

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Deans

Faculty Scholarship & Creative Work Applications for 2022-2023: Deadline Extended to 11/29 Looking for more time for your research, writing, and/or creative work? Apply for a 2022-2023 Scholarship & Creative Work Award! The application deadline has been extended to **Monday, November 29**. Visit the Research and Grants Office webpage for details, and reach out to Karlyn Forner, Grants Partner, with questions. <https://www.csbsju.edu/research-and-grants-office/supporting-research/scholarship-and-creative-work-awards> [More Information](#)

Student Course Surveys: *see 11/23 email from Academic Affairs.* For those teaching Mod D and Full-Term courses, the survey period starts Tuesday, December 7th and ends December 14th.

Invitation to join MLK Week planning committee: As we plan for 2022 MLK Week you are invited to join the MLK Week planning committee which will meet on Wednesdays, 5-6pm via Zoom. Please email Malik Stewart, mstewart@csbsju.edu, to be added to the Zoom invitation. [More Information](#) Meeting Dates: **Dec. 1 & 8**

Disability Awareness Week Nov 29- Dec 3: The Multicultural Center, ETL (Extending the Link), Accessibility Services and the GEND 377 Disability Justice class will be hosting a Disability Awareness Week **Nov 29 through Dec 3** on campus. For more information and schedule of events: [Home - Disability Awareness Week - Research Guides at College of St. Benedict/St. John's University \(csbsju.edu\)](#)

Academic Program Prioritization

Structured Program Feedback: Department chairs and program directors have received a forms manager link to upload the written comments from their program by **Monday, November 29**.

Pandemic Planning Committee

Community COVID-19 Testing Events - Nov. 30 & Dec. 1: COVID-19 continues to be active in our communities and across the state of Minnesota. Following the Thanksgiving break, CSB/SJU will be partnering with Ridgewood Lab Diagnostics to bring community testing events to campus. It is strongly encouraged that you get tested if you left campus or gathered with others over Thanksgiving. [More Information](#)

CDC Travel Guidelines: As we approach possible traveling by students and employees around Thanksgiving, Christmas and semester break, the Pandemic Planning Committee would like to remind you of the CDC travel guidelines and updated international travel requirements.

[More Information](#)

Becoming Community

Book Group for Judy Heumann's, "Being Heumann": Please join us on **Tuesday, November 30th at 4:30pm** at the Multicultural Center for a discussion of Judy Heumann's book, "Being Heumann". The first 30 people who sign up will receive a free copy of the book. Also, join us on Monday, November 29th to hear Judy speak at a panel discussion (via Zoom) at 2:00pm in the Founder's Room at SJU (more information will follow).

Judy Heumann is an internationally recognized leader in the Disability Community and a lifelong civil rights advocate for disadvantaged people. She has advocated for disability rights at home and abroad, serving in the Clinton and Obama administrations and as the World Bank's first adviser on disability and development.

We have one audio book (CD) available at CSB/SJU Libraries. If you are interested in checking out the audio book, please let Sarah Gewirtz (sgewirtz@csbsju.edu) know and she can assist in getting that to you. This event is co-sponsored by Becoming Community and counts toward the certificate program. To sign up, please fill out this form: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/HOZKP9P062>

The HIVE

System Maintenance: Please be aware of the following HIVE system maintenance dates, which will impact the availability of The HIVE. **Downtime of approximately 60 minutes is expected.** The downtime may occur at any time during the time window. You may experience slowness while all imports complete after the update: **November 24, 2021 at 10:59 pm – November 25, 2021 at 4:59 am**

Information Technology

Zoom Meeting Security Best Practices: Due to recent events, there have been many questions about how to best secure Zoom meetings. Click More Information for recommendations on protecting and securing your Zoom meeting. [More Information](#)

Duo Two-Factor - Only Approve Logins You Initiated : A friendly reminder from IT Services when using Duo two-factor authentication, only approve those that are for CSB/SJU and which YOU initiated. If a notification is ever received as a Duo push (via mobile app)/text message/phone call when you are not trying to log in, always Deny/Ignore the request.**Note:** If selecting Deny when using Duo push (via mobile app), there will be a prompt to indicate the reason. Select the option that applies. [More Information](#)

