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STRITCH NAMED “SAFEST COLLEGE IN AMERICA” BY THE DAILY BEAST.COM

Stritch has placed atop the second annual “Safest Colleges” ranking compiled by the news, politics and culture website TheDailyBeast.com. The listing identifies those campuses across the country with the lowest and highest levels of crime.

The rankings, which include the 458 largest residential campuses in the U.S. with at least 6,000 students, are based on the past three calendar years of campus security and crime data compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, as well as the FBI and the Secret Service, in conjunction with the Clery Act, a federal mandate requiring all schools receiving federal funding to annually disclose crime statistics.

Schools were ranked for nine kinds of criminal incidents, which were weighted based on a subjective judgment of violence, indicating that a murder represents a higher intrinsic threat to public safety than a robbery. All totals in these categories were divided by the number of enrolled students, so that midsize and large campuses could be accurately compared. According to the site, the data reflect incidents reported to campus or local police, not convictions.

The site reported that “according to national statistics and campus-security experts, campus crime prevention is improving and incidence of major crimes is in decline” due in part to better security measures that includes improved enforcement and the addition of surveillance cameras, among other factors.

The site also indicated that it deferred to the National Center for Education Statistics in defining what constitutes

a “campus.” In instances where a school has multiple campuses or locations, like Stritch does, all locations were considered a single campus.

The top five safest colleges are:

1. Cardinal Stritch University
2. New York Institute of Technology-Old Westbury
3. Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus
4. Indiana University-Southeast
5. Farmingdale State College

Other Wisconsin schools also made the list. The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay was No. 22, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse No. 33, and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh No. 44. No Wisconsin schools made the site’s “Most Dangerous College” list.

The Daily Beast, which was founded and is run by Tina Brown, former editor of Vanity Fair and The New Yorker, includes a mix of original content and aggregated links to content written by other news outlets. As of October 2009, the site had 3.9 million monthly unique readers and 35 million page views.

Read the full story here:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-09-14/most-dangerous-college-campus-ranked/?cid=topic:mainpromo1>



EMERGENCY TRAINING SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

In an effort to ensure the highest possible level of campus security and safety, a program has been developed for faculty and staff that will outline the University's overall emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures.

The training program, titled "Strategic Actions for Emergencies" (SAFE), will be offered at the following times:

- Tuesday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m.–noon
Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center
- Friday, Oct. 1, 1–4 p.m.
Schroeder Auditorium

The Sept. 28 event will also be available to the City Center (room 126), Madison, and Minnesota locations via webcam. An initial SAFE training session took place for faculty during orientation last month.

The training will include two instructional videos. The first, titled "Shots Fired," was created by the Center for Personal Protection & Safety and covers strategies on preventing and surviving an active shooter situation. A second video provides an overview of suggested courses of action specific to emergencies in the higher educational setting.

Sgt. Chris Eichhorn from the Glendale Police Department will attend to offer additional perspective on how local law enforcement officials would respond to a campus emergency. He will also take questions.

In addition, Andrew DeRubertis, director of campus security, will explain the role of Stritch's Security Department in an emergency, as well as provide an overview of security enhancements currently in place in both classroom and office settings on the main campus.

Nancy Buchanan, a representative from Aurora Health Care, will provide an overview of the University's Employee Assistance Program, and Mark Wentzel, assistant dean of Stritch's counseling and health services, will offer detail on services the center offers to help diffuse a variety of potential student and employee conflicts.

A brief overview of the University's emergency text messaging system, the crisis communications plan, and the crisis procedures plan will also be offered.

Please RSVP to Susan McCartney at scmccartney@stritch.edu. Questions about the program can be directed to Deborah Johnson, director of human resources, at drjohnson@stritch.edu.

Reminder:

Remember to sign up for the e2campus emergency notification system, which is used to disseminate emergency alerts and urgent and unscheduled site closings to the campus community via text message and/or e-mail.

Please visit https://my.stritch.edu/ics/Emergency_Notification_System.jnz to register.

