



**SLU'S SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY WAS ESPECIALLY JOYFUL.**

Graduates filled the floor of Chaifetz Arena, extending into several rows of overflow seating. Mortarboards were adorned with creative embellishments. Student speaker Zahva Naeem (A&S '23) eloquently urged her colleagues to "live kindly, love freely and learn adamantly." And we were brought to collective tears by the powerful address of commencement speaker and Chaifetz School of Business alumnus John O'Leary ('99).

As the graduates joined me in a jubilant shout — they are indeed members of the SLU family FOREVER! — the emotion was as palpable as the confetti and streamers that fell from the rafters.

After the ceremony, our newest alumni rejoined their loved ones on the grounds surrounding the arena and lingered in the sunshine of a beautiful spring day. I think I took photos with a line of graduates and families that didn't slow for a solid hour. It's possible I have never smiled so much — and every grin was from my heart.

Our end-of-year celebrations condense years of challenge, triumph and transformation into a handful of poignant moments, each dense with memories and meaning. SLU's 2023 graduates — who navigated some of the most difficult years of any of our lifetimes — earned every exuberant minute of their graduation day.

This issue of *Universitas* is similarly filled with images and stories that speak to the heart of the SLU experience. Photos that beautifully capture a few of the countless ways that SLU faculty, staff and students live our mission on any given day (page 6). Profiles of students who crossed the globe to make SLU their home (page 15). Stories that illuminate the potential of Jesuit education to create community, expand intellectual horizons, and cultivate wholeness within the confines of a correctional facility (page 18).

As alumni of Saint Louis University, you know well the power and potential of Jesuit education. You carry your own collection of Billiken memories. You might recall the moment you conquered an equation that you were certain was outside of your abilities. Perhaps you can picture the work of art that irrevocably shifted your perspective. Maybe you continue to repeat words from a text or professor or classmate that resonated far beyond the day you moved your tassel to the left side of your mortarboard.



SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello (right) poses for a photo with a graduate after the spring commencement ceremony.

As members of the SLU family (forever), you extend the impact of these moments in each of your lives and communities. You rely on the wisdom you have earned, during your days at SLU and in the years since, to make unique and transformative contributions to the greater good.

In moments of joy and times of difficulty, you remember what it means to be a Billiken. And you commence.

May God's blessings be with you this summer, and always.

Dr. Fred P. Pestello  
President

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The women's basketball team and coaching staff celebrate their victory in the Atlantic 10 Championship final in Wilmington, Delaware.

PHOTO BY MITCHELL LEFF/ATLANTIC 10

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MAKES HISTORY

Women's basketball secured the first NCAA Tournament bid in program history with a 91-85 overtime victory over top-seeded Massachusetts in the Atlantic 10 Championship final in March. The game was also the first time the Billikens played in an A-10 Championship title game.

The team members, who ended their first season under Coach Rebecca Tillett at 17-18, started the year by finding their footing together and finished strong with 11 wins in their final 13 games.

Working together brought conference honors, including All-Atlantic 10 second-team selections for senior forward/center Brooke Flowers and senior guard Kyla McMakin. Flowers was selected as the A-10's co-Defensive Player of the Year and as a semifinalist for the Naismith Defensive Player of the Year award. She was joined on the league's All-Defensive team by senior guard Julia Martinez, who also earned Most Outstanding Player honors at the A-10 Championship.

In the NCAA first-round game, Flowers scored a team-high 17 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds. McMakin and guard Camree Clegg also scored in double figures in the team's 95-50 loss to the Tennessee Lady Volunteers.

## University Names Two New Deans



**Dr. Donna LaVoie**  
DEAN, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

LaVoie served as interim dean since 2020, overseeing the Arts and Sciences reorganization, where some programs moved to the new School of Science and Engineering. Before that, she was associate dean in the college for 12 years. A professor of psychology, she has been at SLU since 1995.



**Dr. Gregory E. Triplett Jr.**  
DEAN, SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The inaugural dean for Science and Engineering, Triplett most recently was senior associate dean for academic affairs at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Engineering. He joined VCU in 2016 as a professor and associate dean for graduate studies. He began his academic career in 2011 at the University of Missouri in Columbia, where he was an associate professor, lab director and associate director of Mizzou's honors college.



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FROM LEFT: SLU Provost Dr. Michael Lewis; Dr. Martha Habash, USA JWL academic director and Creighton University professor; University President Fred P. Pestello; and Dr. John Buerck (Grad Ed '93), interim dean of SLU's School for Professional Studies

## SLU Partners With Jesuit Organization to Educate Refugees

Saint Louis University is partnering with Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) to offer a bachelor's degree to international students displaced by conflict, lack of opportunity and poverty. The first cohort of students will start in October and are presently in refugee camps in Kenya and Malawi.

Based in Switzerland, JWL is an international higher education program that serves students in war zones, refugee camps and impoverished countries. Partnering with academic institutions, JWL operates more than 50 learning centers in 20 countries across Asia, Africa and South America.

JWL students will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in general studies through SLU's School for Professional Studies.

The program offers a bachelor's degree free of charge to interested refugees in the camps who meet eligibility requirements.

The students will begin their time at SLU with 30 credits already completed through either Creighton University or Xavier Institute of Management in India's one-year certificate program. Once enrolled, they will be full-time students with access to all forms of SLU support.

## Gaiman Receives the 2023 St. Louis Literary Award

Neil Gaiman, the 2023 St. Louis Literary Award honoree, summed up his life's work: "The job of a writer is to leave the world more interesting."

Gaiman accepted the award from the Saint Louis University Libraries at a sold-out event in April at the Sheldon Concert Hall. The same day, he was named one of *Time* magazine's Most Influential People of 2023.

Best known as a novelist, Gaiman writes in a variety of forms. His work includes *Coraline*, *American Gods*, *The Graveyard Book* and *The Sandman*.

To close out the ceremony, Edward Ibur, executive director of the St. Louis Literary Award, announced that Jamaica Kincaid will come to St. Louis next year to accept the 2024 award.

Kincaid explores themes of colonialism, gender and sexuality, racism, class and family in her work. A professor in African and African American studies and the Department of English at Harvard University, Kincaid wrote the novels *Annie John*, *Luce* and *See Now Then*.



PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY

Gaiman accepts the 2023 St. Louis Literary Award.

PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY



Ruff

HONORS & AWARDS

HISTORY PROFESSOR WINS 2022 RING AWARD

Dr. Mark Edward Ruff received the 2022 Nancy McNeir Ring Award in December and, in keeping with Saint Louis University tradition, delivered the midyear commencement address.

The award — SLU’s highest honor for teaching — was established in 1966 to acknowledge faculty who display special dedication to students. It is named for the University’s first dean of women.

A SLU history professor since 2004, Ruff was a unanimous selection for the award.

SLU COMMENDS ANOTHER TRUMAN SCHOLAR

Gabby Chiodo is the most recent — and fifth-ever — SLU student to receive the prestigious Truman Scholarship. (See the photo on page 10.)

Truman Scholars demonstrate leadership potential, a commitment to a career in government or the nonprofit sector, and academic excellence. Chiodo is one of 62 scholars selected this year from a pool of 705 candidates nominated by 275 colleges and universities.

Chiodo is a political science and communication double major with minors in political journalism and women’s and gender studies. She is a SLU Presidential Scholar and a member of the University Honors Program, as well as a managing editor of *The University News*.

ALUMNI EARN 2023 FULBRIGHT AWARDS

Three members of the SLU community were selected for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, designed to expand perspectives through academic and professional advancement and cross-cultural dialogue.

In partnership with more than 140 countries, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers opportunities to graduating college seniors, graduate students and young professionals. Participants pursue graduate study, conduct research or teach English abroad.

**Adam Ryan** (A&S ’22, CSB ’23) received a Fulbright Combined Award to Austria. He will conduct political science research at the University of Vienna while serving as an English teaching assistant at a secondary school.

**Sierra Zima** (CSB ’20) received a Binational Business Program to Mexico award. She will participate in an internship while pursuing an MBA.

**Krysta Couzi** (PH ’23) received an English Teaching Assistantship to Ghana.

STUDENT WINS AWARD FOR CANCER RESEARCH

**Kavya Harish** is one of 10 recipients of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Award, joining students from other prestigious universities such as Yale, Harvard and Cornell. The award is available to college juniors and includes all-expenses-paid trips to AACR conferences for two years and funding to continue cancer research.

Harish has been researching the regulation of the ribosomal machinery in cells and attempting to inhibit protein production. By doing so, she’s shown that previously unrelenting cell growth can be controlled, which can help regulate certain cancers.

PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY



Iwelunmor

Researcher Gets NIH Grants to Help Prevent HIV and HPV

Dr. Juliet Iwelunmor, professor of global health and behavioral science and health education at the College for Public Health and Social Justice, received a grant in 2018 to develop and implement a crowdsourcing framework for at-risk youth in Nigeria. Now she is using the framework to identify young people in the United States who could become the next generation of HIV researchers, leaders and innovators in the field.

She was awarded a five-year, \$1.76 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to create NIAID STAR (Stimulating Training and Access to HIV Research Experiences). A partnership across four universities — SLU, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Georgia State University and Texas A&M University — STAR focuses on bottom-up strategies for youth engagement in HIV prevention research, involving young people as leaders of HIV prevention interventions.

Iwelunmor also recently received a five-year, \$2.83 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to enhance the understanding of HPV prevention in resource-constrained settings. Using the crowdsourcing framework, she aims to increase essential human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination and screening to lower incidents of cervical cancer among girls and women in Nigeria.



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SLU HONORS CLASS OF 2023

The Saint Louis University spring graduation celebration culminated with the commencement ceremony May 20 at Chaifetz Arena.

*New York Times* best-selling author and motivational speaker **John O’Leary** (CSB ’99) delivered the 2023 spring commencement address.

As a child, O’Leary was so badly burned in an accident that doctors gave him less than a 1% chance of survival. He detailed his recovery in the 2016 bestseller *On Fire: The 7 Choices to Ignite a Radically Inspired Life*. His second book, *In Awe: Rediscover Your Childlike Wonder to Unleash Inspiration, Meaning and Joy*, was also a bestseller.

O’Leary joined former St. Louis Alderwoman **Marlene Davis** and veteran actress **Marianne Muellerleile** (A&S ’71) in receiving honorary doctoral degrees.

Davis was alderwoman of the City’s 19th Ward for 16 years before retiring in April. She helped facilitate the transformation of SLU’s Midtown neighborhood.

During Muellerleile’s 50-year career, she has appeared in more than 180 television series, including the soap opera *Passions*, and more than 100 national commercials, including Geico’s “Aunt Infestation” ad. Her movie credits include *The Terminator* and *Memento*.

New graduates are encouraged to keep up with SLU events and activities from coast to coast by updating their contact information at [alumni.slu.edu/stayconnected](http://alumni.slu.edu/stayconnected).



