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A newsletter for the faculty and staff of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Bush Foundation Awards \$1 Million Grants to CSB and SJU

The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University each recently received \$1 million matching capital grants from the Bush Foundation for endowed student scholarships and financial aid. When fully matched, these combined grants will be worth \$4 million to both institutions.

CSB's \$1 million matching capital grant will be used for endowed scholarships and institutional initiatives that enhance student learning. SJU's \$1 million matching capital grant will be used for endowed scholarships.

Institutionally-awarded scholarships and grants are the single largest source of assistance for CSB and SJU students, totaling more than \$38 million in 2006-07. More than 90 percent of all CSB and SJU students receive a scholarship or grant each year to help pay for college.

"The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University have for generations educated students from families of all incomes," said Jon McGee, vice president for enrollment, planning and public affairs. "These generous scholarship gifts, and gifts made by other donors, will go a long way toward ensuring that a CSB or SJU education will remain accessible to students for years to come."

In September 2005, CSB and SJU announced the largest capital campaigns in their histories – Our Place in the World at CSB and One Generation to the Next at SJU. Together, they are seeking to raise \$230 million to strengthen their educational mission by investing in students, faculty, staff, programs and facilities. The capital campaigns coincide with the 150th anniversaries of Saint Benedict's Monastery, Saint John's Abbey and Saint John's University.

To ensure quality, affordability and diversity, as part of their capital campaigns, the two colleges seek to raise \$75 million for scholarships and need-based financial aid. To date, CSB and SJU have raised more than \$52 million for these purposes.

"The young women at the College of Saint Benedict are national leaders in study abroad participation and service to our

global community. They are women of integrity, intellect and courage," said MaryAnn Baenninger, CSB president. "The Bush grant will enable us to grow our endowment, and these funds will enable us to expand the unique educational experience we provide to our students even further."

"Saint John's University is deeply grateful to the Bush Foundation for this significant gift in support of need-based student financial aid and scholarships," said Br. Dietrich Reinhart, SJU president. "We anticipate this challenge grant will inspire new and current donors to help make a college education a reality to students for whom this is now only a dream."

"Higher education institutions educate students but they also prepare future leaders and, thus, make enormous contributions to their communities," said Anita M. Pampusch, president of the Bush Foundation. "We are happy to assist these two institutions with their current capital campaigns which should position them to operate successfully well into the future. Bush capital funding is intended precisely for that purpose. We wish them well."

The Bush Foundation is a private grant-making organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life in our region by strengthening organization, individual and community leadership. Established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, the Foundation supports arts and culture, health and human services, education, ecological health and individual fellowships in arts, medicine and leadership in a region that includes Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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Self Study: It's More Than Jumping through Hoops

Prepared by Carie Braun, CSB/SJU assistant professor of nursing

As you are well aware, CSB/SJU is currently seeking continued accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Achieving accreditation means more than successfully jumping through a hoop. It means that we are high-quality institutions that are constantly striving to improve. Our HLC site visit is scheduled for Oct. 13-15, 2008.

Prior to this site visit, CSB/SJU needs to complete an in-depth self-analysis of how effectively we are living our mission of "providing the very best residential liberal arts education in the Catholic university tradition" by fostering "integrated learning, exceptional leadership for change and wisdom for a lifetime." This means we need to develop a comprehensive and evaluative self-study report. The major emphasis of this report is determining to what extent CSB/SJU has met the five criteria set forth by HLC. The topics of these criteria are 1) mission and integrity, 2) planning for the future, 3) student learning and effective teaching, 4) the discovery, acquisition and application of knowledge, and 5) engagement and service. More information on the five criteria is available in the accreditation handbook located on the HLC Web site at (<http://www.ncahigherlearning-commission.org/>).

The development of the self-study report will be a compilation of work by many people across the institutions. Below is a list of subcommittee members who will be working on each of the criteria. Please contact any of these people if you have information that you believe might be relevant to the criteria or if you have questions.

