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THE TROUBADOUR

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Over the past few weeks, I have been asked by a number of folks about our presidential search process. Specifically, how we will go about selecting a permanent president for Stritch and what is our timetable.

As soon as we appointed Kent Bergemann as our interim president, the Board of Trustees began to consider these critical questions. It is the No.1 responsibility of any Board of Trustees to hire a president for a University.

Over the past weeks I have solicited input from a number of sources including the Board of Trustees, the OSF Member Board, search consultants, other educational consultants, and leadership within the University.

Here are the most important things we need to consider and steps we need to take:

- **Develop a specific needs analysis of the University. Clearly define what the University's needs are and how the president can fill them.**
- **Develop the specific requirements of the position**
- **Prioritize the desired attributes of the successful candidate.**
- **Involve representatives of the entire University community on the search committee, in the needs analysis process, in the position specification preparation, and in the interview process.**

As that first step is being taken, we will form a presidential search committee. University bylaws require five independent trustees as members. These trustees have the responsibility to nominate a presidential candidate to the Board chair. We will expand the committee with additional members from our Stritch community, including faculty, staff, students and alumni. This should give us a good representation of our various constituencies.

There is work that can be done before the search committee is formed. This includes identifying search consultants to interview applicants, defining methods for getting input on our needs analysis and identifying potential committee members.

I will update you over the course of the upcoming months on the status of the process.

Dave Hawke
Chair, Board of Trustees

STRITCH HELPS HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MILWAUKEE

"Colleges Caring for Haiti" collection continues; WKLH to visit campus Feb. 4 to collect votes to win \$50,000 for Children's Hospital



This week marks the second of nine collection days for the "Colleges Caring for Haiti" effort, which Stritch launched in conjunction with the Milwaukee School of

Engineering to collect monetary donations that assist earthquake victims. Collection times have been scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union on the following dates: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 4, 11, 18, 25.

This far, the campaign has raised more than \$600, including the money raised by students with their Hugs for Haiti campaign. All proceeds are donated to Catholic Relief Services, which has long-established ties to Haiti and has been active in assisting victims. Bring your donation envelopes to the Student Union at noon and deposit your money in the giant water bottle. Please join us, donate whatever you're able to, and enjoy a traditional Haitian meal of beans and rice while visiting with fellow faculty, staff and students. There will also be an informational slide show about Haiti and the aftermath of the disaster.

We ask you to consider donating a small amount each week. For instance, instead of buying a bottle of water every day, put that money into the envelope. No matter how much or how little you have collected, we need every penny and your contribution is welcome.



Also on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bean, WKLH Radio will be back on campus giving the Stritch community the chance to help win \$50,000 for Children's Hospital in the "North America's Most Caring Radio Station" contest. WKLH is in close competition with a station in Columbia, Mo., and needs Stritch's help to put it over the top. This is not a fundraiser. The station will not be broadcasting from campus, but they are mentioning Stritch on air and are encouraging people to vote. WKLH wanted to come here because they enjoyed their visit in October. The \$50,000 is being donated by Foresters Insurance Company, based in Toronto.

Stop by the tables set up at the Bean to vote. On hand at the "polling place" will be Tanya Bissen, special events manager for WKLH and a former Stritch staff member. You can vote online at <http://radiocares.childrensmiracletnetwork.org> through 11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5. You can vote up to 10 times a day, per registered e-mail address. (If you have multiple e-mail accounts, you can vote multiple times.)

FACULTY AND STAFF INVITED TO SUBMIT IDEAS FOR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

In order to provide the University community with the opportunity to offer its input, criteria and a timeline are being shared for selecting the Spring 2010 commencement speaker, and others in the future. This process will ensure that as many people as possible are engaged in identifying the best possible speaker. This may also be an opportunity to identify someone who should be brought closer into the University community.

PROCESS:

Nominations for commencement speakers are now being solicited from the University community, after which time the president will make a selection and work with the speaker. Faculty and staff should forward nominations through the following bodies: Staff Development Committee, Faculty Senate, University Advancement or Student Government Association by Feb. 15. Recommendations will then be discerned by those bodies and passed on to the Provost's office. **Submissions should reference either the Minneapolis or Milwaukee commencement ceremony and include a statement about how the potential speaker meets the criteria identified below.**

CRITERIA:

- Speakers should exhibit a number of characteristics, among them:
- Well-known and connected to the Milwaukee/Minneapolis community and the University
 - High regard for the spirituality of the University and service to others
 - Stritch alumni
 - Potential or existing donor
 - Qualified and prepared to tell a story of their own educational success—hopefully with Stritch
 - Prepared to inspire the graduates to contribute to their community
 - Visionary
 - Represent, have appreciation for, or experience with diversity

TIMELINE:

- Feb. 15: Nominations received from campus constituencies
- Feb. 25: President receives nominations and involves the Board
- March 30: Have speaker selected and scheduled
(President works with speaker on topic and format of commencement and speech)
- April 1: Regalia ordered and arrangements finalized

SCHOOL OF URBAN INITIATIVES TO HOST FEB. 25 CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH

Stritch's School of Urban Initiatives will present its third annual Back to School Conference on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the City Center. The topic of the conference, Mental Health Issues and Early Childhood Education, will address the extreme concern expressed by community entities and educators over issues of violence, anger and depression escalating in early childhood classrooms across Milwaukee.

The day's events include sessions led by Stritch nursing and education faculty in conjunction with early childhood teachers from the Next Door Foundation, as well as a panel discussion moderated by Michelle Cohen of Jewish Family Services and featuring:

- Dr. Sebastian Ssempijja, Sebastian Family Psychology Practice
- Royace Hagler, director of Mental Health/Disabilities and Home-based Programs, Next Door Foundation
- Deborah McNelis, owner, Braininsights
- Janell Bergholz, disability/mental health coordinator, Social Development Commission Head Start

To view a full schedule of the day's events and register by Feb. 18, visit www.stritch.edu/backtoschool. Cost is \$50 per person. Payment may be made via Visa, Mastercard or Discover in advance; or by card, check or cash at event registration table on the day of the event. Any related topics or questions for the panel discussion may be submitted with registration. Resources on mental health issues and early childhood education will be available. Those with questions are encouraged to contact Mary Jo Dahl at (414) 410-4561 or mdahl@stritch.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jam the Gym 2010 (Wolves vs. Judson)

Wednesday, Feb. 3

5:30 p.m. women's tip-off, 7:30 p.m. men's tip-off

Free admission for faculty and staff.

Questions? E-mail alumni@stritch.edu

or call ext. 4939.

Wisdom at Work:

Professional Learning Communities

Thursday, Feb. 4

1-4 p.m., Board Room

Facilitator: Kristine Hipp, Ph.D.

Visit <http://my.stritch.edu> for details.

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