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In September 1985, former Saint Louis University President Paul C. Reinert, S.J., wrote a piece for *Momentum* magazine on “The Spiritual Dimensions of Giving and Getting.” In an effort to show how philanthropy is ultimately tied to the love of God, human growth and development, Father Reinert connected two ostensibly opposing concepts: religious values and fundraising. Ultimately, he articulated that SLU’s ability to live our mission and achieve our goals relies heavily on the benevolence of our benefactors.

Answering the call to live a life of service and generosity is no easy feat. Father Reinert admitted he would be unable to devote his life to the service of Saint Louis University if he were not “genuinely committed to the hundreds of promising young men and women who come to us each year, whose lives now and in the future I am convinced we can enrich with spiritual material, with divine and human possessions.”

Now, 31 years later, those students Father Reinert spoke of are our alumni, and a new generation of Billikens shares in the promise of a SLU education. The future envisioned by Father Reinert is our present.

Our mission dares us to pursue truth for the greater glory of God and the service of humanity. SLU alumni live this mission. You follow a variety of vocations, invest in the work we do and give within your means. The continued success and prosperity of our University hinges on all alumni seeing giving as a part of our obligation to support the institution.

And I am grateful so many of you are supporting our present-day efforts. This issue of *Universitas* features our Honor Roll of Donors (page 19), which includes the names of our most loyal donors. It is inspiring to see so many of you take to heart Father Reinert’s nuanced perspective on giving and serving Saint Louis University as alumni and showing your love for SLU. Indeed, he wrote that the word “philanthropy” means “love for humankind, love for all human beings.”

This summer, I had the opportunity to participate in the ceremony where our beloved alumna Mary Bruemmer was named a Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Sylvester Pope and Martyr for her more than 60 years of

service to SLU (page 3). When asked about her dedication to the University, Mary said it was an “act of love.” The way each of us shows our love toward the University dictates the manner in which we choose to give of our gifts: our time, our resources and our knowledge.

There is often a false pretense that service and philanthropy are purely humble acts, and we should not receive any benefit. In fact, what we receive from giving is just as important as what we give. We give because we identify with a cause, an idea or some part of ourselves in those we are serving. In giving, we receive. We realize those we serve are companions on the journey to becoming women and men for and with others.

Since Saint Louis University’s founding nearly two centuries ago, we have made great advances, charted new territories and worked on the margins of our disciplines. Our ability to continue delivering high-quality, values-based, mission-driven education is contingent upon the generosity of our donors.

Thank you for sharing Saint Louis University’s belief in the power of the Jesuit pedagogy, faithful service and compassionate health care. By supporting our students, faculty, researchers and health care providers, you are SLU’s partner in our efforts to create a bright future that serves a higher purpose by contributing to the greater good.

Thank you for your dedication to Saint Louis University. Your philanthropy and your acts of love make all the difference.

Dr. Fred P. Pestello

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First-year students await the start of convocation at Chaifetz Arena in August.

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Spring Hall Opens

After nearly two years of planning, preparation and construction, the \$43.8 million Spring Hall welcomed students on Aug. 17. To celebrate the official opening of the eight-story, 153,000-square-foot residence hall, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Aug. 8.

The residence is located at the corner of Laclede and Spring avenues (south of Fusz Hall), which formerly was the location of Clark's Bar and later The Grind coffeehouse. It's equipped with single and double suite-style rooms, a "living room" with a kitchen, study lounges, a conference room, a chapel and an outdoor courtyard/amphitheater, which has been named in honor of SLU legend Mary Bruemmer. In addition, Spring Hall is home to two learning communities — the Honors Learning Community and the Leadership for Social Change Learning Community. The residence hall adheres to LEED silver standards, promising a comfortable and environmentally friendly space for its new inhabitants. *Photos by Sam Fentress*

ON THE LEFT: A resident adviser's room has a westward view. Students voted on the furniture for rooms and common-area lounges.

ON THE RIGHT: The chapel on the ground floor of Spring Hall invites reflection.



New Administrators and Deans



Dr. Kevin Behrns
VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEDICAL AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Currently the chair of the department of surgery and the Edward R. Woodward Professor of Surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine, Behrns will begin his tenure at SLU on Jan. 1. He will oversee the educational, research, clinical and service activities of SLU's nationally ranked School of Medicine. The CEO of SLUCare, the University's physician practice, will report to Behrns, who will also serve as a key liaison with SSM Health.



Kenneth A. Olliff
VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

Most recently vice president for program development at the University of Chicago, Olliff co-founded Arete, a research accelerator that averages \$20 million per year in external funding. He also created the Big Ideas Generator, an incubator that awards funding and support for bold, early-stage projects that have potential for growth. At SLU, he works with deans, department chairs and faculty to advance the quality, scope and impact of research across the University.



Dr. Michelle Sabick
DEAN OF PARKS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY

For the past two years, Sabick chaired the Department of Biomedical Engineering in Parks College. Prior to that, she was on the faculty of Boise State University in Idaho, where she also chaired the mechanical and biomedical engineering department. Throughout her career, Sabick has worked to improve the ways that universities deliver engineering education. A noted researcher, she has received more than \$3 million in grants from the National Science Foundation.



Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis joins a large crowd giving alumna and longtime volunteer Mary Bruemmer (seated) a standing ovation.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE PELTIER

Dame Mary Bruemmer Awarded Papal Knighthood

Former dean of student affairs Mary Bruemmer (A&S '42, Grad Ed '60) was named a Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Sylvester Pope and Martyr in June.

The honor was a surprise during a retirement party for the 96-year-old who served as a full-time SLU volunteer for the past 26 years. (She first retired in 1990 after nearly 35 years in the administration.)

Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis presented Bruemmer with a commemorative scroll and a cross medallion from Rome that is meant to be worn at significant archdiocesan events.

"Mary has been a role model, a guiding light and a moral compass for generations of SLU students and alumni," Carlson said. "She has also served God in so many ways, and this honor from Pope Francis tells the world how she has served him and her Church."



▲ The new academic medical center will be located on the north side of the existing facility between Rutger and Lasalle streets, adjacent to the hospital's current location on Grand Boulevard, with plans to better integrate the hospital with the School of Medicine and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

Plans Revealed for New Academic Medical Center

In June, SSM Health unveiled a master facility plan for a new \$550 million academic medical center — a 316-bed, 802,000-square-foot replacement hospital and new outpatient care center for SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital.

The new SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital will include all private patient rooms, larger intensive care units and an expanded emergency department. The new outpatient care center will increase services and provide additional clinical space for SLUCare practices. Dedicated educational space throughout the facility will allow the University to better train future physicians and health practitioners.

Alberici Constructors Inc. is the project's construction manager and is slated to break ground in fall 2017 with an anticipated completion date of Sept. 1, 2020. Lawrence Group, in partnership with Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, began developing the project in January, working from information provided by planning architects Frank Zilm and Associates Inc.

Awards and Recognition

Dr. Benjamin Looker, associate professor of American studies, received the 2016 Lawrence W. Levine Award from the Organization of American Historians for the best book in American cultural history, *A Nation of Neighborhoods: Imagining Cities, Communities, and Democracy in Postwar America*.

Dr. Elizabeth Blake, assistant professor of Russian in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, received a Department of Education Fulbright-Hays grant from American Councils for a professional development program this summer at the Russian State Pedagogical University (Herzen) in St. Petersburg.

Dr. J.D. Bowen, associate professor of political science, received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar award to conduct research at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia, this spring.

Dr. Fred P. Pestello, SLU president, is a member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities board of directors and chairs the association's standing committee on tax policy.

More than **170 SLUCare physicians** from a variety of specialties were recognized by *St. Louis Magazine* as the best doctors of 2016. The list is based on the annual "Best Doctors in America" database.



2016 Spring Commencement Draws Large Crowd

An estimated 10,000 people filled Chaifetz Arena on May 14 to take part in Saint Louis University's 2016 spring commencement ceremony. Nearly 2,600 students graduated this year.

For the first time at commencement, the ceremony's music was performed by an all-student orchestra.

Another new feature this year was a student speaker from the graduating class, Hannah Vestal, a psychology major with minors in theology and public health. Vestal founded Billikens for Clean Water and was a 2016 recipient of SLU's Woman of the Year award.

This year's commencement speaker was U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Kevin F. O'Malley (A&S '70, Law '73). For more than 15 years, he taught trial advocacy courses as an adjunct professor at SLU's School of Law.



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O'Malley received an honorary doctor of medical sciences from the University. Also honored during the ceremony was Sister Mary Jean Ryan (Nurs '67), a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary for more than 50 years and the former CEO of SSM Health. She received an honorary doctor of public service.



SLU to Celebrate Bicentennial

Saint Louis University is the first institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi River. And soon it will be the first to celebrate a bicentennial.

Although SLU won't mark 200 years until 2018, planning is already underway.

Dr. Ellen Harshman (Grad '78, Law '92), dean emeritus of the John Cook School of Business and former vice president for academic affairs, is leading SLU's bicentennial efforts with a steering committee of representatives from throughout the University, as well as the Jesuit community.

The celebration will likely kick off in 2017 during Homecoming and Family Weekend. While many events are still in very early planning stages, a history of SLU has been commissioned that will be published by late 2017. Dr. Dolores Byrnes is writing the book.

MAJOR GRANTS

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS \$2.1 million

The federal Health Resources and Services Administration grant will provide scholarships to future nurses who come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. SLU is the only nursing school in the metro area and one of two in Missouri to receive this federal funding. SLU's proposal calls for awarding scholarships to 10 incoming freshmen and 10 rising sophomores for the 2016-17 academic year.

ZIKA VIRUS RESEARCH \$1.3 million

SLU vaccine researchers are studying Zika as part of a multi-site study funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health. SLU and other Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Unit contractors are examining the immune responses of 200 volunteers who were diagnosed with or have symptoms of Zika, which causes serious birth defects.

Rankings and Honors

Saint Louis University programs earned high honors in the *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Graduate Rankings," including the No. 1 program in health law in the nation for the 12th year.

In the magazine's 2017 edition of "Best Graduate Schools," seven SLU programs were listed in the top 25. More than 20 of Saint Louis University's graduate programs were ranked among the top 100 in the United States.

SLU's 2017 top-100 graduate rankings are:

- 1 Law School Specialties: Health Law
- 12 Business Specialties: International Business
- 13 Business Specialties: Supply Chain
- 14 Business Specialties: Entrepreneurship
- 24 Business Specialties: Accounting
- 25 Health Sciences Specialties: Occupational Therapy
- 25 Law School Specialties: Part-time Law
- 30 Law School Specialties: Clinical Training
- 40 Health Sciences Specialties: Physical Therapy
- 47 Top Social Work Programs
- 48 Top Medical Schools: Primary Care
- 53 Top Speech Language Pathology Programs
- 63 Top Medical Schools: Research
- 68 Top Doctor of Nursing Practice
- 72 Business School Specialties: Part-time MBA
- 78 Top Nursing Programs: Master's
- 82 Top Law Schools
- 88 Top Business Programs

School of Nursing Establishes First Named Professorship

Dr. Joan Dodgson, a professor in the School of Nursing, is the first recipient of the Patricia and James R. Hemak Endowed Professorship in Maternal Child Health. Among SLU's 33 named professorships, this is the School of Nursing's first.

SLU alumna Dr. Patricia Hemak (Nurs '64) said she and her husband established the endowment because they wanted to give back to the university that inspired and spurred her career.

Dodgson is a globally renowned expert in the field of maternal child medicine. During her career, she has been a leader in breastfeeding promotion and support strategies.



Dr. Joan Dodgson (left) poses with Dr. Patricia and James R. Hemak, the benefactors of the first named professorship in the School of Nursing.

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Convocation Opens New Year: University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello tells Saint Louis University's newest students what will be expected of them and what they can anticipate from SLU during the New Student Convocation and Family Welcome Aug. 18. Approximately 3,200 people attended the ceremony at Chaifetz Arena.

Arts at SLU

SLU THEATRE
70th Anniversary Season

DISTRACTED

By Lisa Loomer // Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 7-9

The story of a 9-year-old boy who may have attention deficit disorder, this play is a comedic look at the pressures on parents and children, and coping in an age of information overload.

ARCADIA

By Tom Stoppard // Nov. 17-20

Moving back and forth between two centuries, modern scholars living in an English country house discover truths about its previous residents in this comedic exploration of math, science and romance.

SILENT SKY

By Laura Gunderson // March 2-5

Based on a true story, humor and a hint of romance tell the story of a deaf woman's struggle to balance family life while working to be recognized in a male-dominated world of science.

MONSTER

By Neal Bell // April 21-22, 28-30

This retelling of *Frankenstein* explores the conflict of a man's obsession with creating life and the effects of abandoning his creation, while offering insight on the creature's desire for understanding.

All performances begin at 8 p.m., except Sunday matinees, which start at 2 p.m.

SLUMA
SLU Museum of Art



EXPLORATIONS IN REALITY
Photographs from the Permanent Collection

Through Dec. 30 // Aronson Gallery

The exhibition includes photographs from the 1850s to the present. Artists featured include Peter Bergheim, Félix Bonfils, Andy Warhol and Bonnie Schiffman.

PERSUASIVE POLITICS

Oct. 21-Dec. 30

Community Gallery

The exhibition presents 700 presidential campaign items including a George Washington coat button, an "I Like Ike" cigarette pack and a paper dress from the Nixon election.

MOCRA
Museum of Contemporary Religious Art



ERIKA DIETTES: SUDARIOS

Through Dec. 4

Colombian artist Erika Diettes interviewed and photographed women who had been forced to witness the torture and murder of their loved ones during the country's armed conflict. The black-and-white portraits are printed on large panels of fine silk canvas.



SLU Announces Five New Trustees

Saint Louis University has added five new members to its board of trustees. They have begun their three-year terms.

Leanne Caret is executive vice president of the Boeing Company; president and chief executive officer of Defense, Space and Security; and a member of Boeing's executive council.

Darryl Jones (A&S '77) is a managing partner for D&D Concessions, a partner in JHL Concessions and the president of TRI-TEC. All three culinary/hospitality firms are based in St. Louis.

Michael C. McFarland, S.J., is the treasurer of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus and the former president of the College of the Holy Cross.

Stephen A. Privett, S.J., is the chancellor and former president of the University of San Francisco. He also is the provincial assistant for social ministries for the California and Oregon Jesuit provinces.

Greg Stubblefield is executive vice president and chief strategy officer for Enterprise Holdings Inc. and serves on the company's corporate board.



Fall Welcome: Oriflamme leaders rolled out the orange carpet for new SLU students Aug. 17 and 18, assisting them with move-in and organizing activities to help the first-year students adjust to life at SLU.



From left: SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello, Travis Ford and Athletics Director Chris May

Travis Ford Named Men's Basketball Coach

Travis Ford is the new head coach of the Billiken men's basketball program. In 19 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Ford has a 345-257 record. He has had head-coaching stints at Oklahoma State

(eight years, 2008-16), Massachusetts (three years, 2005-08), Eastern Kentucky (five years, 2000-05) and Campbellsville. Ford has led his team to the NCAA Tournament six times. He has coached six players who have gone on to play in the NBA and five who have been named conference player of the year.

While at Oklahoma State University he led the Cowboys to a 155-111 record and five NCAA Tournament appearances, including three in the last four years. He recruited three McDonald's All-Americans to Stillwater, Oklahoma, during his tenure.

Ford played the majority of his collegiate career at the University of Kentucky, helping the Wildcats to NCAA Tournament appearances in each of his three seasons (1992, 1993, 1994). He was a junior on the 1993 Wildcat team that advanced to the NCAA Final Four.



College Church Marks 175 Years

A yearlong celebration is underway to honor the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Francis Xavier College Church.

