

Rittenmeyer Announces Retirement

Long-time President to depart after 2010-2011 academic year



Dr. Dennis C. Rittenmeyer

Dr. Dennis C. Rittenmeyer, president of Calumet College of St. Joseph, has announced he will retire effective June 30, 2011, capping a distinguished 40-year career in higher education.

President Rittenmeyer, 66, has served as Calumet College of St. Joseph's president since July 1987 and has the distinction of being the longest-serving college president in Indiana. He has led the private institution from financial insecurity to stability, nearly doubled enrollment, improved facilities, and expanded academic offerings as well as programs for students.

Rittenmeyer also has been an active, engaged leader in the Northwest Indiana community. "I am proud of what we have accomplished at Calumet College of St. Joseph during my 23 years with this institution, and I have been fortunate to work with a supportive Board of Trustees, faculty and staff," Rittenmeyer said. "Our students and alumni are bright, creative and motivate us to continue to strive to offer an academically challenging and flexible learning environment."

"The time is right for me to move on to the next step in my journey," Rittenmeyer continued. "I believe it is in the best interest of the college to seek new leadership when we have many positive dynamics to share." Rittenmeyer, a Hobart native, and his wife, Leslie, live in Munster and plan to remain in the area. Leslie is a professor at Purdue University Calumet. They have five grown children.

Highlights of Rittenmeyer's career at Calumet College of St. Joseph

Rittenmeyer joined Calumet College of St. Joseph July 7, 1987, at a time when the sponsoring Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.) was considering closing the institution due to a serious financial crisis. Members of the Board of Trustees credit Rittenmeyer with returning the college to prosperity.

In addition to the financial turnaround, accomplishments during Rittenmeyer's tenure include:

- Reversing a slide in enrollment, and increasing enrollment from approximately 870 in 1987 to nearly 1,300 in 2010.
- Expanding the programs offered from associate's degrees only, to associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Completing extensive renovations of the main Calumet College of St. Joseph building. The first new building in the history of the college was added in 2009 with the completion of the \$3.5 million Student Activity/Community Center.
- Growing development efforts and establishing an endowment fund, currently totaling about \$5.5 million.
- Adding student athletics. More than 270 students now participate in intercollegiate sports. The men's bowling team was runner-up for the national title this year, while

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The 2010-2011 school year promises to be one of celebration and completion. President Dennis Rittenmeyer has announced his retirement in June of 2011. Since he began his journey as president in 1987, the College's facilities have undergone an enormous amount of growth and development. Changes include the renovation of Amoco's gift of the 2400 New York Avenue building to make it the College's permanent home, the development of Alumni Park, and the opening of the Student Activity/Community Center, which was the first new building in the College's history.

Although the physical plant has changed in 23 years, the mission of the College has not. Throughout those years, the College has been actively engaged in the community, enhancing its footprint in the region and drawing community members into our family and our activities. Our programs have evolved to assist those nontraditional students complete their education. Accelerated programs enabled working adults with some college credit to earn their degrees. The School of Adult Learning will now make it possible for adults with no or few credits to earn a bachelor's degree in 5 ½ years or less with part-time study, and this fall, the Paralegal and Pre-Law Program will offer online classes.

With the addition of four master's degrees programs, the College has grown to a level that would only have been dreamed of in 1987.

In 1999 CCSJ unveiled plans for an athletic program and the first game was played in 2000. This program currently has over 270 student-athletes participating and has enhanced the growth of enrollment for traditionally aged students. This led to the opening of the Student Activity/Community Center last fall.

But the ending of the story has not yet been written. As we enter the final year of the Capital Campaign, we still need your support to accomplish the goals that we set. The plans to renovate the west entrance to our main building are still on the table as well as constructing new science labs. All we need to finish the project is your support. If you have been thinking about donating, now is the time to do it. If you have donated, we thank you and ask that you remember the effect that your education has had on your life. We ask that you consider another donation or consider remembering the College in your will. No gift is too large or too small. Every dollar brings us closer to our goal. Help us to write that happy ending.

Jim

Congratulations 2010 Graduates

May 15th was a beautiful spring day as Calumet College of St. Joseph held its 48th commencement at Bishop Noll Institute. The fieldhouse was filled to capacity as proud family and friends gathered to honor the 375 graduates. Of those, 96 were from the master's degree programs, 270 from the baccalaureate programs, and nine from the associate degree programs.