Instructional Technology Day—Save the Date: January 6, 2022

Undergraduate Research

Driven 2 Discover at the MN State Fair: CSB/SJU Undergraduate Research is excited to partner with the Driven to Discover Research Facility (D2D) at the Minnesota State Fair to conduct research at the Minnesota State Fair. We invite faculty and their students to take advantage of this unique opportunity to quickly and efficiently recruit fairgoers as participants in minimal-risk, human-subjects research at the D2D Research Facility. Undergraduate Research covers the fees associated for one shift at the fair for a faculty mentor and their student researchers. You will be prompted to upload the your proposal addressing the criteria in the CFP as a single PDF or Word document. Please limit your submission to 1-2 pages, if possible. Please submit your proposal [here](#) by **December 6th, 2021**. Please contact Lindsey Gunnerson Gutsch at lgutsch001@csbsju.edu for more information.

Fulbright Hayes Short Program

Fulbright-Hayes Trip to Bosnia: Faculty in humanities, social science, foreign languages and/or area studies wanted for our 2022-2023 Fulbright-Hayes Short Program exploring the intersection of languages, politics, history, educational systems, and culture in Bosnia & Herzegovina, June 2022. Pre- and post-travel seminar, airfare, housing, food funded by our grant from the US Dept. of Education. For more information and to apply, follow the attached link. Applications due by **December 3**. [More Information](#)

Faculty and Academic Affairs Staff Survey

The Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) Committee on Inclusion, Equity, and Justice (IEJ) and the JFS Committee on Family Friendly Policies and Practices (FFPP) invite you to participate in a survey to assess faculty and Academic Affairs staff members' experiences during the pandemic and to inform future recommendations for policy responses to crisis that are both family friendly and advance inclusion, equity, and justice for faculty and staff. Please access the survey here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/SQCZM3YSYP> Thank you very much for your time in providing this important feedback. Your ideas will inform the work of our committees. Please complete the survey by **Tuesday, November 23rd at 5 pm**.

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, December 7 4:30 -6:00 p.m.

For more information regarding these meeting watch for emails from jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu

Human Resources

Vital Work Life Review: Missed the Vital Work Life Presentations regarding Reducing Stress & Developing Resiliency and Respecting Diversity & Fostering an Inclusive Workplace? Check out the outlines from each presentation on the CSBSJU Professional Development page! [More Information](#)

Fine Arts Programming

Make holiday memories with LIVE performances @ CSB/SJU: Looking for a FUN way to celebrate the holiday season? Or maybe you want a low key way to reconnect with someone. The Fine Arts Series has holiday experiences for a memory filled evening! The Hot Sardines bring the jazzy, joy filled holiday party of the season with Holiday Stomp!, great for all ages! **December 9.** If low key and sentimental is what you're looking for, Storyhill presents holiday favorites with beautiful vocal harmonies, guitar and strings. **December 11**

Tickets and info at www.csbsju.edu/wow [More Information](#)

The Buzz on Campus

Lunch and Learn with Karlyn Forner at CSB on Tue. Dec. 7, 11:30-12:30: "Grassroots Organizing & Benedictine Values...Say What?": In the 1960s, young activists in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee united with local people in the Deep South to build a grassroots movement for change that empowered Black communities and transformed the nation. How SNCC organizers organized and the day-to-day living out of Benedictine values have fascinating parallels. In this Lunch and Learn, Karlyn Forner will share some observations and reflections on how grassroots organizing and Benedictine living align. Registration required [More Information](#)

Toys for Tots Campaign CSBSJU: CSB/SJU Toys for Tots drive on campus to run through Friday, December 10 with drop box locations at the Great Hall and Gorecki. Monetary donations can be made at the Students Accounts office in Quad 148.

WINTER COAT DRIVE: Please bring your gently used winter coats, hats and mittens to the Outdoor Leadership Center and The Multicultural Center to give to students who may not have these items.

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](#)