Welcome Back

The fall is an exciting time on campus as students return bringing with them their enthusiasm, spirit, and expectations. As always, the faculty and staff will do their best to meet the students’ diverse needs while continuing to manage the many other aspects of their positions, including keeping up with memos, emails, and voicemails. With so much information coming our way it is easy to miss notices about important dates and events on campus, which is why Academic Announcements was created. Distributed monthly, Academic Announcements brings together information related to many of the activities sponsored by Academic Affairs.

Our campus is a vibrant one, with cultural and athletic events and other academic presentations taking place throughout each semester. Many of these events are presented by units of Academic Affairs and include art exhibitions, concerts, theater productions, lectures and research presentations, which feature our faculty and students as well as renowned guests. Academic Announcements will bring you monthly updates on all of these events. One of the great benefits of working at SVSU is the access that you have to so many stimulating and entertaining presentations, and I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to attend as many of the campus events as you can.

Issues of Academic Announcements will also include information about the academic calendar, including important deadlines and notices about upcoming special events. The newsletter will also contain short articles from different Academic Affairs units, including the Library, Sponsored Programs, and Online Learning, along with announcements of professional development opportunities. If you know of important dates or events that should be shared with faculty and staff, please send the information to: rmc@svsu.edu. The deadline for submission is the first Friday of each month for publication in the next month’s issue.

I wish you all a productive and successful year, and look forward to seeing you at campus events.

Donald J. Bachand
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

First Year Student Experience – Teacher’s Resource Guide

The success of first year students continues to be in the university spotlight. Many factors contribute to student success or failure which faculty can influence. The literature addressing student success is abundant and spans several decades of research. Zahnow Library has access to a wealth of information on the topic of first year student success. Zahnow Library has access to a wealth of information on the topic of first year student success. To support faculty who teach first year students, Zahnow librarians created an online library guide containing resources focused on teaching first year students. The guide contains citations for print and online books and journal articles, as well as web resources from organizations such as the University of South Carolina’s National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.

In addition to the available resources, faculty may submit citations for inclusion in the guide by clicking on the “Submit” link at the bottom of the “Do you have a resource to add?” box on the Online Bibliography page. The bibliography includes citations for articles from well known researchers in the field of first year student experience, such as Vincent Tinto and Wilber McKeachie. As resources are submitted, Zahnow librarians will add them to the guide.
Other features of the guide include tabs to various resources and services. The “Search the Library” tab directly accesses the library’s catalog, as well as Educators Reference Complete, one of the library’s online education databases. The “Library Support” tab contains contact information for assistance with the guide or questions about conducting research. Faculty can also take advantage of the Chat/Text/Email library service from the “Chat” or “Library Support” tabs.

Visit the First Year Student Experience –Teacher’s Resource Guide at http://librarysubjectguides.svsu.edu/fystrg. Comments regarding the guide are welcome and can be submitted using the “Comments” tab on the guide.

Announcements

New Staff Member in Academic Affairs

Clifford Dorne, who has been serving as the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, has returned to the division of Academic Affairs as the Associate Vice President for Institutional Research. Cliff will be working with the staff of Institutional Research to improve the flow of data that is needed by several units on campus for required state and national reports.

New Zahnow Library Mobile Services Available

Zahnow Library is introducing new mobile services for quick access to resources and assistance. Click on the “Zahnow Mobile” icon on the library homepage when using your smart phone, iPad or other mobile device for mobile-friendly access to the library’s website and databases. Users can also text librarians to 989-292-3902 (normal texting rates apply) with research and information questions. Look for QR codes on library flyers across campus for helpful library information such as library hours or events.

For assistance with the “Zahnow Mobile” pages and other mobile services, contact the Reference Desk (1st floor) by phone (989) 964-4242, or chat/text/email a librarian from the CHAT icon on the library homepage.

Dow Visiting Scholar: Ambassador John Limbert

On Thursday, September 27 our first Dow Visiting Scholar, Ambassador John Limbert will give a presentation entitled “America and Iran: Endless Enemies?” at 7:00 p.m. in Curtiss Hall. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Zahnow Library Catalogs, Databases Unavailable: Wednesday, September 26

On Wednesday, September 26, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. the Classic Catalog (CARD CAT) and Encore will not be available to access Zahnow Library’s book collections. During this time users are encouraged to access the library’s collections through MeLCat (Michigan Electronic Library Catalog – http://elibrary.mel.org/search). Also during this time, the library’s databases will be unavailable so users are encouraged to use MeL databases (http://mel.org) which requires a valid State of Michigan ID or driver’s license number.

For assistance with MeLCat or the MeL databases contact the Reference desk (1st floor) by phone, (989)964-4242 or chat/text/email a librarian from the CHAT icon on the library homepage. Thank you for your patience during our migration to a new server!
### Online/Hybrid Faculty Training Course

The next online/hybrid faculty training course will take place from Sept. 10-Nov. 17. The 10 week course will be offered by Dr. Poonam Kumar, Professor of Educational Technology and Development. This course is designed for any faculty member wishing to develop and teach courses in either online or hybrid formats. For information, or to register for the course, contact Poonam Kumar at pkumar@svsu.edu, or (989) 964-4189.