RAINS NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF INFORMATION SERVICES/CIO



T.J. Rains began work this week as the University's new vice president of information services/chief information officer.

Prior to Stritch, Rains was the associate chief information officer for enterprise systems and project management at Emporia State University in Kansas. In that role, he oversaw the operations of a team of 13 and directed a three and a

half year project to implement Emporia's Sungard Higher Education Banner administrative system.

Prior to his present position, Rains worked in a variety of other technology positions at Emporia, including interim chief information officer. Rains has considerable strategic planning and budgeting experience, and is a certified project management professional (PMP). He received a master's

degree from Capella University in 2010 and a bachelor's degree in business from Emporia University.

The mission and values of Stritch made the position quite appealing, he said.

"When I reviewed the position, I learned about the values-centered nature of Stritch, and that piqued my interest because I have a strong Christian faith," said Rains. "It is also an incredible opportunity to lead such a highly loyal and qualified staff."

Rains said he understands that technology has been identified as a top need for the University and is eager to address those needs to ensure that outstanding resources and services are available to students, faculty and staff.

His top priorities are to improve the centralization of information services so that the functionality of My Stritch, Jenzabar, academic technologies and library services can

continue to grow. In particular, Rains will put his experience implementing enterprise systems to good use as he works with IS and other staff to implement the human resources module of Jenzabar. This enhancement will allow the University to have a single point of entry for critical employee data, including salary, job titles, performance reviews, etc., making Jenzabar the authoritative source of all data.

Rains and Enterprise Systems will also work with the Public Relations office on an analysis of the University's external Web presence in anticipation of a redesign of www.stritch.edu.

He got his start in the field of information services as a help desk technician at Emporia, a job that created a strong desire to provide outstanding customer service with every interaction.

"My experience working in many information service roles in higher education has instilled a unique perspective on how to provide a good customer service experience," he said.

The selection of Rains as CIO concludes an extensive interview process that began last fall with a search organized by Stritch itself. However, when the slate of candidates proved to be incompatible with the position, Witt/Kiefer – an executive search firm -- was hired to find more suitable applicants. Their efforts yielded 15 candidates, 10 of whom were brought to campus for interviews this spring and summer.

"Selecting T.J. was an easy decision after all of the positive feedback I received from the members of the campus community," said Tom VanHimbergen, executive vice president and chief financial officer. "T.J. is a true team player and leader with a proven track record. He has a strong, passionate desire to move our organization forward."

The search process included the participation of an advisory committee of 11 faculty and staff members chaired by Carla Schommer, associate dean in the College of Business and Management. More than 15 other members of the faculty, administration and staff were part of the process.

"T.J. is student and end-user focused and views Information Services as a support service of the institution," Schommer said. "In addition, he is a high-level communicator, with knowledge and expertise working with the administrative and academic sides of the academy. We're thrilled to welcome him to the Stritch community."

Rains is excited to be on the job, but greatly anticipates the arrival of his wife, Aisha; 7-year-old son, Jonas; and 5-year-old daughter, Emaline, from Kansas. In his spare time, Rains enjoys playing folk, acoustic and classic rock music on the guitar, percussion and piano. He also enjoys mountain biking.

"This has been a very warm, welcoming environment," he said. "I enjoyed the conversations thus far and I look forward to moving forward with my academic and administrative partners on campus."

REMINDER: PROGRAM REVIEW, HLC/NCA ASSESSMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS PLANNED

Cardinal Stritch University is beginning both the program review and the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association (HLC/NCA) assessment processes, and faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to attend a series of upcoming information sessions to learn more about the processes.

Program review is an internal assessment process for both academic and non-academic programs. It is geared to provide ongoing assessment based on pre-selected criteria used to measure overall success in terms of excellence and outcomes, centrality to the University's vision and mission, and sustainability. While this process is internal, it will also be an integral part of the HLC/NCA process.

