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Spring Awards Ceremony to celebrate accomplishments of faculty, staff, students

The university community is cordially invited to celebrate the accomplishments of faculty, staff and students during the inaugural Spring Awards Ceremony to be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in the Reilly Center Arena.

This special program incorporates three previously separate ceremonies — The Fr. Joe Doino, O.F.M., Honors and Awards, the Employee Recognition Ceremony, and Faculty Awards — into one celebration.

“We thought we’d take this 150th Anniversary opportunity to start a new tradition at St. Bonaventure,” said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., president of the University. “In the past, we have had these events on different days, and some members of the campus community were not able to make time to attend all three. Combining the events into one gives us the opportunity to have a campuswide grand celebration of service and accomplishments.”

Capping off our celebration will be the presentation of 150th Anniversary Medals to members of St. Bonaventure’s Class of 2009. Following the awards ceremony, a very special reception will be held in the Reilly Center Arena where guests can offer their personal congratulations to the honorees as they also enjoy fellowship and delicious refreshments.

The Fr. Joe Doino Awards

The Fr. Joe Doino, O.F.M., Honors and Awards recognize those exceptional individuals in the St. Bonaventure community who have made others’ experiences here better and whose Franciscan spirit may go unrecognized. These awards, sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the Student Government Association, acknowledge individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to the university community.

The awards’ namesake, Fr. Joe Doino, was a much beloved friar known for his practical jokes, his love of tennis, and his dedication as the SGA adviser. A professor, scholar, musician, preacher and priest, Fr. Joe became the first faculty member to receive the Faculty Appreciation Award posthumously. Fr. Joe, who died in 1994 at the age of 70, served as the director of

Franciscan novices before starting his teaching career at St. Bonaventure in 1986.

For nomination information about the Doino Awards, [click here](#).

Annual Recognition Ceremony

As part of its Annual Recognition Ceremony, the university will recognize 49 employees who are marking employment anniversaries this year and two employees who are retiring. Individuals with 10 years of service and up will be acknowledged, with those reaching 25 years of service and retirees receiving special recognition.

Those who will be recognized for 25 years of service are: Jean Trevarton Ehman (Teaching & Learning Center), Barry Gan (Philosophy), Theodore Georgian (Biology), Donald Lemon Facilities – housekeeping), Jeffrey Peterson (Finance), Michael Russell (Marketing), Bernard Vossler (Cemetery), and Craig Zuckerman (Education).

Those who will be retiring are: Anthony Farrow (English), George Lapennas (Biology), Vinay Pandit (Marketing), Joseph Tedesco (English), and James White (Biology).

Other employees who the university will pay tribute to are:

40 years of service: Steven Brown (Classical Languages) and Patrick Dooley (Philosophy)

35 years of service: James Moor (Bogoni Center), Theresa Shaffer (Library), and Michael Spencer (Library)

30 years of service: Steven Andrianoff (Computer Science), Alva Cellini (Modern Languages), Janet Haggerty (School of Business), Robert Harlan (Computer Science), William Karl (Facilities – housekeeping), and Thomas Schaeper (History)

20 years of service: Lynn Brown (Business Office), Joel Horowitz (History), Ann Hurlburt (Student Life), and Rosalie “Bunni” Witherell (Admissions)

15 years of service: William Burlingame (Facilities – maintenance), Br. David Haack, O.F.M., (Visual & Performing Arts), Romy Knittel (Biology), Alice Sayegh (International Studies), Robin Valeri (Psychology), and Jerrold Wolf (Facilities – maintenance)

10 years of service: Mary Adekson (Education), Joseph Becker (Safety and Security), Lance Brennan (Athletics), Neal Carter (Political Science), Fr. Michael Cusato, O.F.M. (Franciscan Institute), David DiMattio (Clare College), Daniel Donner (Technology Services), Nicholas Ersing (Construction), Darryn Fiske (Athletics), Susan Krall (Health Services), Diana Lawrence-Brown (Education), Michael Manross (Facilities – maintenance), Steven Mest (Athletics), Laura Peterson (Visual and Performing Arts), Leigh Simone (Modern Languages), Brenda McGee Snow (Finance and Administration), Christopher Stanley (Theology), Michael Threehouse (Athletics), Stephanie Vogel (Psychology), and Phillip Winger (Facilities).

Faculty Recognition Awards

Previously part of Commencement Weekend events, the Faculty Recognition Awards salute faculty accomplishments in four areas:

For Professional Excellence in Teaching;
For Professional Excellence in Research and Publishing;
For Professional Excellence in Service; and
The Junior Faculty Award for Professional Excellence

150th Anniversary Medals

Also during the ceremony, members of St. Bonaventure’s class of 2009 will receive bronze medallions in recognition of the university’s 150th anniversary. Students are asked to wear the anniversary medals over their gowns for Commencement

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Franciscan Institute to celebrate 800th anniversary of the Franciscan Order

The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University invites the campus community to help celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Order. All members of the St. Bonaventure community are invited to attend a special conference April 17-19.

