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29th Annual Dugan Memorial Golf Outing Supports St. Francis College Students

St. Francis College brought together alumni, friends, and supporters for the **29th Annual Brendan J. and Barbara Dugan Memorial Golf Outing**, celebrating community and raising support for the College and its students.

This year's outing honored **Dr. Victor Masi** and highlighted the generosity of those who continue to invest in the future of St. Francis College. Sponsors, golfers, the Dugan family, and the College's Golf Committee helped make the event a success.

Beyond a day on the course, the outing reflected a shared commitment to expanding opportunities for the next generation of Terriers. The support generated through the event helps advance the College's promise of providing a "**Great Education at a Great Price.**"

St. Francis College extends its gratitude to everyone who participated and contributed, reaffirming the important role its community plays in supporting student success.

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SFC Graduate Students Come Together for Fall 2026 Term A Academic Residency

St. Francis College welcomed graduate students back to campus for the Fall 2026 Term A Academic Residency, bringing students, faculty, and staff together for a shared experience of learning and connection.

The residency offered an opportunity for graduate students to engage with the College community and strengthen connections with classmates and faculty.

These moments together are a meaningful part of the graduate experience, creating space for students to exchange perspectives and build relationships beyond their regular coursework.

Students brought enthusiasm and energy to campus, while the dedication of faculty and staff helped make the residency a welcoming and memorable experience. Their collective participation reflected the sense of community that supports graduate education at St. Francis College.

Thank you to Grad Central, Staff and Faculty who contributed to the Fall 2026 Academic Residency and we look forward to welcoming graduate students back for future opportunities to learn, connect, and grow together.













Interested in learning more about our graduate programs? Reach out to Graduate Admissions via email at **graduate@sfc.edu** or Visit **Grad Central at Room 5202**.



Terriers Visit Kings County Supreme Court

Twelve St. Francis College students visited the Kings County Supreme Court in Brooklyn as part of an experiential learning opportunity sponsored by the **St. Thomas Moore Pre-Law Society**.

During the visit, students observed court proceedings and spoke with a judge about his professional experience and the legal field. The experience allowed students to connect classroom learning with real-world legal practices while exploring opportunities in the legal profession.

SFC Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

St. Francis College celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a bilingual Mass and luncheon, bringing together students and staff to recognize Hispanic and Latino heritage, culture, and traditions.

The celebration highlighted the contributions of generations past, but also the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and families who continue to shape our College and our communities.





SFC Hosts College Fair for High School Students

SFC welcomed high school students to its Downtown Brooklyn campus for a college fair in partnership with the **College Bound Initiative** and **Student Leadership Network**.

The event provided students with an opportunity to explore higher education options, learn about different colleges and academic programs, and ask questions about the college application process.

The fair aimed to help students make informed decisions while connecting them with college representatives and resources.

St. Francis College Opens Franciscan Month with Interfaith Prayer Service





St. Francis College opened Franciscan Month with an **Interfaith Prayer Service** bringing together students, faculty, and staff from different religious backgrounds.

The event began with a proclamation from the **New York City Council officially recognizing October as Franciscan Month in the 33rd Council District**. Representatives of Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and Hindu traditions offered prayers and reflections centered on faith, hope, peace, and love.

The service highlighted the College's Franciscan values of inclusion, respect, and community service, emphasizing unity and understanding among different faith traditions.



SFC Recognized as a Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossom College

St. Francis College was officially designated a **Sri Chinmoy Peace-Blossom College**, joining an international network of locations recognized for their commitment to peace.

The designation featured the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, a **Peace Run Choir performance**, a procession of national flags, and a **Peace Torch walk** involving students and staff.

The College also received a proclamation from **Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso** recognizing **Franciscan Month in Brooklyn**. The event highlighted the College's Franciscan values and its ongoing commitment to promoting peace, unity, and community engagement.



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SGA Breast Cancer Awareness Event Brings Campus Community Together

The St. Francis College community came together for the SGA Breast Cancer Awareness Event, an inspiring afternoon dedicated to education, remembrance, and support for those affected by breast cancer.

Students and staff gathered to hear a testimony from a breast cancer survivor whose personal journey served as a powerful reminder of the strength, courage, and resilience demonstrated by so many facing the disease. The program also included a time of prayer, a heartfelt spoken-word presentation, and an impactful performance by the **SFC Dance Team**, each highlighting the importance of hope and perseverance.

