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Pugliese named vice provost for student life

Dr. Stephen Pugliese has been named vice provost for student life, ending a 10-month search. He begins his new job June 1.

Currently the vice president for student affairs at Immaculata University near Philadelphia, Pugliese also served for three years as dean of students and three years as director of student activities and leadership development at Marywood University in Scranton, Pa., as well as director of housing and residence life at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. All three are Catholic colleges.

"St. Bonaventure's commitment to the student experience, both inside and outside the classroom, really attracted me," said Pugliese, a 1988 graduate of Kutztown (Pa.) University. He earned his master's degree at Villanova University and his doctorate in human development and higher education administration from Marywood in 2006.

Pugliese has been warmed by the welcome he's received, both during the interview process and since he's been hired.

"The community atmosphere while I was on campus, and in my interactions since accepting the position, has been terrific," he said.

Pugliese was instrumental in helping Immaculata move from an all-women's college to a co-ed institution in 2005.

"Working on transitional issues for Immaculata has made me a better prepared administrator in creating processes and working with assessment of programs to strengthen the student experience," he said.

Pugliese will report to Dr. Michael Fischer, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"Steve brings with him a broad range of experience as a student life professional," said Fischer. "That experience will only enhance our already deeply committed and talented student life staff."

Dr. Fischer lauded the year-long efforts of Dr. Roger Keener, who served as interim vice president for student life since June 1, 2007.

"We're indebted to Roger for his willingness to serve, and serve so admirably," Fischer said. "His ability to tackle such a major role while maintaining his leadership at The Counseling Center was of tremendous service to the University and particularly to our students."

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Nikolaou chosen as student speaker for Commencement 2008

St. Bonaventure University senior Stephanie Nikolaou of Rochester will address her classmates and guests as the 2008 student speaker during the University's 148th Commencement Exercises May 11.

She said her address will offer insight to her classmates "on how we can all make use of the values of St. Bonaventure in a contemporary world."

The speech, she said, "is not a compass, map, or how-to, but a reminder to discover, to foster relationships in our communities and to never overlook our individual worth. The commentary is not a reflection of on my own achievements as an undergraduate but is motivation for a class that has already excelled at so much."

Nikolaou is pursuing a major in journalism/mass communication and a minor in theater at St. Bonaventure.

Active in the campus theater program, Nikolaou regularly appeared in SBU Theater productions and is a member of Alpha Psi Omega (National Theater Fraternity). During her senior year, she created and produced a documentary celebrating the history of theater at the University.

Nikolaou has served in leadership positions with a number of campus organizations, including Student Government Association vice president for public relations, co-director of public relations and managing editor of the music magazine "The Buzzworthy," a disc jockey at 88.3 The Buzz, coordinator of the Orientation Team, anchor for SBU-TV, a member of the American Advertising Federation chapter, and a member of the SBU Dance Team.

She also served as the student representative to a number of University committees, including membership on the Board of Trustees Marketing Committee, BonAlumnus Editorial Board, and Vice Provost for Student Life Search Committee.

Following graduation, Nikolaou will pursue a master's degree in theatre education at Emerson College in Boston.

Commencement Exercises will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11, in the Reilly Center Arena.

(Nikolaou, daughter of Jeanne and Mark Harrington, is a graduate of Aquinas Institute).

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News from the Environmental Health and Safety Committee

The Environmental Health and Safety Committee has reviewed and revised several plans in the University's Environmental Compliance Program, as well as an Exposure Control Plan.

The following plans were approved during the committee's April 9 meeting and are available online (through my.sbu) to the campus community:

- Wastewater and Stormwater Management Plan
- Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- Universal Waste Management Plan
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Management Plan
- Underground Storage Tank Plan

Spill Response Plan

- Used Oil Management Plan
- Exposure Control Plan

To read the plans, go to http://my.sbu.edu/environmental and click on the Environmental Health and Safety Program button. Links to the newly-revised plans appear under the "Training and Education" and "Environmental Compliance Program" headings.

Please note: you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader to access the plans.

The Environmental Health and Safety Committee, established in 2003 as a standing committee of the University, is co-chaired by Romy Knittel, environmental compliance officer and lecturer in biology, and Philip Winger, associate vice president for facilities.

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Newsmakers

A packed audience welcomed Dr. Phillip Strain, professor of educational psychology in early childhood at the University of Colorado at Denver, during his April 24 workshop on campus. Strain's workshop, "Quality Inclusion for Young Children with Autism, was held in the Rigas Family Theater, and involved students, faculty, community professionals and parents. Strain is

pictured with Dr. Barbara Trolley, associate professor in counselor education, who organized the program. For background on Strain and the workshop, click here.

Anouar El Younssi and Fr. Michael Calabria, O.F.M., lecturer in modern languages, spoke to students and faculty at Houghton College about Arab and Islamic culture on April 24, 2008.

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, Dr. John Mulryan, Board of Trustees Professor of English, delivered a paper at the John Gardner conference, which met in Batavia, Gardner's birthplace. The paper was titled "How to Do It: Writing, Teaching, and Conversing in Joyce Carol Oates and John Gardner." Jessica Marsh and Katie Simon, graduate students in English at St. Bonaventure, also attended the conference.

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