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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,
I hope you are all having a pleasant and productive May. As the spring semester draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to you all for your hard work. This spring semester has certainly brought with it a great deal of change –

both anticipated and unanticipated, and I am grateful for your steadfast dedication to our Franciscan mission of transforming lives.

I also extend an enthusiastic thank you to all who have donated to the Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign. I am happy to report that we have raised approximately \$23,500 for the Stritch Annual Fund. Our goal this year is \$25,000, so if you haven't already done so, please consider a one-time or recurring donation. I realize that such gifts during uncertain economic times are not easy, and I deeply appreciate your generosity. To make a donation, please contact University Advancement at ext. 4939 for a payroll deduction form or a gift form.

Please remember that the May Birthday Breakfast event will be held in my office from 7:30-9 a.m. tomorrow, May 14. Faculty and staff who are celebrating birthdays in May are invited to join me for some conversation and light refreshments. If you will celebrate a birthday in June or July but will not be around campus, you are cordially invited to join us as well.

The summer ahead promises to be an exciting one, as the University moves forward with its much anticipated opening of the Cardinal Stritch University

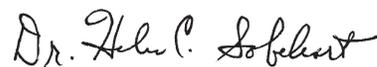
City Center. I appreciate the flexibility and openness of our College of Education and Leadership in preparing for this significant relocation. Our new City Center is testament to the fact that we, in the best Franciscan tradition, continually take our services into the community, where we will be able to educate, inspire, nurture, and above all, serve.

We will also begin work this summer in transforming the Education Building into the new Assisi Hall. At 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, May 14, a small gathering will take place to formally recognize the last class meeting in the building before it becomes our new residence hall. The building will be the epicenter of a great deal of work this summer as we prepare it for fall, when its doors will be reopened in Franciscan hospitality to a new group of Stritch students.

Finally, for those of you who will soon be departing for the summer, remember to join us for the first-ever Stritch Summer Festival from 4 to 8 p.m. June 20 in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center. This festive event will celebrate the beginning of summer and help support student scholarships. To RSVP, please visit www.stritch.edu/summerfestival.

I wish you all a relaxing and memorable summer.

Blessings,



Dr. Helen C. Sobehart
Stritch President

STRITCH BECOMES AFFILIATE MEMBER OF PRESTIGIOUS UCEA CONSORTIUM

Stritch applied for and has been granted affiliate membership in the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA), an international consortium of universities committed to advancing the preparation and practice of educational leaders for the benefit of children, schools and society. It is headquartered within the College of Education at the University of Texas.

UCEA is the field's leading professional organization and maintains a reputation as a consortium of the most prestigious universities with master's and doctoral programs in educational leadership and management. As such, UCEA membership is a marker of program quality.

About 670 universities have such programs nationwide, but only 10% of those are UCEA members. Admission is by standards-based application only, which includes detailed information about faculty and program offerings.

"I am so proud of the work put forth by Dr. Mike Thompson and his colleagues in our College of Education and Leadership in putting together the UCEA membership application," said President Dr. Helen Sobehart. "This prestigious member-

ship underscores the commitment of our faculty to leadership education and affirms the high quality of our programs."

UCEA works with its institutional members and other educational partners to improve the preparation of educational leaders and promote the development of professional knowledge on educational leadership and school improvement. Over the past few years, UCEA and its member faculty have focused keenly on increasing the quality and amount of research focused on leadership preparation. The organization also supports opportunities for faculty members to work with faculty from other high-quality leadership preparation programs and with stakeholders from U.S. and international leadership organizations.

UCEA membership benefits available to member institutions include discounts on UCEA conference registration and subscriptions to UCEA journals and publications. The organization also provides UCEA leadership faculty with free online access to all UCEA journals as well as to all journals within SAGE Publications' Education Bundle.

For more on UCEA, visit www.ucea.org.

RECEPTION HONORING DR. MARNA BOYLE TO TAKE PLACE MAY 19



A reception honoring Dr. Marna Boyle for 19 years of service as the vice president for academic affairs/dean of faculty will be held on Tuesday, May 19 from 1-1:45 p.m. in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center, section 1110.

All faculty and staff are invited to wish Boyle well as she returns to her roots as associate professor in the Special Education program in the College of Education and Leadership.

