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An update for freshman students' parents

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Class of 2017 elects class officers

by Amelia Kibbe, '17

Four students from New York State were selected by their peers last semester to serve as freshman class officers. Serving with the four officers is a class senator, also from New York State. The four took office in September, and will serve through the end of the school year.

James Cook of Brockport was elected as president. Cook, a political science major and law and society minor, is involved in numerous campus activities including mock trial and Student Government Association (SGA). Cook is also an early morning radio host for the school's radio station, the Buzz. He said he was very excited about attending Bonaventure and is glad to have the chance to lead the class of 2017.

"I came to Bonaventure because of the continued tradition of excellence the campus offers," Cook said. "St. Bonaventure holds its students to a high standard at its teachings not only offer the knowledge to obtain a degree, but also how to become a model citizen. I could not have found a better fit!"

Cook said he believes the skills he possesses will be useful in securing the success of the class.

"I ran for the position of president because I felt that with my previous experience I could help further my class' success as we began the transition period of our first semester," Cook added.

Cook's running mate, David Bryant, was selected as the class vice president. Bryant, a journalism and mass communication major, said he believes the class can help strengthen the sense of unity on campus.

"I ran for class officer so I can encourage individuality amongst the students on campus," Bryant

said. "I would also like to promote Franciscan Values and how they contribute to our success as well as make efforts to reshape freshman involvement on campus."

Bryant, whose hometown is Utica, is active in campus activities. He is a member of the freshman leadership program, the Black Student Union (BSU) and the newly re-formed Bonacoustics.

Working with Cook and Bryant is secretary Jessica Laursen. Laursen, a journalism and mass

communication major, is from Caledonia. She is a member of BonaResponds and student government. Laursen loves the Bonaventure atmosphere and welcomes the chance to be a leader of her class.

"I could go on and on about why I came to Bona's. I love everything about Bonaventure," Laursen said. "Bonaventure has so much to offer to all of its students, and we are like one big family. Whether it is finding ways to bring everyone together or doing good for others, I love being involved and knowing that

I have a say in things that happen in the Bona's community."

The class of 2017 treasurer is Lawrence Hayes, a marketing major from Perry. Hayes hopes his experiences as a class officer will make him a great leader.

"I came to Bonaventure because I really loved the family atmosphere on campus that I didn't see at any other school," Hayes said. "I ran for treasurer because I was treasurer of my class in high school for four years and was president of my school senior year, so I have a lot of leadership experience."



(L to R): Lawrence Hayes, Jessica Laursen, David Bryant, Anneliese Quinlan, James Cook



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The new class senator, Anneliese Quinlan, is a marketing major from Corning.

"I chose Bona's because I've got strong ties to the area. My grandpa graduated in 1954 and my dad grew up in Allegany, so I had already been to campus and games multiple times," Quinlan said.

Quinlan, like the rest of the officers, wanted to make sure fellow freshmen know the officers take their new positions seriously and want to help.

"I want to make sure that students know they can come to us with any concerns, and we will do our best to address them," Quinlan said.

She also said the class has its own twitter page, @SBU_2017, and encouraged everyone to check it out. The officers are already busy planning events and fundraisers for the class. The first is a Feb. 1 "glow dance."

As president, Cook is looking forward to the challenges of the future. He is hoping the class of 2017 can leave a lasting impression on the Bonaventure community.

"As officers we strive to promote all clubs and inform the student body of their events," said Cook. "I would also like to help develop a strong bond in our class through various events, fundraisers, and charity/volunteer work opportunities. As freshman leaders we are constantly trying to bring students together in everything we do."



Watch games from afar, or wherever you are

by Ryan McDonough, '16

Are you tired of reading about the Bonnies' big basketball win the next morning in the paper? Are you looking to express your Bona pride, even if you can't "Rock the Reilly" in person?

Your search ends here.

Gobonnies.com, St. Bonaventure University's athletic website, is your go-to source for all Bonnies' Division I sports information. Game times and links to view the games are provided in the men's and women's schedules, as are game previews. Information on televised games also will be on Gobonnies.com.

Unless televised, Bonnies' men's and women's home games are broadcast on the student-run SBU-TV, which can be streamed online with a link provided by Gobonnies.com. Fans can also view SBU-TV events on cable if they live in the Olean and Allegany area.

SBU-TV sporting events are aired from a -remote television facility, which is operated by faculty and students.

Josh Carniewski, a St. Bonaventure '13 graduate and a current student in the integrated marketing communications

graduate program, is currently in his third year working with SBU-TV.

"It gives students the chance to both use a professional-style broadcast truck on their own campus," Carniewski said.

Kirk Windus, a sophomore journalism and mass communication major, said SBU-TV is a reliable way to cheer on his Bonnies when he's away from campus.

"Every time we're on break from school, I always tune in to the games when they're on SBU-TV. That way, I cheer on my team from off campus," said Windus.

So, SBU fans, don't miss another slam dunk or three pointer. Check out Gobonnies.com for all information regarding men's and women's basketball viewing capabilities.

For more information or live updates, follow St. Bonaventure's athletic department's Twitter account, @Go_Bonnies.



Class of 2017 has impressive Dean's List showing

by Madeleine Faircloth, '17

The first semester of freshman year is always a challenge. New students struggle with a new room, new classes, new faces and, of course, being away from home. However, St. Bonaventure University is not your normal college campus. With the variety of academic help available to all students, it is no wonder almost half of the freshman class achieved the honor of making the Dean's List. To make the Dean's List, a student must earn a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Of the 438 students in this year's freshman class, 190 — 43 percent — made the Dean's List. Last year's freshman class was a bit larger, but the percentage of students who made the Dean's List was about the same. The number of freshman students on probation was considerably lower this semester than in the past.