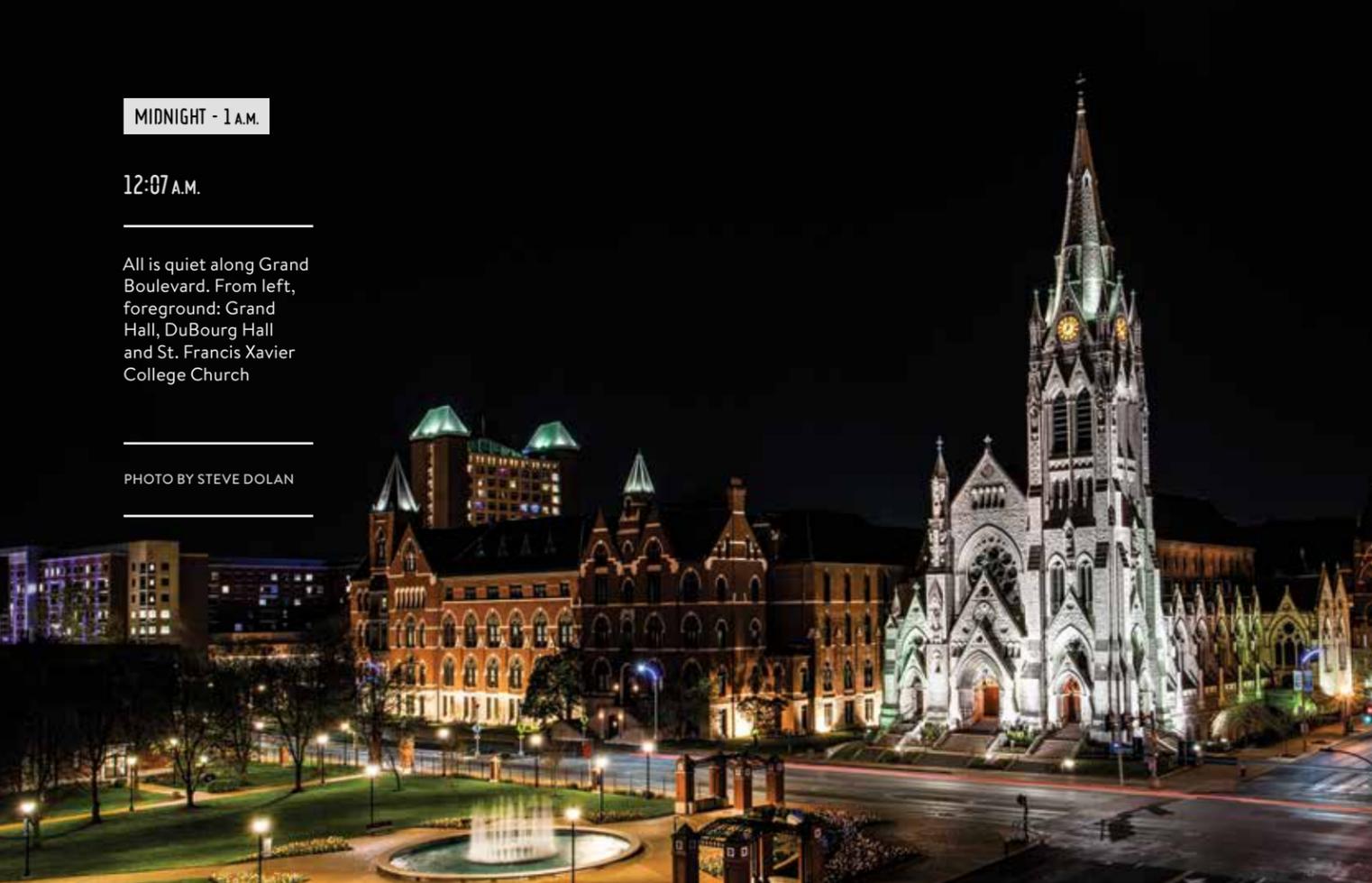
- A. Honorary degree recipients (FROM LEFT) Muellerleile, O’Leary and Davis
- B. School of Education graduates (FROM LEFT) Vicky Casazza, Riley Hercules and Grace Hoover
- C. Student speaker Zahva Naeem (LEFT) and O’Leary
- D. Dr. Manisha Ford-Thomas, director of housing and residence life, celebrates earning her doctorate.
- E. Confetti and streamers shower the graduates following the main commencement ceremony.
- F. School of Medicine graduates Tiffany Ju (LEFT) and Stephanie Chen
- G. SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello addresses the graduates.
- H. School for Professional Studies graduate Sai Rohith Thatla celebrates.
- I. O’Leary delivers the commencement address.

MIDNIGHT - 1 A.M.

12:07 A.M.

All is quiet along Grand Boulevard. From left, foreground: Grand Hall, DuBourg Hall and St. Francis Xavier College Church

PHOTO BY STEVE DOLAN



2 - 3 A.M.

9:32 A.M. (MADRID TIME)

While St. Louis (mostly) sleeps, the Madrid Campus starts its day. Students Abigail Amare (left) and Claire Elah Doua talk in the San Ignacio Hall library.

PHOTO BY ÁNGEL GARCÍA LÓPEZ



3 - 4 A.M.



10:22 A.M. (MADRID TIME)

Instructor Yolanda Granado (far right) leads SLU-Madrid students in a flamenco class.

PHOTO BY ÁNGEL GARCÍA LÓPEZ

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN ONE DAY. THIS APRIL, *UNIVERSITAS* ATTEMPTED TO CAPTURE IT ALL.

# 24 HOURS AT SLU

THERE WAS NOTHING PARTICULARLY EXTRAORDINARY about Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at Saint Louis University. It wasn't commencement day or homecoming or the first day of classes. But that very ordinariness made it perfect.

For years, the *Universitas* staff has wanted to share with readers all that happens in one day at Saint Louis University — from midnight to midnight in both St. Louis and Madrid.

It was a tall order that required multiple photographers on two continents. And, of course, what they captured just scratches the surface.

Though this photo essay captures only a few fleeting moments from a day in the University's life, it illustrates the vibrance of campus and the depth of SLU's impact. Follow the photos from the wee hours to late night and see what a difference a day makes.

1 - 2 A.M.



1:01 A.M.

Anita Hardin (left) and Alexandria Wilson monitor campus from the Department of Public Safety communications center.

PHOTO BY STEVE DOLAN



4 - 5 A.M.

11:22 A.M. (MADRID TIME)

SLU-Madrid students enjoy the patio behind Padre Rubio Hall.

PHOTO BY ÁNGEL GARCÍA LÓPEZ

5 - 6 A.M.

5:44 A.M.

Back in St. Louis, student workers fold towels at the Simon Recreation Center front desk before the facility opens.

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6 - 7 A.M.



6:58 A.M.

The sun rises over early-morning runners at the Medical Center Stadium.

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8 - 9 A.M.

8:16 A.M.

Research assistant Keith Blomenkamp works in Dr. Jeffrey Teckman's lab in the Doisy Research Center, investigating pediatric liver disease.

PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY



9 - 10 A.M.



9:57 A.M.

Student Susan Rippee finishes a test during her "General Chemistry II" lab period.

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7 - 8 A.M.

7:15 - 7:42 A.M.

Students Suzanne Tran (top right), Tran Quach (bottom left) and Carolina Cifuentes Milla (bottom right) prepare breakfast at the student-run Fresh Gatherings Café in the Allied Health Building.

