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President Lecture Series: Where Policy Meets Purpose

The semester concluded on an inspiring note with the **President Lecture Series** event at St. Francis College. **President Tim Cecere** welcomed and engaged in a thoughtful conversation with **Congressman Daniel Goldman**, the College's representative in Washington, D.C.

Rooted in our Franciscan tradition, the discussion emphasized respectful dialogue, curiosity, and a shared commitment to the common good. Students, faculty, and community members gained firsthand insight

into leadership, public service, and the responsibilities of shaping national policy.

Congressman Goldman's perspective, combined with President Cecere's engaging moderation, fostered a dynamic exchange that encouraged reflection on civic responsibility. Lectures like these—where education meets real-world experience—define the St. Francis College experience, and we look forward to continuing these meaningful conversations in the semesters ahead.

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Class of 2030 Off to a Strong Start at SFC

St. Francis College continues to feel the momentum from last month’s successful on-campus events, where **more than 250 students** and their families visited our Downtown Brooklyn campus. Their enthusiasm underscored a growing recognition that something meaningful is happening at SFC.

At St. Francis College, each student who commits joins a close-knit, private academic community designed to support their success. As **Dean of Students Dr. Raeanne Kyriakou** noted, *“We don’t just admit students, we build around them to ensure they thrive.”*

President Tim Cecere reinforced SFC’s mission, stating, *“Opportunity lives here, and the students who recognize it early are the ones who position themselves to lead, succeed, and stand apart.”*

AVP Ali Ryan Scott emphasized the importance of belonging: *“It’s about finding a place where you feel seen, supported, and inspired.”*

And as **VP Robert Oliva** often reminds students, *“Private is better. St. Francis College is best.”*

With limited seats remaining, the Class of 2030 is poised to become one of the strongest in the College’s history. Last week’s turnout made one thing clear: the future of SFC is exceptionally bright.



HIGHLIGHTS



Admitted Student Day Sets a New Record

St. Francis College hosted a record-breaking **Admitted Student Day**—and what stood out most wasn't just the turnout, but the energy, clarity, and sense of purpose in the room. For many students and families, it was a defining moment when possibilities felt real and belonging began to take shape.

Throughout the day, one message resonated: **Success is a Choice**. At St. Francis College, that choice is supported by a community committed to preparing students for what comes next. With gratitude to **President Tim Cecere** and the students, faculty, and staff who brought our mission to life, the momentum is real—and the **Class of 2026** is coming together in a powerful way.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bishop Brennan Celebrates the SFC Class of 2026

St. Francis College was proud to welcome **Bishop Robert Brennan** for a special Mass honoring the **Class of 2026**. A loyal friend of the College, Bishop Brennan reflected on the power of meaningful encounters and reminded students that their time at SFC is not simply academic, but a pilgrimage marked by growth, reflection, and purpose. His message resonated deeply as the Church prepares for the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, calling our community to live out Franciscan values of compassion, humility, and service.



McGuire Scholars Ceremony Celebrates Community and Achievement

The **McGuire Scholars Ceremony** showcased the best of the St. Francis College community as we celebrated scholars at every stage of their journey. From first-year students receiving their McGuire jackets to seniors preparing for their next steps, the event highlighted growth, commitment, and shared responsibility. We are grateful to **President Tim Cecere**, **Anthony Desiderio, Ed.D.**, **Shakima M. Clency, PhD**, and our partners at the **Kessler Scholars Collaborative** for their continued support of this impactful program.



Celebrating Progress at St. Francis College at the President's Club Dinner

St. Francis College proudly brought its spirit to Manhattan for the **President's Club Dinner** at Benjamin Prime—a celebration of community, progress, and momentum.

Under the leadership of **President Tim Cecere**, the past year has marked bold vision and meaningful advancement. The College launched workforce-aligned programs including an **online RN to BS in Nursing**, a **post-baccalaureate pre-med pathway**, and **new graduate degrees in forensic science and cybersecurity**, while expanding its academic footprint with the **St. Francis Graduate School of Advanced Studies** and progress toward a **Ph.D. in IT**.

We also invested in the future by securing grant funding for a **radiological science lab**, strengthening partnerships, and reimagining the student journey through the **Red Brick Road to The Plaza**. Campus life has been energized by thought-provoking lectures, new student spaces, and the nationally ranked, championship-winning **Terrier Gaming Squad**.