Throughout the event, several student clubs hosted informational tables to promote awareness. Participating groups included **Pre-Dental, Nursing, Christian Orthodox, Dance Club, African Student Association (ASA) and Caribbean Student Association (CSA) and the Office of Counseling and Wellness.**.

Events like these reflect the spirit of the Terrier family. By coming together to learn, share stories, and support one another, our community continues to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with individuals and families impacted by breast cancer.



St. Anthony's High School Schola Visits SFC

St. Francis College was honored to welcome the **St. Anthony's High School Schola** for a truly special performance on campus. Their voices brought beauty, energy, and inspiration to our community, making for a memorable celebration of talent, music, and togetherness.

The students worked incredibly hard to prepare for their visit, and their dedication was evident in every note. Their performance reflected not only their musical talent, but also the commitment and passion they bring to their craft.

Moments like these remind us of the spirit of the Franciscan community: coming together with warmth, hospitality, and genuine appreciation for one another. It was a joy to share this experience and celebrate the gifts these students brought to our campus.

Thank you to the St. Anthony's High School Schola for sharing your talents with us, and to everyone at St. Francis College who helped make this such a memorable morning.



SFC President Joins Conversation on the Future of New York's Workforce

Preparing students for the future means being part of the conversations shaping it.

St. Francis College President Tim Cecere recently joined fellow leaders at **City & State New York's 2026 Economic & Workforce Development Summit**, participating in the panel *"Driving Innovation and Economic Competitiveness."* The discussion explored how artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are transforming New York's economy and what these changes mean for education, innovation, and the future of work.

Joined by members of the SFC cabinet, President Cecere represented the College's continued commitment to preparing students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to succeed in an evolving workforce.

Thank you to our partners at DHC for their continued support and collaboration.

Fall Open House Showcase Highlights the Best of the SFC Experience

St. Francis College proudly welcomed prospective students and their families to our Fall Open House Showcase, offering an exciting firsthand look at what makes the SFC experience truly special.

Guests heard from College leadership and current students before exploring our Downtown Brooklyn campus. Visitors participated in interactive academic demonstrations, toured our Nursing Simulation Labs, learned about academic programs and career pathways, and connected with faculty, staff, and student leaders.

Families also discovered opportunities through the **President's Club**, **Honors Program**, **scholarships**, and the **Graduate School of Advanced Studies**.

Throughout the day, one message stood out: **SFC is Affordably Elite**. We are committed to providing a high-quality private college education that combines personalized attention, meaningful experiences, and exceptional value.

A special thank you to our faculty, staff, student ambassadors, and student leaders who showcased the very best of the SFC Family. And to all the students and families who joined us, thank you for spending your Saturday with us. We look forward to welcoming the next generation of Terriers!

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SGA Brings Halloween Spirit to Campus

The Student Government Association (SGA) recently sponsored a Halloween party at St. Francis College, bringing students together for a celebration filled with music, creativity, and school spirit.

The event featured a dance team performance, a costume contest, face painting, and pumpkin painting. Students had opportunities to show off their costumes, express their artistic side, and enjoy time with classmates.

Thank you to SGA, the dance team, and everyone who participated for helping make the celebration a memorable part of Halloween at SFC!



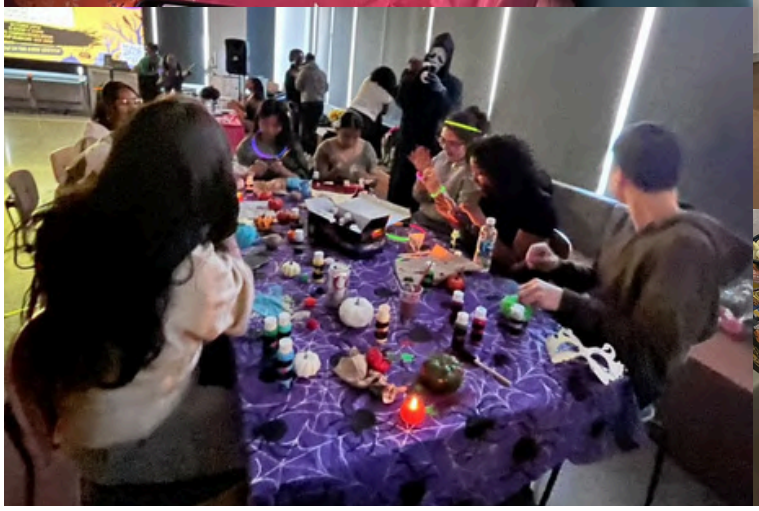
















Creativity Takes Center Stage at SFC's Pumpkin Decorating Contest

The Halloween spirit came to St. Francis College with the **"Disguise Your Pumpkin"** decorating contest, bringing the campus community together for a celebration of creativity and friendly competition.

