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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Talking Circles move forward

Several weeks ago I wrote a brief article for The Troubadour about the two pilot Talking Circles which were held at Stritch on Feb. 1 and 4. The purpose of a Talking Circle is to create a safe environment where listening to someone's story and telling your own can build friendships, heal the wounds of misunderstanding and encourage solidarity. Talking Circles are very consistent with our value for this year, creating a caring community. Justice Janine Geske (ret.), distinguished professor of law and director of the Restorative Justice Initiative at Marquette University Law School, facilitated the pilots to help us determine the value for our community of this listening and sharing practice.

The two pilot sessions provided the opportunity for participants from every part of the University community to share and hear personal feelings, stories and thoughts on our recent past. Individual stories and reflections were shared in confidence with the group, but the tone of each Circle reflected a heartfelt passion, commitment and desire for Stritch to be a vibrant united community. Participants were then invited to reflect on one simple but practical step they would take to make Stritch a better place for students.

Each pilot group was comprised of 23 members, among them faculty, staff, administration, Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi and Trustees. The diversity of the group was extremely important and participants represented not only every part of the University but diversity of age, years of service, experience and perspective.

Last Monday, seven members of our staff and faculty who participated in one of the pilot Talking Circles spoke by conference call with Janine Geske. We discussed our experiences and concluded that Talking Circles would be valuable for our community. I am deeply grateful to the following members of our faculty and staff who will facilitate future Talking Circles: Melissa Carlberg, April Folgert, Dr. Kris Hipp, Rev. Dr. Trinetta McCray, Casey O'Keefe, Dr. Barb Spies and Dr. Sarah Trost.

From March 15-26, we will attempt to schedule 10 Talking Circles. We strongly value every voice in our University community and will extend an invitation to as many people as possible to take part. We hope you take the opportunity to participate!

As mentioned earlier, the diversity of the participants at each Talking Circle is extremely important to the value of every group. Future Talking Circles will again be comprised of no more than 23 members, among them representatives of each college; representing the deans, academic chairs, professors, associate professors, assistant professors; a diverse group of staff representing Mission and Identity, Advancement, Enrollment, Business and Finance, Student Development, Athletics, Facilities, Technology, Public Relations, administration; and members of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi and Trustees. Talking Circles will be conducted until we are no longer able to maintain the diversity of the group. We will do our best to conduct as many Talking Circles as possible within a reasonable timeframe.

Invitations will be forthcoming, but if you know that you are interested in participating please contact Elouise Baylor (ext. 4003 or ebaylor@stritch.edu) to have your name added to a list of potential participants.

Kent Bergemann

WOLVES BASKETBALL TEAMS HEAD TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

While hosting their first-ever selection show party, the Stritch men's and women's basketball teams joined their fans in learning on Wednesday after-noon who their opponents will be in the upcoming National Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NAIA) National Basketball Championships.

The women's basketball team will enter this year's tournament as a No. 4 seed and will play on Thursday, March 11 in Sioux City, Iowa at 8:45 p.m. central time against the fifth-seeded College of Idaho Lady Yotes, who are ranked 16th nationally.

The Lady Yotes enter the game at 21-7 overall, having won the Cascade Collegiate Conference for the first time in school history. The Wolves enter tournament play with a 28-2 record and a nation-leading 17-game winning streak, in addition to their ninth conference tournament championship.

On the men's side, the ninth-ranked Wolves will take on the Hastings College Broncos in the opening round game of the men's national tournament on Thursday, March 11 at

9:15 p.m. central time in Point Lookout, Mo. The 11th-seeded Wolves will face an unseeded Broncos team with a 23-9 overall record after finishing third in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC). Stritch enters play with a 27-5 record and a Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) regular season championship.



Both games will be shown on projection screens in the Great Hall immediately after the men's volleyball game that night. Fans can also watch both games live by visiting www.naia.org for more details. To listen to the men's game live online, visit

<http://lobo.stritch.edu>. Because the women's game is in a different area, it won't be available for online streaming but will be shown in the Great Hall.

To learn more about the numerous end-of-season conference awards garnered by Wolves basketball players and coaches, visit www.stritchwolves.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

To register, please e-mail your interest to wisdomatwork@stritch.edu.

Visit My Stritch for information on additional offerings.

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.

YOUR Career Conference

Friday, March 12

1-4:45 p.m., Career Services suite (Bonaventure Hall, room 1058(to the left of the One Stop desk))

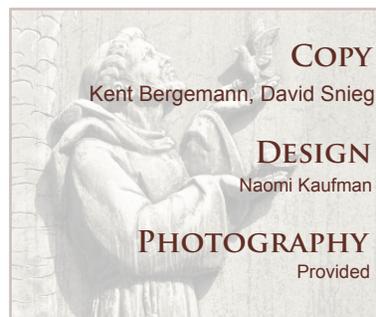
To register, visit <http://career.stritch.edu>

Attend a half-day of career-focused workshops through YOUR Career Conference. Based on registration preferences, workshop possibilities include: connecting with LinkedIn, resume writing, job and internship search strategies, managing stress, interview preparation, creating a personal brand and salary and benefit negotiation. Stritch students, alumni, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Contact Career Services with questions at ext. 4157 or career@stritch.edu.

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