

THE BUZZ: Academic Success Weekly Newsletter



Fall Semester: Week 9 Issue

Highlights from this issue:

- **Events:** Thursday Forum (10/26), Provost Open Office Hour (11/2), Thursday Forum + Teaching Talking Series (11/2) and POWWOW (11/4)
- **Updates:** The Provost, Academic Advising, Alum Relations and Registrar's Office

The Provost

The Boards of Trustees met on Friday, October 20. The Student Experience Committee met the day before and the following action took place during the meeting:

- Dean of Curriculum and Assessment Karyl Daughters presented the program review action plans for the Computer Science Department and the Department of Theology. The committee endorsed both plans.
- The CSB and SJU Student Senates presented their goals for the year.
- Associate Provost and Dean of the Faculty Pam Bacon presented an update on program prioritization as approved by the Boards, explaining the progress toward the teach-out of programs, ensuring that students can complete their programs on time. Dr. Bacon also shared that we added ten tenure-track positions and that new programs are being developed by faculty in Global Studies, Cultural and Identity Studies, and Creativity and Entrepreneurship.
- Provost Ice described the new structure of the provost's office and Dr. Bacon introduced John Andrick, the new Dean for Student Academic Success. Associate Provost Mary Geller shared the new structure for the Student Development Success area.
- Sandra Mitchell explained how DEIJ initiatives were being incorporated into the initiatives of the strategic plan.

The president hosted a gathering of members of the JFS, Student Senates, Leadership Team and trustees at Renner House.

At the board meeting, the Boards of Trustees gave directional endorsement for our strategic plan and initial set of initiatives.

Academic Advising

An email was sent on 10/16 from AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu with resources to help faculty to engage with advisees for spring semester registration (10/31 – 11/9 based on class cohort and credit hours. Click [here](#) for Spring 2023 dates and times). Here are some quicklinks to resources:

- [Resources for Faculty Advisors on the Academic Advising website](#)
- [The new and improved Academic Catalog](#)
- [Helpful HIVE tutorials for faculty](#)
- [Faculty guide on DegreeWorks](#)

Registrar's Office

Course Override Procedure effective Fall 2023 (for Spring 2024 class registration)

All course overrides (pre-requisites, course restrictions, closed courses) will be processed by the department/program chair through the [Course Override form on Forms Manager](#).

This new override procedure introduces two changes: 1) Only the department and program chair will receive override requests for courses within their department, with the Dean of Curriculum and Assessment or designee processing override requests for INTG courses, and 2) The Course Override form will be the only way to request an override.

Rationale for change:

- Consistency in approving overrides/managing course enrollment, including
 - Spreading enrollment across department courses
 - Easing the stress of faculty who have been bombarded with requests
 - Providing a consistent process to ensure faculty and staff send students to the correct resource to address their registration needs
- Chairs have broader perspective
 - Ensuring that pending graduates get into the courses they have to have to complete on time
 - Making sure that enrollments don't exceed available seats in a classroom
 - Attempting to share students with other programs who would welcome additional enrollments
- Creates greater equity for students in the waitlisting process
- Streamlines the request process and provides better tracking of requests

Alums in the Classroom

An email was sent on 10/23 from AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu with information and resources to engage your classes with alumnae/i visits. Students responded to an engagement survey that meeting alum during class times, instead of events outside of class, were preferred to build their Bennie/Johnnie network and explore career paths and opportunities. If a partnership would be valuable to one of your courses, please reach out to these representatives at our respective Alum Relations offices for further assistance or with any questions:

- Jean Dempsey, SJU Alumni Relations, JDEMPSEY002@CSBSJU.EDU, x2696
- Amy Anderson, CSB Alumnae Relations, AANDERSON005@CSBSJU.EDU, x5233

Upcoming Events

Thursday Forum: Protein Engineering: Taking Advantage of Unique Properties of the 20 Naturally Occurring Amino Acids

3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 26th, CSB Gorecki President's Dining Room (PDR)

Presented by Lisa Gentile, Chemistry, and Sonja Hoversten, student. Sponsored by Research & Grants Office.

Click [here](#) to read about Lisa and Sonja's research and presentation.

Provost Open Office Hour

10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 2nd, CSB Mary Commons 200

Thursday Forum + Talking Teaching Series:

Using Debate to Complicate Concepts in Social Science.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 2nd, SJU Learning Commons 378

Facilitated by Christi Siver, Political Science.

Co-sponsored by Center for Teaching & Learning and the Research and Grants Office.

Most faculty acknowledge that the classroom changes with national and international events. As a professor of international relations, I long avoided the polarized classroom environment that my U.S. politics colleagues face. However, in the past few years, even my classroom has changed. Some students have extreme views that extend to foreign policy, while many would prefer to avoid discussing politics at all. For most of my career, I have used debates in my classroom to spur active learning and build important critical thinking and public speaking skills. In this new environment, I am researching whether debate can serve even more critical roles in improving their information literacy, building self-efficacy, and instilling the value of multiple perspectives. Refreshments provided.

Ptanyetu POWWOW

Saturday, November 4th, CSB Clemens Fieldhouse (HCC)

Grand Entries: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Co-sponsored by CSB and SJU, St. Cloud State University's American Indian Center, St. Cloud Technical & Community College and St. Cloud Area School District.

