Insider Tips for a Successful First Year Experience

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FY to SO Retention
(4 yr. private institutions)

National Average: 75.50%

Saint Joseph’s University: 90.88% (2016)
6 Year Graduation Rates
(4 yr. institutions with similar admit rates)

National Average: 59.7%
Saint Joseph’s University: 79.6% (2016)
First-Time Full-Time Students Starting Fall 2010

Number of students: 1,212

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**WITHIN 6 YEARS**
- 80% Graduated: Reporting institution
- 11% Transferred & Graduated: Other Institution
- 9% Enrolled: Reporting institution
- 8% Transferred & Enrolled: Other Institution
- 2% Current Status Unknown

**WITHIN 5 YEARS**
- 79% Graduated: Reporting institution
- 10% Transferred & Graduated: Other Institution
- 10% Enrolled: Reporting institution
- 9% Transferred & Enrolled: Other Institution
- 1% Current Status Unknown

**WITHIN 4 YEARS**
- 72% Graduated: Reporting institution
- 11% Transferred & Graduated: Other Institution
- 9% Enrolled: Reporting institution
- 8% Transferred & Enrolled: Other Institution
- 2% Current Status Unknown

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Academic Information
2016 Pre-Enrollment Survey Data

- 16.1%: I was able to do well in HS with minimal effort
- 92.0%: felt it somewhat or very likely to make Dean’s List during the first semester (3.5 GPA)
- 32.4% actually made Dean’s List
Study vs. Class Time

• College = hard work
  – Students choose to be here

• In class: 15-18 hours per week

• Reality: 20-25 hours of study time per week
Academic Advising

• Academic Advisor: declared vs. undeclared major
• Academic Advisor vs. the Advising Center
Support Services on Campus

- Office of Learning Resources
- Student Success & First Year Experience
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- Writing Center
- Career Development Center
- Student Disability Services
- Student Outreach & Support
Other Academic Information

- Add/Drop (Sept. 5) vs. withdrawal from a class (Oct. 27)
- Taking 4 classes vs. 5 classes
- Accommodations with Student Disability Services need to be renewed each year
Checking-In Survey (Class of 2020)

• **58%** - Social transition was somewhat/very easy

• **76%** - Somewhat/very successful at making friends

• **74%** - Somewhat/very successful at adjusting to the social environment
Meeting People at College

• 1,000+ Facebook friends but no one to eat lunch with

• Talk to people (limit Facebook, texting, etc.)
  – Ex. Cellphones in class, not meeting classmates

• Put yourself out there

• Keep making friends, don’t limit yourself

• Video game console in dorm room (not a great idea)
Greek Life

- Recruitment takes place in the Spring semester
- 3 Fraternities and 5 Sororities to choose from
  - 85 first year men, 180 first year women
  - Total of 1,095 members of the Greek Community (22% of undergrads)
- Minimum GPA - 2.5; minimum of 12 credits completed
• Iñigo vs. In. I. Go.
• Goal is to create a sense of belonging for all first year students
• Day of Service, Retreats, 4 Halls (commuters included), Basketball game reception, SOAR, etc.
Financial Information
Tuition Bills

• Emailed to the student’s “sju.edu” email address

• Students can assign access to Ebill through the New Hawks Portal
  – Parent/Guardian email address
Opportunities to Lower Costs

• Loyola Scholarship
• Apply to become an RA
• Become “The Hawk”
• www.sju.edu/careers
Office of Veterans Services

Supporting: Veterans, Dependents, National Guard, Reserves, and Active Duty

Client Services: GI Bill and Post-9/11, Yellow Ribbon, Counseling, VA Benefits, Vocational Rehab, Co-Op, and Career Development Services

Contact: Mandeville Hall, Room 206 – veterans@sju.edu – www.sju.edu/veterans

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Financial Holds

An unpaid tuition balance greater than $500 prevents students from registering for classes and receiving a transcript.
Tuition Refund Schedule
(20% reduction each week)

• Applies to WD all classes or WD from SJU
• Before the end of Add/Drop (Sept. 5) = 100%
• Each subsequent week = 20% less
• After the 5th week = 0%

Tuition insurance is available
(www.sju.edu/bursar)
FERPA- Parent Access to Information (Yes or No- students select)

- Account/Billing
- Financial Aid
- Academic Information

Allows SJU employees the opportunity to speak with parents.
Extended Absence
(Notification policy for students missing extended class time)

• Send an email to success@sju.edu
• Professors, Academic Advisor, Associate Dean, Advising Center, and Student are all notified
• Others as appropriate
Public Transportation

- Overbrook Train Station
- SEPTA Buses

*Discount Tickets Available*
Fall Semester Dates to Know

- HawkFest (September 22-24)
  - Showing you their “home away from home”
- Fall Break (October 9-10)- Monday and Tuesday
- Thanksgiving Break (Begins November 22nd)
  - Coming home to see their friends
Top 3 Takeaways from Today

• Encourage your student to get involved early at SJU
  – Activities Fair: Thursday, 8/31
  – Freshmen Day of Service: Saturday, 9/2
  – Spark Retreat: Friday- Sunday, 9/29-10/1 (2 overnights)

• Have a conversation this summer to set expectations and get everyone on the same page
  – Don’t forget to pick up your purple paper before leaving

• We’re all here to help your student succeed
  – When in doubt… success@sju.edu