shannon Patiño,
Princess Clemente, Laura Muñoz

This year's Enactus team was strongly lead by Senior Business Management major and Political Science minor Laura Muñoz, Senior Marketing and Music Industry Entrepreneurship major Shannon Patiño, Junior Business Management and Transportation Logistics major Kennedy Braasch, and Sophomore Marketing and Business Management major Diana Viveros. They were also joined by graduate student in Training and Development, Princess Clemente.



Photo: Dr. Bonnie Covelli, Princess Clemente, Laura Muñoz
Diana Viveros, Shannon Patiño, Kennedy Braasch

The College Connect Program

Students at USF have taken action in our community to help end hunger in our county by being the pilot University to implement College Connect Program a branch of the Direct Connect Program established by the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Direct Connect program currently targets retailers and manufacturers to donate their surplus foods to local homeless shelters and/or food pantries. The USF Enactus team created the College Connect Program to get surrounding colleges and universities involved in donating their surplus foods to their local food pantries/ homeless shelters. The College Connect program launched on Friday, March 18th, and USF's Sodexo was able to donate over 25 pounds of surplus food to Joliet's Daybreak Shelter. This project also created awareness about the amount of food USF students waste per day. After measuring four days of food waste the Enactus team found that on average 42 pounds of food were being wasted each day in the Cafeteria.

USF Enactus presented their project outcomes for the second time at the Enactus Regional Competition held in Lombard, IL on March 21st and will be proceeding to the National Competition held in St. Louis, MO on May 17th.

If you would like to join the USF Enactus team for the following year please contact Shannon Patiño at shannonpatino@stfrancis.edu.

Upcoming Alumni Events

April 2016

Duns Scotus Cultural Experience: Blue Man Group

The Duns Scotus honors program would like to invite its alumni to join the current honors students for a joint cultural experience. We are going to the Briar Street Theater to see the "Blue Man Group," one of our classic cultural experiences! Duns Scotus alumni only.

Sunday, April 24 | 2:30 p.m. departure/4 p.m. perfor-

MAY 2016

Joliet Hope Center Service Day*

Sponsored by the Business Alumni Network

This community assistance program allows people obtain food and household items that have been greatly discounted. It offers a long-term self-sufficiency solution to families and individuals struggling to fulfill their basic needs. Help us, help others by packing and organizing at this local food pantry. All alumni and friends are welcome.

Saturday, May 7 | 10 a.m. to Noon | The Joliet Hope Center, Inc., 511 Oak Leaf Ct., Joliet

32nd Annual Student Honors and Awards Convocation*

Sponsored by the Provost's Office. The Honors and Awards Convocation celebrates academic excellence across the University by recognizing the achievements of our students. Please join us in honoring them.

2016 Bluestem Earth Festival*

Sponsored by: The Sisters of St. Francis and their Associates. We are surrounded by critical and massive injustices: devastation of natural resources, human trafficking, racism, pollution. This event offers education and ideas for action. It will feature a variety of earth friendly activities such as workshops, over 70 eco-conscious exhibits and vendors, food, live entertainment and children's activities. Visit www.bluestemearthfestival.com for more information.

Saturday, May 21 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Sullivan Recreation Center & Quad

JUNE 2016

Summer BBQ & Concert on the Quad

This family friendly event is complete with all the barbeque fixings, bounce house, face painting, outdoor games and summer fun for all ages! Even if you don't have children, come and enjoy our concert on the Quad while you eat your lunch.

Saturday, June 4 | 12 – 3 p.m. | USF Quad

\$10 adult/\$5 children (4-18). Kids 3 and under are free.

\$5 of each ticket is a USF donation.

JULY 2016

Business Alumni Network (BAN) Bowling Party

Sponsored by the Business Alumni Network. Roll on down for the Business Alumni Network's (BAN) night of bowling! Bring a dish to pass and join us for three games of bowling (shoes provided) and mingle with fellow alumni. All are invited to join in on the fun!

Friday, July 29 | 6 p.m. | Town & Country Lanes, Joliet

\$10 per person, pay at the door

AUGUST 2016

Grub Crawl

Are you ready for the alumni event of the year? Join us for the 11th annual mystery progressive dinner as we tour three different historic mansions 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.

Saturday, Aug. 13 | 5 p.m. USF shuttle bus departure

\$60 per person, includes food and transportation.

\$10 of each ticket is a USF donation. Limited tickets available.

Events marked with an asterisk (*) are complimentary. All ticket sales are FINAL and no refunds will be given. Reservations MUST be made at least one week in advance of any event at www.stfrancis.edu/alumni/alumni-events or call the Alumni & Family Relations Office at 877-811-ALUM.

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