Winter Events!

Running for State-wide Office the First Time: Eugene Depasquale’s Race for PA Auditor General**
2:30-3:45 pm Thursday, November 29th

Mass Media, New Technology, and Political Campaigns
TBA

Political Science Holiday Reception
POL Hallway/BL 210
11:30-1 pm Tuesday December 4th

**These lectures will be given in conjunction with POL 322, Campaigns and Elections, located in BL 264

Events and Lectures: A Sense of Community in Political Science

The Department of Political Science is dedicated to furthering the education and enrichment of its majors both inside and outside of the classroom. As a result, events and lectures like the Constitution Day reenactment with Hamilton and Jefferson and many of Dr. Powers’ guests are available for students to enhance their learning above and beyond what they experience in class.

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Happy November, everyone! The smell of fall has begun to leave the air (largely because of Hurricane Sandy) and supermarkets have begun their Thanksgiving sales…which also means that the spring semester’s registration is just around the corner.

It is a bittersweet experience to greet you at this time--though some of you have only just joined us and have not experienced the joys and travails of registering for classes yet. For those who are in the class of 2013, this is the final registration week we have at SJU… and that means that senior year is almost half finished. A question that I'm sure will be on many of our minds as we begin the last semester at SJU is: have I done enough? Have I enjoyed my time at SJU to the fullest? Have I been happy along the way? For me, the answer is "almost." It's not over until May and there are plenty of things that I have yet to do at SJU, but I plan on ending my time at SJU with gusto. Senior year is already a whirlwind (and not just because of certain tropical storms)-- trying to cram in everything I have forgotten or not thought to do yet is a daunting task, but is there really a more appropriate way to graduate from SJU? I want to be able to get up in front of the crowd at graduation and walk across to get my diploma with the confidence that comes from knowing that I have done every possible thing I've been interested in and had a great time doing it (or at least learned something from it). To the class of 2013, I charge you to seize the last half of senior year and use the opportunities we have at SJU to discover more about yourself. As we've heard throughout our time here (and now the entire region can watch it on television), we can only be truly happy when we've striven for the magis, to make ourselves better in mind, body, and spirit. So join that zumba session, take the elective that has nothing to do with your education except that you are interested in it, and go on the retreat that you were always afraid to do. This is the last time we will be able to have a “new start” of sorts—we can choose the last new classes of our college careers and we have one last semester to live the college dream.

As for the classes of 2014, 2015, and especially the class of 2016-- think about the time you have already spent here and the time you have ahead. Have you tried to “live greater” yet? Don't you think it's time to start? For the class of 2016, this is the first registration you will have to participate in (and don’t worry, you’ll survive!). Make up a few different and acceptable schedules to prepare for the possibility of closed sections. Be sure to see your advisor for your PIN (you need your PIN to sign in to register for classes). And while you’re doing all of that, take some time to ask your professors, your peers, and older students about their favorite things at Saint Joe's. I would bet that a lot of them mention something they did with the SJU community, whether it was mentoring a student or taking advantage of any of the activities available here. Don't wait until you are a senior to branch out of your "usual" and take on something new. Use the resources your major's department offers you—take a class on international politics or do an internship. Use your professor's office hours to get help in politics class. Make new friends in your major by meeting upperclassmen mentors and the freshmen they are getting to know. Take charge of your experience and make the most of it-- don't graduate and regret missing out on things you wanted to do. You won't get another chance at college, so jump in now!

The Hawk Will Never Die.

- Gia Montemuro
Class of 2013
President of Pi Sigma Alpha
Pre-Registering for Spring 2013 Courses: Guidance for Majors

The Basics
Pre-registration is fast approaching. In case you aren’t aware:

November 7 & 8  Senior registration
November 9 & 12  Junior registration
November 13 & 14 Sophomore registration

Before you can register, you MUST get your PIN from your advisor, and PRIOR to visiting your advisor, you should prepare for your appointment. What does that mean? You should consult the program of study for your major, determine what you have taken and what you still need to take, and consider what you want to take next semester based on what is being offered. To help you prepare, the Department has created some helpful worksheets:

Pre-Registration Advising Form:
This form can be accessed via the Political Science department’s website under the “Curriculum” tab at the bottom of the page, which coincidentally offers a huge amount of helpful information and worksheets in addition to the advising form. Before seeing your academic advisor, you should download this form and fill out the classes you plan to take. Make sure you check to see how they fit into the requirements for your program before you see your advisor. There is also a helpful section at the bottom of the form where you can include miscellaneous questions (classes, career advice, etc.) to ask your advisor as well.

