

# ***THE BUZZ:*** Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



## From the Provost

**Tenure-Track Requests:** As you all know the Academic Program Prioritization committees are moving ahead with assembling data, which will inform the recommendations that will be given to the provost at the end of this academic year. Because APP will help guide resources and staffing decisions, it is premature to consider tenure-track positions until after the APP recommendations have been completed. We need to carefully consider the APP recommendations and how they will guide resource and staffing decisions. Therefore, the Provost will not be soliciting tenure-track requests from departments during the Spring 2022 semester. Tenure-track requests will be solicited after the APP recommendations are public and the provost and the new president consider which recommendations to implement.

**Recording of Community Update:** Presidents Laurie Hamen and Jim Mullen, Chairs to the Boards of Trustees and President's Search Committee Co-Chairs updated the community on January 10 on stronger integration and the CSB/SJU president's search. A [recording of the Community Update](#) is available to the CSBSJU community.

## From the Deans

**FDRC Grant call applications due February 4, 2022:** The Faculty Development and Research Committee (FDRC) invites applications for Professional Development Funds and for Curriculum and Program Development funds. *See email from Academic Affairs sent on 12/15/21 for more information.*

## Call for Award Nominations:

**Sister Mary Grell and Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award:** The Faculty Development and Research Committee (FDRC) is seeking nominations for the Teacher of Distinction Award. Nominees will have completed at least three full years of full-time teaching at CSB|SJU at the time of application and not have received one of these awards in the last ten years. Please submit your nomination soon! The most recent awardees can be found here: [Award Recipients](#). Any member of the CSB/SJU community may submit nominations by **11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2022** at the following link: <https://www.csbsju.edu/academicaffairs/faculty/teachnom.aspx>

Please see the email sent by Academic Affairs on January 13 for more information.

**Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award:** The Linda Mealey Award recognizes teacher/scholars who are excellent teachers and who are especially effective in collaborating with CSB/SJU students on scholarly or creative projects. Nominees will have completed at least three full years of full-time teaching at CSB/SJU at the time of application and not have received this award in the last ten years. Please submit your nomination soon! The most recent awardees can be found here: [Award Recipients](#). Any member of the CSB/SJU community may submit nominations by **11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2022** at the following link: <https://www.csbsju.edu/academicaffairs/faculty/teachnom.aspx>

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**Coming soon: calls for the Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Educator Award, Jennifer Galovich Service Award, and the new Catholic Benedictine Educator Award!**

## MLK Week Events

**Saint Cloud State's Community Celebration Keynote Address:** The Multicultural Center invites the community to Saint Cloud State's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration keynote address on **Monday, January 17 at 9:00 am**. The program will feature a keynote address from Dr. Artika R. Tyner, a lawyer, educator, and author. Dr. Tyner will discuss tangible ways for ordinary people to have an extraordinary impact as they build a more just and inclusive society. She will introduce Dr. King's vision of the beloved community and racial healing. Registration Required.

[More Information](#)

**Wellness Webinar "Rest as Revolution in the Age of Racial Reckoning"**. Dr. Reba Peoples will deliver a SMART Wellness training workshop on **Monday, January 17 at 2:00 pm** that is designed to deepen awareness of the individual and cultural shifts that are needed to create a lifestyle that supports emotional wellness while simultaneously holding space to challenge the systems and structures that stand in the way of creating a fair and just society that works equally well for all of us. Registration Required. [More Information](#)

**CSB|SJU MLK Week Keynote: Dr. Christopher P. Lehman.** Please join us for the CSB/SJU MLK Week Keynote address on **Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 pm**. The keynote speaker is Dr. Christopher P. Lehman, a professor of ethnic studies at St. Cloud State University, a former summer visiting fellow at Harvard University, and the author of award winning "Slavery's Reach: Southern Slaveholders in the North Star State." Registration required to attend.  
[https://csbsju.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2Ge5dWjeRCWPVUIOSB9\\_LQ](https://csbsju.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2Ge5dWjeRCWPVUIOSB9_LQ)

## Pandemic Planning Committee

**COVID Employee protocols:** If an employee tests positive for COVID-19, first they need to fill out the following form: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/9YOSN6M3ZO> . Second they need to contact their supervisors. Note that faculty have two supervisors: their chair and the dean of the faculty. If you have any questions related to quarantine and isolation, please consult with Ganard Orionzi, our employee COVID coordinator.

**Booster Shot Requirement:** The recent emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19. MDH and CDC now recommend that all qualified individuals should get a vaccine booster shot. **Given this recommendation, as of March 1, CSB/SJU is requiring COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for all eligible students and employees.**

**Update Your Vaccination Record:** We've added booster shots to our [COVID-19 Vaccination Record Submission Form](#). Please update your booster information after you get the shot.

**Vaccination Clinic:** CSB/SJU is partnering with Walmart to bring a COVID-19 vaccine clinic to campus on Jan. 13-14, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Gorecki 120 at CSB. Register here for an appointment: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/4AJI0HJOXF>. If you are unable to attend this event we recommend using [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a COVID-19 vaccine nearby.

Visit our [COVID-19 website](#) for a dashboard, list of FAQ's and contact information for staff who can assist you. Please email [covidinfo@csbsju.edu](mailto:covidinfo@csbsju.edu) with any questions.

**Update regarding COVID-19 planning:** see emails from Academic Affairs and General COVID Questions email on 1/7/22.

## Academic Program Prioritization

**Academic Program Prioritization Revised Timeline:** see email from Academic Affairs sent on January 6, 2022 or go to the Academic Program Prioritization Canvas page.

