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ACADEMICS

Fall Convocation to mark student-focused direction in two weeks

The focus will be immediately put on students when the university celebrates the start of the 2002-2003 school year Monday-Friday, Aug. 26-30.

Complete schedules have been mailed to the individuals involved, but some of the highlights will include:

Monday, Aug. 26

New faculty will participate in orientation, meet with their deans, and enjoy lunch hosted by President Saigo.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

All faculty and staff are invited to a complimentary continental breakfast at 8 a.m., the fall semester opening program at 9 a.m., and a reception for everyone to meet the university's new provost at 10 a.m. The events will be in Ritsche Auditorium and lobby in Stewart Hall.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

All faculty and staff are invited for complimentary coffee at 8 a.m. followed by a Keynote Address on International Education at 9 a.m. in Ritsche Auditorium. Guest speaker is Minnesota State Senator Mee Moua. She is the first Hmong member of the state legislature.

Faculty/Staff Service Awards will be made in the Atwood Ballroom at 3 p.m.

The President's Reception for staff, faculty, emeriti, retirees and guests will be held from 4-5:30 p.m., also in the Atwood Ballroom.

The Center for International Studies' first-ever entry in the Wheels, Wings and Water Festival parade carried the flags of all 84 countries represented at SCSU. The red, white and blue float "celebrating America" pointed out that the CIS "brings the world to St. Cloud." The 40 students who participated in the effort were thrilled to learn that their entry won the Grand Marshal's Trophy.



SCSU professors win Center for Teaching & Learning workshop grants

Mohammad Mahroof-Tahir, Lakshmaiah Sreerama, James Sherohman and James Wilmesmeier have been awarded MnSCU Center for Teaching & Learning Discipline Workshop grants. Their grants comprise three of the seven awards of this type made to MnSCU schools for fall 2002.

The workshops are day-long events designed to provide a time and a place for faculty to engage in discipline-specific – or focused interdisciplinary – conversations about teaching and learning issues. Faculty also often use the venues as an opportunity to discuss curriculum development and transfer issues with colleagues throughout the MnSCU system.

Professors Mahroof-Tahir and Sreerama are planning a workshop for chemistry faculty titled "Developments in Teaching/Learning Methods in General Chemistry." It will be held at SCSU Oct. 25-26.

SCSU is also the site of the sociology workshop, "Teaching Students to Use Sociology," being planned by Professor Sherohman. That workshop will be held Oct. 2-3 and will precede the Sociologists of Minnesota conference he is organizing. A CTL Faculty Small Grant is supporting a project of Sherohman's in which sociology majors will learn applied sociology by helping to organize the latter conference.

Professor Wilmesmeier is coordinating a workshop for developmental education faculty titled "Challenges for Developmental Education in the 21st Century: Meaningful Instruction, Authentic Assessment and Accountability." It is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Developmental Education and will be held Sept. 27 at the Science Museum in St. Paul.

Environment majors win honors

Three Environmental & Technological Studies majors were recognized at the end of spring semester for their leadership throughout the college experience. Ray Larson Leadership Awards went to Jan Keleny and Ben Ruley. Charles Byers received the Brian Wochnick Leadership Award.

Reminders

Jazz clarinet player Wendell Harrison will perform at the Atwood Theatre from 12-3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. Rain site is the Atwood Quarry.

Author/poet Li-Young Lee will present his work in the Atwood Theatre at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Stained glass by Michael Carlson will be exhibited in the Atwood Ballroom display cases Sept. 1 to Oct. 28.

A farewell closing reception for the Joe Aiken art exhibit will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, in the Atwood Gallery.

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