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

## *CSB/SJU Science Students Team up with Students from China in Research Exchange*

Prepared by Mike Killeen, assistant director of media relations, Communication and Marketing Services

For 16 students from CSB, SJU and Southwest University (SWU) in Beibei, Chongqing, China, summer's usual pastimes – working to pay for school, camping and baseball – have been augmented by test tubes, beakers and microscopes. These students are the first participants in a unique Summer Science Research Exchange Program between the two Minnesota schools and Southwest University.

In May, eight CSB/SJU science students from the biology, chemistry and physics departments traveled to China where they partnered with eight undergraduate Chinese science students to conduct scientific research at SWU. Six weeks later, on July 3, all the students returned to CSB/SJU to start new projects.

It's the first time the schools – which have been partners for 20 years – have been part of a truly reciprocal exchange of students. Each fall semester, CSB/SJU sends students and a faculty director to SWU, but until now, no groups of students from SWU have come to CSB/SJU to study.

Henry Jakubowski, CSB/SJU professor of chemistry, who developed the new science exchange program at CSB/SJU, said he first thought about a possible exchange program in 1997, when he visited SWU (then known as Southwest China Normal University).

"Science majors have many required science courses with labs that cannot easily be completed abroad," Jakubowski said, noting that just 28 percent of science students are able to complete a study abroad experience. This compares to an average of 50 percent for other CSB/SJU students who participate in one of CSB/SJU's 17 semester-long programs.

"I was thinking of ways in which our science students could study in China without making it more difficult to complete their majors in four years," he said. "It also struck me that

although we send students to SWU, they never send students here. I realized that an ideal solution that would address both issues was a science research exchange in the summer, when course demands would not limit participation.

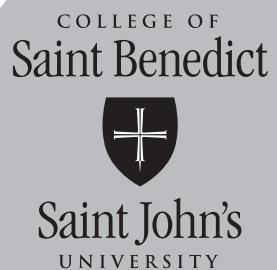
"Programs exist in which American students study or do research abroad, or foreign students do research here. However, I don't know of any program that involves undergraduate students from different countries partnered in a reciprocal science research exchange," he said.

The science projects are only part of what the students are learning. The intercultural exchange, living in a different country and making friends are experiences of a lifetime, he said.

Jakubowski also cited a survey of managers from Minnesota-based technological industries, who were asked what qualities of scientists they value in their workplaces. "What topped the list was not expertise with modern instrumentation, but rather cultural competency," he said.

Besides their work in the labs, the students have visited the Science Museum in St. Paul and attended a Minnesota Twins' game. They've also enjoyed camping in northern Minnesota and swimming at Lake Sagatagan on the Saint John's campus.

Jakubowski said the program will be reviewed by both sides after its completion. He envisions a time when it could be expanded to include other departments that have active summer research programs, such as mathematics and geology.



## **Grant from Lilly Endowment to Enhance CSB's Companions on a Journey**

Prepared by Mike Killeen,  
assistant director of media services

CSB has received a \$500,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help prepare a new generation of women for leadership in church and society.

The grant will enhance and expand the pioneering Companions on a Journey program, which brings students, faculty, staff and alumnae together to connect their values with their life choices.

Since 2002, CSB has received nearly \$2 million from the Endowment for Companions on a Journey, which through retreats, discussion groups and opportunities for reflection, draws on the college's unique Benedictine monastic heritage emphasizing listening and community.

The program is timely and responds to a growing national interest in spiritual development among young people. According to a 2003 study conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles, undergraduates have a high interest in spirituality and spiritual development, but often feel that colleges and universities do little to help students explore those issues or to support their search for values and meaning in life.

"We know that young people across the country today rank opportunities for spiritual engagement high on their list of what they hope a college will provide," said MaryAnn Baenninger, president of CSB. "At the College of Saint Benedict,

spiritual engagement and development are central to our mission."

Enter the CSB program.

"My Journey Group experience was simply the best part of my time at the College of Saint Benedict," said Nicole Goeden, a 2006 graduate who was a theater major from Dillon, Mont.

Goeden said that she looked forward to each gathering with a facilitator and four other students in her group, "and I nearly always (left) feeling uplifted and rejuvenated. It is difficult to express just how rewarding and therapeutic it can be to connect with other women in a spiritual way.

"My group has helped me through many difficult times on my journey at CSB, even when they might not have known it. They created a 'safe space' for me to share my fears, my struggles and my dreams. For this gift, I am eternally grateful. You have made my college experience richer, more memorable and more meaningful," Goeden said.

"Vocation is a calling that seeks meaning and fulfillment in life for people of all faiths. It isn't restricted to religious calling," Baenninger said. "Our Companions on a Journey program is a nationally leading program which brings together women of all ages in vibrant small groups within our larger community to discuss, reflect upon and plan their life commitments.

"This extraordinary program responds to our students' need for spiritual growth, and to their need to make decisions about their life's work in an environment where they can expect to change careers many times during their life," Baenninger added.

With this grant that runs from 2008-10, CSB will enhance its signature program, the Journey Groups, as well as its summer institute and academic courses on discernment and vocation. CSB will add programs in ecclesial ministry, expanding outreach beyond the campus

community and adding a professorship in women's leadership in church and society. The number of participants is expected to double between 2006 and 2010.

"While many colleges and universities have been engaging in the theological exploration of vocation, as far as I know, we are the only school which uses the group spiritual companioning process," said Marian Diaz, program director of Companions on a Journey. "The importance of Companions on a Journey arises from its distinctive ability to provide our students with programming that supports the formation of communal bonds with peers and women of other generations.