The first English-speaking Catholic parish in St. Louis, the College Church was founded in 1841 to minister to the growing number of Irish immigrants in the city.

Today, the parish is known for its liturgical music, religious education, and social ministry work and advocacy. The church hosts nearly 100 weddings each year.

The anniversary celebration runs through July 30, 2017, and events include a concert by the College Church choir, a gala, and a Valentine's party and vow renewal for couples married at the church.

For more information or to share memories, find the College Church on Facebook or at slu.edu/college-church.

BY THE NUMBERS
Food at SLU
during the last academic year



on-campus dining options, including well-known chains such as Subway, Qdoba, Starbucks, Panera, Panda Express and Chick-fil-A



2,170
gallons of chocolate milk consumed by students



74,802
slices of bacon served in Griesedieck and Reinert dining halls



79,680
slices of pizza served on campus



Kevin Lisch (left)

Lisch Plays for Australia in Rio Olympics

Former Billiken Kevin Lisch (Cook '08, Grad Cook '12) played at the Rio Olympics as a member of the Australian men's basketball team. Lisch, a Belleville, Illinois, native who played for the Billikens from 2005

to 2009, recently received Australian citizenship. He has played professionally in Australia, and his wife is Australian.

He is the Billikens' sixth-leading scorer (1,687 career points) and was an Academic All-American in 2009.

After graduating from SLU, Lisch played professionally in Australia for the Perth Wildcats, winning a championship in 2010 and an MVP honor in 2012. After stints in Puerto Rico, France and Spain, Lisch returned to Australia last season as a member of the Illawarra Hawks and captured another MVP award. He is signed to play with the Sydney Kings next year.

Lisch was the first Billiken men's basketball player to compete in the Olympics since Pete McCaffrey, who won a gold medal with Team USA in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

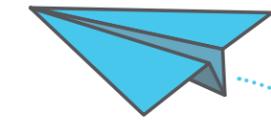


Corps Values

Through the Billiken Teacher Corps, graduate students make an impact on Catholic schools in the St. Louis area.

—By Emily Clemenson,
photography by Jay Fram

BELOW: Ronny O'Dwyer, S.J., leads Billiken Teacher Corps members in a classroom blessing at St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral in August.



Thirteen strangers are chosen and instructed to live together, eat together and depend upon each other.

This isn't the next season of prime-time reality television. This is the Billiken Teacher Corps, a two-year, service-driven master's program at Saint Louis University. Participants are not just roommates or classmates; they're treated as a community — somewhere between a cohort and a family. They have shared experiences and make programmatic decisions as a group. They're young, energetic teachers who rely upon each other for prayer, support, fellowship and camaraderie.

"The Billiken Teacher Corps is a program with three interlocking pillars," said Dr. John James, a School of Education faculty member who helped make the program a reality. "One, teaching in a high-need, urban, Catholic school. Two, earning a tuition-reimbursement master's degree at Saint Louis University. And three, living in an intentional faith community, which involves prayer and personal spiritual development."

The program launched in June 2015. Participants are recent college graduates, some with undergraduate degrees in education and some without, who have a drive to serve and a desire to teach. The inaugural six Billiken Teachers have started their second year in the program and welcomed a new cohort of seven this past June.

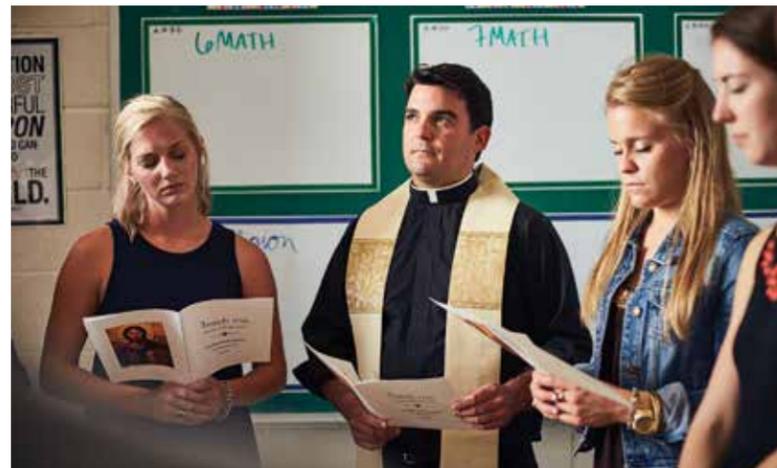
The Billiken Teacher Corps is based on the Alliance for Catholic Education at Notre Dame, but anyone familiar with service-driven programs will notice similar elements. It's like the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, but with a teaching component. It's like Teach for America, but all participants live together.

Michelle Ehrhard, a second-year Billiken Teacher Corps student who is originally from St. Louis, heard about the program during her senior year at Truman State University.

"It's like my personality was shifted into a program," Ehrhard said. "I was somewhere between being Catholic and wanting to teach, but wanting it to be more than just a career — wanting to show God through it."

The Teaching

Each student in the program is placed in an under-resourced school in the St. Louis region to teach for two years. Elise Earley teaches middle school science at St. Cecilia School and Academy in



St. Louis. She has always wanted to effect change in the world. But because she did not decide to become a teacher until after she graduated from college, she was without the student-teaching experience that undergraduate education majors have.

"The first day of school was kind of shocking," Earley said. "Nothing can prepare you for that first day. Until you get into the classroom, you have no idea what it'll be like."

She was lucky to have very sweet students in her class; she said, willing to help out as she learned the ins and outs of managing a classroom.

Sarah Staten teaches math and religion to sixth, seventh and eighth graders at St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral in St. Louis' Central West End.

"It was initially intimidating to have six classes to plan for," Staten said. "I've had to develop my own curriculum based on what the students need and what they aren't understanding."

The Learning

Once a week during the school year, the tables are turned and the Billiken Teachers become students. Earning a Master of Arts in teaching through the two-year program, the cohort takes one evening class during the academic year and three concurrent classes during the summer.

"The classes are mostly discussion-based," Staten said. "For a lot of it, you incorporate what you've done teaching into the class. So it's not a ton of new knowledge, but it's reinforced by what you're doing."

The program begins with three summer classes. Billiken Teachers who are not yet certified teachers take a class preparing them for classroom management and the basics of education. Many of the classes in the master's program focus on urban education.

"The Billiken Teachers' success will be grounded in the ability to use the research-based approaches they learn at SLU to achieve real-world results," said Ronny O'Dwyer, S.J. (Grad A&S '09, Grad Ed '10), director of the Billiken Teacher Corps. "This will require our members to integrate spiritual passion and intellectual depth with their service as leaders in Catholic education."

The Community

All Billiken Teachers live together in a renovated convent at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in south St. Louis. The old convent has three floors: the top floor has 14 individual rooms and community bathrooms; a main floor includes study spaces, tables, couches and a chapel; and the bottom floor has the kitchen, dining room, laundry room and television room.

Mandatory weekly events fulfill the community and faith-formation aspect of the program. One night a week O'Dwyer joins the community for

Mass and dinner, and leads them through various aspects of St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. On other evenings, one person cooks dinner for the group.

"We're like a family," Ehrhard said. "It's like somewhere in between really close roommates and family because they're peers — peers that you might not have chosen, but you end up loving. It's a messy, beautiful thing."

Billiken Teachers live together, eat together, pray together, learn together, laugh together. They stay up late and share classroom techniques and ideas with each other.

"I didn't expect to be super close to anybody, but I have come to love everybody in the program," Staten said. "I look forward to catching up with everybody, seeing how their days were, sharing funny stories and just getting to know each of them outside of the teacher context."

And Staten said it's been a huge blessing during the challenges brought up by the program. When someone has to miss a community event, it becomes obvious how important that time together is.

"I didn't know I'd need it," Staten said, "but God knew I would, so he gave me good people."

The Calling

Billiken Teachers have adopted the phrase "Teach me" as their motto. "Anyone familiar with Jesuit education likely knows by heart St. Ignatius' prayer for generosity," O'Dwyer explained. "The prayer consists of seven stanzas, each beginning with the words 'teach me' — teach me to be generous, teach me to serve, teach me to give, to fight, to labor."

"It's a prayer to God, of course, but it's also a call we hear coming from our students: teach me," he continued. "But there's more. Anyone who has ever taught knows that teachers learn from their students. So to the students, too, we say teach me — teach me how to be Christ for you."

Even with this powerful motivation, joining the Billiken Teacher Corps might not be the right fit for everybody. Teaching is a job full of delayed gratification, the Billiken Teachers say, and you have to be able to rely on your community for support on the days the job is taxing. You have to put your community's needs and wants ahead of your own needs and wants. You have to share a bathroom.

But all of the Billiken Teachers agree: It's worth it. "It has really worked out for the best," Ehrhard said. "Not just for the better, but for the best." **UTAS**

To make a gift to the Billiken Teacher Corps, please contact development director John Stiles at stilesja@slu.edu.

Watch a short video about the Billiken Teacher Corps online at slu.edu/universitas.

A Day in the Life

Juggling teaching, learning and living in community, this is what a typical day might look like for the members of the Billiken Teacher Corps.

- 5:15 a.m. Wake up.
- 6 a.m. Leave home, drive to school.
- 6:45 a.m. Arrive at school. Prepare the classroom, make photocopies, get everything ready for the day.
- 7:30 a.m. Students start arriving at school. Spend time greeting them as they come in, then gather in the gymnasium for prayer.
- 8:15 a.m. Start school. Teach five or six classes in the day, take one hour to prep in the middle of the day, assist as a lunch or recess monitor.
- 3:30 p.m. School ends. Help with after-school programs, spend time with students who stay late, start to prepare the classroom for tomorrow.
- 4:20 p.m. Once a week, attend night class at Saint Louis University.
- 6:30 p.m. Gather with other Billiken Teachers to eat dinner as a group.
- 7:30 p.m. Spend time in community, watching TV or chatting about the day.
- 8:30 p.m. Spend time preparing for school tomorrow. Review your lesson plans, finish up grading, gather materials.
- 11 p.m. Go to sleep, hoping to get enough shut-eye to do it all again tomorrow.

IN FOCUS

The photos Cengiz Yar takes are hard to look at and even harder to look away from. Amid dusty earth tones — the rubble of fallen desert cities, crisscrossed with dark wire; camouflaged fatigues; fragments of bone out of context — he captures swaths of verdant countryside and snaps of deep red — carnations atop a casket, a kaffiyeh scarf, a smear of blood. Whether devastating or beautiful or both, the shots invite the viewer to take a closer look: This is the face of suffering. This is humanity.

A documentary photographer and freelance photojournalist, Yar (Cook '09) has focused recently on two main subjects: the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the proliferation of gun violence in the United States.

His work takes him from Kurdistan to Ferguson and back, to places probably unfamiliar to most of his fellow Saint Louis University alumni.

But his background, at least the SLU portion of it, is certainly familiar. Like so many students, Yar came to Saint Louis University from his hometown of Milwaukee because of a scholarship (in his case, the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship) and because he's a legacy (his aunt and uncle, Marge and Pete Donegan, graduated in the mid-1970s). Add in a series of good grants, and SLU was his best option, although maybe not the most obvious path to what he planned to do with his life.

Yar fell in love with photography in high school and knew it was the career for him. But Saint Louis University offered only a few photography courses.

"It didn't make sense to me to go to school for photography," Yar said. "I went to SLU knowing I'd want to run my own business someday, and that I'd be able to get a good business education there."

He studied in the John Cook School of Business while gravitating toward extracurriculars with a visual bent, including video production for SLU TV and a summer internship at a small media company in St. Louis.

Then he decided to study abroad.

"I wanted to be as far away from my comfort zone as possible," Yar said. So he chose the program farthest away, ending up at Beijing University of International Business and Economics through an exchange program sponsored by Loyola University Chicago. As soon as he got to China, his perception shifted.

"Beijing was a complete shock," he said. "I was immediately overwhelmed by how many other people there are in the world."

The frame around him was expanding, quickly. He returned to America and to SLU with a global perspective, and decided to concentrate on international business.

After graduating, Yar spent a year and a half teaching English and developing his photography skills in Thailand, and then moved to Chicago, which he still considers his home base. Since 2012, he has traveled in and out of the United States, mostly to the Middle East. At the end of October 2015, he relocated to northern Iraq.



PHOTO BY NINA FARADJI

ALUMNUS AND PHOTOJOURNALIST CENGIZ YAR CAPTURES CONFLICT TO TELL STORIES.

— By Amy Garland

Not affiliated with a specific news or photo agency, Yar is entirely freelance, which essentially means he's putting that business education to good use. He does all of his own pitching, marketing, fundraising and accounting. And then there's the work of photography, of course.

"Less than 5 percent of my work is actually taking photos," he estimated.

He splits his work between creating stories for nongovernmental organizations and producing material for news organizations and magazines. His work has been published and mentioned by some notable news sources, as well: BBC World News, *The Guardian*, *The Telegraph*, *Maclean's Magazine* and Mashable among others. In 2015, he was awarded the Online News Association's inaugural James W. Foley award for conflict freelancers.

Accepting the award, Yar said, "For a freelance journalist, specifically one that has covered the war in Syria, I can't think of a

higher honor than this. I'm incredibly grateful." However, the award also flashed a warning: Foley was an American freelance journalist who was abducted in Syria and beheaded by ISIS in 2014. His death reminds journalists everywhere of the potential danger of their profession.

Yar definitely has been in his share of intense, life-threatening situations. He's been in combat, in ruined cities strewn with hidden explosives, at the site of massacres.

"I don't think of myself as brave," he said. "In combat situations, I'm very much afraid."

He works through those moments, though, to focus on the important job of witnessing and storytelling.

"I'm incredibly privileged and blessed to see all of this and meet all these people," he said. "I want to tell their stories because they deserve a voice in the international news cycle."

So Yar goes to the ruins of Sinjar, Iraq, to Aleppo, Syria, to even Baltimore and Chicago, looking for stories that might not get told otherwise.

He is most proud of "Syria's Children," an ongoing project that documents the lives of often overlooked victims of the Syrian war: child refugees living in Turkey, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon. With the consent of a parent or guardian, Yar interviews each child and takes his or her portrait. He uses Polaroid film, with all of its imperfections and nuances, and then scans the photo and gives one back to the child.

"I wanted to put a face to the crisis in Syria," he said. "Everyone is special and deserves respect. Many of these children don't have anything, and for me, their portrait is a simple thing to give back to them."

Except for a donation of film, the project has been funded entirely by Yar. The project was nominated for the 2014 UNICEF Photo of the Year. Since 2014, he's photographed more than 200 children.

That's just a small fraction of the stories to tell, the pictures to take. Don't look away. **UTAS**



SAMPLES OF YAR'S WORK

TOP:

Young men carry wooden torches down a mountain during Kurdish Newroz celebrations in Akre, Kurdistan, Iraq.

MIDDLE left:

A fighter sits on a balcony in Sinjar city the day of its recapture from ISIS by Kurdish forces in northern Iraq, in November 2015.

MIDDLE right:

A daughter embraces her father after being separated from him for more than a year. She had been stuck with her mother and three siblings in ISIS-controlled territory after her father was forced to flee to Kurdistan. They were reunited when fighting between Iraqi forces and ISIS created an opportunity for them to escape.

BOTTOM:

A member of the Piru gang (a subsection of the Bloods) wears a maroon bandanna around his neck and a red one hanging from his back pocket. He and some of his fellow gang members say they are uniting with other gangs in Baltimore to stop the violence and protect their community.



SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE

Thirty years after nearly dying, an alumnus inspires others to truly live.

