

CSB/SJU Students Explore Research in China

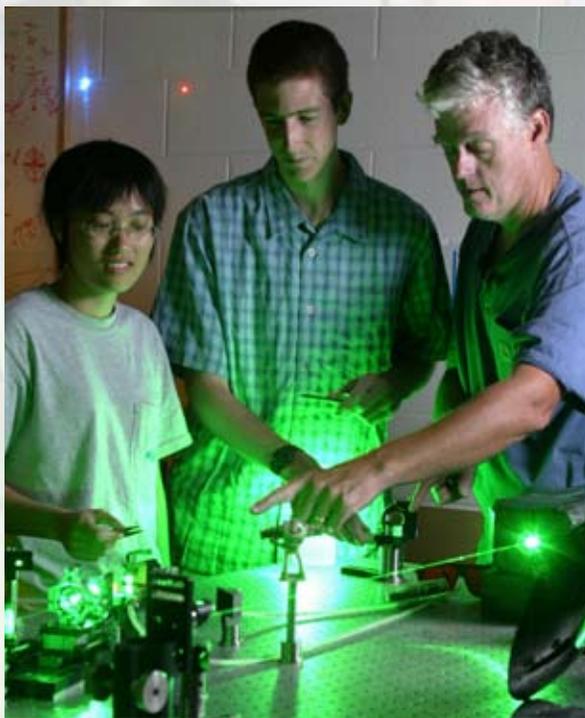
Surrounded by test tubes, beakers and microscopes in the fastest growing country in the world, a group of College of St. Benedict and St. John's University students prepared for an education of a lifetime.

Last summer, nine CSB/SJU students traveled to Southwest University (SWU) and explored scientific theories with their peers in Beibei, Chongqing, China. The local Summer Science Exchange Program started in 2006 and aims to give students a broader view of the modern scientific world and better prepare them for growing workforce demands.

"The magnitude of the cultural differences between China and the West, and the emergence of China as a dominant force in the world makes China an ideal place for our students to undergo scientific, cultural and self growth," said Henry Jakubowski, program founder and professor of chemistry at CSB/SJU.

Jakubowski will talk more about the program logistics, types of research projects, and the benefits to students and their future employers at the Science Initiative After Hours event on Jan. 10 at the College of St. Benedict.

The idea for the science exchange program sprung from a trip Jakubowski took to China in 1997. He saw a way to provide science majors the opportunity to study abroad while completing required lab work. A lower percentage of science students participate in semester-long study abroad programs than those in other majors.



A new science exchange program at the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University provides students research opportunities in China.

The exchange program is part of a broad-based effort to strengthen the state's relationship with China and foster connections in trade and investment, science and academia, arts and culture, and friendship and humanitarian endeavors.

"Science is increasingly a collaborative and cooperative enterprise," Jakubowski said. "To learn to work together in a group with other people, especially of different ethnic or national backgrounds, is increasingly important and is a trait sought out by many employers."

To register for the Science Initiative After Hours event, call (320) 656-3801 or email d.kantor@scapartnership.com

RAS Program Meets Needs of Bioscience Firms

Momentum continues to build for the new Regulatory Affairs and Services program at St. Cloud State University as the program welcomes its second cohort of students in late January.

The advanced degree program currently draws on the expertise of nearly two dozen regulatory professionals. Program coordinators also are tapping some of the state's senior regulatory leaders from companies like Boston Scientific, Medtronic and 3M to serve on an Industry Advisory Board and provide ongoing guidance.

"We couldn't have dreamed to have a better group and they're all really engaged in this," said Dr. David DeGroote, dean of the College of Engineering and Science at SCSU.

The Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs and Services degree program focuses on the specific educational and career development needs of employees responsible for managing the required regulatory approval processes in the medical device industry. It is the first of its kind in the Midwest and the only in the nation to focus specifically on medical devices.

Thirteen students completed the first semester of coursework and the second cohort will start classes Jan. 26.

To learn more or to enroll, visit <http://bulletin.stcloudstate.edu/gb/programs/ras.asp>

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January 10

Science Initiative After Hours

4:30-6:30 p.m.

College of St. Benedict
Gorecki Dining and Conference
Center, Second Floor
St. Joseph, MN

April 17

Science Initiative After Hours

4:30-6:30 p.m.

St. Cloud Technical College
1540 Northway Drive
St. Cloud, MN



Recent Community Awards

■ St. Cloud was recognized globally in late November when it received two gold medals from **The International Awards for Liveable Communities** competition. The award program encourages best practices, innovation and leadership in providing vibrant, environmentally sustainable communities that improve the quality of life for people worldwide. St. Cloud received the highest rating of any city its size in the USA, and second only to Kladno, Czech Republic, in the world – and was recognized as the best community in the world in Planning for the Future.

■ St. Cloud was among two Minnesota cities mentioned in the **2007 Best Performing Cities Index** – an industry benchmark for creating and sustaining jobs.

■ St. Cloud ranked No. 11 in Expansion Management magazine's list of the **Top 20 Small Metro Economic Development Hot Spots in the U.S.** The National Policy Research Council compiled the ranking in September. No other small metro area in Minnesota made the list.

■ The American Public Transportation Association named MetroBus the **Top Transit System in North America.** The annual award recognizes transportation systems that demonstrate exceptional efficiency and effectiveness. This marks the second time MetroBus has received the award. MetroBus recently started to explore fueling its buses with cooking oil waste through a partnership with St. Cloud State University.

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