Co-valedictorians are Kimberly Kish of Crown Point, Quanica McClendon of Merrillville, and Denise Towner of Gary, all receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. All three earned a 4.0 g.p.a.



Ambassador Carmen Lomellin addresses graduates

An honorary degree was bestowed upon Ambassador Carmen Lomellin. In November of 2009, Ms. Lomellin made history by becoming the first Latina and only the second woman to be named Ambassador to the Organization of American States. She is a native of East Chicago who received her bachelor's degree from Calumet College of St. Joseph in Business Management in 1979. Like so many of our alumni, she earned her degree while working full-time.

Ambassador Lomellin urged the graduates to think outside the boundaries of their cities, states, and even our country. She said, "Graduates, we need you. We need you to create and to nourish change in our communities here in the United States, with our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere, and with the many people who are looking to the United States throughout the world. We need you to help bring the ideals and innovations which you have built and experienced here at Calumet College with you as you step out in the world to make your mark. And, as an Ambassador and a proud alumna, I assure you that you have a very good head start." She also encouraged them to be curious and explore beyond their comfort levels and to look at a career in public service.

Bishop Dale Melczek and members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood concelebrated the baccalaureate Mass which preceded commencement ceremonies. Graduates Charlesse Rougon and Victor Lozano served as readers at the Mass.

If a prize had been awarded for the parent travelling the farthest to attend commencement, it would have been won by the mother of Fares Saqf Al Hait. She came all the way from Jordan to see him receive his diploma.

Women's Guild Luncheon

It may have been raining that Saturday, but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits! The Women's Guild of Calumet College of St. Joseph held their annual luncheon at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond on June 5th. It was a wonderful event with new and old friends gathering together and perusing raffles, vendors, and a bake sale. All proceeds benefit Calumet College of St. Joseph, so a hearty thank-you goes out to everyone who was able to attend! And for those of you who were missing, we hope to see you next year!

11th Annual Golf Outing at Lost Marsh

Do you feel like putting around at the end of the week? You should join us for the 11th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, August 20! Registration and lunch begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Lost Marsh Golf Course in Hammond with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

If you're not very interested in golf, you can always join us for dinner. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. at the Lost Marsh Clubhouse with an open bar until 7:00 p.m.

Past funds generated from the golf outing have enabled us to purchase new equipment for the weight room, trainer's room as well as video equipment and other athletic

department needs. With 270 student athletes competing on 19 teams and a new gym, we are hoping to add to our facilities and equipment this year.

For information on the campaign and the athletic department, please contact Andy Juscik (219) 473-4326 or email ajuscik@ccsj.edu.



Alumni News

- '97 Historian **Anthony J. Mireles** has been asked to join a group of aviation historians at the 2010 Aircraft Archaeology Summit, which is to be held in Broomfield, Colorado. The summit is being held to establish rules, guidelines and ethics for the new field of aviation archaeology. Mr. Mireles is the author of *Fatal Army Air Forces Aviation Accidents in the United States 1941-1945*.
- '91 **Lisa D. DeNeal** is a correspondent/columnist for the Post-Tribune and co-author of the memoir *Unflappable*. www.unflappable-book.com
- '93 **William J. Richter** is expecting his 31st grandchild in July and has another granddaughter entering law school. He currently volunteers at St. Mary's Hospital.
- '78 **Lawrence R. Kuhel** helped jumpstart the facilities of the new gym with a generous donation for the weight room.

Are you experiencing some exciting changes in your life - perhaps a new job, engagement, marriage, or a new baby? We would love to hear about it and share it in an upcoming Update! Send your news to Herb Yekel, Director of Alumni, at hyekel@ccsj.edu.

In Memoriam

- '76 **Raymond J. Balka** of East Chicago passed away April 30, 2010
- '80 **Elaine Caco** of Munster passed away May 24, 2010
- '66 **Mark S. Biel** of Whiting passed away September 16, 2009
- Ruth Kraly**, a long-time supporter of CCSJ and member of the Women's Guild, passed away on May 19, 2010



Men's Bowling Second in Nation

The men's bowling team experienced unprecedented success this season, finishing as USBC national runner-up. As Dr. Eugene Finnegan, Director of Religious Studies pointed out, "There are more than 6,000,000,000 people living in the world, with 309,000,000 living in the USA. While all of them might not be bowlers, last Saturday, among the over 3,000 American colleges and universities, Calumet College of St. Joseph was considered to be the second best in all the USA. That is quite an accomplishment."

