



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JOE TOMAINO



Joe Tomaino first came to USF as a staff member in 1966 (the same year the Catholic Student Center opened) and graduated in 1971 with a master's degree in Higher Education. In addition to being a proud alumnus, Joe worked at USF for 50 years, including serving as the Executive Director of the Alumni Association for 15 years and working at USF Athletics from 1997 until his retirement in 2015.

A favorite memory of his time with USF was standing on the sidelines when the Bulls football team beat the Fighting Irish in 2011 – it was Notre Dame's first home opener loss ever. Particularly special to that day was that USF's coach at the time, Skip Holtz, had the USF players attend Game Day Mass with the Notre Dame team.

Prior to his time at USF, Joe and his wife JoAnne served in the Peace Corps in Chile. Service has remained an incredibly important component of his life. In addition to serving on several development boards over the years (including recently joining the board at the CSU), he has also served as an Advancement Associate for Cristo Rey Tampa. The Salesian high school serves students with limited financial means by providing both direct work experience as well as a rigorous curriculum that prepares students for college.

Joe has won several awards for his service to USF and to his community, including the USF Dean's Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award in 2018. He is particularly proud of the way that USF and his personal work have supported first generation students and is excited to continue to follow God's plan for his life by getting more involved with the CSU.



Following a Cursillo Weekend with his wife in 1976, Joe says, "Our entire purpose in life changed from wealth accumulation to joining Jesus in heaven and bringing others with us."