The conference is unique in that it is the only one being held in North America to mark this event. The conference will discuss the First Rule, which the early Franciscan friars presented for approval to Pope Innocent III in Rome in 1209.

The conference will have two sections:

The first will begin on Friday, April 17, and will be comprised of six papers from some these well-known Franciscan scholars:

Dominic V. Monti, O.F.M., former professor of Church history and interim president at St. Bonaventure University (2003-2004), currently Vicar Provincial of the Holy Name Province of Friars Minor, wrote “Deservedly Approved by the Roman Church”: The Context for Papal Recognition of Francis’ *forma vitae*”

Bill Short, O.F.M., professor of Christian spirituality at the Franciscan School of Theology and the Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, Calif.), wrote “Revising the Earlier Rule: Carlo Paolazzi and the Work of Kajetan Esser.”

David Flood, O.F.M., former research faculty member at the Franciscan Institute currently living in his province of St. Joseph in Montreal, Canada, wrote “The Early Franciscans at Work as a State-of-Nature Argument.”

Michael F. Cusato, O.F.M., director of the Franciscan Institute and dean of its School of Franciscan Studies, wrote “Alms-asking and Alms-giving as Social Commentary.”

Jean François Godet-Calogeras, professor of Franciscan sources and Clarian studies at the Franciscan Institute, wrote “Clare and the Defense of Franciscan Identity.”

Michael Blastic, O.F.M., associate professor of Franciscan philosophy and sources at the Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, wrote “Minorite Life in the Regula Bullata: A Comparison with the Regula non bullata.”

The second part of the conference on Saturday, April 18, will hear reflections from 10 friars on the joys, challenges and struggles of living the Rule today in a variety of different cultural contexts. These friars, some graduates of Franciscan Institute, will share their experiences from their global travels.

Guests will be offered three buffet-style meals on Friday and Saturday evenings and at Sunday brunch. All members of the community who plan on attending should fill out a registration form which can be found on St. Bonaventure’s Web site at <http://www.sbu.edu/FranciscanInstitute.aspx?id=20994>.

For more information, call Tami Attwell, secretary of the Franciscan Institute, at (716) 375-2595.

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St. Bonaventure celebrates, rededicates Thomas Merton Center

Paying tribute to its namesake, the Thomas Merton Center at St. Bonaventure University was rededicated during a special ceremony Wednesday.

The Merton Center is home to the campus ministry team and offices for Mt. Irenaeus, Bona Buddies, the Warming House, the Franciscan Center for Social Concern, and the Journey Project. Located at the center of campus, it is a place where students gather for relaxing, cooking, socializing, mentoring and spiritual counseling.

“The beauty of what goes on here and flows out of here is a blessing,” said Robert Donius, vice president for University Ministries.

In a 1966 letter to a St. Bonaventure alumnus, Thomas Merton noted that, “St. Bonaventure represented one of the happiest times of my life.”

Merton, considered one of the most distinguished spiritual masters of the 20th century, taught English at what was then St. Bonaventure College in 1940 and 1941. As he revealed in “The Seven Storey Mountain,” Merton discerned his monastic vocation while he worked at St. Bonaventure.

Merton (1915-1968), a Catholic writer and Trappist monk, authored dozens of books that include poetry, personal journals, collections of letters, social criticism and writings on peace, justice and ecumenism.

During the rededication ceremony, Fr. Robert “Bob” Struzynski, O.F.M, a member of the Franciscan community at Mt. Irenaeus, gave the reflection “A Self-Reflection by the Thomas Merton Ministry Center.”

“His ideas of education and Saint Bonaventure’s ideas of education come together so beautifully,” Fr. Bob said.

Also as part of the rededication, a permanent photo display of Thomas Merton was installed in the center.

The structure was originally a maintenance building from its construction in the 1950s until 1972, when it began to be utilized by the campus ministry team.

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Electronic Integrated Calendar goes live

Over the past several months, a team of faculty and staff from across the campus have been meeting to determine ways we can better communicate and collaborate about University events and activities sponsored on and off campus. This group, called the Communications Advisory Council, is composed of more than 30 individuals who have agreed to attend monthly meetings and enter event information onto our new Integrated Calendar.

The calendar can be viewed at www.calendarwiz.com/sbu, and there is also a link titled “Integrated Calendar” on my.sbu.edu.

If you would like to have something entered on the calendar, please direct your request to any person on the list below who most appropriately represents your area of responsibility. Or, you may simply send Patty Thibodeau an e-mail (pthib@sbu.edu) with your request. Each of the Communications Advisory Council members will be distributing periodic requests for calendar information in their respective spheres of responsibility; however, you do not need to wait for these requests in order to get something entered on the calendar.