Considering that the bowling program started just four years ago speaks of the tremendous dedication and hard work of the coaches and players of The Crimson Wave men's bowling team. In fact, senior Ryan Gleghorn was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after leading the men to their first national championship finals. Congratulations to our Crimson Wave men's bowling team on competing at a National level and making Calumet College of St. Joseph proud!

2009-2010 Athletic Banquet

As the 2009-2010 athletic season came to a close, Calumet College of St. Joseph had a lot to write in the history books. The women's basketball team made it to the CCAC Championship game, the men's bowling team finished as runner-up at the USBC Nationals, the men's outdoor track and field team took 4th in the first ever CCAC conference meet, and the first inaugural season of wrestling sent five wrestlers to the National Championships. More notable yet were the performances by our athletes in the classroom. The 2009-2010 athletic banquet recognized 12 NAIA Daktronics National Scholarship Athletes, 10 NCBCA Academic All-Americans, and 99 athletes on the Athletic Director's List. The top team GPA went to women's tennis with an average of 3.56. The top class GPA awards went to seniors Lizeth Quezada and Nate Serna, juniors Angel (Ross) Hughes and Jessica Funk, sophomore Ashley Kieltyka, and freshman Fred Olaosebikan. Other departmental awards presented at the banquet include the Andy Juscik Character award given to soccer player Jose Sandoval, Senior Female Athlete of the Year women's tennis player Lizeth Quezada, and Senior Male Athlete of the Year bowler Ryan Alberson. The overall Athlete of the Year Award went to bowler Ryan Gleghorn and track and field runner Randy Hinton.



Ben Davis doesn't just putt around

CCSJ Golfer Competes in the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship

Crimson Wave freshman golfer, Ben Davis, was among 34 golfers chosen to compete in the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida. In the first day of play Davis shot a 77, putting him in 5th place overall. Davis fell a few strokes back in day 2 shooting an 88. On day three Davis shot a 78 making his three day total 243 and jumping a few spots to 22nd. Davis was the only NAIA player competing against NCAA division one and two golfers. Davis finished his freshman season 16th overall in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Gutierrez and Hinton Compete at NAIA Nationals

Crimson Wave men's track and field runners Richard Gutierrez and Randy Hinton had impressive finishes at the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Meet. Gutierrez ran 2:52.40 in the marathon,

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the men's and women's basketball teams advanced to their conference playoffs.

- Recognition by *U.S. News and World Report* as being "a leader in diversity among colleges in the Midwest."

"Dr. Rittenmeyer has found the niche that is important for Calumet College of St. Joseph to serve," said the Most Rev. Dale Melczek, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Gary and Honorary Chairman of the college's Board of Trustees. "He has built upon the college's Catholic identity, and the college serves a population that is a beautiful blend of those coming out of high school and those who have chosen much later in life to embellish their careers with a college degree or a graduate degree. It's an enormous plus for the college that its student body is very diverse demographically as well. The blend of graduates is reflective of the Calumet area."

Community involvement

Dr. Rittenmeyer has been praised for his commitment to the Northwest Indiana community. His visible leadership has helped raise the profile of Calumet College of St. Joseph, enhancing recruiting and fundraising opportunities.

Rittenmeyer served for nearly ten years as the volunteer President of the Lake County Regional Bus Authority. In 2009, he was honored by Gov. Mitch Daniels with the Distinguished Hoosier Award, Indiana's highest award for citizens, for his tireless efforts on behalf of public transportation in Northwest Indiana.

Rittenmeyer's extensive community leadership roles have included: Chairman and executive committee member of the Quality of Life Council; member of the Shared Ethics Committee; member of the Planning Committee for the Lake County Advancement Committee; Chairman of the Lake Area United Way's Long-Range Planning Committee; President of the Tri-City Mental Health Center Board; and many more.

