

Academic, athletic events highlight Family Weekend 2014

Family Weekend began October 10 with a student services and activities fair in Guzman Lecture Hall. It concluded October 12 with a cello recital by Jean-Michel Fonteneau in the [2014-15 Guest Concert Series](#) in Angelico Hall.

The highlight of Family Weekend was [Convocation 2014](#), a ceremony that recognized academic achievements of students. Convocation 2014 was staged in Angelico Hall on October 10. A reception with President Mary Marcy followed on Anne Hathaway Lawn.

On October 11, Guzman Lecture Hall was the site for "Dominican Experience: Learning in Action," a one-hour session that featured senior leaders, students and alumni presenting how Dominican preps students to tell a clear, compelling story of self, preparing them to be tomorrow's citizens.

Later in the morning, families had the option to attend one of three classrooms for one-hour academic sessions. Gigi Gokcek, Associate Professor, International Relations and Comparative Politics, in the [Department of Political Science and International Studies](#) presented: "To Boldly Go...Where One Ought To Go: Understanding International Relations through Star Trek;" Alison Howard, Department Chair and Assistant Professor in Political Science, presented "Money in Politics: Does Money Unfairly Influence our Political Process?" and Kenneth Frost, Adjunct Chemistry Professor in the [Department of Natural Science and Mathematics](#), presented "Greenhouse Effect: Why you Should Believe Climate Change is Real."

Following a barbecue lunch at noon, Dominican's men's and women's soccer teams hosted Pacific West Conference rival Fresno Pacific University in a pair of matches at Kennelly Field in the John F. Allen Athletics Complex.

On October 12, Campus Ministry sponsored "Family Weekend:Day of Service," its annual event that provides students an opportunity to volunteer and engage in community services and help raise awareness about local issues. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends were invited to participate in projects for the Retired Dominican Sisters at Lourdes, Homeward Bound and several other community partners.

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