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# THE TROUBADOUR

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## PROVOST CANDIDATES TO VISIT CAMPUS, MEET WITH FACULTY AND STAFF MARCH 26-27

The candidates for the position of provost/executive vice president will visit campus next Thursday and Friday, March 26-27. The two candidates will meet with various faculty and staff constituencies over the course of their visits. The first candidate will be here March 26, the second candidate March 27. The schedules for both days are as follows:

### Wednesday, March 25

4 p.m. Candidate #1 will arrive at Stritch and tour the campus with Student Government Association President Beth Gilgenbach and other student representatives. That evening the candidate will meet with President Dr. Helen Sobehart.

### Thursday, March 26

8–9 a.m. A pre-selected group of staff members who will report directly to the provost will meet with the candidate in the Board Room

9:15–10:30 a.m. Candidate will meet with the search committee in the Board Room.

10:45–11:45 a.m. Faculty representatives from the search committee and faculty council will meet with the candidate in conference room BH1006.

Noon–1:15 p.m. Candidate will have lunch with all four deans and Nancy Dawkins in the Board Room.

1:30–3 p.m. **OPEN SESSION;** Any faculty and staff who are not direct reports may meet with the candidate in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center, room 1109.

3 p.m. Candidate will meet with Dr. Sobehart in the President's office.

This same schedule will be followed with candidate #2 on Friday, March 27. Candidate #2 will arrive Thursday evening for the student tour at 4 p.m.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to take this opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions. There will be an opportunity, at the end of each session, for participants to complete response forms that will be summarized and reviewed by the search committee as part of the deliberation process. The University's Leadership Team and Board of Trustees hope to fill the provost position in the next few weeks.

**To view the resumes of the candidates:** The resumes of the candidates will be available for review in Human Resources between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. beginning Monday, March 23. Confidentiality is of the utmost importance. For this reason, those viewing the resumes must sign in. The resumes cannot be taken out of Human Resources. Call Susan McCartney at ext. 4698 to make an appointment.

**To view a description of the position as it was posted in professional journals and Web sites, and a list of questions asked of the candidates during phone interviews conducted Feb. 24-25, log in to My Stritch and click on the Employee Info tab. Select "Provost candidate visits" from the menu items on the left side of the screen.**

# THE TROUBADOUR CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ISSUE

After almost six years of bringing important news and information to Stritch faculty and staff, The Troubadour is celebrating its 100th issue. The electronic newsletter, which was created at the request of former president Sister Mary Lea Schneider, OSF, made its debut on Sept. 30, 2003.

The purpose of the Troubadour was, and remains, to be the official vehicle for University news and information. It was named for the troubadours of St. Francis' era, who were entertainers and messengers. They roamed the cities of northern Italy and in Provence during the 12th and 13th centuries, often carrying instruments to accompany rhyming lyrics and songs about chivalry and current events. Because there were no media outlets at that time, troubadours spread information and were considered the carriers of the news.

Father Jim Lobacz, who was campus priest at the time and helped choose the name, said that "St. Francis calls himself the 'Troubadour of the Great King,' who is Jesus Christ. What Francis did when roaming from place to place was bring the news of God for people to hear. He would, in his own way, be a troubadour for God."



In these past 100 issues, the Troubadour has brought news of a capital campaign, the construction of Bonaventure Hall, the creation of a University vision statement and strategic plan, new faculty and staff members, a revamped Stritch Web site, the creation of My Stritch, continued accreditation,

partnerships in the community, new academic programs and organizational structures, the transition from religious to lay leadership, the impending expansion to the South side and downtown, and so much more.



“When I arrived at Stritch, I was so very impressed by the level of communication with faculty and staff via this important newsletter,” said President Dr. Helen Sobehart. “It is critical that we share information quickly and easily, and that everyone is aware of the work that is done every day to transform the lives of our students. My hope is for the Troubadour to continue sharing this news for many years to come.”

## CBM APPOINTS LOPPNOW ASSOCIATE DEAN OF MINNESOTA REGION

The College of Business and Management has appointed Dr. Bruce Loppnow as regional associate dean for Region III.

Loppnow will direct regional activities at sites in Eden Prairie, Edina, Woodbury, Plymouth, Blaine, and Rochester in Minnesota, as well as Eau Claire, Wis.

He is a former hospital executive who has taught at Stritch for the past decade, primarily at its site in Rochester, Minn.

Until his appointment as associate dean, Loppnow was an assistant professor at Stritch, teaching in the College of Business and Management's adult accelerated degree programs. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Loppnow served as director of faculty development.

He holds a doctorate from the School of Business and Technology of Capella University with a specialization in organization and management, and a master of science degree in healthcare management from Stritch.

## FACULTY AND STAFF GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of March 15, 78 faculty and staff members have made it a priority to support our students, raising more than \$18,000. Help Advancement achieve its goal of \$25,000 by July 31 with a gift today.

If you've already made your gift this year, Advancement thanks you for your support. If you haven't yet made your gift, and would like to, please

contact the Advancement Office at ext. 4939. You may make a one-time gift, or fill out a payroll deduction form.

Whether we play a large or small role in each students' education here at Stritch, the role is vital. Thank you in advance for your support.

## CBM GETS CONFIRMATION OF CONTINUED ACCREDITATION FROM ACBSP

Stritch recently received word from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) that they accepted the College of Business and Management (CBM) Quality Assurance Report and determined that CBM is fully accredited with no notes or conditions. The College received initial 10 year accreditation in 2001. The next regular site visit for reaffirmation of accreditation is scheduled for 2011.

According to Dr. Clara Brennan, dean of the college, achieving and maintaining accreditation is crucial because it demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement, innovation, and scholarship. Accredited status provides recognition of a University's ability to serve community stakeholders, and creates the impetus for relevancy and currency of faculty, programs, and courses to best serve students and employers.

"I want to recognize the contributions, dedication and commitment to the evaluation process by CBM's Leadership Team and specifically Gwen Rivkin, associate dean of quality assurance, who prepared the review drafts and monitored the data, presentation and results," said Brennan. "Faculty and staff contributions are and will continue to be valued by the College."

In addition to the specialized business education accreditation from ACBSP, Stritch and CBM are also accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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## BOOKS BY STRITCH FACULTY AVAILABLE AT BOOKSTORE

The following books written by, edited by or including contributions from Stritch faculty and staff are now available the Stritch Bookstore:

"WomanSoul: The Inner Life of Women's Spirituality," "Women and Leadership: Transforming Visions and Diverse Voices," and "Diversity in Human Interactions: The Tapestry of America" – chapters contributed by Dr. Asuncion Miteria Austria, chair of the graduate program in Clinical Psychology.

"Jesus in the Gospel and Acts: Introducing the New Testament," by Daniel J. Scholz, chair of the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy; director, Saint Clare Center for Ministry Formation

Other faculty titles available include those by Dr. Tia Bojar, Dr. Nancy Blair, Dr. Michael Dickmann, Dr. Joanne Caldwell, Dr. Kristine Hipp, Dr. Peter Jonas, Dr. Robert Marzano, Dr. John Perry and Dr. Helen Sobehart.

Stritch faculty and staff who have authored/edited/contributed to a title and are interested in the book being made available at the Stritch Bookstore are encouraged to contact Jennifer Chamberlain at [jchamberlain@stritch.edu](mailto:jchamberlain@stritch.edu) or ext. 4035.

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