What makes St. Bonaventure special is the recognition of students on all academic levels. Chris Brown, the director of First-Year Experience and Orientation, said, "We really stress helping the struggling as well as the successful."

Every student is important here at St. Bonaventure, and you really receive that one-on-one attention needed to become extraordinary. Students whose GPAs fell below 2.0 at midterm were invited to attend an individual meeting where they were then given different options and ways of improving academically. Students who received a 3.5 or higher at midterm were honored at a reception.

Throughout the years, a program titled GPA 911 has been available to all students starting right around midterm. The program is designed for any student unhappy with his GPA. Students are provided with study tips and ways to improve their grades, such as working with a tutor, learning better time management and becoming aware of the academic resources available. For example, the math lab, a tutor-type program, is among resources suggested during the program. This past semester, the program began doing targeted advertising; meaning students who were not doing so well around midterm received more emails and suggestions to attend a session. About 40 students participated last semester



Along with the optional programs, freshmen are automatically placed in a class called University 101. Designed to introduce students to the university community and scholarly activities in an academic environment, this class encourages every student to contribute, think critically and to assess and develop academic skills.

While transitioning from high school to college will never be easy, St. Bonaventure provides plenty of ways to ensure academic success is reached.



Photo courtesy of sbu.edu

New Swan Center exceeds expectations

by Jackie Roberts, '16

St. Bonaventure University is known for its aesthetically pleasing landscape and architecture. In the fall of 2013, the university built The William E. and Ann L. Swan Business Center, further enriching the campus with another spectacular building.

Bonaventure students of all organizations, interests and majors can appreciate the benefits the Swan Center can give our university. But while anyone passing by the building can admire its beauty, the individuals who benefit the most from the building are students who have classes in it.

Cody Didas, a sophomore finance major, said he loves what the building offers. "The Swan Center is a huge step in the right direction for St. Bonaventure University. It is a state-of-the-art learning environment for all students," said Didas.

The 2-story building certainly is "state-of-the-art." It houses the School of Business faculty offices, room for faculty research, an electronic ticker tape in the financial services lab, a corporate boardroom simulator, up-to-date classrooms, comfortable lounge areas and new technology, such as the Bloomberg terminals, the gold-standard source of information for monitoring and analyzing real-time financial market data, according to a St. Bonaventure press release.

Andrew Bevevino, a sophomore strategic communication major, echoed Didas and Ithier, stating, "The Swan Center provides students with comfort and technology that enables them to get the most out of their educational experience," Bevevino said.

"It's a comfortable learning environment. The technology is very cutting-edge and if you sit in the right seat, you will have a beautiful view of the mountains," said Matt Hoey, a sophomore strategic communication major.

Senior marketing major Tatyana Ithier enjoys have classes in the Swan Center. "One word to describe the new business building is 'awesome,'" said Ithier.

She said she believes the Swan Center's facilities can assist students in and out of the classroom setting.

"It invites students to do more than walk in and out of the building. It creates a fun and challenging learning environment while allowing us to explore the new, top-notch building."

Leadership opportunities, post-freshman year

by Kailyn Jennings, '15

Moving in as a freshman is exciting, nerve-racking and tear-jerking. But thanks to student leaders and their friendly faces and helping hands, the transition from high school to college becomes a little easier.

At the beginning of a student's freshman year, she is met by numerous student leaders, including those from the Orientation Team. Orientation leaders are full-time students who help create a smooth transition for incoming students — transfer and freshmen alike — by providing Orientation dates during the summer and Welcome Week programs in August. They lead discussions and team-building activities, present on important topics and serve as resources for incoming students.

Those who serve as Orientation Leaders participate in training sessions to learn proper communication skills, develop leadership qualities and refresh their knowledge of the university to pass onto incoming students.

To become part of the O-Team, students must submit a written application by Friday, Feb. 7, to the First-Year Experience Office located in Doyle. Each applicant is required to submit two letters of recommendation, undergo an individual interview and participate in a group workshop.

The Orientation Team is not the only student leadership group on campus. Students also have the option to become peer coaches.

Peer coaches are upper-class students who excel in the classroom, are involved in on-campus activities and desire to help other students find success. Those who apply to be peer coaches are expected to be serious about their academics, their involvement on campus and be open and honest. Their goals are to guide freshman students into campus involvement and to help them make their first year one of the best experiences of their lives.

Students are introduced to their peer coaches via email in August and they meet them during Welcome Days.

Information on the peer coach application process will become available after February break.

Those who are looking for another leadership option can consider applying to become a resident assistant.

According to information from St. Bonaventure Residence Life, "Resident assistants (RA) are upperclassmen (sophomore, junior, senior or graduate students) who are hired by the Office of Residence Life to serve in leadership roles in the residence halls. Each residence hall has an RA assigned to each floor. The RAs work to create a sense of community within the residence halls through programming, helping students in need, and enforcing campus policies."

RAs are hired to promote the well-being of students, not to be police officers. They are there to assist students and help make residential life comfortable and fun.

Students interested in becoming RAs must attend an informational meeting or visit the Reilly Center to pick up an application, which is due Jan. 31. After they submit their applications, they attend a group workshop, where they are evaluated on their communication, problem-solving, teamwork and creative abilities before being interviewed individually.

Leadership experience not only looks good on a résumé, but it benefits the individual and the campus community as well.

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