— By Maria Tsikalas

PHOTO BY STEVE DOLAN

When John O'Leary (Cook '99) was 9 years old, he decided to experiment with fire and gasoline in his family's garage. His innocent undertaking caused an instant explosion. O'Leary was burned over 100 percent of his body; 87 percent was third-degree. His doctors and nurses did not think he would make it through the night; he was given a less than 1 percent chance of surviving.

But survive he did. After a grueling but miraculous recovery — his doctor told him he had never seen anything like it in his

entire career — O'Leary worked to put the fire behind him. He enrolled at Saint Louis University, where he met his wife, Beth (Hittler) O'Leary (Doisy '01), who is now a SLU adjunct instructor in occupational therapy. After college, he started a real estate development business with a fellow SLU alumnus. He later pursued a chaplaincy program through SLU and worked as a hospital chaplain for three years. He and Beth began having children — they now have four. But he never talked much about the fire; even Beth and his college roommates knew few

details about how he had gotten his scars.

That changed in 2005, when his parents, Susan and Denny (Law '68), published a book, *Overwhelming Odds*, about that fateful day in 1987 and the journey for their family that followed.

"It was an unauthorized biography of my life," O'Leary joked. "It changed my life."

His parents' telling of it helped him realize that the fire and its aftermath had brought out the best in everyone around him, from his sister Susan, who risked her life running into their burning house to retrieve cups

of water to pour onto his face; to his hospital-room janitor, who kept it spotless and free of infection; to broadcaster Jack Buck, who sent him more than 60 autographed baseballs from St. Louis Cardinals baseball players to encourage him to learn to write again, despite having had his fingers amputated.

And it's working. "I was in Dallas recently, and a woman drove two-and-a-half hours to hear me speak for the 11th time," he said. "She says that she has transformed her life spiritually, relationally and professionally as a result of these encounters, and she's going to keep driving two-and-a-half hours to keep growing. That

miracle a reality. ... As if cataracts had been cut away, I understood, 'Oh my gosh ... it was all a gift.'" Three months after his parents' book was published, O'Leary was asked to give a speech about his experiences. Despite being terrified of public speaking — he said he barely scraped by in his required public speaking course at SLU — he agreed. Then he was asked to speak again and again. Now, over a decade later, O'Leary has given more than 1,500 talks around the country and the world, describing the small acts of kindness from strangers and friends alike that contributed to his recovery and growth, and the lessons he learned that he believes can be applied to the difficult situations in everyone's lives. He encourages his audiences, from health care workers to prison inmates, to live their lives "radically inspired."

And in March of this year, O'Leary's own book, *On Fire: The 7 Choices to Ignite a Radically Inspired Life*, was published by Simon & Schuster. The book became a No. 1 national best-seller and is already being printed in 12 languages.

"It was very, very raw and personal to write about the experiences of being burned as a kid," he said. "It's been very therapeutic, very healing and transformative as we've gone farther and farther down the path to realize it's not an autobiography. I think it's a reflective story that inspires others to be the best version of themselves, helping them realize they can do so much more in their lives than what they had been doing, and that everything they do going forward from this moment will make a difference."

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just blows me away, and it's proof that this story's not about the man writing it; it's about the individuals living it. It can change lives."

Is it difficult to live "radically inspired" all the time?

"The reason why the book works and why people are happy for my wife and me is because we are the same people before the book, within the book and then after the book," he said. "It hasn't changed us, and we're not trying to put on pretenses. And, candidly, we're not the heroes in that book as much as all the other people who show up in our lives. We're celebrating them and our decision to be more like them in our own life, so we're trying to be that radically inspired life; we're not claiming that we have it."

"We have spilled milk and Cheerios on the floor like everyone else," O'Leary said. "And you can either yell about it,

or you can grab the mop and broom and take care of it. You can either be grateful for it all, or overwhelmed in a negative way by it all. When we are being intentional and living each day fully, we're just grateful for all the gifts that we have, even the Cheerios on the floor."

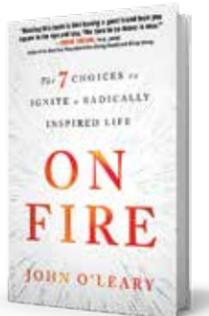
Through it all, O'Leary said his Billiken friends continue to be some of his most enthusiastic cheerleaders.

"They celebrate the guy they knew in the quad, the guy they sat next to at Humphrey's; they've just loved me for who I was throughout it all," he said. "So I'm grateful for the friendships that were formed at SLU and remain dear to us today. The success I had in my first business, becoming a hospital chaplain, finding a wife, the four children, and even today with the speaking and writing career, it's a direct result of Saint Louis University." **UTAS**



O'Leary receiving physical therapy after the 1987 fire

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Opening the Book on the Saint Louis University Library Associates

For nearly half a century, the group has welcomed world-class authors to campus with the St. Louis Literary Award.

—By Amy Garland

The names read like a Literature 101 syllabus

or a “Books to Read in a Lifetime” list: Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, Updike, Auden, Didion. And on, and on.

Forty-eight authors in all, some of the biggest literary giants of the last half-century. Several have Pulitzer Prizes to their name. A few, Nobels.

All have St. Louis Literary Awards.

‘A Who’s Who of Literature’

The St. Louis Literary Award started nearly 50 years ago as the Wilma and Roswell Messing Jr. Award, an honor given by the Associates of Saint Louis University Libraries.

The award was the brainchild of Henry J. Scherck, a local businessman who became special assistant to SLU President Paul Reinert, S.J., and who had been instrumental in the formation of the associates in the mid-1960s. Scherck was inspired by Columbia University’s Bancroft Prizes, four annual awards to authors in the field of history. He imagined the associates could offer a similar award. The group just needed a sponsor.

Enter the Messings. After success in the printing business, Roswell “Bud” Messing and his wife, Wilma (Engel) Messing, turned to philanthropy. Knowing the couple had funded a library at an area school, the associates approached Messing about establishing its own literary award. He agreed, and Wilma Messing became an active member of the SLU Library Associates board.

In the early years, award recipients were chosen by a committee of Library Associates members, SLU faculty and the book editors of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

Today, a committee still decides, but the nomination process is open to the entire membership of the Saint Louis University Library Associates. After members suggest up to two authors, the committee chooses a handful to research.

“We read their work widely,” said Patrick McCarthy (A&S ’83), associate dean of University libraries and a member of the selection committee. “Then we vote by secret ballot to try to be as objective and fair as possible.”

Despite personal tastes, the committee always chooses “a living writer with a substantial body of work available in English who has enriched our literary heritage by deepening our insight into the human

condition and expanding the scope of our compassion,” said Philip Boehm, chairman of the selection committee.

The first couple of honorees were historians, but the list expanded to include authors of almost every kind — poets, playwrights, novelists and fiction writers, critics, philosophers — bound by their excellence.

In 1982 the name of the award changed, and over the years, the prize money increased — but the quality has remained the same.

“The list of winners is a who’s who of literature,” said Lana Pepper, president of the Saint Louis University Library Associates.

McCarthy concurred.

“This award has become one of the most important literary prizes in the country,” he said. “Some of that has to do with the past authors, which is a list that builds on itself.”

Even the winners are impressed by the company they keep.

“Richard Ford accepted the award because we’d given it to Eudora Welty,” said Clarkson Joseph “Joe” Carpenter III (A&S ’71), a Library Associates board member since the early 1980s.

Israeli writer and 2015 recipient David Grossman echoed: “When I saw the people who had won this award before me, I was very proud. It’s very good company to be in.”

Each year, the awardee comes to the University to be honored, read or lecture, and give a craft talk. The award presentation, which draws hundreds, was held in Pius XII Memorial Library until 1979 and in various campus locations after that.

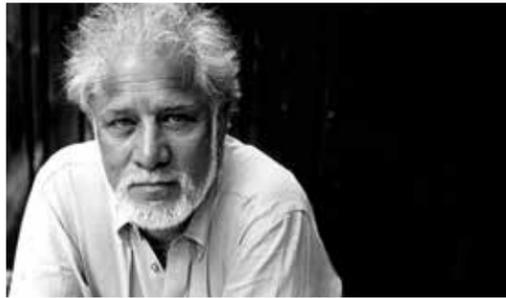
Prologue to the Award

The presentation of the literary award is considered the highlight of the year for the Library Associates.

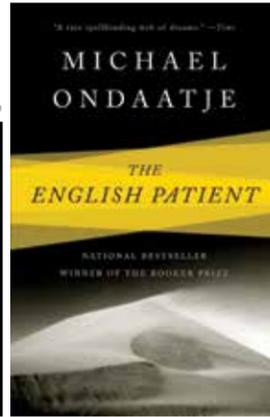
The group’s origins harken back to fall 1963, a few years before the literary award was established, when Adelaide (Mahaffey) Schlafly (A&S ’56) solicited support for the library from several University organizations.

Complete List of Awardees

- Michael Ondaatje 2016
- David Grossman 2015
- Jeanette Winterson 2014
- Tony Kushner 2012
- Mario Vargas Llosa 2011
- Don DeLillo 2010
- Salman Rushdie 2009
- E.L. Doctorow 2008
- William H. Gass 2007
- Michael Frayn 2006
- Richard Ford 2005
- Garry Wills 2004
- Margaret Drabble 2003
- Joan Didion 2002
- Simon Schama 2001
- N. Scott Momaday 2000
- Chinua Achebe 1999
- Seamus Heaney 1998
- Stephen E. Ambrose 1997
- Antonia Fraser 1996
- Edward Albee 1995
- Stephen Jay Gould 1994
- David McCullough 1993
- Shelby Foote 1992
- August Wilson 1991
- Tom Wolfe 1990
- Richard Purdy Wilbur 1989
- Joyce Carol Oates 1988
- John Updike 1987
- Saul Bellow 1986
- Walker Percy 1985
- Eudora Welty 1983
- William Styron 1982
- James A. Michener 1981
- Arthur Miller 1980
- Howard Nemerov 1979
- Mortimer J. Adler 1978
- Robert Penn Warren 1977
- R. Buckminster Fuller 1976
- John Hope Franklin 1975
- Tennessee Williams 1974
- James T. Farrell 1973
- Francis Warner 1972
- Barbara Tuchman 1971
- W.H. Auden 1970
- George Plimpton 1969
- Jacques Barzun 1968
- Henry Steele Commager 1967



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2016 ST. LOUIS LITERARY AWARD WINNER Michael Ondaatje

Best known as a novelist, Michael Ondaatje is also a poet, memoirist and documentary filmmaker. His transcendent novel *The English Patient* became an Academy Award-winning film, the "Best Picture" of 1996.

Ondaatje will accept the award on campus on Thursday, Oct. 6. The event, which begins at 7 p.m. in Busch Student Center, is free and open to the public. Register online at lib.slu.edu/about/associates/literary-award/ondaatje.

The response was promising, with donations of several hundred dollars.

But the idea for a library friends group didn't spark until the next spring, when Scherck toured his great-great grandfather's library collection. Afterward, he wrote to Reinert, "Wonder how many of such collections are hidden in the attics of St. Louisans, collections which might be given to the University?"

Reinert replied, "Good idea, but why not make a long-term project to organize a Friends of the Library group to benefit the University Libraries?"

He saw an opportunity to connect Saint Louis University to the St. Louis community, one of his overarching goals as SLU president.

"Father Reinert felt strongly that this group would not only benefit the libraries, but would make the University and its purposes better known among all of the book-loving people of St. Louis," Scherck wrote in *The Story of the Associates of Saint Louis University Libraries Inc.*

The funds Schlafly raised seeded the group, and the Associates of Saint Louis University Libraries was born. She and her husband, Daniel (the first layperson to chair SLU's board of trustees, in 1967) became the first lifetime members of the group. Associates memberships started at \$10.

At the start, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* penned an editorial praising the concept and encouraging "wide public support" of the programs. Prominent St. Louisans were on board, literally. "The board of directors was a who's who of St. Louis society," McCarthy said.

The associates became a valued cultural outlet, offering programming on topics ranging from the U.S. presidential libraries to the Dead Sea Scrolls. The group sponsored a literary tour of the city, highlighting T.S. Eliot and other renowned writers with St. Louis ties. Sometimes, book-loving members got the chance to view and even handle rare books.

Far from the End of the Story

Today, the Saint Louis University Library Associates — the group was renamed in 2001 — is "one of the best kept secrets in the area," according to Dr. Frances Pestello, a member of the Library Associates board.

Become a Library Associates Member

Join fellow book lovers in appreciation for the written word and in support of SLU libraries. Annual memberships begin at \$100 and include:

- Invitation to the presentation of the annual St. Louis Literary Award
- Invitation to members-only programs, such as Evenings at Home, held in private homes and cultural settings around the community
- Access to the unique resources of SLU libraries
- Borrowing privileges from Pius XII Memorial Library

Contact Donna Neely at 314-977-3100 or neelyd@slu.edu.

In addition to its annual literary award, which will celebrate 50 years in 2017, the Library Associates continues to offer programming to invigorate the intellectual life of the region.

For several years, the group has sponsored Evenings at Home, during which authors read from their work and mingle with members of the associates in private St. Louis homes.

"It's a very intimate setting where you can spend the evening with the author, not just hear him or her read as you might at a bookstore," Pepper said.

She's noticed a younger crowd at the more recent Evenings at Home, a trend she hopes continues.

To that end, this year the board is welcoming two SLU students, the Student Government Association president (or designee), as well as a graduate student representative. The associates also created the Undergraduate Writing Award in 2014.

The overall goal is to further connect the Library Associates with the University.

For years, the associates operated relatively independently, even though activities were held on campus and the group supported the University libraries with frequent, generous gifts. Then as now, the mission of the Library Associates is to enhance SLU libraries and the development of their world-renowned collections.

"The Library Associates was established as an independent nonprofit association," McCarthy said. "About three years ago, the group realized it made sense to bring it into the University." Now, SLU provides support in terms of administration, fundraising and development.

By all accounts, the Library Associates are ready for the next chapter.

"The Library Associates have always been a framework for bringing people together in a conversation through the arts," McCarthy said. "Now more than ever, it is a means to celebrate the humane values of Saint Louis University and the aesthetic components of a Jesuit education, and to share this with our students, alumni and the greater community."

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For more information about the Saint Louis University Library Associates, including the option to join online, visit lib.slu.edu/about/associates.

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Robert Christman (A&S) and his wife, Apphia, reside in a retirement home a few blocks from their parish of many years, Our Lady of Grace, in Pittsburgh. They have been married 71 years.

1949

Leo Tevlin (IT) is a member of the St. Louis Media Hall of Fame. A World War II aviator and Korean War veteran, Tevlin was behind the camera for many great moments in St. Louis history, including the 1950s CBS Baseball Game of the Week with Dizzy Dean and Pee Wee Reese; completion of the Arch; and coverage of space exploration with the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions. He has eight children and lives in St. Louis.

1951

Mary Hans (SW) is grateful for her SLU education, which led to more than 50 years of satisfying employment as a social worker with Albany (New York) Diocese Catholic Charities.

Alden Wilcox (PARKS) retired from Textron-Lycoming in 1987 and started an engineering consulting firm, Turbo-Tec Inc. He dissolved that business in January 2015 and fully retired. He lives in Montoursville, Pennsylvania.

1953

Dr. D. Vernon Cherry (DENT) received the Gold Medal Award for his service to the profession of dentistry from the Greater St. Louis Dental Society in January. He has been retired from private practice for nearly a decade. He lives in Dittmer, Missouri.

1955

Dr. Willard B. Avery (MED) lives in a skilled nursing home in Columbia, Missouri, with family nearby. He loves all the activity and good company. He also stays busy supervising his farms, one of which was the site of the first land battle of the Civil War, the first Battle of Boonville.

Ann Buche Conroy (A&S) retired from private practice and does pro bono work for the court and other legal entities. She lives in Waukegan, Illinois.

