

THE BUZZ: Academic Success Weekly Newsletter



Spring Semester: Week 3 Issue

Highlights from this issue:

- **Shout Out:** Amelia Cheever
- **Events:** Gather event (1/31), The Forum (2/1), Chemistry Dept Seminar (2/1), JFA (2/1), The Forum (2/5), Provost Open Office Hour (2/8) and The College Tour Premiere (2/8)
- **Updates:** Integrations Curriculum, Research & Grants, Center for Teaching & Learning and Experience HUB

Integrations Curriculum

Spring 2024 AR OPPORTUNITY for INTG 100 courses: Fine Arts Programming welcomes Leslie Barlow, a Minneapolis based visual artist, and her work that revolves around reimagining relationships and identity. A panel discussion (AR Event) be held on **Feb 21st from 9:30am-11:30am at the SJU Art Building**. If you are interested in bringing your class for this AR event opportunity, please contact **CSB and SJU gallery manager, Becky Pflueger**, at 303-363-5792 or rpflueger001@csbsju.edu.

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Experience HUB

Center for Global Education (CGE)

DEADLINE: CGE is reminding students that **applications are due January 31st at noon** for 2024-2025 semester study abroad programs. Please encourage your students to submit their applications before the deadline!

Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars (OURS)

Call for Proposals for Summer 2024 Collaborative Grant

If you are interested in mentoring a student collaborator over Summer 2024 and have a well-designed project, please consider applying for Collaborative Grants by **February 2, 2024**. [Please click here to view the prompts and submit your proposal](#). If you have questions, please contact Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars for additional support at undergradresearch@csbsju.edu.

Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day 2024

SAVE THE DATE: An email was sent by AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu on 01/29/24 announcing the details of CSC Day 2024. CSC Day will be on Thursday, April 25th, with presentations beginning at 8:15 a.m. and will run throughout the day on both campuses. Family members of students, alumnae/i, and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend alongside all staff, faculty, and administrators who are strongly encouraged to actively participate. Student registration opens on February 26. [Visit our website for more information](#).

Departments interested in presenting during CSC Day are invited to book space for this year's event by following the process is outlined below:

1. Please discuss amongst your department who will serve as the ONE CSC Day department scheduler for your home department; if you have a new department scheduler this year, please email undergradresearch@csbsju.edu to let us know.
 - *This person will reserve spaces, be the contact for questions concerning your department's needs, and be the final step in approving student abstracts for presentation space.*
2. Room reservation requests can be made through Forms Manager **no later than April 1**. You will receive confirmation from CSB or SJU Events staff once your room has been officially booked; simply submitting this request form does not guarantee you this space. Please reserve your space(s) using the appropriate link(s) below:
 - [CSB Room Reservations](#)
 - [SJU Room Reservations](#)

Questions about CSC Day 2024 can be directed to undergradresearch@csbsju.edu.

Upcoming Events

Gather featuring Dr. Andrew Towsey-Grishaw

4:30 p.m. Social, 5:00 p.m. Presentation/Performance, Wed., January 31st, SJU Great Hall

Sponsored by Office of Research & Grants

Dr. Andrew Towsey-Grishaw (Music) presents and performs the life and work of Mexican composer, **Carlos Antonio de Padua Chávez**. Dr. Towsey-Grishaw will discuss his life, significance, compositional style, and lasting impact in Mexico. The presentation will feature performances, in collaboration with Dr. Amy Grinsteiner, of "Madrigal para Viola y Piano" by Carlos Chávez and "Sonata para Viola y Piano" by José Pablo Moncayo, a student of Chávez." *Refreshments and cash bar.*

The Forum: *Who's the Self in Self-Interest?: How Individualism Ruined Self-Interest and Morality*

12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1st, SJU Alcuin 378

Presenter: Erica Stonestreet, Philosophy

Sponsored by Office of Research & Grants

Self-interest is often (appropriately!) thought of as an opposite of the common good. But Erica suggests that the problem isn't self-interest: it's the standard Western conception of the self. Come for a tour of some different ways to frame human nature and the more hopeful views of self-interest they lead to.

