A Message from the Director

CSB+SJU Community:

I hope your 2022-2023 academic year is off to a great start, filled with new connections and new ways to engage and grow personally and professionally.

This semester marks the official one year anniversary of the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars (OURS), providing a physical presence and increased access to our many undergraduate research programs and resources, competitive fellowships advising, and the new Pathways to Distinction program.

In celebration, I am pleased to launch and share our annual newsletter. Here, you’ll find highlights of what our Office, our incredible students, and dedicated campus partners have been working on this past year, as well as exciting things you can expect from us this academic year. In addition, we are excited to host our first annual OURS Week, where you can get the scoop on all upcoming OURS opportunities. OURS looks forward to engaging with the CSB+SJU in meaningful ways this year – you can connect with us via our OURS Visit Request form or via email at undergradresearch@csbsju.edu.

Best,

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Competitive Fellowships

We had another successful year connecting students to Competitive Fellowships opportunities, resulting in 6 Fulbright Winners and 1 Truman Scholar! If you have questions or are interest in learning more about Fellowships, connect with Fellowships Advisor Lindsey Gutsch or Dr. Phil Kronebusch!

U.S. Fulbright Student Program: Valerie Doze ‘21, who graduated in December with a double major in biochemistry and German, in September will move to Gottingen, Germany, on an open study/research award to work at the Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences. Five others – all 2022 grads – have received English Teaching Assistant awards. They include Sarah Broghammer (Norway), Regan Dolezal (Czech Republic), Noah Knapp (North Macedonia), Kate Schiltz (Spain) and Brigid Smith (Colombia).

Truman Scholarship: Sydney Walker ’22 became the 6th Truman Scholar in CSB history. The awards, named after former President Harry S. Truman, is designed to support the call to public service. It includes $30,000 in funding to assist with graduate studies as well as leadership training, career counseling and/or special internship and fellowship opportunities within the federal government.
Pathways to Distinction
This semester, OURS was honored to launch Pathways to Distinction. Pathways to Distinction are guided steps to achieving CSB and SJU’s Institutional Learning Goals. The distinctions—while challenging to earn—are not entirely based on GPA or coursework. Instead, they recognize students’ extraordinary development and accomplishments across a variety of academic, community-based, personal, leadership, global engagement, service and other experiences. In doing so, they embody the Benedictine Values and complement our Integrations Curriculum. Each Pathway enables students to strategically decide how they want to stand out by completing required and elective criteria during their four years on campus, allowing us to award graduation distinctions that are inclusive and accessible to any student. The first round of distinctions will be awarded to the class of 2025.

The campus community is invited to learn more about Pathways through our Pathways 101 Sessions. If you are interested in getting even more involved with Pathways, we invite faculty, staff, and older students to become Pathways Guides!

Undergraduate Research & Creative Work
State of URCW: With lessons learned from the covid-19 pandemic, we have worked hard over the last year to reinvigorate and re-establish a sense of community among our student researchers and faculty mentors, which included the creation of OURS and the Experience Hub. This work resulted in all of our programming returning to pre-pandemic participation levels, which included nearly 700 students presenting at CSC Day and over 60+ students engaging in our on-campus research program this past summer.

Meet the URFAC: Undergraduate Research’s mission, vision, and offerings are guided by the work of our Undergraduate Research Faculty Advisory Committee. Thank you to our representatives for their service on our committee and your commitment to engaging undergraduates in scholarship, research, and creative work.

Fine Arts – David Deblieck, Theater
Humanities – Jennifer Beste, Theology
Natural Sciences – Bret Benest, Math

Social Sciences – Christi Siver, Political Science
Libraries – Annie Larson, Humanities Librarian

New this Year: We are excited to re-launch the Fellowship in Ethics as a summer research opportunity for 3 sophomore or junior SJU students. This fellowship will offer 10 weeks of paid research and professional development focused on the intersection of ethics with business, entrepreneurship, or other professional settings. Application will be available in January.

Save the Date for Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day 2023! CSC Day will take place on April 27. CSC Day continues to be a great success each year because of faculty, staff, and students intentionally building CSC Day into their spring schedules. Consider how you could complete a scholarly project this year and register to present by April 3.

2022-23 Deadlines
- Goldwater Scholarship Pre-Application Due – November 11
- Sophomore Enrollment for Pathways to Distinction – November 15
- National Conference on Undergraduate Research Abstract deadline – November 30
- Scholars at the Capitol – December 1
- Udall Scholarship Nominee Selection – January 20
- Goldwater Scholarship Deadline – January 27
- Summer Collaborative Grant Faculty Proposals – January 30
- Truman Scholarship Deadline – February 7
- Fellowship in the Ethics Applications – March 1
- On-Campus Summer Researcher Application Deadline – March 1
- Udall Environmental/Tribal Policy/Native Health Care Scholarship Deadline – March 2
- CSB+SJU Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day Abstract Deadline – April 3
- Student Health Assistants Application – April 15
## OURS WEEK Programming – **Online Schedule**

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### How to Engage with OURS

**OURS 101 Sessions:** Do you have a group of students that could benefit from a crash course in the resources and opportunities we can connect them with for research or competitive fellowships? OURS staff would love to be guest stars in your class or student organization meetings to share our 15 minute presentation the value of engaging with our office, upcoming opportunities, and resources that are available to them as student scholars and beyond. [Request a presentation here](#).

**Pathways 101 Sessions:** Pathways to Distinction provides students the opportunity to create a guided path to achieving one our five institutional learning goals. Curious about the basics of Pathways and how you can talk about it with your students or peers? OURS staff are available to pop into a department or student org meeting to give you a 15 minute overview of this exciting new program. [Request a presentation here](#).

**Competitive Fellowships – Footsteps to Fellowships Sessions:** Are you curious about how you could secure a competitive fellowship one day? OURS staff can provide a 20 minute session on the value of apply for competitive fellowships and provide you tailored tips for taking steps now for success later. [Request a presentation here](#).

**Experience Hub Sessions:** Maybe you want to know about all the ways you can engage outside of the classroom at CSB+SJU? Staff from the Experience Hub would love to visit your class, department, or organization to talk about the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars, eXperience & Professional Development, and the Center for Global Education. [Request a presentation here](#).

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**EXPERIENCE HUB**

**THE BEST CSB+SJU EXPERIENCES INTERSECT AT THE HUB**

OURS is part of the Experience Hub – Located in Clemens Library

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