HLC/NCA is the University's regional accreditation body, and the HLC/NCA assessment process is an external review to ensure both institutional quality assurance and program improvement. The process will culminate in a self-study and site visit in spring 2014.

The dates and times for the sessions are as follows. **(Please note that the time for the Tuesday, Sept. 21 City Center session has changed from what was previously reported.)**

Tuesday, Sept. 21

10 a.m.	Main Campus	Schroeder Auditorium
1 p.m.	City Center	Rooms 222, 223, 224

Wednesday, Sept. 22

2 p.m.	Main Campus	Schroeder Auditorium
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Thursday, Sept. 30

10 a.m.	City Center	Rooms 222, 223, 224
2 p.m.	Main Campus	Schroeder Auditorium

Questions on this effort can be directed to the dean or vice president for your area.

“TEAM TOGETHER” NIGHT ON OCT. 10 WILL HONOR COACH RICH PANELLA

The Stritch community is encouraged to join together in celebration of the accomplishments of Coach Rich Panella at “Team Together” Night on Oct. 10 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center.

For nearly 25 years, Coach Panella has successfully coached women’s basketball and softball teams at Stritch. On Oct 2, he will be inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches

Association Hall of Fame. In addition to the alumnae athletes from all of Coach Panella’s teams, faculty and staff are invited to attend this event. The cost is \$35 per person. To RSVP, share pictures or a story, or recall a famous “one-liner,” contact the following e-mail account set up for this event: panella25@stritch.edu.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE TROUBADOUR BLOG VIA E-MAIL OR RSS FEED

The Troubadour will transition next week to a blog format accessible through My Stritch.

To view the blog, log in to My Stritch, click on the “Employee Info” tab and select “The Troubadour” in the left-hand column. The blog will appear in the center panel of your screen, with the most recent posts date- and time-stamped and appearing at the top.

Each post will appear in summary view, which means the first sentence or two will accompany the title to give the reader an idea what the story is about. A “Read More” button will follow the text summary. Simply click on “Read More” to view the entire story, as well as any accompanying photos and comments.

Though an e-mail including a brief listing of new content will be sent once a week by Public Relations for the near future, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to subscribe to the blog via e-mail or RSS feed. This will ensure that the University community receives important news in real time, as it is posted.

To subscribe, follow these easy steps:

1. From the main Troubadour page within My Stritch, click on “The Troubadour Blog” in red at the top of the blog section.
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the blog page, and you will see four buttons: Older Items, Subscribe, View My Subscriptions, and RSS Feed.
3. Select “Subscribe,” and you will see a new box with four options.
4. You may select any of the options listed (see image at right), but e-mail and RSS are best.

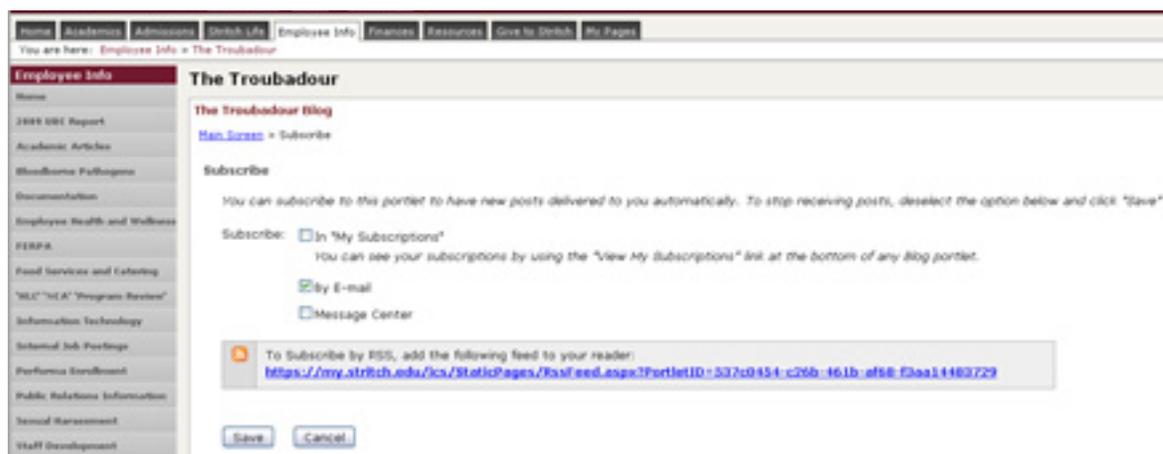
Choosing e-mail subscription will automatically send an e-mail update to the e-mail account designated within My Stritch (usually your @stritch.edu account, unless you’ve manually changed it to another address) when new content is posted to the blog.

