

SAINT JOHNS UNIVERSITY PARENT ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint John's Parent Association exists to facilitate the partnership between Parents and University faculty and administration to enhance the educational experience of students. The Parent Association serves parents of current students by keeping them informed about, and involved in, students learning and development.

MEMBERSHIP

All parents, guardians or sponsors of University students and alumni are members of the Parent Association.

MANAGEMENT

The Parent Association is managed and directed by the Office of Student Development and coordinates all components of the Parent Program in collaboration with a variety of administrative departments (ie, Presidents Office, Academic Affairs, Financial Aid, and Campus Life).

PROGRAMS

The Parent Association assists with a number of special programs designed to serve parents by keeping them informed about, and involved in the students' educational experience. These programs include the following:

Parent Committee

Purpose: As a representative body, the committee facilitates communication and understanding between the University and all parents.

Responsibilities: Committee members assist in planning, implementing, managing and evaluating Parent Association programs and services to meet the needs of parents and involve them in the life of the community. Incorporating the focus group model, the committee engages in ongoing institutional reflection with University faculty and administrators. Issues and topics include (but are not limited to) academic advising, financial aid, tuition, career counseling, curriculum requirements, cultural diversity, housing and student activities.

Membership: The committee consists of parents, guardians and/or sponsor of current students. Membership reflects the diversity of the student body. Appointments are made by the Co-chairs of the Parent Committee after consultation with committee members and the University Admission office.

Terms: Committee members typically serve for the duration of their student's enrollment at SJU.

Meetings: The full committee meets 3-4 times a year: summer (Move-In Day), fall (Family Weekend), winter (January or February) and spring (April, same Saturday as Mother/Son Dance). Meetings are held on campus. Project teams meet in the interim as necessary.

Move In Day

The Parent Committee facilitates the Hospitality Center which serves as the central hub of information for first year students and their parents. Committee members also participate in Parent Information Session which provides the opportunity for parents to ask questions and share concerns they may have about their son's first year at college. This program is organized by the Student Activities and Leadership Development Department.

Family Weekend

This is a comprehensive two and a half day event consisting of academic, spiritual, social and recreational activities for the entire family. Parent Committee members welcome families to campus as well as serve the Annual Chili Feed at SJU. This program is organized by the Student Activities and Leadership Development department.

Parent Survey Program

It is the intention of the Parent Committee to be a source of information to all parents of first year students. The survey provides the opportunity for parents to share any concerns, questions, likes and dislikes about their son's first year experience at SJU. The survey is available online at <https://www.csbsju.edu/sjustuddev/parentcallingform.aspx> and can be completed at any time. Comments/questions are sent directly to the Student Development Office and remain confidential. The Parent Committee also welcomes the opportunity to visit with parents. Parent committee members and/or SJU staff members will make every effort to contact parents directly.

E-Newsletter

A monthly newsletter delivered electronically to parents of CSB/SJU students to provide updates on campus news and events. To find out past news and events, visit <http://www.csbsju.edu/news/enews/default.htm>.

Careers

The Career Counseling Program is continuously looking for internship opportunities for SJU students. Parents whose businesses may be able to provide internship, mentoring, or shadowing opportunities for students are invited to provide that information to the Personal and Professional Development Center, (320)363-3236 or visit their website <http://www.csbsju.edu/ppdc>.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Every attempt is made to network the Parent Committee with other departments for volunteer opportunities. Events, such as Campus Visit Days (hosted by Admissions), are an excellent way for parent committee members to visit with prospective students and families as to what SJU has to offer.

For more information, visit [CSB/SJU Parent Relations](#). To volunteer for any of the programs, you may contact Tonya Miller, Office of Student Development, at (320)363-2737 or tmiller@csbsju.edu.

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