"These small group communities then allow the women the freedom to explore their gifts, the presence of other people and God in their lives and the needs of our changing society so that they may better discern how they will work in service to humanity during and after their experience at CSB," Diaz added. "Our process seeks to engage the participants in reflection that considers their emotional, intellectual, physical, cultural and spiritual selves."

CSB was one of only two women's colleges nationally to receive funding for vocational exploration. From 2000-02, the Endowment funded 88 colleges and universities for the Theological Exploration of Vocation program.

"We have been thrilled and delighted at the (national) results so far," said Craig Dykstra, Endowment senior vice president for religion. "These schools have integrated programs and projects that are advancing the initiative's aims: to encourage young people to explore Christian ministry as their possible life's work, to help all students draw on their faith traditions in making vocational choices, and to enhance the capacity of each school's faculty and staff to teach and mentor students effectively in these areas."

### **Did You Know?**

The CSB/SJU department of chemistry ranked 16th out of 914 liberal arts institutions for graduates who have gone on to receive their Ph.D. in chemistry.

Lilly Endowment is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation and follows its founders' wishes in supporting the causes of community development, education and religion.

## West Meets East for Dialog on Science and Religion

Prepared by Glenda Isaacs Burgeson, editor, Community

Noreen Herzfeld, CSB/SJU professor of computer science and theology and director of the CSB Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture, addressed an international conference on religion and science in Tehran last spring. She traveled to Iran as one of a seven-member American delegation sponsored by the Philadelphia-based Metanexus Institute. The conference, held May 1-4, brought together Iranian, American and other international scholars. It was part of a long-term strategy by the Metanexus Institute to explore whether and how the academic study of science and religion can help promote international reconciliation and cooperation that transcends political and religious difference.

During a recent interview, Herzfeld reflected on her experience and the cultural differences she observed.

"I got the feeling, in many cases, those of us from the West were doing religion and science from a different philosophical standpoint than they were in Iran," she said. "For them, religion is the beginning, the middle and the end of the discussion."

In the West, she said, dialog between science and religion tends to give primacy to science. "In Iran, the Quran is the highest authority and science has to give."

Nonetheless, clerics vary in their interpretations of the Quran. "There is no one monolithic viewpoint," she said.

For example, with respect to the issue of nuclear weapons development, mullahs differ in their interpretations about

which parts of the Quran are relevant and how they are applicable.

One striking cultural difference she observed concerned a sense of time and tradition. Iranians experience and value a much longer view of tradition than is common in the West, she said.

"At the conference, the philosophical thinkers and poets of the Middle Ages were revered and quoted in a way you don't see as much in the West," she said. "Iranians take great pride in their long heritage of Persia and it's not at all unusual to find a taxi driver quoting Rumi."

Despite her observations, Herzfeld said she could not evaluate how her hosts perceived their guests from the West, a problem she attributes at least in part to gender.

"One of the things I found most difficult was wearing hijab," she said, referring to the practice by women of wearing attire to cover their bodies. "It was hot. I had to have my sleeves down to my hands, my skirts to my ankles and my head covered at all times in public. I had a hard time keeping my head scarf on my head. It kept slipping back."

While keeping hijab was a challenge in terms of personal comfort, Herzfeld said the other challenge was not knowing when men would or would not talk to her.

She received only limited feedback to her presentation, "A New Member of the Family? The Continuum of Being, Artificial Intelligence, and the Image of God."

"After my talk, there were a lot of questions – almost all of the questions from men."

After the presentation, however, only women and the translator came up to speak informally to her. "I was the co-presider at that session and even my co-presider did not speak to me after the session," she said.

During her trip, Herzfeld was able

to get a sense of some of the domestic issues Iran faces. Sixty percent of the population is under the age of 20 and 70 percent under the age of 30, she said.

"Every year one million young people join the work force but there are only a half-million jobs available so there is a tremendous cadre of young people who are unemployed or underpaid."

With 90 percent of jobs controlled by the government either directly or indirectly, citizens expect the government to provide jobs, she said.

That expectation could have a bearing on the nuclear power issue, which is viewed as an economic issue. Iranians believe they have every right to have nuclear power, which would free up more oil for exporting, Herzfeld said. She observed that the question of nuclear weapons was less clear cut.

"There are clerics who say the use of a nuclear bomb is prohibited by the Quran, but others believe the possession of one for deterrence would not be prohibited," she said.

"The U.S. has a convoluted relationship with Iran that extends back over 100 years. They feel the U.S. does not respect them as a country, as a political power and as an ancient culture. That's very important to them."

## CSB Student Selected for Leadership Development Institute

Prepared by Mike Killeen, assistant director of media relations, Communication and Marketing Services

CSB senior Eve Vang was selected to participate in the Kellogg Collegiate Women of Color Leadership Development Institute Aug. 10-13, at Mount Washington Conference Center, Baltimore, Md.

Vang was one of 51 college students from 20 states selected to participate in the conference, which was held for the first time. The institute was sponsored

by the Foundation for Independent Higher Education, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation was the major donor for the program.

The program aims to identify campus leaders among women of color enrolled at independent colleges across the nation and provide a learning experience to help prepare them for future leadership roles. During the four-day institute, a variety of speakers addressed topics related to leadership. In addition, the group spent one day touring the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters, and heard from women leaders in the CIA.

Participants also are expected to undertake a leadership project on their home campus or in the neighboring community during their senior year. A stipend of \$2,500 will be provided to assist each student in funding their project.

Vang, a political science major, said she is hoping to base the leadership project on what she is most passionate about – culture and diversity.

"Perhaps we can do a simulation in the woods ... called 'The Hmong Odyssey,'" she said, noting that participants would experience what refugees of the Vietnam War did in crossing from Laos to Thailand in a role-playing exercise.