1957

Louise (Mims) Burwell (NURS) lives in Ramer, Alabama, on a farm with 90 cows, one mule, eight chickens and a calico cat.

1958

Carol (Krug) Colwell (A&S) has lived in Atlanta for more than 40 years. She travels whenever she can and plays golf with her sister, **Mary Lou (Krug) Geist** (A&S).

Frank Duda (IT '58, GRAD IT '63) retired from McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing) and lives in the St. Louis area.

1959

Sister Mary Petrosky (SW) works full time as spiritual director at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Manhattan, New York.

John Pokoski (IT) survived sudden cardiac arrest while playing basketball in January. He was resuscitated by his teammates' quick administering of CPR and use of an automated external defibrillator. He lives in Durham, New Hampshire.

1960

Dr. A. Wasy D'Cruz (GRAD A&S '60, '63) and **Jacqueline (Ingflis) D'Cruz** (NURS '62) retired and live in Scituate, Massachusetts.

Joseph O'Neill (A&S '60, GRAD ED '63) retired from the financial services industry and works as a voice actor, recording audio books and voice-overs for advertisements. He lives in Chandler, Arizona.

Joan Zekas (SW) has moderated a group for seniors writing their life stories for 15 years. She lives in Pittsburgh.

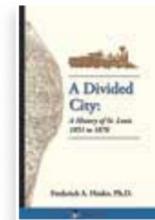
1961

J. Russell Bley (A&S) is a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps and an ambassador for the MOSAIC Project. He also hosts international students in his home. He retired 20 years ago and lives in St. Louis.

Josephine (Sager) Meyer (NURS) has lived and worked in Jefferson City, Missouri, since 1966. She and her husband, **Don** (A&S '59), own J&D Bicycle Shop.

1962

Dr. Frederick Hodes (A&S '62, GRAD A&S '67, '73) published his latest history book, *A Divided City: A History of St. Louis 1851 to 1876*. He lives in St. Louis.



Dr. Harry Owens (A&S '62, MED '66) did volunteer medical work with Project Hope for three months in Central America on the hospital ship USNS Comfort. He lives in Blue River, Oregon.

1963

Dr. Edward A. Chow (MED) received the American College of Physicians 2015 Northern California Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award. Chow, president of the San Francisco Health Commission, also was recognized by the NICOS Chinese Health Coalition for his career of dedicated leadership enhancing the health and well-being of the San Francisco Chinese community.

1964

Edward Kalkbrenner Jr. (IT '64, GRAD COOK '82) started Omega Systems Solutions Inc., a consulting, training and operations enterprise in the unmanned aircraft industry. He lives in Chandler, Arizona.

William Schmidt (A&S) retired from his work as a high school educator, coach and official. He lives in Festus, Missouri.

Robert Scouler (PARKS '64, LAW '68) was a 2015 Nonprofit Organization Corporate Counsel Honoree by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. He was recognized for his work as vice president and general counsel of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. He lives in Palos Verdes Estates, California.

1965

Theodore Biondo (IT) retired in Rockford, Illinois, where he serves on the Winnebago County Board and writes op-ed columns for the *Rockford Register Star*.

Rev. Dr. Will Lawbaugh (A&S '65, GRAD '67) is an Episcopal priest and lives in retirement with the Community of Celebration in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

1966

W. Stefan Morovitz (COOK) has been married 52 years to Mary Ann. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Antoinette "Toni" (Perring) Sander (DOISY), associate professor emerita of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, received the 11th annual Health Volunteers Overseas Golden Apple Award. Sander has contributed to the efforts of four HVO projects, including six months in Rwanda providing continuing education for physical therapists. She also is establishing a HVO PT training project in Myanmar. She lives in Naperville, Illinois.

1967

Dr. Neil Katz (A&S '67, GRAD A&S '69) is in his 44th year as professor of conflict studies — 40 years at Syracuse University and four in his current position at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

1968

Michael J. Cenatiempo (A&S) is senior counsel at Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff and Miller. He lives in Houston.

Joseph Childs (IT) is membership vice president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Reliability Society. He has worked at Lockheed Martin for 14 years and Texas Instruments for many years before that. He lives in Orlando, Florida.

Raymond Eheart (PARKS) retired from GE Aviation in August 2013. He was the technical lead for the variable cycle advanced technology (VCAT) program. He lives in West Chester, Ohio.

Michael Hastings (A&S) retired as deputy chief investigator for Nevada Consumer Affairs, where he headed investigations for all of northern Nevada. He lives in Reno.



HOW I GOT HERE

Dr. Diana (Siedhoff) Natalicio

A&S '61

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD IN 2016

By Marie Dilg

AUGUST 1939 Natalicio was born in St. Louis to a father who operated a retail dairy business and a mother who was a homemaker and, before that, a member of a vaudeville dance troupe.

"She was a remarkable woman, widely read, very refined tastes. My brother and I would listen with her to the Texaco broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera. I'm certain she would have done something amazing with her life had she had the chance to go to college, but her father opted to educate her younger brother instead. So, she did something amazing for my brother and me."

1957 Natalicio graduated from Cleveland High School at a time when male students were expected to pursue a trade and female students were provided secretarial and homemaking skills.

1957 Natalicio enrolled at Saint Louis University, majoring in Spanish. An honor student, Natalicio was the first person in her family to attend college. *She worked as a secretary at a construction company to pay tuition.*

"Initially I chose SLU because it was on a bus line. I didn't know anything about the Jesuits before enrolling, but I was quickly captivated by the quality of their teaching. I didn't think I could compete with the other students, who were graduates of college prep high schools, but I worked very, very hard, and my professors were amazing. SLU was perfect for me."



1961 Natalicio was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study Portuguese in Rio de Janeiro.

"I'd never traveled before, never been on an airplane. It was the best year of my life."

1964 Natalicio earned a master's degree in Portuguese from the University of Texas at Austin (UT). She received a Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation scholarship to study Portuguese literature in Lisbon.

1966 She returned to UT, earning her Ph.D. in linguistics in 1969. *"I've always been intrigued by the range of languages across the globe. Linguistics offered me the opportunity for systematic study of language variation and a window into the human brain."*



The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) offered Natalicio a visiting faculty position in languages and linguistics.

"I fell in love with El Paso the moment I arrived. UTEP students are very talented. I see in them the same potential the Jesuits at SLU must have spotted in me."



was the majority population of the region, was seldom considered 'college material.' I knew that talent was being squandered. My goal was to see UTEP's student body reflect the demographics of El Paso County."

During her tenure, UTEP's enrollment has increased from nearly 15,000 to more than 23,000. Doctoral programs have grown from one to 21. More than 80 percent of UTEP's students are Mexican-American. An additional five percent come from nearby Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Most UTEP students work while enrolled.

"I've always had a good deal of sensitivity to our students because, as a first-generation and commuter student juggling academic and job responsibilities, I was very much like them."

Natalicio became president of UTEP, the only U.S. doctoral/research university that serves a predominantly Mexican-American student population. She is UTEP's first female president and the longest serving president at a major U.S. public research university.

"When I arrived in 1971, a majority of UTEP students were non-Hispanic. The Hispanic population, which

2011 The president of Mexico presented Natalicio with the Order of the Aztec Eagle, the country's highest recognition bestowed on foreign nationals. Other honors: Carnegie Corporation of New York Academic Leadership Award, the TIAA-CREF Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence and induction into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

2016 Selected by TIME magazine as one of the World's 100 Most Influential People.

"You're often told in higher education administration that you must move on to move up, but I believe in staying where you can have the greatest impact."

Gregory Overfield (PARKS) has two sons, Jeff and Ryan, and three grandchildren, Wilson, Gregory and Shekinah. Overfield has several items on display at the Great Plains Wing of the Commemorative Air Force Museum, located at the airport in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He lives in Omaha, Nebraska.

Arlene Jara Strickland (A&S) continues to head her advertising firm, Jara-Strickland Inc., and is a proud grandmother of two. She lives in Ooltewah, Tennessee.

1969

Michael Harkins (IT) retired from full-time work and teaches quality certification courses at Austin Community College in Texas.

1970

William K. "Duke" Haydon (A&S) published a collection of stories and essays. He has been the project engineer at Innsbrook for almost 35 years and has lived in Lafayette Square in St. Louis for more than 40 years. He is married to artist and teacher Diana Ziegler, and they have two grown sons.

Dyanne (Dysert) Kirk (NURS) has been in the nursing profession for 40 years (clinical, supervisor, instructor). She has been married for 46 years and has four children and six grandchildren. She lives in Springfield, Missouri, and volunteers in a local hospital's neonatal intensive-care unit.

Dr. Walter Meyer (MED) founded and currently serves as associate medical director of Mesilla Valley Hospice, which provided care to more than 20,000 terminally ill patients and their families over the past 35 years. Meyer is writing a history of the hospice. He retired from New Mexico State University in 2009. He lives in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dr. Lewis Neumann (GRAD ED '70, '72) retired from full-time employment but continues to substitute teach and volunteer with several organizations. He lives in Chesterbrook, Pennsylvania.

1971

Edward Dowd Jr. (A&S) is a founding partner of Dowd Bennett, a litigation-focused law firm in St. Louis that was honored as one of the city's "Best Places to Work" by the St. Louis Business Journal in February.

Elvera (Goering) Johnson (SW) is retiring in September after 19 years at Plaza West Care Center. She lives in Topeka, Kansas.

G. Tracy Mehan III (A&S '71, LAW '74) co-authored *Best of the Books: Reflections on Recent Literature in Natural Resources and the Environment*, which was released by the publishing arm of the Environmental Law Institute. He lives in McLean, Virginia.

1972

Gregg Kirchoefer (COOK '72, LAW '82) was named to the 2016 International Association of Outsourcing Professionals Hall of Fame for his leadership in the industry for more than three decades. He lives in Winnetka, Illinois.

1973

Several alumnae from the College of Arts and Sciences class of 1973 headed to Hilton Head, South Carolina, to celebrate their 65th birthdays: **Marion (Cronin) Corrigan, Catherine Kelly (Cross) Neill, Heather (Freitag) Oakes, Louise Howson, Joan Cantrell and Mary Jo (Donahoe) Chessin** ('74).

John Dargin (PARKS) retired after 16 years with the Federal Aviation Administration and 22 years with the U.S. Air Force. He looks forward to celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Betty, and spending time with his grandchildren. He lives in Duxbury, Massachusetts.

Carl Ewald (A&S) retired from the National Weather Service in Leesburg, Virginia, and enjoys substitute teaching.

Dr. Joseph Funfar (GRAD A&S) relocated from Columbus, Ohio, to Westfield, New Jersey, in June 2015.

Thomas Hischak (A&S), after 34 years of teaching theater arts at the State University of New York College at Cortland, retired to St. Augustine, Florida, where he continues to write. Hischak is the author of 27 books on theater, film and music, and a Fulbright Scholar who has taught in Greece, Lithuania and Turkey.

Richard Kamykowski (PARKS) retired in February after 37 years in aeropropulsion research and development for military and commercial programs. He plans to move back to St. Louis.

Margaret (Taylor) Reichling (A&S) married Chuck Reichling in 2011. Their combined family numbers nine children plus spouses and fiancés, and 20 grandchildren. Reichling retired last year and enjoys travel and family time. She lives in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Dr. Jerry Svoboda (A&S) retired from the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Corps and works part time as a vascular surgeon for Rochester Regional Health in Rochester, New York.

1974

Sarita Boadita (Maria Sara D'Souza) (GRAD ED) retired from Catholic school teaching but works part time at St. Helena in Edison, New Jersey.

Rose (Benedetto) Dunn (DOISY '74, GRAD COOK '79) released the 10th edition of *Dunn and Haimann's Healthcare Management*. She lives in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Jennifer Carter Fauchier (GRAD A&S) is lead online faculty in the sociology department at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Nebraska.

Richard Humphrey (PARKS) retired from Boeing and is an engineer on the St. Louis Zoo railroad.

Dr. Beverly Matherne (GRAD A&S), emeritus professor of English at Northern Michigan University, wrote *Bayou des Acadiens* (Blind River), a bilingual collection of short stories and prose poems. She lives in Ishpeming, Michigan.

1975

Sister Joyce Green (SW) retired from social work but still volunteers in Portland, Oregon.

Dennis Kavanaugh (A&S) was the 2015 Mesa, Arizona, Man of the Year. A four-term member of the Mesa City Council, he has served longer on the city council than any other person in the history of the city.

Charles W. Smith (LAW), owner and president of Smith, LaLuzerne and Hartman, is also a circuit court judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit of Lake County, Illinois.

1976

Rabbi Joseph Fred Benson (A&S '76, GRAD '77, LAW '85) retired as the first archivist of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He serves on the history committee of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. He's married to **Sandra A. Mears** (A&S '76, LAW '79).

Monsignor John Myler (A&S '76, GRAD A&S '79) wrote "Ex Cathedra: the End and the Beginning of 'the Hopelessly Insane' Bishop James Duggan." The biographical piece is serialized online. Myler lives in Belleville, Illinois.

Dan Piquet (A&S) retired after 25 years of teaching English at Mary Institute and Saint Louis Country Day School and spent several of the past fall semesters teaching in the semester program in Zermatt, Switzerland. He lives in the wilds of western Maine.

Terry Savan (NURS) is a family nurse practitioner in urgent care in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

1978

Judge Jimmie Edwards (A&S '78, LAW '81) was inducted into the Missouri Public Affairs Hall of Fame in April. He lives in St. Louis.

Sister Geraldine Grandpre (NURS) is staff photographer for the Sisters of St. Joseph communications department. She lives in Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Patrick Hughes (ED) is an information technology project manager with Enterprise Holdings. He lives in St. Louis.

Thomas Weaver (LAW) is an assistant general counsel at Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis. He is part of the firm's litigation practice group.

1979

Sheila Champlin (A&S) is chief communications and marketing officer at the Medical University of South Carolina.

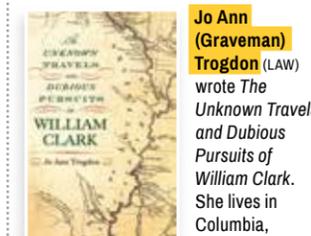
Hazel (Summers) Kirk (SW) has been a home health care worker in the St. Louis area for 35 years. Her goal is to help keep older adults in their own homes.

Margaret Moore (A&S) was invited by the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace in Rome to attend the International Women's Conference, "Women and the Post-2015 Development Agenda: The Challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals." While there, she delivered the second reading at Pentecost Mass with Pope Francis. She lives in St. Louis.

1980

Sharon Montgomery (SW) retired from the Department of Human Services and tutors first-, second- and third-grade students to increase their potential for seeking higher education. She lives in Philadelphia.

Sister Rita Scott (GRAD ED) celebrated 50 years as an Ursuline sister. Since 2001, she has been plant administrator at the motherhouse in Maple Mount, Kentucky.



Jo Ann (Graveman) Trogdon (LAW) wrote *The Unknown Travels and Dubious Pursuits of William Clark*. She lives in Columbia, Missouri.

1981

Martha (Ritter) Coda (SW) and her husband, Louis, received the Monsignor Brouwers Award for Faith and Service at the 2016 Mission Doctors Auxiliary Gala in Hollywood in February. She lives in Shady Grove, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Komos (COOK) is vice president of administration at St. Louis University High School.

Dr. Michael Lemon (A&S) is a pediatrician and medical director at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Jerry Wittenauer (COOK) and **Kris (Diehl) Wittenauer** (COOK) have two children, Jake and Jessica. They live in Waterloo, Illinois.

1982

James Graser (A&S) is president of the St. Louis region for Enterprise Bank and Trust. He lives in Fairview Heights, Illinois.

