

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost's Office

COMMENCEMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: (see email from Academic Affairs 4/21)

As you know, we are hosting in-person commencement ceremonies for our graduating seniors and their two guests this year. We will host the College of Saint Benedict Commencement Ceremony on Saturday May 15 at 2:00 p.m. and the Saint John's University Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. Both events will be held at Clemens Stadium at SJU unless weather requires a move to the Haehn Campus Center Fieldhouse at CSB.

As of now, volunteers need to be available from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to help before, during, and after the event. This time will be finalized further as our celebrations get closer. In addition, you may also volunteer to help with set up or additional transition or clean up support. All volunteers, students, and guests will be required to follow all campus COVID safety measures.

There are many positions that we need to fill. **All volunteers should be aware that we cannot guarantee a role one that will include viewing of the ceremony.** In addition, if you are available for both/either day—we would appreciate your flexibility. All volunteers will be contacted about a week out with further details of their role, timing, and training considerations. If the ceremony/ies are moved to CSB due to weather, fewer volunteers will be required, and we will notify you.

If you can join us, please let us know via this Forms Manager submission **by April 30:**
<https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/6G1L3NGI2F>

Human Resources

Annual Benefit Enrollment Period open - Open enrollment is available now until April 30th, 2021. Check out your email for more information. Click on the link below for our benefits landing page. [More Information](#)

Faculty Contracts: Faculty contracts will be issued on **May 1, 2021**. Contracts will be processed electronically this year; you will receive an email from csbsjucontract@csbsju.edu with instructions for approving your contract in the new system. For more information, see the email from Academic Affairs on 4/13/21.

Rank and Tenure

Rank and Tenure Information Meetings: Information meetings will be held on **Monday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m.** via zoom and **Wednesday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.** via zoom. If you are scheduled for third-year or tenure review or intend to submit a file for promotion to "full" Professor, then you are encouraged to attend one of these meetings. Mary Jo Waggoner will be sending a zoom request to each third-year and tenure candidate and their chair. You can decide which meeting you would like to participate in. For those of you applying for promotion, please let Mary Jo

(mjwaggoner@csbsju.edu) know if you would like to attend one of the meetings and she will be sure to add you to the meeting. For more information and to see the guidelines, see the email sent from Academic Affairs on 4/19/21.

Intent to apply for third year review, tenure and promotion review, or promotion to full - Intent to apply form **due Monday, May 3** Candidates for review are required to notify their intention by **May 3** to apply for Third-Year, Tenure and/or Promotion Review by completing the following form: Form for Declaring Intent to Apply for Review 2021-22

Academic Advising

Students who are not yet registered for Fall 2021: Faculty Advisors will be notified, via The HIVE, of any of advisees who have not yet registered for Fall Term. If you have been in contact with students who have not yet registered and you are aware of challenges or alternate plans which are keeping them from registering, please add a *Faculty Advising Note* in the HIVE so that this information is available to Academic Advising as they attempt to connect with those who are not yet registered.

Additional Advisor Resources:

Alert Information – You can filter your advisee list in the HIVE to review any advisees who are not registered. Use Additional Filters, Tracking Items. The alert item type will be a To-Do. The name of the item will be Confirm Registration Intent. [Directions available here.](#)

Holds –please click here for [details, definitions and contacts related to holds](#) at CSBSJU.

Referrals – See more [details, message templates and how referrals](#) work in The HIVE.

(See the email sent from Academic Affairs on 4/16/21 for more information)

EL Requirement Waived for Rising Seniors: As you work with your advisees and students registering for classes, we are still seeing the impact of COVID. We still have a number of rising seniors, planning to graduate in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022, who have not been able to complete their Experiential Learning requirement. Therefore, we are waiving the Experiential Learning requirement for students expecting to graduate in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. See the email from Academic Affairs on 4/9/21 for more details.

NACADA Web Event

When Black Girl Magic Isn't Enough: Supporting Black Women College Students through Advising and Coaching (DW103) Online Webinar Presentation (In person only)
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Central Time

CSB-Gorecki 204 A & B Contact Jeanne Terres (jterres@csbsju.edu) if you'd like to sign up.

