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

CSB/SJU Ranked No. 3 in National Study Abroad Report

CSB and SJU are 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 (IIE).

The two schools had a total of 565 students study abroad during the 2003-04 academic year, according to revised data released by the IIE in December. Highlights from the *Open Doors* publication are released each year in November for the preceding academic year.

About six in 10 CSB students study internationally before they graduate, a participation rate nearly twice the national average for liberal arts colleges. For the past two years, Saint Benedict's and Saint John's have together been among the top three undergraduate liberal arts colleges nationally in the number of students participating in international study programs.

Before graduating, half of all CSB/SJU students will participate in one of

CSB/SJU's 17 semester-long programs. The programs, located in 13 countries on six continents, are led by faculty.

"CSB/SJU offers a broad spectrum of choices for students interested in global learning and expanding their career options," said Dallas Kenny, dean of international and experiential education at CSB/SJU.

Kenny noted that the programs allow students to gain proficiency in international languages such as Chinese, Spanish, French, German and Japanese, "and to apply their knowledge in real-life internships and service activities in international organizations, communities and companies," he said.

"We are delighted to be nationally recognized, and excited that more and more of our students seek out these incredible opportunities to study abroad," said Kristi Kremers, CSB/SJU global education coordinator. "The credit for our remarkable standing goes directly to the campus community, which has made great strides to infuse internation-

al education throughout the four-year experience at CSB/SJU.

"It is absolutely critical that our graduates have the tools and skills to compete in today's global workforce, and clearly our students, faculty and administrators recognize this and rise to the challenges presented," Kremers added.

Five of the top 20 American baccalaureate colleges sending students abroad in 2003-04 are located in Minnesota — No. 1 St. Olaf College (771 students), No. 3 CSB/SJU, No. 8 Gustavus Adolphus College (419 students), No. 11 Concordia College-Moorhead (411 students) and No. 16 Carleton College (359 students).

A total of 191,321 U.S. students studied abroad in 2003-04, an increase of 9.6 percent from the previous year. Over the past decade, the number of U.S. students studying abroad has more than doubled, according to the IIE.

Abbot John Klassen, O.S.B.

State of the Institution Report

4 p.m., Centenary Room, Wednesday, February 8

Teagle Foundation Funds CSB/SJU Research on Controversial Conversations

The Teagle Foundation of New York City has awarded CSB and SJU a grant of \$91,657. Led by project director Daniel McKanan, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology, the grant will fund an investigation into the topic of controversial conversations in the context of a faith-based, liberal arts college. CSB is the fiscal agent for the grant. The timeline for the grant is January 2006-June 2007.

The goal is to identify strategies to generate and legitimize conversations regarding controversial topics.

"A good conversation on a controversial topic requires both a willingness to listen and a willingness to speak up," McKanan said. "Through this generous grant from the Teagle Foundation, we hope to identify the factors that allow all members of our campus communities to participate in dialogue with both civility and courage. We also welcome the insights, questions, and suggestions of everyone who believes that a little controversy can be a learning experience."

As many of the controversial issues discussed on campuses today are issues of sexuality and gender, these topics will be a focus. The research will be used by the CSB/SJU community and disseminated to other institutions to help understand how to best hold such conversations in light of CSB/SJU's Catholic, Benedictine heritage and commitment to a liberal arts education.

The invitation only, national grant process was highly competitive. The CSB/SJU proposal was one of only five funded. The grant application was prepared by: McKanan; Patricia Cespedes-Schueller, CSB director of campus ministry; Sheila Nelson, CSB/SJU associate professor of sociology; Ozzie Mayers, CSB/SJU professor of English; Elisabeth

Wengler, CSB/SJU assistant professor of history; Annette Atkins, CSB/SJU professor of history; and Catherine Stoch, CSB director of corporate and foundation relations.

The Teagle Foundation is committed to providing intellectual and financial leadership for the promotion and strengthening of liberal education. Please visit teaglefoundation.org for detailed descriptions of Teagle's grants and for more information on the Foundation and its programs.