Joseph Hoff (A&S '82, GRAD A&S '84) is associate dean of international education at the University of Richmond in Virginia.

Gerard V. Mantese (LAW) and his sister, **Theresamarie Mantese** (LAW '80) opened a law office in the house where they grew up in the Hill neighborhood of St. Louis. Mantese Honigman, headquartered in Troy, Michigan, focuses on business litigation. Fellow alumnus **Bob Radice** (LAW '82) is "of counsel" to the firm.

John Parker (A&S), a retired U.S. Air Force major, is the special education resource teacher at the alternative school in the Ferguson-Florissant School District in Missouri.

1983

Matt De Waelsche (GRAD A&S) received the Sojourner Truth Award from the San Antonio Juneteenth Association. He also received the Texas Digital Libraries Trailblazer Award in conjunction with the University of North Texas project, Portal to Texas History.

Thomas T. Moga (LAW) is on the board of directors of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and of the Fulbright Association, the U.S. alumni organization representing Fulbright grantees.

Joseph Mullin (A&S) and his wife are enjoying their new home in Savannah, Georgia, after his successful career in the CIA.

John G. Simon (COOK '83, LAW '86) of the Simon Law Firm was chosen by Corporate LiveWire as the 2016 Product Liability Lawyer of the Year for the state of Missouri. He lives in St. Louis.

Bret Tyrey (PARKS) retired from McDonnell Douglas (Boeing) with 34 years of service as a flight mechanic/inspector/optical restoration specialist. He lives in Warrenton, Missouri.

1984

Patrick Bira (PH '84, LAW '85) managed the completion of affiliation between Mercy Hospital St. Louis and Lincoln County Medical Center in Troy, Missouri.

Brian Cadwallader (LAW) oversaw a complex corporate restructuring and merger and acquisition as general counsel of Johnson Controls Inc. in Milwaukee.



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A.J. Chivetta III (LAW) is a founding member of Selequity, an online commercial real estate crowdfunding platform that connects investors to projects. Selequity launched onstage at the 2015 TechCrunch Disrupt Conference in New York City. He lives in St. Louis.

Elbert Davis (COOK) retired in April 2015 after 30 years in human resources for Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division.

Judge Colleen Dolan (LAW) was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. She lives in Ellisville, Missouri.

Joseph Dwyer (A&S) is editor-in-chief of the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

Dr. Randall Hammond (A&S) is a senior research scientist with Janssen R&D, a division of Johnson and Johnson, in Titusville, New Jersey, and an adjunct professor in the College of Health Professions at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Patrick Kelly (COOK) celebrated eight years as CEO and founder of Shamrock Capital Inc. He lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

Brian Smith (A&S) released his third book, *Governing Your Passions and Controlling Your Lust*. His previous titles are *The Art of Waging Spiritual Warfare in the 21st Century* and *Unconditional Love*. He lives in St. Louis.

1985

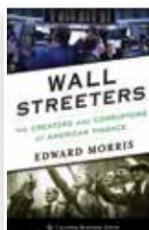
Dr. David Winston (A&S), a forensic pathologist, co-authored a murder mystery set in the Sonoran desert, *Crossing the Line*, which was published under the name A.L. Gomortis. Winston lives in Tucson, Arizona.

1986

Dr. Keith Kenter (GRAD A&S) is chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Homer Stryker School of Medicine at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Edward Morris

(GRAD COOK) is a professor and former dean of the Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Lindenwood University, where he's been since 2002. His most recent book, *Wall Streeters: The Creators and Corruptors of American Finance*, was published by Columbia University Press.



Judge Dennis R. Ruth (LAW) was inducted as a fellow of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers in March. He lives in Collinsville, Illinois.

1987

Judge John O'Gara (LAW) is an associate judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit in St. Clair County, Illinois.

1988

Charlie Boyce (COOK), president of Innsbrook Corp., was the 79th president of the Home Builders Association of St. Louis and Eastern Missouri.

Vanessa Robinson Keith (LAW), an officer at St. Louis-based law firm Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale, was named general counsel to the Mathews-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club.

Stephen M. Strum (LAW), partner with Sandberg Phoenix and von Gontard, joined the mediation panel at U.S. Arbitration and Mediation in St. Louis.

Dr. Mary (Maier) Weatherford (GRAD A&S '88, '90) is a clinical psychologist with SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. She lives in Ballwin, Missouri.

Stephen R. Wigginton (LAW) joined Armstrong Teasdale's St. Louis office.

1989

Dr. Kathleen Cross (A&S '89, GRAD ED '11) is executive vice president and chief operating officer of KelmscottEDU, the higher education division of Kelmscott Communications. She also is a professor in the higher education administration graduate program at Bay Path University and a frequent national speaker and published author. She lives in San Rafael, California.

Amy B. Kweskin (GRAD COOK) is vice chancellor for finance and chief financial officer at Washington University in St. Louis.

Sandra Spencer (GRAD PH) is active in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for the social ministry commission of St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis.

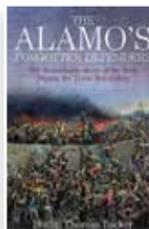
1990

Rob Langrell (A&S) is publisher of Clovis (New Mexico) Media Inc., which includes two daily and three weekly newspapers. He is married to Tina, and they have two daughters and two sons.

Jenny Schwendemann (LAW), Husch Blackwell's director of risk management and pro bono services, received the Enterprise Award from Missouri Lawyers Weekly at its Women's Justice Awards in April. She lives in St. Charles, Missouri.

Dr. Phillip Thomas Tucker

(GRAD A&S) wrote *The Alamo's Forgotten Defenders: The Remarkable Story of the Irish During the Texas Revolution*. He lives in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.



Seven Billikens Join the Alum Service Corps

Seven recent SLU alumni are spending a year with the Jesuit-sponsored Alum Service Corps. Serving as faculty at Jesuit schools of the U.S. Central and Southern Province, the volunteers live simply in community and strive to grow spiritually. Here are the SLU volunteers and their placements:

Adam Boehm (A&S '15): De Smet Jesuit High School (St. Louis)

Colleen Daly (DOISY '16): Regis Jesuit High School-Girls Division (Denver)

Beau Guedry (A&S '16): De Smet Jesuit High School (St. Louis)

Ian O'Hagan (GRAD A&S '16): Rockhurst High School (Kansas City, Missouri)

Riley Peick (COOK '16): Regis Jesuit High School-Boys Division (Denver)

Nicholas Schwetz (COOK '15): St. Louis University High School (St. Louis)

Tori Scranton (A&S '16): Loyola Academy of St. Louis

1991

Dr. Gina Bufe (GRAD NURS '91, '96) competed in the St. Louis Senior Olympics in May and won five gold medals, four silver, one bronze and three fourth-place ribbons. In June, she won two gold medals and one bronze in the Missouri State Senior Games. She qualified for the 2017 National Senior Games in Birmingham, Alabama, for race-walking. Also, she filed with the Missouri Secretary of State as a write-in candidate for U.S. Senate for the November election. She lives in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Rashda Buttar (A&S '91, LAW '96) is on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity St. Louis.

Mary Ann Murray (LAW) is a partner in the real estate practice group of the law firm Quarles and Brady. She lives in Chicago.

Gentry Sayad (LAW), a partner with the law firm Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton, was appointed legal adviser to the board of governors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai.

1992

Peter Driscoll (COOK '92, LAW '01) is the chief risk and strategy officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission's Office of Risk and Strategy, part of its Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations.

Jane (Eilermann) Dueker (LAW) is on the statewide executive committee for the Missouri State NAACP. She lives in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Dr. John Pawloski (GRAD '92, MED '94) is a stem cell and cellular therapies physician at Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. He treats hematologic malignancies while pioneering cellular therapies and establishing the Hematology/Stem Cell Transplant Unit. He lives in Columbus, Georgia.

1993

Marie (Waller) Higgins (GRAD COOK) is an assistant professor of biology and chemistry at Bryn Athyn College in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania.

Gerald "Jay" Konkell (A&S '93, LAW '96) is a partner at Morgan Lewis and Bockius. He lives in Davidsonville, Maryland.

1994

Dr. Behzad Baniadam (MED) is a physician with Mission Urgent Care Family Practice in Carlsbad, California.

Lisa (Ives) Brunette (A&S) was a finalist for the Nancy Pearl Book Award for the second novel in her Dreamslippers Series, *Framed and Burning*. She lives in Chehalis, Washington.

Laure Ergin (A&S '94, LAW '97), who served as associate vice president and deputy general counsel at the University of Delaware for five years, became vice president and general counsel in November 2015.

Dorte Probst (A&S) co-chaired the Celebrating Success Fashion Show for Lift For Life Academy this year, as well as SLAM Modern at the Saint Louis Art Museum.

Dana Tucker Redwing (LAW) completed her service as chief counsel for the eastern region of the Missouri Attorney General's Office and returned to private practice as a partner at Fox Galvin. She lives in St. Louis.

Rick Roustio (LAW) is a public defender in St. Clair County, Illinois.

Judge Martin W. Siemer (LAW) is an at-large circuit judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Illinois.

1995

Holly Beretto

(GRAD A&S) is a professional writer living in Houston. When not handling marketing and social media for the Rice University George R. Brown School of Engineering, she freelances for local and regional websites and magazines. Her first book, *Christ as the Cornerstone: Fifty Years of Worship at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church*, was published by Bright Sky Press. She is grateful to **Dr. Avis Meyer** (GRAD A&S '79), SLU professor emeritus, for his support and assistance on that project. Beretto is working toward a certificate of Catholic theology in church history from the University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Education Program. She is married to Mark Love.



John Lynch (PARKS) is an F/A-18 Super Hornet pilot stationed at the U.S. Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Virginia.

Dr. Lena (Ilyashov) Pearlman (SW '95, GRAD SW '97) opened a mental health clinic in Creve Coeur, Missouri, that employs five therapists and a psychiatrist.

1996

Edmond Alizadeh (LAW) is on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity St. Louis.

John M. Allen (A&S '96, LAW '00) joined Goldberg Segalla as a partner in the firm's St. Louis office.

Jennifer (Clump) Davis (LAW) is on the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel of Fellows. She also leads the trusts and estate planning practice group at Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale in St. Louis.

Tom Lech (PARKS '96, LAW '98) is a partner with Goldenberg Heller Antognoli and Rowland. He heads the firm's personal injury department. He lives in Glen Carbon, Illinois.

Dr. Linda Nowak (GRAD COOK) is dean of the Bertolon School of Business at Salem State University in Massachusetts.

Christopher A. Pickett (A&S '96, '01) is chief diversity officer for St. Louis-based law firm Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale. He continues to maintain his active litigation practice.

Judge Ellen Ribaldo (LAW) was appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon to be a St. Louis County circuit judge in the 21st Judicial Circuit.

1997

Judge Lisa Page (LAW) was appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

Jennifer (Luecking) Rickert (GRAD NURS '97, '06) is an acute care nurse practitioner in the Division of Hospital Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine. She lives in Belleville, Illinois.

1998

Dr. Samer W. Cabbabe (A&S '98, MED '02) is the 2016 president of the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society. Cabbabe is a plastic surgeon in private practice, chief of plastic surgery at St. Anthony's Medical Center and an assistant clinical professor at SLU's School of Medicine. He is married to Dr. Amy Alvarez Cabbabe, an anesthesiologist, and they have two children.

Elizabeth de la Garza-Ahern (COOK) is director of U.S. Commercial Service in Peoria, Illinois.

Michelle Dempsey (A&S) earned the Specialist in Education degree from McKendree University in 2015 and is scheduled to complete her doctorate in 2017. She has taught at Triad Community Schools for 18 years. She lives in Edwardsville, Illinois.

ALUMNI
SPOTLIGHT

ROSEMARY CONNELLY, R.S.M.



Connelly (center) SUBMITTED PHOTO

Despite her mother's urging to wait until she was older, Rosemary Connelly (Grad Ed '63) joined the Sisters of Mercy at 18. After spending four hot summers in full habit studying at Saint Louis University, she found her place in teaching and

social work before being called in 1969 to lead Misericordia (Latin for "heart of mercy"). Her order transformed the facility — once a Chicago residence for unwed mothers — into a home for 132 children with developmental and intellectual disabilities, many of whom had Down syndrome.

Connelly said staff members provided beautiful care for the children — they fed them, bathed them, clothed them, put ribbons in the girls' hair and put them back in bed.

"Custodial care was typical at the time," she said. "Staff members felt the children were safe if they spent all day in bed, but I felt strongly that custodial care was not enough. The children not only had a right to life, but one worth living."

Connelly had no background in working with children with developmental disabilities, so she called area hospitals and universities for help.

"They told me there were no programs for these children," she said. "They said if I wanted something I'd have to create it myself, and that's what I set out to do."

Connelly bought a swimming pool, bicycles and other sports equipment for the children. She had classrooms built for primary education and developed programs for self-help skills, speech and physical therapy.

Misericordia and the children thrived. Connelly was developing a reputation as a pioneer in improving the standard of care

for children with disabilities.

In 1976, when the Chicago Archdiocese shuttered an orphanage, it offered a portion of the 31-acre campus to Connelly, who had been looking to build home-like residences for her more independent children.

Over the next four decades, Misericordia grew to consume the entire campus. The facility began accepting adults with developmental disabilities in 1983. The campus includes nine homes. A staff of nearly 1,000 serves the 600 children and adults who live there. Misericordia offers speech, occupational and physical therapies, yoga and dance classes. There's a fitness center with an Olympic-sized pool, and residents work at a campus bakery and restaurant. Last month, Misericordia opened four multi-unit homes on campus for its aging population. Misericordia is the first facility in the country to offer this continuum of care — from childhood to adulthood.

"When I started at Misericordia, the average life span for a person with Down syndrome was 15," noted Connelly, selected by *Chicago* magazine as a Chicagoan of the Year in 2014. "Today they are living full, long lives, and they are developing issues with memory, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. We want to walk with them on their journey until God calls them home."

Now in her eighties, Connelly plans to remain executive director for as long as she feels useful.

"I get an awful lot of credit for Misericordia's success, but I'm only successful through the loving friendships and support of others," Connelly said. "The greatest gift God gave me is to surround me with the most compassionate, generous people in the world." — *By Marie Dilg*

Matthew Devoti (LAW) is the president-elect of the Gateway Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's board of directors. He will become president in 2017. He lives in St. Louis.

Sarah Holdener (COOK '98, LAW '01) is in-house counsel at FKG Oil Co. She lives in Belleville, Illinois.

David P. Niemeier (A&S '98, LAW '01), an officer in the litigation practice group at Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale, is a member of the 2016 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellows Program. He lives in St. Louis.

Annette Slack (LAW) received the 2016 Ronda F. Williams Service Award from the SLU Black Law Students Association. She lives in Florissant, Missouri.

1999

Dr. Sean Benson (GRAD A&S) received a U.S. Fulbright Scholar Award to teach at the University of the West Indies during the 2016-17 academic year. A Shakespeare specialist and student of the late SLU professor Dr. Thomas Moisan, Benson teaches Shakespeare and other Renaissance British literature in Barbados. He is accompanied by his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Derek and Gabi.

Martin Clay Jr. (LAW '99, GRAD COOK '06) is chief financial officer of SLUCare Physician Group. He lives in St. Louis.

Laura (Dobosz) Van Houtrve (DOISY '99, GRAD DOISY '01) is a full-time physical therapist at Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento, California. She is married with two boys.

2000

John Gunn (LAW), president of the Gunn Law Firm, is chairman of the board of the Bar Plan Surety and Fidelity Co. He lives in Ballwin, Missouri.

