The Provost

Commencement Ceremonies – CSB and SJU: Additional staffing needed! see complete email sent from the Office of the President on 2/7/23

We will host the CSB Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Clemens Fieldhouse and the SJU Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Abbey Church. To be successful, these commencement events will need a significant number of workers to fill a variety of event roles. Workers need to be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help before, during, and after the events. Times will be finalized as our celebrations get closer. If you work commencement, please coordinate with your supervisor to designate another day in the week when you can flex your hours. All workers will be contacted one to two weeks out from the events with further details about times, roles, and training considerations.

If you can work, please let us know via this Forms Manager submission by March 3: https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/VZB7D0IR1Q. Please note that May 14 is Mother’s Day.

Save the date! Fall Convocation Friday, August 25, 2023: Please plan to join us for Fall 2023 Convocation on Friday 8/25/23! The success of the new joint Convocation model at CSB and SJU in fall 2022 provided the opportunity to examine the form and effectiveness of Convocation for the community. After careful consideration for accessibility and student engagement Convocation will now be held on the Friday before the start of fall term, as a community event and part of the first full day of new student orientation. All faculty, staff, and students on campus will be welcomed to attend. The first day of fall semester will now have a regular full class schedule and all departments may be open for regular hours. More details to come.

New Student Registration Days are a dynamic way for CSB and SJU to share important information and welcome the class of 2027! There are many facets to these days for deposited students and their parents. Students who come to campus will receive their academic schedules and find out their room assignments and roommates. Parents will learn more about ways in which our schools will support their child over the next four years. These will include sessions by Student Development, Academic Advising, as well as departments that support safety and well-being. New Student Registration Day options: June 15, 16, 21, or 22.

There will be a robust virtual option for students unable to attend in-person. Contact Erik Aschenbeck in the Admission Office (easchenbeck@csbsju.edu) with questions.
The Deans

Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day – April 27 – see email from Academic Affairs on 1/30 for additional information

Faculty Awards: recipients of faculty awards will be recognized at the Academic Affairs Awards Ceremony on May 8.

Nomination deadlines:
- Jennifer Galovich Service Award: 3/20/2023
- Academic Advisor of the Year Award: To Be Announced

See attached documents for eligibility criteria and additional information.

Academic Impressions: LGBTQ Leader Success: Two-Part Discussion & Training - May 3 and June 7 see link below for more details: here. This training is free and available to ALL CSB and SJU employees.

MPCC Virtual Workshop: “Humanizing Transfer: Key Faculty Practices” - Feb 28, 2023 3:00 PM
Faculty from any major are invited to join the Minnesota Private College Council for a virtual workshop on Feb 28th, from 3:00-4:30 pm. “Humanizing Transfer: Key Faculty Practices” focuses on ways faculty can support transfer student success in their classroom. Xue Li Wang, from the University of Wisconsin Madison, will lead the workshop. She has researched transfer student issues nationally and has changed her approach to teaching as a result. This is a rare opportunity for faculty to learn the challenges transfer students face when transitioning to a new institution and how key faculty interactions can support student success and degree completion.

“Humanizing Transfer: Key Faculty Practices” : How can faculty at transfer-receptive institutions best support transfer students within and beyond the classroom? This is a vital question of national importance that many transfer champions have tried to tackle. University of Wisconsin-Madison professor and author Xue Li Wang gives unique and evidence-based insight into this question by taking the audience on a reflective journey filled with transfer students’ lived experiences and actionable practices for faculty as they strive to enact a positive change in the journey of transfer students. Grounded in her practice and research, notably her award-winning book, “On My Own: The Challenge and Promise of Building Equitable STEM Transfer Pathways,” Dr. Wang humanizes the transfer process and experience—the assets transfer students are and bring, the challenges they face, the classroom interactions and learning moments that make a difference, and more. The workshop also consists of an interactive component where the audience will engage in brief yet generative activities, leading to ideas that will continue to inspire after the workshop.

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsduyurD0vGdQpDhh96vXYQXZs5rrhM2xj
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Welcome
Welcome to Leah VanOverbeke who is the new Department Coordinator for Education!
Center for Teaching and Learning

We are delighted to share details about two upcoming faculty development opportunities sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) and CSB and SJU HHMI Inclusive Excellence grant as part of our Inclusive Pedagogy Speaker Series.