Most importantly, St. Francis College has earned **Carnegie designation as an Opportunity College and a Professions-Focused Baccalaureate Institution**—affirming our commitment to real outcomes.

This is what a comeback looks like. *Thank you to all who continue to believe in the future of St. Francis College. The best is still ahead.*





SFC Marks Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day with Student-Centered Dialogue

St. Francis College proudly recognized **Cerebral Palsy (CP) Awareness Day** with a meaningful panel discussion held in St. Francis Hall as part of the College's **Volpe Lecture Series**. The event brought students, faculty, staff, and guests together for an engaging conversation focused on navigating young adulthood with cerebral palsy.

The panel featured President Tim Cecere in conversation with SFC Alumni **Jessica Huang '25**, the College's Accessibility Liaison, alongside **Carmen Lai '26**. Together, they explored the intersection of education, health, independence, and community, offering personal insights and practical perspectives on living and learning with a disability.

The event reflected the mission of the Volpe Lecture Series by fostering thoughtful dialogue on issues that impact individuals and communities, while underscoring SFC's **commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and student-centered support**. It also provided valuable insight for prospective students and younger individuals considering college, highlighting the supportive environment available at SFC.

*We are grateful to our panelists, Jessica Huang '25 and Carmen Lai '26, and to President Tim Cecere for moderating such a thoughtful and important discussion. A special thank you as well to **former Board Chair Thomas Volpe**, whose continued support makes opportunities like this possible.*

THE LEARNING LOUNGE

McGuire Scholars Build Connections Across Campuses

The **McGuire Scholar Program**, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University, Queens College, and the University of North Carolina through the **Kessler Scholars Collaborative**, came together for a day of connection, collaboration, and service.

Students came together to participate in team-building activities, including engaging in meaningful community service by writing cards to children in foster care.

During the visit, participants enjoyed a tour of campus and had the opportunity to connect with program leads from each institution. The day also included time with **Shakima Clency, National Director of Campus Partnership and Student Success for the Kessler Scholars Collaborative**, who shared insights on student success and cross-campus collaboration.



A Note of Appreciation

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the **Education & Health Sciences and Leadership Departments'** faculty and students, whose hard work and enthusiasm were central to the success of the **First Annual Community Health Fair** last Fall 2025.

Their collaboration with the Nursing Department brought energy, expertise, and a true spirit of community to the event.

We apologize for not including this recognition in the Vol 6 Fall 2025's newsletter. The Education & Health Science and Leadership Departments' contributions were invaluable, and we are grateful for the dedication they bring to our campus.





Academic Honor Society Induction Night: Celebrating Excellence Together

The St. Francis College community came together for one of the most meaningful traditions of the academic year—**Academic Honor Society Induction Night**.

Students from every academic department gathered alongside their families to be recognized as honorees and inducted into their respective honor societies. The evening began with inspiring remarks from **President Tim Cecere** and **Vice President John Edwards**, setting the tone for what it means to pursue excellence with purpose.

Students then transitioned into their individual induction ceremonies—each unique and deeply meaningful—before reuniting in fellowship, celebration, and shared pride.

As we enter the final stretch of the academic year, this event marks the official beginning of a season of celebration that will culminate in the Commencement on May 2026. *Congratulations to all of our inductees. Your discipline, dedication, and pursuit of excellence continue to inspire our entire community.*

SFC Celebrates the Power of Nurses During the 3rd Annual Nurses Week Appreciation Breakfast

St. Francis College marked **Nurses Week** with its **3rd Annual Nurses Week Appreciation Breakfast**, bringing together the campus community to honor the dedication and impact of nurses in healthcare.

The event featured an inspiring keynote address from **Dr. Kenya Beard, a nationally recognized nurse educator, health advocate, and Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing**. Dr. Beard shared powerful insights on advancing the healthcare workforce, addressing health disparities, and preparing future nurses to deliver responsive, equitable care. Her message resonated deeply with attendees and underscored the critical role nurses play in shaping the future of healthcare.

Aligned with the 2026 Nurses Week theme, **“The Power of Nurses,”** the celebration highlighted the strength, compassion, and leadership nurses demonstrate every day. Nurses were recognized not only as the backbone of the healthcare system, but also as innovators and advocates who rise to meet challenges with courage and care.

At SFC, the program reaffirmed its commitment to educating and empowering the next generation of nurses—ensuring students are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead with purpose and make a meaningful impact in their communities.