Carolyn Husmann (A&S, COOK '00, LAW '03) is a partner at HeplerBroom. She lives in Glen Carbon, Illinois.

Dr. Joshua Nadaud (A&S '00, MED '04) opened a new practice, Agility Orthopaedics, in St. Louis in July. He specializes in foot and ankle surgery as well as the care of injuries, diseases and conditions of the lower extremity.

Judge Jason Sengheiser (A&S '00, LAW '03) was appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon as an associate circuit judge for St. Louis City. Sengheiser also is vice president of the Young Friends of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri board.

Andrew J. Voss (DOISY '00, GRAD DOISY '02, LAW '08) is a shareholder in the St. Louis office of Polsinelli. He is in the firm's health care services group.

Erika R. Williams (A&S), manager of talent acquisition for BJC HealthCare, was elected to the Midwest BankCentre legal board of directors.

2001

Kristoffer Barikmo (A&S) was recognized by the Kansas Department of Education as a 2016 Kansas Teacher of the Year. He lives in Shawnee, Kansas.

Joseph Blanner (LAW) was named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" list for 2016.

Adam Kazin (LAW) is a lieutenant colonel serving as the Regional Defense Counsel — Southeast, U.S. Army Trial Defense Service. He lives in Aberdeen, North Carolina.

Dr. Susan (Junge) Peters (GRAD COOK) is participating in an American Council on Education Emerging Leader Fellowship at Armstrong State University in Savannah, Georgia.

2002

Emily (Bratcher) Berriochoa (A&S '02, GRAD '05) gave birth to twins, Ernest and Vincent, on July 8, 2015. She thinks they might be future Billikens. They live in Lacey, Washington.

Jason Kelly (LAW, PH) is associate general counsel at Edward Jones. He lives in St. Louis.

Josh Reinert (LAW) is a shareholder at Carmody MacDonald. He lives in St. Louis.

Renee Reuter (LAW) was named 2016 Intellectual Property Individual of the Year at the 10th annual Lexology and International Law Office Global Counsel Awards in London. She was also part of the North America Team of the Year at the 2016 World Trademark Review Industry Awards. She lives in Imperial, Missouri.

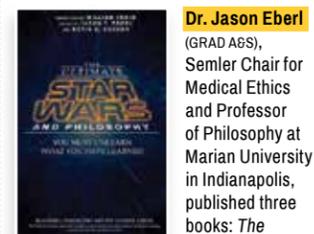
Amy Sholar (LAW) started the Law Offices of Amy Sholar and Kelly Stephen. The practice handles cases involving divorce, child-related issues, criminal and traffic matters, probate issues and general litigation. She lives in Alton, Illinois.

Jill Sundberg (LAW) is a partner at HeplerBroom. She lives in Glen Carbon, Illinois.

2003

Judge Jennifer Ascher (LAW) is an associate judge for the 7th Judicial Circuit in Sangamon County, Illinois. She practiced family law almost exclusively for the past 12 years at Sorling Northrup. She and her son live in Springfield, Illinois.

Ursula (Kubiak) Crosnoe (COOK), an auditor for Boeing, earned a master's degree in accounting in December 2015. She and her husband, Sam, have six children and seven grandchildren. She lives in Washington, Missouri.



Dr. Jason Eberl (GRAD A&S), Semler Chair for Medical Ethics and Professor of Philosophy at Marian University in Indianapolis, published three books: *The Ultimate Star Wars and Philosophy*, *The Ultimate Star Trek and Philosophy* — both co-edited with **Dr. Kevin Decker** (GRAD A&S '04) — and *The Routledge Guidebook to Aquinas' Summa Theologiae*.

Wars and Philosophy, *The Ultimate Star Trek and Philosophy* — both co-edited with **Dr. Kevin Decker** (GRAD A&S '04) — and *The Routledge Guidebook to Aquinas' Summa Theologiae*.

Chad Kreikemeier (A&S) joined the White House Office of Legislative Affairs as special assistant to the president and senate legislative liaison. He lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife and three children.

Donald D. McBride (COOK '03, LAW '06) is an officer at the St. Louis-based law firm of Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale. He serves the firm's securities and financial services industry group and the litigation and trusts and estates practice groups.

Jacqueline F. Redmond (LAW), a partner at Herzog Crebs, is president of the Young Friends of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri board. She lives in St. Louis.

Jen Roberts (A&S) is health care public relations director for Scoppechio Healthcare. She lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

Nik Van Deven (LAW) is a shareholder at Sandberg Phoenix and von Gontard in St. Louis.

2004

Christina Lewis Abate (LAW) is director of lawyer's professional liability underwriting at the Bar Plan. She lives in St. Louis.

Sunil Bhawe (LAW) is an assistant attorney general in the Illinois Attorney General's Office, practicing civil rights law. He lives in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Rachel Jeep (LAW) is a partner at Copeland Thompson Farris in St. Louis.

Mindi (Jelsema) Johnson (LAW) is a shareholder in the firm Foster Swift, focusing on employee benefits law, health care reform and health care law. She lives in Grandville, Michigan.

Michael A. Karr (LAW) is a member of Evans and Dixon, concentrating on the defense of employers against claims for workers' compensation benefits. He lives in St. Louis.

Judge Michael Noble (LAW) was appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon as circuit judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit in St. Louis.

Shawn Pinkston (LAW), an associate with Hall Booth Smith, was elected to the city council in Charleston, South Carolina.

Daniel Schoenekase (LAW) left Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale after 11 years to join Aegion Corp. as vice president and general counsel of infrastructure solutions. He lives in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Emily Sutton (LAW) joined the firm of Lucie and Scalf in Macomb, Illinois.

Ross Titzer (COOK '04, LAW '07) is a partner at Williams Venker and Sanders.

2005

Stephanie Jones (LAW) partnered with Sophy Raza to form Raza and Jones, a family law practice in St. Louis. Jones also has a new addition to her family, a daughter named Cate.

Matthew S. Layfield (LAW) is a shareholder in the St. Louis office of Polsinelli. He concentrates his practice on loan enforcement and financial services.

Matthew Noce (LAW) is a partner at HeplerBroom in St. Louis.

Sander C. Sowers (LAW), of Lear Werts, received the Boone County Bar Association Outstanding Service Award. Sowers lives in Columbia, Missouri.

2006

Thomas Addis (LAW) is a shareholder with the law firm Sandberg Phoenix and von Gontard, focusing on business law and litigation. He lives in St. Louis.

Jayne Glaser (LAW) is a partner at Keefe and Brodie in St. Louis.

J. Elliott Kavanaugh (A&S) lives in Evansville, Indiana, where he is vice president of operations at a small community bank.

Christine (Donaldson) Maxwell (COOK) is a senior budget manager at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Kevin McManus (LAW) joined the law firm of Williams Dirks Dameron. He also is a member of the city council of Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Michael Rota (GRAD A&S) published *Taking Pascal's Wager: Faith, Evidence and the Abundant Life*, a book about faith and reason, with InterVarsity Press. He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

2007

Mark Baum (GRAD ED), associate general counsel at HOK, was promoted to associate of the firm. He lives in Waterloo, Illinois.

Gregory Bulgrin (LAW) was named a member at Lewis Rice. He focuses his practice on labor and employment law. He lives in St. Louis.

Elizabeth Culhane (LAW) is a shareholder and partner at Fraser Stryker in Omaha, Nebraska. She focuses on litigation.

Steven Foristal (LAW) is a partner at Armstrong Teasdale and a member of the firm's corporate services practice group. He lives in St. Louis.

Nicole Burlison Knepper (LAW) joined the litigation firm Padberg, Corrigan and Appelbaum and focuses on personal injury plaintiff's work. She lives in St. Louis.

Meghan Lamping (LAW) is a principal at Carmody MacDonald. She concentrates on business litigation. She lives in St. Louis.

Kilby Cantwell Macfadden (LAW) is secretary of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois for 2015-16. She also is an assistant attorney general in the Public Integrity Bureau in the Office of the Attorney General. She lives in Glenview, Illinois.

Kate (Schnobrich) Palmer (A&S) and **Stephen Palmer** (COOK '08) married on July 18, 2015, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota. Their wedding party included many SLU alumni: **Sean Palmer** (COOK '09), **Stephen Zsigray** (COOK '08), **Sean Brocato** (A&S '08), **Mary Beth (Mantych) Palmer** (NURS '11), **Amy Kassebaum** (DOISY '08) and **Amber Boland** (COOK '08).

Chrissie Scelsi (LAW) joined Wargaming America Inc. as U.S. general counsel. Wargaming is an award-winning online game developer and publisher. She lives in Emeryville, California.

Brian R. Shank (LAW) was elected a member at Evans and Dixon. He focuses his practice on civil litigation and business services. He lives in St. Louis.

Shirley (Rosen) Tasker (LAW) is an associate with Voorhees Family Law. She advises clients on dissolution, custody and other domestic litigation matters. She lives in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Maribel Taylor (LAW) is senior litigation counsel at the St. Louis law firm Kamykowski, Gavin and Smith.

David Wilkins (LAW) and his wife, Katy, welcomed their first child, Alexandria Rose, on Aug. 13, 2015. The family lives in Salt Lake City, where David is an assistant attorney general for the state of Utah.

Greg Zitko (LAW) opened the Zitko Law Firm in St. Louis.

2008

Christopher K. Durso (LAW) was elected a member at Evans and Dixon firm. He focuses on collection and subrogation. He lives in St. Louis.

Jennifer Gustafson (LAW) was named a member at Lewis Rice. She practices commercial litigation and intellectual property law. She lives in St. Louis.

Kyle Howerton (A&S) lives in Los Angeles, where he works for a real estate investment banking firm.

Jon Lowrance (NURS) received his Master of Nursing degree in anesthesia from Western Carolina University. In November 2015, he married his classmate Kristin Andrejco. They co-authored a paper on the use of social media in nurse anesthesia education that was accepted for publication in the *AANA Journal*. They live in Portland, Maine.

R. Taylor Matthews III (LAW) was named a member at Lewis Rice. He practices complex commercial litigation and lives in St. Louis.

Jamie O'Brien (COOK) was named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* "30 Under 30" list for 2016.



2016 Spirit of the Billiken Awards

In honor of the 1818 founding of Saint Louis University, the Office of Alumni Engagement established the Spirit of the Billiken Award to recognize 18 seniors who are committed to living SLU's mission as alumni. They were selected for their achievements in academics, leadership, service and dedication to SLU's mission.

The 2016 recipients are (pictured from left): **Nikki Kuhlman** (A&S), **Ajay Chatrath** (A&S), **Brinda Gupta** (PH), **Kelly Anderson** (COOK), **Alyssa Archdeacon** (DOISY), **Lauren Longacre** (A&S), **Nick Eisenberg** (PARKS), **Connor Richardson** (A&S), **Caitlin Whiteley** (DOISY), **Lauren Owen** (A&S), **Tanya Mukherji** (PH), **Camilo Rivera** (PARKS), **Anne Yoon** (A&S), **Suraj Arshanapally** (PH), **Jessica Young-Eleazar** (ED), **Helen Farnan** (A&S) and **Merette Khalil** (PH). Not pictured: **Madison Barney** (A&S-MADRID)



Corey Schaecher (LAW) was named a member at Lewis Rice. He focuses his practice on product liability and environmental, chemical and toxic torts. He lives in St. Louis.

Paige (Borelli) Smith (A&S) earned a doctorate in sociology from Duke University in May. She works in client analytics at Valence Health in Chicago.

Oliver Thomas (LAW) was named a member at Lewis Rice. He focuses on complex commercial litigation and banking litigation. He lives in St. Louis.

Jonathan Todd (LAW '08, GRAD COOK '13) joined Benesch Freidlander's Cleveland office as "of counsel" in its national transportation and logistics practice group.

Amy J. White (LAW, GRAD SW), an attorney with Jackson Lewis, is on the board of directors of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. She lives in St. Louis.

Andrew Wolkiewicz (LAW) is an associate at Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale. He focuses on estate planning. He lives in Waterloo, Illinois.

2009

Jonathan J. Bollozos (A&S '09, LAW '12) is an associate at the St. Louis office of Polsinelli.

Michael W. Chase (LAW, GRAD) is a partner at Baird Holm in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dr. Jessica R. Curran (DOISY '09, GRAD DOISY '11) and **Steven T. Root** (COOK) married on June 13, 2015, at the St. James Chapel in Chicago. She practices physical therapy as clinical faculty at the University of Southern California. He is a risk assurance financial services manager for PricewaterhouseCoopers. They live in Los Angeles.

Liz Grana (LAW), a lawyer with Behr, McCarter and Potter, was inducted into the 2015 Knox-Lombard College Athletic Hall of Fame. She holds the career rebounding record and is in the top 12 in career scoring for Knox women's basketball. She lives in St. Louis.

Sarah Markenson (ED '09, LAW, GRAD '13) is assistant general counsel and assistant vice president at St. Louis Economic Development Partnership.

Chris Tkach (COOK '09, GRAD COOK '10) was named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* "30 Under 30" list for 2016.

Eugene Tucker (LAW) is a staff attorney at HOK in St. Louis.

Andres Maria Vall-Serra, S.J. (P&L) was ordained as a priest in June at St. Francis Xavier College Church. He served as a mechanic in the U.S. Navy for three years in the Persian Gulf, Southeast Asia and the Mediterranean, later discerning his vocation while studying at Wichita State University. He entered the Jesuits in 2004. He taught at Instituto Loyola, a Jesuit school in Managua, Nicaragua, and was a consultant on Ignatian spirituality at Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Denver. He now serves in Punta Gorda, Belize.

2010

Jason Brauning, S.J. (NURS) was ordained as a priest in June at St. Francis Xavier College Church. He entered the Jesuits in 2005. He worked for three years in Denver at St. Anthony Hospital's cardiac telemetry unit and emergency department while teaching clinical nursing and completing medical mission trips to Nepal and Haiti. He now serves as parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church in New Orleans.

Libby Fischer (A&S) was named to the 2016 *Forbes* "30 under 30" list for leadership in education. After SLU, she joined Teach For America's Mississippi Delta corps. She now is CEO at Whetstone, an online instructional coaching platform that streamlines trends to help teachers align resources with their growth needs. She lives in New Orleans.

Jeffrey A. Herman (LAW) is an associate at Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale. He serves the employee benefits practice group. He lives in St. Louis.

Drew Alan Hillier (A&S) graduated in May 2015 first in his class at the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Connecticut Law Review*. He is licensed to practice in Connecticut, where he is a law clerk in the federal judiciary for an Article III judge. He lives in West Hartford, with his wife, **Sarah (Watson) Hillier** (A&S '11).

Amy Johnson (LAW) is an associate at Paule, Camazine and Blumenthal. She ran a successful solo family law practice for five years prior to joining the firm. She lives in St. Louis.

Dr. Harold Lochner III (MED) is a pediatrician for the U.S. Air Force in Minot, North Dakota.

Ken Ma (COOK '10, GRAD COOK '12) was named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* "30 Under 30" list for 2016.

Dr. Maria McKenna (GRAD ED) is a special professional faculty member at the University of Notre Dame. She lives in South Bend, Indiana.

Cassidy Pearson (LAW) is a senior associate attorney at Beal Law Firm in Southlake, Texas, focusing her practice on family law.

Robert Samuelson (COOK '10, LAW '13) is an associate at Becker, Hoerner, Thompson and Yursa. He lives in Swansea, Illinois.

Shannon Starr (LAW) joined Gutewin Law in the firm's Lafayette, Indiana, office. He focuses on commercial litigation with an emphasis on real estate and securities.

Benjamin Wilson (LAW), an associate in HeplerBroom's St. Louis office, is on the Eighth Circuit Bar Association's board of directors.

