CPLS Welcomes Fr. Gillespie!

On September 6th 2012, Fr. Gillespie dedicated time in his inaugural schedule to meet and interact with members of the adult student population at Saint Joseph’s University. His calm manner and genuine interest in the nature of the event was exciting as he mingled with graduate students, CPLS students, faculty, and staff at the Office of Adult Student Life event. He acknowledged individuals by asking them about their experiences on campus as well as asking keen questions about their roles within the SJU community. Fr. Gillespie then collectively addressed the gathering by sharing insight into his life, personal philosophy, and snippets about the state of the University.

During the event, students were introduced to Fr. Gillespie through his dynamic speaking and were able to catch a glimpse of the new source of passionate leadership that will be directing initiatives that will directly impact students. Fr. Gillespie engaged with students by sharing highlights of anticipated campus updates in the upcoming years. During his speech, he emphasized the renewed importance of the campus call for “Magis” which he described as, “The greater good, and the discernment of it”. He went on further to note that, “The good is the enemy of the greater good.”

Fr. Gillespie addressed questions about the challenges that adult students face in obtaining a degree by noting the commitment level that it typically takes for adult students to juggle multiple demands on their time. He noted the importance of having to balance priorities while studying and working in a competitive environment. Throughout his speech, his points noticeably resonated with guests as they silently nodded in agreement, smiled at certain points, and seemed to applaud for a little longer when the speech ended.

Fr. Gillespie’s parting words to students - shared as a perfect blend of inspiration and acquired wisdom for their time ahead - were to, “Persevere with a passion but be disciplined about it. Discipline is a treasure that will bear fruit”.

PLS Staff

Paul L. DeVito
Dean, Vice Provost
610-660-1266

Patricia Griffin
Associate Dean
610-660-3116

Debbie Allen
Director of Advising & Retention
610-660-3116

Arthur Martin
Director, CPLS Online & Continuing Education
610-660-1260

Margaret Dugan
Director, Off-Campus Programs
610-660-1262

Sena Owereko
Director, Admissions & Recruitment
610-660-1267

TBA
Marketing & Communications
610-660-1261

Administrative Assistants:
Donna Mandery, Marie Stortini, & Melissa Serrano

David Ellis
Graduate Assistant

Office Hours:
Mon.-Thurs.  9:00 am-6:30 pm
Friday            9:00 am-5:00 pm
E-mail:  pls@sju.edu
Follow us on Facebook!
Dear Night Hawks,

It is with great joy and excitement – as well as a bit of nerves - that I welcome you to the fall 2012 semester. Whether your journey as a Hawk is just beginning, nearing its end or somewhere on the road – I celebrate with you, your commitment to academic excellence and the pursuit of knowledge. As a community, we also have great cause to celebrate, this summer we welcomed our 27th President, Father Kevin Gillespie SSJ. Fr. Gillespie’s inauguration is set for October 12. I hope you will be able to join us for this event.

No doubt you have experienced the ‘Magis’ signage along 54th Street, 30th Street Station, via tv spots during the Olympics, on our web pages, and multiple other destinations around Philadelphia. You’ll read that ‘Magis’ is a Jesuit principle which simply means: to live greater. My initial personal reflection was to say, yes – I do live the Magis. I fulfill multiple roles each day. I multi-task: serving my employer, family, friends and my community and I frequently put others’ needs before my own. In sum, I ‘give back’. Yet, when I dig a bit deeper to sincerely reflect, I embrace my ability to ‘live greater’ – even more. How freeing this has been. I don’t necessarily work more hours, in fact, I now see the need to stop and reflect throughout the day – take a time out, so that I don’t tire as easily. I also feel a sense of joy in my ability to be part of an unfolding story, not necessarily by ‘doing’ but also being present for these moments. I invite you to experience ‘the Magis’ and share your experience with us.

Go Night Hawks!

Patricia Griffin

---

**From The Desk of the Associate Dean**

---

**Are You Ready to Graduate?**

Students intending to graduate with a bachelor’s degree or associate degree are required to complete and submit an online Intent to Graduate application. There is no graduation application fee.

Students are strongly encouraged to schedule an advising appointment with a their CPLS academic advisor prior to submitting the graduation application in order to ensure that all academic requirements can be completed by the last day of the application term.

Call 610-660-1267 to schedule an advising appointment.

**Instructions on how to apply:**

Log on to MySJU.
- Click on the School Services tab.
- Click on the Student and Financial Aid folder in the center channel called Administrative Services.
- Click Student Records and Payments folder in the subsequent menu.
- Click Apply to Graduate and follow the instructions.

You can return to the same menu and click the View Application to Graduate link to review what you have submitted.

