

# Online Catalyst

*A Newsletter for Students*

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## Day of Service and Remembering 9/11

In 2009, President Barack Obama put a call out for all Americans to participate in community service activities that serve their country through local action that benefits the community. Metropolitan State University is responding to that call by offering the Second Annual United We Serve Day of Service on Wednesday, Sept. 8. Metropolitan State's Day of Service will offer faculty, staff and university students a variety of community service project opportunities. Students, faculty and staff are invited to sign up and serve at one of 12 different community organizations across the Twin Cities, including projects on the East Side with the Dayton's Bluff District Council, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Community Design Center of Minnesota, Books for Africa, ARC Twin Cities Organizer, Meals on Wheels and projects on the Saint Paul Campus.

On Sept. 10, family members of local 9/11 hero Tom Burnett will join us for a public event that will inspire audience members to "Do Something" by learning how Tom Jr.'s family and friends turned a tragedy into a legacy through educating young people to be good citizens. This Remembering 9/11 event will take place on Friday, Sept. 10, at noon at Metropolitan State's Saint Paul Campus, Founders Hall, Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

## Celebrate Constitution Day Sept. 17

Metropolitan State University is observing Constitution Day 2010 on Friday, Sept. 17. This year's speaker is Professor Emeritus Bob Fox, First College. The theme for the event is the Constitution: Historic Facts and Contemporary Fiction.

Immediately following the presentation, teams of faculty, students, administrators and staff are vying to be the Metropolitan Constitution *Jeopardy* champions! There are prizes and light refreshments, so come cheer for your favorite team as they challenge one another's knowledge of the Constitution.

The Byrd Amendment requires that all educational institutions receiving federal funds must hold "an educational program on the U.S. Constitution," in honor of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. This event is one way Metropolitan State is commemorating that historic day.

In addition, the Center for Community-Based Learning is offering free pocket constitution booklets for all students. If faculty wish to hand out constitution booklets to students in their classes, contact [cbl.center@metrostate.edu](mailto:cbl.center@metrostate.edu), or call the CCBL, 651.793.1285, with your name, the course title and number, and the number of booklets needed. The requested number of booklets will be sent to you via campus mail to hand out during the week of Sept. 13.



## New art exhibit announced

### Internship opportunities

Visit these Web sites for internship opportunities:

- Career Link: [metrostate.edu/career](http://metrostate.edu/career)
- Center for Community-Based Learning: [metrostate.edu/ccbl](http://metrostate.edu/ccbl). Click on "Academic Internships," "Internship Resources."

Metropolitan State University Gordon Parks Gallery is pleased to present *Weighing the Air: the Art of Collaboration*. The exhibit opens with a reception on Thursday, Sept. 16, from 4–7 p.m. and continues through Oct. 8. Gallery hours are Mondays–Thursdays, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; and Fridays–Saturdays, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. The gallery is located in the Library and Learning Center, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul.

*Weighing the Air: the Art of Collaboration* features artists' books by Julie Baugnet with multilingual poetry by Felip Costaglioli. This exhibition evolved when Baugnet (a professor of graphic design at St. Cloud State University) and Costaglioli (a professor of film studies, also at St. Cloud State)

discovered over a cup of coffee their affinity for keeping journals. Baugnet was exploring book forms and studying French. Costaglioli was recording his thoughts in English, Catalan languages and French.

Regarding their artistic process, Baugnet has said, "Upon the commencement of our collaboration, I bound two journals and we exchanged them periodically over a period of a year. These two journals are filled with experiments—Felip gets ideas from my images, and I am inspired by his stories and poems."

The result is a rich interdisciplinary exhibit of painted poems, some stretching as far as seven feet in length.

## Joan Kennedy, retired UTP field experience coordinator, dies



Dr. Joan Felice Kennedy, 78, former field experience coordinator for the Urban Teacher Program, died on July 20 while in hospice care in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii. Kennedy was born March 1, 1932, in Somerset, Wis. She was the daughter of Arthur and Grace (Cote) Morrissette and was predeceased by her husband, Albert Edward Kennedy. She is survived by her daughter Martha Kennedy-Kluth, her son-in-law Mark Kluth, and her adopted grandson Tristan White.

