

A Message from the President

October 2018

“We will never have a perfect world, and it would be dangerous to seek one. But there is no limit to the betterments we can attain if we continue to apply knowledge to enhance human flourishing.”

- Steven Pinker, Enlightenment Now

Dear Felician Community,

As the slight chill of fall returns this month, it brings with it the many colors to the trees that grace our campuses. It's a wonderful time of year with academic programs in full swing, athletic teams deep into their schedules, and alumni returning to join the entire community for homecoming weekend.

Leadership Changes

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ronald Gray, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students. Dr. Gray joined the Felician community in 2017, and since joining Felician University, has worked across the University to launch multiple initiatives improving and optimizing the student-school relationship. An important relationship that Dr. Gray is leading across the University is the inclusion of and communication to a student's parents and family members regarding the college experience. As he shared in this year's Focus Magazine, "Parents are the gatekeeper and they play a critical role in reinforcing our values and culture. They help us wrap our arms around our students."

There is much excitement surrounding the Division of Student Affairs as the team implements many more initiatives like these under Dr. Gray's guidance and leadership. The vision of an engaging student life here at Felician University is one we can all strive for.

We are also pleased to announce Francine Andrea's new role, VP of Administration. Fran has been with the University since 2013 and has provided critical leadership through many projects. In Fran's new role as VP of Administration she will provide leadership to the areas of Athletics, Security, Dining Services, Information Technology, Information Systems, Government Relations, and Compliance. As a University, we are deeply grateful for the service that Fran has provided over the years in many different roles and look forward to her continued success and leadership in this new position.

Finally, we are pleased to announce two internal promotions in the Department of Enrollment Management. Camille Braker-Balkum has assumed the role of Director of Graduate and Adult Admissions and Kristopher LaGreca has assumed the role of Director of Marketing and Communications. Both Camille and Kris have shown exceptional leadership skills and we are excited about the enthusiasm, knowledge, and commitment they will bring to their new roles.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating Ron, Fran, Camille, and Kris in their new roles.

Athletics

The women's soccer team welcomes Julia Sheridan as their new assistant coach. Sheridan was a goalkeeper for the Golden Falcons from 2012 to 2015. In 51 starts, she was 20-18-7 with 10 solo shutouts and four shared shutouts. She helped lead Felician to back-to-back Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) semifinal appearances in her junior and senior campaigns, earning CACC All-Tournament honors in 2014. Finally, Julia was our valedictorian for our 2016 commencement ceremony. Please join me in welcoming Julia to the team! #FelicianAthletics

Felician University graduate Matt Diesel '18, has been named the 2017-18 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Diesel is the third Felician student-athlete to win the award, and the first member of the baseball program.

Another alum, Jerry Vasto '14, is now playing for the Kansas City Royals after being traded in August from the Colorado Rockies. Jerry is Felician's first baseball player to make it to the majors. Keep an eye out for Jerry during the 2019 MLB season.



Alumni & Family Weekend

Homecoming, FalconFest, and Alumni activities all come together during **Alumni and Family Weekend**, October 11-16. The celebration starts with the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet on Thursday, October 11th, at the Holiday Inn in Hasbrouck Heights. On Saturday, October 13th, the festivities continue with Alumni Paint & Sip, FalconFest at the Rutherford campus, Volleyball and Soccer games, and more. Sunday ends the weekend with an alumni basketball game at 8pm. We hope that you can join us for some or all the festivities! More details at https://giving.felician.edu/alumni_and_familyweekend2018

University Advancement

University Advancement and the Alumni team would like to remind everyone to purchase tickets for the upcoming wine pairing dinner on November 3rd. This special fundraiser provides vital support to Felician's mission and programs. Sign up here: <https://giving.felician.edu/events/wine-pairing-dinner>

Felician Awarded FSCS Grant

Felician University was awarded a multi-year grant of \$200k to provide various services to the Paterson school district. As part of a larger \$2.5 million federal grant and in partnership with the school district, Felician submitted a proposal to create financial literacy and career workshops, a bridge program, and other programs. The Full Service Community Schools Grant seeks to partner school districts with local organizations and nonprofits in order to provide a wide breadth of services



**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 11**

BANQUET & INDUCTION
6 pm | Holiday Inn
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
List of honorees and RSVP at
giving.felician.edu/hall-of-fame2018

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 13**

ALUMNI PAINT & SIP
10:30 am | Castlevue
Free for alums 21 years and older
Space is limited - bring photo ID
RSVP today at
giving.felician.edu/alumni-paint-and-sip2018

FalconFest 2018
1 pm to 4 pm | Rutherford
Free Carnival Games & Booths
Food Trucks & Entertainment

CLASS REUNIONS
1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988
1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013
Pick up your gift at the reunion tent | Quad

VOLLEYBALL GAMES
11 am and 3 pm | Rutherford Gym

**GREEK ALUMNI MEET-UP
& PHOTOSHOOT**
3:30 pm | Quad near DJ

MASS
4:30 pm | Rutherford Chapel

SOCCER GAMES
5:30 pm | Lyndhurst Rec

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 14**

BASKETBALL ALUMNI GAME
8 pm | Gym | Midnight Madness follows!
RSVP at
giving.felician.edu/basketball-alumni-game2018



**ALUMNI & FAMILY
WEEKEND!**

#Falconfest2018

OCTOBER 11-14

In the spirit of St. Francis we strive to serve all people, especially the poor and vulnerable. We are collecting gently-used, size large men's clothing and travel-sized toiletries for our Midnight Runs. Please bring donations on Saturday, October 13, to the Campus Ministry table located on the Quad.

