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TERRIER NEWS UNLEASHED

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Terrier Tuesday Kicks Off the Fall Semester with Fun and Connection

Students came together in true Terrier spirit at Terrier Tuesday, enjoying an afternoon filled with games, music, and opportunities to connect. From esports competitions and giant Jenga challenges to a DJ-powered dance floor and a bustling Club Fair, the event offered something for everyone and set the stage for an exciting semester ahead.

Events like Terrier Tuesday are at the heart of campus life, bringing students together to make new friends, explore campus involvement

opportunities, and create lasting memories. The enthusiasm and energy on display reminded us what makes the St. Francis College community so special: a welcoming environment where students can connect, have fun, and feel at home.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the many staff members, student leaders, and campus partners whose hard work made the event possible. Most importantly, thank you to the students who showed up, participated, and helped make the

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day such a memorable success. As we begin the first day of classes, we extend our best wishes to all students, faculty, and staff for a successful and rewarding semester.

Here's to a great start and an even greater year ahead!



THE LEARNING LOUNGE



CSTEP ConnectED: 2026 Summer Bridge Experience

The **Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP)** is a NYS grant funded program designed to support economically disadvantaged students pursuing degrees and careers in STEM and other licensed professions by providing academic support, mentoring, professional development, and opportunities for success.

The CSTEP team welcomed new and continuing students to **CSTEP ConnectED**, a two-day Summer Bridge Experience designed to help students begin the Fall 2026 semester feeling prepared, connected, and supported. The program centered on our CSTEP slogan and theme **“Together We Are Stronger”** and provided students with opportunities to build community, explore campus resources, develop essential academic and professional skills, and connect with mentors and fellow CSTEP students.

On August 18, the first day of the program, **30 attendees**, consisting of both new **CSTEP students** and **AIM mentors** participated in orientation activities, icebreakers, and workshops focused on Canvas, email etiquette, academic writing, and CLL resources. Students engaged in a STEM career readiness and preparation session led by alumna **Supriya Sarker '26** and had the opportunity to learn more about the AIM Mentorship Program.

On August 19, **40 attendees** consisting of both **new and continuing CSTEP students** participated in a full day of programming focused on student success and personal development. Activities included icebreakers, Terrier Pride and Club awareness, Managing Stress workshop led by our Counseling and Wellness Center, a Success Coaching workshop, and a financial literacy session led by SFC alumna Shakima Figueroa-Collins '05 of JPMorgan Chase.

CSTEP ConnectED provided students with a welcoming and engaging experience that strengthened their sense of belonging, introduced them to valuable campus and community resources, and equipped them with tools to support their academic and personal success throughout the year. **CSTEP Director Michelle Batchu** and **Success Coach/Program Coordinator Shyneice Sutherland** are excited to welcome these students to the CSTEP family and look forward to supporting them throughout a productive, successful, and rewarding 2026-2027 academic year at SFC.

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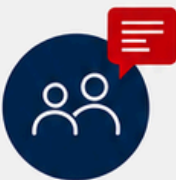
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3. THEY GET ADMITTED

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A Summer to Remember, A Semester to Celebrate

As summer came to a close, St. Francis College wrapped up the season with a week that showcased the energy, connection, and opportunity that define the SFC Experience.

The campus came alive with friendly competition during our **annual indoor tennis and soccer tournaments**, bringing members of the community together through teamwork and Terrier pride. At the same time, we proudly welcomed our newest undergraduate and graduate students during orientation sessions, helping them begin their SFC journey with confidence and excitement.

The College also had the honor of hosting distinguished guests, **Dr. Bollineni Bhaskara Rao of KIMS Hospitals** and **Dr. Anil Palla of University HUB**, for conversations centered on global education, healthcare innovation, and future partnerships that can expand opportunities for students.

These moments reflect what makes St. Francis College special: a commitment to community, meaningful experiences, and creating pathways for success both in Brooklyn and beyond. SFC continues to combine value, opportunity, and engagement to deliver a truly transformative educational experience. And with the fall semester now underway, the excitement is only growing.



HEALTH & WELLNESS SPOTLIGHT

Wellness, Connection, and a Fresh Start

Our summer has been very eventful as we continue to meet with the new students through the new student orientations. We've welcomed a class of 600 students and were able to speak to them during the fun scavenger hunt activity!

Our Recharge Room has moved to room 6205!

The Recharge Room is a low stimulation environment for those who need to take a breather or rest from high stimulation.

Into the fall semester, we onboarded our new counselors. Through the orientation, our counseling interns became better informed and prepared to provide the best care to our new and current students.

The new school year is starting! Follow the Counseling and Wellness Center as we plan a year full of engaging and supportive activities.

September is also Suicide Prevention and Awareness month. To bring awareness about suicide, the counseling and wellness team will be providing workshops to the new students with Facts vs Myths about suicide.

We will also be hosting an event called **"Letters of Hope"**, where students will be able to write a few words or letters to bring hope in another person's life. This event will be shared through Instagram and the school boards. We want to continue to share the importance of mental health in our lives and how community continues to help support mental health.