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Hollermann Named to CSB Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture

CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger has announced the appointment of S. Ephrem Hollermann, OSB, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology, as College of Saint Benedict Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2007.

"This appointment recognizes S. Ephrem's excellent teaching record, her work as a scholar in the fields of American Catholic studies and Benedictine women's history, and her distinguished service to the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University as a faculty member and former prioress of her monastic community," Baenninger said. "With this appointment we enhance Strategic Directions 2010, and we honor the intent of the Koch gift to the College of Saint Benedict.

"During her term as Koch Chair, S. Ephrem will continue her scholarship on Benedictine women and their contribution to the Catholic identity of CSB.

Through this scholarship she will help the institutions at large to expand the awareness and discussion of the Catholic intellectual tradition and culture at both the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. S. Ephrem's scholarship on Benedictine women is a particularly appropriate focus for a college for women. I congratulate S. Ephrem and look forward to working with her in this new role."

Baenninger also expressed appreciation for the work of Noreen Herzfeld, CSB/SJU professor of computer science and theology, for her stewardship as the director of the Koch Chair program during the first years of its inception.

de Sam Lazaro Joins Saint John's

prepared by Mike Killeen

Chances are you've seen Fred de Sam Lazaro.

Maybe you've seen him on television. He has been a correspondent for The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and other public broadcast media. He is a reporter in the major public television series, "America at a Crossroads," which premiered April 11 on PBS.

Perhaps you've seen him speak in public or in the classroom. de Sam Lazaro gave the commencement address at SJU in the spring of 2001, and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. In the spring of 2005, he taught Honors 250 – "Ethical Thinking in Global Perspective," and established for-credit student internships.

These days, however, you can see de Sam Lazaro at Saint John's. He has joined Saint John's as director of the Under-Told Story project.

The Under-Told Story project is a collaborative project involving international journalism and teaching. It will engage CSB and SJU students in courses, hands-on internships and mentoring opportunities providing a forum for critical reflection on the world's "under-told

stories." The project will also host special events and guest speakers of national and international reputation.

"One of my life-long ambitions in a professional sense has been to try to link journalism and the academic world in a working sense," de Sam Lazaro said. "It's a real attempt to extend the impact of television news reporting to the students.

"Another major goal is to bring the relevance of distant stories home to Minnesota college students, who are entering a world where long distance is an oxymoron," de Sam Lazaro added.

He hopes to give students "a better sense" of how the media selects and produces stories, and wants to bring his stories into classrooms across both campuses. To do that, de Sam Lazaro has brought 22 years worth of stories from across the United States and 35 countries on a wide variety of subjects to be made available in classrooms.

The project will have complete editorial freedom, allowing for journalistic integrity, and will have an advisory board of nationally respected media members.

de Sam Lazaro will continue to produce programs for radio and television. In addition to his work with The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, he will continue as a contributing correspondent for PBS' Religion and Ethics News Weekly, National Public Radio and others.

His work on the "America at a Crossroads" series premiered April 18, in a documentary entitled, "The Muslim Americans." de Sam Lazaro reported on "Issues of Discrimination" facing American Muslims in a post 9/11 world. His segment explored the fear, frustration and anxiety that American Muslims experience in their everyday lives.

de Sam Lazaro has also served as a correspondent for Minnesota Public Radio, won several broadcast awards and received journalism fellowships at the University of Michigan and with the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

A graduate of the College of St. Scho-

lastica in Duluth, Minn., de Sam Lazaro has served on PBS' The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer since 1985. He was also an executive producer for documentaries at Twin Cities Public Television.

The Under-Told Story will complement the relationship of CSB/SJU by providing enhanced educational opportunities for the students of both colleges and ensuring the long-term visibility and vitality of both institutions.

SOT Changing Faces Series Hosts Carmen Nanko-Fernández

Carmen Nanko-Fernández of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and vice president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS) spoke March 22, at SJU for the Changing Faces series.

