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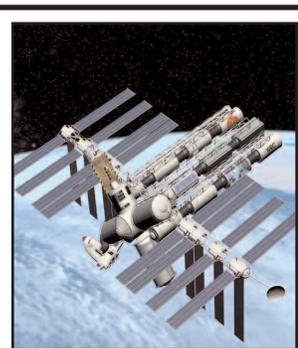
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STRITCH BECOMES MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP



With the hiring of James Casey as executive director of Sponsored Programs, Stritch became a member of the University-Industry Partnership Project. The project is a joint initiative of the National Council of University Research Administrators, the Industrial Research Institute, and the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (part of The National Academies).

Its purpose is to strengthen and streamline collaborations between industry and academia. Teams within the partnership are working on various aspects of this relationship, including cultural differences, domestic and international conditions, contract negotiations, the use of undergraduate and graduate students, and intellectual property. The project is expected to convene a national summit in Washington, D.C., within the next year to approve a final document outlining its work product.

The group includes approximately 10 representatives from higher education, industry, and the federal government. Other universities are UW-Madison, UCLA, Georgia Institute of Technology, UT-Austin, MIT, Stanford University, California Institute of Technology, and the Pennsylvania State University.

Casey was one of the original members of the partnership when it started in June 2003. At that time,

he worked for Bradley University. When he joined Stritch, the appointment came with him.

“The partnership thought it was important to include at least one smaller university in addition to the large, research universities,” Casey said. “Stritch now takes the place Bradley held.”

A sampling of industry and U.S. government representatives includes Dow Chemical Company, Microsoft Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Monsanto Company, Corning, Inc., Abbott Laboratories, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Commerce, the National Institutes of Health, the Executive Office of the President, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

“Stritch benefits from being at the table with some of the largest and most prestigious universities in the nation,” Casey said. “The Stritch name is disseminated in Washington and among industrial companies, which may lead to possible collaborations down the road.”

Casey also noted that Stritch could benefit from collaborations in science and technology with faculty research projects and undergraduate research/internship projects, which he said are integral to institutional growth.

Stritch employees encouraged to work State Fair booth

In an effort to connect Stritch employees to the community, faculty and staff are encouraged to work at the University's informational booth during this year's Wisconsin State Fair, August 4-14.

Those who work will be required to hand out basic information on the University, as well as answer questions from alumni, prospective students, parents, or others. Three shifts are offered for the duration of the Fair: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., 1 – 5:30 p.m., 5:30 – 10 p.m. Two people are needed for each shift, and will be expected to work a full shift.

The focus of this year's booth will be directed more toward alumni, according to Tanya Bissen, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Jenna Holman, Undergraduate Admissions Counselor, who are coordinating the effort.

"We've had more people come by in recent years saying that they went to Stritch and had a good experience than people who have been interested in attending Stritch," said Holman. "We'll have a computer in the booth where alumni can fill out a short inquiry, and from that information, we'll be able to serve that population better."

Holman added that prospective students are still a part of the picture, and that there will be materials available for them also. In addition, a drawing will be held for those who submit information.

All those who work the Stritch booth will receive time off with the consent of their supervisor, paid tickets to the fair, and parking passes.

Interested parties should contact Tanya Bissen at tjbissen@stritch.edu, ext. 4537, or Jenna Holman at jmholman@stritch.edu, ext. 4052. An official invitation will be sent via email to the campus community in mid-May.

College of Education forms undergraduate Leadership program

In an effort to better foster leadership formation at the undergraduate level, the College of Education is launching a new Undergraduate Integrated Leadership Program this fall.

The program is designed to provide leadership formation and development for undergraduate students in any major field of study at the University. A 12-credit Integrated Leadership Certificate and a 24-credit Integrated Leadership Minor are both offered through the program, which was created after about a year of discussion and involved the feedback of a group of about 20 people, including Nancy Blair, Tia Bojar, Mike Dickmann, Kris Hipp and Peter Jonas.

The College of Education hopes to reach undergraduate students at a critical time in their lives.

"One of the things we know about adolescence is the increasing emphasis on trying out different identities," said Tony Middlebrooks, an assistant professor in the College of Education who was involved in

the creation of the program. "It's a time of transition. They are at an opportune age to undertake this kind of investigation and conceptualize themselves as leaders."

Middlebrooks said the program will enhance Stritch's efforts to develop leaders and will reinforce the Franciscan values.

"We think that this fits very well with strategic planning efforts and visioning," Middlebrooks said. "I think it's really going to enhance all of the majors involved and force them to think about their field of study in a new way."

The Troubadour supports the overall mission, goals, and objectives of Cardinal Stritch University, and is meant to serve as a communications tool for the campus community.

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