

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



Academic Program Prioritization

Provisional Weighting Across the Criteria: The APP Steering Committee has released provisional weighting across the eight criteria. The provisional weighting is available on the main APP Canvas site under [Official Documents](#). *see email sent from Academic Affairs on 2/1/22*

Clarification on Criterion 5.1 (High Impact Practices): The APP Data Committee has provided clarification to programs as they complete the forms manager for Criterion 5.1. This information has been added to the Methodology Criterion 5 document available on your program's Canvas site. Please *see email sent from Academic Affairs on 2/1/22*

Omission of Criterion 5.2: The APP Data Committee is omitting Criterion 5.2 from its evaluation. Instead, programs can share information about high prestige awards in their Criterion 5.6a Structured Program Response. Please review the Methodology Criterion 5 document available on your program's Canvas site for more information. *see email sent from Academic Affairs on 2/3/22*

Calls for Nominations - Faculty Awards

Call for Nominations: Sister Mary Grell and Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award: 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>
For complete details see the 1/13/22 Academic Affairs email Please see attached for more details.

Call for Nominations: Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award: 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>
For complete details see the 1/13/22 Academic Affairs email Please see attached for more details.

Catholic Benedictine Educator Award: Nominations (including self-nominations) are due by **February 15, 2022**, at the following link: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/6B5JZG0VHO>
For complete details see the 1/24/22 Academic Affairs email.

Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Educator Award: nominations due **February 24, 2022:** [Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award Nomination Form](#)
For complete details see the 1/24/22 Academic Affairs email.

Calls for nomination for the Jennifer Galovich Service Award coming soon.

Innovation Fund News

Congratulations: An Innovation Fund Award was awarded to Parker Wheatley, Bob Hesse and Imad Rahal, who proposed exploration and possible development of post-graduate certificate programs in data-analytics.

Innovation Fund information: We continue to accept applications and they will be reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis. Submissions: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/OMPXL2BOKI>.
See complete information in 11/8 email sent from Academic Affairs

Pandemic Planning Committee

As of Monday, Feb. 7, events, gatherings and meetings:

- Can be held with 100% capacity
- Are able to have food/beverage
- Events that currently require vaccination or proof of negative test will continue to do so

See the email from the General COVID Questions on 2/3/22 for more information.

Experience HUB

Undergraduate Research

**Save the date: Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day on April 21, 2022! In person
Now Accepting Room Reservation Requests for CSC Day 2022!**

Undergraduate Research invites departments interested in presenting to book space for this year's event by following the process is outlined below:

1. Please discuss amongst your department who will serve as the **ONE** CSC Day department scheduler for your home department; report the name of the scheduler on your reservation form.
 - This person will reserve spaces, be the contact for questions concerning your department's needs, and be the final step in approving student abstracts for presentation space.
2. Room reservation requests can be made through Forms Manager no later than April 1. You will receive confirmation from CSB or SJU Events staff once your room has been officially booked; simply submitting this request form does not guarantee you this space. Please reserve your space(s) using the appropriate link(s) below:
 - [CSB Room Reservations](#)
 - [SJU Room Reservations](#)

Student Registration opens on February 28! [Visit our website for more information.](#)
Questions about CSC Day 2022 can be directed to undergradresearch@csbsju.edu

Libraries

Academic Writing and Publishing Guide: Are you spending these cold days indoors catching up on a writing project? The Libraries have a new guide to resources for faculty, graduate students, and others doing advanced scholarly writing. Our [Academic Writing and Publishing](#) guide has print and online resources to help you get started on a project, revise and refine your work, and learn more the publishing process.

Join Us to Read *The Once and Future Witches*: The Libraries are sponsoring a spring book discussion on Alix Harrow's *The Once and Future Witches*, a fantasy reimagining of the U.S. women's suffrage movement. Three wayward sisters find each other and their hope for a better future – one where witching is legal and women have the vote -- in this novel set in an alternate United States. CSB/SJU History Professor Shannon Smith will lead the discussion. The Libraries will provide copies of the book for the first 18 who sign up. Date/location of the discussion TBD in spring pending Covid restrictions. Contact Stacy Penk in the Library (spenk@csbsju.edu) to sign up.

Library Research Skills Help: Do you have students who need a brush-up on library research skills? The Libraries have [online learning options](#) that range from short video tutorials on using library services like interlibrary loan to sequenced Canvas modules for practicing information literacy skills. These lessons are adaptable to asynchronous learning strategies, and can be modified to meet the specific needs of your course. [Contact a librarian](#) for more information about library tutorials.

Bookshots Podcast: Listen in on the [latest Bookshots Podcast](#), with library assistant Kelly Groth and Taylor Barber, a sophomore studying Natural Science Education, discussing the book *The Sea, The Sea*, by Iris Murdoch.

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, February 8 at 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting: Thursday, February 17 at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Human Resources

The US government has announced that every home in the U.S. can order 4 free per household COVID-19 tests. Visit [COVIDtests.gov - Free at-home COVID-19 tests](https://www.covidtests.gov) for information on how you can order your 4 free tests as of January 19th, 2022.

Review BlueCross BlueShield member information page on obtaining Covid 19 at home tests through your insurance [COVID-19 testing and care | Blue Cross MN](#)

Benedictine Institute at Saint John's

Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life June 10-17, 2022
Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota

Intended for: Faculty at Catholic colleges and universities around the US & Canada

Focus: Explore the landscape of Catholic higher education and help faculty members reflect on what role they, as individuals, play within that context.

Application deadline: February 28, 2022

For more info and to register: <https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/other-resources-provided-by-the-benedictine-institute/collegium-a-colloquy-on-faith-and-intellectual-life>

ABCU/Benedictine Pedagogy Conference June 15-18, 2022

University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota

Intended for: Faculty and staff at the 13 Benedictine colleges and universities in the US & Canada

Focus: Help faculty and staff from Catholic Benedictine institutions find ways to enrich the classroom/workplace to better serve the university mission and enrich the student experience.

Application deadline: February 28, 2022

For more info, the call for presentation proposals, and to

register: <https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/other-resources-provided-by-the-benedictine-institute/benedictine-pedagogy/abcu-conference>

****Note.** There are opportunities to present at this conference, though not requirement to do so. Click on the above link for more info. Presentation submission deadline is February 28, 2022.

Benedictine Education Program

Four evening sessions at SJU starting on Monday, March 14, 2022

Intended for: All employees

Focus: Provides an introduction to the hallmarks of Benedictine education and life by monastic members, so that faculty and staff may gain a better understanding of our mission and heritage.

Sign-up deadline: March 7, 2022

For more info and to register: <https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/2021-2022-events-and-programs/benedictine-education-program>

Please contact Rodger Narloch, at RNarloch@csbsju.edu if you have any questions.

The Buzz on Campus

Benjamin Jose: 'From Hell to Breakfast' delivers a full course experience: See something you've never seen before! Artist Benjamin Jose's installation at the Alice R Rogers and Target Galleries at the SJU Art Center explores themes of technology and its impact on each of us and society.

On display through **March 3rd, 2022**. FAE available [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](#)