## **CSB/SJU Offers World Leaders Camp to Incoming Students**

Prepared by Mike Killeen, assistant director of media relations, Communication and Marketing Services

CSB/SJU hopes to make first-year students think globally – even before they enter the schools.

World Leaders Camp is a new program offered by CSB/SJU for incoming first-year students who aspire to a successful career in the new global economy. Thirty students attended this year's camp, July 16-30, on the CSB/SJU campuses.

The camp offered classes taught by CSB/SJU faculty on topics such as intercultural communication and global business practices; field trips to international communities, cultural events and exhibits; and interaction with international high school students from China, Chile, Spain and Japan, who attended the AmeriCulture Camp July 16 through Aug. 4 at CSB/SJU.

By attending the World Leaders Camp, students are automatically enrolled in the WorldStar Diplomat program, and receive preferred enrollment status in the new First-Year Winter Experience Abroad.

The First-Year Winter Experience Abroad program is separate from the semester-long study abroad programs offered by CSB/SJU. The two-week sessions will be in Cuernavaca, Mexico; Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; and possibly Montreal, Quebec, Canada, beginning in January 2007.

Both the World Leaders Camp and the First-Year Winter Experience Abroad are considered to be an "ignition program" to get first-year students inspired to travel abroad, to experience some of the more than 200 classes CSB/SJU offers that have some kind of global or intercultural content and to plan their international experiences in advance, said Kristi Kremers, CSB/SJU global education coordinator.

CSB/SJU was ranked No. 3 nationally among baccalaureate institutions for total number of study abroad students in the annual report on international education, *Open Doors 2005*, published by the Institute of International Education.

About six in 10 CSB students study internationally before they graduate, a participation rate nearly twice the national average for liberal arts colleges.

## **Saint John's Honors World's Top Benedictine with Pax Christi Award**

Saint John's Abbey and University gave their highest honor, the Pax Christi Award, to Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, OSB, on July 4, in the Abbey Church. The award was presented as part of the "One Heart, One Soul: Many Communities" monastic institute held July 1-7. The Pax Christi Award is intended to honor those whose lives exemplify such Benedictine ideals as serving humanity.

As abbot primate, Notker is the highest representative of the women and men in the Benedictine Order worldwide, and he serves as abbot of Saint Anselmo Abbey, Rome. There are more than 16,000 Benedictine women and 8,000 Benedictine men living in monastic communities. A native of Germany, Notker was elected abbot primate in September 2000.

The institute planners cite a dynamic, widespread interest in religious community and monasticism and report that new monastic communities are springing up in unexpected forms, places and denominations. As part of Saint John's 150th anniversary celebration, the Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary hosted this six-day institute to foster conversation among members and scholars of the various forms community life.

## **CSB Student Selected for Latinas Learning to Lead Youth Institute**

Prepared by Mike Killeen, assistant director of media relations, Communication and Marketing Services

As a first-generation college student at CSB, Raquel Gudiel hopes to be a leader and mentor within the Latino community.

She'll get that chance. Gudiel, a sophomore, is one of 22 Latina college students selected to participate in the 2006 Latinas Learning to Lead Youth Institute

July 16-22 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

The institute's purpose is to train the next generation of Latina leaders and combines leadership training with technical and practical experience. It also focuses on personal and career planning, health and well-being, entrepreneurship and leadership skills.

Gudiel, a graduate of Bell High School in Los Angeles who has an individualized major (Latino/a American studies) at CSB, serves as a site coordinator with the Fast Forward Youth Program, a tutoring and mentoring program for Latino/a youth in Central Minnesota.

The Fast Forward Youth Program is part of the Latino/a Student Outreach Program at CSB/SJU. The goal of the program is to increase the college participation rate of Latino/a students by aiding the students in becoming successful in junior high and high school and helping them explore post-secondary educational opportunities.

As a site coordinator, Gudiel, in collaboration with her co-workers, is responsible for coordinating all of the activities that take place in preparation for and during Fast Forward Youth Program sessions at Willmar Junior High School, Monticello High School and St. Cloud North Junior High School. The program serves approximately 80 students.

Gudiel is also a fellow in the I-LEAD program at CSB/SJU, which began in September 2005. I-LEAD (an acronym for Intercultural Leadership, Education and Development) provides scholarships to reduce or eliminate loans for low-income, first-generation college students. In addition, academic, social and leadership guidance is given to students.

Gudiel is also involved with promoting interculturalism and social justice on campus, including the Student Coalition for Global Solidarity, the Social Justice Community in her residence hall and the WorldStar program.

## **Graduates Earn Fulbright Awards to Germany and Austria**

Three recent SJU graduates have received awards from Fulbright commissions in Germany and Austria.

Lewis Grobe, Bennett Frensko and Keith Spinali will teach in Europe during 2006-07 in two different programs. All three graduated May 14 from SJU.

Both Grobe and Frensko received 10-month Fulbright/Pedagogic Exchange grants to Germany, where they will be Fulbright Teaching Assistants. Spinali will be part of an eight-month program for U.S. teaching assistants, which the Fulbright Commission in Vienna coordinates for the Austrian Ministry of Education.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. It is the largest U.S. international exchange program.

## **CSB/SJU Holds Academic Affairs Awards Ceremony**

Faculty and staff members from CSB/SJU were honored at the Academic Affairs Awards Ceremony May 8 at Alumnae Hall at CSB.

In addition to recognition for years of service, promotions and contributions as department chairs and leaders, the following awards were presented.

**S. Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award – Erin Szabo, associate professor of communication.** S. Mary, a noted biologist, served students at CSB/SJU for more than 35 years with intelligence, dedication and genuine affection for them. The difference S. Mary made in her lifetime of teaching at Saint Benedict is celebrated through the recognition each year of a faculty member who represents the best teaching and learning at CSB/SJU.

