

CHRISTMAS CARDS BENEFIT DEVELOPMENT FUND



Andy Juscik is not only the Development Coordinator for Athletics at CCSJ, but a very gifted artist as well. Last year, Andy presented the College with an original Christmas piece to be used on its Christmas card. The card, featuring a shepherd and young boy walking towards the Christmas star, has been widely admired. This year, this beautiful card will be available for purchase in packages of 10 for \$15. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Development Fund. What a wonderful way of sending your Christmas greetings and helping a very worthy cause! Cards may be purchased in the Bookstore, or you may contact the Development Office at 473-4325. We will be happy to mail your order to you for the cost of the cards plus shipping.

Homecoming 2008

Make plans to attend **HOMEcoming 2008**. A dinner dance will be held on Friday, February 1st. On Saturday, February 2nd, the women's basketball team will tip off at 5:30 p.m. and the men's team at 7:00 p.m. Both teams will play Trinity International at the Hammond Civic Center.

Plans are being finalized and will be announced soon. Watch your mail and don't miss this fun event!! For further information, contact Drew Hays at 219-473-4222.



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Every year the fall season brings many changes to Calumet College of St. Joseph. We are particularly excited this year as the fall not only brings the changing of the leaves and the addition of new students and faculty, but also heavy equipment to our campus.

The results of the "Changing Lives, Growing the Vision" capital campaign are now becoming visible. The site of the community/student activity center is being prepared for groundbreaking and building should begin in November. This 300 day project will result in a place for the college to house its 170 athletes, but also to host the community and become more involved in its activities and to expand our footprint in this region.

This new \$3 million facility is merely phase one of the campaign. Phase two will renovate our current campus by adding a new, state-of-the art learning and technology center and upgraded science laboratories incorporating current technology and instruments to provide our students with tools and skills necessary in the 21st century.

In an effort to memorialize Br. Jerry Hall, we would like to name one of the science laboratories after him. If he touched your life like he did so many others, your contribution to the capital campaign can be in honor of this gentle man of science.

The campaign will also add \$1 million to our endowment fund which will strengthen our viability for growth and support our students, both current and future.

Many of you are already supporters of this campaign, and we gratefully thank you. If you haven't had the chance to donate or pledge, we ask that you consider the importance of your gift. By giving the gift of higher education, you improve lives, families, and our communities. Now is the time to step up and "pay it forward." No gift is too small or too large. In this edition of the update, you will find a pledge form. Please take a moment to complete it and mail your pledge or donation. It may be the most worthwhile decision you make today.

Naming opportunities exist for the building, a wing or a room. You may also donate a locker, a bench, etc. Perhaps you would like to recognize a loved one? What better way than to give the gift that will positively change lives? The possibilities are endless. Feel free to call me (219-473-4254) if you would like additional information about the campaign.

With the cold weather, can Christmas be far behind? Consider purchasing your Christmas cards from CCSJ. Not only will you receive a beautiful way to send your holiday greetings, but you will be supporting the college as well.

May this Christmas bring you peace and love and the New Year bring health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Jim Adduci

ARTWORKS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

EXHIBIT BY ALUMNI KOZLOWSKI AND POUCH

Calumet College of St. Joseph presents an exhibit of Artworks and Photographs by Sandi Kozlowski and Al Pouch from October 5th - November 30th. The opening reception was held on Wednesday, October 10th from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theater Lobby.

Al Pouch is an alumnus of the College (BA '74). This group of photographs is the result of a re-evaluation of his negatives and proofs. He was interested in assembling a group of unusual photos of unusual people from his archive which spans about 37 years. He found this group to be engaged in revealing a bit of themselves through the camera.



Painting by Sandi Kozlowski

Sandi Kozlowski is also an alumna of the College (BFA '82). She is the owner of SLK Designs-Contemporary Artwork and currently serves on the Exhibit Committee for South Shore Arts in Munster. Her favorite subject matter is the reflective qualities of motorcycles.

In 1996 Sandi began a series called "Hide & Seek". She created 3D pieces which also included hidden images of the artist. She then entered her Harley phase and became interested in reflective chrome images.

The exhibit was acclaimed by the large number of attendees who enjoyed the artists and their pieces.

The college wishes to thank Al and Sandi for sharing their talents with us once again.



Photograph by Al Pouch

SEASON'S GREETINGS



I am joined by the Calumet College of St. Joseph administration, staff and faculty in wishing you, our alumni and friends, peace and God's blessings this Christmas season. Your support throughout the year has helped to sustain our institution and ideals and to provide our students with a quality education in the Catholic tradition. We thank you. May the new year of 2008 bring you and yours peace, love and prosperity.