Nanko-Fernández gave her presentation, "Retrieving the Option for the Young: Directions for Theology and Ministry Amongst Latinos/as," in the Pellegrine Auditorium.

"I cannot think of a better person than Dr. Nanko-Fernández to facilitate the process of addressing from theological and ministerial perspectives the challenges and opportunities offered by this changing face of the U.S. Catholic Church," said Miguel Diaz, president of ACHTUS and faculty member of Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary.

A workshop conducted by Nanko-Fernández in March was followed by a luncheon with students as well as Hispanic leaders from the region. After lunch, Nanko-Fernández and 20 selected individuals went on a retreat to discuss youth in theology and ministry.

Around half of the Catholic youth in the United States are now Hispanic, and a goal of this series is to engage more people in transformative approaches to intercultural ministry. The series is also aiming to invite members of the CSB/SJU communities to experience all ministry and service as intercultural.

The Changing Faces series is the new title for the SOT's annual multicultural conference. SJU and School of Theology•Seminary are now collaborating with CSB's Companions on a Journey to provide an opportunity to connect with and serve within the broader community and reach more people interested in intercultural hospitality and ministry.

Debut Meeting of Writing Passages Group Discusses Wallace Stegner's Novel

"Writing Passages," a discussion group for book lovers, met for the first time on March 22, at the Gathering Place, Sacred Heart Chapel, Saint Benedict's Monastery.

The group discussed Wallace Stegner's novel *Crossing to Safety* at its debut meeting.

The discussion was led by two CSB/SJU professors and authors who admire the book: Tony Cunningham, chair of the philosophy department and author of *The Heart of What Matters: The Role of Literature in Moral Philosophy*; and Annette Atkins, professor of history and author of *Harvest of Grief: Grasshopper Plagues and Public Assistance in Minnesota, 1873-7*, and the upcoming *Creating Minnesota: A History From the Inside Out*, to be published in the fall 2007.

The group hopes to meet several times per year. Books will be selected which have broad appeal to the community at large.

The event is sponsored by the Literary Arts Institute (LAI) of CSB, and the CSB/SJU philosophy department. The LAI was founded in 1997 to foster creative writing, publishing and interaction between students and writers.

CSB Hosted Women's Month Events

"Women Hold Up Half the Sky" was the theme of this year's Women's Month at CSB.

Programming for the month ran from March 6 to April 1, and included keynote speakers Joe Kelly and Barbara Martinez Jitner, a "Bennie Pride" dinner and a fine arts event presentation of the one-woman show, "Ain't I a Woman!"

Women's Month is an annual tradition begun in the 1970s at CSB. The month offers programming that focuses and reflects on the contributions of and the challenges faced by women — past, present and future. The month was co-sponsored by the CSB Student Senate and the CSB Center for Women.

Kelly is the nationally acclaimed co-author of *The Body Myth: Adult Women and the Pressure to be Perfect*. He spoke on March 13, at SJU on how women can fight against the "body myth" to develop and maintain healthy body images. CSB/SJU Counseling for Health Promotion was an additional sponsor of this event.

Martinez Jitner spoke March 21 at CSB. Martinez Jitner is the award-winning film producer of the documentary "La Frontera," which was screened at CSB on March 19. The CSB/SJU chapter of Amnesty International and Women's Live Series were additional sponsors of this event.

Student Newspaper Wins Nine Awards at Newspaper Contest

The Record, the CSB/SJU student newspaper, won nine awards from the Minnesota Newspaper Association's 2005-06 Better Newspaper Contest, including first place in the category of overall typography and design for college newspapers. The awards were presented Jan. 25, during the Minnesota Newspaper Association's annual convention at the Bloomington Sheraton Hotel.

First-place awards were also given to three individual *Record* reporters. Matt Smith and Kelly Smith won the category of investigative reporting for their three-part series on the CSB/SJU Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. Kath-

erine Harlander-Locke and Kelly Smith won the category of general reporting for their story, "An Unspoken Crime."