Szabo came to CSB/SJU in 2001. She has authored dozens of articles, papers

and presentations, and has an active research record with interests in reducing adolescent and health risk behaviors, and effects of media on children's fight responses, mediated health messages and body image. In 2004, she was nominated for the American Association of University Women's "Emerging Scholar" award. She has also served her colleges and community. Szabo served as chair of the Academic Assessment Committee the past two years, and has mentored several students in their presentation of research to both regional and local forums. The students in her "Strategic Communication Campaigns" class developed the "Stop at Buzzed" campaign to reduce student binge drinking, which won a first prize in the student division of the AdFed organization.

**Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award – Rodger Narloch, associate professor of psychology.** This award is named in honor of Spaeth, who died in 1994. He served as dean at SJU for nine years, in addition to offering lengthy terms of service as professor of liberal studies and director of freshman symposium. Each year, Spaeth's commitment to excellent teaching is remembered by honoring a faculty who brings a special passion and mastery to the classroom and the learning community.

Narloch, who received his baccalaureate degree in 1991 from SJU, returned to teach at CSB/SJU in 2000. He has been an active scholar, with numerous publications, professional papers and presentations to his credit. Several of his students have advanced their own research to such a level that many have presented papers (co-authored with Narloch) at national conferences. In the past two years, he has co-authored with his students six peer-reviewed conference presentations and one article. Narloch has supervised more than 40 students in their undergraduate research, and has been a reader or advisor

for nearly 20 student honors theses. He was the faculty advisor for 35 students during the 2005-06 school year. Narloch has served as co-advisor for the Psychology Club since 1991, and, in 2004, received the colleges' Advising Award for Social Science.

**Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award – Carie Braun, assistant professor of nursing.** The Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award is given annually to a faculty member who exemplifies demonstrated excellence in scholarship as well as teaching, conducts student/faculty collaborative research or creative work and excels in the mentoring of students. In recognition of the late Linda Mealey's contributions to the CSB/SJU community, this award is now named in honor of Mealey, who received the award four years ago.

Braun has taught in the nursing department since 1998. She has involved nearly 50 students in nine major research and creative projects – in fact, students have been included in every research and creative project she has undertaken at CSB/SJU. These projects include traditional research study with student research assistants in areas such as animal-assisted therapy as a pain intervention for children, as well as mentoring a student who authored a chapter on diabetes mellitus in a pathophysiology textbook Braun is writing. She also utilized 17 students to "guest-edit" completed chapters in the textbook.

*Additional awards were distributed as follows:*

**Advising awards:** Kelly Berg Nellis, humanities, assistant professor of communication; Jayne Byrne, natural science, associate professor of nutrition; Don Fischer, social science, assistant professor of physical education; Michelle Sauer, cross divisional, associate director

of academic advising; Axel Theimer, fine arts, professor of music.

**Tenure and promotion to associate professor:** S. Mary Forman, OSB, theology; Robert Hesse, mathematics; Brian Larkin, history; Derek Larson, history; Rodger Narloch, psychology; the Rev. Anthony Ruff, OSB, theology; Elaine Rutherford, art; Christina Shouse Tourino, English; Erin Szabo, communication; Don Turk, communication; Elisabeth Wengler, history; Charles Wright, philosophy; John Yoakam, social work.

**Promotion to professor:** Jeanmarie Cook, communication; Richard Ice, communication; Philip Kronebusch, political science.

**Professor emerita and professor emeritus:** S. Carol Berg, OSB, history; Bruce Dickau, education; the Rev. J.P. Earls, OSB, English; Ronald Henry, biology; Judith Knutson, nursing; the Rev. John Kulas, OSB, German; Deanna Lamb, education; Roselyn Schmitt, philosophy.

**Regents professor emerita of poetry:** S. Eva Hooker, CSC.

**Outgoing department chairs:** Jeff Anderson, associate professor of peace studies; Cynthia Curran, associate professor of history; J. Andrew Holey, associate professor of computer science; Camilla Krone, professor of modern and classical languages; Michael Livingston, associate professor of psychology; S. Jeanne Marie Lust, OSB, associate professor of biology; John Merkle, professor of theology; Elaine Rutherford, associate professor of art; Steve Wagner, associate professor of philosophy.

**Service as acting department chair:** David Bennetts, professor of history;

Charles Villette, assistant professor of modern and classical languages.

**Outgoing division head:** Kaarin Johnston, professor of fine arts.

**Service as acting division head:** David Bennetts, professor of history.

**Outgoing joint faculty assembly chair:** John Hasselberg, associate professor of management.

**10 years of service:** Jeffrey Kamakahi, associate professor of sociology; Jean Keller, associate professor of philosophy; Bill Lamberts, associate professor of biology; Chris Schaller, associate professor of chemistry.

**15 years of service:** Anthony Cunningham, professor of philosophy; J. Andrew Holey, associate professor of computer science; Aubrey Immelman, associate professor of psychology; Philip Kronebusch, professor of political science; Marina Martin, associate professor of modern and classical languages.

**20 years of service:** Brian Johnson, professor of chemistry; Andreas Kiryakakis, associate professor of modern and classical languages; the Rev. Dale Launderville, OSB, associate professor of theology; Manju Parikh, associate professor of political science; Stephen Stelzner, professor of psychology; S. Lois Wedl, OSB, assistant professor of education; Richard White, associate professor of chemistry.

**25 years of service:** Bernard Evans, associate professor of theology; Timothy Robinson, professor of philosophy; Stephen Saupe, professor of biology; Michael Tangredi, associate professor of mathematics; Martha Tomhave Blauvelt, professor of history; Edward Turley, associate professor of music.