Boyle, who holds a doctorate in education from Nova University, joined the Stritch community 32 years ago as a faculty

member and student teacher supervisor in the Special Education department. In 1989, she was appointed program chair of the Undergraduate Education/Special Education department. Since 1990, she has served as the vice president for academic affairs/dean of faculty.

During her tenure as Stritch's chief academic officer, Boyle led two comprehensive visits of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, each resulting in the maximum 10-year reaccreditation for the University, as well as seven HLC/NCA successful accreditation visits for new degrees, including the first doctorate and online programs at Stritch. In addition, Boyle was responsible for a major Teagle grant for infusing our Franciscan identity into Stritch courses. She also started the University's first Franciscan study group.

TRY ON THE STRITCH RING FRIDAY

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and all other members of the Stritch community will have the opportunity to view and try on samples of the first-ever official Cardinal Stritch University ring on Friday, May 15.

Jostens representatives will be in the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to showcase the samples, answer questions and take orders.

The ring will be available in three sizes – men's, midsize, and women's (large, medium, and small), and in varieties of

10-karat white gold, 14-karat white gold, 18-karat white gold, silver/platinum and lustrium.

Available for order now, the ring incorporates the most significant imagery of the University and its Franciscan tradition. It is designed to serve as a permanent memento for students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

To place an order, please call Jostens at (800) 488-2173, or visit www.stritch.edu/ring.

DIENER NAMED NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH



Stritch has named Drew Diener as the new head coach of its men's basketball team.

Diener was most recently an assistant coach at the University of Virginia. Prior to working as an assistant, he was the Virginia's director of men's basketball operations for two seasons after leaving DePaul University, where he held the same post as a graduate assistant.

"It's with pride and excitement that we welcome Drew to the staff here at Stritch," said Pat Clemens, director of athletics. "He brings with him a wealth of experience and he's driven to succeed, which are qualities we feel will allow him to be successful here."

A native of Fond du Lac, Wis., Diener is a 2003 graduate of Saint Louis University, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. As a member of the basketball team at Saint Louis, Diener ranked sixth on the program's career three-point field goals made list and participated in an NCAA Tournament.

Diener played basketball at Goodrich High School in Fond du Lac, where he was the 1998 Gatorade Wisconsin Player of the Year and an All-America selection. He helped Goodrich, which was coached by his father, Dick, to four consecutive conference titles and a berth in the state quarterfinals as a senior. He graduated holding seven school records, including career points (1,505) and single-game scoring (45).

Diener comes from one of the more notable basketball families in the state of Wisconsin. His brother Drake played at DePaul University and is now playing professionally in Italy, while his cousin Travis played at Marquette University and is now with the Indiana Pacers of the NBA.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to take over the men's basketball program at Cardinal Stritch University," Diener said. "The Wolves have a strong tradition of winning and we'll work very hard to continue that tradition while making sure we develop our student-athletes and put them into positions to make them successful both on and off the court."

The Wolves finished the 2008-09 season with a record of 22-8 overall and 10-2 in the CCAC, earning them a conference championship under recently retired head coach Denny Fox.

STRITCH RAISES \$1,200 FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

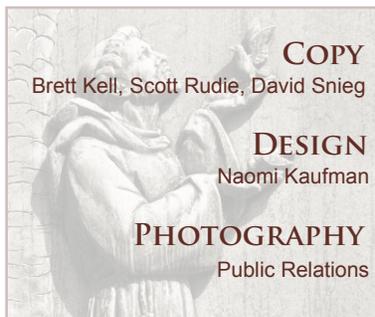
A team of 30 Cardinal Stritch University faculty, staff and students donated to or took part in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" fundraising walk on May 2. This is the team gathered at the War Memorial in downtown Milwaukee before the walk began. The weather was perfect. The team was enthusiastic. Between donations and sign-up fees for the walk, Stritch raised approximately \$1,200 to fight breast cancer. The group's goal was \$500. Sister Adele Thibaudeau, OSF, director of Campus Ministry and Linda Cabot, VP of Information Technology, arranged transportation from campus to the lakefront. Joanne Williams, VP of PR and Marketing, helped organize the team with inspiration from her former co-worker, FOX6 reporter Melodie Wilson.



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