

New President Named: Dr. Daniel Lowery



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Calumet College of St. Joseph is proud to announce Dr. Daniel Lowery will become the institution's sixth president.

Lowery, currently the college's vice president of academic affairs, will become president effective July 1, 2011, upon the retirement of longtime leader Dr. Dennis C. Rittenmeyer. The Board of Trustees elected Lowery during a called meeting on August 20, 2010. Subsequent to the vote by the college trustees, the Corporate Board, chaired by The Very Rev. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.P.P.S., Provincial Director of the Cincinnati Province of the Society of the Precious Blood which sponsors the college, ratified the action.

Lowery was the unanimous choice of the Trustees' executive committee, which acted as the planning committee with professional consultation by RPA, Inc., of Williamsport, Pa., one of the preeminent executive recruitment and consulting firms in higher education. "Calumet College is getting a dynamic and prepared leader," said Thomas Katsahnias, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Dan has already demonstrated the talents that we feel are necessary as a member of the college family. He has deep knowledge of the college and community, a clear vision for the future and outstanding ability to communicate clearly and concisely."

Lowery, 58, said he is "humbled and excited" by the opportunity to lead Calumet College of St. Joseph. "The college is well positioned right now," Lowery said. "We have outstanding undergraduate programs, growing graduate programs, an excellent student body, and faculty who are committed to serving our students' unique needs. It doesn't get any better than this in higher education."

Hemmelgarn said Lowery is a good fit for the college, and his dedication as a member of the college family will be helpful through the transition. "We appreciate his focus on social justice issues. It is important to us as a religious order to reach out to the underserved of society," Hemmelgarn said. "We take great pride in what Calumet College has been able to accomplish in the area of social justice, and we expect that will continue under Dan's leadership because he is dedicated to the mission of the college."

Rittenmeyer, 66, has served as Calumet College of St. Joseph's president since July 1987. He announced June 1 that he would retire at the end of June 2011. 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. Throughout his presidency, Rittenmeyer also has been an active leader in the Northwest Indiana community.

"I'm pleased with the sensitivity and the professionalism with which the Trustees approached the task of selecting a new president. Dan is a talented administrator and a very good academic," Rittenmeyer said of Lowery. "He is known widely throughout the community, and he is committed to the values of Calumet College of St. Joseph."

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Christmas – the word conjures up all kinds of images, memories and feelings: The sight of a beautifully lit tree with those special ornaments that are carefully unwrapped and hung in a place of honor; the sound of a choir raising their voices to heaven that transports you to another time and place; the smell of cookies baking that bring to mind Grandma's loving hands as she taught you to roll the dough.

As Calvin Coolidge once said, "Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plentiful in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

It is this spirit of Christmas, the spirit of giving and caring for one another, that Calumet College of St. Joseph seeks to demonstrate the entire year. Our family can be found assisting others by tutoring elementary school students, helping with literacy programs, mentoring in the Girls on the Run program, delivering meals, collecting diapers and toys, painting in New Orleans, delivering dental supplies to Guatemala, and the list goes on and on. Our family always seeks to help the bigger family that is mankind.

We are grateful for you, our alumni and friends, who also demonstrate this spirit of Christmas by participating in these programs and supporting the College and its mission. In these tough economic times, your support is so vital to our students and to the well-being of the College itself. Our capital campaign will be drawing to a close in 2011. The athletic facility has been built, but we still have things to accomplish. Every dollar brings us closer to our goal.

This coming year will be one of celebration. As a family we will celebrate Dr. Dennis Rittenmeyer and the 23 years that he has dedicated to CCSJ. We will celebrate Dr. Dan Lowery and the future of CCSJ. Remember that you, too, are a part of our future. Join us as we will celebrate the spirit of Christmas throughout 2011 and as we keep the Christmas state of mind by fulfilling our mission and enriching the Calumet Region and beyond one life at a time.

May the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your family and bring you God's peace and joy.

Jim

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“One of my challenges will be to build on and extend what Dennis has built here,” Lowery said. “Calumet College is well respected in the community, which is a tremendous asset for any school and is a tribute to Dennis and the Board of Trustees. We expect a great deal of continuity. Yet no institution can stand still, so I will have to fight new battles as they present themselves. The challenges will be different.”

Lowery's background

Lowery has more than 20 years of experience in higher education. He joined Calumet College of St. Joseph as faculty in the Management Department in 2005 and was promoted to vice president of Academic Affairs in 2006. In his current role, he also serves as academic dean, responsible for undergraduate and graduate programs.