Chemistry Department Seminar: *Elements of Industry Research in a Medical Device Company*

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1st, CSB Ardolf Science Center 135

Presenter: Dr. Lisa Jungbauer Nikolas, CSB Chemistry alumna

Dr. Lisa Jungbauer Nikolas, Principal Scientist, Medtronic Pelvis Health, Medtronic Restorative Therapies Group, Research and Core Technology, and CSB Chemistry alumna will present. All are welcome.

JFA Meeting

4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 1st, Zoom: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/8852413992>

John Andrick, Dean of Student Academic Success, will be presenting *A Model for Student Success*. Please see the email sent on 01/25/24 from JFAChairAndViceChair@csbsju.edu for more details.

Theater Department presents *FREE Clowning Workshop*

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3rd, CSB Helgeson Dance Studio (BAC)

Actor Luverne Seifert will draw from his extensive training in physical comedy and clowning to teach foundational techniques to workshop participants. Those who are interested in participating in the Theater Department's *Circus Extravaganza* production (May 2-4) will craft clowning vignettes in duos or small groups. Please click [here](#) to register for the workshop or to express interest in participating in the show. Contact [David DeBlieck](#) with any questions.

The Forum: *First Time Human*

3:00 p.m., Monday, February 5th, SJU Alcuin 378

Presenter: Betsy Johnson, English

Sponsored by Office of Research & Grants

Travel takes us to new places, but we bring the same selves with us wherever we go. In this talk, Betsy will discuss how she used art (essays, poems, and photography) to make sense of herself and her experience leading a four-month study abroad program to Japan--and how she invited students to do the same.

Provost Open Office Hour

3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 8th, Zoom: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/93945834145>

Premiere: *The College Tour Featuring CSB and SJU*

6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Thursday, February 8th, CSB Escher Auditorium (BAC)

Saint Ben's and Saint John's are thrilled to be the first colleges in Minnesota to be featured on *The College Tour*. The premiere is a chance to see it FIRST. Be part of CSB and SJU history and plan to attend the spectacular Premiere Watch Party! Click [here](#) for more information.

- **6:30 p.m.** - Doors open with Red Carpet Entrance
- **7:00 p.m.** - Premiere Watch Party
- **8:00 p.m.** - All Community After Party

2023-2024 Tournées Film Festival

Friday, February 16th – Wednesday, April 3rd

*Sponsored by French Program (LNGS), Albertine Cinémathèque** grant recipient*

Join for one or all films! All films are **FREE** and open to all. Films will be screened at 6:30 p.m., with English subtitles, and there will be refreshments available. All screening events are AR-approved for students:

- **Friday, 2/16, SJU Quad 346 (Little Theater):** "[Revoir Paris](#)" (Alice Winocour, 2022)
- **Thursday, 2/22, SJU Quad 346 (Little Theater):** "[L'Innocent](#)" (Louis Garrel, 2022)
- **Tuesday, 2/27, SJU Quad 346 (Little Theater):** "[Colette et Justin](#)" (Alain Kassanda, 2022)
- **Tuesday, 3/12, CSB Gorecki 204:** "[Le Charme discret de la bourgeoisie](#)" (Luis Buñuel, 1972)
- **Wednesday, 3/20, CSB Gorecki 204:** "[Retour à Seoul](#)" (Davy Chou, 2022)
- **Wednesday, 4/3, CSB Gorecki 204:** "[La Reine Margot](#)" (Patrice Chéreau, 1994)

Special thanks to the friends and colleagues in History, Hispanic Studies, the Center for Global Education, Gender Studies, Peace Studies, the French Club, and Languages and Cultures, who will be participating and contributing to make the event a success yet again this year. Bring a friend! Find more information [here](#).

Albertine Cinémathèque, a program of FACE Foundation and Villa Albertine, with support from the CNC / Centre National du Cinéma, and SACEM / Fonds Culturel Franco-Américain

Public Reading and Conversation with author, Hanif Abdurraqib

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27th, CSB Upper Gorecki

Sponsored by Literary Arts Institute

Hanif Abdurraqib is an award-winning poet, essayist, and cultural critic from Columbus, Ohio. His newest release is *There's Always This Year: On Basketball and Ascension* (Random House, 2024). His previous book, *A Little Devil In America* (Random House, 2021) was a winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal and the Gordon Burn Prize. In 2021, Abdurraqib was named a MacArthur Fellow. He is a graduate of Beechcroft High School. See the attached packet for more information.

