

## Retired bank president joins College of Business & Management as executive-in-residence

SVSU has hired retired bank president Dom Monastiere as a half-time executive-in-residence in the College of Business & Management. He will share his expertise acquired during the course of his 46-year banking career, more than half of which he spent as a bank president.

Monastiere served as president and CEO of Chemical Bank-Bay Area from 1987 to 2007. He then served as an executive vice president and chief risk management officer at Chemical Bank's headquarters in Midland for six years. Monastiere also served as president and CEO of Michigan National Bank-Midland from 1983 to 1987. Prior to that, he also worked for Michigan National Corporation and National Bank of Detroit.

Beyond banking, Monastiere is heavily involved in the Great Lakes Bay Region. He currently



**Dom Monastiere**

serves as board president for the Kantzler Foundation and Russell and Maxine Smith Foundation; he also serves on the boards of the Bay Area Community Foundation, the Michigan Baseball Foundation, and the SVSU Foundation, among others.

For his work to improve the business community, Monastiere

was inducted into the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame in 2004. His honors for community service include receiving the Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2008, and the Distinguished Service Award from the United

Way of Bay County in 2010.

A graduate of the Prochnow Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Monastiere also completed a bachelor's degree from Lawrence Technological University.

A resident of Bay City, Monastiere begins his new duties at SVSU in August.

## Byam earns college racing adviser award

The professor who started SVSU's Cardinal Formula Racing program, and has led the student-run team to four top-20 finishes since 2002, has been honored by his leading peers. Brooks Byam, professor of mechanical engineering and adviser to SVSU's formula racing team, received the 2013 Carroll Smith Mentor's Cup during the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers Collegiate Design Series at Michigan International Speedway May 11.

The award has been given to one faculty mentor each year since 1999. It was established to honor the legendary hot-rodder Carroll Smith, who died in 2003, and who was a firm believer in motorsports and in the Society of Automotive Engineers collegiate programs. Each year's winner is selected by past recipients of the award.

Over the course of a year, members of SVSU's Cardinal Formula Racing team designs and builds an Indy-style race car to be judged according to a 99-page rule book in categories such as acceleration, endurance and fuel economy, as well as non-racing events such as cost, presentation and marketing. The 2013 team placed second in the world in acceleration en route to a 51st place finish out of the top



**Brooks Byam**

120 international college racing programs.

SVSU has developed a strong tradition in FSAE competition with four top-20 finishes, placing sixth in 2002, eighth in 2005, 14th in 2008 and 18th in 2010. Several past team members have continued to engineering careers in NASCAR and other racing series, as well as leading automotive manufacturers.

To be considered for the award, a faculty adviser must be involved in the U.S. Formula Society of Automotive Engineers competition. The key element to the selection each year is that the mentors will have given much of their personal time and expertise to help the students become professional engineers.



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# Jay Scott

## Assistant Professor of Biology

Jay Scott never expected to be at SVSU. The first time. As a high school baseball player in Ontario, he heard from a number of American colleges and universities in the south, but none came forward with a scholarship offer. Eventually, Scott matriculated to SVSU and played center field on the 2001 GLIAC championship team.

“Those are fond memories,” he said.

After graduating, Scott completed a Ph.D. at Queens University in his native Canada and then finished postdoctoral fellowships at the University of New Mexico and the University of Iowa. He hoped his career would bring him back to SVSU.

“From the moment I left, I knew I wanted to come back. I loved it here. I worked in the department as a student lab tech. I developed friendships with faculty that I’ve kept through the years.”

Scott’s expertise and experience with microscopes made him particularly desirable. His areas of scholarly interest are cardiovascular physiology and disease, and toxicology; he continues to do research in those fields, but life as full-time researcher convinced him that he desired something different.

“Going back into teaching was my ultimate goal,” he said. “I knew that having that connection with students was something that I wanted as a career. This place gives me that and gives me the opportunity for research, as well. This is the place where I could have

the most impact. It’s kind of a perfect fit.”

Scott does not employ a one-size-fits-all approach to his classes. In a human biology course for non-majors, he tailored course material to students’ interests.

“My approach was to make it about them. Instead of getting bogged down in the complexity of the body, I gave them a questionnaire and asked if there were particular systems of the body or a disease that was important to them. I built the course around them.”

Scott says his SVSU pedigree also has helped him relate to students.

“I was in their shoes,” he said. “I think that resonates with the students. I tell them, ‘I know how to get into any school you would like for grad school or medical school.’”

Outside of teaching, Scott serves on the honors committee and is developing collaborations with the University of New Mexico to provide additional research opportunities for students.

Reflecting upon his first year on the faculty, Scott considers himself quite fortunate.

“It was an intense first year. I’ve had very little sleep and been very busy; but this whole year, I’ve been pinching myself a little bit. I got the job I wanted, and I don’t think there’s a lot of people who can say that.”



# Jeff Losee

Groundskeeper • May 2013

Jeff Losee's job in SVSU's Campus Facilities department changes with the seasons. As a groundskeeper, he spends much of his spring tending the area near Living Center Southwest.