Student Life Awards Honor Campus Impact and Leadership

St Francis College came together for the **Student Life Awards**, a heartfelt celebration of the entire student body and the many contributions that make our campus vibrant. **President Tim Cecere** shared his gratitude for students, faculty, and Student Affairs leaders, highlighting the collective spirit and achievements of the community.

Dean Raeann Kyriakou and **Lillian Jean-Baptiste** expressed appreciation for the energy, passion, and excitement students bring to campus life.

Under the leadership of **SGA President Nina Husović** and the **Student Government Association**, the evening celebrated outstanding student leaders, recognized exceptional clubs and organizations, and honored Faculty Members and Administrators of the Year for their dedication to the student experience.

We proudly celebrate and congratulate all honorees and nominees for their dedication, leadership, and contributions to student life.

STUDENT LIFE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY & MARTIN LUTHER KING JR MEMORIAL AWARD

Mohammed Radwan

DEAN CLIFFORD MEMORIAL AWARD

Supriya Sarker

BENE MERENTI AWARD

Jaiden Vera

Daniel Moretti

Alina Kolenovic

FRANCISCAN SPIRIT AWARD

Louis D’Elia

Luka Musa

Misheka Williamson

Mehmet Mert Kaptan

Moises Lopez

DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Counseling, Health and Wellness

ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR

Preeti Singhal

Dr. Amal Biscaino

Roy Leone

OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Dr. SungHun Kim

Dr. Louis D’Elia

Dr. Isa Camyar

STUDENT LIFE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Misheka Williamson

Rehab Zaid

Nina Husovic

EMERGING STUDENT LEADER AWARD

Jason Wallace

Mohammed Radwan

David Moretti

Deniel Husovic

Faizan Sheikh

Isabella Lackey

Jaiden Vera

Misheka Williamson

Supriya Sarker

Anna Altmann

OUTSTANDING CLUB LEADER AWARD

Jyoti Sukhwani

Amanda Burks

Christian Gunn

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Psychology Club

ACADEMIC CLUB OF THE YEAR

National Association of Black

Accountants (NABA)

EVENT OF THE YEAR

Feel the Real Event
by Global Marketing Association (GMA)

The Pursuit of Purpose: Refinement and Renewal The First-Year Experience Partnership with the Joyful Planet Foundation

As the chill of a brutal winter fades into the hurried promise of spring, the pace of the semester at St. Francis College accelerates. Spring is, by nature, a season of renewal, but on campus it can also feel relentless fast-paced, demanding, and at times overwhelming.

For many first-year students, this period becomes the true test of their adaptability and growth. It's a time when the **First-Year Experience** students evolve from simple survival into the richer pursuit of purpose, direction, and refinement.

In collaboration with the **Joyful Planet Foundation** and its founder, **Patrice Tanaka**, this semester's programming aimed to guide students in discovering the power of obtaining both a degree and clarity not just in their academic paths, but in their broader purpose and vision for life.

This partnership and initiative spearheaded by **Brother Greg Cellini, Director of Office of Mission Ministry and Interfaith Dialogue**, invited students to ask themselves not only what they want to study, but why; not only how to succeed academically, but how to craft a purpose-driven and joyful future. Tanaka's philosophy of aligning personal joy with purposeful living resonates strongly with the college's Franciscan values of service, community, and integrity.

Yet, the work of empowerment also demands honest reflection on where students currently stand. One recurring challenge among first-years has been the art of following up especially through email communication.



Many have not yet fully developed the habit of proactively engaging with adults, instructors, or mentors, a skill essential to both academic success and professional readiness. Faculty and staff continue to meet students where they are, helping them move beyond survival mode toward the confidence and competence needed to thrive.

Through this endeavor, First-Year Experience at St. Francis College seeks to offer more than coursework; it offers mentorship in how to leverage their education for a purposeful life. The goal is not merely to teach, but to transform; to help students craft a vision, make a plan, act with intentionality, and purpose.

As spring rushes forward, bringing both its challenges and its promise, the First-Year Experience partnership with A Joyful Planet serves as a reminder that refinement of thought, effort, growth and spirit is the essence of a life well lived.

THE LEARNING LOUNGE

Celebrating UN International Mother Earth Day and Welcomes Brazilian Students to SFC

In celebration of the **United Nations International Mother Earth Day**, St. Francis College partnered with the **CERI-FACAMP Harmony with Nature Study Group (Brazil)** for a joint academic session focused on sustainability and ecological justice.

