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This issue: Inaugural Alumni Reunion Weekend, 37th Many Are One Gala, Historical Giving Day milestone, Seton Hall Night at Yankee Stadium & more...



Join us for our **first ever Alumni Reunion Weekend on June 7 – 8!** Special recognition of our Golden and Silver Pirate alumni will take place throughout the day as well as other activities including:

- Milestone tent party
- A chance to hear from University leadership
- Walking tours of campus featuring the Basketball Practice Facility, University Center, dorms, and more
- A performance in the theatre
- Reunion Weekend Mass, vow renewal, and cocktail reception
- Happy Hour (Beer and Wine Garden)
- **...and more!**

Register Now

Many Are One

37th Annual Many Are One Alumni Awards Gala

Friday, June 7, 2024 | The Westin Governor Morris

As part of our Inaugural Alumni Reunion Weekend, we cordially invite you to our 37th Annual Many Are One Alumni Awards Gala. This year, we recognize and celebrate our **2024 Most Distinguished Alumnus, Bryan Jakovcic '09**. We are also excited to announce our **Young Alumna Award** and **Alumni Impact Award** recipients for 2024.

Please join us for an evening of **celebration, great food and music, dancing, and Pirate Pride** all while supporting the **Resilience, Integrity, Scholarship, and Excellence (R.I.S.E.) Program**.

Register



Alumni Impact Award

Naima K. Ricks, M.A.E. '13/Ph.D. '22
Executive Director, After-School All-Stars - New Jersey



2024 Most Distinguished Alumnus

Bryan Jakovcic '09
Founder and President of Fusion Health



Young Alumna Award
Carina Castagna '21/M.P.A. '22
Founder, Pesto Joe

Thank you for making Seton Hall Giving Day a success!



Because of the generosity of alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff, University leadership, and so many more, we surpassed our goal of 1,856 donors, and achieved a **historic milestone, raising over \$2M from more than 2,200 donors.** Your support is already making a tangible difference in the lives of students and for the University.

[Read about our Giving Day success](#)

Upcoming Events



[Chicago Happy Hour](#)

May 22 | 5 - 8 p.m. | Marshall's Landing, The Merchandise Mart

Join fellow Chicago Pirates for a fun and casual happy hour hosted by Richard Gill '92 and Ally McCormick '21. Registration and the first beer is complimentary thanks to our host, Richard. Other refreshments will be pay as you go.

[Register Now](#)



Stillman Alumni Summer Reception

June 6 | 6 - 9 p.m. | PAR 440 Restaurant and Lounge

Join fellow Stillman alumni for a joyful evening connecting with one another and celebrating the accomplishments of the School over the past year! Light refreshments will be served.

[Register Now](#)



[Welcome to the Neighborhood](#)

June 22 | 3 - 7 p.m. | Bar Anticipation, Lake Como, NJ

Calling all Pirates! Join us down the shore for our Welcome to the Neighborhood event at Bar Anticipation. With the purchase of a \$25 ticket, you will receive unlimited BBQ and two free drink tickets. Come out with your fellow Pirates and celebrate being a part of our amazing alumni community!

[Register Now](#)



[Seton Hall Night at Yankee Stadium](#)

August 21 | 7:05 p.m. | Yankee Stadium

Batter up! Seton Hall Night returns to Yankee Stadium this summer when the Yankees go up against the Cleveland Guardians. This year, we have some exciting additions. **Purchase your ticket(s) by June 15 and you will receive an exclusive co-branded New York Yankees and Seton Hall pinstripe jersey!**

90 minutes of all-inclusive food, beer, and refreshments on the Mastercard Batter's Eye Deck, located in centerfield.

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In the News



[Respected Sportscaster Gary Cohen to Address Class of 2024](#)





Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute Welcomes New Executive Director

Spotlight



Nursing Alumna Patricia Acevedo Rises Against All Odds and Opens Independent Practice as a Nurse Practitioner

Nursing alumna, Patricia Acevedo '21, defied all odds on her path to success. Read her story to learn more about how she overcame adversity, opened her own practice, and transformed her dreams into reality.

[Read Patricia's Story](#)



Empowering Pirates: How Alumni Volunteerism and Mentorship Resulted in One Sophomore's Success Story

For National Volunteer Month this past April, alumnus Joe Testa '12 and sophomore Michael Puskas '26 share their experiences from the Stillman Mentor Program, underscoring the impact of alumni volunteerism at Seton Hall.

