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Saint Louis University Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

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Resident Interviews November 11-13

The weekend of November 11-13th SLU faculty interviewed 28 medical students applying to ENT. Afterwards, the faculty put together their rank list. Who will be the next two SLU Residents to join our Alumni?



A message from the Chairman

Welcome to the Winter 2019 Newsletter. Many exciting events occurred since our last edition. We gathered in September for our inaugural Alumni weekend. See page two for pictures and details.

Work continues on the new hospital and we couldn't be more excited. Progress has been made to the point where areas of the outside appear complete.

This edition also features highlights from research collaboration on campus, fun events for the team, and highlights of the department in the news.



Best,
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Progress on the new Saint Louis University Hospital scheduled to open 2020.



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Alumni Society Weekend

September 14-16, 2018



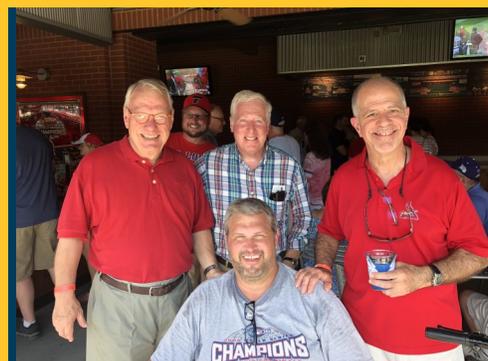
We had an amazing weekend with great opportunities to catch up with old friends and make new. We kicked off the weekend with two resident research lectures, both of which were directly supported by the Resident Research Fund. Nosa Osazuwa-Peters, PhD then presented an overview of his Population Health Research Core. We then finished off with a Quiz Bowl hosted by our Chief Residents, Dr. Cass and Dr. Franco. It was a 3-way tie for the win!



Friday night we had a reception in Pere Marquette Gallery, bringing back many great memories of graduations past. Dr. Mark Logan hosted a bourbon tasting and we enjoyed many excellent wines from the cellars of Drs. Logan, Walker, Antisdell, and Simo. Many thanks to Drs. Maves, Varvares, Simo, and Logan for speaking to the group. We discussed the history of the Department, our friends/colleagues that are no longer with us, and opportunities for giving back to the department.



On Saturday we enjoyed chatting at the Cardinals game on the Coca-Cola Scoreboard Patio. Not a great game for the Cardinals, but we still had lots of fun! The weekend was capped at 360 Rooftop Bar overlooking the Ballpark. Great food, drinks, and friends.



Philanthropy: Your Donations Funded

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Your generous donations gave many opportunities like.....

3 Residents to attend
AAO-HNS



AAO-HNSF 2018 **OCTOBER**
ANNUAL MEETING **7-10**
& OTO EXPERIENCE **ATLANTA, GA**

Scott Hong, MD PGY1, to
attend & present at The Fall
Voice Conference in Seattle



THE FALL
VOICE
CONFERENCE

10 Residents to attend the
2018
Alumni Weekend



OTO in the NEWS

Nosa Osazuwa-Peters, PHD

*Head and Neck Cancer Survivors at Increased Risk
of Suicide*

[St. Louis Public Radio](#)
[Cancer Today](#)
[Oncology Times](#)
[KTVI-TV Ch. 2](#)



Samkon Gado, MD

Football to Medical School

[Fox6 Milwaukee](#)
[ENT Today](#)

Humanistic Healing Award

Dr. Samkon Gado is a true advocate for each patient he sees. He has excellent bedside manner and delivers holistic, innovative, and spiritual care through his outreach to Nigeria and for the patients of our community. Dr. Gado saw a patient with nasal complaints and not only took the time to provide the routine care, but also to explain the dangers of chronic daily opioid use. He personally accompanied a patient to the hospital for admission and took additional time to speak with the family of a disabled patient who needed extra attention for recurrent nosebleeds.