*Dr. Dennis C. Rittenmeyer
President of Calumet College of St. Joseph*

Alumni News

Jean Phelps (nee Della Santina) recently addressed instructor Desila Rosetti's "Small Business Management" class at the college. She spoke about the advantages and disadvantages of owning a franchise. Jean began her management career with Nipsco in 1979. After a corporate downsizing in 1996 caused her to evaluate her next career move, she and her husband purchased a franchise with Express Personnel Services. This is an international Fortune 500 franchise with over 600 offices worldwide. Express provides expertise in evaluation and direct hire, temporary staffing, executive recruiting and human resources. The Northwest Indiana office has earned the status of an award winning office and is currently celebrating its tenth year in business. Jean has won a number of awards, including the Amelia Award with the Executives' Council, and serves on the boards of a number of organizations and the Society of Human Resources Managers. Jean and her husband Jerry have three children and three grandchildren. CCSJ thanks Jean for sharing her expertise with our students.



Kathie Adduci (nee Bartels, '70) recently received the Outstanding Cooperating Teacher Award from the Association of Teacher Educators-Indiana Unit in recognition of her accomplishments as an Outstanding Cooperating Teacher for CCSJ student teachers. The award was presented at the organizations' Honor Banquet on Oct. 27th in Nashville, Indiana. Kathie began her career in District 149 in Illinois and received her Masters in Education degree from National Louis University. She has been a 1st grade teacher at Coolidge School in Lansing for the past 21 years and is a master teacher. She has also served as a union contract negotiation team leader. She and her husband, Jim, have two children. We thank Kathie for her dedication to the education of new teachers and for her continued support of the college.



If you have news you would like to share, please email it to hyekel@ccsj.edu.

Br. Gerald Hall Memorial Project

As some of you may know, Br. Gerald Hall, C.P.P.S. passed away on August 25 of this year. He served here at Calumet College of St. Joseph for many years and positively influenced the lives of students, community members and colleagues.

One of the goals of the Capital Campaign is to upgrade the current science facilities. To honor Br. Jerry, we would like to name the science facilities after him. If you are interested in helping us to remember this kind and gentle man of science, please call the Development Office at (219) 473-4325 or send an email to gmanson@ccsj.edu.

ALUMNI CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In July 07 you should have received a letter from John Heilsted ('67) announcing the beginning of the Alumni Capital Campaign, "Changing Lives, Growing the Vision". This \$7 million campaign will allow CCSJ to build a new community/student activity center, renovation of the 2400 New York Avenue site to include state-of-the-art science laboratories and technology center, and endowment resources.

We are happy to report that pledges have been coming in, but at a slow pace. Now that summer is over, we hope you will consider making a donation or pledge. No amount is too small (or too large!). If every alumnus gave something, we would be able to reach our goal of \$1 million from alumni. Take this opportunity to "pay it forward".

If you'd like to make a pledge, you'll be receiving a letter and a pledge card in the mail. You may also make a one time donation by using the same form.

In the meantime, please feel free to call Jim Adduci, Vice President of Mission Advancement (219-473-4254 or jadduci@ccsj.edu), or Herb Yekel, Alumni Director (219-473-4227 or hyekel@ccsj.edu).

BRICK PLACEMENT CEREMONY

The second "Brick Placement Ceremony" was held on Thursday, Sept. 27th at 1:00 p.m. Invitations were sent to all alums, faculty and staff, and friends of Calumet College of St. Joseph who had purchased a brick. Br. Jerry Schwieterman opened the ceremony with a prayer. Dr. Dennis Rittenmeyer thanked those present for their continued support of the college and



described the status of the new building and the renovation. Alumni Director, Herb Yekel, spoke of his appreciation to those present for their generosity and support. The picture captures only a few of those present for the ceremony. They are left to right: Ruth Kraly (Women's Guild) and Paul and Margaret Demkovich.

The area of bricks continues to grow in Alumni Park and these bricks are a fitting recognition for those named on the face of the brick. What a wonderful way to honor someone who has made a difference in your life - parent, friend, mentor, or perhaps that special teacher. This could also be a great Christmas gift. Or you can purchase one for yourself and have your name and graduation date inscribed on it.

Each brick can be inscribed with three lines. Each line can contain up to 15 characters. The cost is \$100 per brick. We will have another ceremony in the spring of 2008 for new bricks purchased. Call Herb Yekel '75 today at (219) 473-4227 or by email hyekel@ccsj.edu to order. Please let us know if this is a Christmas gift, and we would be happy to send a card acknowledging the purchase.

Guarantee Your Name In History!



Your name or the name of someone near to you will be permanently attached to one of the lockers that will be installed in the new Calumet College of St. Joseph Student Activity Center now under construction and due for completion summer 2008.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime offer!

