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Special Olympics Coaches Clinic open to St. Bonaventure campus and community

St. Bonaventure University will continue to provide diverse service opportunities to students and community members by hosting its first-ever Special Olympics coaches training clinic on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The clinic will be held in the Walsh Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free to all students, faculty and community members. Those who participate and complete 10 additional volunteer hours will be certified as Special Olympics coaches.

The New York division of Special Olympics is a not-for-profit organization committed to providing year-round sports opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics teaches its athletes physical fitness, courage, joy and the value of friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the community.

“This clinic gives students the opportunity for one-on-one contact with people and populations they wouldn’t otherwise come in contact with,” said Dr. Paula Scraba, a physical education professor at St. Bonaventure. “I think volunteering for Special Olympics is one of those extraordinary experiences that we talk about at Bonaventure. It’s all about students being able to reach out to others.”

The coaching clinic will include a Special Olympics information session, a panel discussion with St. Bonaventure coaches, a child safety workshop and a floor hockey training clinic. Physical education professors and New York Special Olympics’ representatives will lead each session. Lunch will be provided.

The clinic is sponsored by New York State Special Olympics and St. Bonaventure University’s Department of Athletics and Department of Physical Education.

Anyone who would like to participate in the clinic can register at <http://www.specialolympicsny.org/Western/conference.php>. Contact Dr. Paula Scraba at pscraba@sbu.edu or at (716) 375-2444 for more information.

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SBU volunteer group responding to Texas

Two months after Hurricane Ike came crashing ashore in Galveston County, Texas, the search for the missing continues and the cleanup of debris seems never-ending.

Out of concern and a passion for helping those in need, students at St. Bonaventure University are once again ready to respond. For the first time, BonaResponds, a disaster-relief group based at the university, will be heading to Bridge City, Texas, for its annual winter break trip from Jan. 5 –17, 2009.

In the wake of the storm, Bridge City had been flooded entirely. BonaResponds will be working with the Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team to help with the relief effort by distributing supplies, cooking and serving meals to the community as well as gutting and cleaning flooded houses. The trip is open to the public.

“I encourage people of all ages to come and join us in Bridge City,” said Dr. Jim Mahar, associate professor of finance and founder of BonaResponds. “Young or old, student or professor, I guarantee you will have fun and feel good about what you’re doing.”

Volunteers will be stationed at the Bridge City Community Center, which will provide continental breakfast, lunch and dinner for the volunteers staying at the center. The center is also equipped with male and female sleeping quarters, laundry facilities, a shower trailer and any necessary work tools.

Also for the first time, BonaResponds will be flying. Anyone interested in joining the team in Texas, will be reimbursed \$50 for travel expenses. More travel information can be found on the BonaResponds Web site at www.bonaresponds.org and also at www.churchesofchristdrt.org.

BonaResponds was created in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. It has taken approximately 500 volunteers to the Gulf Coast and led just as many volunteers in service projects throughout Western New York. BonaResponds aims to be a world-class organization whose mission is to help people in need, as well as to build better leaders and better communities. The group, comprised of students, faculty, staff, alumni and local residents, is run completely through donations.

BonaResponds welcomes new members, regardless of affiliation with St. Bonaventure. For more information regarding BonaResponds or the winter service trip, visit www.bonaresponds.org or contact BonaResponds at bonaresponds@sbu.edu.

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Advent celebrations announced at St. Bonaventure

As the campus lawn glistens with a blanket of white snow, students and the surrounding community are preparing for the holiday season.

University Ministries at St. Bonaventure University invites students and the surrounding community to participate in a series of

Advent activities.

Advent will begin on Sunday, Nov. 30. This year, because it is the 40th anniversary of Thomas Merton's death, the homilies at Mass will be specially designed to connect with his thoughts and writings from Advent all the way through the Easter season. Merton was a Catholic monk and prolific writer who served on the university faculty before joining the Trappist monks, from the order of reformed Cistercians.