Diversity | Inclusion | Equity | Justice | Belong Opportunities

Faculty Development Workshop: *Who are CSB/SJU Students? Cultivating Inclusive, Relationship-Rich Education and Student Success on Our Campuses*

4:15 – 5:45 p.m., Monday, February 12th, CSB Gorecki 204

Sponsored by Center for Teaching and Learning

In this interactive session, Dean of Student Success, John Andrick, will present institutional data collected from CSB and SJU students, as well as a general understanding of where students coming out of K-12 are today. Faculty will then explore how they can intentionally contribute to the kinds of inclusive and relationship-rich educational experiences that are foundational to student learning and success on our campuses.

Beyond the Letters and Pronouns webinar

1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 14th, CSB Gorecki 204

Sponsored by Human Resources

You'll gain strategies and best practices for creating a culture that is prepared to embrace not only the members of sexual and gender minoritized communities, but also help cisgender and heterosexual persons develop skills to engage across difference. Expand your knowledge base so you can engage in conversations and support with confidence that you are being inclusive and acknowledging of identity. Please register to attend by clicking [here](#).

Belong: An Inclusive Learning Community

Connections Are Everything: Fostering Campus Cultures of Learning, Belonging, and Thriving

1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28th, [Zoom](#)

Sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges

All faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to [register](#) and attend the *Connections Are Everything: Fostering Campus Cultures of Learning, Belonging, and Thriving* webinar on **Wednesday, February 28th at 1:00 pm (central time)**. This interactive 60-minute webinar will provide you insights to the critical role of student relationships in education and leave you with a renewed focus on prioritizing human connections institutionally. We hope you will take advantage of this professional development opportunity to learn best practices for making our students feel more included on campus.

We are developing a resource location for all of the Inclusion, Equity and Justice Opportunities posted in The Buzz. Please watch for more information in coming issues along with opportunities to submit development opportunities for colleagues that can be spotlighted in The Buzz.

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Instructional Technology

Instructional Technology Day 2024 will be held on May 13th. Please submit your ideas for sessions during a day of professional development: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/I7SDBISQ8B>

ChatGPT 4 is live and you can access it with Microsoft's Copilot using your CSB and SJU network credentials. Click [here](#) for more information on finding Copilot.

Faculty Development and Research Committee

Deadlines for FDRC Proposals are this Friday:

- **For the grant period July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024**
 - *Fourth Call (limited funds remain) – Friday, February 2, 2024*
- **For the grant period July 1, 2024– June 30, 2025**
 - *First Call – Friday, February 2, 2024*

Call for Award Nominations

Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award: This award recognizes contributions to students' gender education through curricular leadership, courses taught, scholarship, and/or mentoring of students independent of normal classroom teaching. Nominations are due by **February 16, 2024:** [Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award Nomination Form](#)

Catholic Benedictine Educator Award: This award recognizes creative engagement between the Catholic Benedictine tradition and teaching throughout the curriculum. Nominations are due by **February 13, 2024:** [Catholic Benedictine Educator Award Nomination Form](#)

Buzz on Campus

Johnnie Bennie Campus News is back! Click [here](#) to check out their latest episode.

Check out campus events presented by [CSLE](#) in "This Week @ CSB +SJU" in the attached packet.

Benedictine Institute's next **"Building" Community**: 9:00–10:45 a.m., **Friday, February 2nd**, SJU Learning Commons 378 .

Saint Ben's @ Home

7:00 p.m., Monday, February 19th, Zoom

Moderated by Heather Piper-Olson, VP of CSB Institutional Advancement

Student Success is at the core of what we want for all our students. Join for a robust conversation with **John Andrick** about engaging and promoting student success in and out of the classroom.

John's role is to lead student retention efforts, including the First-Year Experience as well as assessment of student support system and programs, in order to promote student success and the various co-curricular student experiences. [Register today!](#) For more information, please contact [Marcia Mahlum](#), CSB Alumnae Relations.

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>



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Faculty Development Workshop

WHO ARE CSB/SJU STUDENTS?