Kennedy was appointed field experience coordinator for the Urban Teacher Program, College of Professional Studies, on Aug. 18, 2003. She coordinated various levels of field experiences, including student teaching, for teacher candidates in pre-K through grade 12. She also helped develop field policies and helped arrange field placements.

Kennedy was an author and consultant, and a member and presenter for the Language Preservation Group for the Wisconsin University System. She had been field experience director

for the University of Wisconsin, River Falls. She also had served there as codirector of the Future Teachers Institute. Other experiences included several positions with Saint Paul Public Schools and serving as professor of curriculum and instruction at Mankato State University.

Kennedy earned a B.S. in elementary education from Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wis., an M.A. in educational administration from the University of St. Thomas and a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Minnesota.

She had retired from the Saint Paul Public Schools and from the university. Joan was an author, Native American story teller and educator.

A memorial service took place on July 24 in Kihei, Maui. Services in Minnesota will be determined at a later date. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Mark Kluth, 2822 Puu Hoolai Street, Kihei, HI 96753.

## Psychology Club announces upcoming events

On Monday, Aug. 30, the Psychology Club is hosting "Getting Involved—What Can the Psychology Club Do for You?" The meeting is at the Midway Center, Room 18, from 4:30–6 p.m. This event is open to all students. Come and enjoy the pizza party!

On Friday, Sept. 10, the Psychology Club meets at the Saint Paul Campus, Library and Learning Center, Room 308, from 1–3:30 p.m. to

hear guest speaker Craig Polsfuss, MA, LP, LICSW, who will share his academic and career background and three principles that influence his life and work. This meeting is open to all students and includes an officer potluck sponsored by the Psychology Club.

For information, contact Psychology Club officer Theresa Skaar at [skaath@go.metrostate.edu](mailto:skaath@go.metrostate.edu).

## Minor in community organizing and development offered

First College now offers a Community Organizing and Development minor. This interdisciplinary minor is available to students with interests in organizing, developing and sustaining community, institutional and social change. The minor provides a holistic view of the organizing and development field including a focused field experience in community

organizing and development; an exploration of approaches to community empowerment and social justice; and an understanding of the impact of public policy on low-income populations and people of color.

For more information about this minor, contact John Burton, interim minor advisor, at 612.659.7195.

## Join the Literacy Corps and teach a child to read

The Literacy Corps is recruiting students to provide literacy tutoring at inner-city schools and other sites. Several academic opportunities are available through courses, group internships and courses with required or elective community-based (service-learning) hours. Tutors may also choose to participate through a variety of programs that offer opportunities during the day,

after school, evenings and weekends. Training and placements are provided. Days and times are flexible. Work study funds are available for eligible students. To find out more information or to receive an application, contact Vanessa Young, Literacy Corps work study coordinator, at 651.793.1296.

## Upward Bound tutors needed

The Upward Bound program is seeking students to provide tutoring for high school students. Subject areas consist of, but are not limited to, mathematics (algebra, geometry, pre-calculus, calculus and so on), literature, social science, science (chemistry, physics and so forth), technology, college applications and essays, preparation for standardized tests (MCAs, BSTs,

ACTs and Accuplacer). Generalists are also needed. Weekday and weekend hours are available. Training is provided. Students may receive academic credit through community-based courses. To find out more information or to receive an application, contact Yolonda Rogers at yolonda.rogers@metrostate.edu or call 651.793.1288.

## College for Kids needs assistants

Assist in making college a reality for local elementary students by participating in College for Kids on the Saint Paul Campus. Fourth, fifth and sixth graders have the chance to experience a college environment and dream about the future when they visit Metropolitan State. The students arrive in the morning, register and attend fun classes, and participate in a special graduation ceremony.

Metropolitan State University students, faculty and staff are needed to design and teach

classes. Participants are also needed to assist classroom teachers and guide students throughout the day. College for Kids is a great opportunity to fulfill community-based/service-learning requirements and explore interests in working with elementary students.

