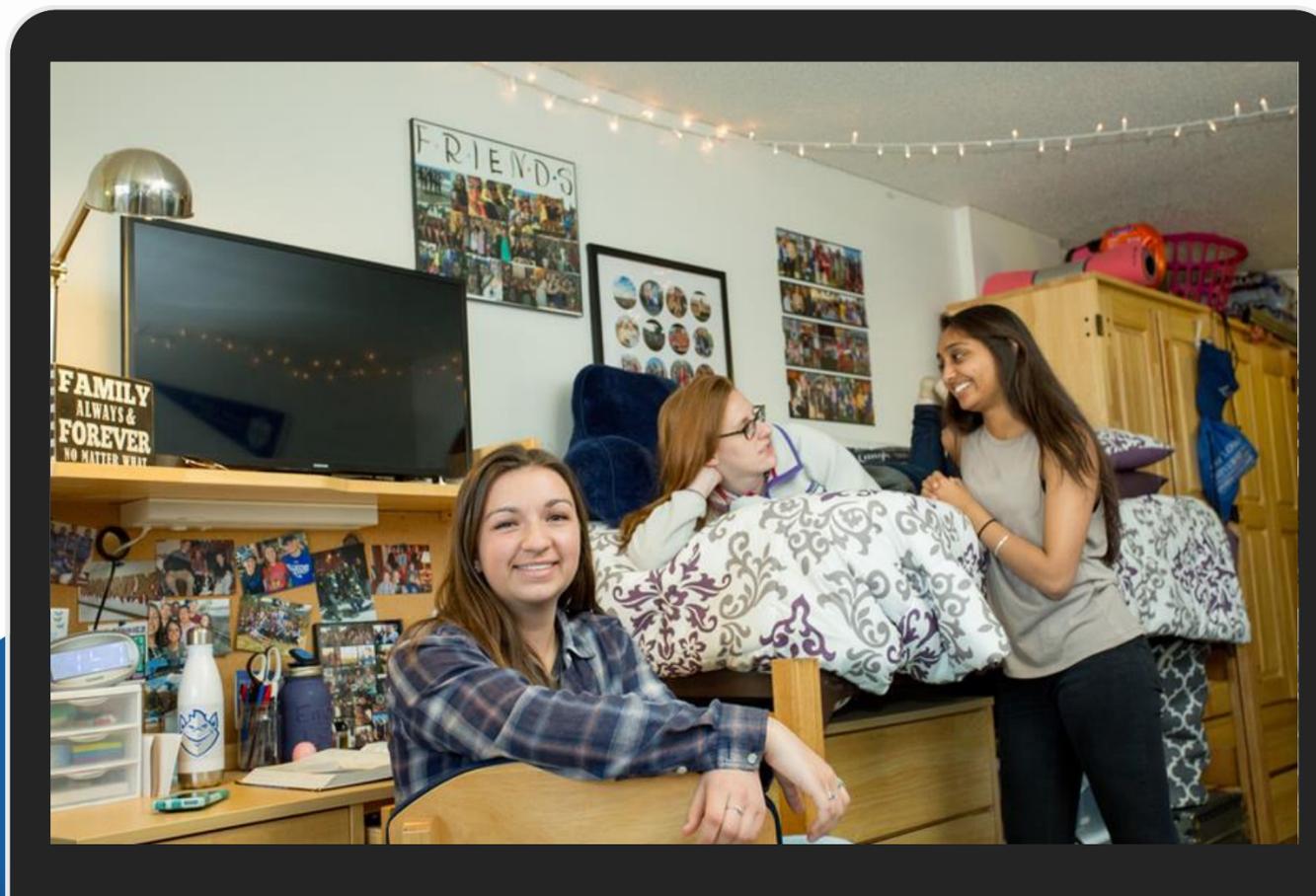




SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY  
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HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

# Residential Education

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# Learning Communities Rationale

**LEARNING COMMUNITIES** (known as LCs) are inclusive communities where students with shared academic interests learn together and live on the same floor of a residence hall. Students in Learning Communities take classes together, which can greatly enhance their ability to grow and learn their first year at SLU.

- Students connect with peers who have similar academic and personal goals as they attend classes together.
- Faculty engagement and connection outside the classroom.
- Access academic peer mentoring and tutoring.
- Explore career options.

# LCs @ SLU

- ▶ Diversity and Global Citizenship
- ▶ THRIVE: Black and Talented
- ▶ Leadership for Social Change
- ▶ Imagine
- ▶ Micah Living the Mission
- ▶ Engineering and Innovation
- ▶ Ethical Leaders in Business
- ▶ Health Sciences
- ▶ Life Sciences
- ▶ Honors

Current enrollment: 500



# Learning Communities Support Team

## Faculty Associates

Faculty/Staff serve as collaborators with our LCs providing programming and academic support.