Similarly, subscription via RSS feed will generate an update in your RSS reader within the Web browser of your choice. The advantage to both e-mail and RSS subscription is that you will be able to read blog content without having to log in to My Stritch or wait for PR to send a weekly summary e-mail.

Below each blog post is a “Discuss” button that can be used to provide feedback and continue discussion of issues that affect the University community.

Critical University news will continue to be communicated directly via e-mail as necessary, even if that e-mail directs readers to The Troubadour blog for more information.

If you subscribe via e-mail or RSS but do not receive updates when you know new content has been posted, contact support@stritch.edu, or ext. 4600.



OPEN HOUSE TO SHOWCASE RENOVATED LIBRARY, ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

The remodeled Athletics Department and Stritch Library, with its state-of-the art Information Commons, will be on display at an open house on Tuesday, Sept 28 from 4-8 p.m.

Take a tour of the remodeled locker rooms, the fitness center, the new Athletics coaches' offices and the gym. The Library will be open for all visitors to enjoy with a cup of coffee from the Bean. Tour the Information Commons, the inviting study and collaboration area created on the first floor. Interim President Kent Bergemann will welcome everyone at 5 p.m. Music will be provided by Stritch's own Radio Lobo and there

will be Library trivia quizzes to test your knowledge.

Those who donate any new or gently used children's books will be entered into a raffle for prizes. The books will be donated to Reach Out and Read Milwaukee, an organization that distributes books to pediatric clinics in the area.

UPDATE ON 75TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS

The 75th Anniversary Steering Committee is moving forward with ideas for the 18-month celebration.

Five subcommittees have been developed and chairs have been chosen:

Mission and Identity; chair: Kate Herrick,
Mission and Identity

History and Archives; chair: Sister Margaret Ruddy,
Archivist

Event Planning; chair: to be chosen

Student Engagement; chair: John Metz, Campus Ministry

Alumni Engagement; chair: to be chosen

Academic Integration; chair: Barb Spies,
Communication Arts

Subcommittee membership was determined by forms submitted by attendees of the Conversation Café held to kick off 75th Anniversary planning in April.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the steering committee and all subcommittees will spend the morning in the Sister Camille

Kliebhan Conference Center brainstorming about plans for the celebrations. To share ideas, contact the subcommittee chairs or steering committee members.

75th Anniversary Steering Committee

Mike Brauer, University Advancement, Chair
Joanne Williams, Public Relations, Chair
Sister Camille Kliebhan, OSF, Chancellor
Sister Mary Lea Schneider, OSF, Faculty and Past President
Sister Margaret Ruddy, OSF, Archivist
Jenny Nichols, Special Events and Alumni Relations
Kate Herrick, Mission and Identity
Joseph Niswonger, Student Development
Jennifer Fontanini, COEL Representative
Abby Gambrel, COAS Representative
April Folgert, CON Representative
Liz Regimbal, CBM Representative

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The Troubadour supports the overall mission, goals and objectives of Cardinal Stritch University, and is meant to serve as a communications tool for the campus community. If you have feedback or story ideas, please contact Public Relations at prdept@stritch.edu.

For complete information on University public relations, media relations and publications, please see the PR brochure, which is available in My Stritch by clicking on "Public Relations Information" in the "Other Employee Info Pages" folder under the "Employee Info" tab.

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