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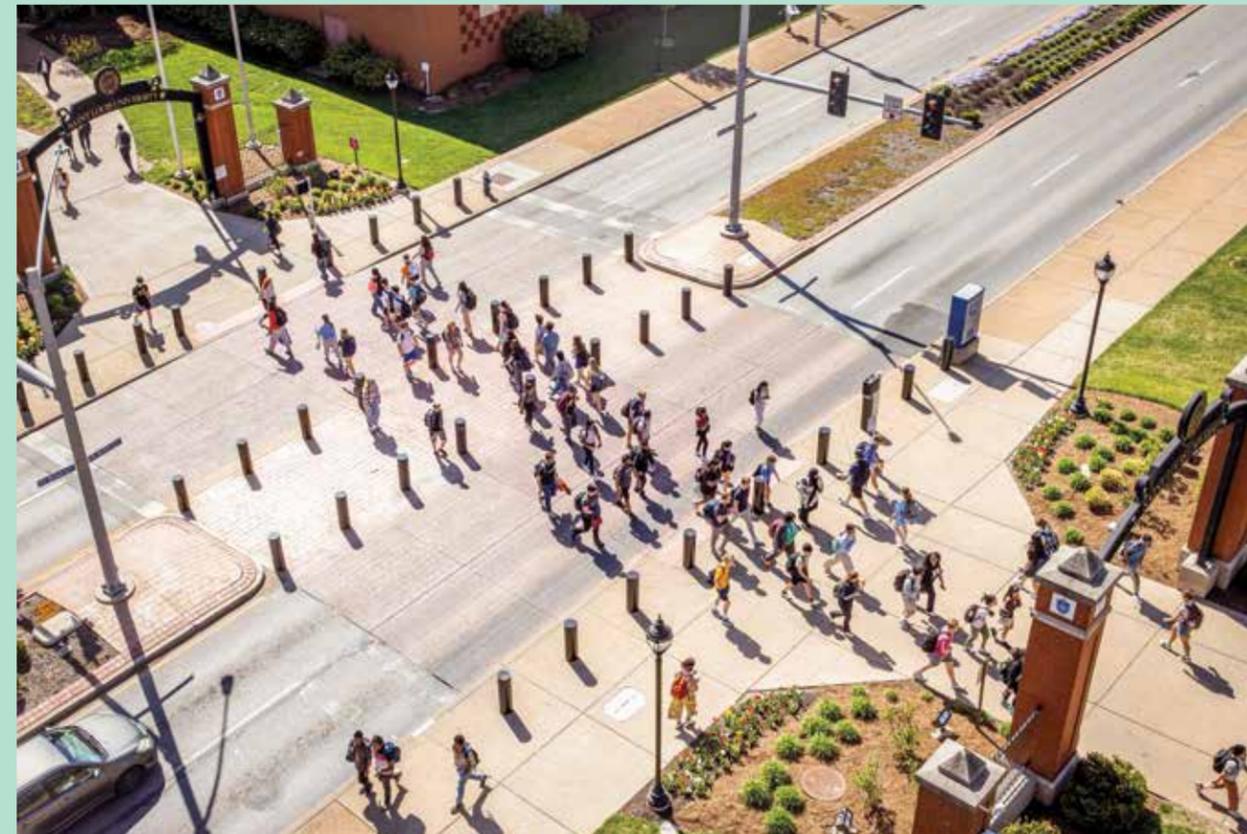


10 - 11 A.M.

10:53 A.M.

Students cross Grand Boulevard during a busy class-change period.

PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY



11 A.M. - NOON



11:16 A.M.

University President Dr. Fred Pestello (right) and Provost Dr. Michael Lewis (left) surprise Gabby Chiodo during her class in Morrissey Hall to share the news that Chiodo had been named a 2023 Truman Scholar. Chiodo, the fifth Truman Scholar in SLU history, was selected for demonstrating outstanding leadership potential, her commitment to a career in government or the nonprofit sector, and academic excellence.

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11:25 A.M.

Pestello joins a campus tour and talks with prospective students and their families.

11:59 A.M.

Pestello has lunch with students in Grand Dining Hall.

2 - 3 P.M.

2:34 P.M.

Dr. Vithya Murugan, assistant professor of social work, instructs students in her "Intro to Social Work" class in Tegeler Hall.

PHOTO BY CRISTINA FLETES



NOON - 1 P.M.



12:15 P.M.

Dr. Barnali Gupta, Edward Jones Dean of the Chaifetz School of Business, greets a student during an "Office Hours with the Dean" event in the Shanahan Atrium of Cook Hall.

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1 - 2 P.M.

1:02 P.M.

Prof. Molly Wilson, associate dean for research and engagement at the School of Law, teaches a contracts class in the Pruett Courtroom in Scott Hall.

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3 - 4 P.M.

3:34 - 3:59 P.M.

The Billiken softball team practices at the Billiken Sports Center. Clockwise from top left: Head Coach Christy Connoyer (center) talks to the team; Chloe Rhine throws the ball while Kendall Johnson (right) gets ready to field; Abby Mallo bats from a tee; Kaili Hanner winds up to pitch.

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4 - 5 P.M.

4:01 P.M.

Campus Kitchen student volunteers (from left) Elise Hallstoos, Nhu Nguyen, Sarah Sargent, Hao Huang and Alicia Avellaneda-Cruz walk meals across Grand Boulevard to deliver to residents of the nearby Council Towers Senior Living Apartments.

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6 - 7 P.M.

6:27 P.M.

The cast of *Clue the Musical* – from left, students Makaina Woods, Marshall Self, Allie Thornton (seated), Jake Allen Olson, Sophie Smith, Aadi Kadam and London Kimble – rehearses in the Main Stage Theatre in Xavier Hall.

PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY



5 - 6 P.M.

5:25 - 6 P.M.

Students take advantage of a warm spring day to be outside. Clockwise from top left: Riya Patel (right) and friends on a hammock near DuBourg Hall; Madi Baylor (left), Ella Bolling and Joe Feder (right) at the Cupples House bridge; (from left) Andrew Kowalski, Claire Robinson, DeAndre Westbrook and Andrew Siemer at the Dr. Jonathan C. Smith Amphitheater; and Elizabeth Monzu at a table overlooking Lipic Clock Tower Plaza.

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7 - 8 P.M.



7:39 P.M.

Tan France, host of Netflix shows *Next in Fashion* and *Queer Eye*, speaks to students in the Wool Ballrooms in Busch Student Center as part of the Great Issues Committee speaker series.

PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY

8 - 9 P.M.

8:39 P.M.

Student Lily Kinnison receives Holy Communion from Michael Rozier, S.J., assistant professor and chair in the Department of Health Management and Policy, during a Mass at the chapel in the new Jesuit Center.

PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY



9 - 10 P.M.



9:59 P.M.