On Wednesday, March 15, Dr. Tracie Addie, Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning at Lafayette College, will lead a faculty development workshop on “Small Steps for Building More Inclusive Classrooms” from 4:30-6:00pm in Gorecki 204 (CSB). (Flyer attached and Outlook event invite attached)

**Workshop Description:** Inclusive instruction is critical for building welcoming and equitable experiences for diverse learners. During this interactive session we will discuss small steps that instructors can take to create inclusive learning environments for their students at any time during the semester. Prior to the event participants are encouraged to reflect upon their individual definitions of inclusive teaching as applied to their course contexts as well as any perceived barriers to implementation. All faculty and staff are encouraged and welcome to attend!

There will also be an opportunity on Wednesday (12:00-1:15pm) for a group of faculty to attend a lunch and book discussion with Dr. Tracie Addy on her co-authored work, *What Inclusive Instructors Do: Principles and Practices for Excellence in College Teaching*. (Flyer attached)

Space for the lunch discussion is limited. **Faculty members who are interested in attending the event are encouraged to sign up** at the following link: https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/2O75WWPV1Y. (See attached flyer.)

*The first 10 people who sign up for the event will receive a copy of Dr. Addie’s book, which is also available as a free multi-user e-book in the CSB/SJU library. In the event that the lunch discussion fills, we will create a waiting list.

Each of these workshop counts toward the 2022-2023 CSB/SJU Inclusive Pedagogy Practitioner Certificate and Digital Badge. For more information about the certificate, go to https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/2QKYAVTSI6

Libraries

**Bookshots Podcast:** This week's podcast features student Frankie Tesmer, a Communication major and Arts minor. Frankie will talk about *Annihilation* by Jeff Vandermeer, which is Book One of the "Southern Reach Trilogy". Hear her podcast as well as others on the Bookshots channel.

**Book Shots Podcast Series:** The Book Shot Podcast is a short podcast where we visit with a member of the CSB and SJU community and chat about a book that has resonated with them. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Gewirtz (sgewirtz@csbsju.edu). In the meantime, listen to previous Book Shots from the link below. More Information

**Johnnie/Bennie and China Connection:** The Libraries are hosting a student-developed exhibit on a century of connections between Saint Ben’s, Saint John’s, and pan-Chinese entities including China,
Taiwan, and Hong Kong. In addition to the online exhibit, archival materials are on display in the upper level Learning Commons.

Research and Grants Office

Shout Outs: Want to Shout Out your own achievements or raise up one of our colleagues? Tell us about a new publication or book, an award or recognition, the launch or culmination of a project, and/or other accomplishments that your colleagues should know about. Click here to Submit a Shout Out or find the link on the Research & Grants Office page: www.csbsju.edu/research-grants.

Write Now! is back: Write Now!, the twice weekly co-writing meetup, is back for Spring semester! Join us at:
- CSB: Mondays, 8:30-10:30a @ HCC 114/115
- SJU: Thursdays, 1:30-3:30p @ Alcuin 303

Come work on your scholarship/writing in the company of colleagues working on theirs. Stay for the entire block or pop in/leave when you need to. Just bring your work and a beverage or snack and enjoy the low-level accountability of working near others.

New writing groups forming: Are you looking for a group of colleagues to read your work and give you feedback? Or people to keep you on track and accountable? New writing groups are forming for Spring semester. Groups will include 3-4 members and be loosely based on shared interests and desires. Fill out this writing group sign-up form to tell us what you’re looking for.

Experience HUB

XPD

Virtual Experience Hub After Hours: Students can schedule or virtually drop-in to meet with a Hub Mentor during the virtual Experience Hub After Hours on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm. Hub Mentors will be available to help with: Resumes, Cover letters, Handshake, LinkedIn, Interviewing Skills, Connecting with Alums, Pathways questions, Study Abroad applications/programs, Undergraduate Research & Scholars questions. See attached flyer

Center for Global Education

Study Abroad Scholarships: CSB and SJU offer a number of scholarships to help support students’ study abroad. Students apply for these scholarships through their study abroad application. All the scholarships are need-based. Application deadline is Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 11:59pm. (see attached)

Information Technology

ChatGPT and Generative AI session: Thursday February 23rd from 3-4pm in the Kling Media Lab, SJU Learning Commons 181. Join Librarians, Instructional Technology Specialists, and Erica Stonestreet for a hand-on session on ChatGPT and Generative AI.