2011

Grant Boyd (A&S '11, LAW '14) was named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* "30 Under 30" list for 2016.

Meghan (Zenker) Kane (LAW) is an associate attorney at HeplerBroom's Edwardsville office. She focuses on complex business litigation matters, including toxic torts.

Lindsey Rendlen Latzke (LAW) is director of employment practices and policy for Graybar Electric Co. Inc., a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis.

Melissa (Haberer) Meirink (LAW) is an associate at Mathis, Marifian and Richter of Belleville, Illinois.

Griffin O'Hanlon (LAW) is an associate at the personal injury firm Cooper Hurley in Norfolk, Virginia.

Angela (Catapano) Sanders (LAW) is general counsel to the Tennessee State Board of Education. She lives in Nashville.

2012

Lindsey (Freeman) Apple (GRAD SW) and her husband, Jake, had a daughter in March 2015. A pastor at a non-denominational church, Apple is working on a Master of Divinity through Eden Theological Seminary. She lives in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Jennifer Benson (ED) helped start Camelot of the Quad Cities, the first therapeutic school in the area, in 2014. The first year, the school had six students; the second, the student body quadrupled.

Dr. Luke A. Gatta (DOISY) graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine and got married in May. He and his wife, Brittany, began residency at Duke University in July. They live in Durham, North Carolina.

Monique (Brown) Head (LAW) is director of compliance and quality improvement at St. Louis Altnheim, a long-term care organization in St. Louis.

Dr. Jefferson Jewett (GRAD ED) is director of admissions and enrollment management at Duquesne University for Graduate Business Programs in Pittsburgh.

Christopher Jones (LAW) is an associate at Neuzil, Sanderson and Sigafoose in Iowa City, Iowa.

Claire Kaltenbach (LAW) was named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* "30 Under 30" list for 2016. She also received the Young Lawyers Division Award of Merit from the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Michael Kelly (COOK) is a commercial credit analyst for a bank in Denver.

Courtney Logan (LAW), city manager of East St. Louis, Illinois, received the 2016 Ronda F. Williams Service Award from the SLU Black Law Students Association.

Ben Riedel (LAW) practices general counsel, enforcement litigation and insurance defense for homeowner associations at Carpenter, Hazlewood, Delgado and Bolen in Tempe, Arizona.

Derek Stegelmeier (GRAD COOK '12, LAW '13) is a staff attorney at Jenner and Block in New York City.

Sam Wilson, S.J. (P&L) was ordained as a priest in June at St. Francis Xavier College Church. Wilson taught English at the University of South Alabama for three years before entering the Society of Jesus in 2005. He served on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota and taught at Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas. He studied Spanish in Guatemala and lived with the L'Arche community in the Dominican Republic. He has been missioned to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2013

Josh Bradley (LAW, GRAD COOK) is a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Denver. He married Danielle Mello on Aug. 14, 2015.

Heather Brocksmit (A&S) received her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. She lives in New York City and works at the law firm Vinson and Elkins.

Lauren Bucher (GRAD COOK) is a senior consultant at Protiviti in Washington, D.C., where she identifies and solves business issues at global, publicly traded companies.

Benjamin Griffith (LAW) is an associate with the St. Louis office of Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale. He is a member of the health care industry group.

Chalana Scales-Ferguson (LAW) received the St. Louis American Foundation Salute to Young Leaders Award, as well as the Urban League Young Professionals' Young Leader Award. She is a fellow of the St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative and is on the board of directors of the YWCA of Metro St. Louis.

Matthew Sullivan (GRAD ED) works at SLU as an academic support coordinator in tutoring and disability services.

Brittney (White) Taylor (NURS) works at Rushville (Illinois) Family Practice.

2014

Brian Austin (LAW) is a tax counsel in the corporate tax department with Wells Fargo in North Carolina.

Joey Kirchgessner (LAW) is an associate attorney at the law firm of Woehrl Dahlberg Jones Yao in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Joel Halvorsen (LAW) is an associate at Paule, Camazine and Blumenthal. He focuses on family law and civil litigation.

Andrea Henry (PARKS '14, GRAD A&S '16) was selected as a 2016 Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellow by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Leslie A. Nash (LAW) is an associate at Waller Lansden Dortch and Davis in Nashville, Tennessee. Nash assists companies with employee benefit and executive compensation matters.

Mohsen Pasha (LAW), an associate at Sandberg Phoenix and von Gontard, accepted a clerkship with Judge Duane Benton on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. It will begin August 2017.

Benjamin Tiller (LAW) is an associate at the St. Louis office of Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale. He is in the litigation practice group.

Ashley E. Yeager (LAW) is an associate at Brinker and Doyen, focusing on medical malpractice defense and personal injury defense. She lives in Festus, Missouri.

2015

Mayo Alao (LAW '15, GRAD PH '16) joined the Indianapolis office of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath and Lyman, the largest health care-focused law firm in the nation.

Jonathon Forbes (LAW) is an associate with Gori Julian and Associates. He lives in Alton, Illinois.

Jacqueline Gebhardt (LAW) is an associate at Baker Sterchi Cowden and Rice. She focuses on civil defense litigation. She lives in St. Louis.

Dennis Merritt (GRAD ED) is director of the Hillyard Technical Center for the St. Joseph School District. He lives in Stewartville, Missouri.

2016

Joe Fetter (GRAD A&S) is a volunteer services manager for Habitat for Humanity St. Louis.

Ms. Margaret Michelson (NURS '39)
 Mr. James McLaughlin (ABS '40)
 Mr. Edward Gnade (COOK '41)
 Mr. Francis Langenfeld (PARKS '41)
 Mr. Robert Temm (COOK '41)
 Mr. Anthony Brenner (ABS '42)
 Dr. James Finney (MED '43)
 Mr. Albert Maixner (COOK '43)
 Dr. Halleck Warren (ABS '43)
 Dr. Saul Halem (DENT '44)
 Mr. Merlin Phillips (PARKS '44)
 Dr. Joseph Bauer (DENT '45)
 Dr. Herbert Carroll (MED '45)
 Dr. Frances Hayden (DENT '46)
 Mrs. Jennie (D'Amelio) Cranfield (NURS '47)
 Dr. John Heiser (ABS '47)
 Mrs. Patricia (Quinn) Henderson (DOISY '47)



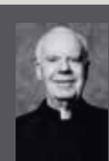
Dr. George E. Thoma (MED '47), professor of internal medicine and vice president of SLU Medical Center from 1973-86, died Jan. 31. He was 93. Besides serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-54, Dr. Thoma spent all 35 of his years in academic medicine at SLU. A pioneer in nuclear medicine, he was founding editor of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*.

Miss Theresa Bednar (NURS '48)
 Mr. Hugh Braceland (PARKS '48)
 Mr. William Edwards (ABS '48)
 Sr. Keith Eickhoff (ABS '48)
 Mr. Robert Lints (PARKS '48)
 Mr. Herman Mondschein (IT '48)
 Lt. Cmdr. John Mudrock (PARKS '48)
 Mr. Raymond Noonan (COOK '48)
 Mr. Robert Nunn (COOK '48)
 Mr. Jack Painter (COOK '48)
 Dr. Henry Richmond (MED '48)
 Mrs. Jane (Gerland) Roettger (DOISY '48)
 Mr. Kenneth Rolwes (COOK '48)
 Mr. James Bonfils (COOK '49)
 Dr. Joseph Daniel (ABS '49)
 Mr. Francis Fennerty (IT '49)
 Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald (IT '49)

Dr. Robert Hasson (MED '49)
 Mr. Norman Hill (PARKS '49)
 Mr. Francis Kane (COOK '49)
 Dr. August LaMarca (DENT '49)
 Mr. Irving Ohlsen (ABS '49)
 Mr. Joseph Palmer (COOK '49)
 Mr. Robert Rust (ABS '49)
 Sr. Lucy Schmidt (ABS '49)
 Hon. William Stiehl (LAW '49)
 Dr. Harwood Sturtevant (MED '49)
 Ms. Phyllis Walsh (COOK '49)
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 Mr. Guy Cisco (PARKS '50)
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 Dr. Daniel Ferry (DENT '50)
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 Mr. Raymond Gallaher (COOK '50)
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 Mr. Paul Krutewicz (COOK '50)
 Mr. Charles Rohde (COOK '50)
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 Mr. Richard Roberts (COOK '52)
 Dr. Daniel Berger (DENT '53)
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 Mr. Joseph Lawton (ABS '53)
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 Dr. John Burrell (MED '55)
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 Mr. Joseph Profera (IT '55)
 Mr. Joseph Sanders (COOK '55)
 Mr. Roy Saunders (COOK '55)
 Mr. Lloyd Stuebinger (IT '55)
 Mr. David Trampe (IT '55)
 Dr. Joseph Warriner (DENT '55)
 Mrs. Joann (Iosbaker) Wygle (NURS '55)
 Mr. Joseph Bockskopf (COOK '56)
 Mrs. Suzanne (Higginbotham) Carroll (ABS '56)
 Mrs. Joan (Gibbs) Daniels (NURS '56)
 Dr. Michele De Santis (DENT '56)
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 Mr. Raymond Rustige (ABS '56)
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 Mr. William Kerry (PH '56)
 Mrs. Catherine (Grana) Stewart (ABS '56)
 Mr. Gerald Walker (COOK '56)
 Mrs. Shirley (Amatucci) Connelly (NURS '57)
 Ms. Patricia Dugan (ABS '57)
 Mrs. Corinne (Mulroy) Geraghty (NURS '57)
 Dr. Garrett Hagen (MED '57)
 Miss Ada Henry (ED '57)
 Dr. Victor Johnson (MED '57)
 Mr. Elmer Katoda (PARKS '57)
 Mr. John Linehardt (ABS '57)
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 Mr. Frederick Mueller (COOK '57)
 Mr. Loren Pruitt (COOK '57)
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 Mr. Jean Souders (LAW '57)
 Mr. Charles Barthel (COOK '58)
 Mrs. Marilyn (Muscat) Broghammer (NURS '58)
 Mr. Thomas Castle (COOK '58)



Denis E. Daly, S.J. (ABS '58, GRAD ABS '66) died March 27 at age 85. He served at SLU in several capacities, including in admission and mission and ministry, and finally as assistant vice president for development. A Jesuit for 63 years, Father Daly also taught English at St. Louis University High School; directed the Sacred Heart Program, a radio program operated by the Jesuits; and served as director and superior at White House Retreat.

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 Dr. Raymond Hayden (MED '58)
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 Mr. Francis McCabe (PARKS '58)
 Mr. Jerry Meyer (PARKS '58)
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 Mrs. Alice (Ernst) Nicols (NURS '58)
 Dr. Robert O'Beirne (DENT '58)
 Mr. Francis Orscheln (ABS '58)
 Mr. Francis Roeder (COOK '58)
 Bro. Leo Ryan (COOK '58)
 Dr. Burton Sokoloff (MED '58)
 Hon. Donald Stohr (LAW '58)
 Mr. C. Stuckenbergl (COOK '58)
 Mr. Thomas Williams (COOK '58)
 Mr. Robert Albers (COOK '59)
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 Mr. Aderton Samuel (ABS '59)
 Dr. Abbot Spaulding (MED '59)
 Mr. David Wilson (ABS '59)
 Mr. James Wroble (COOK '59)
 Dr. Read Backus (DENT '60)
 Mr. Robert Gronemeyer (ABS '60)
 Dr. Mary Guterluth (ABS '60)
 Mr. Martin Henrichs (IT '60)
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 Mr. John Lane (ABS '60)
 Mr. Joseph Llewellyn (COOK '60)
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 Mr. Richard Schwartz (LAW '61)
 Mr. Daniel Scott (ABS '61)
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 Mr. Paul Martel (ED '63)
 Mr. Thomas May (COOK '63)
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 Sr. Mary Ramirez (ABS '63)

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 Mrs. Geraldine (Eskimo) Versey (ABS '63)
 Mrs. Mary (Hilt) Whelan (ABS '63)
 Mr. David Behnen (ABS '64)
 Mrs. Lucille (Derr) Cronin (ABS '64)
 Sr. Bartholomew DeRouen (ABS '64)
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 Mr. Harold Hoyt (IT '64)
 Mrs. Karen (Walker) Kriege (DOISY '64)
 Ms. Carolyn McFadden (SW '64)
 Mr. Dennis Nickerson (PARKS '64)
 Mr. Robert Oldeg (COOK '64)
 Mrs. Mary (Ingram) Rubenacker (ABS '64)
 Sr. Jennie Torregrossa (ED '64)
 Mrs. M. (Schroeder) Barnett (PH '65)
 Mr. Walter Batz (COOK '65)
 Dr. Alvin Gold (MED '65)
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 Rev. James Reites (ABS '65)
 Mr. Jerold Schuknecht (ED '65)
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 Mr. Lloyd Short (ABS '65)
 Mr. Ernest Spalding (ABS '65)
 Mr. James Taszarek (ABS '65)
 Mrs. Jeanette (Schmid) Wuest (NURS '65)
 Mr. James Beauvais (ABS '66)
 Mr. Gerald DeClue (ED '66)
 Mr. Thomas FitzGibbon (PARKS '66)
 Mr. Gary Kalisch (ABS '66)
 Mrs. Sharon (Wright) Oswald (NURS '66)
 Mrs. Mary (Velat) Schriewer (NURS '66)
 Dr. Richard Thayer (ABS '66)
 Dr. Donnie Thompson (DENT '66)
 Mr. John Wiley (COOK '66)
 Sr. Mary Bauman (ED '67)
 Dr. John Boggiano (DENT '67)
 Dr. Warren Butts (DENT '67)
 Dr. Victor Clever (ABS '67)
 Mrs. Theresa (Ehm) Furlong (NURS '67)
 Mr. Clarence Johnson (COOK '67)

Mr. Gary Johnson (COOK '67)
 Dr. Marvin Kanne (ABS '67)
 Dr. Peter Standard (MED '67)
 Mr. Frederick Baehr (LAW '68)
 Mr. Michael Cole (ABS '68)
 Mr. Richard Coyle (ED '68)
 Sr. Julice Fontana (ED '68)
 Mr. Norman Frager (COOK '68)
 Mrs. Patricia (Hauser) Giarraffa (NURS '68)
 Ms. Ida Goodwin Woolfolk (ED '68)
 Mr. William King (COOK '68)
 Mr. Jerry Murphy (LAW '68)
 Miss Margaret Ryan (ED '68)
 Mr. Charles Scott (PARKS '68)
 Mr. Walter Shaw (LAW '68)
 Mr. William Voskamp (IT '68)
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 Mr. Robert Lyons (COOK '71)
 Dr. John Pellock (MED '71)
 Mrs. Pearlina (Williams) Phillips (ABS '71)
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 Mr. Arthur Swift (IT '71)
 Mr. Carl Eisert (ABS '72)
 Dr. Clarence Fennewald (ABS '72)
 Mr. Robert Graham (LAW '72)
 Mr. Gregory Lakebrink (ABS '72)
 Mr. Joel Merkel (LAW '72)
 Mr. Ferdinand Molak (ABS '72)
 Rev. Gerard Stockhausen (ABS '72)
 Mr. Fred Altenbach (PARKS '73)
 Sr. Beth Cosgrove (ED '73)
 Mr. William Kowal (ABS '73)

This list of deceased alumni was compiled by SLU's office of research and development services. If you have a question or would like more information about an "In Memoriam" listing, please send an email message to tvincen2@slu.edu.

