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SEARCH PROCESS FOR NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/CIO CONTINUES

The process to replace the retiring Linda Cabot, vice president of information technology/chief information officer, continues with the selection of a search firm.

Witt/Keiffer, a Chicago firm that has led more than 100 senior-level information technology personnel searches for the higher education and health care fields in the past four years, has been charged with identifying candidates to replace Cabot.

“Linda’s leadership and service have been so valuable to strengthening our IT infrastructure and personnel, so making sure we find a worthy replacement is something that deserves appropriate consideration,” said Tom VanHimbergen, executive vice president for administration and chief financial officer.

In November 2009, Cabot worked with Director of Human Resources Deborah Johnson to craft a job profile that was advertised nationally as part of an internally-led search, which resulted in 65 applicants. Those 65 candidates were reduced to 12, and later to eight, through phone conversations with VanHimbergen, to whom the CIO position reports. Two of the eight withdrew from consideration, and further phone conversations were held with six candidates. The final two of these were brought to campus for interviews and conversation, for a day-and-a-half each.

“We decided not to go with either candidate because we felt that the fit wasn’t right,” said VanHimbergen. “We understand how critical leadership skills are to this role, so we decided to utilize a firm that could help us get it right.”

A small group led by VanHimbergen recently interviewed three national search firms with extensive experience in information technology and higher education, ultimately settling on Witt/Keiffer. VanHimbergen added that he expects Witt/Keiffer to deliver a slate of candidates by late May for discernment by a search committee comprising staff, faculty and student representatives. Once the committee has narrowed the field to the final candidates, members of the Stritch community will be invited to meet with them and ask questions.

Cabot, who came to Stritch from Georgia Tech in 2007, will retire April 30, but has agreed to return in a part-time role to help with the transition to a new VP/CIO.

STRITCH STUDENTS LAUNCH “HUGS FOR HAITI” MONTH

Stritch students are deepening their commitment to help the victims of the recent devastation in Haiti with a series of events called “Hugs for Haiti,” from Feb. 18-March 19. The student-initiated awareness campaign will include social, awareness and prayer events.

The month will kick off with the International Student Organization’s Fashion Show at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb 18 in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center, with all proceeds benefiting Hugs for Haiti and Catholic Relief Services.

Throughout the month, Wednesdays will be “Wear Red for Haiti,” providing an opportunity to raise awareness and show support. Students will also conduct weekly prayer services, which will culminate with a March 4 candlelight vigil open to the entire university community. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.stritch.edu/news

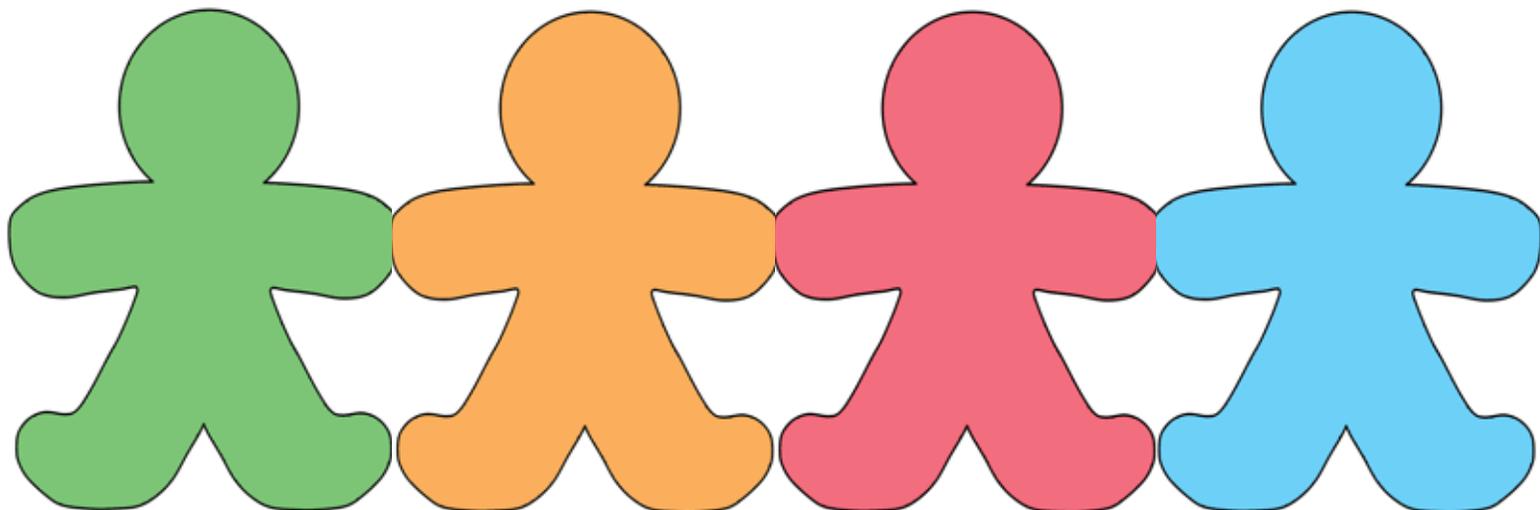
While these events are occurring, an ongoing campaign to sell paper “hug” cutouts for a suggested donation of \$2 is also taking place.

