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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

University's IT area to be revamped; Chief Information Officer to be hired

Dear Colleagues,

As we all know, a crucial element in positioning Cardinal Stritch University to respond to the needs and wants of the 21st century learner is the effective use of information technology. We are an information-based organization, and technology forms the bedrock of the highly interdependent relationships we create and maintain with our numerous and diverse stakeholders, both internal and external.

We need to think of information as an institutional asset, prepare for the future and move from its mere management to the creation of information technologies that enhance teaching, learning, research and administrative initiatives.

To that end, I am re-establishing the position of chief information officer (CIO) for the University. A search committee with broad-based University representation will assess our current IT situation, examine models that work in higher education, identify critical paths we need to take, and conduct a nationwide search. My goal is to have this person in place by Aug. 15.

The new CIO will be charged with creating a structure that facilitates the planning, management and direction of all of Cardinal Stritch University's technology initiatives. This person will need to continually investigate best practices, anticipate problems, and propose well-researched solutions to University concerns. Responsibilities also will include oversight of IT acquisition, architecture, security and policies.

The line item for this position already exists within the University's budget and will not require new funding.

I want to thank Sister Sylvia Anne Sheldon, who has served for the last two years as the interim director of our IT area and who will stay with us through the search process.

We are grateful for her willingness and capacity to take on the tough challenges she has faced and for her service, dedication and commitment to the University.

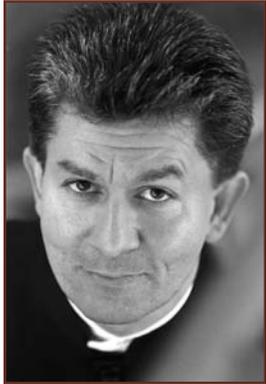
I am confident that by working together as a learning community, we will be able to clearly identify our needs, achieve increased cooperation regarding information technology and create a technology-assisted learning environment that is easy to use, available to the widest possible range of individuals in the University community and supports our mission and vision.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Holbrook

MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM AT STRITCH

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Andreas Delfs and featuring concertmaster Frank W. Almond on violin, will perform in our University Theater on May 19 at 7:30 p.m.



Delfs



Almond

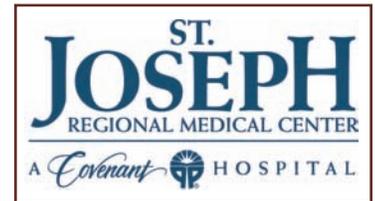
The event is being brought to Stritch through the generosity of our trustee and benefactor Joan Steele Stein as well as the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. The evening is a fundraiser for Stritch, with tickets at \$40.

The program will include Tchaikovsky's Polonaise from the opera *Eugene Onegin*, Henri Wieniawski's Concerto No. 2 in D minor for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 22, and Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D major, Opus 73. The Polonaise, originally set among a glittering

array of guests dancing in the great hall of a Russian palace, promises to delight. One of the legendary virtuoso-composers of the Romantic era, Wieniawski has written a concerto that is filled with a lyric warmth. Brahms' symphony, which was composed in large part in a bucolic setting on the shores of an Alpine lake, spans the gamut of musical emotion.

Stritch is one of a very few institutions of higher education in the metro area to host the Symphony on site. The evening will bring the academic semester to a jubilant close, and to add to the excitement, several musicians will join the audience, along with other Symphony musicians, at a reception after the concert.

Please contact the Box Office, at (414) 410-4171, to reserve tickets. Seating is limited, so calling early is advised.



COCROFT, HOOKS TRANSITION TO NEW POSITIONS



Cocroft



Hooks

Dianna Cocroft started working in the One-Stop Enrollment Services Department as an enrollment services counselor on April 3, leaving Human Resources. She can be reached at Ext. 4070, Box 89A.

Sabrina Hooks, formerly the Enrollment Services application process coordinator, replaced Cocroft in HR. She can be reached at Ext. 4057, Box 522.

TIAA-CREF ON CAMPUS MAY 18, 19

TIAA-CREF will be at the main Stritch campus to provide personal financial counseling sessions on Thursday, May 18, and Friday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room J114.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a TIAA-CREF consultant, who will be available to answer questions about developing long-term strategies, finding the right allocation mix, understanding the basic types of investment choices available, and comparing lifetime income vs. cash withdrawal options.



To schedule an appointment, please visit the TIAA-CREF Web site at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call (800) 842-2005, Ext. 5651.

