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THE TROUBADOUR

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



STRITCH TO CREATE NEW “CITY CENTER” AT PABST BREWERY SITE DOWNTOWN

Dear friends and colleagues,

Season’s greetings to you all! I am excited to end the 2008 calendar year with a very exciting announcement.

As part of our ongoing Franciscan efforts to serve the underserved and transform lives, the Board of Trustees has approved an agreement for Stritch to lease more than 24,000 square feet of space in the former Laboratory Building at The Brewery Project in downtown Milwaukee. You may know this location as “the Pabst site” – a bold and visionary redevelopment of the old brewery property.

This site, to be called the Cardinal Stritch University City Center, will be the new home to many of the programs currently located in the College of Education and Leadership, and it will establish a major presence for Stritch in the heart of Milwaukee’s downtown business community. It will also provide a significant enhancement to the educational opportunities currently available in Milwaukee.

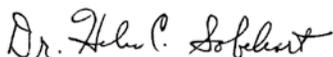
In addition to the College of Education and Leadership, we also are expected to eventually utilize the downtown facility for additional College of Business and Management programs, including the Lifetime Learners program, sometime in Fall 2010.

As you may know, the University is in need of additional residential space for our growing traditional undergraduate population. The move of COEL to the Pabst site will allow the Education building to be transformed over the summer into a second residential facility for our students. This new residential space will be invaluable as we make the transition to the Cousins Center site over the next five years.

With the ongoing work to rezone and acquire the Cousins Center and WE Energies properties in St. Francis, this truly is an amazing new era of growth for Stritch, one that would not be possible without the gift of all of your hard work and dedication. As a small token of my deep appreciation for all of you and all that you do, please feel free to depart one hour earlier than you normally would on Dec. 23. May your holiday break be filled with family, friends, and lasting holiday memories.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. 2009 promises to be a momentous one for Stritch, and it is an honor to be able to share these historic times with all of you. May the peace of St. Francis and the light of St. Clare be with you during this season and throughout the new year!

Blessings,



Dr. Helen C. Sobehart
President

ACTIVIST JOANNE BLAND TO VISIT CAMPUS JAN. 21 TO DISCUSS CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE, CONNECTIONS TO HISTORIC PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Civil rights activist and Army veteran Joanne Bland will discuss her life's work of expanding and securing civil and human rights for all people Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Nancy Kendall Theater.

“Crossing the bridge: Lessons from the civil rights struggle” will include her personal story of the civil and voting rights struggles of the 1960s and how those efforts culminated in the historic inauguration of the first African-American president in U.S. history on the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event is sponsored by Stritch’s Bartholomew Lecture Series.

Bland will give two talks, one at 11 a.m. and one at 6 p.m. She will be preceded onstage by Stritch students who recently returned from a civil rights pilgrimage to Memphis, Tenn., and Selma and Birmingham, Ala. There will also be a short video presentation that includes reflections from those involved in the civil rights movement, including Bland.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Both events are free and open to the public; however, seating is limited and interested parties are encouraged to RSVP early to alumni@stritch.edu or (414) 410-4939. A reception will follow in the theater lobby.

Bland is co-founder and former director of the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute in Selma, Ala. Working

to promote civil and human rights, and voter awareness in particular, she opened and operates Journeys for the Soul,

which leads tours of Selma’s civil rights sites and teaches the history of struggle in America. Bland was a witness to and participant in some of America’s most consequential civil rights battles. She attended freedom rallies at age 8, was arrested for protesting at 11, marched on Bloody Sunday at 16, and was jailed 13 times for civil rights demonstrations before she even reached adulthood. In March 2007, she marched

arm-in-arm with President-elect Barack Obama and countless others over the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma during the 14th Annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee, which commemorates Bloody Sunday and the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

For a full bio of Bland, a New York Times video essay featuring her and a Stritch Magazine story on the recent Stritch student civil rights pilgrimage, visit www.stritch.edu/bls.

The Bartholomew Lecture Series, established in 2007 through a generous endowed gift by Nancy and Lee Kendall, honors the commitment to the liberal arts tradition of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi. It aims to bring recognized experts from around the globe to the University to discuss relevant topics and their impact on the lives of communities and individuals. The series is named in honor of Sister Bartholomew Frederick, OSF, the foundress and first president of Saint Clare College.

STRITCH SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST-EVER COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES VOCATION EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Cardinal Stritch University will be among a select group of colleges and universities participating in a conference on “Vocation in Undergraduate Education: Extending the Theological Exploration of Vocation,” which will be held March 12–14 in Indianapolis.

Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray, executive director of the Center for Calling and Engagement, submitted the application on behalf of Stritch.

The conference is designed to foster vocation exploration in campus communities through the creation of a formal network. This initiative is being administered by the Council of Independent Colleges with support from the Lilly Endowment.

McCray said the Council of Independent Colleges was

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overwhelmed with applications, and Stritch's selection is a testament to its permanent commitment to vocation exploration.

Over the past 10 years, the Lilly Endowment has funded related initiatives on 88 college and university campuses through its Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation. Stritch's Center for Calling and Engagement, formerly the Office of Vocation Development, was created in 2003 as a result of a Lilly Endowment grant.

Lilly's direct support of these efforts, however, has come to

an end, and a number of college and university presidents asked the Council of Independent Colleges to help develop a national network that would continue the conversation about the theological exploration of vocation.

With additional support from the Lilly Endowment, interested campus leaders will gather in Indianapolis to launch this new initiative through the conference. Stritch participants will likely include McCray; Chris Robinson, vice president for student development/dean of students; Tia Bojar, dean of the College of Education and Leadership; and Marna Boyle, vice president for academic affairs and a faculty member.

WISCONSIN BLACK MEDIA ASSOCIATION TO HONOR STRITCH VP JOANNE WILLIAMS

The Wisconsin Black Media Association (WBMA) will honor Joanne Williams, who became vice president for public relations and marketing in November, for her work as WITI-TV Fox 6 education reporter and midday news anchor.

Williams, who is a past president of the group, will accept the honor during the WBMA holiday party Jan. 8 from 5:30-8 p.m. at ZenDen inside the InterContinental Hotel, 139 E. Kilbourn Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

Williams spent 29 years at Fox 6 as an as news anchor, medical reporter and education reporter. She is one of Milwaukee's most recognizable and trusted faces in broadcast since she started in the business in 1971. Williams' career in Milwaukee TV news is full of history and remarkable contributions.

She is past president of the Milwaukee

Press Club and also served as regional director of the National Association of Black Journalists. She is highly involved in various community activities, including service on the boards of the Milwaukee Urban League and YWCA. She recently was coordinator for the Milwaukee Forum, a multi-ethnic leadership discussion group sponsored by business and non-profit organizations.



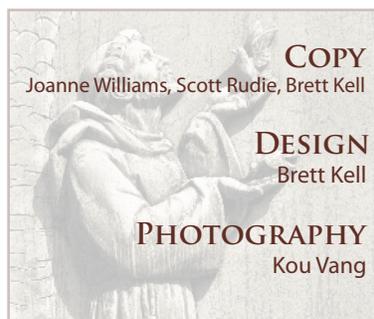
"This is a time for us to come together to honor one of Milwaukee's black broadcast pioneers," said James E. Causey, WBMA president. "If you grew up in Milwaukee, you grew up watching Joanne Williams broadcasting local news. She was and will always be a true professional."

The Wisconsin Black Media Association is the local chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, representing the nation's largest organization of journalists of color.

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