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# THE TROUBADOUR

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## UPDATE ON COUSINS CENTER, LEADERSHIP RESTRUCTURING



Dear friends and colleagues,

I hope you are having a peaceful and productive autumn. There is no doubt that these are wonderfully exciting times for the University, and I'm pleased to report that the Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of the Cousins Center property, with just the need to have the financing plan in place before closing.

As you know, the University is in the process of completing the paperwork and supplying documents to the city of St. Francis, which is needed to formally request zoning changes to the 44-acre Cousins property. This rezoning must take place before any purchase is finalized, but our discussions with the city of St. Francis have been quite positive and we are confident that this work will be completed by January.

Stritch is also interested in an adjoining 120-acre property owned by WE Energies, which would be used for athletic fields as part of our efforts to develop a vibrant new campus for our traditional undergraduate students. Our work to acquire that property continues positively with parameters set by our board.

In the last few months, it has become evident that this tremendous growth necessitates a revamping of our leadership structure. After discussion with the Board of Trustees, I have begun a restructuring effort which I'm confident will be able to carry us into the future as a major 21st century university.

As part of the first phase of this restructuring, I am excited to announce the transition of the position of special assistant to the president to executive vice president for administration/chief financial officer. This position will oversee the Technology, Finance, Facilities, and Enrollment divisions. Under this structure, the vice presidents of these respective divisions will report to the executive VP, providing for greater and more efficient organizational communication. In addition, as human resources is a growing function that is absolutely vital in everything we do, our human resources division will also report directly to the new executive VP. The organizational chart below outlines the first phase of these changes.

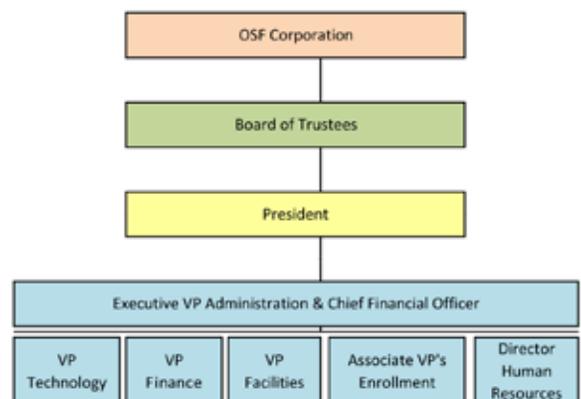
Tom VanHimbergen's expertise in his position as special assistant to the president has been invaluable in the complex process to secure ownership of the Cousins Center. His new title and responsibilities will greatly streamline the administrative functions for this university. I remain committed to an inclusive leadership process, so I will continue to meet monthly with all members of the overall Leadership Team so that I remain as closely connected as possible with each of these important divisions.

During my frequent trips to the Cousins Center, I often close my eyes and imagine the future of our Franciscan mission on that beautiful property. Each of you play an integral role in shaping that future, and let me take this opportunity to, once again, thank all of you for your dedicated work. As this restructuring continues to unfold, may we continue to work together toward caring, community building, reverencing all creation and peacemaking, even during the difficult winds that change inevitably brings.

Blessings,

Dr. Helen C. Sobehart  
President

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



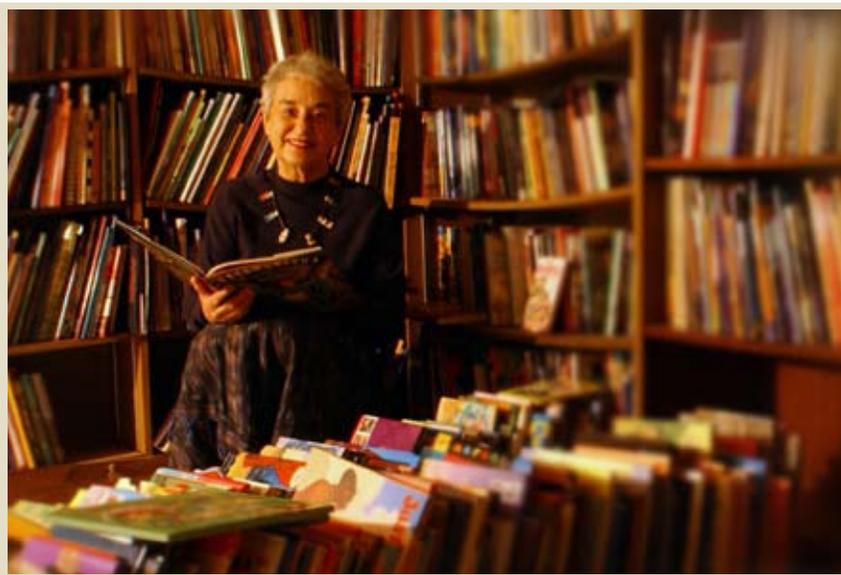
## STRITCH TO PRESENT ALUMNA CIANCIOLO WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, DEDICATE CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COLLECTION

Stritch President Dr. Helen C. Sobehart will present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Patricia J. Cianciolo, '49, who donated a comprehensive collection of children's literature to the University. The Cianciolo Children and Young Adult Literature Research Collection will be formally dedicated at a ceremony Nov. 11 in the Great Hall.

"Stritch is so fortunate to have a collection of this caliber that will allow generations of learners to experience the very best in children's and young adult literature," said Dr. Sobehart. "Her generous gift is but one example of the kindness and selflessness Pat has shown to Stritch and to so many others over the course of her career as an educator, author and advocate. We're truly honored to have her as one of our own."