### Ruth and Ted Braun Fellowship Application Available

The Saginaw Community Foundation annual Ruth and Ted Braun Fellowship application is available. Awards are made to two faculty/staff for three-year appointments starting January 1st following the award announcement. Each fellow will receive supporting grants totaling $37,500 ($12,500 per year) during the three year term to recognize and further their scholarly or professional activities. Braun Fellows will be expected to produce a body of professional or academic work for publication or presentation during or at the conclusion of the Fellowship term.

Eligibility: Full time faculty and staff of the University may apply for the award.

Announcements: Program announcements were made available end of April. Award announcements are expected to be made by the Foundation by the end of October yearly.

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:
- Significant record of publication or other scholarly or professional accomplishments
- Evidence of continued and sustained achievement in teaching and service to students
- Evidence of potential for future scholarly or professional growth
- Quality of ideas and likelihood of successful completion of the project proposed for fellowship support
- Potential benefits to SVSU from the proposed project
- Clarity of the proposal

Funding: Funds may be used for research expenses, equipment, travel, staff support, release from regular duties, undergraduate and graduate student support, collaboration with faculty from other institutions, and other related support. Expenditures will be consistent with the applicant’s Fellowship application and proposal and subject to approval by the University.

Application Due Date: The deadline to apply to the Fellowship Program is **September 15** (or the next business day). Submit one electronic copy to Sponsored Programs who will assist you in making the copies and on-time delivery to the Foundation.

The applications are available at www.svsu.edu.sponsoredprograms

On the **left** side of the webpage, **click** on **Internal grants**. Then, please **scroll** down to the **Braun application links**.

### Sabbatical Applications: Due Monday, September 10

Sabbatical applications are available at www.svsu.edu.sponsoredprograms and must be submitted by Monday, September 10. To access the applications, please visit the website. On the **left** side of the page, **click** on **Internal grants**.

Be sure to review the faculty contract, available at http://www.svsu.edu/hr/contracts, for details. Please include all necessary materials, including: memo, cover page, summary/abstract, guidelines and final report cover sheet.

### Center for Academic Achievement

The Center for Academic Achievement, which combines tutoring in Biology, Chemistry, Communication, Economics, History, Math, Political Science, Physics, Psychology and Sociology will be open the first day of classes. An open house will be held toward the end of September.
Events & Schedules

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Visual Arts

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum


Joseph Antenucci Becherer was the juror for this year’s biennial. He is the founding Director and Curator of the Sculpture Program at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He currently serves as Chief Curator and Vice President of Sculpture and Horticulture, Collections and Exhibitions. In addition he is the Lena Meijer Professor in the History of Art at Aquinas College teaching courses in Renaissance, Baroque, Modern, and Contemporary art. Becherer’s undergraduate and Master’s work were at Ohio University where he wrote a thesis on Georges Rouault; he continued with the doctoral program at Indiana University, working under Bruce Cole who advised his dissertation on Pietro Perugino and American collecting. Becherer has authored numerous books, catalogues and articles, and curated many exhibitions.

The prospectus announced that the exhibition was open to all living artists working in sculpture and residing within 200 miles of Saginaw, Michigan, and that the work must be entirely original and completed within the last 5 years. The juror awarded four Merit Awards and three honorable mentions at the June 9th reception.

University Gallery

The University Gallery will be hosting the exhibit "Matthew Zivich: Recent Works ‘War and Peace’” from August 27 through September 19. The exhibit features drawings and paintings recently completed in the “Americana” series. The Gallery will host an artist’s reception on Thursday, September 13, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. All artist’s receptions are free and open to the public. For more information on this exhibit, and open gallery hours visit the gallery webpage, www.svsu.edu/artgallery, or call (989) 964-4159.

Performing Arts

Visiting Artist

Zach Shemon, Saxophone;
Saturday, September 8, 7:30 p.m.
Founders Hall•No admission charge

Rhea Miller Concert Series

Kazimierz Brzozowski, Piano;
Saturday, September 22, 7:30 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall•No admission charge

Faculty Recital

Brad DeRoche, Guitar;
Thursday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall•No admission charge

Seminars, Workshops, Etc...

New Faculty Lunches

*What I Wish I Knew My First Year at SVSU* will take place in the Emeriti Room of Curtiss Hall on Friday, September 14, from noon-1:30 p.m. Contact Marc Peretz at x4296 for more information.

*Perspectives on Exemplary Teaching* will take place in the Emeriti Room of Curtiss Hall on Friday, October 12, from noon-1:30 p.m. Contact Marc Peretz at x4296 for more information.

Teaching Tables

*Re-Thinking Mentoring* will take place in the Emeriti Room of Curtiss Hall on Friday, October 2, from noon-1:30 p.m. Contact Marc Peretz at x4296 for more information.