

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



## From the Provost's Office

Based on what we know now about COVID, the increasing availability of vaccines over the next year, and the feedback from faculty, staff, and students, we will return to the traditional semester schedule beginning Fall 2021. We will return to offering our 4-credit courses throughout the span of the semester, meaning students will routinely enroll and participate in four 4-credit courses at the same time for the duration of the semester.

We will keep the community updated on any COVID-related restrictions that may continue to exist as we move closer to the fall semester.

## Announcements

### **FDRC Grant 2021-22 Guidelines - due date - February 5, 2020**

*(see 1/5/21 email from Academic Affairs)*

**Call for Honors Course Proposals for 2022-23 – deadline 3/30/21** (see 1/12/20 email from Academic Affairs). Contact Honors Director Beth Wengler, [ewengler@csbsju.edu](mailto:ewengler@csbsju.edu), or Emily Esch [eesch@csbsju.edu](mailto:eesch@csbsju.edu) with questions.

## The Hive

Faculty are asked to use Progress Surveys to provide feedback or information at key points in the term using The HIVE. Faculty who are listed in Banner as responsible for a course will receive a survey. If team teaching, consult with your teaching partner. We ask that one of you please give any feedback needed to students via the survey(s). The other instructor(s) may simply submit the survey(s) without selecting any flags to mark their surveys as

complete. Independent Study, AP, Zero Credit courses are not included in progress surveys. There will be three surveys for most classes:

**Enrollment Verification Survey** - will include one flag - Never Attended. Use this to identify a student who has not arrived for class. Should they attend after you raise the flag, please clear the flag, and note that they have now arrived for class.

**Mid-course survey** for one or two block courses.

**End of Block Grade Report** (last survey for each course ending at the conclusion of Block A, B or C) used to communicate grades to students.

Faculty Advisors will receive a summary message from The Hive regarding alerts raised for your advisees.

- If a student returns to class or addresses an issue from an alert you create please add comments to and/or clear the alert. See tips on how to do this [guide to Adding Comments and Clearing Flags](#).
- Click here to review the details of the [Progress Survey Schedule for Spring 2021](#)
- Even if faculty do not have feedback to give for any of the students in a class/section, they should still complete all surveys by clicking submit. If you do not select a flag for a student, the system assumes there is no feedback and no flag/high five will be raised.
- Those who are team teaching should consult with each other about the survey about giving student feedback. We ask that all instructors complete this survey. Those not giving feedback may simply submit the survey without selecting any flags to mark their portion as complete.

Please reach out to Mary Beth Thompson ([mbthompson@csbsju.edu](mailto:mbthompson@csbsju.edu)) with any additional questions.

## FYX

**FYX (First Year Experience): Recommendations for 2021 Orientation Leaders & Peer Mentors:** Colleagues: Please consider forwarding Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman names of students you think would serve as good role models for both our Orientation and Peer Mentor programs for the Class of 2025 by February 7. She will contact them to apply. Applications will remain open through February 12. Click here for the application:

<https://www.csbsju.edu/fyx/join-our-team>

**Call for Fall 2021 Instructors for INTG105:** This course aims to foster a sense of belonging, promote engagement in the curricular and co-curricular life of CSB/SJU, articulate expectations of students, and help students continue to clarify their purpose, goals, and direction. Instructors who promote an understanding of the holistic development of students and who recognize that learning happens in and outside the classroom are encouraged to apply. For more information, please see the "call" in the email sent on 1/18/21 from Kari-Shane (includes the application link). Please contact Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman ([KDavis@csbsju.edu](mailto:KDavis@csbsju.edu)) with questions.

## Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate Research is committed to making research opportunities more accessible to any student interested in participating and accurately capturing exciting opportunities available on campus. Please consider reporting any upcoming opportunities you have available this summer to Lindsey Gutsch ([lgutsch001@csbsju.edu](mailto:lgutsch001@csbsju.edu)) to be included in our database:

<https://www.csbsju.edu/undergraduate-research-and-creative-work/off-campus-opportunities>

### Save the Date - Virtual Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day - April 19, 2021!

To accommodate block learning: Registration AND poster submissions will begin earlier, running February 15 - April 9. [More Information](#)

## Faculty Governance

JFS meeting: **Tuesday, February 9 from 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.** via zoom

JFA Special meeting (Budget presentation): **Wednesday, February 10 4:30-5:30 p.m.** via zoom

Watch for emails from Greg Schroeder for information about the meetings and zoom links.