Curriculum Worksheets:
There are two versions of these worksheets available online and, like the Pre-Registration Advising Form, can be accessed on the department’s website under the “Curriculum” tab. One is for current seniors and other students who are included in the GER curriculum. The other is for all students operating under the GEP curriculum. It is highly recommended that you print the appropriate form and fill out the courses you have already taken before seeing your academic advisor, so that he or she knows a) what requirements you need to graduate, and b) so that he or she knows what requirements you have completed. After seeing your academic advisor and penciling in the courses you hope to take next semester, save this worksheet (don’t throw it away!) so that you can always have a reference sheet for the progress you have (or have not) made for your major.

Also, the list of POL courses & times are located on the Political Science website and can be accessed by clicking on the “Course Offerings” tab and then choosing the Spring 2013 schedule. This is quite helpful for you when you are deciding which classes to take, as they are all located on one page and do not require signing into Blackboard to view. Included in the course offerings are the titles and levels of the courses, the professors teaching the courses, and the times at which the courses are offered. In addition, restrictions on the classes (if any) are available, so be sure to research those before you set your heart on taking a specific course.

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Making Progress Toward Your Degree

The normal Political Science Major (who has completed at least two Intro courses by the fall of sophomore year) should be registering to take the Research Course – either POL 201 or POL 231 – in the spring of sophomore year.

This course is designed to give you the tools that you need to succeed in upper division courses; that is why we want you to take it BEFORE you enroll in other classes. Seniors take a seminar in either fall or spring. Everyone must take one. Please plan accordingly and have a conversation with your advisor about what seminar might be best for you.

Obtaining Your PIN

Please remember that POL advisors will not simply give out your PIN, and you must come to an advising session to receive your PIN (if you are out of the country or in Washington, you may e-mail your questions & your possible courses to your advisor. Otherwise, we expect to see you). These advising sessions are important not only for getting you into classes but discussing what classes would be good for you given your goals, helping to think about your goals, and providing you with other insights on courses, opportunities, and career development. All advisors have additional office hours during this pre-registration period, but they are not available at all times. Thus, it is your responsibility to plan ahead and meet with your advisor at a mutually convenient time.

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Students are encouraged and welcome to attend any of the events that are sponsored by the Political Science department. Often, these events coincide with compelling moments in our nation’s and the world’s history—you might just learn something new about a well-known political event (such as rebellions in the Soviet Union).

Remember, these programs are put on for YOUR benefit, so put the value of your education to the test and see for yourself what you can discover at a lecture during free period or from hearing an alumnus talk about how his time at SJU helped push his career to the next level.
What Are They Up To?
Some of our graduates have kept in touch and let us know about their plans. We're always happy to hear what they're doing and are always looking to feature our graduates in the newsletter or bring them back to campus. So, if you're an alumnus and want us to write about you, please contact Dr. B. at lbaglion@sju.edu.

Mario Gallagher
Mario is currently working at PHH Mortgage (Mt. Laurel, NJ) as a mortgage loan consultant and plans to earn his MBA through the company's scholarship program. While at SJU, Mario interned for credit at the McClain Firm as a legal assistant. He also worked at USLI Group as a compliance/legal intern.

Aaron Summers
Aaron is working as the Delaware County Field Director for the PA Victory Program, the grassroots arm of the Romney campaign in Pennsylvania, which coordinates volunteer efforts.

Jocelyn Voorhees
Jocelyn, who earned Departmental Honors for a thesis examining Brazil's decisions to pursue and then abandon its nuclear weapons program and was the winner of the Political Science Award for academic achievement at graduation, went to Washington right afterward to work with CRDF Global, an implementing organization for the State Department. She has been part of the Chemical Security Engagement Program and has assisted international grantees with travel to Chemical Safety & Security Workshops. She will be working on graduate school applications this year. During her time at SJU, she interned with the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia as well as the Project for Nuclear Awareness, and she volunteered with the United Nations Association of Philadelphia and Peace Day Philly.

Neil Pirozzi
Neil has been working at The Prime Network as a regional account manager. He started this position before graduating.

Lauren Stram
Lauren will be attending Temple Law School this fall. Lauren interned for multiple semesters with the Philadelphia DA's office while an undergraduate.