Building And Finding Community

Our words of hope are one of the biggest parts of building a community that is safe, welcoming, and full of warmth. Humans are social beings and we can't live in isolation. We thrive in communities that allow us to feel a sense of belonging. People who struggle in finding community are also 5 times more likely to experience depression (Park et al., 2023). As can be seen, community is an integral part of our lives and fulfills the social wellness aspect of mental health.

While communities can help bring in a sense of belonging, they also provide support and a feeling of purpose. Finding a community that fulfills parts of our needs and continuing to pour into that community, is essential to create an environment of care and empathy for yourself and those around you.

Need Support? *The Counseling & Wellness Center is available throughout the academic schoolyear to support you.*

 **Counseling & Wellness Center, Room 7214**
 **Email: sfccounseling@sfc.edu**
 **Instagram: [@sfc_counseling.wellness](https://www.instagram.com/sfc_counseling.wellness)**



A Night of Connection at Citi Field

The St. Francis College community enjoyed a memorable summer evening at Citi Field, thanks to the generosity of Fred Wilpon and the leadership of President Tim Cecere. Incoming students, alumni, Trustees, school counselors, community partners, staff, and friends of the College gathered for a night of baseball, connection, and celebration, joined by Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez.

While the Mets thrilled fans with a close victory, the evening was about much more than the game. It was an opportunity to strengthen relationships, welcome future Terriers, and showcase the experiences that make St. Francis College special.

Events like these reflect the SFC Experience, creating meaningful connections and opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. As we look ahead to the new academic year, we're excited to welcome our incoming students and continue building momentum for an outstanding year ahead.

Franciscan Month is Almost Here!

October is just around the corner, and that means it's time to celebrate Franciscan Month at St. Francis College. Throughout the month, students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in a variety of events and activities that celebrate the values, traditions, and spirit of the Franciscan community. From prayer services and volunteer opportunities to health and wellness programs, special presentations, and community gatherings, there is truly something for everyone.

Featured Events

October 1 - Interfaith Prayer Service (Time TBD)
 October 2 - Brooklyn Botanic Garden Visit, 11am
 October 4 - Animal Parade and Blessing, 1pm
 October 5 - Feast Day Mass, 1pm (Chapel)
 October 6 - Volunteer Fair
 October 7 - Rosary Procession, 2pm (5th Floor)
 October 8 - Peace-Blossom College, 1pm (St. Francis Hall)
 October 13 - Health Fair
 October 15 - Creation Hour, 1pm (Conservatory)
 October 19 - Bringing Assisi to Brooklyn, 1pm (Room 6116)
 October 21 - Contemplation Across the Miles (Chapel)
 October 26 - Dr. Kruse Presentation, 1pm (Room 6203)
 October 27 - SAHS Schola, 10:30am
 October 28 - Interfaith Appreciation Breakfast
 October 29 - Interfaith Spiritual Crawl

Get Involved

Franciscan Month ambassadors are needed to help support these events and activities. If you're interested in getting involved, stop by **Room 5107** to speak with **Brother Greg** or contact him at gcellini@sfc.edu.

Join us as we celebrate a month of faith, service, reflection, and community. Stay tuned for additional event details and come experience the Franciscan spirit all month long!



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Animal Parade & Blessing

A neighborhood celebration
for pets & their people.

Sunday, October 4, 2026
1:00 pm

Parade Start Location

Assumption Church
55 Cranberry Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Blessing Location

Brooklyn Heights Promenade
End of Orange Street

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

franciscanmonth.org

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WHO'S IN THE DOGHOUSE THIS MONTH?

On the Leash: Back-to-School Edition

As the fall semester kicks off, Terriers are filling classrooms, reconnecting with friends, and settling into new routines. But not everyone has started the year on the right paw. This week, we're taking a playful look at who might have landed in the Doghouse during the first days of classes!

The Snooze Button Champion

You swore you'd make it to every class on time. Then your alarm went off... and so did your plans.

The Unprepared Student

You made it to class but forgot your notebook, charger, or syllabus. At least you remembered where the classroom was!

The "I'll Remember It" Optimist

You skipped writing down that assignment because it seemed easy to remember. How's that working out?

The Coffee Line Gambler

Class starts in five minutes, but the coffee line looks short. Famous last words.

The good news? It's a new semester, and everyone has a first-week slip-up. Learn from it, laugh about it, and keep moving forward.

Stay sharp, Terriers, and try to stay out of the Doghouse! 🐾



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 17	Club Fair
SEPT 21	McGuire/Kessler Kick-Off
SEPT 24	CSTEP Welcome Back
SEPT 24	President's Lecture Series : Constitution Day with Council Member Rita Joseph
SEPT 28	Brendan J. '68 and Barbara A. Dugan Memorial Golf Outing
OCT 6	World CP Day
OCT 8	Annual Peace Run
OCT 19	Passing the Torch Alumni Event

Note: The events and schedules listed are subject to change without notice.



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