Five second-place awards were given to *The Record* in the categories of general excellence, best editorial page, best individual editorial, best use of photography and best headline writing.

Matt Smith also placed second in feature writing for his article, "Embedded in Catholicism," which investigated how students of different religious backgrounds find their place on a Catholic campus.

CSB Student Selected to Attend Harvard Conference

CSB student Bibi Abdalla participated in the seventh annual Public Policy and Leadership Conference (PPLC) Feb. 22-25, at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Abdalla is one of 50 students from around the country to be selected for the conference from a pool of approximately 125 applicants. She was the only student selected from a Minnesota college or university — the second consecutive year that CSB has had the only Minnesota representative at the conference.

The PPLC is designed to inform students about careers in the public sector. The conference encourages students who possess a commitment to public service to prepare for graduate study in public policy and international affairs, and it provides information on financial support through various fellowship programs.

Conference speakers included Alan Khazei, co-founder and CEO of City Year, a national youth service that inspired the development of AmeriCorps, the nation's federal investment in national youth service; Heather Campaign, group executive vice president and director of corporate affairs at Citizens Financial Group, Inc., a multi-state bank holding company headquartered

in Providence, R.I.; and George Moose, former assistant secretary of state for African affairs from 1993-97 and former ambassador to Benin (1983-86) and the Republic of Senegal (1988-91).

Abdalla is a sophomore political science major from St. Paul, Minn. She enjoys volunteering during the summer months. During the academic year, she concentrates on her studies and is active in the CSB/SJU Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement and the Asian Club. She is also a fellow in the I-LEAD program at CSB/SJU (I-LEAD is an acronym for Intercultural Leadership, Education and Development).

"I love volunteering," Abdalla said. "Whenever there is a need and I have the skills to meet those needs, I try to provide my service to those who need it. This past summer, as a civil war broke out in Somalia, I enjoined a group of students to raise money for Somali public hospitals in Mogadishu. At that same time, I was volunteering as a translator for an immigration law center in St. Paul."

Abdalla was recommended to attend the conference by Matt Lindstrom, CSB/SJU associate professor of political science.

"Bibi is an ambitious political science major and an active participant in the Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement," Lindstrom said. "She is passionate about international politics and is committed to a career in public policy and public service.

"This conference gave Bibi an opportunity to network with senior policy makers, elite graduate school representatives as well as exceptional students from around the world who are interested in public policy," Lindstrom said.

Faculty/Staff News

Jennifer Galovich, associate professor of mathematics, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Mathematical

Association of America. She will represent the North Central Section, comprising Minnesota, the eastern Dakotas, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Sanford Moskowitz, CSB/SJU assistant professor of management, will contribute a chapter to the upcoming edition of *World Review of Entrepreneurship, Management, and Sustainable Development*, to be published by Inderscience Publishers. Professor Moskowitz's peer-reviewed chapter is titled "The Determinants and Dynamics of the Internationalization of European SMEs." The volume is being published this spring.

Stuart Perry, director of financial aid at SJU, presented a session entitled "Decoding the Language of Financial Aid" at the College Board Midwestern Regional Forum in Chicago Feb. 25-27. The Forum provides an opportunity for college admission and financial aid representatives to interact with high school teachers and guidance counselors from the Midwest. Perry attended the Forum with other members of the CSB/SJU admission and financial aid staff.

Martha Tomhave Blauvelt, CSB/SJU professor of history and director, gender and women's studies program, presented the John Mayher Memorial Lecture at the Litchfield Historical Society, Litchfield, Conn., on March 9. Her subject was "Schooling the Heart: Emotion at Litchfield Female Academy." She also did a book signing of her newly published book, *The Work of the Heart: Young Women and Emotion, 1780-1830*, which is part of the Jeffersonian America series of the University of Virginia Press.