Previously Lowery was a faculty member at Indiana University Northwest in Gary, where he also served as executive director for the Center for Sustainable Regional Vitality. In addition, he served as executive director of the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council from October 2000 to January 2007. His early career experience was with the Social Security Administration.

Lowery earned his Ph.D. in public administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University Northwest and a bachelor's degree in history and philosophy from Valparaiso University. He is studying for a master's degree in pastoral studies from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Lowery, a Chesterton native, and his wife, Barbara, live in Highland. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Community involvement

Katsahnias and Rittenmeyer noted that Lowery is well recognized for his involvement in the Northwest Indiana community, which will be an asset to the college. Lowery is the host of Lakeshore Focus, a weekly program on Lakeshore Public Television discussing local news and issues. Currently Lowery serves as president of the board of directors for the Lake Area United Way; vice chairman of the Catholic Charities board of advisors; immediate past chairman of the Campagna Academy board of directors; and advisory board member of Heartland Center. His many awards include recognition for work pertaining to families and children in Northwest Indiana; for work pertaining to racism; for excellence in teaching; and for contributions to the Northwest Indiana community.

Looking to the future

Rev. John Kalicky, C.P.P.S., pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting and a trustee of Calumet College of St. Joseph, said as a Catholic institution, Calumet College reaches out to the community it serves. The college is proud of its diverse student population and its ability to serve minority students in Northwest Indiana.

“I think that's of tremendous importance to this area and to the church, and Dan is deeply committed to continuing that service,” Kalicky said. “Dan will make a great president, and I look forward to serving with him.”

Lawrence Meyers, chairman-elect of the Board of Trustees, said the Trustees participating in the hiring process felt from the beginning that the right person for the job could come from within the college or the region.

“It is important for leadership to be familiar with our area and the uniqueness of Calumet College and the people we serve,” he noted.

For his part, Lowery said he will be pleased to be part of following through on projects that have already begun at Calumet College. “Calumet College has a very compelling mission to strengthen the academic rigor and the support structures that are in place. I'm in a good place to continue on that track and work with the faculty to develop what we view as an outstanding academic program tailored to the needs of our undergraduate students,” Lowery said.

Alumni News

- '06 **Lunette Woods-Lewis**, a graduate of the Healthcare Management Bachelors of Science program, recently received a job promotion as the Assistant Manager of Health Information Management at Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living. She has worked with Edgewater for four years, previously as the Quality Assurance Coordinator.
- '65 **Michael Mehan** of Castro Valley, California, bumped into fellow alumnus from the East Chicago campus, **Thomas Cowperthwait ('68)** in a chance encounter in a California parking lot. Mehan saw Cowperthwait's "Calumet College Alumni" license plate cover, and was able to strike up a conversation and reminisce about their East Chicago days.

In Memoriam

- '67 **Jean Boehme** of Bloomington passed away on November 3, 2010.

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.

Alumni Meet and Greet at Annual Gary RailCats Game

On August 20, 2010, 26 alumni, staff and friends of the College met at the RailCats stadium in Gary to enjoy some baseball as well as the fireworks display after the game. Sometimes the fireworks end up being a little more exciting than the outcome of the score, but this time the enthusiasm for both was dampened. The RailCats were losing to the Lake County Fielders when the rain started and eventually the game was called as well as the fireworks. As usual, meeting everyone and enjoying the food before the game was great. Plan on attending next year and keep your eyes on the Update--the date will be announced in future issues.





Swing, Stasil, swing!

Strong Start for Stasil

The Crimson Wave men's golf team got out to a great start this fall taking first place in the St. Joseph's College Invitational and fourth place at the St. Francis Invitational. Nick Stasil was named the St. Joseph's College Invite MVP, finishing in first place by shooting a two-day total of 150. T.J. Konvalinka finished tied in 5th with a 161, while Jacob Mendez finished tied in 7th with a 163. At the St. Francis Invitational Nick Stasil led the men with a 70, while Anthony Johnson and T.J. Konvalinka shot a 74 and 75. Steve Rankin shot a 78 and Jacob Mendez shot an 83. The men concluded their fall season with a 5th place finish at the Illinois Collegiate Championship and will look to build upon their strong start when the golf season kicks off again in the spring.