With no carving allowed, participants used imaginative decorations to transform their pumpkins into unique characters and designs. The entries added a festive touch to campus, and students, faculty, and staff had the chance to vote for their favorite.

After the votes were counted, **the Registrar's Office** took the top spot with the **Best Overall Pumpkin**.

Congratulations to our winner and to everyone who shared their creativity!





Best Overall Pumpkin

is awarded to

THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

2nd Place - Student Affairs

3rd Place - Student Accounts

Most Artistic Pumpkin

THE PLAZA & THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

2nd Place - Student Life

3rd Place - Student Affairs

Spookiest Pumpkin

THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

2nd Place - Student Affairs

3rd Place - Counseling

Coolest Pumpkin

THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

2nd Place - Student Affairs

3rd Place - Nursing Club

Most Creative Pumpkin

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2nd Place - Student Affairs

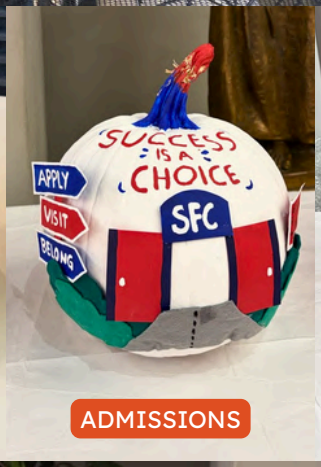
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CSTEP and Campus Partners Celebrate Franciscan Month Through Service and STEM Engagement

On Thursday, October 15, **CSTEP** partnered with **Student Affairs, campus STEM clubs, Mission, Ministry and Interfaith Dialogue office, and the STEM Resource Center** to celebrate Franciscan Month through Creation Hour/STEM Volunteer Day. Bringing together students and campus partners, the event highlighted the Franciscan value of service to the community and the importance of giving back through meaningful, hands-on acts of kindness.

As part of the day's activities, students and volunteers worked together to prepare 157 sandwiches for the **Brooklyn Heights Community Fridge**, including 110 turkey-cheese sandwiches and 47 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

This collective effort provided an opportunity for students to support community members experiencing food insecurity while recognizing how even small acts of service can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

By contributing their time and working collaboratively toward a shared goal, students demonstrated the power of community engagement and the importance of looking beyond ourselves to recognize and respond to the needs of others.

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More than 50 students participated across the various activity stations, making the event a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with peers, engage with campus organizations, and strengthen their sense of belonging within the St. Francis College community.

The collaboration among CSTEP, Student Affairs, STEM clubs, Mission, Ministry and Interfaith Dialogue office and STEM Resource Center also demonstrated how campus partnerships can bring people together around a common purpose and create opportunities for students to learn through service.

Rooted in the Franciscan tradition, service calls on us to recognize our shared responsibility to care for others, especially those in our surrounding communities who may need additional support. Giving back is not limited to large gestures; it can begin with offering our time, sharing our resources, and taking practical steps to address the needs of our neighbors. Through this volunteer day, students were able to put these values into action while seeing firsthand how collective efforts can make a positive impact.

As St. Francis College continues to celebrate Franciscan Month, Creation Hour/STEM Volunteer Day serves as a reminder that education extends beyond the classroom. By combining student engagement, campus collaboration, and community service, the event encouraged students to embody the Franciscan spirit of compassion, generosity, and solidarity. Ultimately, the day reinforced the importance of giving back and building a community where service is not just an activity, but an ongoing commitment to making a difference.



HEALTH & WELLNESS SPOTLIGHT

As we move further into the fall semester, we hope you are finding time to settle into your routines, connect with others, and take care of yourselves along the way! The semester can get busy, especially as assignments, exams, and other responsibilities begin to pile up. Remember that taking care of your mental health is just as important as keeping up with your academic responsibilities.

Looking back at October...

As we continue building a welcoming and supportive campus community, the Counseling & Wellness Center is here to help you navigate the ups and downs of college life. Whether you are looking for mental health support, a place to recharge, or resources, we are here to support you. Take a look at some events we held this month:

1. *Thank you to everyone who joined us* (including resident Therapy Dog, Cashew) for the **Midterms De-stress event** co-hosted with **Student Government Association** in the newly located **Recharge Room (Room 6205)**!
2. We hope you learned a lot at the **Breast Cancer Awareness event** in the Conservatory!
3. We held a **Bystander Intervention training** to help support individuals contribute to meaningful and safe community building by empowering individual with safe and effective interventions when witnessing community violence.