"Right now a lot of my time is spent on lawn maintenance and landscaping," he said. "I'm keeping up on the mowing, keeping beds weed-free, trimming the shrubs, mulching. It's the same old tried and true things."

During the winter months, Losee is part of the crew that arrives at 5 a.m. to plow snow in the parking lots and on walkways.

"You get butterflies in the stomach, especially early in the year," he said. "You worry if the equipment is up to snuff, especially if it's a big one coming. Once you get here and get going, though, everything normally is fine."

Just driving to campus during a blizzard can be a challenge. "Sometimes that's the most stressful part of the morning," Losee said, recalling one particularly harrowing commute where he never drove faster than 10 mph. "I couldn't see any houses on the side of the road. It was bad. But we all made it here."

Each parking lot takes one to three hours to clear, depending on its size and the amount of snow. Losee asks those who arrive before lots have been cleared to cooperate with snow removal crews.

"What would really help us is when somebody does get here early,

and they're not sure where to park and they don't want to get in the way, just pull up and ask us."

Losee spends the majority of his time overseeing SVSU's fleet of 25 vehicles used by SVSU groundskeeping and maintenance staff, and an additional 21 passenger vehicles that are made available to faculty and staff.

"During the school year, I'm hopping. On a Monday, we can have 15 to 17 cars that need to be washed and gassed up. But there's a lot more to managing motor pool than most people realize," Losee said. "It also involves maintenance and auto body work that needs to be done. It sounds intimidating to think about."

"Don't ask me if I check the oil in my own car," Losee laughed. "There's no time for that."

That's because Losee also is a busy parent to his sons Luke, 13, and Eli, 11. "I've got to coach everything," he said. "That takes the majority of my time."

Losee enjoys coaching baseball the most; he also finds time to watch the Detroit Tigers on television and attend Great Lakes Loons games.

Losee has worked at SVSU for 12 years.

"I like having my own thing to take care of. It's the best job I've ever had."





SVSU student-athletes volunteered May 18 to lead activities as part of **Play 60**, an event hosted by the United Way of Bay County. SVSU kinesiology professors and students shared their expertise to design fun activities, including football, soccer and cheerleading, for the approximately 100 participating kindergarten through fifth grade children. Play 60 is a campaign by the National Football League and United Way that encourages kids to be active for at least 60 minutes a day in order to help reverse the trend of childhood obesity.

## Professional Profile

- **Joseph Affholter**, Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Entrepreneur-in-Residence, was awarded a U.S. patent for “Evolution of Whole Cells and Organisms by Recursive Sequence Recombination,” which covers a foundational genome fragmentation and reassembly technology used to improve organisms for use in fermentation, bioenergy, chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturing processes. The work was conducted by a research team that Affholter managed.
- **Stephanie Brouet**, assistant professor of chemistry, had a manuscript titled “Metal-mediated Reactions of Aryl Isocyanates with Dimethoxycarbene to form Isatin Derivatives” recently published in *Tetrahedron Letters*.
- **Phyllis Hastings**, professor of English, cochaired a workshop titled “Making Lives Behind Bars Visible: Prison Writing and Agendas for Action” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in March. At the workshop, Hastings presented “Education Inside and In Sync: A Tactical Approach to College–Prison Connections.” In addition, Hastings presented papers at two conferences sponsored by Interdisciplinary.Net in Prague, Czech Republic. The first was at Experiencing Prison, where she presented “Be(com)ing Human in a Hostile World: A Literary Experience for Prison Inmates,” based on her teaching at the Saginaw Correctional Facility; and, at the 4th Global Conference on Storytelling, she presented “Making Meaning of Stories: Guiding College Students’ Encounters with ‘The Big Shaggy,’” which was concerning general education literature classes.
- **George M. Puia**, associate dean for faculty research & external relations/Dow Chemical Company Centennial Chair in Global Business, had an article titled “The Influence of Lifestyle Advantages on Inbound Foreign Direct Investment: An Exploration and Research Agenda” published in CEPREA’s *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. The paper, which was co-authored with SVSU alumna Natalie Pretzer-Lin, will be one of six papers presented July 11 to a joint meeting of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia and members of the Armenian National Assembly.

## New Cardinals

- **Craig Aimar**, assistant vice president for enrollment management/director of retention, announced the birth of a son, Griffin Stefano Aimar (7 lbs., 12 oz., 20 in.), April 25.
- **Emily Kelley**, assistant professor of art, announced the birth of a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth Kelley (6 lbs., 5 oz.), May 11.
- **Kaustav Misra**, assistant professor of economics, announced the birth of a daughter, Arnaa Misra, May 14.

## Condolences

- To **John Baesler** and **Jennifer Stinson**, assistant professors of history, on the loss of Wolfgang Baesler (John’s father and Jennifer’s father-in-law), April 9.
- To **Robert Maurovich**, executive-in-residence, whose mother-in-law, Marguerite Warner, passed away May 5.
- To **Kristen Willert**, assistant director in the conference & events center, whose father-in-law, James E. Willert, passed away May 11.

## Briefly Speaking

- Effective immediately, three academic departments in the College of Business & Management have merged into a new department titled “Accounting, Law & Finance.” Mark McCartney, professor of accounting, is the chair.

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