St. Cloud Students Visit Duluth

The group of visitors from St. Cloud pose for a photo with the sisters with whom they shared stories and a snack.

On Saturday, April 24th, a group of students, family, and friends from the St. Cloud Campus took a "road trip" to visit the main campus of St. Scholastica in Duluth. The group started the day by attending a session on Job Search Hints and Tips presented by Mary Anderson from Career Services. Lunch in the Greenview Dining Room and a campus tour followed. The group also spent time with Sr. Mary, touring the monastery and learning more about the College's Benedictine heritage and history. One of the day's highlights was a snack and conversation with some of the sisters currently residing at the monastery. After the planned agenda, students and their guests were able to take advantage of some of the sightseeing opportunities in and around Duluth.
Summer Office Hours

St. Cloud Campus
Summer Office Hours
(June through August)
are as follows:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 6:00

Friday
9:00 - 1:00

Summer Holidays

Monday, July 5th - Independence Day
Observed
(no classes, office closed)

Have a GREAT Summer!

St. Cloud Campus Goes Green

The St. Cloud Campus celebrated Earth Day this year with the arrival of new recycling bins in the classrooms. The new bins are for recycling beverage containers such as pop cans, plastic water, soda, or juice bottles, and glass beverage bottles. Items to be recycled will be picked up by WACOSA for processing.

Thanks for your help in protecting the planet and being good stewards of our resources.

Biology Class Tours Power Plant

In April, instructor Robert Palmer's Spring Term II section of BIO 1103: Current Environmental Topics took a field trip to the Sherco Power Plant in Becker. The trip aligned with the course's focus on the discussion of environmental problems that have developed through human impact on nature and how individual choices affect the Earth's environment and resources.
Fast Facts about the Sherco Plant:

- The plant burns 30,000 tons of coal every day (three trainloads).
- Sherco's boilers are more than 200 feet tall - taller than the dome of the Minnesota State Capitol building.
- Sherco has generated more than 377 million megawatt-hours of electricity its 30-year history. That's enough electricity to power a single average home for 45 million years and the entire community of Becker for some 34,000 years. (Source: Xcel Energy)

Read more about the plant here.

St. Scholastica Participates in Play It Forward Instrument Drive

This spring, The College of St. Scholastica was a proud sponsor of Play it Forward, a program that provides musical instruments to K-12 students who otherwise would not be able to afford them. Each St. Scholastica campus site served as a drop off location for new and used musical instruments. The Play it Forward program was also sponsored by Classical Minnesota Public Radio and the Minnesota Music Educators Association.

Several musical performances were held in conjunction with the drive. These included a concert in St. Cloud and a live Classical Minnesota Public Radio broadcast in Duluth.

To read more about the stories behind the donated instruments or to find out how you can still donate an instrument to a school in your area, visit the Minnesota Public Radio website.
President Goodwin Visits St. Cloud

On May 17th, Dr. Goodwin visited with students, faculty, and staff before the start of classes.

The focus of Dr. Goodwin’s visit was to offer the opportunity to discuss and share ideas related to the “Reason with a Heart” address he offered to the College for consideration this academic year. Video and text of the address are available online.

Thanks to all those who attended.

Service Projects

Service Projects Recognize Feast of St. Benedict

Food Drive

In recognition of the Feast of St. Benedict (March 21st), the St. Cloud Campus participated in a drive for area food shelves. Students, faculty, and staff collected a box of food along with a total of $60 that was donated to Catholic Charities Emergency Services.

At the same time, members of the Duluth campus also collected funds to help the hungry. Money collected in Duluth was distributed to the CSS Food Shelf, Damiano Soup Kitchen, and the CSS Extended Campus sites for their local food shelves.

Thanks to all who donated!

Cards of EnCOURAGEment Event

Also in March, the St. Cloud Campus participated in an event hosted by the United Way of Central Minnesota to help create cards for deployed service members. The event was held at the St. Cloud Public Library.
St. Scholastica Hosts Local Alumni Event

On April 15th, alumni from the many campuses and programs of the College of St. Scholastica gathered at Café Renaissance in Waite Park for an Alumni Networking Social. David Kuefler, principle of Granite City Real Estate and member of the St. Scholastica Board of Trustees, shared an update with the group on the Science Initiative and planned expansion of the Science Center on campus in Duluth. The event was sponsored by The College of St. Scholastica Alumni Association.