Students Divya Nallakumar, (jumping) and Riya Shirahatti (right) of the Bollywood-fusion dance team Shakti, rehearse in the Center for Global Citizenship.

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10 - 11 P.M.

10:32 P.M.

Student Ilori Tankpinou works in a quiet study space in Pius XII Memorial Library.

PHOTO BY CRISTINA FLETES



11 P.M. - MIDNIGHT

11:17 P.M.

Harrison Pratt (left) hosts his radio show "Resonate" with friends Delaney Feldkamp (back) and Nicoli Donohue in the KSLU studio in Busch Student Center.

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# Global Reach

A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INITIATIVE RESULTS IN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND EXPANDS SLU'S GLOBAL IDENTITY.

— By Marie Dilg

At a time when enrollment of international graduate students continues to rebound to pre-pandemic levels, Saint Louis University is experiencing a surge.

Three years ago, approximately 400 international students were pursuing graduate degrees at SLU in the United States. Today, more than 1,400 international graduate students from more than 20 countries are at SLU. They comprise 11% of SLU's total enrollment.

The upward trend is the result of the Global Graduate Initiative, a University-wide strategy launched in 2020 to attract international students to graduate programs in business, technology, engineering and health. Through the five-year initiative, the University is partnering with universities, academic advisors and career counselors in countries previously untapped by SLU or where SLU had a low profile.

"We are motivated to elevate SLU's status as a truly global university and to broaden SLU's impact on the world," said Dr. Eric Armbricht, associate provost and one of the architects of the Global Graduate Initiative. "SLU is achieving this by putting talented alumni all over the planet."

The University is investing \$10 million in scholarships and work experiences to support Global Graduate scholars and is creating 30 new faculty and staff positions to teach, mentor and support their career development. SLU's Career Services Center is forging new partnerships to create opportunities for international students who can work under a federal visa program.

"Not only are we welcoming students from around the world to St. Louis — we're opening global learning to all our students," said Kathleen Davis, vice president of Enrollment and Retention Management. "Creating a diverse, inclusive community is important to our mission. And our Global Grad growth will have a significant impact on the metropolitan community."

"We are co-investing with our students," Armbricht said. "It's remarkable what these students are doing and how SLU is responding with support."

Students celebrate Holi — a Hindu festival of colors — on the quad in March.

## SOFT LANDING

The Global Graduate Initiative is supported by the Divisions of Enrollment and Retention Management and Student Development, as well as the Office of the Provost. The Office of International Services plays a key role in supporting international students (graduate and undergraduate) from more than 80 countries. The Global Grad initiative has amplified their efforts.

Rebecca Bahan, director of international services, said the staff is managing an increase in F-1 student visa requests, assisting students with transition advice and serving as a resource for the SLU community's understanding of immigration compliance.

A key component of the University's mission of educating the whole person is helping international students integrate into SLU's campus community. The Office of International Services has hired more international student ambassadors to serve as peer mentors and advisors. The ambassadors help introduce Global Graduate scholars to SLU student organizations as well as assimilate to life in St. Louis.

Additionally, annual events like Holi, the Hindu festival of colors and the arrival of spring and the blossoming of love, have attracted more students than ever before. Seven-hundred students participated in Holi this March because of the growing international student enrollment. Other programs like food-tasting and invitations to SLU athletic events create opportunities for cultural exchange.

"Activities allow the flow of ideas and cultures to go both ways," Bahan said. "Our international students get a taste of home and get to present their culture to the campus community. In turn, the students get a chance to immerse themselves into American experiences which helps to broaden their understanding of the world; a key aspect of global learning is to experience culture other than your own."

## A SECOND HOME

According to the Council of Graduate Schools, India has surged ahead of China to become the leading source of new international graduate students in the United States. The scholars SLU is attracting with the Global Graduate Initiative mirror this trend. Of the more than 1,400 Global Graduate scholars, 85% are from India. Here, meet a few who are earning their degrees and helping others feel at home at SLU.



### Alekhya Arcot Dhanraj, age 26

STUDENT AMBASSADOR COORDINATOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

**HOMETOWN:** Hyderabad, Telangana, India

**PURSUING:** Master of Science in Information Systems

**ANTICIPATED GRADUATION YEAR:** 2024

**HEARD ABOUT SLU:** I randomly saw pictures of the University on Instagram and found the architecture beautiful. I then researched the University, and I loved every bit of it. Most of the professors have their Ph.D., which made me believe I would be in strong hands. The city of St. Louis seemed like such a beautiful place to live, and I liked the University's emphasis on keeping international students connected to home. I didn't wait a second more before enrolling.

**MAKING THE CONNECTION:** The Office of International Services is extremely supportive when it comes to celebrating our traditions. The Holi and Diwali events they hosted, for example, allowed every student to experience the festival the way we feel it back home — the food, the planning, the decorations, the music, the prayers. And it's not just students from India. Students from all different countries are made to feel at home here.

**THE FUTURE:** I came to SLU to improve myself in every way possible. SLU is giving me the exposure and experiences to grow independently and equip myself with knowledge, not just academically but as a person. I hope to get an internship after I graduate so I'm even better prepared to enter the market.

### Dheeraj Chava, age 22

STUDENT AMBASSADOR COORDINATOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

**HOMETOWN:** Hyderabad, Telangana, India

**PURSUING:** Master of Science in Information Systems

**ANTICIPATED GRADUATION YEAR:** 2024

**HEARD ABOUT SLU:** I was working on my undergraduate research paper about (COVID-19) pandemic stabilizers when I saw an article by a SLU researcher. I had a lot of universities in mind for graduate school, but I hadn't heard of SLU, so I decided to visit the University's website. I was excited about joining a research university to improve my own work. I liked SLU's curriculum as well. I would not be limited only to my information systems studies. I could take a course in cybersecurity or anything else that interested me, and that appealed to me very much. The architecture fascinated me, too. I love history, big buildings, big campuses. The culture seemed quite positive.

**MAKING THE CONNECTION:** Initially, it was difficult for me. I am an only child and was so far from home. Things at SLU were so different. I had no idea what was going on. I had questions but didn't know how to ask. Then I realized I came here for a purpose. I wanted international exposure, and I started reaching out. I never knew I could be this strong and independent. I learned things get better, if not today, then tomorrow. When the Office of International Services hosted events, like the Diwali and Holi festivals, I found I could talk to people from home. We could share our journeys. SLU literally started feeling like my second home. I now have friends from India, Africa, Iran, here in the United States — such a diverse group of friends.