The session brought together students from both institutions to explore the shift from a human-centered approach to an Earth-centered perspective. Discussions highlighted the role of Indigenous knowledge, youth engagement, and global initiatives within the United Nations system in shaping more sustainable futures.

A key part of the event was an interactive group activity where students examined real-world cases recognizing nature; such as rivers and forests, as legal entities with rights. This allowed participants to connect theory with practice while sharing diverse global perspectives.



Through this exchange, students engaged in meaningful conversations around environmental responsibility, collaboration, and the importance of rethinking our relationship with nature.

Thank you to **Dr. Olivia Bullio Mattos** (Economics, History, Law, and Political Science Department) for sharing this opportunity. Learn more about this initiative at the [United Nations International Mother Earth Day Harmony with Nature Programme](#)

SFC Film Club Brings Community Together Through Film

The Library Committee—**Dr. Emily Herstoff (Chair)**, **Prof. Vince Vazzana**, **Dr. Ali Alper Alemdar**, **Dr. Caroline Hagood**, and **Mr. Alex Kustanovich (Head Librarian)**—has launched the **Movie Club**, creating a welcoming space for film exploration and meaningful discussion. Their thoughtful curation includes films like **Stranger Than Paradise**, Jim Jarmusch’s quietly humorous, reflective black-and-white classic that invites viewers to appreciate everyday moments. *This initiative brings our community together through cinema in an engaging way.*



UNDERGRADUATE SUPPORT PLAZA

ACADEMIC ADVISING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT



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WHAT IS THE UNDERGRADUATE SUPPORT PLAZA?

The Undergraduate Support Plaza brings academic advising, career development, and SFC Global together in one central location to support students from enrollment through graduation and post-graduate outcomes.

OUR MISSION

DREAM. SERVE. ACHIEVE.

The Plaza supports students academically, professionally, and globally by providing clear guidance, continuity, and coordinated advising throughout their undergraduate experience.

WHO WE SERVE

The Plaza serves all undergraduate students, including first-year, transfer, re-admit, international, first-generation, STEM students, McGuire Scholars, and alumni.

HOW THE PLAZA SUPPORTS STUDENTS

The Plaza provides coordinated support to help you move confidently from enrollment to graduation and beyond, with access to the following services.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic advising helps you plan your courses, explore majors and minors, and make confident academic choices that align with your goals. Your advisor works with you from your first semester through graduation to help you

stay on track, understand degree requirements, and navigate important decisions about your coursework and academic path, whether you are preparing for a career or graduate school.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Career development helps you explore career paths, gain real-world experience, and prepare for what comes after graduation, whether you are entering the workforce or continuing to graduate school. Through career planning, you can create a personalized path to success, find jobs, internships, and employer events on Handshake, and connect with organizations that hire international talent through GoInGlobal. You will also receive guidance on building a strong professional online presence through LinkedIn and learn about paid student employment opportunities, including on-campus, career-aligned roles and, when eligible, opportunities available through St. Francis College's partnerships.



SFC GLOBAL

SFC Global supports international students with I-20 assistance, course selection guidance, and dedicated advisors to help you stay on track academically while maintaining your immigration status.

SFC Marks Charter Day with Convocation and Community Celebration

The St. Francis College community gathered to celebrate the **142nd anniversary of the College's Charter** and **167 years of Franciscan education** in Brooklyn at the **Annual Charter Day Convocation**.

Charter Day commemorates the College's founding moment on May 8, 1884, when New York State granted St. Francis College the authority to operate as a degree-granting institution—an enduring mission that continues today.

The College was honored to welcome **Christine Persichette**, *News Anchor at Currents News and adjunct professor in the Media & Communications Department*, as keynote speaker. Her reflections on leadership, professionalism, and community service resonated with students and guests alike.

The program also recognized the newest inductees of the **Duns Scotus Honor Society**, honoring students for academic excellence, leadership, and dedication to Franciscan values.

Academic Award recipients from the Class of 2026 were celebrated for their scholarly achievements, followed by recognition of faculty and staff reaching 15 and 25 years of service to the College.

The celebration concluded with a festive reception for honorees, their families, and members of the SFC community, marking another meaningful Charter Day rooted in tradition and shared pride.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Isa Camyar's Impact on General Education and Student Engagement

Dr. Isa Camyar, Professor of Political Science, serves as the **Director of the General Education Council**, where his leadership has been central to revitalizing and strengthening the General Education program. His work has expanded the program's impact across the College, enhancing the academic experience for students.

