

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost's Office

Commencement 2021- May 15 /16: The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University will hold in-person commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2021 at 2 p.m. on **Saturday, May 15** (CSB) and at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, May 16** (SJU). To accommodate the seating and to have a limited number of guests, faculty will not be part of the actual ceremonies. We foresee a need for faculty volunteers for the commencement weekend, please watch your emails for more information. For more information, see the announcement from the Presidents on 4/5.

Block C Schedule Reminder: Classes will be held on **Friday, 4/16 (the last day of block C)**. This is due to our short break on April 2.

Block D Schedule Reminder: Classes will be held on **Friday, 5/15 (the last day of block D)**. This is due to Scholarship and Creativity Day being held on Monday, April 19.

No Eating in the Classrooms: While we are seeing an increase in access to vaccines, we have also seen a recent increase in COVID cases on campus and across the nation. We remind you of the current classroom safety protocols that can be found on our COVID webpages: <https://www.csbsju.edu/covid-19/health-and-safety/classroom-and-other-academic-safety-protocols/classroom-safety-protocols>. Specifically, please remember that we want everyone to remain masked as much as possible. Therefore, we ask that there is no eating in the classroom and while drinks are allowed, individuals are expected to return their mask to their face immediately.

Student Course Survey Period for Block C: the survey period starts Monday, April 12th. See the email from Academic Affairs sent on 4/7/21 for more information.

COVID-19 Policy Update

Departmental Social Gathering Policy: If a department wishes to host a gathering at the end of the semester, all attendees must adhere to current guidelines (which includes restrictions on food and drink). It is up to the hosts of the gathering to monitor attendees to ensure all rules are being followed; rule enforcement is not the responsibility of catering or any other campus group.

Here are the latest guidelines from the COVID team:

- Outdoor events can have a maximum of 40 people; indoor event sizes are dictated by room capacity.
- There needs to be an RSVP system for tracing/ capacity tracking
- Food and beverages can only be offered if attendees remain seated in socially distanced seating while they eat and drink. Attendees are NOT allowed to walk around while eating or drinking, as unstructured events are a known transmission risk.

Please contact Pam Bacon with questions about your proposed gathering, as it is difficult to answer all of the potential questions you may have in a single Buzz post. Pam can help get your questions answered by the COVID team. And of course, virtual events are also encouraged, as they will be more inclusive and will be less risky.

Academic Advising

Outstanding Academic Advisor of the Year Award Call for Nominations: Dr. Richard Ice, Provost, and the Academic Advising Office invite your nominations for the 2020-2021 Outstanding Academic Advisor of the Year Award. This award has been established to recognize outstanding performance in academic advising. Persons eligible for the 2020-2021 Outstanding Academic Advisor Award include faculty advisors and professional advisors.

An outstanding advisor is expected to advise students concerning the following goals:

- a. Exploration of life goals;
- b. Development of an educational plan consistent with the accomplishment of education objectives appropriate to life and career goals;
- c. Selection of a major/minor;
- d. Selection and scheduling of classes, internship experiences, independent study, course work abroad;
- e. Identification of other College [University] services appropriate to a student's needs and goals; and
- f. Reflective progress in an education plan toward identified life goals.

One person from each campus will receive the 2020-2021 Outstanding Academic Advisor of the Year Award. Due to the pandemic the traditional ceremony will not be held. The award winners will be presented in a publication shared with the community in mid-May.

Please note the following advisors who have won this award within the past three years are not eligible for the 2020-2021 award:

2019-2020	Ben Trnka-Accounting & Finance & Corrie Grosse-Environmental Studies
2018-2019	Kristi Hendricks-Education/First Year Seminar & John Kendall-First Year Seminar
2017-2018	Todd Johnson-Physics & Mary Stenson-Exercise Science & Sport Studies

To submit a nomination - <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/8DW102OKJX>

Deadline: 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Online Webinar Presentation: 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 Enough: 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. **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** CSB-Gorecki 204 A & B. Contact Jeanne Terres (jterres@csbsju.edu) if you'd like to sign up.