Trustees begin search process

The Executive Committee of Calumet College of St. Joseph's Board of Trustees has begun the process of formulating a search for a new president. The Trustees have enlisted consulting firm, RPA, Inc., of Williamsport, Pa., to help identify the characteristics and skill sets required to best serve in the role. RPA led Trustees, faculty and staff, and community members through a series of meetings this spring.

"We want the community and the college family to know we will be involving everyone in the process," said Lawrence Meyers, Chairman-elect of the Board of Trustees, who will chair the search committee.

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finishing the event 29th overall and Hinton ran a school record time of 21.74 in the 200m finishing the event 28th. After winning the 200m, and 400m events at the CCAC conference track and field meet, Hinton was named CCAC Outdoor Track and Field Most Valuable Runner. Also finishing strong in the CCAC meet was Daniel Medina, who won the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 59.46 and Tom Moore who took 2nd in the 100m hurdles. The Crimson Wave finished 4th overall as a team at the first ever CCAC Track and Field Outdoor Championship.

Alumni Embarking on Trip to Italy

To date, 20 alumni with their friends and family have signed up for an 11-day tour of Italy, including stops at Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Before they depart October 27th from Chicago, there will be a small Bon Voyage party to wish everyone well. Congratulations to the world travelers!

New Academic Programs Available

Accelerated Associates Degree in General Studies

The General Studies Program offers courses that are cross-disciplinary in character. Students pursuing an Associate of Science degree in General Studies will take a mix of 16-week and 8-week courses that will enable qualified students to graduate in as little as 28 months. They then have the option to complete work toward a bachelor's degree. For more information please call the Accelerated Admissions Department at 219-473-4209.

Paralegal/Pre-law Studies Program

Earn credit towards a bachelor's degree or earn a post baccalaureate certificate on-line at Calumet College of St. Joseph. Enhance your legal research and writing skills or take classes leading to a degree or certificate in Calumet College's Paralegal/Pre-Law Studies Program. Our program has a law school qualified faculty that includes Federal Court Judges, Federal Prosecutors as well as the directors of various legal aid services. A number of our instructors teach at law schools. All on-line Paralegal/Pre-Law classes are transferable to and are equivalent to Calumet College's Traditional Program. This new program begins September 7, 2010. For more information contact Michael Genova, Director, (219) 473-4319, mgenova@ccsj.edu; or Toni Koslow, Instructional Technologist, Faculty, (219) 473-4377, akoslow@ccsj.edu. All alumni should contact Financial Aid regarding tuition grants.

Accelerated Humanities Program

The Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Humanities explores the nature of the human condition. A Humanities degree provides students with a background suitable for future studies in law, business, and the traditional humanistic disciplines (i.e. philosophy, religion, history, literature and the arts). Its emphasis on cultural knowledge, critical thinking, and communication skills also makes it perfect for students seeking career advancement or entry-level positions in business management, advertising, public relations, journalism, publishing, and public administration. This program is also designed to meet the needs of working adults and seniors who are pursuing the goal of lifelong learning. For more information please call the Accelerated Admissions Department at 219-473-4209.

School of Adult Learning

Calumet College of St. Joseph announces the opening of its new School of Adult Learning. This new academic offering was developed in response to President Obama's challenge to America to better prepare the workforce for tomorrow's jobs.

The new school will enable students with no or few college credits to graduate with bachelor's degrees in as little as 5 ½ years on a part-time basis. This compares to the eight or more years it takes at most other institutions of higher learning. All classes at the School of Adult Learning will be offered on weekday evenings and weekends, as well as during conventional school hours Monday through Friday. Students in the School of Adult Learning will graduate with a degree in Organization Management or the Humanities. For more information on CCSJ's School of Adult Learning please contact the Admissions Office at 219-473-4209 or admissions@ccsj.edu.

Working Class Studies Program

The Working Class Studies Program, directed by distinguished professor Dr. Ruth Needleman, will be available in the Fall 2010 semester. It is designed to provide students with a broad set of skills, including skills in communications, leadership, organizing, and movement-building and provides an

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Camps for Kids a Great Experience



Children run drills in the new Student Activity/Community Center

Our new athletic facility was full of the happy sounds of young campers as elementary school athletes participated in camps held by CCSJ basketball coaches Ryan Sexson and Cristina Schmidt and volleyball coach Andy Marks. There were assisted by a number of CCSJ student-athletes.