A prayer service honoring the late Merton will be at 11 a.m. on Dec. 10 in the Merton Center.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, there will be the annual midnight Mass in the university chapel to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas and the end of the semester. Since this year is also the university's 150th anniversary, the university's founders, Nicholas and Mary Devereux, will be honored on this feast day. A special service award will be given to an individual who has exhibited exemplary service. After Mass there will be a small social with holiday treats.

The annual advent penance service is being planned and will be determined and announced soon.

University Ministries plans to continue the celebration of Merton with a series of activities leading up to the rededication of the ministries center that bears his name. There will be a commemorative display exhibited in the living room of the center as well as in the Friedsam Memorial Library.

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SBU, Friends of Good Music to present Celtic Tenors at Olean church

Friends of Good Music, in association with The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University, will present a special Holiday Concert with The Celtic Tenors at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Olean.

The group will appear with their musical director Colm Henry for this one performance only.

The Celtic Tenors have established themselves as the most successful classical crossover artists ever to emerge from Ireland. With more than 1 million albums sold worldwide and a full international touring schedule, The Celtic Tenors have topped the charts in the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Their fifth album, due for release before Christmas, was recorded in the Hollywood Hills and features works of some of the great North American songwriters, including Stephen Foster and Bob Dylan.

While each member of The Celtic Tenors – Daryl Simpson, James Nelson and Matthew Gilsean – has been influenced by the musical tradition from his own part of Ireland, collectively the group shows great flexibility in melding their voices to suit the appropriate classical, folk, Irish and pop genres. They were cited for this ability with presentation of Germany's Echo Award for their album "Classical Without Boundaries."

"We are delighted to welcome The Celtic Tenors back to Western New York," said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., president of St. Bonaventure University. "No doubt their ability to merge contemporary, classical and traditional music with equal measure of warmth and wit will continue to endear them to their audience in this region."

This performance is supported with additional funds from The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St. Bonaventure University, said Joseph A. LoSchiavo, associate vice president and executive director of The

Quick Center. "We are very pleased to be providing additional sponsorship so that we can share with the entire community our pride in the university's sesquicentennial," said LoSchiavo.

Tickets for the performance are \$18 at full price, \$15 for St. Bonaventure staff and senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For tickets and information, call The Quick Center for the Arts at (716) 375-2494.

Remaining tickets can be bought one hour before the concert at the church's main entrance on West Henley Street.

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Two holiday exhibitions to deck the halls of St. Bonaventure's Quick Center

Two special exhibitions will entertain holiday visitors to The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University: "Tidings of Great Joy: Crèches from Six Continents," and "Going To Grandmother's House," an art contest for local schoolchildren.

"Tidings of Great Joy: Crèches from Six Continents," The Quick Center's fifth annual display of crèches, has become one of the museum's most popular events.

The birth of Christ may be the most widely and diversely depicted event in history. Since it is recognized and celebrated by almost all cultures, depictions invariably blend local traditions, symbols and folklore in the telling of the holy story.

Collecting examples of crèches allows The Quick Center to explore non-traditional objects and to interpret widely held religious beliefs in a multicultural framework.

The exhibition includes crèches representing a broad range of styles, cultures, tastes and traditions.

Eunice Mooradian of Olean, N.Y., has generously loaned crèches reflecting world cultures from her personal collection. The exhibition is open now and runs through Jan. 11, 2009.

Little Red Riding Hood had her special Grandma's House to go to. In the holiday art contest "Going to Grandmother's House," local children in grades K-5 were asked to illustrate the special older person they would like to visit. From several hundred entries, a panel of jurors selected 60 works from school districts in New York and Pennsylvania to be included in the exhibition.

The exhibition opens Dec. 5 and runs through Jan. 11, 2009.

The Quick Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. It will also be closed Dec. 24 and 25, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Otherwise, it will observe regular hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The galleries of The Quick Center are free and open to the public year round. For general information or group tours, call (716) 375-2494, visit www.sbu.edu/quickcenter, or e-mail quick@sbu.edu.