**30 years of service:** Kenneth Jones, professor of history; James Poff, professor of biology; Charles Rambeck, professor of economics; Daniel Steck, professor of physics.

**35 years of service:** S. Carol Berg, OSB, professor of history; James Hendershot, associate professor of art; Philip Welter, professor of music.

**Retiring:** S. Carol Berg, OSB; Bruce Dickau; the Rev. J.P. Earls, OSB; Ronald Henry; S. Eva Hooker, CSC; the Rev. John Kulas, OSB; Judith Knutson; Deanna Lamb; Roselyn Schmitt.

### **Students Earn Top Three Spots at Red River Conference**

CSB/SJU students swept the top three spots in the academic paper competition at the Red River Applied Student Communication Conference May 2-3, at North Dakota State University, Fargo.

SJU student Tyler Buckley placed first, CSB student Brittany Carlson was second and SJU student Garrett Schmidt was third.

The conference's emphasis on crisis and risk communication was designed to encourage students of communication to consider how the current world situation is affected by communication.

"Increasingly, public orators face situations where they need to defend themselves against alleged wrongdoing," said CSB/SJU Associate Professor of Communication Terence Check, whose students wrote the papers during his fall semester 2005 class, "Communication 302, Public Address." The focus of the class was *apologia* (statements of self-defense and apology).

### **Thorp Named Associate Vice President and Dean of Admission and Financial Aid**

MaryAnn Baenninger, president of CSB, and Br. Dietrich Reinhart, president of SJU, have announced the appointment of Michael Thorp as associate vice president and dean of admission and financial aid.

Thorp, who began his new position in July, replaced Mary Milbert, dean of admission and financial aid, who retired.

In a joint announcement to the campus communities, Baenninger and Reinhart said, "Michael is an excellent choice for CSB/SJU at this time. He has a wealth of experience in national liberal arts settings. His research and data-oriented approach to admissions decisions is the perfect fit, and Michael will bring new talents to the table that will build on our already very strong operation."

Thorp has served as dean of admission and financial aid at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, since 2003. From 1999 to 2003, Thorp served as director of admission at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. Prior to his service at Lawrence, he worked as associate dean of admissions at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., from 1995 to 1999; as senior admission counselor at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, from 1993 to 1995; and as admission counselor at Ripon College in Wisconsin, from 1988 to 1990.

Thorp earned his bachelor's degree from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., and his master's degree in teaching from the University of Louisville Graduate School of English in Kentucky.

### **CSB Student and Faculty Participate in Midwest Economics Association Meeting**

Three CSB/SJU faculty members and one CSB student chaired, presented or took part in panel discussions at the

Midwest Economics Association's 70th annual meeting March 24-26 at the Chicago Marriott Hotel Downtown.

Associate Professor Louis Johnston, Associate Professor John Olson and Professor Charles Rambeck – all of the CSB/SJU economics department – and CSB student Stephanie Hartje participated at the event.

Johnston chaired two panels, one consisting of papers written by undergraduate students and the other a group of professional papers on teaching economics. He also participated on the panel, "Contributions to Economic History."

Olson presented a paper, "Slaves, Mules and Cotton: Gang Labor on Antebellum Southern Plantations," as part of the "Contributions to Economic History" panel. He was also a participant at the session, "Empirical Studies on Economic Growth II."

Rambeck was a participant at the session, "Teaching Economics III."

Hartje presented a paper, "Corruption and Growth in the Philippines," as part of an undergraduate paper panel. She was one of only 12 undergraduate students to present papers at the meeting.

### **U.S. Hispanic Catholic and Black Catholic Theologians Meet Jointly in Historic San Antonio**

The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACH-TUS) hosted the Black Catholic Theological Symposium (BCTS) in an historic meeting June 4-7, in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting was organized by Miguel H. Díaz, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology and president of ACH-TUS, and M. Shawn Copeland, associate professor at Boston College.

Founded in 1988, ACH-TUS is an association dedicated to promoting research and critical theological reflections within the context of U.S. Hispanic experience. BCTS, established in 1978,

is an inter-disciplinary theological society founded to foster an ethical community of scholarly dialogue among Black Catholics and to encourage the identification and development of Black Catholic scholars in the fields of theology, liturgy, ethics, Canon Law, church history and Biblical studies.

Díaz made the following observations with respect to this historic meeting: "Our conversations, even though at times mutually challenging, were characterized by love, respect, and social solidarity in communally shared struggles.

"We unanimously rejected the practice of cultural assimilation because this practice represents a misguided ideology that denies the possibility of authentic unity in the context of God's diverse creation. Above all, we are committed to continue to affirm our distinct histories and social needs, determined to engage in ongoing conversations and support of one another, and dedicated to challenge ideologies and practices that often divide our Black and Latino/a communities. We are called to embody in our relationships with one another and other cultural groups the same unity in diversity characteristic of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Spirit). We seek to build community with those different from ourselves."

The ACHTUS board also unanimously passed a resolution in favor of just, humane and comprehensive immigration reform.

## SJU Names Dean of Students

Michael Connolly has joined the Saint John's community as dean of students. Prior to this appointment, he served as senior student affairs officer at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine, a private Catholic college of approximately 1000 students where he worked for the past six years. His career spans 16 years of higher education administration in Catholic colleges and universities, includ-

ing a tour of duty at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., as housing and residential services associate director, and three years as assistant dean and director of residential life at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania.

## Students Compete in Programming Contest at Midwest Symposium

A team of CSB/SJU students finished second among 34 teams in a programming contest at the 39th annual Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium April 7, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

The team of CSB student Sarah Knepper, computer science and theater major, and SJU students Joe Outzen, computer science and Spanish major, and Ryan Snee, computer science major, placed second to a team from the University of Minnesota-Morris. In all, 18 colleges and universities from seven Midwestern states were represented in the contest.