Technology Tidbits

Coming Soon: Improved Wireless Internet Access

If you've ever brought your laptop to campus, you know that a staff member needs to set up access to the wireless Internet by entering a network key. This process gets repeated each time students or faculty get a new computer or their settings are changed.

Later this summer, the College will debut a new way to go wireless. Students and faculty will be able to access the St. Cloud Campus wireless network by logging in using the same username and password used to access St. Scholastica email accounts. No more waiting in line to have a code entered into your computer.

Stay tuned for more details on this exciting change!
Whether you've used Blackboard/WebCT to look up a syllabus for a course that meets in person or you log in regularly to participate in online classes, you may have noticed some changes to the site.

In February 2006, WebCT was acquired by rival Blackboard Inc. As part of the acquisition with Blackboard, the WebCT name is being phased out in favor of the Blackboard brand. (ref)

During the Summer of 2009, The College of St. Scholastica upgraded its Learning Management System (LMS) to include the Blackboard system alongside the WebCT system. Currently, many of Blackboard's features are available for use and even more features will be coming this summer and fall. A migration plan is in place to move all courses to the Blackboard platform so that eventually, WebCT functionality will no longer be used.

What does this mean for students?

As courses are developed in new Blackboard course sites, you'll notice a few changes to the course format and menu options. It will also be easier for instructors to share multimedia content with you within their courses i.e. YouTube videos, and instructors will be able to provide new ways for you to collaborate with fellow students.

Eventually, the link you use to log in to Blackboard will change as well, so be on the lookout for further announcements in your St. Scholastica email.

The St. Scholastica community is looking forward to the new opportunities offered by Blackboard to enhance your student experience.
The Link
This section is dedicated to items that link the St. Cloud campus to all of the other CSS campuses. People, services, places and events that are unique to each campus, and information common to all campuses will be featured here.

FAFSA Season is Here

It's that time of year again.

Now that tax season is over, please remember that you need to file a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each school year. If you filled out the 2009-2010 FAFSA, it will only help through Summer II Term 2010.

You'll need to complete the 2010-2011 FAFSA to cover Fall Term I and beyond. Use the online FAFSA form (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and the St. Scholastica school code: 002343. You also need to have a PIN number so that you may electronically sign your application. If you completed your FAFSA previously, you should have a PIN. If you can not find your PIN, go to the web site to request a new one. This takes a bit of time, so plan ahead.

Pay Your Tuition by Check - Online!

Did you know that College offers a way to pay your tuition online via an electronic check? The College accepts electronic check (ACH) payments online through Banner Web at no cost to students.

To make a payment, log on to your Banner Web account, select "Student Services and Financial Aid", click on "Student Account" then choose "Pay Online." Students have the capability to allow access to an authorized user to make payments to a student's account as well.

For additional information on this payment option, visit the Business Office website.
**Upcoming Events**

**St. Cloud Campus Prospective Student Information Session**

- **WHEN:** Thursday, June 8, 2010, 4:00-7:00 PM  
- **WHERE:** St. Cloud Campus  
- **WHAT:** An open house for prospective undergraduate and graduate students featuring information about the programs offered through the St. Cloud Campus  
- **WHO:** If you know anyone who might be interested in furthering their education with The College of St. Scholastica, please encourage them to attend or have them contact Katie Wayne (kwayne@css.edu) to make an individual appointment to visit the campus.

Don’t forget - **Current students that refer a friend who enrolls in classes at the St. Cloud Campus will receive a free St. Scholastica sweatshirt!**

**Web Registration for Fall Semester 2010 Opens**

- **WHEN:** Sunday, July 25, 2010  
- **WHERE:** Online via Banner Web  
- **WHAT:** Web registration for Fall 2010 Semester Courses. Watch your email for additional details.

**St. Scholastica Night at the River Bats**

- **WHEN:** Thursday, July 29th, First Pitch 7:05  
- **WHERE:** Joe Faber Field  
- **WHAT:** An evening of baseball, networking, food, and family fun!  
- **WHO:** Current students, alumni, faculty, and guests  
- **COST:** Students, faculty, and alumni - FREE, Family and guests - $12 per ticket  
  (Tickets must be picked up at the St. Cloud Campus in advance)

For more information, please contact Jennifer Jones (jjones2@css.edu).