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One of the many reasons that the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University are excellent places for students is that we have such great faculty and staff. The individuals who work at our institutions are smart, articulate and well-trained. They are known and respected in their fields. Many are regularly recruited by other institutions, and we have many former colleagues scattered across the higher education firmament. Fortunately, because CSB and SJU are great places to work, with an exceptional sense of community, many of our employees choose to make their careers here even as they get offers from other places.

Jon McGee, our Vice President for Planning and Public Affairs, is an example of someone who is nationally known for his strategic thinking about higher education and whose thoughtful views help guide our conversations and planning on campus. At our Community Forum last week Jon and our VP for Admission and Financial Aid, Cal Mosley, made a great presentation on the demographic challenges we face in the years ahead. It was engaging, sometimes sobering and always informative. It will help direct our strategic planning conversation throughout this year.

Jon was recently asked to discuss the future of higher education on an American Radioworks Podcast called, “Reinventing College for a New Kind of Student.” If you have ten minutes, listen to the kind of good thinking and insight that is guiding the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University as we prepare for the future.

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