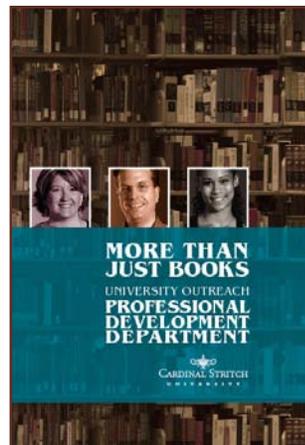
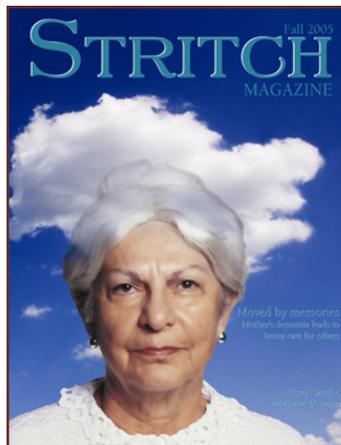
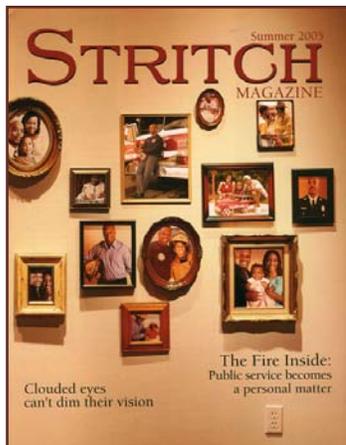
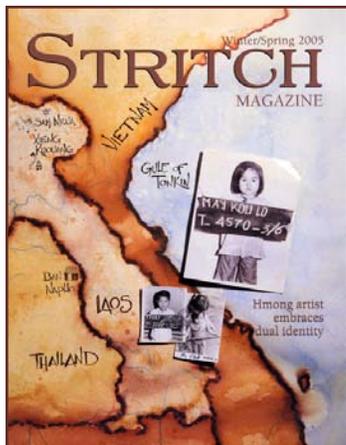
STRITCH WINS 5TH 1ST-PLACE AWARD FOR MAGAZINE; 6 OTHER ENTRIES WIN HONORS IN STATEWIDE CONTEST

Cardinal Stritch University's Public Relations office was notified today that it has won seven Wisconsin Communicator Awards in a statewide competition sponsored by the Association of Women in Communications, including its fifth first-place honor for the Stritch magazine. The magazine also has won one merit award over the last six years in the category, best nonprofit magazine.

Another first-place award was granted this year to graphic designers Kou Vang and Jane Backes for their Outreach Brochure, which was created for the University Outreach

Rudie's story told the tale of former faculty member Ruth Hovland, who returned to Stritch for a degree in nursing to be able to help people with Alzheimer's disease after her mother died of the illness. Hovland has created Alzheimer's units that are used in several area nursing homes.

Steiner's story was about Daiquiri Williams, an extremely disadvantaged young woman who made it into Stritch via the Pulaski Partnership and went on to become an elementary school teacher for inner-city children. Kell detailed the life story of Stritch alumna and graphic designer Kou Vang,



Department. The two also won a merit award for their Lifetime Learners and Pre-College marketing campaign materials.

Vang and Sara Woelfel, a public relations representative, won a merit award for the invitations and programs they created for the event, "Sister Camille Kliebhan: Celebrating 50 years." Woelfel did the writing and Vang the design.

Merit awards for news/feature writing also were awarded to Scott Rudie, assistant director of Public Relations, for his story in the Stritch magazine, "Motivated by Memories"; Vice President Linda Steiner for her story, "A Really, Really Good Movie," and Brett Kell, public relations representative, for his story, "Embracing Dual Identity: Hmong Artist Gives Voice to Her Proud Heritage."

who emigrated from a refugee camp in Thailand as a child and whose artistry has been widely recognized. Her exhibit, "Portraits of Hmong Women," will be displayed in Stritch's Northwestern Mutual Art Gallery from April 21-May 6.

"This is terrific news," said Executive Vice President Peter Holbrook. "I am extremely proud of the Public Relations staff. These awards are granted in a competition that involves many widely known communications and public relations agencies around town as well as other area colleges and universities.

"These wins not only bring wonderful recognition – again -- to Cardinal Stritch University, but they also honor these six individuals' hard work, talent and creativity. We should all be very proud."

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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. If you have feedback or story ideas, please contact Public Relations at prdept@stritch.edu.

For complete information on university public relations, media relations and publications, please see the PR brochure, which is available in My Stritch by clicking on "Public Relations Information" in the "Other Employee Info Pages" folder under the "Employee Info" tab.

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Linda Steiner & Brett Kell

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Brett Kell

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