If you register a campus event through Event Management, it will automatically be entered into the Integrated Calendar through the Event Management office.

As you will see, there are four categories that you can view on the calendar:

- All (all event information that has been entered)
- Academic Calendar (items that appear on the official Academic Calendar)
- Employee Only (items of interest only to faculty and staff)
- Events (all events except Academic Calendar and Employee-Only events)

Communications Advisory Council Membership

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SBU's Quick Center for the Arts makes collection available as reproductions

William Bliss Baker's 1880s masterpiece "Morning After the Snow" is one of the more popular paintings in the permanent collection at St. Bonaventure University's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

Perhaps it's because the wintry landscape of bare trees and evergreens throwing shadows on a fresh blanket of snow feels as if it were painted while the artist looked out the university's back door.

William Bliss Baker's 1885 oil on canvas "Morning After the Snow" is available as a reproduction from The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

It's a piece of St. Bonaventure that no doubt many visitors to The Quick Center wish they could take home with them.

Now they can.

The Quick Center has teamed up with Rudinec & Associates Photographic Services of Ohio to offer reproductions of some 50 pieces in the museum's permanent collection. In time, most every work in the museum's extensive collection will be available.

"People who visit our galleries often ask about reproductions," said Joseph LoSchiavo, university associate vice president and executive director of The Quick Center. "Now we can make them available to alumni and others who might be interested."

Each order helps The Quick Center as well, with at least 25 percent of every sale being returned to the arts center.

Rudinec & Associates has made two visits to The Quick Center to begin photographing the collection. Each painting is photographed under controlled lighting conditions to produce a large-format transparency that allows for high-quality prints of virtually any size, said Joseph P. Rudinec, company president.

The transparencies are scanned to a standard size into an electronic database so a particular image is always at the ready. Prints are made as orders come in, eliminating the need to anticipate demand, then produce and stockpile prints. "And if someone wants a larger print, we can rescan the transparency," said Rudinec.

Eventually, everything in The Quick Center will be photographed to this high technical standard for archival purposes, and most everything will be on the reproduction list, said LoSchiavo. "What's legally ours to reproduce, we're more than happy to make available," he said.

Part of the appeal of owning a Quick Center print is knowing that thousands of other people don't own one just like it, said LoSchiavo. "If you pick up one of the standard prints in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, you're going to see it coming and going. Here, you're buying something that was custom printed for you and is more unique because it exists in a smaller area," he said.

The price for a standard-size print (24-by-30 inches) ranges from \$75 for a print on heavyweight paper to \$140 for a print on fine

art canvas. Framed and matted prints cost \$240. Customers are welcome to ask for a quote for larger-sized prints.

Available prints can be viewed and ordered through the Rudinec & Associates Web site. Go to www.requestaprint.com and click on The Regina A. Quick Center link. The site offers prints of art from 13 other collections in addition to The Quick Center.

Orders are filled swiftly, said Rudinec, noting an unframed print is usually shipped out the day after the order is received.

Evelyn Penman, assistant director and director of museum education at The Quick Center, said SBU alumni are expected to be a big share of the reproductions market. “We think this will be very popular among alumni – maybe it’s a painting people remember seeing when they were studying in the library and it just says ‘St. Bonaventure’ to them,” she said.

For more information about The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts, go to www.sbu.edu/quickcenter.

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SBU holds first of two autism workshops

Sheila Wagner, M.E.D., an internationally renowned lecturer, addressed nearly 100 people Thursday afternoon in the first of two workshops to be held at St. Bonaventure University on autism spectrum disorders.

Dr. Wagner discussed inclusion, behavioral and social best practices interventions in dealing with children with autism spectrum disorders.

Representatives from six school districts, several local agencies, parents with children on the autism spectrum, SBU faculty and students attended the luncheon presentation in the San Damiano Room of Francis Hall.

Participants also had access to a variety of information resource tables representing: The Autism Society of WNY, BOCES, Directions in Independent Living, Merrill Lynch, The ReHAbilitation Center, Summit Educational Resources, and VESID.

Wagner is the assistant director at Atlanta’s Emory Autism Center and the program coordinator for the MONARCH School Age Program at the center, which is dedicated to providing information and resources to families and school systems throughout Georgia for the education of K-12 students with autism.

Wagner has more than 20 years’ experience in working with autism spectrum disorders as a teacher, consultant and evaluator. Wagner is also the author of many books that focus on inclusive programming for students with autism. Her first book concentrated on elementary students and was recognized with the ASA Literary Award in 2000.

Summit Education Resources will provide additional autism training from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, in Dresser Auditorium of the Murphy Professional Building.

