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The Franciscan Institute Presents the Sixth Annual Ignatius Brady, O.F.M. Memorial Endowment Lecture

The Franciscan Institute invites the St. Bonaventure University community to attend the Sixth Annual Ignatius Brady, O.F.M., Memorial Endowment Lecture at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the University Chapel.

Dr. Beverly Mayne Kienzle will be this year's guest lecturer. Kienzle is a professor at Harvard Divinity School at Harvard University. She is the John H. Morison Professor of the Practice of Latin and Romance Languages. Her research centers on medieval preaching, saints and a concern about the violence against women during the Middle Ages.

Kienzle's lecture topic is "The Friars, Medieval Women and The Inquisition."

A question-and-answer session will follow the lecture. The event will end with a cocktail hour in Doyle Hall Dining Room from 5 until 6 p.m.

Fr. Ignatius was one of the world's leading authorities on the thought and spirituality of the great medieval Franciscan writers, including St. Bonaventure. Fr. Ignatius taught at the Franciscan Institute in the late 1940s and 1950s, returning for summer sessions in the 1970s. He received an honorary doctorate from St. Bonaventure University in 1974, during the celebration of the seventh centenary of the death of Saint Bonaventure.

In 2004, St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, announced a \$1 million gift to the university to honor the memory of Fr. Ignatius, establishing an endowment to fund research at the Franciscan Institute, provide financial aid to students enrolled at the Institute, and provide funding for an annual lecture at the Institute honoring Fr. Ignatius.

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SBU to host eighth Girls Day for technology

St. Bonaventure University's Department of Computer Science is sponsoring the eighth annual Girls Day event beginning at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7.

The participants will be sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade girls from about 30 area schools. Students interested in attending

should contact their guidance counselors or technology teachers. The deadline for schools to sign up is Oct. 28.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about robots, digital scrapbooking, computer-generated animations, encryption, social networking and other modern applications of computer technology. Five different hands-on workshops will be presented by St. Bonaventure graduates and undergraduates and professional women in the computer science field.

St. Bonaventure students will also assist participants during lab sessions and as they walk around campus between workshops.

Suzanne Watson, Ed. D., computer science lecturer, started the Girls Day event after reading about the decreased interest in the sciences among middle-school aged girls. An article in the Wall Street Journal reported that the number of incoming freshmen women who declare a computer science major fell by 70 percent between 2000 and 2005. Watson made it her mission to change those numbers.

“We have several goals for our eighth annual Girls Day,” said Watson. “We want them to have a positive experience with computer applications, and we want them to interact with successful computer science professionals and students.”

Notable graduates presenting at the workshops include:

- Barb Snyderman, '93, who is a proprietor of a Web design business and has gone back to school to become a high school business teacher;
- Angela Wood, '09, a Web programmer intern for Cutco Corp. in Olean;
- Angela Colomaio, '08, a Web programmer for Cutco Corp.;
- Barbara McNally, '93, who has previously worked for America Online and Birthday in a Box and currently manages the development of accounting software as senior project manager at Deltek;
- Heather Blersch, '88, who works for General Dynamics IT as a program manager for the U.S. Coast Guard's Telecommunication and Information Systems Command;
- Kristen Keenan, '02 and '06, who is a staff specialist for math, science and technology with Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES.

Dr. Anne Foerst, assistant professor for computer science, will also be presenting at the workshops.

“Just meeting and seeing successful women, students and professionals doing what they love to do is a valuable experience for the girls,” Watson said, “And, of course, we also introduce them to St. Bonaventure University.”

The event will conclude at 3 p.m. after a panel discussion with workshop presenters. Throughout the discussion, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the computer science field.

For more information, visit the Girls Day Web site at <http://www.cs.sbu.edu/girlsday> or contact Dr. Watson at 716-375-4091 or swatson@sbu.edu.

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GOAC to host Olean Area Walk for Hunger Relief

The St. Bonaventure community is invited to participate in the Olean Area Walk for Hunger Relief on Nov. 8. Sponsored by the Greater Olean Association of Churches, the event raises about \$5,000 each year for emergency food providers.

Local churches, service organizations and businesses are encouraged to recruit walkers to solicit and collect pledges. Individuals and families unaffiliated with a specific organization may also collect funds and participate.

Half of the proceeds collected are given to support local emergency food providers, such as the Olean Food Pantry and the Warming House. The other half is divided among world organizations chosen by each participating group.

The Rev. Dan McDowell, senior pastor at Olean First Baptist Church and president of the Greater Olean Association of Churches, said, "It's a great boost to our local hunger agencies, especially going into the holiday season when the demand gets to be really high."

Registration the day of the walk begins at 1 p.m. at the Warming House at 110 W. State St. in Olean. From there, walkers will trek three miles on State, Front and Union streets beginning at 2 p.m.

The event's coordinator and director of the Warming House, Trevor Thompson, said he encourages people of all ages to participate, whether as part of an organization or not.

"Beyond raising money for these local food providers, this is an opportunity for the community to be made aware of the people who still go hungry," he said. "It's also a chance to gather together as advocates for others."

For more information about the walk, contact Thompson at (716) 375-2601 or tthompso@sbu.edu.

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Newsmakers

Andrea F. Barone, educational coordinator in the School of Franciscan Studies, was appointed as a consulting editor of the Journal of Animal Ethics. The journal is a publication of the University of Illinois and the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics.

Dr. Joel H. Benington, professor of biology, presented "Why Are Humans Altruistic" at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., on Oct. 1, 2009.

Darwin L. King, professor of accounting, and Edward D. King, 2005 SBU alum, had an article titled "What Every New Forestland Owner Should Know" published in the September 2009 issue of the Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly. The article reviewed a number of topics that any new timber owner must know in order to succeed in a forestland business. This article is King's 22nd article published in the Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly since 2000.

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