**THE FUTURE:** I am open to all opportunities. I might pursue another degree, possibly here at SLU, and then get work exposure with a multinational company. I hope to return to India and establish my own company or find a job that blends my technical and management skills.

PHOTOS BY SARAH CONROY

### Neeten Chawla, age 23

TEACHING ASSISTANT, BUSINESS ANALYTICS

STUDENT AMBASSADOR COORDINATOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

**HOMETOWN:** Pune, Maharashtra, India

**PURSUING:** Master of Science in Supply Chain Management

**GRADUATION YEAR:** 2023

**HEARD ABOUT SLU:** I studied accounting for three years and decided it wasn't my cup of tea, so I met with a consultant about going in a different direction. I chose supply chain management, but no universities in India offer a master's in this field; therefore, I needed to study abroad. I was very late in applying to grad schools, but SLU was still an option. It was the only grad school I applied to, and it worked out in my favor. The cost also was very reasonable, and I found a job on campus that helps me with my expenses. I didn't have to rely on my parents as much. SLU has been generous in that regard.

**MAKING THE CONNECTION:** SLU is very inclusive. Yes, it is difficult initially for students from India, or any other country for that matter, to adjust to new rules, new ways of doing things. Finding foods that you like can be hard. It just takes time. And the Office of International Services does a great job of hosting events to make you feel at home. SLU makes you feel welcome.

**THE FUTURE:** I currently have a job at SSM Health as a supply chain technician. I am hoping to stay there after graduation, build my career experiences and then return home. I think studying at SLU has given me a big boost toward my goals. **UTAS**



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## Minds Unconfined

Saint Louis University's Prison Education Program opens minds and changes lives within the confines of the correctional facility.

BY AMY GARLAND / PHOTOS BY SARAH CONROY



Members of Dr. Isaac Arten's "Intro to Theology" course at the prison in Bonne Terre, Missouri

**I**n many ways, this "Intro to Theology" class could be anywhere on the Saint Louis University campus. At the front of the classroom, the professor leads a discussion on Ignatian spirituality, pausing to write key points on the board. Twenty or so students sit shoulder-to-shoulder at long tables, listening, taking notes, asking questions. On the walls hang inspirational messages, SLU pennants and a Billiken flag.

But this class is decidedly different. This classroom is behind lock and key — nine locked doors and gates, to be exact, from the front of the facility. And these students are incarcerated here, at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Bonne Terre, Missouri.

of trouble and take advantage of the limited opportunities in the facility. But mostly, he said, he "tried not to die" there.

To an outsider, the ERDCC might look surprisingly innocuous. It's made up of nondescript cinderblock buildings with well-kept green spaces in between. Lines of men in gray garb walk without restraint from one place to the next.

They are incarcerated, and they are Billikens. They constitute the most recent cohort of SLU's Prison Education Program (PEP), which is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

Fifteen years ago, Courtney Everett was on the inside, serving a 22-year sentence at the ERDCC in Bonne Terre. He knew the routine and monotony of prison life. He tried to stay out

But the place possesses a powerful gravity. A mixed-security prison, the ERDCC houses as many as 2,700 people. Razor wire tops every fence. An airlocked hall separates the outside world from the inside. Next to the visitor center sits Missouri's lethal-injection chamber.

One Sunday evening in 2007, Everett (A&S '15) was watching television in his cell when a segment on 60 Minutes caught his attention. The weekly news show spotlighted a prisoner education program at Bard College.

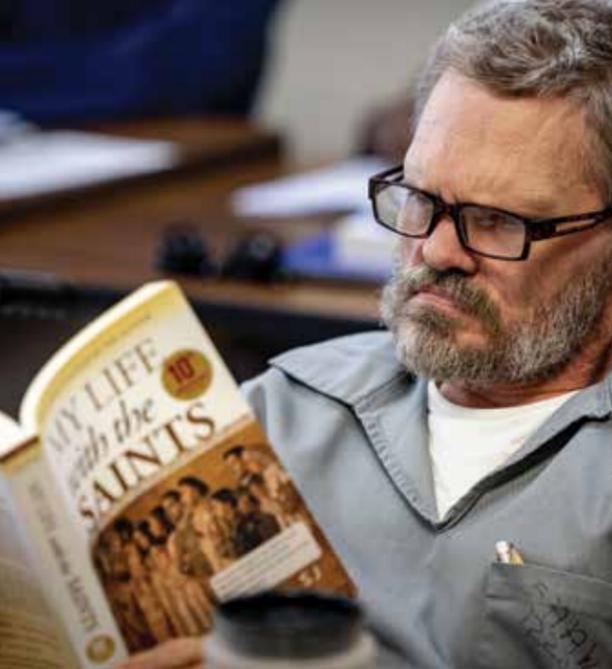
The concept of college in prison was unpopular but not unheard of in the early 2000s. For decades, the government had allowed inmates to apply for Pell Grants to pursue degrees, but that support ended in the mid-1990s amid political pressure. By 1997, only eight programs remained in the country, down from 350 in 1982.

Everett didn't think much about the Bard program in the moment — but he remembered it later when he met Dr. Kenneth Parker, then a professor of theology at SLU.

Parker had seen the same *60 Minutes* episode and realized that such a program would fit perfectly with the tenets of Jesuit education — preparing men and women for and with others, finding God in all things and places. He was inspired to create what was initially called the SLU Prison Initiative.

"I saw the segment and didn't think twice," Everett said. "He saw something on TV and made it real."

In 2008, Parker started holding weekly theological studies classes at the ERDCC. For the initial group of students — and for every group that followed — interest was substantial: 300 people applied for 15 spots.



Participants could work toward a certificate in theological studies from SLU. In 2010, a dozen students completed the program.

Faculty and staff soon realized that another group could benefit: prison staff, most of whom come from communities without much access to higher education.

With the encouragement of the Missouri Department of Corrections, the SLU program expanded and became the first of its kind, offering an on-site, fully accredited Associate of Arts degree program to both incarcerated people and prison employees. The two populations would take classes separately but work toward the same degree.

That was in 2011, around when Julie O’Heir (A&S ’06) started at the PEP. For more than a decade, O’Heir was the only staff member alongside volunteer faculty administrators. In 2021, she became the director of the program and hired two support staff.