Cultivating Inclusive, Relationship-Rich Education and Student Success on Our Campuses



**MONDAY,
FEB. 12TH
4:15-5:45PM
GORECKI 204
CSB**

Facilitated by
Laura Taylor and
John Andrick

Research has shown that the quality of relationships students form with peers, faculty, and staff are a primary contributor to student learning, well-being, and persistence -- particularly for first-generation and students of color. In this interactive session, Dean of Student Success, John Andrick, will present institutional data collected from CSB/SJU students, as well as a general understanding of where students coming out of K-12 are at today. Faculty will then explore how they can intentionally contribute to the kinds of inclusive and relationship-rich educational experiences that are foundational to student learning and success on our campuses.

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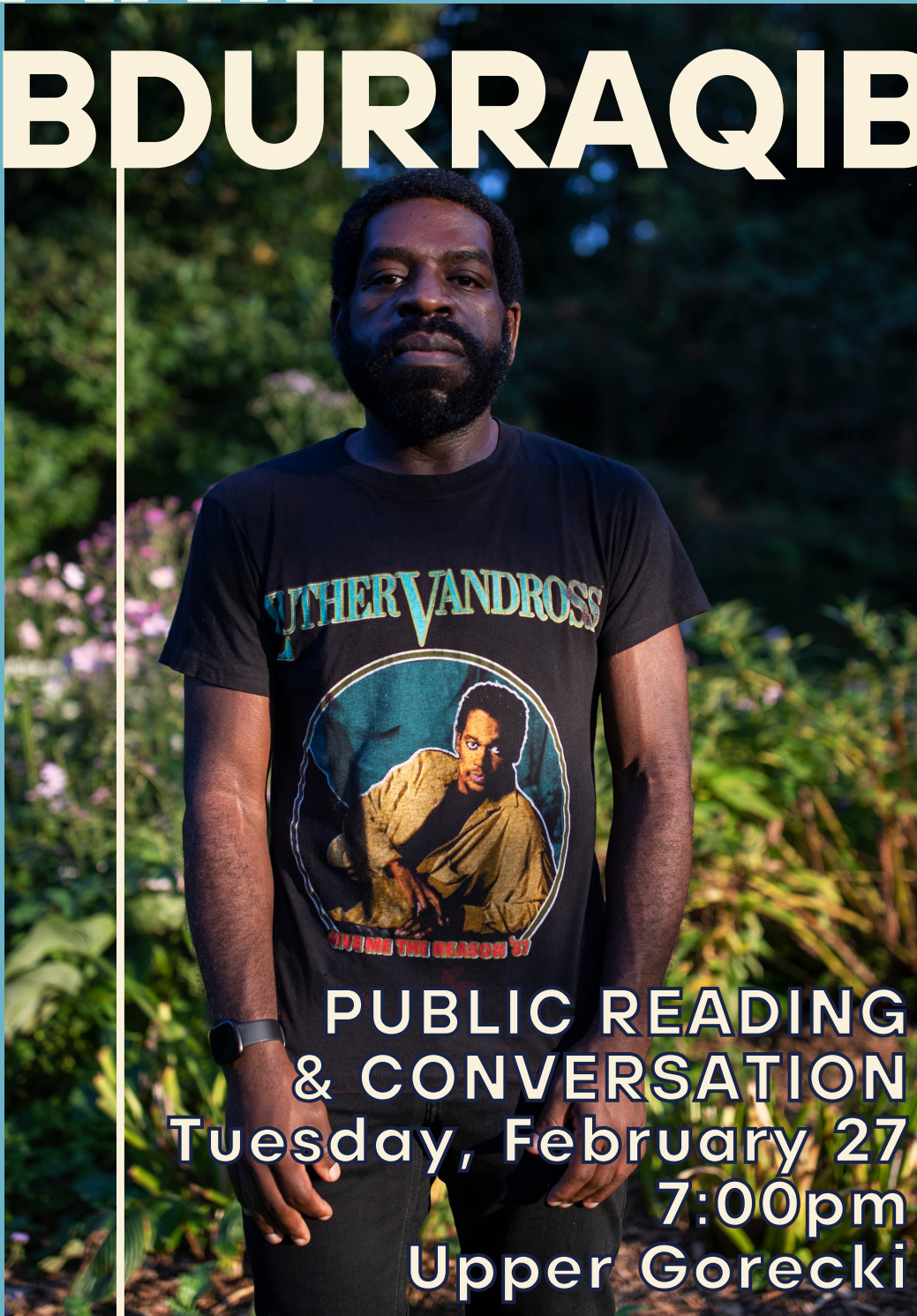
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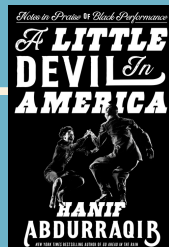
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Wednesday, February 28