Center for Global Education

Message for Faculty Advisors from Kevin Clancy:

You may be receiving course registration questions from students intending to study abroad in Fall 2021. We have shared the information below with the students, but I would like to share this information with you in case your student advisees raise this question. As always, please feel free to contact us in the Center for Global Education (CGE) if you have further questions: cge@csbsju.edu

Information Communicated to Fall 2021 Study Abroad Students Going to France, Greece, Italy, and London (programs moving forward):

*Fall 2021 registration opens April 6 and you must **register for your study abroad courses when registration opens for you in Banner**. Your CGE Program Manager will be emailing you the week of March 29 with more information about registering for your study abroad courses.*

While we are moving forward with most of our Fall 2021 study abroad programs, the last year has taught us that we must be prepared to adjust at a moment's notice. In effort to be prepared for every possible scenario, it will be very helpful for us to know what classes you would take in the Fall 2021 at CSB/SJU if your program were suddenly cancelled. Please [complete this form](#) to indicate what courses you might take in the event you are on campus in the Fall. Please note that the courses you list in this form do not guarantee registration, but your information will help to inform the Academic Affairs Office in the event that we should need to suddenly change plans. These steps are being taken simply as a way to have contingency plans in place and ensure our students a great academic experience abroad or at CSB/SJU.

Information Communicated to Fall 2021 Study Abroad Students Going to Chile and Japan (programs currently under review):

*We have communicated to students intending to study in Chile or Japan that they should **register for Fall on-campus courses when their registration opens in Banner**.*

Online Global Learning Reporting

The Center for Global Education is competing the annual CSB/SJU study abroad reporting for the Institute for International Education's Open Doors Report, an annual survey about US study abroad and international student participation. Due to COVID-19 grounding most traditional study abroad, Open Doors is including new questions this year regarding student participation in **online global learning**, such as:

- collaborative project-based learning
- one-on-one or small-group language learning practice
- videoconference dialogues
- courses paired across institutions who work together
- remote internships or group consulting projects for companies located abroad, or
- community engagement or service-learning projects conducted online in collaboration with a community partner overseas.

If you engaged your students in online global learning during any courses in 2019/2020 or 2020/2021, please let Nicole Clements know by Monday, April 12, so we can accurately report our student participation.

FYX

Registration Planning Worksheets

The following “planning” worksheets can be accessed by first year students in the FYX canvas course; Feel free to pass on to your first-year advisee

- Integrations Curriculum E-Booklet
- Fall 2021 Mon-Fri Semester Planning Worksheet_
- [Researching a Major "How To" Guide \(CSB/SJU Academic Advising\)](#) _

Faculty Governance

JFA meeting: **Thursday, April 8 from 4:45-5:45 p.m.** via Zoom

JFS Meeting: **Tuesday, April 13** from 4:45 – 6:15 p.m. via Zoom

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

Undergraduate Research

CSC Day Spotlight Nominations Now Open! Each CSC Day, the Undergraduate Research Program highlights the research and creative work of 10 exceptional student projects as part of our CSC Day Spotlight. To be considered for the spotlight, students must be nominated, register to present their work at CSC Day, and submit a short reflection on their research experience. To nominate a student or submit a self-nomination, please visit our link. **Deadline April 12.** Recipients will be announced on April 19! [More Information](#)

The Buzz on Campus

STEP AFRIKA! 'STONO' Streamed Performance STEP AFRIKA! celebrates the pursuit of freedom in their latest production STONO. In 1739, the largest insurrection of enslaved Africans began in South Carolina near the Stono River. They proudly beat their drums. One year later, they lost the right to use their drums. Instead, they used their bodies as percussive instruments. STEP AFRIKA! ensures that this movement is recognized for its transformation of African American life and culture. **April 10, 7:30 PM** [More Information](#)

Guided Meditation: Pursuing Justice - Guided Meditation. In remembrance of George Floyd, advocacy for a just trial, and justice served to all victims of police violence and brutality. Following the guided meditation, we will join the Black Student Association in a "Peace and Positivity" Walk from Gorecki to the Flag Pole. **Wednesday, 4/14 3:15 p.m. at CSB Mall**

Discussing the Chauvin trial -- every Wednesday 5-6 p.m. The Political Science Department will be hosting listening sessions for students to talk about what's going on in the Chauvin trial — from jury selection to opening arguments to witnesses. Join us. The discussions will continue every Wednesday through the trial. [More Information](#)

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