In this session participants will try ChatGPT with a variety of prompts specific to their discipline. We will
do fact checking of the references it provides, and Erica Stonestreet will share how she is using it in the classroom. She will share her assignment and we’ll have time for a discussion about it as a pedagogical tool. Hint: when Instructional Technology Specialists and Librarians tested its accuracy, most of the references were made up. Join us to see it for yourself. You won’t leave disappointed.  

**Technology sessions:** Technology sessions: Are your students using technology on campus to the fullest to help them succeed? If not, we can help! We are offering sessions in your classroom to show students the different technologies they can utilize to help them feel more confident on how to use them and how to find help if they need it.

We are offering a basic session or an advanced session. During the basic session we will cover topics such as: Folio, Outlook, Canvas, One Drive, Virtual Computer Lab (accessing it and what programs can be found there) downloading the Office programs, how to utilize the resources available from the Library (booking a room) and how to find help through IT Services. In the advanced session we will go a little more in-depth on how to utilize Outlook (rules, calendaring, etc.) and features in Word they may not be utilizing (tracking changes, saving to OneDrive, etc.), and Excel items such basic functions. We will also cover Teams and how to utilize it for a class. Or, if you have specific items you’d like your students to know how to use, we can add that to either session.

If you are interested in a session like this with your students, please contact Cathy Robak at crobak@csbsju.edu or 363-5411 to setup a time.

**Academic Software Requests & Renewals:** IT Services is beginning the process for requesting & renewing academic software for AY 23-24. Please use the link to submit new software requests. If you have requested software for the current academic year, you should have received a renewal email. Software not requested through this process may not be eligible for installation on the network and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Please reach out to Joshua Akkerman - jakkerman001@csbsju.edu - with any questions.  More Information

**Faculty Governance**

Joint Faculty Assembly (4:30-5:50 pm) Tuesday, February 28  
Zoom  https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/98269442900

Joint Faculty Senate Meeting (4:30-6:00) Thursday, March 14 Quad 264

- In-Person for Senators/ex officio members/presenters/any individuals wishing to speak
- Virtual for faculty/staff observers:  https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/96321358151

See the email from the JFA Chair and Vice Chair on 8/22/22 for all meeting dates. For more information regarding these meetings watch for emails from jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu.

**Student Development**

**CSB Residential Life**
Information was sent to a limited number of colleagues and all CSB students on 2/15/2023. More information about the housing selection process can be found on the CSB Housing Selection website:  https://www.csbsju.edu/csb-residential-life/current-student-information/housing-selection-2023-2024
Housing Selection Season is officially upon us! CSB Residential Life recognizes that housing selection is confusing, and students look to you for support. Below are quick resources you can share widely:

CSB Housing Selection Website: [https://www.csbsju.edu/csb-residential-life/current-student-information/housing-selection](https://www.csbsju.edu/csb-residential-life/current-student-information/housing-selection)

CSB Housing Newsletter #1: [https://www.csbsju.edu/documents/CSB%20Residential%20Life/handbook/Room%20Selection%20Newsletter%20201%20%281%29.pdf](https://www.csbsju.edu/documents/CSB%20Residential%20Life/handbook/Room%20Selection%20Newsletter%20201%20%281%29.pdf)


Anyone with questions about the housing selection process can contact the CSB Residential Life Office at housinginfo@csbsju.edu or 320-363-3380.

**Fine Arts Programming**

**Voctave: The Corner of Broadway and Main Street: February 24 7:30 pm Escher Auditorium**
[https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/voctave](https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/voctave) All the way from the Sunshine State comes Voctave, a beyond talented group of 11 exemplary singers here to fill your hearts with joy and ears with tunes. Using mesmerizing a cappella methods, they will provide an unforgettable night of Disney and Broadway showstoppers that everyone will enjoy. With high energy and big passion, this is not a performance to miss!

