

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Saint Joseph's Day! The campus is hopping with spring just days away. You can imagine the excitement in the air as students work on final projects, capstone presentations and compete in challenging athletic playoffs. We hope you will join the excitement and attend one of our upcoming events.

## GENERAL UNIVERSITY NEWS

***No Classes Friday, March 30 - Monday, April 2, 2018 - The University will be closed Friday, March 30, 2018  
Admitted Students Day (Hagan Arena) Saturday and Sunday April 7-8 9AM-4PM***

### Welcome Rabbi Skorka, Ph.D.

Dr. Reed announced with great pleasure the appointment of Rabbi Abraham Skorka, Ph.D., as University Professor at SJU beginning in the fall of 2018. He will work closely with the directors of the University's Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations, Philip A. Cunningham, Ph.D., and Adam Gregerman, Ph.D., to develop and expand its educational and research programs with the goal of promoting deeper understanding between Catholics and Jews.

Rabbi Skorka served for almost twenty years as the rector of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano Marshall T. Meyer in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The seminary prepares rabbis, cantors and educators from throughout Latin America in the Masorti or Conservative Jewish tradition. He also taught Talmud and rabbinic literature there and was dean of its rabbinical school. In addition, he has served for decades as rabbi for the Benei Tikva Congregation in Buenos Aires.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Congressman John Lewis to Speak at Saint Joseph's University**

*Event culminates SJU's commemoration of MLK speech delivered on campus in 1967*

Civil rights leader Congressman John Lewis (GA) will visit Saint Joseph's University on Monday, April 16 to deliver a talk at 10 a.m., in the Michael J. Hagan '85 Arena.

His lecture will draw from his life's work as a civil rights crusader and champion of social justice causes. In particular, Lewis will address the life and legacy of his friend and mentor Martin Luther King Jr. The congressman's talk culminates a yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of a speech King delivered on campus on October 26, 1967, in the Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse, now the Hagan Arena.

Saint Joseph's President Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., will introduce Lewis at the event.

"We are honored to have this steadfast civil rights champion visit our campus," says Dr. Reed. "Congressman Lewis embodies all that we strive to nurture in our own students — empathy, courage, commitment, action and unwavering service to justice."

LINK TO OBTAIN TICKETS: <https://sites.sju.edu/oid/programs/mlk/>

Congressman John Lewis

April 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Hagan Arena

Free event registration is required.

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Register up to 4 people.

Free event parking will be available at Hawks' Landing Garage (N. 54th St, Philadelphia PA 19131).

Contact [oid@sju.edu](mailto:oid@sju.edu) for additional information.

## Additional Events

**Campus Coffee Hour with Government and Community Relations** and the Wynnefield Overbrook Revitalization Corporation (WORC), FRI, MARCH 23, 2018, 9:30 – 10:30AM Free - Post Learning Commons, Contact: Jeanne Montgomery 610-660-1226

**Exiles and Outlaws, Bandits and Revolutionaries: Malta's Italian Refugee Crisis, 1815-1848**, WED, APRIL 11, 2018, 4 – 5:30PM Presidents Lounge, Campion Bldg. This is a sponsored David H. Burton Postdoctoral Fellowship Lecture. Contact: Alex Gould agould@sju.edu 610-660-1740

**The State of pre-K in Philadelphia** WED, APRIL 11, 2018, 6 – 7:30PM Mandeville Hall Wolfington Teletorium Contact: Kaitlin Moran 610-660-1583

**Faculty Piano Recital: Elizabeth Morgan** THU, APRIL 12, 2018, 8 – 9PM Chapel of St. Joseph 610-660-2277 (Free) Contact: Kelly Gomez-Zimmer 610-660-2277

**The Catholic Church and Israel** MON, APRIL 16, 2018, 7 – 8:30PM Campion Student Center North Lounge Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations Contact: Philip Cunningham 660-1863 sites.sju.edu/ijcr

**Women Woke** Featuring **Mary Lou Quinlan** Date: Tuesday April 10, 2018 Time: 6:30-7:30 PM, 7:30-8 reception Misc: Open to public, Free RSVP at [www.sju.edu/womenwoke](http://www.sju.edu/womenwoke) Contact: Jenna Bryant jrbryant@sju.edu or call 610-660-1142

**Music @ 11 Concert** THUR, APRIL 26, 2018, 11 – 11:30AM Sponsored by the Dept. of Music, Theatre & Film, Chapel of St. Joseph Free

**Songs For A New World** Music & Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown Directed by Renee Dobson April 26-28 at 8PM April 29 at 2PM Bluett Theatre for ticket info -<https://clubs.sju.edu/theatre/tickets/>

For More Events at: **SJU Events Calendar**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### SJU Podcast Highlights Faculty Expertise

This semester, Saint Joseph's Office of Marketing and Communications launched "Good to Know: The Saint Joseph's University Experts Podcast." In each episode, released on alternating Wednesdays, the host sits down with a different member of the SJU community and discusses his or her expertise or research. So far, topics have included how sleep deprivation inhibits the formation of memories; why music in advertising can help bands and brands; and how the roots of the modern celebration of Valentine's Day might lie with Geoffrey Chaucer. "Good to Know" is available to download or subscribe wherever you listen to podcasts, or at [sju.edu/good-to-know](http://sju.edu/good-to-know).

### Student and Faculty Highlights

Julian Lutz '19 has been awarded the Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute Fellowship to spend the upcoming summer at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Institute. The PPIA Junior Summer Institute is a preface to a Master's or joint degree in public policy, public administration, international affairs or a related field. Each year, PPIA seeks out high-potential, undergraduate students from universities across the country to participate in an intensive seven-week program hosted by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

**The Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support** will have their autism week events April 13-22.

Events and costs can be viewed at <https://kinneyautism.sju.edu>. This year's Autism Week programming includes a Luncheon & Fashion Show, Autism Friendly Mass, Advocacy Training, NEW Sensory Haircut Event, Prom, Pancake Breakfast, Family Photography session, and more!

The Kinney Center is also accepting applications for their popular Summer camp and applications for high school volunteers.

**Community Recreation Memberships** - Are you a member of the Overbrook Farms Club, Wynnefield Residents Association, Merion Civic Association or Neighbors Club of Bala Cynwyd? If so you may be interested in purchasing one of our community recreations memberships offered starting in April.

This is a pilot program using the Philadelphia facilities in the Hagan Recreation Center. A limit of 25 memberships are available for sale per organization. For additional information please contact us at 610-660-1226.

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Our website is: <https://sites.sju.edu/community>

*Your feedback and email is appreciated.*