Sights Set High for Crimson Wave Bowlers

The Crimson Wave men's bowling team is on their way to improving upon their impressive second place finish at USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships last year. The team finished fifth overall at the Midwest Hammer Tournament and second at the Orange and Black Classic. The women's team took tenth at the Midwest Hammer and fifth at the Orange and Black. Sammy Krucek was named to the all-tournament team on the men's side at the Midwest Hammer Tournament finishing fifth overall as an individual while Alice Veenstra finished fourth earning herself all-tournament team honors as well.

Men's Cross Country Finish 4th at Forester Invitational

The Crimson Wave men collected the lowest team total in program history with 117 points at the Forester Invitational hosted by Lake Forest College. Ricardo Olmedo led the men running 26:50 finishing 17th. Phil Strader finished 21st (27:07) with Paul Goodman right behind in 22nd (27:08). Richard Gutierrez finished 31st (27:26) while Brian Bowman finished 60th (28:45). The men finished fourth overall with three runners in the top twenty-five.



On your mark, get set, GO!

Goralczyk Named to CCAC 2nd Team

Sophomore men's soccer player Andrew Goralczyk has been named CCAC 2nd team all-conference this season. Andrew played every minute of 18 regular season matches as a central defender with five of the eighteen games going to overtime. With this honor Goralczyk becomes the first men's soccer player in the team's short five-year history to earn an all-conference selection.

Wrestling Qualify Six for Nationals

Six Crimson Wave wrestlers became national qualifiers with strong performances at the Dan Harris Invitational hosted by Baker University and the Ben McMullen Open hosted by Muskegon Community College. At the Dan Harris Invitational senior Artie Grubba (197) and sophomore Derek Allen (149) earned their spots by finishing in second and third, with only one loss each. Freshmen Anthony Hawkins (125) went 5-2 to finish fourth and sophomore John Tyler (165) went 5-2 to finish fifth. Sophomore Eddie Castillo (285) also had a strong performance making it to the semifinals of the tourney but was forced to default due to injury. At the Dan Harris Invitational freshman Tony Lovejoy (133) went 4-0 and was named champion after an impressive pin in the finals of the tournament. Allen and Tyler each turned in second place finishes to improve on their already strong start to the season.

Viva Italia! Alumni Return from Italy



A view of Venice

On Thursday, October 14, those who had signed up for the trip to Italy gathered to meet one another and to discuss the trip's itinerary and important things to be aware of on the trip, like having your passport handy. The group was led by tour host Herb Yekel, Director of Alumni, Class of 1975. Father Jerry Stack provided valuable information from the time he spent in Italy.

Alumni, friends of the College and faculty returned from their Italy pilgrimage on November 6, 2010. The 11-day pilgrimage took them to Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. The CCSJ group consisted of 21 people, and were combined with a group with the Blessed Sacrament Church from Utah. Between both groups there were 36 people—just enough to fill the bus. The

group from Utah had as their leader Monsignor Bob, who arranged to have a private mass for everyone at the Basilica of St. Peter.

The only way to appreciate the whole tour is to experience it. Words cannot describe having a ride in a gondola and weaving in and out of canals in Venice, walking in the coliseum with its elaborate history of Christian deaths, and the private audience with the Pope. It was just too wonderful to explain. If you missed out on this year's trip—never fear! The Alumni Association is planning next year's trip, which will be announced in future issues of the Update.



When in Rome...

Another Trip to Italy Planned for 2011

Dr. Joe Kovach, Professor of Psychology at CCSJ, is going to Italy and will receive a special behind the scenes tour of the Vatican Museum. You might ask what that has to do with you. He will be taking a group from the college and community along with him.

Late in the summer of 2009 Dr. Joseph Kovach, Psychology Program Director, introduced the Patron of the Arts program and wheels began to turn about CCSJ and the Media and Fine Arts Club sponsoring restoration and preservation work of 10 Japanese colored Xylographs (XIX century) housed in the Missionary-Ethnological Museum of the Vatican.

He is happy to report the work continues. As sponsors of this three year project we have the availability of viewing the work in progress whenever we are in Rome. The college community, along with family and friends, are invited to join students and faculty in Italy March 3-13, 2011. The cost is \$2750 per person double occupancy.

The itinerary includes Venice, Florence and Rome, and the villages of Orvieto, Perugia, Assisi, and Padua.