Tupa Appointed SJU Chaplain

SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart has announced the appointment of Fr. Jerome Tupa as chaplain for SJU at the beginning of the spring semester. "Fr. Jerome has long given dedicated service to Saint John's as a faculty resident, professor of French, leader of international education programs and artist-in-residence," Br. Dietrich said. "He brings to the ministry of chaplain a seasoned sense of the spiritual needs of students and all members of our campus community. I am grateful for his willingness to be of even greater service to Saint John's University in this new role."

CSB Annual Giving Appointment Announced

Jill M. Dalager has been named director of annual giving at CSB. She previously served as associate director of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education, a program affiliated with the University of Minnesota's department of applied economics. In that capacity, she oversaw fund-raising activities, managed special development projects, directed education programs, and recruited and worked with board members. Originally from northern Minnesota, she also has held positions as the executive director of the Celebrate Redmond Foundation in Redmond, Washington, and as the education manager for the Museum of

Latin American Art, in Long Beach, Calif. She earned her master of arts degree in museum studies, specializing in fund raising and education, from the University of Washington. In making the announcement, Kolleen Kellom, CSB associate vice president of institutional advancement, noted that Dalager brings to Saint Ben's skills in fund raising, relationship building, volunteer management and a commitment to higher education for women. Her appointment was effective Nov. 14.

SEPS Awards Announced

CSB/SJU Division Heads David Bennetts in humanities, Kaarin Johnston in fine arts, Joseph Friedrich in social science and Frank Rioux in natural science have announced the recipients of the Scholarship and Excellent Pedagogy Sixths (SEPS) awards for the 2006-2007 school year. Made possible by Presidents MaryAnn Baenninger and Br. Dietrich Reinhart, these awards provide a 1/6 release from teaching in order to pursue scholarship and/or pedagogy projects. Selected by divisional committees from among 20 excellent proposals, the recipients and their project titles are:

Humanities Division: Jon Armajani, "Modern Islam's Encounter with the West: Intellectual Trends in Islamic Revivalism"; Erin Szabo, "Utilizing Inoculation Theory to Promote Resistance to Media-Induced Body Images in Pre-adolescent Girls"; Martha Tomhave-Blauvelt, "Communities of Heart and Place: Research and Pedagogy."

Fine Arts Division: Samuel Johnson, "Salt Kiln and Firing: Research and Development."

Social Science Division: Pamela Bacon, "Changing the Self: Examining the Malleability of the Self-Concept from Multiple Perspectives"; Sharmistha Self, "Study Guide and Instructor's Manual for Developmental Text"; Kay Wolsborn, "Tribal Politics and Public Policy"

in Minnesota."

Natural Science Division: Clayton Gearhart, "The Rotational Specific Heat of Molecular Hydrogen in Early Quantum Theory"; Stephen Saupe, "The Role of Aeroallergens in Equine Asthma in the Gulf Coast"; Dan Steck, "Environmental Radiation Research."

Faculty/Staff News

Thorpe Running, professor emeritus of Spanish, has published a book review of *Spanish American Poetry at the End of the Twentieth Century: Textual Disruptions*, by Jill Kuhnheim and published by University of Texas Press. The review was published in *Chasqui*, a review of Latin American literature.

An article by **Don Fischer**, assistant professor/physical education chair and CSB strength and conditioning coach, has been accepted for publication in the *Strength and Conditioning Journal*. The article is entitled "Neuromuscular Training to Prevent Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury in the Female Athlete." The peer-reviewed journal is published by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Bruce Campbell, associate professor of Spanish and Latino/Latin American studies, translated Néstor García Canclini's "Introduction: Hybrid Cultures in Globalized Times," the author's new introduction to *Hybrid Cultures*, second edition, University of Minnesota Press, December 2005. When first published in 1995, *Hybrid Cultures* became foundational to the field of Latin American cultural studies. In the new introduction to this now-classic work, García Canclini responds to the past decade of theoretical debates on globalization and calls for cultural policies that promote a more democratic and multicultural global reality.

Miguel Diaz, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology, has accepted an invitation to lecture at Notre Dame on the

subject of "Becoming a World Church after Vatican II: The Hispanization of the U.S. Church." He also has accepted an invitation to serve as a theological consultant for "The Catholic Alliance for the Common Good" project in Washington, DC.

Beth Wengler, CSB/SJU assistant professor of history, delivered a paper entitled "Contesting Female Honor in Reformation Geneva" at the 120th annual meeting of the American Historical Association, in Philadelphia, Penn., in January 2006.