The basketball camp was held the week of June 14th for grades 1-8 and over 60 girls and boys. The volleyball camp was held the week of June 21st and nearly 20 girls from grades 5-8. Campers ran through drills, games, team building activities and basically had a great time. Each

of them received a camp t-shirt and basketball or volleyball.

The sons of alum Mike Stickann ('10), Graem and Sullivan, attended the basketball camp and Mike sent this email to Athletic Director Peter Haring not an hour after the camp concluded.

"I just wanted to take a second to let you know what a class bunch of kids you've put together.

Devon, Chabria, Lisa, Brandon and Wilfredo had smiles on their faces throughout the camp and offered huge encouragement to every kid out there.

I don't know them as basketball players, but it sure seems like your young men and women have their heads on straight and good hearts. It was great to see. Thank you."

Thanks to all the coaches and student-athletes who made these camps so successful. For those of you who missed camp, mark your calendars for next year. Your children will learn so much, have fun, and become the newest members of our CCSJ family!

Alumni Family and Friends Night with the RailCats

On Friday, August 13 the Calumet College of St. Joseph Alumni Association is hosting a Family Night with the Gary SouthShore RailCats at U.S. Steel Yard Stadium. Enjoy the pre-game picnic which includes all you can eat hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, dessert and soft drinks, plus the post-game fireworks in the reserved Calumet College of St. Joseph Alumni Association section. Please come meet other alums and their families and cheer for the Gary SouthShore RailCats as they take on the Lake County Fielders. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include the pre-game picnic. Picnic begins at 5:30 p.m., first pitch at 7:00 p.m. To get your tickets mail a check or money order by August 3, payable to: Calumet College of St. Joseph, 2400 New York Ave, Whiting, IN 46394, ATTN: Development Office. For more information please contact the Development Office at (219) 473-4318.

additional focus of the College's long-standing commitment to social justice.

This unique program can be taken as one of five options in the College's School of Adult Learning, which enables adults with little or no college to attend part-time and earn a degree in as little as five and a half years. It can also be taken as a concentration in the Organization Management Degree Completion Program and a post-baccalaureate certificate in Working Class Studies is offered as well. It will prepare students who already hold bachelor degrees to work in faith, community, and work-based organizations as well as other non-profit and NGO fields.

For additional information regarding the Working Class Studies Program, please contact Beverly Smith, (219) 473-4263 or bsmith@ccsj.edu.

Master's in Psychology Program

Calumet College of St. Joseph will become the first college or university in Northwest Indiana to offer a Master of Arts in Psychology degree when it initiates the program this fall, placing it in the forefront of advanced training in psychology.

For the past 25 years, CCSJ has provided leadership and innovation in offering mental health related programs in Northwest Indiana and this program is viewed as a natural evolution for the continued growth and success of its students.

A key advantage of this program is that graduates would be suitable for the Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) exam in Indiana or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Illinois. In addition, students completing the Master of Arts in Psychology at CCSJ and certain Education classes may become eligible for licensure as school psychologists in both Indiana and Illinois. Students in the program could also aspire to a broad range of job opportunities in middle and upper level practice in a number of psychological fields including academic, human services, business and government and military settings.

Classes will be offered in concentrated format and courses would be scheduled to permit most students to complete the curriculum within two or three years.

For more information, please contact Mary Severa, Director of Graduate Services, at 219-473-4295 or msevera@ccsj.edu.

Visions from Guatemala Art Exhibit

The first art exhibit of the 2010-2011 school year will showcase the "We Are Family" Guatemala Mission Project. The exhibit will open August 1st and run through September 30th. It will be comprised of photos taken by mission group members and also artwork done by the children in the Learning Center at La Lagueneta. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the changes our mission has been able to help to bring to the parishioners in La Labor and surrounding communities. Your support has made such a difference in their lives.

Please check our website for details about the opening reception (www.ccsj.edu).



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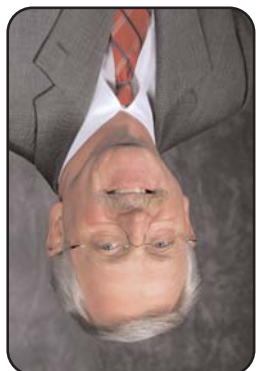
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