If you have any questions regarding Alumni and Family Weekend please email us at alumni@felician.edu.

In case of inclement weather on October 13, please check our web site or call 201.355.1427.

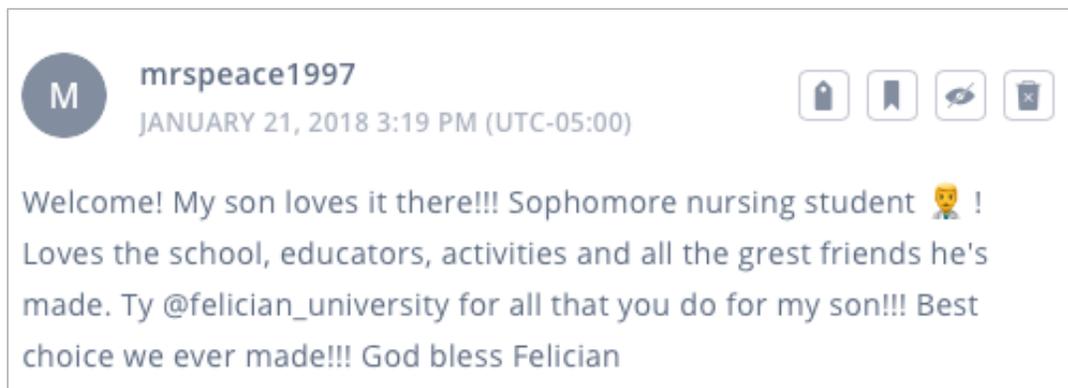
Schedule is subject to change.



and to create more opportunities for students in low-income school districts. Special thanks to George Abaunza, Tiffany Austin, Dinelia Garland, Cynthia Montalvo, and Kathy Prieto for helping make this opportunity possible.

Happy Thought

Shared by a mrspeace1997 on Instagram. #FelicianForward!



Mission & Heritage Week

Mission and Heritage Week kicked off October 4th and continues through the 10th, with the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis. After a service in Lodi, Campus Ministry led an activity, inviting the community to paint a Kindness Rock. Other activities planned include a praise and worship service, centering prayer, and volunteer opportunities. To learn the fascinating story behind Kindness Rock and to see other activities for Mission and Heritage Week, be sure to check out the [event posting](#) on felician.edu.

Hispanic Heritage Month

As a Hispanic Serving Institution, one of twelve in NJ, Felician University is especially proud to support Hispanic Heritage Month. We are pleased to announce that the founder and CEO of HISPA, Ivonne Diaz-Claissé, Ph.D., will be visiting Felician to give a talk entitled "With the Endless Power of Our Voices" on Monday, October 8th. [See the event details here.](#)

Did you know?

Felician's undergraduate population is
29% Hispanic

To kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, I participated in a panel discussion in Excelencia in Education's special briefing in Washington, DC. The briefing centered on the results of their survey "HSI Graduates and the Workforce: Examining Life Outcomes Among Graduates at Hispanic-Serving Institution." I shared details with the panel about Felician's inclusive strategy of creating strong support systems for Hispanic students. Stay tuned for my LinkedIn article this month for my reflection on the Excelencia conference.

Reminders

Thursday, October 4-11. Mission & Heritage Week. Both campuses.

Various events, [event details here](#).

Monday, October 8. 12:30pm. "With the Endless Power of Our Voices" talk by Ivonne Diaz-Claisse, Ph.D. Education Commons, Rutherford Campus.

Thursday, October 11. 6:00pm. Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet. Holiday Inn, Hasbrouck Heights.

[Event details here](#).

Thursday, October 11. 7:00pm. Rutherford Planning Board Meeting. Rutherford Borough Hall. Meeting to consider the proposal to build the new Wellness & Recreation Center.

Thursday, October 11-Sunday, October 14. Alumni & Family Weekend. Rutherford Campus.

Various events to celebrate as a #FelicianFamily. See the [page on our website](#) for more details.

Sunday, October 14. 1:00pm. Hamlet, as performed by Robert Milli. The Little Theater, Rutherford Campus. [Event details here](#).

What the President is Reading

The Divine Comedy. By Dante Alighieri. ICU Publishing. <http://a.co/d/e3OBq7H>

Peace and All Good,



Anne M. Prisco, Ph.D.