Become civically engaged through the McCarthy Center...

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PARTICIPATION
Increased conference and seminar participation exposes students to an international network of leaders in public policy, career opportunities as well as diverse viewpoints. Students from Saint Ben’s and Saint John’s frequently participate in conferences such as the U.S. Policy and Global Affairs Conference at the United States Military Academy and the Public Policy Leadership Conference at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

POLITICS & A PINT
Politics & a Pint is an ongoing series showcased in Brother Willie’s Pub. Each program fosters frank discussions on public policy issues. Politics & a Pint invites guest speakers to talk with students in an informal setting without academic pressures and about issues which may normally not enter the classroom.

WASHINGTON D.C. SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM
The Washington D.C. Summer Study Program offers students the opportunity to work full time in a Congressional office, on a committee staff, in a government agency, in a nonprofit organization, or with a public affairs group. The program offers thoughtful integration of field experiences with seminar study of U.S. national government, application of transferable skills to accomplish political tasks, evaluation of a variety of career goals, acceptance of career development responsibility, and the ability to live and work independently and responsibly in an urban setting.

Scholarships:

MARIE & ROBERT JACKSON FELLOWS
The Marie and Robert Jackson Fellowship is a collaboration between the Liemandt Family Service Learning Program at CSB and the McCarthy Center at SJU. Jackson Fellows receive a summer stipend to work full time at an organization involved with public policy and/or civic engagement. In addition the Jackson Fellows participate in leadership development seminars throughout the summer and academic year.

JOHN BRANDL SCHOLARS
John Brandl was a 1959 graduate of SJU. The John Brandl Scholars program celebrates Brandl’s lifelong commitment to mentorship and scholarship in higher education, public policy and politics. This program supports collaborative summer public policy research projects conducted with students and faculty. The research is connected to a part-time internship students have with a public policy organization.

JOHN E. ROBSON SCHOLARS
John Robson’s life was a model of personal and political engagement, having served under four U.S. Presidents. Robson Scholars are a small, elite group of St. Ben’s students recognized for their academic excellence and achievement, engagement in political activities on campus, passion and dedication to social change, and prospects that examines a significant policy issue or problem.

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csbsju.edu/mccarthycenter
The Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement builds on a rich tradition of engagement, opportunity, and outreach at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. The McCarthy Center prides itself on creating venues for constructive, responsible and interesting civic debate and engagement in community affairs.

“I am hopeful that this challenge may alleviate this sense of political helplessness and restore to many people a belief in the process of American politics and of American government.”

- Eugene J. McCarthy

The McCarthy Center offers many exclusive learning opportunities. Pictured above are CSB/SJU students along with McCarthy Center Director, Matt Lindstrom(right) and former US Senator from Nebraska, Chuck Hagel (center) after the 2009 McCarthy Lecture.

All CSB/SJU students who are interested in public policy are welcome to join the Center through event and discussion participation. Many students are majors in political science, economics, sociology, and peace studies, but we welcome everyone’s involvement.

Our Mission
To cultivate the habit of promoting the common good through an integrative environment for learning. To promote the value of politics; our shared identity as citizens; our engagement in public work.

Politics and Public Policy Alumnae/i Chapter
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John Simonett receiving the Fidelis Apparitor award at the CSB Red Mass, co-sponsored by the McCarthy Center.

“Living under the Rule of Saint Benedict, we were told by these teachers to live as a family and as Aquinas taught, self-fulfillment was to be gained through, not outside, the common good. Perhaps this is why so many of us, in one way or another, later became involved in community and public service.”

-Minnesota Supreme Court Justice John E. Simonett ’48, from Sense of Place

A Learning Community for Everyone
The McCarthy Center is a group of students, faculty, staff and graduates drawn together by a common interest in public policy.

The McCarthy Center helps participants to learn more about being civically engaged and becoming active, influential members of society.

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CSB/SJU 2009 Day at the Minnesota State Capitol.

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