“I saw the footage of the earthquakes while at home and really wanted to do something,” said Michelle Streed, a senior education and English double major who is helping to organize the events. “We have a team of student leaders who are just as invested as I am, and we hope to put our Franciscan values to practice and educate the larger Stritch community through this campaign.”

In addition, Stritch’s partnership with the Milwaukee School of Engineering, “Colleges Caring for Haiti,” continues with donation envelopes being collected and weekly collection lunches taking place on Thursdays from noon-1 p.m. in the Student Union featuring rice and beans.

All proceeds from both initiatives benefit Catholic Relief Services, which was chosen because it has had workers and support programs in Haiti long before the earthquake and was in action with food, water and clothing before much of the help arrived from other sources. CRS is dedicated to helping only people outside the United States in countries where the need is great. CRS helps people regardless of race, culture or religion.

If you are interested in participating in “Hugs for Haiti,” contact Jenni Herrick, director of student leadership and involvement, at ext. 4195 or jrherrick@stritch.edu. To donate to “Colleges Caring for Haiti,” contact Father Jim Gannon, OFM, at ext. 4151 or jggannon@stritch.edu.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wolves Men's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 20

7 p.m., Fieldhouse

Catch the final regular season men's basketball game against Purdue University - North Central. The Wolves are ranked ninth nationally in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics with a 25-4 record.

Wisdom at Work: Strategic Planning/Developing Plans and Using Resources Efficiently

Wednesday, March 10

1-4 p.m., Board Room

Facilitators: Michael Dickmann, Ph.D.

Peter Jonas, Ph.D.

This workshop will explore strategic planning as a process that facilitates communication about organizational direction and goals, while further shaping and advancing the mission of the organization. Such planning involves clarification of purpose, assessment of status, focusing of priorities, alignment of strategy and actions, and monitoring of progress. Learn more about the five guiding questions that form the backbone of the process.

A Reception for the Living Spirit of Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Friday, Feb. 26

5-7 p.m., Stritch City Center

Hosted by the Leadership Center

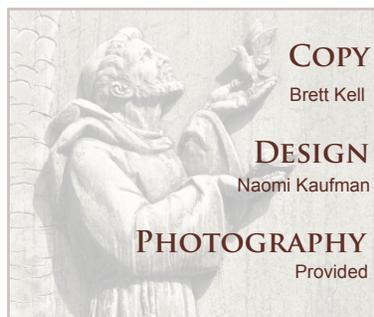
RSVP to Gabe Skiff, gtskiff@stritch.edu or ext. 4373

Lisa Calderone-Stewart has shared her deepest calling with us in her youth ministry program, Tomorrow's Present. What began as a vision of transformational leadership during her doctoral studies at Stritch blossomed at the House of Peace as Tomorrow's Present. Join Lisa and the Leadership Center to help celebrate her work and living spirit with wine, a few appetizers, and some good cheer. For more information about Tomorrow's Present, visit www.tomorrowspresent.org

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