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### **International Education Week slated for Nov. 15-20**

St. Bonaventure University will join colleges and universities around the nation celebrating International Education Week next week, Nov. 15-20.

Former President Bill Clinton inaugurated the first International Education Week in 2000 to be celebrated the third week in November. The focus of events worldwide and on U.S. campuses during this week will be to highlight international education at U.S. colleges and universities, both in the arena of international students pursuing academic programs in America and overseas academic opportunities for American students to study abroad.

This year's events at St. Bonaventure will highlight several accomplishments the university has realized this past year, including a new study abroad option for students at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, through linkages made by St. Bonaventure's Father Mychal Judge Center. The University also welcomed 19 new international students this year, including the first Northern Ireland exchange student through a new institutional agreement with the British Council.

The annual study abroad fair is planned for Nov. 17 and 18. Traditionally, study abroad alumni staff tables in the Reilly Center lobby and share their overseas experiences with students. This has become a major focal point for students to have an opportunity to see the numbers of overseas academic programs available. SBU students now have access to more than 60 approved sites for short-term and semester study overseas.

Watch the Notice Board for specific details, dates and times for the week's events. Also, during the month of November, international "Fascinating Facts" will be posted to highlight campus and beyond information about the field of international education.

Scholarship recipients will be announced for spring 2010 programs during the week of Nov. 16: two Bond University, Australia, tuition awards will be available for SBU overseas academic programs next semester, along with a CCIS scholarship for the SBU program in Seville, Spain. Several students have also applied for the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship, federal grants designated for semester study abroad.

A workshop for students who have or will study abroad will be offered in collaboration with the Career Center on Nov. 18. “Marketing Your Study Abroad Experience” will present ways for students to highlight their overseas academic experiences on resumes and in interviews.

A workshop for international students preparing for internships will be held on Nov. 19, guiding students through the legal and professional considerations needed to find practica in their academic fields.

Looking ahead, achievements coming from the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act, approved by Congress in June 2009, will include innovative new programs that will enhance U.S. capacity to engage with the world. And, additional funding for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships to encourage STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) students to study abroad will continue to have a direct positive impact on SBU students looking for government funding for study abroad.

For information about SBU international study opportunities or scholarships, contact Alice Sayegh at (716) 375-2574 or visit [www.sbu.edu/intstudies](http://www.sbu.edu/intstudies).

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### **Dresser-Rand CEO to participate in SBU Model Senate**

Dr. Bart Lambert, associate professor of political science, and St. Bonaventure University students will welcome Vince Volpe Jr., president and CEO of Dresser-Rand Company, Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Volpe will join students who participate in Model Senate, a role-playing simulation of the legislative process in the U.S. Volpe will give students expert testimony on the Markey-Waxman cap-and-trade energy bill, which is a plan to limit the amount of the emission of green house gases.

Dresser-Rand is among the largest global suppliers of custom-engineered rotating equipment solutions for long-life, critical applications in the oil, gas, petrochemical, and process industries.

“Mr. Volpe can provide a unique insider’s point of view on this important piece of legislation,” said Lambert. “We are excited and honored that he has agreed to participate and help to make this a realistic and valuable experience for my students.”

Volpe has served as a member of Dresser-Rand’s board of directors since 2004. He has been with the company and its predecessor companies since 1981 and has held positions in engineering, marketing and operations residing and working in various countries, including Venezuela, Japan, France and the U.K. He is proficient in five languages. Volpe earned a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and a bachelor of arts in German literature, both from Lehigh University. He currently serves on St. Bonaventure’s Board of Trustees.

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## Career Center News

### JobQuest 2009

A career fair open to all majors!

- When: Monday, Nov. 16 3-6 p.m.
- Where: Buffalo Marriott Niagara (Millersport Hwy at 290) in Amherst, N.Y.
- Attendees must pre-register with the Career Center in RC 216; transportation is not provided.
- For more information and a list of employers, visit the Career Center in RC 216, e-mail [career@sbu.edu](mailto:career@sbu.edu) or call 716-375-2384.

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## Newsmakers

Rodney Paul, Ph.D., professor of economics in the Department of Finance, had the paper “Sportsbook Pricing and the Behavioral Biases of Bettors in the NHL” accepted for publication by the Journal of Economics and Finance. This paper presents the results of the research that was the basis for his invited presentation at the University of Alberta last December.

He also had the paper “Competitive Balance in the NFL?” accepted for publication as a chapter in the book “Sport and Economics,” which is being published by the Hamburg Institute of International Economics in the first quarter of 2010.

On Oct. 23, 2009, St. Bonaventure hosted meetings of the Cattaraugus County and Allegany County counselors associations. The Cattaraugus County Counselors Association held a regular monthly meeting, while the Allegany County counselors did likewise plus heard from two St. Bonaventure faculty members. Addressing the group were Dr. Tom Delaney, professor of counselor education, who spoke on “Social Anxiety Disorder,” and Dr. Alan Silliker, associate professor of counselor education, who discussed “Student Success Skills,” an empirically validated approach to bridging the academic achievement gap in middle and high schools. Silliker and Monica Emery, director of recruitment, serve as SBU’s representatives to the Cattaraugus County group and Bruce Campbell, director of graduate admissions, is the representative to the Allegany County Counselors Association.

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