YES I would like to have the name of _____ permanently attached to a locker in the NEW Student Activity Center
Rush \$100.00 today while lockers are still available.

**Mail to: CCSJ Development
2400 New York Ave.
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For more on naming rights in the new Center contact Andy Juscik
219-473-4326 / ajuscik@ccsj.edu

Cut on dotted line

SOCIAL JUSTICE BUS TOUR

The fourth annual conference on "Families in Crisis" in Northwest Indiana co-sponsored by Calumet College of St. Joseph and the Lake Area United Way was held on October 26th. The conference, entitled "Children and Families at Risk: Seeing is Believing", consisted of a bus tour to four sites that are making a difference in the quality of life in Lake County, Indiana. For each site, a speaker addressed the group on the bus as to the organization they would visit and what their mission was. Once at the site, a member of the organization addressed the group, gave a tour and answered questions.

A group of nearly 50 boarded the bus and arrived at Thea Bowman Elementary School. "Challenges in Education" was discussed by Dr. Gwen Adel, Principal. At Sojourner Truth House, the topic, "Health Care Challenges and Social Issues" was addressed by Sr. Barbara Sable, SS.C.M. (Catholic Charities), Clementine DeBose (Maternal Child Health Network of Lake County) and Sr. Peg Spindler (CSA). The facility is an at-risk center for women and children.

Campagna Academy was the third stop of the tour. Bruce Hillman, CEO, led the discussion regarding the "Challenges Involving Substance Abuse." The academy offers day treatment, residential programs, foster care, and a charter high school for at risk youth. The final stop of the tour was the Lake County Juvenile Justice Complex where Judge Mary Beth Bonaventura's topic was "Challenges in the Juvenile Justice System."

Fr. Al Spilly, Director of the college's Social Justice Committee, said, "It is part of our Catholic mission to work on social justice issues in our school and in our community." Attendees of the tour included area social workers, clergy, Calumet College faculty and members of the college's Freshman Experience: Social Justice class.

CCSJ HOSTS X-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

For the first time, Calumet College of St. Joseph played host to the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Cross-County Championship. October 20th was an ideal, unseasonably mild day for the meet as the teams met at Lost Marsh Golf Course. The women's team consisted of: Jill Labella and Vickie Kraus. The men's team consisted of Richard Gutierrez, Brian Bowman, Louie Guillen, Kevin Paterson, Billy Burk, Enrique Catalan, and Demetrius Bright.

The races went very smoothly on a tough, hilly course. The top finishers were both from Olivet Nazarene University. The top finishers for CCSJ were Richard Gutierrez in 14th place and Jill Labella finishing in 26.35.

We congratulate Coach Don Reed and his team who did an outstanding job of staging the race. They received a great deal of positive feedback from coaches, runners and spectators. A number of college family members also volunteered, including the women's volleyball team and other student-athletes, and faculty and staff members.

We would also like to thank Lost Marsh Golf Course and the Hammond Port Authority for hosting the event and being such a great neighbor. They went above and beyond to make sure this event was successful.



Guillen takes it all in stride

FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED

The "Celebrating Our Colleagues" luncheon was held on October 12th to recognize the faculty of Calumet College of St. Joseph. The luncheon is held annually to demonstrate the college's appreciation of the excellent work of the faculty and their dedication to our students.

Awards were given to the following faculty members: Martin Martinez (20 years), Roy Schieve (15 years), Terry Ferrari, George Grzesiowski, David Kasper, Daniel Lowry, Jeannine Pellettiere, and Kenneth Taylor (10 Years), Eloise Carnevale (8 years), Wesley Berrier, Conrad Brown, Dr. Christopher Buczinsky, Anthony Carothers, David Cross, Joseph Drasutis, John Edington, Patrick Ellis, Ernest Hernandez, Dr. James Pastor, Robert Smith, Fr. Alphonse Spilly, Yvette Wigfall, and Bruce Wisowaty (5 years).

We thank all of them for their years of service to Calumet College of St. Joseph.

4th Annual CCSJ Bowling Challenge

Calumet College of St. Joseph students, alumni and friends are invited to participate in the Fourth Annual Bowling Challenge. An entry fee of \$30 per person provides for 3 games of exciting bowling, shoe rental, snacks, and prizes.

To reserve your place or for more information, please contact Alumni Director Herb Yekel at (219) 473-4227, hyekel@ccsj.edu or visit the Alumni Office, Room 622 to pick up an entry form.

Reservations are required by March 17, 2008

MATCHING GIFTS

You may be able to double the value of your gift to Calumet College of St. Joseph! Ask if your employer will match your donation. If so, complete the necessary form from them and be sure to return it to your employer. Please take the time and take advantage of this great opportunity.



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