A behind the scenes tour of Vatican Museums to view CCSJ's Xylographic restoration project is also being planned. The referenced web page will take you to the Vatican Museums Wishbook for further information on the xylographs: <http://www.vatican-patrons.org/pdfs/Ten%20Colored%20Xylographies.pdf>

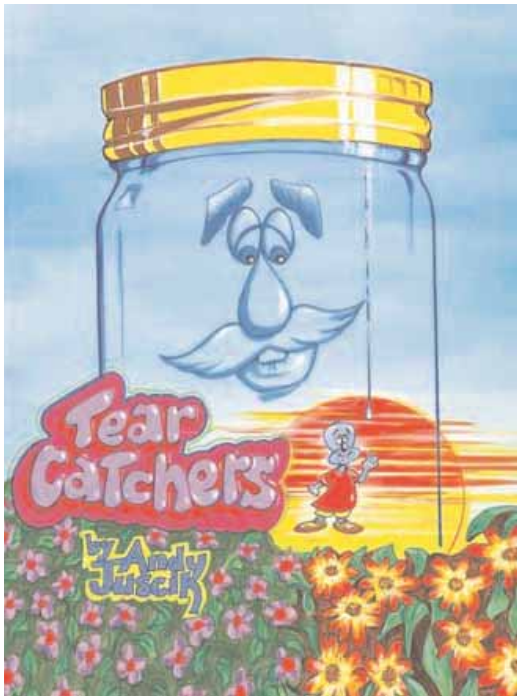
If you would like to join Dr. Kovach on this wonderful trip, or would like to make a donation to the project, please contact Dr. Joe Kovach at jkovach@ccsj.edu or 219-473-4261.

Calumet College Ranks #1 in Diversity

This past August, the U.S. News & World Report publically released its **2011 rankings of America's Best Colleges** on its web site (<http://www.usnews.com/>), and once again **Calumet College of St. Joseph is ranked #1 among Regional Universities in the Midwest in Racial Diversity**. We are tied in the position with Northeastern Illinois University. That says a lot, considering that Northeastern Illinois has nearly nine times the undergraduate students we have at Calumet College.

Calumet College of St. Joseph has a Basic Carnegie Classification as a Master's S for Master's Colleges and Universities for smaller programs. You can visit the Carnegie Classification web site <http://classifications.carnegiefoundation.org/> to do an institutional lookup for Calumet College.

Andy Juscik: Published Author



Buy your copy today for the little "Buggies" in your life! Christmas is right around the corner...

In 1998, there was no sort of sports program at Calumet College. In 1999, there was, and one of the instrumental players in the development of Calumet College's now highly successful athletics program was Andy Juscik. A man of all talents, Andy had been senior art director for Quaker Oats for decades, has taught art at Bishop Noll and was the athletic director at Calumet College when the program first began. Currently, he is the Director of Athletic Development at CCSJ, and he has added yet another distinction—published author of the illustrated children's story *Tear Catchers*.

In *Tear Catchers*, author and illustrator Andy Juscik reveals that we all have something special to share, and that it starts inside each of us. Emma's friend Johnny is crying, and she doesn't know what to do. Join Buggy, a delightful, positive thinking bug, and his group of magical characters as they help Emma and Johnny solve their problems and challenges in this delightful new children's book.

Tear Catchers is available for sale online through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Strategic Publishing Group. You may also purchase a copy through Calumet College's bookstore (219) 473-4395.

Watch Out!

There's a lot going on! Some items you might want to be aware of:

Good Shop: Did you know that a portion of your online holiday shopping could be donated to Calumet College? Check out www.goodshop.com to learn more!

St. Joseph Society: Call the Development Office to learn more about joining this prestigious new society (219) 473-4325.

Alumni Magazine: There will be a new publication just for alumni! Call Herb Yekel (219) 473-4227 to learn more.

"We Are Family" Gets Grant

For the fifth year in a row, Calumet College of St. Joseph's "We Are Family" Guatemala Project has received grant money from the Father Brunner Peace and Justice Fund. The \$4,500 grant will be put toward several projects within the Sangria De Cristo parish of Guatemala. A community center will be roofed in Los Valdós, which is one of 14 villages in the parish, said James Adduci, Vice President of Development of CCSJ.



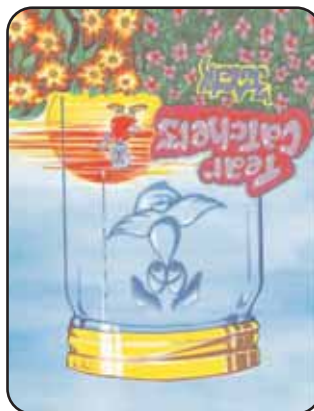
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