## Experience HUB

The Experience Hub – which is now open and welcoming visits from students – brings together four key offices in the same location, allowing students the ability to draw on the experiential learning opportunities each provide without having to trek to multiple locations scattered across two campuses. [More Information](#)

## Center for Global Education

**Apply for a 2023 Short-Term Study Abroad Program:** Faculty are invited to apply to develop and direct a short-term education abroad program in the spring or summer 2023. The 2023 short-term proposal form includes two tracks for short-term programs: Spring 2023 embedded semester courses and Summer 2023 programs. This application process invites faculty to submit their proposal to CGE by **January 31, 2022**. [More Information](#)

## Undergraduate Research

**Seeking Faculty Applications for Interdisciplinary Collaborative Grant and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Collaborative Grants - Deadline January 21!** As part of Undergraduate Research's Summer Collaborative Grant is dedicated to two specialty grants for 2022:

- **DEI Grants:** Undergraduate Research is committed to exploring DEI in research and creative work. Two lines of our Summer Collaborative Grant will be dedicated to projects with an emphasis on diversity, equity, and/or inclusion.

**Interdisciplinary Grants:** This grant will fund 2 faculty and 2 students to collaborate on an interdisciplinary research project [More Information](#)

#### **Seeking Faculty proposals for summer research microgrants for a Summer 2022 pilot:**

We are excited about this opportunity as we believe it supports Undergraduate Research's goals of increasing access to research and creative work opportunities for students in a way that best fits into their lives while still supporting their growth as scholars. Faculty from all disciplines are eligible and encouraged to apply by **January 31, 2022**. For more information, please view our website and the official call for proposals: <https://www.csbsju.edu/undergraduate-research-and-creative-work/programs-and-funding/summer-microgrants>

## Academic Advising

#### **Bringing Cultural Humanity to Academic Advising:**

**February 2, 2022 1-2:00 p.m. Gorecki A & B**

No RSVP needed No zoom access

*All members of the CSB/SJU community are welcome to attend.*

The construct of *cultural competence* assumes that one can learn or know enough, that cultures are monolithic, and that one can reach a full understanding of a culture to which they do not belong. In contrast, *cultural humility* encourages ongoing personal reflection and growth around culture in order to increase awareness and introspection. Presenter Blane Harding shares the evolution in his thinking from his many previous presentations on developing cultural competence to ***Bringing Cultural Humility to Academic Advising***.

## Information Technology

**IT Services Security Awareness Newsletter - January 2022** -Spot and Stop Messaging Attacks  
Click More Information to view this month's newsletter, published by SANS Security Awareness training. [More Information](#)

## Libraries

The Libraries' Learning & Research Team would like to know how to best provide support to your department as well as identify information literacy gaps in the Integrations Curriculum and your departmental courses. We are asking you to fill out the following survey: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/0M9OGMXBAD>. The information provided will help us determine if any training needs to be provided to faculty. If you have any questions regarding the topics discussed in the survey please contact Sarah Gewirtz ([sgewirtz@csbsju.edu](mailto:sgewirtz@csbsju.edu)). The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes.

## FYX

**Continuing the Journey Canvas Shell:** A friendly reminder that all first-year students have access to the FYX "Continuing the Journey" Canvas shell. In this shell, students can access information aimed to help them transition to college and succeed academically. For those serving as a first-year faculty advisors, the shell again will have information and reminders for students to access in early March as they prepare to register for Fall 2022 classes on their own.

**Nominations for Orientation Leader and/or Peer Mentor for Fall 2022:** Please consider nominating upper-class students to serve either in the role of Orientation Leader for New Student Orientation in late August 2022 or the College Success Course in Fall 2022 (or both!). Ideally, juniors and seniors serve in the peer mentor role and sophomores, junior, or seniors serve in the Orientation leader role. Here is a simple form to submit your nominations: [OL/PM Nomination Form \(Fall 2022\)](#)

**Information to Share with First Year Students:** If you have information relevant to first year students, please send that information to Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman ([KDavis@csbsju.edu](mailto:KDavis@csbsju.edu)). It can be placed in an upcoming newsletter or in the Canvas shell.

## Faculty Governance

**Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, January 18 4:30 -6:00 p.m.**

**Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting: Thursday, January 27 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

For more information regarding these meeting watch for emails from [jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu](mailto:jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu)

## Benedictine Institute of Saint John's

***Benedictine Perspectives on DEIJ (Save the Date)!*** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 2 and Thursday, February 3** to attend, or have your students attend, one or more presentations regarding a *Benedictine Perspectives on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice (DEIJ)*. All presentations will focus on helping “non-experts” understand what it can look like to approach DEIJ issues from a Benedictine point of view. Guest speakers include Nicholas Tangen, Cindy Gonzalez, and Eric LeCompte. Tangen is a writer, coach, educator, and congregational organizer in Minneapolis. His work focuses on community life, community organizing, social action, and the life of faith through a Benedictine lens. Gonzalez is a 2014 graduate of the College of Saint Benedict and a 2019 graduate of Saint John's School of Theology. She recently spoke for the 2021 Diocesan Ministry Day celebration focusing on “the importance of co-creating a community that sees, listens, and advocates for one another.” LeCompte is a 1999 alumnus of Saint John's University and for more than 25 years had led religious groups in the fight to alleviate poverty, address global conflict, and promote human rights.

Additionally, these speakers are available to attend some classrooms as guest speakers, perhaps especially in Raven and/or CSDS courses. Contact [Rodger Narloch](#) to arrange.

## Sustainability Presentations in Classes

Rachel Brodeur and Elly Strunk, CSB/SJU campus sustainability coordinators, are offering to do campus sustainability presentations for any interested class this spring or next fall—please contact Rachel Brodeur ([rbrodeur001@csbsju.edu](mailto:rbrodeur001@csbsju.edu)) for more information.

**Do you have information for The Buzz?** If you have information you would like included in The Buzz please submit to this link: [The BUZZ information](#)