Through his vision, dedication, and hard work, he has strengthened the program's structure and broadened its reach across the College, enhancing the academic experience for students in meaningful ways.

Dr. Camyar also leads the **Pre-Law Club**, mentoring and supporting students interested in legal careers. He is currently developing new law-related initiatives that will be announced soon.

Dr. Camyar recently led a student delegation to the **National Model United Nations (NMUN) Conference**, held in New York City. Sponsored by the Model UN Club, the conference brought together students from around the world.

Under his guidance, five St. Francis College students represented the Kingdom of Eswatini across several United Nations committees:

- Mohamed Radwan** (Head Delegate) – General Assembly First Committee;
- Victoria Sazonets** – General Assembly Second Committee;
- Adam Ibrahim** – General Assembly Third Committee;
- Safia Mohamed** – Non-Proliferation Treaty Committee;
- and **Norah-Sue Carney** – United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA).



Throughout the conference, SFC students demonstrated professionalism, confidence, and strong collaborative skills as they worked with fellow delegates, negotiated complex global issues, and drafted resolutions. The experience concluded with a memorable closing ceremony in the General Assembly Hall at the United Nations Headquarters—an inspiring and rewarding moment for all involved.

Dr. Camyar's continued commitment to leadership, mentorship, and student success makes a lasting impact on the St. Francis College community.

Thank you, Dr Isa Camyar! Your SFC family is proud of you.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Rita Joseph '04

New York City Council Member **Rita C. Joseph '04**, elected in 2021 to represent Brooklyn's 40th District, is a visionary leader and lifelong advocate for education, justice, equity, and opportunity. A former public school teacher, proud union member, and community organizer, her journey began at just 19 years old when she led a historic 150,000-person rally that successfully challenged the FDA's discriminatory "Bad Blood" rule against Haitians.

A once-teen mother who defied the odds to earn a full college scholarship, Council Member Joseph's life reflects resilience, purpose, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting others. Today, she serves as Chair of the New York City Council's Higher Education Committee, where she is driving a forward-looking agenda to expand access, affordability, and pathways to success for all New Yorkers. She also continues to champion educational equity, drawing on over two decades of experience in the classroom.

Council Member Joseph is an active member of several key committees within the New York City Council, including: Immigration, Education, Disabilities, Children and Youth, Housing and Buildings, and the Sub-Committee on Early Childhood Education.

Within the New York City Council, she is Co-Chair of the Brooklyn Delegation, Co-Chair of the Women's Caucus, Second Vice Chair of the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus, and a proud member of the Progressive Caucus. She is also a distinguished member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, embodying a legacy of service, scholarship, and sisterhood.

Council Member Rita Joseph remains committed to public service by centering equity and innovation, grounding herself in her community, guided by a vision for a more just and inclusive city.

Well done Rita!



Accounting Alumni Return to Campus

St. Francis College was proud to welcome our accounting alumni back to campus for a day filled with connection, energy, and shared pride in our mission. From familiar faces to first-time visitors, the room reflected a strong commitment to supporting our students and their success.

A special thank you to our student leaders from **NABA** and the **Accounting Society**, and to **Daria Mitchell** and **Anna Altmann** for their outstanding leadership. And to **Dr. Lou D’Elia** and **Professor John A. Lombardo**, whose mentorship continues to shape the next generation of accounting professionals.

