



June 19, 2009

Dear College of Saint Benedict Parents and Students:

We are pleased to announce that this fall the College of St. Benedict will be opening a student health service, conveniently located on campus, for the women of the College of St. Benedict, starting the 2009-2010 academic year. The College recognizes that student health is directly related to the academic achievement and overall success of a college student. In order to be proactive in promoting health and preventing illness, we worked with consultants from the American College Health Association to develop a clinical health component for students that will be integrated with the counseling and health promotion services already provided on campus. We have spent the last year designing the student health service, hiring an assistant director, and renovating a space for this service.

The CSB Health Service has been designed with the specific needs of college-age women in mind, while assisting them in making good self-care decisions as they transition into adulthood. The women of St. Benedict will find an experienced staff who can address these needs in a comfortable, confidential environment.

The Health Service is conveniently located in the lower level of Lottie & Frank J. Adolf Jr. Residence Hall. Primary care services offered to the women of St. Ben's will include: preventative care such as routine physicals, travel consults, treatment of acute injuries, illnesses, and mental health conditions, vaccinations and screening programs. In addition to a lab, some pharmaceuticals will be stocked to provide additional convenience for patients. The Health Service has referral relationships with other clinics, as well as the hospital, should further care be needed beyond the scope of the Health Service.

The Health Service team has been carefully selected to provide the highest quality care for CSB students.

- Jeanie Donnay, the Assistant Director of Health Services, will serve as the primary provider. She is an experienced nurse practitioner coming to us with over thirty years of primary care experience, with the last five years being in college health. Jeanie's expertise in Women's Health, as well as her friendliness

and warmth, are assets that will enhance the quality of care students receive. We are delighted to have her directing the health service team.

- Joining Jeanie on the team will be a Registered Nurse and Certified Medical Assistant. They will provide quality nursing care under the Nurse Practitioner's direction.
- There will be a physician on-site a limited number of hours per week as well.

We are so pleased to be able to provide this service for our students. We are also pleased with the comprehensive college health and wellness approach upon which our programs and services are based. Our goal is to not simply treat the student's symptoms rather to educate them about how to be good health care consumers and how to be active participants in their well being. We believe that a healthy student is a student better situated for learning. Please watch for more information on our website at www.csbsju.edu/csbhealthcenter/.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary A. Geller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'A'.

Mary A. Geller
Vice President for Student Development