A paper co-authored by **Imad Rahal**, CSB/SJU assistant professor of computer science, has been accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Bioinformatics Research and Applications* (IJBRA) by InderScience Publishers. The paper, "CARIBIAM: Constrained Asso-

ciations Rules using Interactive Biological Incremental Mining," analyzes annotated genome data by applying a very central data-mining technique known as association rule mining with the aim of discovering rules and hypotheses capable of yielding deeper insights into this type of data.

Rahal also co-authored a chapter, "Categorization of Data Clustering Techniques," which has been accepted for publication in the *Encyclopedia of Public Information Technology* by Idea Group Publishing (ed. Mehdi Khosrow-Pour) Hershey, Penn.

Matt Lindstrom, CSB/SJU associate professor of political science, presented a paper, "What's a Bus Ticket have to do with my Political Science Class?" at the Western Political Science Association annual conference March 8-10, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Richard Bohr, CSB/SJU professor of history and director of Asian studies, has just finished conducting a semester-long seminar on integrating East Asian studies into the high school curriculum. Participants included 15 teachers from Saint Paul-Minneapolis secondary schools who intend to integrate East Asian elements into their curricular and co-curricular projects. The seminar, which is offered in a dozen locations around the United States, is funded by the Freeman Foundation, which is giving increasing amounts of support to infuse Asian studies into America's pre-college classrooms. This is the second such seminar Bohr has taught during the past year.

In addition, Bohr has given the following talks:

"Christianity in China and China's Global Market Influence," at North Como Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, on Feb. 18;

"China and the U.S. in the 'Chinese Century,'" at Unity Church Unitarian, St. Paul, on March 21 and March 28;

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“China, India, and the U.S. in the ‘Asian Century,’” a keynote address, at the China Symposium, Saint Cloud State University, March 26.

In the Media

Heidi Harlander, director of career services, was quoted March 7, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “10 dos, don’ts to a better resume.”

Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, associate professor of theology and faculty resident, was featured March 7, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Taking some cues from the past.”

The Mock Trial Team was featured in March 6, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “CSB/SJU Mock Trial team to compete.”

Johanna Davis, coordinator of external scholarship programs, and CSB student Laura Buggy were featured March 4, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Students enter hunt for financial help.”

Kay Wolsborn, professor of political science, was quoted March 2, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Bachmann clarifies Iraq, Iran statements.”

CSB/SJU was cited Feb. 27, in a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* editorial, “More international education needed.”

CSB/SJU was featured Feb. 27, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Alumni gifts boost funds, students.”

Gary Prevost, professor of political science, column, “After Fidel: Don’t expect a revolution” was featured in Feb. 23 *Commonweal* (password required).

The Benedicta Arts Center of CSB was featured Feb. 23, in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

CSB students were featured Feb. 17, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “St. Ben’s to induct 12 in honor society.”

CSB/SJU students were featured Feb. 15, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Students protest tuition increases.”

Fine Arts Programming was featured Feb. 15, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “The faces of Mark Lundholm.”

SJU was mentioned Feb. 9, during the Twin Cities Public Television *Almanac* program.

The Saint John’s Bible was featured Feb. 9, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Breathing life into text.”

Africa’s greatest contemporary novelist Nuruddin Farah conducted his CSB/SJU residency, Feb. 5-8. Media coverage included Minnesota Public Radio’s “Midmorning,” *St. Cloud Times*, National Public Radio’s “Fresh Air.”

Derek Larson, associate professor of history and environmental studies program director, was featured Feb. 7, in a *St. Cloud Times* opinion piece, “Climate report must inspire action.”

SJU was mentioned Feb. 6, in a *Paul Pioneer Press* article, “Virtually visiting.”

CSB/SJU was featured Feb. 6, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Display marks wars’ human cost.”

CSB/SJU was featured Feb. 5, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Families, students gather for read-in.”

CSB/SJU was featured Feb. 4, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Students present research at Capitol.”

Events Calendar

May 3: Minnesota Orchestra
CSB Petters Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

May 5: Kathy Mattea
CSB Petters Auditorium, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

May 6: Cantus
SJU Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, 2 p.m.

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