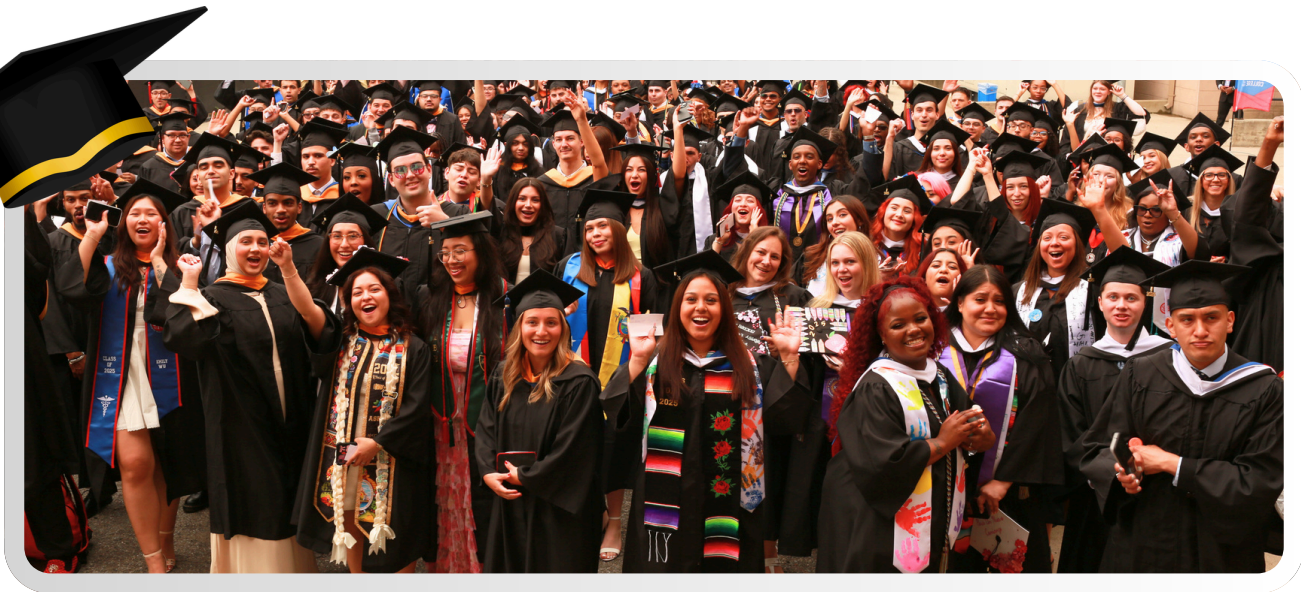
As was shared, there is real momentum at St. Francis College. From launching innovative academic programs to strengthening student support through initiatives like the **“Red Brick Road to The Plaza,”** we are building pathways that prepare our students not just for careers, but for meaningful lives.

And none of this happens without our alumni. Their engagement, your support, and your willingness to stay connected make all the difference.



The Events Management team is excited to be preparing for one of the most important milestones of your academic journey

SPRING COMMENCEMENT 2026



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19 May 2026



12:00PM - Undergraduate Students
5:00PM - Graduate Students

If you have not already done so,
please **RSVP** here to mark your attendance.

STUDENT LIFE @ SFC

7 Things Every SFC Student Should Do Before Graduation

Graduation might feel far away—or right around the corner—but your time at St. Francis College goes by faster than you think. Here are **7 things every SFC student should do before graduation** to feel confident, prepared, and proud of their college experience.

Build Relationships with Professors

Visit office hours, meet with advisors, and stay connected. Faculty and staff can become mentors, references, and guides for careers, internships, and **graduate school**—including opportunities right here at St. Francis College— long after graduation.

Visit the Career Center Early

The **Career Center** at the **Undergraduate Plaza (Room 7100)** helps with résumés, LinkedIn profiles, interviews, and career exploration. Using these resources early prepares you for internships, jobs, and life after graduation.

Gain Real-World Experience

Internships, part-time jobs, and service-learning help you apply classroom knowledge, clarify career goals, and build skills employers value—all while strengthening your résumé.

Take Advantage of New York City

Explore museums, cultural events, and neighborhoods beyond campus—often with student discounts. NYC offers learning, networking, and career opportunities that extend your education far beyond the classroom.



Get Involved in Student Life

Join a club, attend events, or step into a leadership role, including serving in Student Government Association (SGA). Campus involvement builds confidence and connection—contact the **Office of Student Life** at studentlife@sfc.edu to learn more about organizations, events, and leadership opportunities.

Take Care of Your Well-Being

College can be demanding. Using resources like the **Counseling Center (Room 7214)**, **Fitness Center (Room 5212)**, **E-Sports Center (Room 6101)**, **Academic Support at the Plaza (Room 7100)**, and tutoring through the **Center of Leadership and Learning (Room 6108)** helps students manage stress, stay balanced, and succeed both academically and personally.

Celebrate Your Achievements

Attend campus traditions, celebrate your achievements at the end-of-year **Student Life Awards**, and participate in commencement events. Take photos around campus and Brooklyn Heights to capture the memories—celebrating your journey honors your hard work and marks the start of what's next.

OAA SUPPORT SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

Struggling This Semester? Trouble Concentrating?

