Greetings Professional and Liberal Studies and Saint Joseph’s University community. Congratulations on completing another year in your educational program. A special congratulations to our PLS graduates.

I am sure that you are feeling a sense of relief and accomplishment. I realize that the life of many adult students does not stop for the summer. Instead...as they say... "life moves on." For whatever this means to you for the summer months, I wish all of you continued progress and success in your educational and professional lives.

On the personal front, I hope that you will be able to take some time to enjoy your loved ones and take some much needed "R & R."

The PLS staff will continue to be here for support over the summer months. We look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best from PLS.

-Dr. V

Welcome from Associate Dean Dr. John Vacca

PLS worked closely with media services to produce a promotional video outlining our programs for adult learners.

Many thanks to our students, Noelle Hotaling and Tameka Bryant for participating in the production of the PLS video!

View the PLS video by clicking here!
PLS Launches the new BLS degree

The Professional and Liberal Studies (PLS) Adult Undergraduate Program in the College of Arts and Sciences at Saint Joseph’s University is offering a new Bachelor’s degree beginning Summer 2016 for incoming undergraduate adult students. This new degree is a Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS).

To qualify, students must be over the age of 22 and have at least thirty college transfer credits. The new Bachelor of Liberal Studies was created with the adult student at the forefront of this decision. PLS embraces the experience of our diverse adult students and recognizes the complexities and importance of balancing work, education, and family. Our undergraduate programs are designed with these complexities in mind.

The BLS includes programs such as Criminal Justice Studies, Elementary Education, English and Professional Writing.

Charlotte Newcombe Scholarship Awardees

Established with a grant from the Newcombe Foundation, the Charlotte Newcombe scholarships are made possible by the vision of Charlotte W. Newcombe, a Philadelphia philanthropist with a strong appreciation for higher education. Since 1981, the Newcombe Foundation has awarded scholarships to select institutions based on specific eligibility standards. SJU is proud to be included among this exclusive group. Recipients must be at least 25 years old and have completed 60 credits toward their undergraduate degree, or at least half their coursework. More information is available by clicking here!

Congratulations to the following Spring 2016 awardees:

Katie Cuttone
Susanna Higgins
Keera Holland

The 2016 Awards Ceremony and Alpha Sigma Lambda Inductions

The 2016 Awards Ceremony and Alpha Sigma Lambda Inductions took place on Wednesday, May 11th at the Chapel of Saint Joseph’s, with a reception to follow in the Campion Student center. Both HDC and PLS students were honored for their high academic achievements in their respective fields, as well as inducted into this prestigious adult student honor society. Many faculty, chairs, and deans were present, as well as President Reed.

ASL Inductees:

Richard J. Ficco Sr.
Patricia L. Gibbons
Patricia L. Gilbert
Carol Ann Gill
Luke F. Gorman
Patricia Gregg
Cynthia M. Hayward
Chelsea Herrmann
Adam Holland
Ahmad R. Hylk
William Michael Jarema
Mariana Kamienieva
Jesse Kane
Leo Ryan Kemp

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Student Resources

University resources for our students. Just click the link!

Drexel Library Home Page
The Writing Center
SJU Bookstore
Academic Calendar
Class Schedule
Adult Student Life Office

Need an advising appointment? Use this online booking tool to schedule a phone or in person appointment with an advisor.

Visit plsadvising.youcanbook.me

The Professional and Liberal Studies office is located in Merion Hall, Suite 220!

PLS also posts updates and information on Facebook. Visit Facebook.com/sjuls. Be sure to “Like” us!
The Professional and Liberal Studies program at Saint Joseph's University embraces the experience of our diverse adult students and challenges them to adapt to the demands of a global society through engagement in an integrative curriculum built on a strong liberal arts foundation. The PLS community prides itself on sharing its Jesuit roots and Ignatian values of ethics, social justice, and care for the whole person. It is our vision for PLS students to further develop themselves as critical thinkers, skilled creators, and innovators within their professional and personal lives.

Meet PLS Alumnus Jeff Weir

Jeff Weir is a PLS alumnus working in the Education unit here at Saint Joseph’s University. Two SJU students had the opportunity to sit down with Jeff this April to discuss his experience as a former student in the Professional and Liberal Studies program.

Jeff graduated in 2001 with a degree in English Literature. At that time, Jeff notes, there was no Blackboard® and email was not as popular, it was harder to engage. “Now PLS can be much more effective in communication because of new resources and technologies.” Jeff adds. Jeff describes PLS as a supportive community with excellent programs that provide a liberal arts education but also lets you grow on your own. While the program has so many degrees to choose from, Jeff felt, at times it could be a little overwhelming, but the advice and support given to students regarding all of the options was it’s there. There are opportunities for help in all aspects.” He notes that the University has so many resource outlets available to its students.

Jeff enjoys the culture of learning that comes along with working in higher education. He believes that the Professional and Liberal Studies program at Saint Joseph’s University gave him a well-balanced education that aided him in preparing for his future endeavors.

Jeff, pictured above with his family in Washington D.C.

Thanks Jeff!