[Read More](#)

Recap



On Wednesday, April 17, alumni and friends celebrated the **WSOU's 76th anniversary** and honored the outstanding achievements of this year's WSOU Hall of Fame inductees. The ceremony paid tribute to the remarkable contributions of WSOU alumni in their broadcast careers. It was a night filled with nostalgia, camaraderie, and Pirate Pride. [View photos from the event here.](#)



Thank you to all who attended the **51st Annual Margaret C. Haley Awards** on Monday, May 6. It was a night filled with celebration as we recognized outstanding individuals for their exceptional contributions to the nursing profession. Congratulations again to all of our honorees. [To relive the memorable moments, be sure to view photos from the event here.](#)

Campus Corner: Featured Funds

[Investing in Our Future](#) | [Investing in Our Students](#)

Buccino Leadership Institute



The Buccino Leadership Institute enables students to be extraordinary leaders who serve with heart and integrity in the face of challenges. The Institute gives them the tools to develop a mindset of adaptability, digital innovation, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence skills. We show them how to empower themselves so they can empower others.

[Learn more and show your support here.](#)

Office of International Programs



The Office of International Programs (OIP) supports international students who come to Seton Hall from all over the world, as well as Pirates who elect to enhance their educational experience with a study abroad program. OIP aims to continue to build a global campus culture that will prepare the next generation of students to thrive in a complex world.

[Learn more and show your support here.](#)

Stay Engaged

Pirate's Eye Podcast



Pirate's Eye on Viannca Velez '10

In celebration of National Volunteer Month in April, we flipped the script on our podcast host, Viannca Velez '10 - a communications strategist with over 13 years of experience who currently serves as the Director of Communications for New York City's Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute. Take a listen as our Assistant Director of Alumni Communication and Digital Engagement, Aaron Smith, puts the Pirate Eye on Viannca.

[Listen Now](#)

Pirate Appearances



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Looking to make an event extra special with a fun surprise? Book the Pirate who is sure to make your special day fun, exciting, and memorable.

Please be sure to give the Pirate at least 30 days advance notice.

Pictured: The wedding of Chris Herron '10/M.S. '21 to Jen Kelliher on May 13, 2022 featuring the Pirate.

[Send the Pirate An Invite](#)

Alumni Benefit Highlight



Reserve the Chapel for your special day

Love is in bloom as we welcome the start of wedding season from May to October! Nestled in the heart of campus, our Chapel offers a picturesque backdrop for your special day. Let Seton Hall be the start of your happily ever after.

Requirements to reserve:

A member of the couple has to be a Seton Hall alumnus and of the Catholic faith.

To reserve, please contact the Secretary for Campus Ministry, Melinda Prather, at melinda.prather@shu.edu or (973) 761-9589.

Pictured: Michael A. DiStefano '16/M.S. '16 to Khrystyna Yermachenkova '16 on March 3, 2021 at Seton Hall's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

Pirate Treasure Chest



Seton Hall Ladies Mom T-shirt

Mother's Day is around the corner - a day to honor all the incredible mothers who fill our lives with love, laughter, and endless support. Celebrate mom in true Pirate style this Mother's Day with this Seton Hall Ladies Mom T-shirt! Show her how much she means to you with this heartfelt gift.

Enjoy 10% off at check-out by entering code ALUM2006 into the "Order Comments" section. The discount will be reflected on your final bill when your order is processed at the bookstore. **Cannot be combined with any other sale or promotion.*

Purchase Your Shirt

Heard Around the Hall

News

- [Nursing Influencer Taps Into Student Experience, Recommends Seton Hall for Aspiring Nurse Practitioners](#)
- [Profiles in Faith: The Stories That Shape Seton Hall's ICSST Community](#)
- [Diplo Alumni Spotlight: Fredrik Nilsson, M.A.'23 Launches Career as Intelligence Analyst](#)
- [Seton Hall University Joins Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities \(HACU\)](#)
- [World Leaders Forum: Fostering Connections Among Students and Global Influencers](#)
- [Graduate Admission Updates Open Doors for B.S.N. Students](#)
- [Crossroads or Crisis? Panel Tackles the Pressing Issues in College Athletics](#)
- [Bringing Seton Hall to the World: This Spring's Study Abroad Trip to Italy](#)
- [Top U.S. News Rankings for Seton Hall Graduate Programs in Health Professions](#)



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