Don't forget to follow us on **Instagram (@sfc_counseling.wellness)** for updates on our latest events!

Looking forward to November...

As we move further into the fall semester, November is a great time to reflect on the importance of community, compassion, and supporting one another.



November is National Homelessness and National Youth Homelessness Awareness Month. Hunger and homelessness can affect people from all backgrounds, including children, college students and families. This can impact mental health, academic performance, and overall well-being.

This month we're highlighting a few ways to support yourself and your community. **4 Ways to Make a Difference:**

1. Learn More and Challenge Misconceptions

Hunger and homelessness are complex and can affect people for so many different reasons. Taking time to learn about individuals' experiences can help challenge stereotypes and help us to approach others with empathy rather than judgement.

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Learn more here: https://www.bringamericahomenow.org/about-bahn/ OR Give Back in a Way That Works for You Supporting the community does have to include a financial commitment.

2. You can **volunteer at a local shelter or food bank**, donate clothing, non-perishable foods, books, household goods, and more. Learn more about how to contribute here: https://nationalhomeless.org/get-involved/

3. **Check In on Yourself and Others** Basic needs and mental health are closely connected. Financial stress, food and housing uncertainty, and other life challenges can take a toll. Check in on yourself and friends. Listen without judgement and connect yourself and others to resources available. Resources: (https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/resource-guide/)

4. **Take Advantage of Campus Resources** *Did you know SFC has a food pantry that is free for all students?* Whether you're looking for extra support or need a few essentials, this resource is here for you.

The Food Pantry is located in Room 5206 and is open on the following days and times: Monday (3pm-5pm); Tuesday (11am-1pm); Wednesday (11am-1pm); Thursday (3pm-5pm); Friday (11am-1pm)

Reminder: As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we encourage everyone to reflect on the importance of compassion, community, and access to basic needs. Wellness isn't just about taking care of ourselves, it is also about creating a community where everyone feels supported and has access to the resources they need.

As we approach Thanksgiving Recess, we encourage you to take a moment to rest, recharge, and check in with yourself and those around you. Remember that wellness looks different for everyone, and sometimes taking care of yourself means asking for help, taking a break, or showing up for someone else. This month, we are reminded that compassion and community go hand in hand. **If you need support, the SFC Counseling & Wellness Center is here for you.** Don't hesitate to reach out and learn more about the services available to you. *We wish you a restful break and a supportive November.*

Need Support? *Visit the Counseling & Wellness Center to learn more about available mental health and wellness services.*

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WHO'S IN THE DOGHOUSE THIS MONTH?

The Cold, Windy Days of Fall!

As the vibrant colors of autumn arrive on campus, so do the chilly temperatures and gusty winds that seem to appear overnight. While many of us enjoy pumpkin-flavored treats, cozy sweaters, and scenic walks across campus, there's one thing landing in the doghouse this season: the unpredictable fall weather!

One day it's sunny and mild, and the next you're chasing papers across the quad while holding onto your jacket. Those brisk winds and dropping temperatures can make early morning classes, outdoor activities, and walks between buildings a little less enjoyable.

The good news? Fall's cooler weather is also a reminder to slow down, stay warm, and enjoy the beauty of the season. Whether you're sipping a hot coffee, showing off your favorite hoodie, or admiring the colorful leaves around campus, there are plenty of reasons to embrace autumn.

Doghouse Verdict:

🌬️ **In the Doghouse:** Cold winds, surprise temperature drops, and hair-ruining gusts.

🍂 **Not in the Doghouse:** Fall colors, cozy sweaters, hot drinks, and everything pumpkin.

Stay warm, Saints, and don't forget to grab a jacket before heading out the door!



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 5	Annual Pitch Contest
NOV 9	Multimedia Learning Hub: Film Screening (St Francis Documentary)
NOV 16	Thomas J. Volpe Lecture Series - Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on Your Future
DEC 2	2nd Annual Community Health Fair
DEC 7	President's Lecture Series with Council Member Lincoln Restler
DEC 14	McGuire - Wellness and Study De-Stress Day
JAN 14	President's Club - Student Reception
JAN 19	New Student Orientation

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



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