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 Mr. Allen Miller (ABS '73)
 Mr. Michael Roche (ABS '73)
 Sr. Kathryn Slaughter (ED '73)
 Sr. Marie Unterreiner (ED '73)
 Sr. Raymond Zimmerly (ED '73)
 Mr. Bernard Coogan (PS '74)
 Mr. Joseph Cusick (COOK '74)
 Ms. Mary Ann Heitert (ABS '74)
 Sr. Jeanne Koma (ED '74)
 Dr. Walter Perez (ABS '74)
 Mr. Kevin Buchanan (COOK '75)
 Dr. Jeffrey Cichon (ABS '75)
 Dr. William Moravec (MED '75)
 Ms. Gena Scott (ABS '75)
 Mrs. Michele (Milster) Webb (ABS '75)
 Mrs. Kathleen (Owens) Beekman (NURS '76)
 Mr. Philip Brumbaugh (COOK '76)
 Mr. John Caruso (COOK '76)
 Mr. John Drogos (SW '76)
 Mr. Steven Metcalf (DOISY '76)
 Dr. Burchard Neel (ED '76)
 Mr. Darwin Stephens (COOK '76)
 Mr. James Stokes (COOK '76)
 Miss Margo Thomas (NURS '76)
 Dr. Robert Berkoldt (MED '77)
 Mr. John Heiden (PARKS '77)
 Mrs. Janet (Livanec) Hoy (DOISY '77)
 Ms. Charlotte Ortwerth (NURS '77)

Mrs. Aster Rubinstein (SW '77)
 Mr. James Senay (ABS '77)
 Mr. Thomas Smith (PS '77)
 Fr. Gerald Stockman (ED '77)
 Mr. Joseph Crabtree (ABS '78)
 Mrs. Christina (Giudici) Croci (COOK '78)
 Dr. Douglas Gallacher (MED '78)
 Dr. Elmer Kirchoff (ED '78)
 Mrs. Nancy (Chance) Stadnyck (ABS '78)
 Ms. Hedy Epstein (ED '79)
 Mr. Joseph Limmer (COOK '79)
 Ms. Ellen (Weis) Spitz (COOK '79)



Dr. Bernhard "Ben" Asen (GRAD ABS '80), associate professor of theological studies, died May 6. He was 72. He joined the SLU faculty in 1983. Among his many awards, Dr. Asen was named Teacher of the Year in 2000 by the College of Arts and Sciences. He also earned an Outstanding Teaching Award in 2001 and the Nancy McNeir Ring Outstanding Faculty Award in 2004.

Mr. Anthony Gartner (COOK '80)
 Mr. Mark Teale (PARKS '80)
 Mr. Robert Usselman (ABS '80)
 Mr. William Vallely (COOK '80)
 Mr. R. Kinealy (COOK '81)

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 Dr. Marc Muramatsu (MED '81)
 Dr. Donald Thimsen (MED '81)
 Dr. John Burrows (ABS '82)
 Dr. Ruth Ann (Launius) Jenkins (ED '82)
 Sr. Joan Mullen (PH '82)
 Dr. Jo (Dela Garza) Schnellmann (ABS '82)
 Mrs. Mary (O'Donnell) Topping (ABS '82)
 Mr. Charles Barbour (LAW '83)
 Mr. Rex Bertram (LAW '83)
 Dr. Verle Cromer (ED '83)
 Mrs. Christine Fultz (NURS '83)
 Mr. Ben Humphrey (PARKS '83)
 Mr. James Meeker (COOK '83)
 Mr. Joseph Sheehan (NURS '83)
 Ms. Nancy (Solenberger) Clark (SW '84)
 Ms. Renee Schooley-Binkley (LAW '84)
 Mr. Mark Kolmer (COOK '85)
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 Miss Leslie Lubiano (NURS '87)
 Dr. Felix Martinez (MED '87)
 Mrs. Anna Proscino (COOK '87)
 Dr. Clem Billingsly (ED '89)
 Sr. Helen Nienhaus (ABS '89)
 Mr. Michael Anderson (COOK '90)
 Dr. Jacquelin (Woehrlé) Page (ED '90)
 Mr. Ernest Straedey (ABS '90)
 Dr. Deborah Onken (ED '91)
 Ms. Patricia Forester (ED '96)

Mr. Paul Reetz (SW '96)
 Mr. Casey Klipfel (COOK '98)
 Mrs. Kimberly Najbar (NURS '99)



Dr. Donald Patten (GRAD ABS '05), assistant professor of theological studies, died April 27 at age 48. While working on his doctorate at SLU, Dr. Patten was an adjunct professor. After stints at schools in Iowa, Malaysia and Canada, he returned to Saint Louis University in 2012.

Mrs. Venita Crenshaw-Thomas (PS '06)
 Ms. Ariana Kinlen (ABS '06)
 Dr. Charles Letcher (PH '06)
 Mr. Jason Robb (ABS '07)
 Mr. Edward Vishnevetsky (LAW '07)
 Mr. Andrew Metzger (ABS '08)
 Mrs. Donna Isaac (NURS '09)
 Ms. Cathrine Vogeding (LAW '09)
 Ms. Jocelyn Peters (ED '10)
 Mr. Samuel Binz (COOK '13)



Dr. John Patrick "Jack" Doyle, professor emeritus of philosophy, died July 2 at age 85. Dr. Doyle came to SLU in 1967 and retired in 2007. In 2012, he received the Nancy McNeir Ring Outstanding Faculty Award from SLU's chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu. His also had a career in politics: He was an aide to Congressman Robert A. Young for 10 years and a member of the 1980 National Democratic Platform Committee.



Dr. Jeanne M. Melton, director of pre-health and pre-law studies and an adjunct faculty member in health sciences, died April 20. She was 57. In 2012, Dr. Melton came to SLU, where she took on projects related to community involvement. She received the Women's Commission's YWCA Workplace Leader Award in 2015.

Dr. Cecil John G. Raw, a retired physical chemist and former chairman of the chemistry department, died March 28. He was 86. He came to Saint Louis University in 1960 and retired in 1994.

HONORING SLU'S Military Heroes

For recognition during SLU's bicentennial celebration, the University is seeking the names of SLU alumni who lost their lives in active service in any of the branches of the U.S. armed forces. Please send the name of the alum, SLU graduation year, service branch, years active, deployments (if any), cause of death and a photograph to SLU200@slu.edu.



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2017 Class Reunions

During Homecoming and Family Weekend 2017 SLU will celebrate special reunions for the Classes of 1967, 1992, 2007 and 2012. Help plan the perfect weekend for your reunion class by visiting alumni.slu.edu/reunions or contacting the Office of Alumni and Donor Engagement at 314-977-2250 or reunions@slu.edu.

Cheer on the men's basketball team in a city near you

Join fellow Billikens fans for a pregame party before men's basketball away games this year. For more information and to register, please visit alumni.slu.edu/events.

Make a Difference Day: Oct. 22

Join fellow alumni for this annual SLU tradition. Club cities are organizing service sites throughout the country, so check alumni.slu.edu/events to see if there's a service site in your area.

Mentor a future Billikens through SLUvisors

Want to help the next generation of Billikens launch their careers? Join SLUvisors, the SLU alumni adviser network. This online platform allows alumni to connect with students and other alums for career mentoring sessions anytime, anywhere. Visit slu.evisors.com/registration.

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BILLIKENS OF THE LAST DECADE

BOLD Basketball Season Ticket Rate

Billikens of the Last Decade (classes of 2006-2016) can purchase men's basketball season tickets for \$99 per seat, a 45 percent discount. As an added benefit, BOLD members can purchase both men's and women's basketball season tickets for \$129 per seat. Contact the Billiken ticket office at 314-977-1260 or tickets@slu.edu for more information or to place an order.

Breakfast with Santa

There's no place like SLU for the holidays. Visit Santa Claus while enjoying music, crafts, gifts and breakfast. Expect a special visit from the Billikens, too. In the spirit of the season, attendees are encouraged to bring new toys and children's items to donate to local charities.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m.-noon
 Busch Student Center, Lower Level

ADULTS:
\$20
 includes a \$5 tax-deductible gift to the Emergency Scholarship Fund

CHILDREN 5-12:
\$10

CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER:
Free

Women's Council Seeks New Members

Membership in SLU's Women's Council is open to all women interested in serving as ambassadors of Saint Louis University. The Women's Council has several events planned, and all SLU women are welcome to attend. Meetings will be on Nov. 1, March 27 and April 27. For more information, visit alumni.slu.edu/WCEvents.

We want to hear from you.
Send us email at universitas@slu.edu or visit slu.edu/universitas.

CHESS HERE, BILLIKENS THERE

I was pleased to read in the spring 2016 issue that SLU has finally agreed to offer chess scholarships and build a first-rate program ("On Campus"). I enjoyed participating on the SLU chess teams in the 1976-1983 era as I worked my way through assorted degree programs. Our star Terence Niehoff (A&S '82, Law '86) led us in the Pan American games each year — the equivalent of a national championship — and we scored some top-10 results. Busch Center and other SLU venues hosted many of the prestigious regional and state championships in that era also. The University did not fund us directly, but the Student Government Association helped when it could. I recall that Father Jerome Marchetti and Mary Bruemmer — also featured in the spring 2016 issue — were particularly helpful with organizational issues. Now the University is surely poised to achieve bigger and better things.

Also, each issue of *Universitas* reminds me of the truly universal influence of the University. That global reach was reinforced when I found this pictured Billiken carved from a walrus tusk at the gift shop in Chena Hot Springs, Alaska. It was labeled an "Ivory Biligan," worth \$199, but a Billiken by any other name is still a Billiken. Wherever we go, SLU is still home.



Robert Sutter (A&S '77, Grad '79)
St. Louis

Overheard on Campus

"[SLU] called us to change society, and in doing so changed us. Being men and women for others can be uncomfortable, messy and life-altering — but it's what we are called to do."

Hannah Vestal (A&S '16), during her 2016 commencement address, the first given by a student speaker

"I certainly hope you have a great time while you're here. But I certainly hope you take the obligations you have now as a responsible adult with this amazing opportunity that so many people don't get to have... to take advantage of everything this nearly 200-year-old university has to offer, to build the foundation for all you will face in life and in work. It is your responsibility and your obligation."

SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello, at the 2016 New Student Convocation and Family Welcome

"The Department of Public Safety wants everyone to enjoy the thrill of the hunt and the fun it brings. This app was designed to have fun, so go out, enjoy and, most importantly, be safe."

Sergeant Pat Signorino, advising the SLU community about "Pokemon Go"

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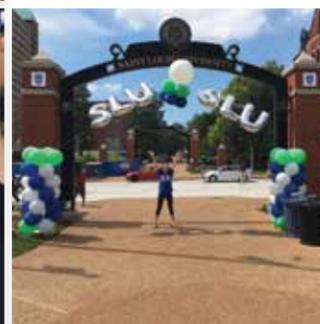
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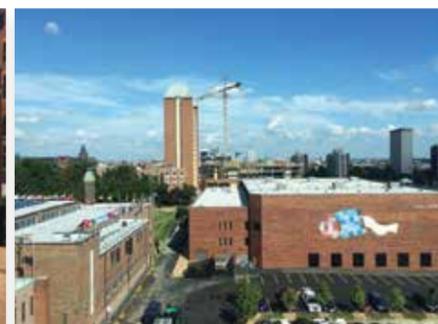
SLU is all over social media.

Here are some recent posts about the University on Instagram, a photo-sharing platform.

Follow SLU at [instagram.com/SLU_Official](https://www.instagram.com/SLU_Official).



@michaelaback1



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FATHER OF RADIO

Brother George Rueppel, S.J., a meteorologist from Germany, started using radio at SLU in 1912 to share data with other researchers and the U.S. Weather Bureau. His experimentation led to the development of radio station WEW, which he said stood for "We Enlighten the World." He was involved with the station until just before his death in 1947, one day before WEW made its first FM broadcast.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

In 1917 the U.S. government converted all radio stations into a communication system for the military during World War I. During this time, the University's station was an outlet for training more than 300 U.S. Army radio operators.

EARLY ON THE AIR

WEW launched in 1921 with a 500-word weather bulletin by SLU President William Robison, S.J. The station expanded programming to include educational, religious and musical shows. Pictured above: The cast of "Yankee Sketchbook" gathers around the microphone in 1941: Randall Robertson (LAW '47), Edward Garlich (COOK '47), Mary (Kinsella) Gillespie (A&S '44), Paul Murphy, Dr. Ann (Stranquist) Schwier (A&S '44, GRAD A&S '48, '52) and Dr. Harold Grady (A&S '42, GRAD A&S '44, '51).

RADIO SILENCE

In 1949, with support for WEW deteriorating, SLU's communication department started KBIL, an FM station broadcasting only on campus and close by. In the mid-1950s, a commercial operator bought WEW, and it was heard in St. Louis for many years. In 1983 KBIL became KSLU.

TUNE IN TODAY

WEW's 542-foot transmission tower, torn down in 1954, was located near the site of Pius XII Memorial Library. Today, KSLU broadcasts from its studio in Busch Student Center over an on-campus cable channel and online.



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BILLIKEN MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The women's and men's Billiken basketball teams are optimistic headed into their seasons.

During the 2015-16 season the women earned a share of their first Atlantic 10 Conference championship and reached the Women's National Invitation Tournament third round. They also set school records for total wins and conference wins.

The men are beginning their first season under the leadership of new head coach Travis Ford. With several new players, the Billikens face a tough schedule — the team will play up to 14 games against opponents who reached the postseason last year.

Season or single tickets for both men's and women's games are available at slubillikens.com or by calling 314-977-4SLU.

PLEASE NOTE: The women's basketball schedule was not available at press time. To see the team's schedule, visit slubillikens.com.

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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
NOV. 4	GREENVILLE (EXHIBITION)	CHAIFETZ ARENA
NOV. 11	BALL STATE	CHAIFETZ ARENA
NOV. 14	SOUTHERN UTAH	CHAIFETZ ARENA
NOV. 17	EASTERN ILLINOIS	CHAIFETZ ARENA
NOV. 21	vs. BYU	LAS VEGAS, NEV.
NOV. 23	vs. ALABAMA or VALPARAISO	LAS VEGAS, NEV.
NOV. 29	SAMFORD	CHAIFETZ ARENA
DEC. 3	KANSAS STATE	CHAIFETZ ARENA
DEC. 6	at WICHITA STATE	WICHITA, KAN.
DEC. 11	CHICAGO STATE	CHAIFETZ ARENA
DEC. 14	at SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	CARBONDALE, ILL.
DEC. 17	SIUE	CHAIFETZ ARENA
DEC. 22	WINTHROP	CHAIFETZ ARENA
DEC. 30	RHODE ISLAND	CHAIFETZ ARENA
JAN. 4	at LA SALLE	PHILADELPHIA, PA.
JAN. 8	DAVIDSON	CHAIFETZ ARENA
JAN. 11	at DUQUESNE	PITTSBURGH, PA.
JAN. 14	at GEORGE MASON	FAIRFAX, VA.
JAN. 17	ST. BONAVENTURE	CHAIFETZ ARENA
JAN. 22	at DAYTON	DAYTON, OHIO
JAN. 25	MASSACHUSETTS	CHAIFETZ ARENA
JAN. 28	at GEORGE WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON, D.C.
FEB. 1	GEORGE MASON	CHAIFETZ ARENA
FEB. 4	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	CHAIFETZ ARENA
FEB. 8	at ST. BONAVENTURE	OLEAN, N.Y.
FEB. 11	DUQUESNE	CHAIFETZ ARENA
FEB. 14	DAYTON	CHAIFETZ ARENA
FEB. 18	at FORDHAM	BRONX, N.Y.
FEB. 22	at VCU	RICHMOND, VA.
FEB. 25	SAINT JOSEPH'S	CHAIFETZ ARENA
MAR. 1	LA SALLE	CHAIFETZ ARENA
MAR. 4	at RICHMOND	RICHMOND, VA.