**Application Deadlines:**

- **Spring 2013** – January 25, 2013
- **Summer 2013** – January 25, 2013 (for those students intending to participate in the May 2013 Commencement Ceremony)
- **Summer 2013** – May 3, 2013

**NOTE:** Summer applicants may participate in the ceremony if you will have no more than two requirements to complete by the end of Summer Session II.
CPLS Expands Accelerated Off-Site Programs

CPLS offers strong, off-site, Professional and Liberal Studies degree programs with concentrations in Health Administration as well as in Organizational Development & Leadership. These program options provide insight into organizations and equip students with leadership, teamwork, and implementation skills which can be applied in variety of organizations.

Current off-campus locations include:
- AmeriHealth Mercy
- IBC
- MainLine Health
- Southeast Center (DCCC)

These programs are designed to create tight-knit student cohorts and facilitate interaction between students and instructors. The programs enhance networking opportunities for students that extend beyond the classroom.

In addition, CPLS continues to offer the B.S. in Criminal Justice degree program off-site for sworn police officers and others working in the criminal justice field.

Interested in learning more? Contact Margaret Dugan at mdugan@sju.edu for more information about off-site program offerings.

CPLS Launches New Ed2Go Partnership

Saint Joseph’s University’s College of Professional and Liberal Studies (CPLS) has expanded its professional continuing education division by offering not-for-credit online courses through a new partnership with Ed2Go. A leader in adult enrichment education, this partnership will allow CPLS to dynamically offer a variety of continuing education courses each semester.

“Our new partnership with Ed2Go allows us to adjust our SJU Professional continuing education online course offerings according to industry and market demands,” said Art Martin, Director of Online and Continuing Education for CPLS. “We want to equip students with the skills they need to advance their education and their careers. This partnership will allow us to give our students access to nationally known authors and experts in a variety of fields, and ultimately a competitive edge in the market, while supporting the future of others who enroll in the College of Professional and Liberal Studies.”

Proceeds from all SJU Professional programming supports the establishment of the CPLS scholarship fund used exclusively for the benefit of CPLS students. “Having these not-for-credit online courses available to the SJU community and beyond will support the needs of many constituents—SJU alums and friends who are interested in continuing education opportunities, current students as they prepare for advance study, as well as the CPLS student who needs additional scholarship support to continue their adult undergraduate education,” said Patricia Griffin, Associate Dean of the CPLS.

Courses currently cover four (4) general areas: test preparation, software skills, career and personal development. “This is a tremendous opportunity for the university to extend its support of our world-wide alumni beyond graduation”, stated Tom Monaghan, Executive Director, Alumni Relations. “The Continuing Education Units (CEUs) awarded for many of these courses will benefit them in their professional careers.”

Each course is designed to be affordable, fast and convenient for the adult learner. Length of courses ranges from the traditional semester to an expedited six-week model. For more information or to see how easy and convenient it is to enroll go to www.ed2go.com/sjuprofessional.
5 Characteristics of a Successful Student
Prepared by Debbie Allen

1. **Attend classes regularly.** They are on time. They listen and train themselves to pay attention. If they miss a class session, they feel obligated to let the instructor know why before class begins, if possible. They make sure they get all missed assignments.

2. **Take advantage of extra credit opportunities.** They demonstrate that they care about their grades and are willing to work to improve them.

3. **Are attentive in class.** They don't engage in disruptive chatter, text message, or surf the Internet while in class. They are polite and respectful, even if they get a little bored. They participate in class discussions. They ask questions that the instructor knows many other students may also have.

4. **See their instructors** before or after class or during office hours. These students demonstrate to the instructor that they are active participants in the learning process and that they take the job of being a student seriously.

5. **Turn in assignments that look neat and sharp.** They take the time to produce a final product that looks good, and reflects of a care and pride in their work. All work and assignments are turned in, even if some of their responses are not brilliant.

Abridged from original Source: [https://academic.cuesta.edu/acasupp/as/201.HTM](https://academic.cuesta.edu/acasupp/as/201.HTM); retrieved September 8, 2012.

**Career Planning**

Contact the Career Development Center at 610.660.3100 or via email to career-help@sju.edu for information about October networking events.

**Faith-Justice Courses**

The Faith-Justice Studies Program is an interdisciplinary, self-designed curriculum that enables students to integrate their major area of study with inquiries into faith and social justice issues. Faith-Justice study courses aim to provide students with tools and approaches for acting as faithful citizens in a more just society. All students interested in faith-justice issues are welcome to enroll in Faith-Justice Studies courses. Designated classes vary by semester; interested students should consult the Faith-Justice Studies website at: [http://www.sju.edu/academics/centers/faithjustice/fjstudies/courses.html](http://www.sju.edu/academics/centers/faithjustice/fjstudies/courses.html)

Are you a **PLS Power Player?** Are you ready to share your CPLS story with new students? Contact sowereko@sju.edu to learn how you can help!