If you are interested in participating in College for Kids or would like to learn more about the program, contact Yolonda Rogers at 651.793.1288 or via e-mail at yolonda.rogers@metrostate.edu.

## Volunteer for Middle School Campus Visits

Assist in making college a reality for middle school students by participating in Middle School Visits on the Saint Paul Campus. Local seventh and eighth graders have the chance to experience a college environment and dream about the future when they visit Metropolitan State. The students arrive in the morning, participate in a campus tour/scavenger hunt, register and attend fun classes designed and taught by university

students, faculty and staff.

Students, faculty and staff are needed to design and teach classes. Participants are also needed to assist classroom teachers and guide students throughout the day.

If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more about the program, contact Yolonda Rogers at 651.793.1288 or e-mail yolonda.rogers@metrostate.edu.

## FallFest events announced

### Blink Bonnie's fall hours

Starting Monday, Aug. 23, the university dining area managed by Blink Bonnie has new hours of operation: Monday–Thursday—8 a.m.–8 p.m.;

Friday—8 a.m.–2 p.m.;

Saturday—8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Blink Bonnie is closed Labor Day weekend (Saturday, Sept. 4, through Monday, Sept. 6).

The FallFest 2010 celebration, “Evolve by Getting Involved,” offers a variety of events for people of all ages.

- **Monday, Sept. 13—BBQ for students** plus root beer floats, Midway Center, east entrance, 3–6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 15—BBQ for students** plus root beer floats, Minneapolis Campus, Management Education Center, 3–6 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 16—Dinner with the Leaders**, New Main, Great Hall, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Chief Master Sgt. Steve Campos, Minnesota National Guard, will present profiles in leadership of the WWII Tuskegee Airmen. An additional special guest via telecom, Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. Hiram Mann, a WWII P–51 fighter pilot, will share his experiences. *This event is exclusively for students, staff, faculty and guests. Reservations are required by Sept. 10 to student.activities@metrostate.edu.*
- **Friday, Sept. 17—Annual Constitution Day Celebration**, Saint Paul Campus, Library and Learning Center, Ecolab 302, noon–1:30 p.m.

Current Issues and the Constitution with Bob Fox, Metropolitan State professor emeritus, will be followed by *Constitution Jeopardy* with students, faculty, staff and administrators as contestants. There are prizes and refreshments.

- **Saturday, Sept. 18—Welcome Back Day!** Saint Paul Campus, courtyard, noon–4 p.m. Free activities available for all ages, live entertainment and an outdoor BBQ! **Bring your student I.D. for a free haircut and massage.**

For information, contact the University Activities Board at 651.793.1556 or student.activities@metrostate.edu.

The celebration is made possible with the help of the following departments and in part by student activity fees (\*denotes major sponsors): Admissions; African American Student Services; \*Center for Community-Based Learning—The American Democracy Project; \*Student Affairs; \*Student Life and Leadership Development; \*Student Senate; Veterans Center; and \*University Activities Board.

## Tutor at the Zone!

University students can serve as general tutors, helping students of all ages with reading, math, computer literacy and other general homework concerns. At least two hours of tutoring a week is required. Participating as a Homework Help Center tutor allows university students to work with community youth and adults while fulfilling community-based learning requirements.

The Zone Homework Help Center is open

**Monday and Wednesday 3–7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 3–5 p.m.; and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1–4 p.m.** Training is provided. The Zone is located in the Dayton's Bluff Branch of the Saint Paul Public Library and is co-located with the University Library and Learning Center.

To receive more information or if you are interested in becoming a tutor, contact Lul Said, library-community outreach, at 651.793.1296 or e-mail saidlu@go.metrostate.edu.

## Sept. 22 book discussion features *The Cigar Maker*

Dayton's Bluff District Council meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22, to discuss Mark Carlos McGinty's book, *The Cigar Maker*, published June 1. Set in 1898, Cuban immigrant Salvador Ortiz fights the lawless underworld that is trying to control the cigar industry in Tampa.

McGinty, a descendant of Cuban cigar makers, resides in Minneapolis with his wife and daughter.

Dayton's Bluff District Council meets at 798 East Seventh Street in Saint Paul. They can be reached at 651.772.2075.

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