**The Latehomecomer** March 16 and 17 7:30 p.m. Gorecki Family Theater, BAC
[https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/the-latehomecomer](https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/the-latehomecomer) Join us in a night of heartstrings being pulled as Literature to Life presents The Latehomecomer. Follow the story of a Hmong refugee in Thailand as she comes of age in a transitory time told in spoken word form. Performed by Hmong actress and traditional Flower Singer Gaosong Heu, this deeply moving story brings themes of family, hope, and home.

**One Man Avengers is Performing March 25 7:30 pm SBH:**
[https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/one-man-avengers](https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/one-man-avengers) Charlie Ross is coming March 25, 2023 to bring the big screen to the stage! With his uncanny ability to channel dozens of characters, One Man Avengers will give you all the laughs and excitement of your favorite superhero movie condensed into a hilarious action-packed performance

**The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain:: April 14 7:30 pm Escher Auditorium**
[https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/ukulele-orchestra-of-great-britain-2023](https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/ukulele-orchestra-of-great-britain-2023) Experience the joy of just four strings with The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain! With wit and charm, they’ll take you on a ride through your favorite songs and genres you’d never expect to hear on a ukulele! There will also be an audience play-along in the show, so bring your own ukulele and join in the fun!

Visit the FAP website and the Bulletin Board for more programing in March and April: [https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts](https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts)
Summer Program through the Benedictine Institute

ABCU/Benedictine Pedagogy Conference (Faculty & Staff) June 26-29, 2023 at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida - Application deadline: February 28, 2023 Apply Here

Intended for: Faculty and staff at the 13 Benedictine colleges and universities – US & Canada
Focus: Help faculty and staff from Catholic Benedictine institutions find ways to enrich the classroom/workplace to better serve the university mission and enrich the student experience. This year’s conference will have an emphasis on incorporating a Benedictine perspective within a school’s core curriculum and how courses outside of Theology/Religious Studies can play a central role. For more information and the call for presentation proposals: https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/other-resources-provided-by-the-benedictine-institute/benedictine-pedagogy/abcu-conference

**Note. There are opportunities to present at this conference, though not requirement to do so. Click on the above link for more info. Presentation submission deadline is February 28, 2023.**

The Buzz on Campus

Benedictine Institute Lunch & Learn - Friday, February 24 from 11:30am –12:30pm Quad 264
Dorothy Day: Benedictine Roots behind her Life’s Work presented by guest, Jeff Korgen
Lunch and Learn is compliments of the Benedictine Institute. Please RSVP HERE today!

Fifth Tournées Film Festival at CSB and SJU: The Festival includes six films over six weeks (2/14-3/30) and has been approved as an ARTE series of events. All films are free of charge and will be subtitled in English. Each film will be introduced by a guest speaker from our community and after the screening, there will be an opportunity for moderated discussion. Film screenings start at 6:30pm. See attached for more information: https://www.csbsju.edu/languages-and-cultures/french/news-and-events Watch the Bulletin Board for more information about location of screenings.

"Small Mouth Sounds"!!: February 22-25 @ 7:30pm/ February 26 @ 2pm Colman Black Box Theater
BAC In the overwhelming quiet of the woods, six runaways from city life embark on a silent retreat. As these strangers confront internal demons both profound and absurd, their vows of silence collide with the achingly human need to connect. Filled with awkward humor, this strange and compassionate new play asks how we address life’s biggest questions when words fail us. Tickets via link or 320-363-5777 FAE/ARTE Approved More Information

Theology on Tap: Dorothy Day Expert Jeffry Odell Korgen Visits CSB and SJU/SOT
Thursday, Feb. 23 from 8:00-9:15 PM in Brother Willie's Pub, Jeffry Odell Korgen will share excerpts from his forthcoming graphic biography of Dorothy Day, beloved and controversial co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement of the 20th Century and author of "The Long Loneliness," as well as stories from his seven-year experience collecting and bringing to the Vatican evidence for canonization. Everyone welcome! More Information

Do you have information for The Buzz? If you have information you would like included in The Buzz please submit to this link: The BUZZ information