## Development Opportunities

**Student Support and Mentoring Development Opportunity:** On March 4 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. the Academic Advising Office will be hosting a development opportunity for anyone interested in incorporating coaching conversation into their advising and mentoring conversations. This is a web presentation put on by NACADA, The Global Community for Academic Advising, but the usefulness will extend beyond simply the Academic Advising realm. It will be especially valuable for faculty advisors, but should extend to others in student support and mentoring roles. The session will be socially distanced in Gorecki B & C and will be limited in space. **To RSVP, please email Jeanne Terres at [jterres@csbsju.edu](mailto:jterres@csbsju.edu)**. Link to NACADA information about the event: <https://nacada.ksu.edu/Events/Web-Events/Web-Events-Coming/Web-Event-March-2021.aspx> **Contact Jason Kelly for more information.**

## Outdoor U News

**Winter Naturalist Series with Outdoor U:** Join us virtually on Saturdays for a variety of naturalist topics. Free for CSB/SJU students and Outdoor U members. \$10/session for nonmembers. Upcoming topics include:

-Feb 20: Lichens of MN

-Feb 27: Squirrels

-Mar 6: Turtles, Frogs & Snakes

Register for access to recordings and Zoom links. [More Information](#)

## The Buzz on Campus

**Piano Trio Concert:** Unique to this performance is that the major chamber work on the concert, Brahms' "Piano Trio in B Major, Op. 8" is new to all of us. In addition to the Brahms Trio, we will perform two tangos by Albeniz and Rodriguez, as well as a gorgeous arrangement of "Summertime" (arr. by Andy Stein). Performers: Kendra Sobania (violin), Diane Tremaine (cello), Amy Grinsteiner (piano)

Date of Performance: **February 7, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. This event will be livestream only, no in-person audience. [More Information](#) **ARTE/FAE Event**

**New Americans in Central Minnesota: Becoming Community:** Join us **February 9 at 7 pm** for a conversation surrounding the new American community in Central Minnesota and efforts to create a welcoming, inclusive area. This event is co-sponsored by Intercultural and International Student Services, the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning, and the McCarthy Center. Our panelists include Father Efrain Rosado, who serves as Director of Saint John's Latino outreach program, Senior and ROTC Cadet Abdimalik Hashi '21, and Political Science Professor Dr. Pedro dos Santos. [More Information](#)

**Chanticleer: Love, Always:** Love, always and forever. It's the inexhaustible inspiration for music which explores, explains, soothes, exalts, and excites. These songs will remind us that love has always offered the same dilemmas and delights. This program features an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary selections. This streamed concert is Chanticleer's love letter to the audiences they miss so dearly. **February 12, 2021 at 7:30 PM**  
[More Information](#)

**S WORD by Katayoun Amjadi -SJU Art Exhibition:** S WORD is the result of fusing Katayoun Amjadi's SJU artist residency in the winter of 2020 with her admiration for history and the written word. Her thought-provoking installation of found objects and printed scrolls in the majestic Alice R. Rogers is complemented by a ten-minute video Letter to Babba which shares her reflection with her Iranian father on war and these uncertain times. Gallery Hours 11-4pm Tues-Fri. FAEs available on Wed 1-4pm. Capacity:10 masked people at 15 min. intervals. [More Information](#)

**Invitation to join Jay Phillips Center webinars on Nicholas Black Elk and Indigenous sources for Christians.** Damian Costello, Ph.D., an internationally recognized expert on the life and thought of Nicholas Black Elk, will give two lectures via webinar this month. His Feb. 16 lecture is titled "The Vision and Legacy of Nicholas Black Elk" and his Feb. 23 lecture is titled "Indigenous Sources for Christian Worldviews and Ways of Living." Both begin at 11:45 a.m., and each lasts for one hour. More information and the links to join these webinars are on the [Jay Phillips Center website](#). All are welcome!