

# Parent Involvement Opportunities

CSB Parents are encouraged to access the CSB Parent Relations website for timely information throughout the academic year. It is a means to be connected to the CSB/SJU community and receive information that supports your role as the parent of a college student. There are also a number of different volunteer opportunities which allow CSB Parents to be involved in the campus community in a variety of capacities. You are invited to think about the time and talents you may be able to share with the College in the following areas:

## **Admissions Volunteer Opportunities**

Parents can be wonderful ambassadors to future CSB/SJU students and their parents. We also know that parents play a significant role in the choices students make about college. The following opportunities exist for parents who are interested in assisting our admissions staff:

- Making referrals and identifying possible future CSB/SJU students
- Assisting at off campus events such as accepted student reception and helping with things such as hosting, serving on a panel, or answering questions
- Assisting with on campus programs such as Campus visit days, Regent/Trustee Days and helping with things such as hosting, serving on a panel or answering questions

If these areas “fit” with what you are able to offer, you would work with our Admissions staff to discuss the opportunities in greater detail.

## **Career Development Opportunities**

There are many ways parents can help us help students. We are seeking parents who are able to do any of the following:

- Provide internship or employment opportunities to CSB/SJU students
- Actively recruit CSB/SJU students through on-campus interviewing, job fairs, etc.
- Advertise summer job opportunities

If these areas “fit” what you are able to offer, you would work with our Career Resource Center to discuss the opportunities in greater detail.

## **How to Get Involved**

For those parents interested in volunteering time and talent, please take a moment to complete the return the enclosed Parent Volunteer Interest form. You will be contacted to discuss your availability and interests in greater detail. Completing the Parent Volunteer form does not obligate you to anything. We will work with the time you have available and understand the many other commitments and responsibilities that parents and families have.

## **Development Volunteer Opportunities**

We are seeking parent volunteers who will assist with fundraising for the Annual Fund. The College of Saint Benedict Annual Fund provides unrestricted income to the college to close the gap between tuition and the actual cost of attending Saint Ben’s. CSB parents make gifts to the college each year even as they are already making a significant commitment to fund their daughter’s education. Parents have an enormous stake in the health and well-being of the college. They are no less dedicated than the daughters they send here. Parent volunteers are helpful in assisting the college to seek gifts from their peers.

## **Student Life Volunteer Opportunities**

Your involvement can continue throughout the entire year or you can assist with projects that have a specific time frame. We are seeking parent volunteers to help with a variety of student life programs such as:

- Family Weekend (host an information session, help with registration)
- Parent to Parent Calling Project (contact parents of first year students to seek feedback about the experience they and their daughter have had)
- Orientation (serve on panel, answer questions, staff table at resource fair)
- Contribute to parent website (write brief articles, provide advice, provide feedback)

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