Ashley Wilson
A POL major and Faith/Justice minor, Ashley is working as a field associate at NETWORK, a Catholic social justice lobby in Washington DC. Ashley was extremely active in Campus Ministry and other organizations throughout her SJU career and interned for two semesters at LIFT (a poverty empowerment organization in Philadelphia) while she was at SJU.
Election 2012: Make an Informed Decision on November 6th!

View from the College Democrats

When President Obama first stepped into the oval office, the economy was losing as many as 800,000 jobs per month. As the economy was on the brink of collapse, he took action. Since then, we have added 5.2 million private sector jobs, 95% of American families have seen their taxes lowered, unemployment is down to 7.8%, the stock market has doubled, and we have seen job growth for 31 consecutive months. In just one term, President Obama made healthcare a right and not a privilege, repealed the discriminatory policy of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” and brought closure to the hearts of so many Americans by giving the order to kill Osama Bin Laden.

Now is not the time to go back to the failed economic policies that got us into this mess. Now is the time to continue moving forward and building on the progress we have made over the last four years. President Obama has a plan to reduce the deficit by $4 trillion as well as a plan that is estimated to create as many as 2 million new jobs. His “all of the above” energy approach has reduced our dependence on foreign oil and is laying the foundation for a renewable energy economy in the future.

President Obama knows that the economy does best when the middle class does best, and he believes in a nation where everyone has a shot at the American dream, not just those at the top. Help us continue to move the country forward. Vote Democrat on November 6th!

- Paul Febbo, ‘14
Vice-President, College Democrats

View from the College Republicans

This next presidential election will decide what path the country will take and will have major implications for our generation as basically all of us will be leaving the comforts of college and entering the “real world” and taking on real world responsibilities. Former Governor Mitt Romney has set himself up as the candidate that will restore America back to what made it the best. His qualifications are unique and include a successful business career in the private sector, leading the 2002 Winter Olympics and being the Governor of Massachusetts. He and his campaign have argued that the job that President Obama has done is unacceptable and have campaigned on the promise of a “real” recovery.

To achieve this real recovery, Romney has a five point plan which includes (1) energy independence, (2) improving education to give everyone the skills to succeed, (3) focusing on trade to curtail unfair practices of other countries and open new markets, especially in Latin America, (4) cutting the deficit, and (5) championing for small business. He hopes that this plan will create 12 million jobs, an important point for college students who are close to entering the job market. Romney plans to cut taxes across the board and making up for the loss of revenue by closing certain loopholes and deductions. He has not revealed specifics of this plan because he desires to work with Congress to develop a bipartisan plan. Romney’s team hopes to bring back the values that made America great and get all Americans back to work! Vote Republican!

- Magdalena Jagla, ‘14
Vice-President, College Republicans
On Thursday, October 18th, the Hawkling-Support-Network hosted its first ever Meet & Greet between all of the Pi Sigma Alpha leaders and freshmen Political Science and International Relations majors.

The goal was for all the HSN leaders to formally introduce themselves to their freshmen group. During the lunch, not only did the leaders meet their assigned freshmen, but they also got to know all of the freshmen that attended.

Since this year’s selection of HSN leaders is so well versed in a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities, the attending freshmen were able to take advantage of all of the leaders’ experiences. When freshmen had questions about double-majoring, interning in Philadelphia and Washington, DC, studying-abroad, doing weekly service, or becoming a Resident Assistant, HSN provided a leader to discuss the topic.

Hiu Chan, an International Relations major, had this to say: “I enjoyed being able to network with upperclassmen because, as a freshman, there’s so much to learn about SJU and the HSN leaders are great for asking advice.” As class registration approaches, the freshmen were able to hear specific tips and advice about the selection process, choosing classes and professors, and accessing the web server during times of high volume.

Annie Betz, (Vice-President of PSA), said, "It was great to meet the future of our university. As a senior, it's easy to fall into the same 'It goes by so fast!' 'Enjoy every second!' but meeting the freshmen IR and PoliSci majors, and seeing how excited they are about Saint Joe's, was wonderful. I can't wait to get to know them better!"

The PSA leaders would like to thank all of the freshmen who attended as well as Mrs. Fasy and both the Political Science Department and International Relations Program for providing the delicious pizza. The Hawkling-Support-Network is a peer-mentoring program for freshman Political Science and International Relations majors that is in its first year and coordinated by the Executive Board and other volunteers of the Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha.

Steven Coyle, ‘13
Recording Secretary, Pi Sigma Alpha