One was Everett, who had recently been released from the correctional system — and who had been part of the first Associate of Arts cohort.

Before his incarceration, Everett earned an associate’s degree in accounting, so he had experience with higher education. He welcomed another chance to escape the boredom of prison life.

“I had been there for five or six years at that point. I had done everything available — self-help, anger management, criminal-thinking-based programs — but nothing college-related,” Everett said. “It was a chance to get a piece of paper from SLU that would make me look good, maybe alleviate the stigma of being in prison.”

**The program turned out to be so much more than that.** Everett found himself in a community, one that included the professor. He was surprised that questions were welcome in that first class and in each to follow. In his life before, questioning signaled disrespect. Now, Parker good-naturedly nicknamed him the “Doubting Thomas” of the class.

“It was my introduction to mission-centered education versus my experience, which had just been technical, sterile: Come to class, do the work, get the grade, go,” Everett said. “This was more relationship-building, and that was new for me.”

The cohort earned the associate’s degree in about four and a half years. They took one course at a time: a four-hour class weekly for nine weeks, five terms per year.

A student references one of the course’s texts.

Arten (LEFT) continues the discussion with his students as class dismisses.

“It’s a long class period,” Dr. Bonnie Wilson (CSB ’91, A&S ’92), associate professor of economics, said. “But you work with what you can with the facility.”

Requirements are tailored to the compressed format, but the expectations are the same as comparable SLU courses. Lots of discussion in

class and lots of writing outside of class. For the most part, students seem well-suited to both.

Keith (A&S ’21), an incarcerated person whose surname is withheld to protect his privacy, is a PEP teaching assistant. He said students come to him for help writing papers, but they’re usually more competent than they think.

“People were writing 20-, 30-page letters to their families every week. By hand. They’re naturals at writing,” he said. “I help them realize that what they were doing is what the professor is asking for, just in a different format.”

Life experience enriches the in-class experience, too.

“You’re teaching people who’ve had a much broader range of experiences than your typical student coming to SLU at 18 years old,” said Dr. Scott Berman, associate professor of philosophy. “The discussions are varied and broad, and involve serious, weighty topics.”

**While any incarcerated individual has life experience to draw on, some aren’t prepared to do college-level work.** In 2016, the PEP began offering non-credit classes to prepare students for college in the future. This program currently runs at the ERDCC and the St. Louis County Jail in Clayton, Missouri.



(FROM LEFT) Everett, O’Heir, Johnston and Berman

Individuals in the College Prep Program take three to five courses annually in one of four areas: communication and technology, community and society, creative expression, and well-being.

The goal is to develop the collaborative learning, study and research skills needed in a college setting. Students might advance to the PEP’s Associate of Arts degree program or plan to enter college upon release.

**As any traditional student knows, there’s more to college than the classroom.**

The PEP offers more to its students, too. The Inside Out Alliance (IOA) is the program’s student organization, which meets monthly and provides service to others at the Bonne Terre facility.

“Because of the IOA, lots of folks at Bonne Terre got tutoring and got their GEDs,” Wilson, the IOA’s faculty advisor, said. “It is clearly important to our students to help others in their education.”

Another component of a college experience is the enriching, campus-wide events. To translate that to the prison environment, the PEP started the Prison Arts and Education Program, which offers humanities-based workshops and the Inside Out Speaker Series.

Dr. Devin Johnston, professor of English, coordinates the program. He draws on the University community as well as his connections

**BY THE NUMBERS:  
15 Years of SLU’s  
Prison Education  
Program**

4,500 participants  
(across all programs)

103 SLU courses

35 college-prep classes

140+ Inside Out  
Speaker Series events

44 Associate of Arts  
degree graduates

14 alumni released  
from prison

0% recidivism rate

in the arts world to bring to the prison everyone from award-winning poets to indie musicians to the Chamber Music Society of St. Louis.

“It almost doesn’t matter the subject; we invite people who demonstrate excellence and passion,” he said. “But we also want to provide a public space for intellectual conversation.”

Programming is open to the entire prison community, but the audience tends to be mostly incarcerated people, who started a reading group so they could be prepared to converse with the visitors. And the ERDCC’s media center, which incarcerated people run, records and edits the performances to share on the facility’s closed-circuit television.

“Universities should be resources that radiate outward into their communities,” Johnston said. “That’s ideally what we do here.”

His work with the program is “the richest experience I’ve had in a job I already really enjoy,” he said. It’s a sentiment echoed by other PEP faculty.

**Berman has been in SLU’s philosophy department for more than three decades.**

As the PEP’s academic coordinator, he recruits other faculty to the program. The ones who accept report that teaching in prison is one of their best teaching experiences.

It certainly was profound for Wilson.

“I get choked up thinking about it. When you leave after that last class, you realize — I do not have permission to see these people again,” she said.

“For me, walking out on the last day was far more striking than walking in on the first.”

She loved teaching economics to the second Associate of Arts cohort.

“These students are mindful of the potential for their experience, ending in a degree, to have an impact on their material lives, just like our St. Louis students,” Wilson said. “But I think what’s more true for our Bonne Terre students is the intrinsic value of the experience, of developing a life of the mind. It is enlivening for faculty, and you bring that back to the St. Louis campus.”

Keith said Wilson’s economics class was life-changing.

“It made 20 unique individuals become one cohort,” he said. “And that was the greatest experience, honestly, of my life — being able to connect with a bunch of people I never would have connected with otherwise.”

O’Heir confirmed his sentiments.

“Our approach helps students see themselves as part of a community. They go on to participate more in the community inside the prison and to consider what their participation will look like when they’re on the outside,” she said.

All of the work — learning the material and also building self-awareness and a sense of belonging to something bigger than oneself — makes all the difference in the kind of future these students can have.

O’Heir said that more than 95% of all incarcerated people in the United States will return to the outside community. Offering them the chance to receive a high-quality education benefits everyone.

Statistically, incarcerated individuals who participate in post-secondary education are far less likely to return to prison after being released. They’re more likely to find employment and have access to higher-paying jobs. They realize the value of education and encourage family and friends to pursue their own, which can promote generational change.

“Most of these students never got even a first chance at a good education. They see this as an amazing opportunity. And they’re not going to let it fall through their fingers,” Berman said.

Of the 14 PEP alumni who have been released from prison, all are employed, pursuing further education or both. All of them remain out of prison.