Cianciolo is an internationally recognized expert in the field of children's and adolescent literature and illustrations who has read, reviewed, collected and championed thousands of books in her lifetime through both her personal and professional pursuits. She gifted her collection of 30,000 to 35,000 pieces of literature, illustrations, articles and artworks to Cardinal Stritch University in 2003.

The expansive collection, which is the product of her life's work, includes every recipient of two prestigious accolades – the Newbery Medal Award and the Caldecott Award, which honor, respectively,



excellence in children's literature and illustrations for children's literature. The collection will be vital to educators, scholars and children alike, and will be used in various capacities by the University and also is available for on-site use by others.

Cianciolo has written two books – "Picture Books for Children" and "Illustrations in Children's Books" – that are standards in the field, according to a citation of the International Reading Association in honoring her in 1995 with the Arbuthnot Award, which recognizes outstanding higher education instructors of children's and young adult literature. In addition, she also has published more than 60 book chapters and journal articles as well as several studies on the use of children's literature in elementary schools.

**For more on Cianciolo, the collection and the Nov. 11 event, visit [www.stritch.edu/cianciolo](http://www.stritch.edu/cianciolo).**

## NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT WEEK NOV. 3-6

On Nov. 3-6, Stritch will celebrate the contributions of its non-traditional students in conjunction with Non-Traditional Student Week, as sponsored by the Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education. A variety of events over these days are being planned to extend a little extra Franciscan hospitality to this group of students.

"Since arriving at Stritch, it has been a true joy interacting with our diverse student population," said Dr. Helen C. Sobehart, Stritch president. "I treasure the fact that our student body represents a wide range of interests, ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds, and all of our students need to be recognized for the integral part they play in our Franciscan learning community."

A Non-Traditional Student Services Fair will take place in the Student Union Nov. 3-6, and Sobehart encourages all offices that serve students to participate in the event.

Off-campus sites are invited join in these efforts by celebrating at their respective locations. Instructors should consider providing snacks/refreshments for students. Instructors are asked to accommodate celebrations with generous breaks. Questions about Non-Traditional Student Week can be directed to Jenny Nichols at (414) 410-4203.

### Monday, Nov. 3 - Thursday, Nov. 6

Student Services Fair  
5-8 p.m., Student Union  
Popcorn and hot cider available

### Tuesday, Nov. 4

11:30-1:30 p.m.  
College of Education and Leadership Lobby  
Nontraditional student reception  
Popcorn and hot cider available

### Tuesday Nov. 4

Coffee and Conversation  
2-4:30 p.m., J114

### Wednesday Nov. 5

Coffee and Conversation  
9-11 a.m., J114

### Wednesday, Nov. 5

11:30-1 p.m.  
Outside Duns Scotus 112 (*College of Nursing classes*)  
Nontraditional student reception  
Popcorn and hot cider available

EVENTS

# KWAK TO GIVE FACULTY PIANO RECITAL NOV. 2

Dr. Eun-Joo Kwak, whom some in the Stritch community saw play for the first time at the inaugural dinner of President Dr. Helen Sobehart, will give a piano recital on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2 p.m. in the Nancy Kendall Theater.

She will play Mozart's Sonata in Bb Major, K. 333, two selected works by Chopin, and "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky. This is Stritch's first solo recital given at the theater on its new Steinway concert grand piano. Admission is free. For more information, contact Dennis King Ext. 4349.



## New Stritch Staff

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Learning Specialist  
Academic Support



**TIM MILES**  
Grants Accountant  
Business Office



**KELLY SWICKARD**  
Cataloging/Metadata Librarian  
Library

## STUDENT PHONATHON RAISES MORE THAN \$50,000 FOR ANNUAL FUND

Stritch students who spent a week calling more than 7,000 University alumni have raised nearly \$52,000 for the Stritch Annual Fund, which helps support the University's academic programs and student scholarships.

The purpose of the Phonathon was to connect with as many alumni and friends of the University as possible and increase the number of gifts to the Stritch Annual Fund.

In talking with Stritch students, alumni were able to learn more about what's going on at the University, ask questions, and pass along comments. They also had the opportunity to update contact information, ensuring that they continue to receive updates on all of the exciting new things happening at Stritch.

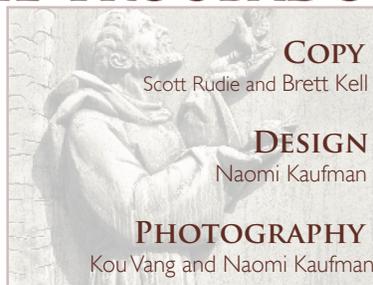
"My favorite thing about the Phonathon is knowing that I am helping out my school and fellow students by raising money," said Paige, a freshman nursing major. "I also enjoy being able to persuade non-donors to support Stritch. One night, I was talking to a man who was so happy to talk about Stritch! He told me old stories and suggested teachers that I needed to get for my classes. It was really cool hearing his perspective on the University, and it made my night."

This year's Annual Fund total has greatly exceeded recent totals. With the first comprehensive Phonathon campaign in recent history, dollars raised were more than doubled from the previous year. This year, more than 700 alumni who have never given before made gifts, a new record.

## THE TROUBADOUR

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