Titled “Supporting Students with Asperger’s and High Functioning Autism in Educational Settings,” the workshop features a keynote talk focused on fostering independence, followed by a session choice: “Asperger’s and Social Strategy Development” or “Early Intervention and Applied Behavioral Analysis.”

The cost for the training is \$10 for professionals, \$5 for parents and students. Checks should be payable to St. Bonaventure University, and sent in care of: Dr. Barbara Trolley, St. Bonaventure University, School of Education, St Bonaventure, NY 14778. Include the attendees’ names and contact information.

The registration deadline is Thursday, April 16; space is limited. Questions may be directed to Trolley at btrolley@sbu.edu or 375-2537.

These workshops have been made possible by a Children's Guild Foundation grant, and a St. Bonaventure University Keenan grant.

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New book by SBU professor connects faith, character with mental wellness

Early in his career as a fraud investigator and later as a behavioral therapist, William J. Elenchin, Ph.D., saw many people struggling with mental illness and problems with living.

What he also saw was that most people who work in the mental health system and receive help from the system function within a framework that separates faith beliefs and virtues from psychological health.

“Until recently, the majority of mental health educational and training programs have deemed faith and character to be irrelevant, if not harmful, to psychological wellness. This is out of step with the beliefs of the general public,” said Elenchin, visiting assistant professor of sociology at St. Bonaventure University.

“I was amazed that most of the therapeutic interventions were void of character traits or openness to the role of faith, and that so many of the key theorists wrote antagonistically about religion,” Elenchin said.

That motivated him to delve into the research and pursue his doctorate, setting the groundwork for his new book, “Hidden Courage: Reconnecting Faith and Character with Mental Wellness” (January 2009/WIPF and STOCK Publishers).

Elenchin describes how mental health treatment has historically functioned from an illness model, and shares how the last 20 years of scientific research has re-established the positive relationship between faith beliefs, character traits and behavioral health.

“Hidden Courage” was written for a general audience, primarily for providers and consumers of mental health services. Topics include the historical and worthless quarrel between faith and reason, research findings related to religiosity and health, depression, the importance of character in daily life, as well as the emerging field of positive psychology.

Dr. Chuck Walker, professor of psychology at St. Bonaventure, says this about the book:

“Exciting new research in positive psychology is documenting the natural integration of body and mind. In this book, William Elenchin surveys the history of the unnecessary battle between faith and psychology and shows how faith and religion must be added to current dialogues on mental health. Professor Elenchin compels us to conclude that if we are truly compassionate about those who suffer from mental illness or those who have troubles in living, we must help them become healthier in body, mind and soul.”

Elenchin, of Coudersport, Pa., holds a Ph.D. in human services from Capella University. His dissertation research study examined depression and spirituality among undergraduate college students. Elenchin also holds a master's degree in criminology and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

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Newsmakers for Spring 2009

More than 50 students, faculty, supervisors and alumni attended the annual Counselor Education Cohort Reception at Romanello's Restaurant March 27. The theme of this year's luncheon was "Eyes wide open: Addressing poverty in school and agency counseling." A panel of diverse professionals addressed this topic, including: Linda Abrams, social worker and founder of the Alternate Roots Center for Transformation; Dr. Diane Bessel, director of income, investments and initiatives at the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County; Gladys Marrero, senior employment counselor at the Erie County Works Center; John Mann, former school superintendent, principal, special education and certified Ruby Payne trainer; and Grace McKenzie, education coordinator for Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

In addition to the buffet luncheon, each guest was able to access resources related to assisting those who are economically challenged. All supervisors and students were treated to a coffee mug of sweets provided by **Kevin Brayer**, the executive director of the Buffalo Center.

According to the event organizer, **Dr. Barbara Trolley**, "the reception provides an avenue of appreciation for what supervisors have done in training our students. It also offers students, faculty and alumni an opportunity to network, and for all involved, a continuing education opportunity."

Dr. Robert Amico, professor of philosophy, is an invited speaker that the 10th Annual White Privilege Conference April 1-4, in Memphis, Tenn.

Senior **Emily Tanski** presented her project during the undergraduate poster session at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore, Md. The title of her project was "The Need for Exercise in Aging Women: Benefits for their Physical, Mental, and Social Well-Being." Tanski presented on Saturday, March 21, 2009.

Dr. Claudette Thompson, assistant professor of undergraduate education in the School of Education, recently published a book titled "Technology Instruction and Integration: Beyond Skills." Thompson's book highlights the usefulness of technology as a tool to encourage students to think, probe, and collaborate.

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Friday Forum

All SBU faculty, staff and administrators are welcome to Friday Forums.

Date: April 3, 2009

Speaker: Anna Foerst

Time: 12:20 to 1:30 p.m.

Place: University Club

Topic: 4 years of teaching "The Intellectual Journey" in Jamaica: an evaluation of service learning

Cost: \$3

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