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Newsmakers for Fall 2008

Darwin King, professor of accounting, and **Dr. Carl Case**, professor of management science, have been notified by the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences (ASBBS) that their paper “The Development of the United States Auditor’s Opinion” has won a Best Paper of a Track Chair award. The authors will receive the award at the 16th Annual ASBBS Conference honor’s banquet that will be held in Las Vegas on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009.

Rodney J. Paul, associate professor of economics in the Department of Finance had the paper “The Minor League Experience: What Drives Attendance at South Atlantic League Baseball Games?” accepted for publication in the Spring 2009 issue of the Coastal Business Journal. The paper focuses on the determinants of demand for South Atlantic League baseball games (minor league level A) including team performance, city demographics, and promotions.

Constance Pierce, associate professor in visual and performing arts, has had her artwork selected for the ECVA (Episcopal Church in the Visual Arts) national online juried exhibition titled “Light in Darkness.” The exhibition was juried by nationally-known sculptor and printmaker Margaret Adams Parker. ECVA hosts online exhibitions that document and reflect the intersection of fine arts and faith. This particular exhibit engages the Advent theme of searching the darkness for the mystery of life-giving light. The exhibition can be seen on www.ecva.org (click on “Current Exhibition” after Dec. 1).

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Exhibition of student imaging journals on display at Friedsam Library

A new exhibition of imaging journals is now on display in the glass cases of the Friedsam Memorial Library through spring 2009.

The imaging journals, displays of both journal writing and image making, were created by students from an Art and Literature course last spring as a learning component to the Clare course’s curriculum. Students from all majors participated in this project under the guidance of Constance Pierce, associate professor in visual and performing arts.

The 10 student artists featured in this exhibition are: Hayley Perruccio, Ashley Belke and Brianne Ramiza, elementary education majors; Lindsay Polhman, Brianne Rehac and Marissa Sangiacomo, journalism and mass communication majors; accounting major Greg Smith; Justine Moy, a biology major; history major Sean Shaffer and business major Sean Holdren.

“Part soul retrieval, part personal narrative, the intimacy of the sketchbook format allows images to surface from memory and imagination,” said Pierce. “Guided exploration in monotype, watercolor, collage and expressively designed text prompt and companion the journal writing. The journals reveal the artist’s interior life and its healing connection to the sacred whole. It proves an effective companion to traditional study in the exploration of all the arts.”

Pierce has previously taught her imaging journal approach at many institutions, including Yale University Divinity School, Smithsonian Institution’s Art Studio, the graduate art therapy program of Ursuline College and the Cleveland Institute of Art’s National Summer Program.

The display can be seen during regular library hours, which can be found at <http://archives.sbu.edu/friedsam/>. For information on imaging journals, contact Pierce at cpierce@sbu.edu.

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Eight inducted into honor society for graduate counseling students

St. Bonaventure University has inducted eight students into Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor society for counselors-in-training, counselor educators and professional counselors.

To be eligible for the St. Bonaventure chapter, Phi Rho, students must be enrolled in graduate-level counseling programs with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Membership in Chi Sigma Iota provides students and professionals with a network of others, who like themselves, reach for high standards of scholarship and practice in the field of counseling.

Dr. Mary O. Adekson, associate professor of counselor education, is the faculty adviser for Phi Rho at St. Bonaventure. The honor society president is Crystal Rublee, the secretary is Kathleen Crowley, and the treasurer is Melissa Andrus.

Six students doing their graduate work on the main campus were inducted. They are: Nicole Arzner of Jamestown, N.Y.; Amy Barger of Limestone, N.Y.; Jessica Blatchley of Olean; A.J. Goodman of St. Bonaventure; Brittany Melfi of Olean; and Monica Williams of Coudersport, Pa.

Two students at SBU's Buffalo Center in Hamburg — Melissa Andrus of Silver Creek and Sarah Evans of Sardinia — were inducted.

Chi Sigma Iota was established in 1985 at Ohio University to provide recognition for outstanding academic achievement as well as outstanding service within the counseling profession.

St. Bonaventure's Buffalo Center, located at Hilbert College, offers graduate degrees in business, education and integrated marketing communications.

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