

Office of the Academic Vice President

MONDAY *Report*

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Important Reminder

On Wednesday, November 21 there are no classes; however the college is open for academic services.

Strategic Planning – Round Two

In September, we had the opportunity to discuss who we are, whom we serve, our strengths, and our challenges. With that background, we can now begin to review Bergen's Vision and Mission statements. Several discussion sessions have been planned. You are invited to attend any of the following.

DATE	TIME	PLACE	FACILITATOR
November 19	12:30 - 2:00 pm	A-113*	Dr. Gary Porter
November 19	4:30 – 6:00 pm	C-211*	Dr. Gary Porter

* Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Electronic discussion boards will be available via WebCT. Additionally, student discussion groups are being planned as well as several focus groups.

The Horticulture Department

The Horticulture program would like to thank everyone who participated in their Thanksgiving Centerpiece Sale. Please note the pick up schedule is **Monday, November 19**, and **Tuesday, November 20**, in Room E-186 from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm**. All checks should be made payable to the BCC Foundation.

CIT Workshops

CIT is offering the following workshops. Please register online at www.bergen.edu/cit and click on **WORKSHOPS & TRAINING**.

Datatel & Mail Merge	Monday, November 19, 2-3 p.m.
Mind Manager	Tuesday, November 20, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Working with a Digital Camera	Wednesday, November 21, 1:45-3:45 p.m.

Please submit your news and accomplishments to Kim Meekins of Vice President Porter's Office via email at: kmeekins@bergen.edu.

For timely appearance of your announcements all submissions must be received by **1:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon** for Monday publication.

NISOD 2008 - Call for Proposals

The team at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) invites you to submit presentation proposals for the 30th annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 25-28, 2008. To submit a proposal, please go to <http://www.nisod.org/conference/proposal.html>. The deadline to submit proposals is **Friday, December 14, 2007**.

This & That from Here & There Month of December

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Mix time-tested scenarios from the ancient Roman comedies of Plautus with the magic and energy of vaudeville and the results are an unforgettable musical on stage. All performances are scheduled in the **Cicccone Theatre** on **December 5-8 at 7:30 p.m.**; and **December 8-9 at 3:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10; \$5 for students, seniors (65+), and BCC.

Crabgrass Puppets, Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol on **Saturday, December 15**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre**. Mr. Punch's Christmas Carol is a fast-paced and funny holiday show with all the trimmings, told with colorful and expertly made hand puppets, rod puppets and shadow puppets. Outrageous holiday hilarity, full of ghosts, giggles, geese and Tiny Tim, too! Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for children 17 and under.

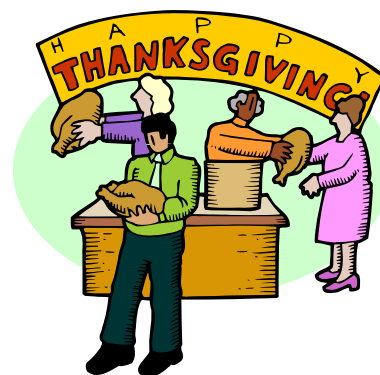
Cherish the Ladies, Holiday Concert on **Saturday, December 22**, at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre**. This group has become one of the most successful and sought after Irish-American group in Celtic music history. Don't miss an amazing concert with a touch of Celtic Christmas. Tickets are \$24; \$22 for students and seniors (65+); \$20 for BCC.

Faculty Accomplishment

On Friday, October 26, Dr. Joseph M. Segriff graduated from Drew University with a Doctor of Letters in Humanities/Writing with a specialization in academic and creative writing. Previously, on September 17, he had

a successful oral defense of his dissertation. This is the sixth time Segriff has graduated from college. This is Dr. Segriff's second doctorate and his fourth graduate degree. He previously holds a Ph.D. in English Education with a specialization in writing pedagogy from University at Buffalo (2001).

In his doctoral dissertation, titled, Unraveling Religiosity: Deconstructing Rationalism and Fundamentalism in Flannery O'Connor's Rural Male Characters, Dr. Segriff attempts to account for the oftentimes bifurcated personas of O'Connor's male characters by addressing two salient questions in his study. Firstly, what behavioral distinctions exist between characters who are largely guided by rationalism versus those characters who are primarily influenced by religious fundamentalism? And secondly, is there an identifiable nexus between religiosity and the potential for violent behavior? Out of 23 doctoral candidates at Drew University's Fall Commencement 2007, Dr. Segriff was one of only two candidates to receive a second doctorate and the only candidate with seven earned college degrees. Dr. Segriff is an adjunct faculty member in Bergen Community Colleges English Department.



Happy Thanksgiving to All!!