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Extraordinary Performance Awards Announced

Karen Backes, CSB/SJU associate director of admission, and Norma Dickau, CSB/SJU public services librarian, were recently honored for their selection as the Fall 2005 Extraordinary Performance recipients. At the recognition luncheon, each recipient was joined by their guests and others to share in the recognition. Each will receive a desk clock, savings bond and a personal day off.

Please join in congratulating them for the contributions they make to our community.

In the Media

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

Kelly Kraemer, CSB/SJU assistant professor of peace studies, is featured in the winter issue of *Ms. Magazine* in a sidebar to an article entitled "How I Teach Peace." *Ms.* makes note of a "natural alliance" between women's/gender studies and peace studies. Kraemer teaches a peace studies course on "Women and Peace," which is also listed with gender & women's studies. A copy of the article is posted on the gender & women's studies bulletin board in HAB.

Katie Johnson, CSB/SJU associate professor of communication, was named "Teacher of the Week" for Jan. 6-12 by Mix 94.9 (KMXK-FM) in St. Cloud.

The Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) was mentioned Jan. 2, on Minnesota Public Radio's "Midmorning" program, "The enduring appeal of dungeons and dragons."

CSB/SJU Professor of Political Science **Kay Wolsborn** was quoted Dec. 9, in a Minnesota Public Radio story, "Candidate's residency question goes to court," and in a Dec. 24 *St. Cloud Times* article, "Negative ads flood special elections."

Saint John's School of Theology student **Jim Nepli** was featured Dec. 24, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, "Directors incorporate spiritual growth at work."

CSB President's Office writer/respondent and CSB/SJU coordinator for competitive fellowships & awards **Chris Hummel** was featured Dec. 22, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, "Witness to Democracy: StaintBen's Employee Helps Countries Watch Elections."

CSB/SJU was featured Dec. 2, in an *Asian American Press* article, "CSB/SJU Celebrate 20th Year of Partnership with Chinese University."

CSB/SJU Professor Emeritus of Political Science **Joe Farry** was quoted Dec. 16, in a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* article, "Analysis: With balloting over, really hard part begins."

Diane Veale Jones, CSB/SJU professor of nutrition, was quoted in a Dec. 13 *St. Cloud Times* article, "Watching Trans Fat."

Amy Olson, CSB/SJU professor of nutrition, was quoted in a Dec. 13 *St.*

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Celebrate Winter!

By Carie Braun, assistant professor of nursing

It's winter in Minnesota. Nothing is more predictable than snow and cold weather. When it happens, are you most likely to:

- (A) Hibernate in your living room with your mug of hot cocoa and thick blanket;
- (B) hibernate in your bedroom with the remote control and your electric blanket; (C) head for the mall; or
- (D) get outside and build a big snowman?

If you selected answers A, B, or C, then read on for some alternatives! Winter in Minnesota is a fantastic time to celebrate nature. Have you ever gone winter camping? When was the last time you went sledding? If your answer is "a really long time ago," then it's time. Physical activity, although it takes more effort in the winter, is energizing and refreshing. No matter what your interest or abilities, winter offers a chance to be active and to burn those excess calories consumed during the holidays. There is no denying that you need to get out there and get moving. Here's a little dose of motivation: Find your favorite activities and identify the number of calories burned in just 15 minutes.

Winter Activity — Calories Burned per 15 Minutes*

Moving ice house (set up/drill holes, etc.) — 85

Ice skating, 9 mph or less — 77

Ice skating, rapidly, more than 9 mph — 136

Skiing, general — 102

Cross country skiing, 2.5 mph, slow or light effort, ski walking — 102

Cross country skiing, 4.0-4.9 mph, moderate speed and effort, general — 119

Downhill skiing, light effort — 68

Downhill skiing, moderate effort, general — 85

Sledding, tobogganing, bobsledding, luge — 102

Snowshoeing — 119

Snowmobiling — 43

*Calories burned are based on a 150-pound body weight.

Source: The Calorie Lab is a Web site that details the number of calories burned based on weight for hundreds of different activities. Access the Calorie Lab at <http://www.calorielab.com/burned/>