



Dear Saint Francis University Students and Parents,

Saint Francis University takes pride in investing in our students' future success. Saint Francis University students benefit from more reading and writing intensive courses, and invest more time studying than peers at other institutions. Additionally, our students have more face-to-face time with faculty mentors than the national average and graduates earn 21.8% more than their predicted earnings resulting in the University receiving a score of 91 from the Brookings Institution. Our commitment to having a 'Mind for Excellence' consistently yields our graduates with higher salaries than graduates from 19 of our 20 peer institutions.

This extra dedication has led to accolades such as being named among the 2016-17 "Best Colleges" for educational quality and affordability; alumni success by *Money*, a national financial publication, and ranked by *US News & World Report* among the top 15% of private institutions nationwide.

Investments in academic success are necessary to ensure that the University continues to provide students with access to quality learning facilities, preparing them for placement in their respective fields. In 2016, Saint Francis University was proud to open two new research and learning facilities to build on this success. These facilities are the Center for the Study of Occupational Research in the Shields School of Business and The Keirn Family World War II Museum in the School of Arts and Letters.

The University is currently in the planning and design stages of adding a 10,000 square foot interdisciplinary health science lab to Sullivan Hall as part of a phased renovation and building project. This \$4 million dollar project will be funded with a \$1 million dollar grant from the State of Pennsylvania and our generous alumni. The University also plans on implementing wi-fi and internet improvements to all residence halls. All of these investments solidify the University's commitment to providing our students with quality academic learning and residence facilities.

We certainly realize that the cost of higher education is a concern for parents and students. Please know that we make every effort to be good stewards, using our resources carefully and effectively. Accordingly, after serious consideration, the Board of Trustees has [approved tuition and room and board adjustments for the 2017-2018 academic year](#).

Students are drawn to Saint Francis University because we walk beside them as they become the person they are meant to be. Step forward with us toward a better future.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 814-472-3261 or [jsavino@francis.edu](mailto:jsavino@francis.edu).

Sincerely,

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