2 - 3 p.m. ET



Leo Lambert

Professor of Education
and President Emeritus
Elon University



Peter Felten

Executive Director,
Center for Engaged Learning
Elon University



Isis Artze-Vega

College Provost and Vice
President for Academic Affairs
Valencia College



Discover how networks of student relationships with faculty, staff, and peers are essential to learning, belonging, identity, retention, and thriving.



Identify strategies campuses are employing to foster a sustained institutional culture focused on relationships, which must be nurtured by both grassroots innovations and top leadership.



Learn about free, open-access resources to help students develop strategies for relationship building, which is too often a “hidden curriculum” for first-generation college attendees.



Leave the session with a renewed sense of urgency about why now is the time to focus on human relationships as an institutional strategic imperative.



<https://bit.ly/3vNdTdB>

Register Now!

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THIS WEEK @ CSB+SJU


January 29 – February 4

Monday, January 29



Study Abroad Application Workshop: Monday, January 29th 6:00-8:00pm at the Experience Hub

Drop-In Hours with CGE-staff:
Monday, January 29th 1-4pm
Tuesday, January 30th 9-11am & 1-4pm
Wednesday, January 31st 9am-12pm





UDALL DROP-IN ADVISING

STOP BY THE HUB
JAN. 29 (10-3) or Feb. 2 (9-1)

The Scholarship Program identifies future leaders in environmental fields.

- Are you a college sophomore or junior?
- Are you interested in conservation, environmental stewardship, or environmental policy?
- Have you demonstrated your commitment to the environment through participation in campus activities or service to your community?
- Are you working towards a career that will enable you to address environmental issues on a local, national, or global scale?



Study Abroad Application Workshop

Monday, January 29 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Experience Hub, Clemens Library, CSB
Center for Global Education

Need last minute help with your semester study abroad application? Come to the Study Abroad Application Workshop this Monday! CGE staff will also be holding drop-in office hours on Monday (1-4 PM), Tuesday (9-11 AM, 1-4 PM), and Wednesday (9 AM-12 PM) in the Experience Hub. Stop by for assistance with any lingering questions you may have or to talk through your application.

<https://www.instagram.com/csbsjuglobal/>

Udall Drop-In Advising

Monday, January 29 | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Experience Hub, Clemens Library, CSB
Undergraduate Research and Scholars

Interested in conservation, environmental stewardship, or environmental policy? Stop by the Experience Hub next week on January 29th (10-3) or February 2nd (9-1) for Udall Drop-In advising to learn more about the program and ask any questions you may have.

https://www.instagram.com/csbsju_ours/

Tuesday, January 30



Bright Light Therapy

Always Available
 Clemens Library, CSB – Lounge Areas
 Alcuin Library, SJU – Upper Level
 CSB Health Advocates

As winter continues, it's important that we take care of our minds so we can also take care of our bodies! Light therapy can help treat symptoms of seasonal affect disorder. Try it out next time you visit the libraries!

<https://www.instagram.com/csbhealthadvocates/>

Wednesday, January 31

Two promotional posters. The top one is for "Fall 2024 & Spring 2025 STUDY ABRAD" with a deadline of January 31 @ Noon. It lists countries for Fall 2024 (Argentina, Austria, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom) and Spring 2025 (Australia, Ireland, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom). The bottom poster is for an "E-SCHOLARS INFO SESSION" on Wednesday, Jan. 31st at Simons 360, 4:30-5:30 PM. It features photos of students and mentions "We are catering CANES!" with a "register below!" button and a QR code.