The team was one of three from CSB/SJU to compete.

CSB/SJU Computer Science Professor Lynn Ziegler, Assistant Professor Imad Rahal and Associate Professor James Schnepp accompanied the group to Iowa.

## First Inspiring Leaders Awards Ceremony Held

Submitted by Maribeth Overland, director, Student Activities and Leadership Development

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development conducted its first Inspiring Leaders Awards Ceremony April 30, in Alumnae Hall on the CSB campus

Junior and senior students who were nominated by faculty, staff and students were asked to submit a personal statement of leadership philosophy to a selection committee comprised of faculty, staff and students. Award criteria for

both individual students and club/advisor of the year, was based upon Kouzes & Posner's "Five Principles of Leadership" – the leadership model for Student Development – and the Benedictine Values.

The award categories and recipients are listed as follows:

Inspiring a Shared Vision: John Mary Lugemwa and Nicole Lindgren

Challenging the Process: Mark Osborne and Timothy Manning

Encouraging the Heart: Kiersten Gjerstad and Heather Hampton

Modeling the Way: Kevin May and Timothy Manning

Enabling Others to Act: James Dahlman and Mark Osborne

Advisor of the Year: Marcia Hilbert, CSB Dance Team

Club of the Year: Cultural Fusion

The pinnacle of the night was the announcement of the Excellence in Leadership Award recipient, presented by Vice President Mary Geller to Br. John Mary Lugemwa. This person best demonstrates through leadership all the qualities of the five principles and Benedictine Values. In Geller's comments, she stated, "Br. John Mary truly leads with authentic leadership, not only does he inspire a shared vision, but leads utilizing all five of the Kouzes & Posner principles. He is a full-time student and a member of the Saint John's monastery. Along with organizing a service trip to Africa (Uganda, Kenya, and Rwanda) for five weeks last summer, he has initiated the formation of two student clubs: "Global AIDS Awareness Organization" and "Africa Students Group" in which he is the president. He is also a member of the Joint Academic Board, Amnesty International Group, International Affairs Club, and Students for Life.

## CSB Residential Life Staff Changes Announced

Jody Terhaar, CSB dean of students, has announced the following staff changes in residential life programs.

Kelly Crue has been appointed as interim director of residential life. With four years experience as a residence director at CSB, she is stepping into the vacancy that resulted when Peg Walter resigned from the director position. She will be the chief housing officer and primary contact person for residential life matters at CSB.

The student housing coordinator position, held by Mary Beth Thompson, has been changed to associate director of residential life to more accurately reflect the responsibilities of that position. Thompson will be the secondary contact person for residential life matters at CSB.

Shelby Wentworth and Heidi Hilleson are returning to the residence director staff. Wentworth will work with first-year students in Regina and Corona Halls, and Hilleson will work with sophomores in Brian and Margretta Halls. Terhaar also announced appointments for three remaining residence director positions.

Jessie Sandoval, a CSB alum, comes to us most recently from Texas. Sarah Dickens, also from Texas, is returning to higher education after teaching in a high school setting for the past two years. Lastly, Christina Cariveau, comes to us most recently from Mississippi, where she completed her master's degree and dealt first-hand with Hurricane Katrina. "Please join me in welcoming our new staff and affirming the leadership and talent of our returning staff."

## Faculty/Staff

**Jeffrey J. Kamakahi**, associate professor of sociology, recently completed a faculty development grant project entitled, "Emblematic Songs of Contemporary

Native Hawaiian Identity." Kamakahi plans to present this project in Japan this fall.

**Clayton Gearhart**, professor of physics, received an internal grant last year to support a trip to the Niels Bohr Library, operated by the Center for the History of Physics at the American Institute of Physics. He just returned from Berlin where he had been invited to give a paper at a workshop on the early history of quantum theory sponsored by the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science.

**Bernard Evans**, associate professor for the School of Theology, will have his book, *Lazarus at the Table: Catholics and Social Justice*, published by the Liturgical Press in the fall.

**Miguel Diaz**, associate professor of theology, was named a member of the Speakers Bureau for the Catholic Alliance for the Common Good's "Voices for the Common Good." The Speakers Bureau connects reporters, producers and other members of the media to Catholic faith leaders.

**Mike Killeen**, CSB/SJU assistant director of media relations, received a writing award from the Catholic Press Association during its convention May 26, at Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, Nashville, Tenn.

Killeen received a first-place award in the best sports news category with his story, "Iditarod Musher Makes History by Helping Make Woman's Dream Come True." The story appeared in the *St. Cloud Visitor* newspaper April 7, 2005.

**Jim Schumann**, director of security, has been named the Mid America

Region Director of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA).

**Jane Moening**, financial systems director, and **Jeanne Terres**, academic advising office coordinator, were recently selected as the Spring 2006 recipients of the Extraordinary Performance Awards.

**Erin Saupe**, a CSB senior and natural science major, and her advisor, **Dr. Larry Davis**, professor of geology/biology, attended the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) "Posters on the Hill" April 26, in Washington D.C. Saupe's poster was entitled "Relative Uncertainty of U.S. Geological Survey Assessments in Gulf Coast Region: 1995-2004. The aim of CUR's "Posters on the Hill" venue is to attract legislators in order to promote funding for undergraduate research. Thomas A. Alexander, a staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, came to the session specifically to hear about Saupe's research and requested a written copy of her report. In addition to the "Posters on the Hill" event, Saupe and Davis visited with Dr. Brian Huber, a paleontologist at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Huber was Saupe's research director this summer during her paleontology internship at the Smithsonian.