This free and open to the public event is a celebration of Indigenous culture featuring dancers, drummers, art, and food. This event will count as a [Race and Ethnicity Event](#). This is a continuation of SCSU's Spring Powwow, which is now the Ptanyetu (Fall in Dakota) powwow. Hand drum contest, food trucks and vendors during the event. For more information, please contact [Ted Gordon](#).

POSTPONED: Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture

It was announced on 10/18 in an email from AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu that the Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture scheduled for Monday, November 20 with the Hon. Philip Davis KC, MP, the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, has been postponed until a later date.

Experience HUB

Experience & Professional Development (XPD)

Student Exploration through Alum Mentorship (SEAM) is an opportunity for students to be matched with alum mentors to both network and explore the value of their liberal arts degree. **Recommend a student for SEAM by clicking [here](#) before the November 15th deadline.** Reach out to Ethan or Trisa at xpdexternalengagement@csbsju.edu for more information.

Research and Grants Office

Shout Outs

Want to **Shout Out** your own achievements or raise up one of our colleagues? Submit a Shout Out [here](#) or find the link on the Research & Grants Office [page](#).

Buzz on Campus

Check out the latest episode of **Johnnie Bennie Campus News** [here](#).

BI's "Building" Community: 9:00–10:45 a.m., **Friday, October 27th**, CSB Richarda Lounge.

Events with Jeff Korgen:

- **Midday Prayer and Convivium with Jeff Korgen on Catholic Social Teaching**
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 26th, SJU Emmaus Chapel & Dining Hall
Co-sponsored School of Theology and Seminary, the Department of Theology, the Benedictine Institute, SJUfaith, CSB Campus Ministry, Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture Student Organizations. Please RSVP to pweishaar@csbsju.edu if attending lunch.
- **Happy Hour and Workshop**
3:45 - 4:45 p.m., Thursday, October 26th, SJU Dunstan Tucker Room (Quad 135)
Sponsored by the Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture. [RSVP Here](#).
- **Dorothy Day Lunch & Learn by Jeff Korgen**
11:30 a.m. – 12:30p.m., Friday, October 27th, SJU Quad 264
Sponsored by the Benedictine Institute. Click [here](#) to see more information and RSVP.

The Sound of Music: Youth Edition

October 26th – 29th, CSB Coleman Blackbox Theater (BAC)

Presented by Music Department's Vocal Performance Workshop. AR-approved event. Click [here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

3rd Annual *The Great Pumpkin Returns* concert

Monday, October 30th, SJU Abbey and University Church

*Presented by Music Department and the Saint John's Abbey. **AR-approved event.***

*Look forward to the sound of a *thundering organ* as well as jazz favorites to serve as the perfect end to your spooky season. Free will offering accepted by the Abbey.*

What Christians Get Wrong about Judaism and Why it Matters

4:30 – 5:30p.m., Thursday, November 7th, SJU Quad 264

Presentation by Rabbi Ryan Dulkan. Sponsored by the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning.

See attached packet or click [here](#) for more information.

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](#)

The Buzz can be found on the Academic Affairs website under related links.
<https://www.csbsju.edu/academic-affairs>



Ptanyétu POWOW

College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN
Saturday, November 4, 2023

37 S College Ave, Haehn Campus Center

Master of Ceremony

Ricky White

Arena Director

Randy Gresczyk

Head Male Dancer

Zach RedBear

Head Female Dancer

Grace Baker

Honor Guard

Mille Lacs Honor Guard

Host Drum

Red Tree Singers

Invited Drums

Red Willow, Cedar Creek
& Little Otter



Food trucks & vendors!

For more information contact:

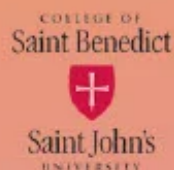
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email: tgordon@csbsju.edu

Hand Drum Contest

Free & open to the public

Grand Entries 1pm & 6pm



THE GREAT PUMPKIN RETURNS

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023 8:00 P.M.
THE ABBEY AND UNIVERSITY CHURCH

THE THUNDERING ORGAN PLAYED BY
Fr. Bob Koopmann, Sam Holmberg,
Br. Jacob Berns, Br. David
Klingeman.

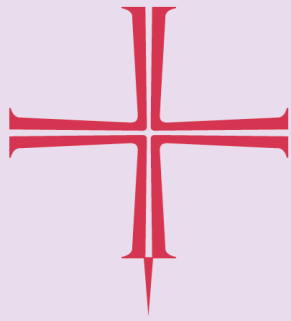
Jazz with George Maurer,
Ann Michels, Jeff Engholm

An ARTE Event
Free Will Offering

Featured works

- *Phantom of the Opera*
- *Toccata and Fugue in D minor*
- *Halloween favorites*
- *Spooky and Beautiful Music*

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Dorothy Day:

A Saint for Our Times?

Thursday, October 26

Midday Prayer
and Convivium

11:30-1:30

Emmaus Chapel and Dining Hall

A conversation with

Jeffrey Odell Korgen

M.A., M.S.W.



This event is co-sponsored by the Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary, the Department of Theology, the Benedictine Institute, SJUfaith, CSB Campus Ministry, Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture Student Organizations.

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Saint John's University



Jay Phillips Center

FOR INTERFAITH LEARNING

Saint John's University

Rabbi Ryan Dulkan teaches in the theology department at the University of St. Thomas and directs the department's recently created Encountering Judaism Initiative.