## LC Resident Assistants

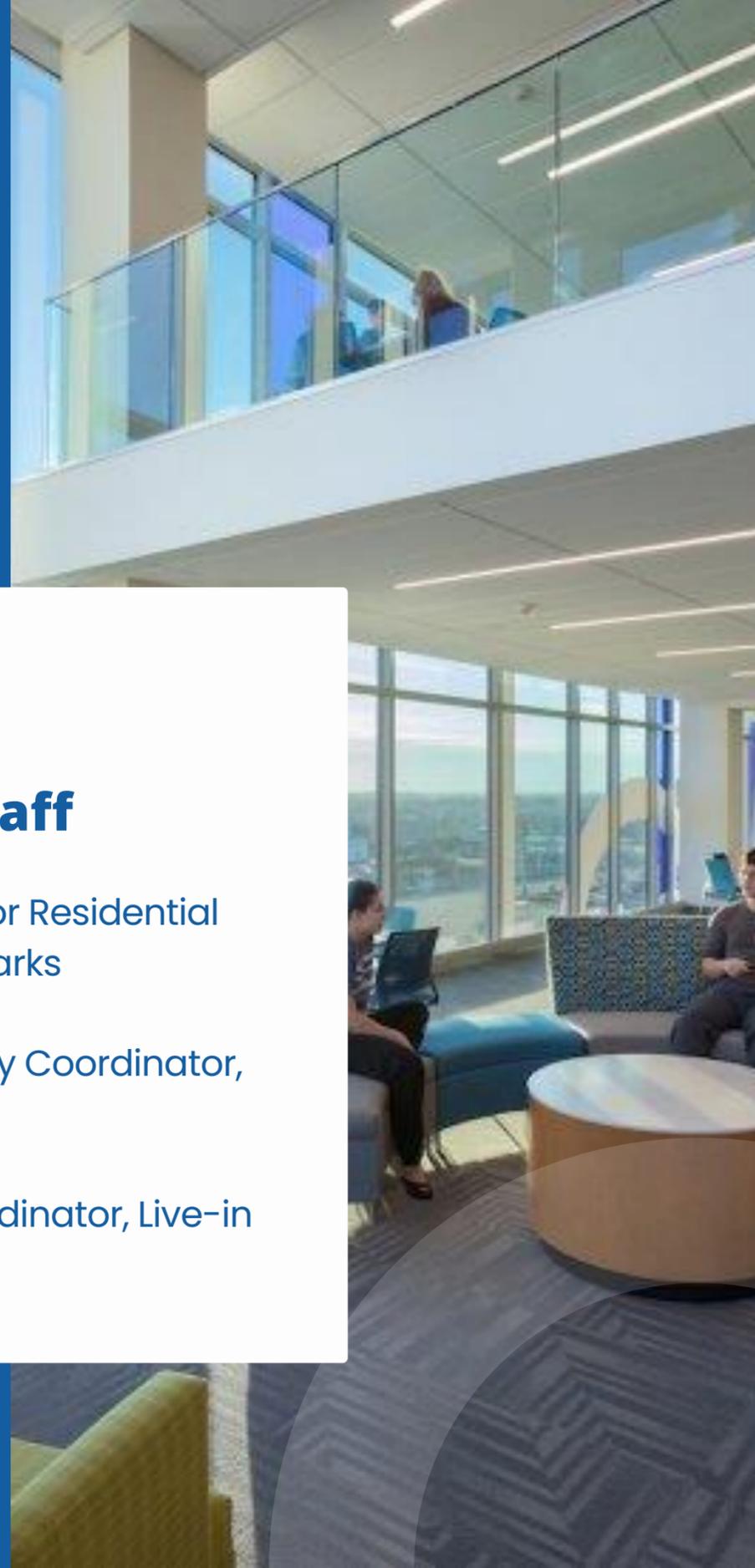
LCs Resident Assistants will serve as peer mentors, community builders, and assist students with their college transition through peer support

## HRL Staff

Associate Director for Residential Education, Alexis Sparks

Learning Community Coordinator, Richard Brown

Residence Hall Coordinator, Live-in



# DOCTRINA PROGRAM

The Doctrina program is designed to help you get involved with faculty events, social activities with your peers provided by the LC program and events across campus. Upon completion of the Doctrina program requirements, you will earn an academic certificate of completion and a graduation medallion to be worn at commencement.

To complete the Doctrina Program, you must earn 40 points each semester by attending and reflecting on community experiences and events sponsored by the Learning Community Program.

## LEARNING COMMUNITY MEDALLION

Students who successfully complete Saint Louis University's Learning Community requirements receive an academic certificate of completion and graduation medallion to be worn at commencement. An award ceremony is held each spring for all Learning Community Scholars.



# Learning Communities Strategic Plan

## Review of Current Structure

- SLU LCs as High-Impact Practices
- Student engagement
- Faculty/Staff advisor presence
- Operational cost to manage LCs
- Establishment and review of learning outcomes for SLU LCs and proposed Themed focus Communities

## Assessment Plan

- Creation of a 3 year assessment cycle for Learning Communities
  - Specifically, the addition of questions measuring SLU LCs as a High-Impact Practices (HIPS).
- Implementation of a evaluation process for Peer Mentors, Faculty Collaborators and Community Advisors

## Establishment of New Learning Communities

- First-Generation
- Catholic Studies

**Coming Fall 2025**





STUDENTS IN LEARNING COMMUNITIES LIVE IN THE SAME RESIDENCE HALL AND TAKE CLASSES THAT ARE CENTERED AROUND A PARTICULAR MAJOR, ASPECT OF SOCIAL IDENTITY AND EXPERIENCE, OR ACADEMIC INTEREST.



**Thank you!**  
**Questions?**