Webinar Overview

In 2013, CaShawn Thompson coined the term “Black Girl Magic,” resulting in a social movement to honor Black women’s beauty and brilliance. Within postsecondary education, *Black Girl Magic* is characterized in ways Black women college students battle stereotypes, navigate hostile environments, and earn college degrees in a system that has ignored them. Black women have attained bachelor’s degrees at an increasing rate and are the only population, second to Latina women, to achieve this academic level. Despite the ability to excel academically and socially within campus life, Black women college students still contend with discrimination, stereotyping, isolation, and tokenism. The paradox of their success and their marginalized identity has stifled conversations surrounding strategies on how to support them holistically.

When working with Black women college students, it is essential that advisors, success coaches, and administrators use a unique approach that conveys inclusivity and an awareness around the cultural influences Black women students experience during their academic career. Sponsored by NACADA’s [Inclusion and Engagement Committee](#), this webinar is a continuation of the ***When Black***

Girl Magic Isn't Enuf: Gendered-Racial Battle Fatigue and the Experiences of Black Women Advisors & Administrators presentation given by this team at the October 2020 NACADA Annual Conference and connects with the [Advising Black Male Students in 2020 and Beyond](#) presented in the Webinar venue. The presenters will highlight the unique experiences of Black women college students to assist advisors and coaches in recognizing their challenges, celebrating their successes, and connecting them with appropriate resources. Utilizing existing research and their personal experiences, the presenters will ensure viewers gain insight, understanding, and valuable resources that they can incorporate in their roles.

Faculty Development

Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life June 21-25, 2021 Virtual conference for faculty at Catholic colleges and universities around the US & Canada; all faculty, regardless of faith perspectives or academic discipline. Explore the landscape of Catholic higher education and help faculty members reflect on what role they, as individuals, play within that context.

Application deadline: **April 30, 2021**. For more information and to apply: <https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/other-resources-provided-by-the-benedictine-institute/collegium-a-colloquy-on-faith-and-intellectual-life>

Faculty Governance

JFS Meeting: **Tuesday, April 27 from 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.** via Zoom

JFA meeting: **Thursday, April 29 from 4:45-5:45 p.m.** via Zoom

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

The Buzz on Campus

Literary Arts Institute: Chaun Webster reading and performance (see email from Rachel Marston on 4/12) April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join the Literary Arts Institute for the Minneapolis-based poet, sound artist, and graphic designer, Chaun Webster. Following Webster's reading and performance, Webster will be in conversation with LAI director, Matt Harkins, and take questions, via the chat, from the audience.

Where: Live streamed via YouTube. Link to be posted in the events calendar and [LAI Upcoming Events](#) one week prior to the event. The event is an ARTE-designated event.

Webster's bio on Noemi Press's page reads: Poet and graphic designer Chaun Webster draws from an interest in the work of sign in graffiti, the layering of collage, and the viscosity of text. These methods are used in Webster's work to investigate race – specifically the instability of blackness and black subjectivities, geography, memory, and the body. Correspondingly much of these investigations engage the question of absence, how to archive what is missing from the landscape particularly as a number of communities watch in real time, neighborhoods once populated with familiar presences, dissolve in the vernacular of redevelopment and its attendant colonial logic.

Visit SOAR-SENIOR Art thesis Exhibition at SJU Art Center

Congratulations from Fine Arts Programming and the Gallery to the following art seniors : Christian Balko, Justin Biren, Elizabeth Boyd, Maria Hernandez-Chaire, Zoe Huot-Link, Ka Ying(Bruce) Lee, Molly Meyer, Madelynn Mocol, Cara Mullon, Abby Peddle and Mackenzie Schurmacher. This strong exhibition showcases work in film, video, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, book arts, and graphic design. Gallery Hours: **Tues- Fri 11-4pm. Sun. 1-4pm.** [More Information](#)

Do you have a submission for The Buzz? Click [here](#) to submit.