



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.

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

– Eugene J. McCarthy

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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.

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.

Mission

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. Through the events, conferences, lectures and social gatherings, the McCarthy Center creates unique learning experiences.

Politics and Public Policy Alumnae/i Chapter

The Alumnae/i Chapter is a group of CSB/SJU graduates who work in political arenas in Minnesota, Washington, D.C. and throughout the country. The Chapter supports the Center's Career Mentoring Program, "Polidazzle," Day at the Capital, Red Mass and an annual alumnae/i award.

CSB/SJU grads: We welcome your participation at the McCarthy Center in any way possible. Please visit our website for more information and to contact us.

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Conference Participation

Conference 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. The McCarthy Center provides funding for faculty and student participation.

Polidazzle/Mentor Program

The McCarthy Center's Mentor Program intends to connect students with individual political and community leaders and offers a roadmap for mentorship and networking. Through informational interviews, job shadowing, resume critiques, and career discussions, students will gain a greater awareness of the avenues for success in political and civic life. The main event for the Mentor Program is "Polidazzle," which is a networking event intended to connect CSB/SJU students and alums.



The McCarthy Residency is an annual showcase of the work and skills of someone who has a distinguished career in public service, policy or politics through an on-campus residency. The 2011 McCarthy Resident was Kathleen Hall Jamieson, pictured above with a few students.

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. Panelists, including politicians and faculty members, provide expertise on a wide variety of political issues. Topics have included health care policy, public education in America, and the war in Afghanistan.

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 requires integration of field experiences with scholarship and seminars featuring policy and political professionals.

The Mark Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom Lecture Series

The Mark Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom Lecture Series is named after former Congressman Mark Kennedy, a Saint John's graduate. This Lecture Series seeks to add intellectual diversity to the McCarthy Center and to ensure that students hear both sides so they can critically evaluate the challenges of today. Past lecturers include U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, British Parliament member Liam Fox, and Christina Sevilla, director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison at the USTR.

The Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture: Conscience & Courage in Public Life

Established in January of 2006, this annual public lectureship carries McCarthy's deep commitment to the ideals and principles of democratic self-government. It seeks to inspire a new generation of young people to pursue fresh ideas, to challenge the status quo, to effect positive change in their communities and like McCarthy himself, to lead with honesty, integrity and courage.

The Fifth Annual Lecture featured **Mark Shields**, a nationally known columnist and political commentator who has worked in Washington through the administrations of nine U.S. presidents. Since 1988, he has provided weekly political analysis for "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS. *The Wall Street Journal* has called Shields "the wittiest political analyst around" and "frequently the most trenchant, fair-minded, and thoughtful."



Past lecturers have been columnist E.J. Dionne, Jr., Chairman of the NAACP Julian Bond, former U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel, and current U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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 competitive summer public policy internships.

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 Saint Ben's students recognized for their academic excellence and achievement, engagement in political activities on campus and dedication to social change.



The McCarthy Center offers many exclusive learning opportunities. Pictured above are Brandl Scholars along with Shelly Brandl during the Brandl Scholars Luncheon.