**Kathleen A. Cahalan**, associate professor, SOT, has published the following articles: "Theological Education for Vital Parish Communities: Lessons from Nine Catholic Seminaries," *Seminary Journal*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (Spring 2006); "Strengthening Congregational Ministry: A Program to Enhance Theological Schools' Capacities to Prepare Congregational Leadership, 1999-2003," *Theological Education*, Vol. 41 (Supplement 2006); "Toward a Fundamental Theology of

Ministry," *Worship* 80/2 (March 2006); and "Three Approaches to Practical Theology, Theological Education and the Church's Ministry," *International Journal of Practical Theology*, 9/1 (2005).

She has also given several presentations, including the keynote address, "Stewards of Discipleship: Toward a Theology of Ministry," at the National Association of Lay Ministry, June 2. Cahalan will serve as president of the Association of Practical Theology until 2008. She was also awarded a grant by The Lilly Endowment, Inc., for her work, "Research in Practical Theology, Theological Education and Ministry and Continuing Efforts in Evaluation," July 1, 2005-June 30, 2008. Cahalan won a 2005 second-place book award in theology, from the Catholic Press Association, for *Formed in the Image of Christ: The Sacramental-Moral Theology of Bernard Härting*. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2004.

An article by **Ellen Jensen, Nicole Pagliacetti** and **Chuleeon Wolter**, CSB students, was published in the journal, *Genome*, which is a publication of the Natural Research Council of Canada. Jensen's photo was chosen as the cover photo for the issue.

**Marina Martín**, MCL associate professor, has recently published an article on Faustino Román, one of the most famous painters and aquarellist of Segovia who died this year. The publication of her article, "Poesía e historia en el pincel de Faustino Román," is included in F. Román's Catalogue that has come out during the exhibit that the city of Segovia is celebrating to honor the memory of this beloved native artist. A native of Segovia herself, Martín is happy to become part of this celebration honoring both a remarkable artist and an unforgettable friend. Her article is included in *Faustino*

*Román 1921-2006*. Caja Segovia, Ayuntamiento de Segovia, 45-46.

**Scott Richardson**, professor of classics, will publish an article in the upcoming issue of *The Classical Journal* entitled, "The Devious Narrator of the Odyssey."

CSB/SJU was cited in the summer 2006 issue of *Independent* by The Council of Independent Colleges for its international activities and number of students who study abroad.

**Kathleen Ohman**, EdD, MS, RN, CCRN, professor of nursing, was awarded the Star of Excellence from the Kappa Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Kappa Phi, the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, was established at CSB in 1988.

Sigma Theta Tau International is a prestigious organization of nurse leaders, scholars and researchers dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide. The honor society, founded at Indiana University in 1922, currently has 31 chapters located on 515 college and university campuses in the U.S. and countries including Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, Pakistan, South Africa, Swaziland, Taiwan and Tanzania. More than 360,000 nurse scholars have been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau from 90 different countries.

The mission of the organization is to support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. The organization promotes excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership through various activities and venues. The Star of Excellence is awarded annually within each chapter to honor a member who exem-

plifies the mission of the organization.

At the summer Minnesota Private Colleges Career Consortium (MPCCC) meeting, **Heidi S. Harlander**, director of career services, was recognized for her two years of leadership as the MPCCC president. For 2006-07, **Ed Stubblefield**, associate director of career services, will serve as MPCCC treasurer and **John Clarkson**, associate director of career services, will serve as fair chair (which includes responsibilities for the Minnesota Private Colleges Job/Internship Fair and the Minnesota Government Career Fair). In addition to the MPCCC executive leadership positions held by CSB/SJU staff, **Mary Harlander-Locke** will continue to serve as co-chair of Pathways, a career event she helped the Minnesota Private Colleges develop and implement which focuses on liberal arts and careers in the arts, biosciences or communication.

SJU head coach **John Gagliardi** was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame during enshrinement ceremonies on Aug. 11-12, in South Bend, Ind. Gagliardi enters his 58th season as a collegiate head football coach and 54th season as head coach at SJU during the upcoming 2006 season. The winningest coach all-time in college football history, Gagliardi is the first active head coach to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Gagliardi was honored earlier this summer with an induction into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place during the NACDA's 41st Annual Convention, June 20-23, in New Orleans.

## In the Media

CSB/SJU featured in July 28 *St. Cloud Times* article, "Playmakers: Bill Clemens has a tremendous impact on area sports."

SJU graduate featured in July 26 *St. Cloud Times* article, "SJU grad flees the mayhem in Beirut."

CSB/SJU Science Exchange Program featured in July 25 *St. Cloud Times* article, "Exchange program cultivates growth."

Kay Wolsborn, professor of political science, quoted in July 21 Associated Press article, "Rove stirs up both sides with fundraising visit for Bachmann."

Incoming student featured in July 20 *Ledger-Sentinel* article, "St. John's basketball to welcome OHS grad."

CSB featured in July 18 *St. Cloud Times* column, "Former Blazer introduces daughter to CSB."

Saint John's mentioned in July 16 *Los Angeles Times* article, "Jesus in China."

CSB/SJU featured in July 11 *St. Cloud Times* article, "Students learn by becoming teachers."

CSB Board of Trustee member Tom Schlough featured in July 11 *Minneapolis Star Tribune* article, "A wealth of ideas enriches all."