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS!

If you're experiencing challenges that affect your learning, you may be eligible for academic accommodations.

Examples of situations where accommodations may apply include:

- **Medical or mental health conditions** that impact concentration
- **Learning disabilities** or ADHD that affect how you process information
- **Temporary situations**, like a *broken arm or recovery from surgery*
- **Sensory or physical disabilities** that affect mobility, hearing, or vision
- **Legal obligations** such as court appearances or required meetings with law enforcement

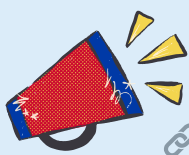
Accommodations are designed to ensure **equal access** and can support students with disabilities, chronic health conditions, mental health concerns, or temporary injuries.

Accommodations might include things such as **extended test time, formal excused absence, extended time on assignments, and reduced-distraction environment**



PRO TIP:

If you think you might qualify, contact **OAA (oaa@sfc.edu)** to learn more about the process. We're here to help you succeed!



PLANNING AHEAD FOR FALL 2026?

DON'T FORGET YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS!

[Submit your Fall 2026 Accommodation Request Form here](#)

Accommodations must be **RENEWED EVERY SEMESTER** to ensure continued support!

WHAT ARE ACCOMMODATIONS?

In a school setting, disability accommodations are modifications or adjustments to the learning environment that enable students with disabilities to participate fully in their education.

Your privacy matters. All documentation and student information is kept strictly **confidential** within the OAA.

Questions?

Contact the OAA for assistance. *We are here over the summer to support your success!*

✉ Email: **oaa@sfc.edu**

📍 Office: **Room 7201**

📷 Instagram: **@sfc.accessibility**

HEALTH & WELLNESS SPOTLIGHT

Spring Into Wellness

Congratulations on reaching finals week! This time of the semester can feel overwhelming, and we at the **Counseling & Wellness Center** encourage you to take a moment to recognize all the effort it took to get here.

As you push through exams, remember to pause, recharge, and lean into habits that support your well-being. This is both a time of accomplishment and transition—be sure to take care of yourself along the way.

We hope you had the chance to spend some time with **Cashew, our therapy dog**, during the semester. Moments like these remind us that small breaks and positive connections can make a big difference during stressful times.

As the season changes, we continue to focus on environmental wellness—creating spaces that support your health, safety, and sense of balance.

This might include:

1. **Taking care of our personal spaces** (cleaning, keeping our stuff organized)
2. **Spending time outdoors** (“touching grass”)
3. **Engaging in environmentally-friendly practices** (recycling, reusing, buying secondhand or donating old items)

Even small changes, like making your bed in the morning, can improve your well-being. **Remember: if you take care of your space, it will take care of you.**



Need Support? We're Here Year-Round

The Counseling & Wellness Center remains available throughout the summer to support you. Whether you are taking classes, working, or simply need someone to talk to, we are here for you.

📍 **Counseling & Wellness Center, Room 7214**

✉️ **Email: sfccounseling@sfc.edu**

📱 **Instagram: [@sfc_counseling.wellness](https://www.instagram.com/sfc_counseling.wellness)**

WHO'S IN THE DOGHOUSE THIS MONTH?

Spring Cleaning That Never Actually Happens

Every spring, we make the same promises. This is the season we'll finally organize our closets, clean our desks, and deal with the mysterious pile of "important stuff" that's been sitting there since midterms. We open the windows, let the fresh air in, and wait for motivation to magically appear.

And then... it doesn't.

Instead of sparkling spaces, spring cleaning becomes spring thinking about cleaning. The laundry pile stays put, the desk drawer full of random cords remains untouched, and the "Deep Clean" to-do list quietly rolls over week after week. For that reason, spring cleaning that never actually happens is officially in the doghouse.

If clutter is making it hard to focus, starting small can help. Clearing off a desk or organizing a backpack can boost productivity and mood without feeling overwhelming.

And if you're looking for a reset beyond your space, we have resources to support you. The **Fitness Center (5212)** and the **Esports Center (6101)** offer great ways to recharge, while the **Counseling and Wellness Center (7214)** is available for students managing stress or feeling overwhelmed this season.

Even if the checklist stays unfinished, progress doesn't have to be perfect. Spring cleaning may be in the doghouse—but it's not banned just yet.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 19 SFC Commencement Ceremony

MAY 28 2026 Charter Award Dinner

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



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