Become civically engaged through the McCarthy Center...

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PARTICIPATION
Increased conference and seminar 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.

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. Politics & a Pint invites guest speakers to talk with students in an informal setting without academic pressures and about issues which may normally not enter the classroom.

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 offers thoughtful integration of field experiences with seminar study of U.S. national government, application of transferrable skills to accomplish political tasks, evaluation of a variety of career goals, acceptance of career development responsibility, and the ability to live and work independently and responsibly in an urban setting.

Scholarships:

MARIE & ROBERT JACKSON FELLOWS
The Marie and Robert Jackson Fellowship is a collaboration between the Liemandt Family Service Learning Program and the McCarthy Center. Jackosn Fellows receive a summer stipend to work full time at an organization involved with public policy and/or civic engagement. In addition the Jackson Fellows participate in leadership development seminars throughout the summer and academic year.

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 collaborative summer public policy research projects conducted with students and faculty. The research is connected to a part time internship students have with a public policy organization.

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 students recognized for their academic excellence and achievement, engagement in public policy activities on campus, passion and dedication to social change, and prospectus that examines a significant policy issue or problem.
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.

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

-Eugene J. McCarthy

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.