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THE TROUBADOUR

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Issue 14

Reception Friday in advance of NCA visit

Faculty and staff are invited to a reception this Friday, April 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Board Room in advance of the upcoming re-accreditation visit next week by a team from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

The Board Room will serve as the document room for the visit. It will contain all the materials that will be submitted for presentation to the seven-member NCA team. Those materials will be on display at the reception.

“Cookies and punch will be served, and I hope people will take the time to stop in,” said Dr. Marna Boyle, vice president for Academic Affairs.

Stitch is hoping to be re-accredited for 10 years, the maximum possible, which was achieved after the last NCA visit, in 1994.

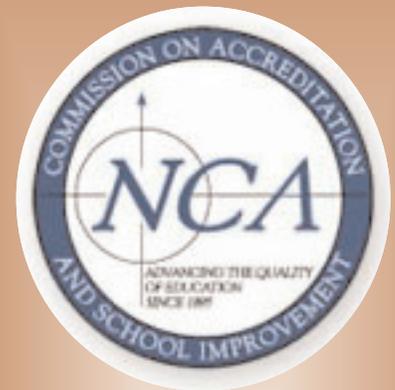
As part of the accreditation process, the team will assess Stitch’s formal educational activities and evaluate a number of areas. They include governance and administration, financial stability, admissions and student personnel services, institutional resources, student academic achievement, institutional effectiveness and relationships with constituencies outside the University.

Stitch wrote a self-study report addressing the requirements of accreditation. It looks at the University’s strengths, areas of

concern and ways to improve. While at Stitch, the NCA team will review the self-study report, interview representatives of various segments of the University community, including faculty, administration, staff and students, and confirm that the documents Stitch provides conform to what is in the report. The review will include visits to Regions 2 and 3, in Madison and Edina, Minn., and discussions with members of the Board of Trustees.

The visit starts Monday, April 19 and runs through mid-day Wednesday, April 21. The team will conduct an exit interview on Wednesday and give an oral presentation of their findings. They also will provide a rough draft of their report, which they will prepare while they are here. The team’s recommendations will then go to the full commission for additional review, and final determination on Stitch’s accreditation will probably take a number of months, Boyle said.

On Monday, staff, faculty and students will have an opportunity to meet with the evaluation team. All meetings will be held in Schroeder Auditorium.



Pre-NCA Reception

Friday, April 16
The Board Room
2-4 p.m.

NCA Meetings

Monday, April 19
Schroeder Auditorium

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| Staff | 10:15-11 a.m. |
| Students | 2:30-3:15 p.m. |
| Faculty | 3:30-4:15 p.m. |

Stritch sponsoring NASA space station exhibit at St. Eugene's School

Cardinal Stritch University is one of several sponsors for an upcoming NASA exhibition called Space Station Imagination that will be displayed at St. Eugene's School, 7600 N. Port Washington Rd. The free exhibit will be open to the public on Wednesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 22, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Space Station Imagination comprises two 48-foot trailers linked in an L shape to form two modules of a space station. They are the Habitation Module, which is a replica of the astronauts' living area and the Laboratory Module, where micro gravity experiments are performed.

Visitors will be greeted by an animatronics astronaut named Dr. Emily, who will show how astronauts eat and sleep aboard a space station as well as how a space toilet and shower work like vacuum cleaners in an area with very little gravity. A centrifuge will display how scientists might study the effects of varying levels of gravity on plants, animals and materials.



Three video presentations, each about five minutes long, will tell the story of human space exploration and the Space Station Program. A complete tour of the exhibit takes about 20 minutes.

The exhibit is operated by the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston as part of the agency's community outreach program. Its goal is to bring the excitement of human space flight to communities around the United States.

For more information on the Space Station Imagination exhibit, visit www.jsc.nasa.gov/programs/exhibits/trailers.



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