Online links to news stories are available at <http://www.csbsju.edu/news/>

## The Welcome Mat

We welcome the following to the CSB/

SJU community:

Deb Weiss, IT Services

Kay Richter, Admission Office

Kim Oren, Institutional Planning and Research

LeAnn Suchy, Library

BernaDette Wilson, Intercultural Center

Kathy Parker, Library

Blanca Munguia, Admission Office

Laura Stork, Admission Office

Hoa Nguyen, Admission Office

Philip Kramer, Faculty/Director of Academic Assessment

Gigi Fourre' Schumacher, Institutional Advancement

Jane Stromme, Registrar

Karen Hoffbeck, Communication and Marketing Services

Jane Stromme, Registrar

## Farewell to Friends

Mary Bauer, Institutional Advancement

Connie Hauer, Counseling and Health

Marcy Lawrenz, Admission Office

Marge Anton, Food Service

John Deuhs, Transportation

Gary Euteneuer, Power Plant

Chris Hummel, CSB President's Office

Julie Reder, Custodial

Lynn Mueller, Residential Life

Joann Jasper, Residential Life

Judith Huber, Counseling and Health

Norma Dickau, Library

Mary Milbert, Admission

Eunice Antony, Campus Ministry

Theresa Solarz, Athletics

Dave Wilke, Athletics

Neil Andruschak, Athletics

Michelle Putnam, Admission

Alicia Grosskreutz, Food Service

Janet Reagan, Counseling and Health

Anne McCarney, Admission

Carla Durand-Demarais, Campus Ministry

Peg Walter, Residential Life

Cheryl Huehn, Fine Arts

Joyce Meyer, Dining Service

Jason Daniel, Life Safety

Adam Seiferman, Life Safety Services

Lawrence Notch, Abbey Woodworking

Cristina Castro, MCL

Chris McConnell, Theology

Robert Wilde, Art

Angela Hambrick, Student Activities

Chris Freeman, English

Meaghan Orgeman, Psychology

Jason Laker, Student Development

Sharmistha Self, Economics

John Adix, Counseling

Todd Butler, Theology

Chad Hollander, IT Services

Theresa McNutt, Student Development

Patrick Hegel, Admission

Linda Schreiber, SOT

Mike Kathman, Library

Ryan Blevins, Student Development

Maureen Otremba, Vocation Project

Emily Poepping, Fine Arts

Valandra, Social Work

Vicky McIntyre, Management

Robert Nelson, Management

Sean Dwyer, MCL

Elizabeth Tilak, Nutrition

David Molnar, Mathematics

Chris Stangl, Political Science

Renee Rau, Psychology

Carol Berg, History

Deanna Lamb, Education

Judy Knutson, Nursing

Bruce Dickau, Education

Roselyn Schmitt, Philosophy

## BAC Dedication Planned

Please mark your calendar for 4 p.m., Sept.

16, when CSB will celebrate the expansion and renovation of the Benedicta Arts Center with a dedication and blessing at the Darnall Amphitheater.

Following the ceremony, there will be an open house, from 4:30 until 6:30, showcasing the new facilities with open rehearsals of student ensembles.

A performance at 7:30 in Petters Auditorium by the internationally acclaimed Diavolo Dance Theater will complete the evening. For ticket information, please visit [csbsju.edu/finearts/](http://csbsju.edu/finearts/).

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## Events Calendar

### FALL 2006

**August 23**

Verlyn Klinkenborg (Author; *New York Times* Editorial Board) "Nature, Imagination and the Life of the Mind"  
All-Community Forum, 1 p.m., Benedicta Arts Center, CSB

**August 29**

FALL CLASSES BEGIN  
CSB Dining Hall and Conference Center  
Groundbreaking, 10:15 a.m.

**Sept. 14**

Constitution Day Event, Political Science & Public Policy Learning Community

**Sept. 16**

Benedicta Arts Center Dedication and Blessing, 4 p.m.

**Sept. 18**

Peace Studies Conference (Keynote: Imam Yahya Hendi, Georgetown)

**Sept. 19 – 24**

Actors' Gang Theater Residency, "1984"

**Sept. 20**

Public Policy Learning Community & Controversial Conversations  
Panel Debate, 2006 Elections

**Sept. 27**

Jim Wallis (Author)  
Heritage Day (No Classes)

**Sept. 28**

Preston Garrison, "A World View of Men's Mental Health"  
7 p.m. Pellegrine Auditorium  
Men's Lives

**Oct. 5/6**

FREE DAYS

**Oct. 8**

Fr. Bill Graham Lecture: Discovering our vocation as Catholics

**Oct. 9**

2006 Clemens Dinner and Lecture. Vernon W. Ruttan, Regents' Professor Emeritus in the departments of economics and applied economics at the University of Minnesota.

**Oct. 16**

Public Policy Learning Community & Controversial Conversations  
Panel Debate, 2006 Elections

**Oct. 19-20**

Judith Yaphe (National Defense University) Visit  
Public Lecture: Oct. 19, Alumnae Hall, HCC  
Global Awareness, Renaissance Residency Program

**Oct. 20-22**

Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy  
SCSU (CSB/SJU department of philosophy  
co-hosting with SCSU)

**Oct. 22**

Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse and Pavilion  
Dedication and Blessing, 4 p.m.

**Oct. 24-25**

Norah Vincent Visit  
Women's Lives, Men's Lives

**Nov. 1**

Public Policy Learning Community & Controversial Conversations  
Panel Debate, 2006 Elections

**Nov. 9**

Koch Chair Lecture: Peter Phan (Georgetown University)  
"A Different World: Catholic Models from Asia"

**Nov. 14-17**

Charles Simic Residency  
Critical Thinking, LAI, Logos

**Nov. 15**

Raymond Baker (Center for International Policy),  
"Capitalism's Achilles Heel: Dirty Money and How to Renew the Free Market System"  
Alumnae Hall, HCC 7 p.m.  
Global Awareness

**Nov. 22 – 26**

THANKSGIVING BREAK

**Dec. 14**

LAST DAY FALL CLASSES