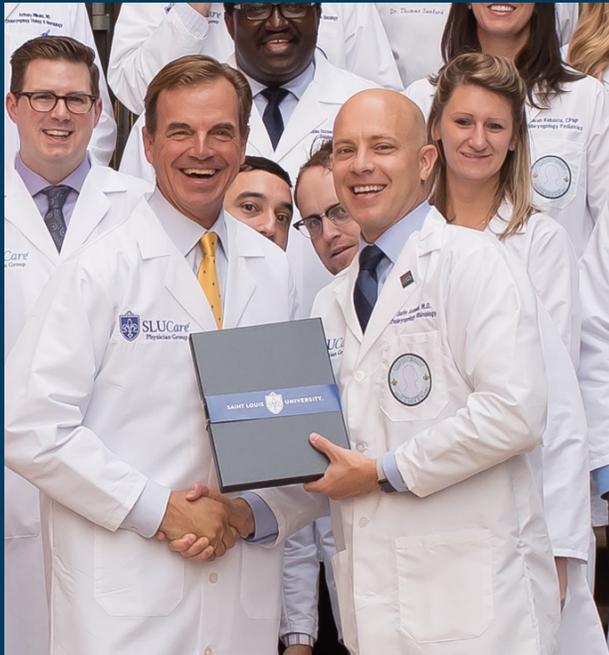
Congratulations!

Doni Moore, Administrative Assistant to our Pediatric Otolaryngology office, received a SLU Spark from Alicia Hamilton, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, for pursuing excellence.

"Doni has made a difference in our department by pursuing excellence. He continually goes above and beyond by promptly finishing tasks as well as looking ahead to what else can be done. He is often observed asking what he can do to be better. He communicates efficiently and effectively in our busy health care practice with the providers and patients. Doni helps make this an even more enjoyable place to work with his humility and passion for excellence."

SLU Sparks is an immediate outlet for peer-to-peer recognition, inspired by the Jesuit phrase "go forth and set the world on fire." As an element of the Cura program, SLU Sparks is an opportunity to appreciate the colleagues who make a positive impact. [Click here](#) to learn more about SLU Sparks. Note: the SLU Sparks highlighted in The Bulletin are chosen at random.

OTO Anniversaries



John F. Eisenbeis, MD
Professor
Celebrates 25 years with
Saint Louis University

Dave A. Harris, PhD
Assistant Professor
Celebrates 15 years with
Saint Louis University



Campus Collaboration– Basic Scientists

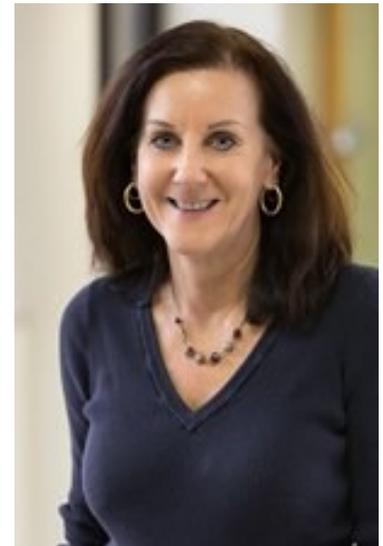


Rajeev Aurora, PhD

Dr Aurora is an Associate Professor in the Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology. He is an Adjunct Professor in our Department. He has collaborated extensively with Dr. Tom Sanford and many residents have performed their research rotations in his lab. Their work has included projects on the sinonasal microbiome as well as immunology of tonsils in sleep apnea.

Jane McHowat, PhD

Dr. McHowat is a new collaborator for the Department. She is Professor in the Pathology Department with interests in breast cancer, heart disease, sepsis, interstitial nephritis and bladder cancer. Her work in these areas has allowed identification of some promising work in Head and Neck Cancer. Her lab is beginning significant collaborations with our Head and Neck Division.



Ratna Ray, PhD

Dr. Ray is the newest Adjunct Professor in the department. She is a professor in the Pathology Department with a long history of collaboration on research with Dr. Mark Varvares and the Head and Neck Division. Drs. Ward and Walker are building on that work with ongoing preparation for submission of combined NIH proposal. Dr. Ray's work spans many types of cancers with her Head and Neck work focusing on Bitter Melon and its effect on cancer growth.

