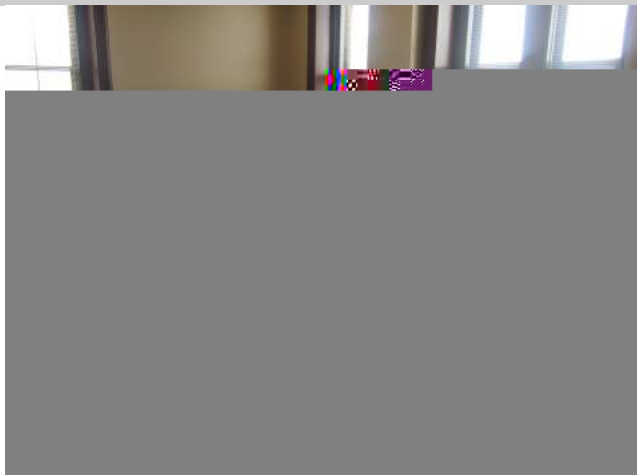


Business Alumni Network

Student Organization News

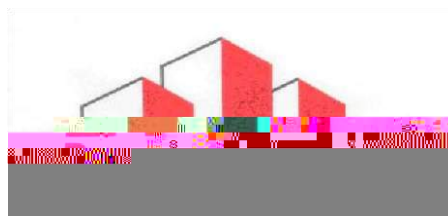


There are currently 3 clubs on campus for business students; ACE, FREE, and SBA. They are always looking for speakers for events. If you would like to speak at an event or would like more information, please contact the following people:

For ACE: Steve Morsette

For FREE: Shannon Brown

For SBA: Rich Vaughan



Student Alumni Mentoring Program (SAM)

In its third year, SAM matched 36 students with 36 mentors allowing for a very successful year.

This program was established to bring students and alumni together in order to provide a professional relationship, which will help mentor current students preparing to begin their careers.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact the Alumni & Family Relations Office at (877) 811-ALUM or alumni@stfrancis.edu

Alumni Article:

Joliet's New Link to The World

By: Tim Wills '92

Will County has been a major commercial center since the 1840s, when the Illinois & Michigan Canal was completed. The county, and especially Joliet, became of increasing importance once railroads were built to serve the area beginning in the early 1850s.

The latest addition to the area transportation network is CenterPoint Intermodal Center to the immediate south of Joliet in the town of Elwood. Built on the former site of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, CenterPoint Intermodal Center (<http://www.centerpoint-intermodal.com/>) was completed in 2002, and is the site of intermodal facilities operated by BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad, distribution centers, and a grain transload facility on the DesPlaines River.

CenterPoint Intermodal Center is easily accessible from I-55 at the Arsenal Road exit. BNSF's Logistics Park Chicago (LPC) intermodal facility is located south of Arsenal Road along Baseline Road, and Union Pacific's Global IV facility is west of Route 53 between Laraway Road and Millsdale Road. Both railroads' facilities transfer freight containers between trains and trucks.

BNSF's facility is on its Chicago-Los Angeles line, and the UP intermodal terminal is on the Chicago-St. Louis route that also hosts Amtrak passenger trains.

Several distribution centers are also at the CenterPoint site, including Cargill, WalMart, Bissell, and Georgia-Pacific.

As the Will County Center for Economic Development noted, "Over \$65 billion of international freight passes through these facilities annually." (<http://www.willcountyced.com/>) Both the UP and BNSF terminals together handle "over 3 million TEU (twenty foot equivalent unit) annually." (dal)-12(fa)4(ci)-5()



Upcoming Alumni Events

Young Alumni Happy Hour

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta!

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Join us as we celebrate Mexican culture that's enjoyed worldwide a few days early this year with traditional cuisine and an authentic Mariachi band. Margaritas (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic), chips, salsa and guacamole will be plentiful and all are invited to join in on the festivities!

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5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Turk Theater, Tower Hall 1st Floor

\$10 per person

(\$5 of each ticket is a tax deductible donation)

Joliet Slammers Game & Picnic

Play ball! Join us for an evening with friends, food, fireworks and fun! A picnic dinner is included with each ticket. Watch with us while the Joliet Slammers bring home a win "at the old ball game!"

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7:05 p.m.

Silver Cross Field, Joliet

\$8 per person (3 & under are free)

Limited Tickets Available

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