Deadline for 2024-2025 Semester Study Abroad Programs

Wednesday, January 31 | Applications Close @ 12 Noon
 Online
 Center for Global Education

Explore your world by studying abroad for a semester in one of CSB+SJU's 12 programs either Fall 2024 or Spring 2025. Deadline to apply is January 31, 2024, at Noon. You can also apply online with the link below!

<https://csbsju-global.via-trm.com/>
[Explore Programs – CSB+SJU](#)
<https://www.instagram.com/csbsjuglobal/>

E-Scholars Information Session

Wednesday, January 31 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM
 Simons 360, SJU
 McNeely Center For Entrepreneurship

Come join the McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship for an information session to learn more about the Entrepreneur Scholars program! McNeely Center will be catering Canes, so grab a bite to eat and learn more about this amazing, prestigious program!

[Sign up here!](#)
<https://www.instagram.com/csbsjuentrmcneelycenter/?g=5>



First-Gen Mixer

Wednesday, January 31 | 5:00 – 6:30 PM
 Brother Willie's Pub, SJU
 First-Gen Organization, Multicultural Center

Attention all first-generation students! First-Gen is hosting their FIRST event of the spring semester. Save the date: Wednesday, Jan 31st @ Brother Willie's Pub from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Meet new people and get involved with new opportunities, including Tri-Alpha, First-to-First Mentorship, and Advocates for Inclusive Mentorship!

<https://www.instagram.com/csbsjufirstgen/?g=5>
<https://www.instagram.com/msscbsjsu/?g=5b>

Developing Character @ SJU: Mentorship

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM
 Quad 170, SJU
 Johnnie Development Institute

Join the Johnnie Development Institute as we engage in discussion with prominent figures around SJU! Enter a raffle to win prizes such as a Target Gift Card, Candle Warmer, or even an Echo Dot.

https://www.instagram.com/jdi_sju

Thursday, February 1



Stitches In The Stacks

Thursday, February 1 | 5:00 – 6:00 PM
 Alcuin Library, SJU
 CSBSJU Libraries

Come hang out with knitters, crocheters, cross-stitchers and others! Get inspired! Don't know how? Tutorials from YouTube will be available! This event will take place in the learning commons, near the Schu.

<https://apps.csbsju.edu/calendar/>

Friday, February 2



Karaoke Night

Friday, February 2 | 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Brother Willie's Pub, SJU

Center for Student Leadership and Engagement

Join CSLE for a night of karaoke! There will be free wings and pretzels along with the opportunity to win prizes like a bluetooth disco ball and car karaoke microphone! All are welcome to participate or just listen to the performances!

https://www.instagram.com/csbsju_csle/

Game Night

Friday, February 2 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Clemens Library, CSB

CSBSJU Libraries

Try your hand at one of the many video game consoles or tabletop games that are available for checkout at the library!

<https://www.instagram.com/csbsjulibraries/?g=5>

Handprints By Greta Oglesby

Friday, February 3 | 7:30 PM

History Theater, St. Paul

Eugene J. McCarthy Center

Join the McCarthy Center in watching a powerful and vibrant autobiographical story written and performed by one of the Twin Cities' most renowned theater artists, Greta Oglesby. Based on her book, Mama 'n 'Nem, Handprints on My Life.

Transportation is provided!

[Sign up here!](#)

Saturday, February 3



Silent Disco

Saturday, February 3 | 7:30 – 9:30 PM
 Alum Hall, HCC, CSB
 Center for Student Leadership and Engagement

Join CSLE for a silent disco this Saturday! Come and join the silent dance party that will be taking place in Alum Hall. Headphones will be provided to synchronize the music! We can't wait to see you there!

https://www.instagram.com/csbsju_csle/



Owl Hoot

Saturday, February 3 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 New Science Center, SJU
 Saint John's Outdoor University

Join the Saint John's Outdoor U in learning about the owls of the Abbey Arboretum and their amazing adaptations. Also, take a night hike to look and listen for owls in the arboretum! These events are free for students!

<https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsoutdooru/>

Sunday, February 4



Student Mass

Sunday, February 4 | 6:00 PM
 Sacred Heart Chapel, CSB

Sunday, February 4 | 9:00 PM
 The Abbey, SJU



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