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# THE TROUBADOUR

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you all are having a peaceful and constructive summer. As work begins in earnest on the new Assisi Hall, and as faculty and staff continue to settle in to our new City Center, I am reminded that the “quiet days of summer” don’t necessarily occur at our University. I thank you all for your dedicated work, which will set the stage for an exciting and historic fall semester.

Our work continues on the 2009-2010 budget, and in these challenging economic times, all organizations – including our own – have had to take a hard look at their finances to make some difficult choices. Several weeks ago, I asked the campus community to e-mail me ideas and suggestions for possible cost-saving measures. I appreciate all of your thoughtful responses, and I would like to take a moment to comment on those ideas.

First, many of you submitted a variety of excellent ideas to conserve energy on campus. This is a commitment that we all share. Our Facilities and Physical Plant staff is carefully looking at the larger pieces of equipment on campus to ensure energy efficiency, but all of us can play a role in this endeavor with simple steps like turning off unnecessary lights and shutting down our computers when we leave for the day. Not only do these efforts make prudent financial sense, but they also reflect our ongoing commitment to the Franciscan value of reverencing creation.

Others have suggested the idea of voluntary unpaid time off as a donation to the University. While I appreciate the generosity displayed in this suggestion, for tax reasons this is difficult to implement. We are, however, implementing a new initiative tentatively called “Helping Hands For Employees,” which allows Stritch employees the opportunity to donate some of their sick or vacation time to a “time bank.” Employees who face a serious illness, injury, or other difficult circumstance can then draw time from this bank. This will be administered through Human Resources.

There were a variety of other miscellaneous suggestions, such as having students print their own syllabi. Not all students have their own printer, and student fees are partially used for supplies.

In preparing the budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Business Office has been meeting with departments and colleges

one-on-one to review both short-term and long-term priorities. For example, we know that the cost of implementing new systems can be expensive, but in the long term they can represent significant cost savings. These are among the many factors under consideration as part of this challenging process.

Last week, representatives from constituencies across the University began reviewing and updating the University’s strategic plan. As most of you know, our strategic plan was created in 2007 and is centered on 11 broad strategic directions:

- Enhancing Franciscan Catholic identity and heritage
- Becoming a Franciscan learning community
- Achieving academic excellence
- Increasing student engagement, community and service
- Continuously improving facilities and grounds
- Using information technology to advance teaching, learning, administration and service
- Increasing philanthropic support and fundraising capacity
- Increasing and diversifying enrollment
- Building more community awareness, visibility and recognition
- Attaining financial vibrancy
- Building and sustaining quality human resources

It is important to note that we are not creating a new plan; rather, the current process is centered on refining and prioritizing strategic directions in light of new data gathered in the last year, both internally and externally.

The University community will continue to play an essential role in strategic planning as we move forward. Later this summer, faculty and staff will be invited to participate in a survey regarding University priorities and direction. This will be a valuable tool for the group to inform our ongoing decisions.

I invite you all to continue your interaction with us at [questions@stritch.edu](mailto:questions@stritch.edu). Your input and suggestions are always very valuable, as it provides a fresh perspective to many of the decisions that we have been charged with making.

As the summer season begins, I wish you continued peace and serenity, and, as always, I thank you for your commitment to the University and its mission.

Blessings,

Helen

## NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL TO STAGE MID-AUGUST CRISIS DRILL

Nicolet High School will conduct a crisis drill Aug. 13 or 14 on its campus. North Shore police and others will gather in Stritch's parking lot #11 near the Joan Steele Stein Center for Communication Studies/Fine Arts and will be rushing to the crisis location at Nicolet from that lot.

More details from Stritch's Security department will be shared closer to the event date so that all employees are aware of the sensitive nature of the simulation.

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## NEW ST. CLARE STATUE PLACED IN HERITAGE PARK

Months after strong winds toppled and damaged the original statue of St. Clare placed in Heritage Park after its completion last fall, a new statue has arrived.

The new St. Clare, made of stone and created by Miller Monument, arrived June 3 and was put in place by the staff of Treetops Design, the firm that created Heritage Park. Faculty and staff are encouraged to enjoy the park, the walking path and the nearby Labyrinth, which will be dedicated during a ceremony June 23.



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## HAND SANITIZER DISPENSERS INSTALLED AROUND CAMPUS

Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed around campus this week, a precautionary measure recommended by the University's Pandemic Flu Committee.

To date, the dispensers have been installed near the most commonly used restrooms in Bonaventure, Duns Scotus, Serra, Clare, and Roger Bacon halls, as well as the Joan Steele Stein Center for Communication Studies/Fine Arts, and the Campus Center.

"Recent events have underscored the fact that prevention and foresight are essential in combating contagious illnesses," said Chris Robinson, vice president for student development/dean of students. "The availability and use of hand sanitizers around campus is a simple measure that we can take to help safeguard the health of faculty, staff, students, and visitors."

The Pandemic Flu Committee has created Stritch-specific policies and information that have been developed from information from the Centers for Disease Control and county health departments.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Stritch Summer Festival

June 20, 4-8 p.m.

Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center

Cost: \$25

Join us at Stritch to celebrate the beginning of summer and help support student scholarships! Proceeds benefit the Stritch Annual Fund. Join us for:



- 100 under \$100 student and alumni art sale: 100 paintings, prints and photographs donated by Stritch art department students and alumni each available for \$100 or less.
- Wine tasting and sale: Sample and purchase wines from around the world provided by Midwest Sales and Service, Capitol-Husting Co. Inc., M Shiraz and other distributors.
- Silent auction: Featuring several valuable wines, as well as artworks by renowned faculty and alumni.
- Stritch musicians: From jazz to rock to classical, enjoy the musical talents of Stritch students, alumni and friends.

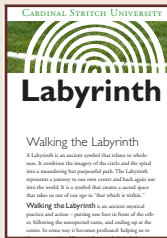
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### Labyrinth Dedication

June 23, 4 p.m.

Lawn, east of main campus

The Labyrinth was given to Stritch in 2008 by Brian and Rachel Boechler as an expression of gratitude and affirmation for the transformational experiences made possible by the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Stritch and particularly the College of Education and Leadership. Events include:



- Welcome/Explanation of Labyrinth- Dr. Peter Holbrook, executive director of leadership and organizational learning
- Introduction of the Donor/Dedication- Dr. Tia Bojar, dean, College of Education and Leadership
- Remarks from the Donor- Dr. Rachel Boechler
- Thank you from the University- Dr. Helen Sobehart, president
- Blessing of the Labyrinth- Father Jim Gannon, director of mission effectiveness and identity

Following the blessing, refreshments will be served.

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### 11/21 Celebration

June 23, 5 p.m.

Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center

This event celebrates 11 years of Doctoral Studies and 21 years of the Masters of Educational Leadership. Ed Robinson, CPA, CSP, an internationally recognized business growth coach and author, will be keynote speaker.

The event schedule is as follows:



- 5 p.m. Reception and Networking, Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center, Bonaventure Hall  
Music provided by Dailen Harris
- 5:45 p.m. Welcome, Dr. Peter Jonas, chair, Doctoral Studies  
Remarks, Dr. Helen C. Sobehart, president
- 6 p.m. Speaker, Ed Robinson  
Closing remarks, Dr. Tia Bojar, dean, College of Education and Leadership

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