When Everett was released in June 2021, he was “scared to death.” He didn’t know how he would make a life beyond prison. Before being hired by SLU, he applied for jobs but found it difficult to get past background checks. He worked for the Salvation Army for six months before the PEP position became available.

As PEP coordinator, one of his duties is to help others during that transition. He advises program alumni about navigating life on the outside, including resources for counseling and further education. Everett himself is enrolled in SLU’s MBA program, and three of his fellow alums are applying to continue at SLU, now that they’re released.

Since the Associate of Arts program started, two cohorts have graduated, in 2015 and 2020-21. Last year, 20 more incarcerated students enrolled in the third cohort, and a new group of Department of Corrections employees will begin this fall.

After the third cohort finishes, the PEP plans to launch a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in 2026. The program also wants to expand reentry support and provide funding for alumni to complete degrees on campus.

In October, the Prison Education Program will celebrate its 15th anniversary with an exhibit at Pius XII Memorial Library and symposiums in St. Louis and Bonne Terre. The program also will host the inaugural meeting of the Jesuit Prison Education Network to inspire people at other universities to start and sustain similar programs. UTAS

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**1962**  
**Dr. Susan (Gleeson) Stein** (A&S '62, GRAD A&S '64)

had her biography of Robert W. Imbrie, *On Distant Service: The Life of the First U.S. Foreign Service Officer to be Assassinated*, produced as an audiobook.

**1966**

**Dr. Thomas J. Farrell** (A&S '66, GRAD '68, '72) published “Humanity, Technology, and American Society Today” at opednews.com. In the piece, he discusses the Man, Technology and Society program at SLU in the mid-1970s as a model for today’s American colleges and universities that wish to institute technology-across-the-curriculum programs for undergraduates.

**1967**

**Dr. Neil Katz** (A&S '67, GRAD A&S '69) was appointed as first university ombuds for the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey Research Center at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

**1973**

**Thomas Hischak** (A&S) had two new books released in January: *The Abbott Touch: Pal Joey, Damn Yankees and the Theatre of George Abbott* and the fourth edition of the textbook *Theatre as Human Action: An Introduction to Theatre Arts*. Hischak is an emeritus professor of theatre at State University of New York College at Cortland.



**Paul A. Soukup, S.J.** (A&S) wrote *A Media Ecology of Theology*:

*Communicating Faith Throughout the Christian Tradition*, in which he draws on the work of Walter J. Ong. S.J. Soukup is in communication studies at Santa Clara University in California.

**1974**

**William Glenn** (GRAD ED) had his book, *I Came Here Seeking a Person: One Gay Man’s Spiritual Journey*, published by the Catholic publishing house Paulist Press in 2022. A Jesuit for nine years, Glenn spent his career as a psychotherapist and community leader in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Victor White** (PC) retired from the Wichita Airport Authority and the airport management profession after more than 46 years as a chief executive officer at airports around the United States. He began his career as an intern at St. Louis Lambert International after graduating from SLU. In 2020, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Airport Executives. He lives in Wichita, Kansas, with his wife of more than 45 years. His wife and two adult children all work in the aviation industry.

**1977**

**Dr. Jim Engelage** (GRAD ED) was appointed chairman of the education committee of the Antique Toy Collectors of America, a nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to the history and preservation of toys.

**George W. Lange Jr.** (LAW) was elected to the board of directors of the Defense Orientation Conference Association at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

**William Sherwood** (LAW) retired as general counsel from Southern Illinois Healthcare in January.

**1978**

**Peter J. Dunne** (A&S), adjunct professor at the SLU School of Law, received the Lawyers Association of St. Louis Award of Honor in March.

**1980**

**Dan Bippen** (CSB) was elected to the legal board of directors of Midwest BankCentre. Bippen is president of the family-owned Kuna Foodservice and corporate secretary of UniPro Foodservice Inc., the nation’s largest food service distribution cooperative. He lives in St. Louis.

**1982**

**Donna Henderson** (LAW '82, GRAD '83) was honored with the 20th Annual Cafritz Award. The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation partners with the George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership to reward outstanding performance and service by Washington, D.C., government employees. Henderson is an administrative law judge for the D.C. Department of Employment Services.



PHOTO BY SARAH CONROY

After prison, Andrisse applied to six biomedical graduate programs. He was rejected from all but one — SLU. Though not a PEP alum, he is a staunch advocate for the transformative power of higher education.

Andrisse speaks about his book *From Prison Cells to PhD* at Busch Student Center in January.

A prosecuting attorney had criminalized Andrisse as a hopeless repeat offender. Now, he is an assistant professor of endocrinology at Howard University College of Medicine and a visiting professor at Georgetown Medical Center. He researches type 2 diabetes and insulin resistance, which claimed the life of his father.

“It’s never too late to do good,” Andrisse said in Creole, recalling the words of his Haitian father.

Andrisse said prior convictions aren’t indicators of one’s potential and ultimate contributions to society. He referenced a 2013 analysis of several studies that found obtaining higher education reduced recidivism — the rate of returning to prison — by 43% and was four to five times less costly than re-incarcerating a person. Yet, he added, less than 4% of people released each year have a college degree.

As executive director and co-founder of the nonprofit From Prison Cells to PhD, Andrisse works to improve access to higher education for incarcerated or formerly incarcerated men and women. The nonprofit is helping to “Ban the Box” on college applications nationwide, expand the Second Chance Pell Grant and remove the convictions question from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Through the Bridges to the Baccalaureate program, the nonprofit aims to change the face of the STEM workforce.

**FROM PRISON TO PH.D.**

— by Bridjes O’Neil

Formerly incarcerated individuals often get a bad rap, but one SLU alumnus is changing the narrative. Dr. Stanley Andrisse (Grad A&S '14) wrote *From Prison Cells to PhD*, which chronicles his experiences with incarceration and higher education.

During a discussion hosted by SLU’s Prison Education Program on campus in January, he recalled school suspensions, tepid support in the classroom and his first run-in with the law at 15. That led to multiple felony convictions and serving more than three years in a maximum-security prison on drug trafficking charges.

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1983

**Dr. Howard Rosenthal** {GRAD ED} received the David L. Underwood Lecture Award, the highest academic award conferred by St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

1985

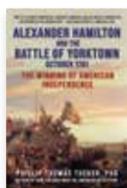
**Thomas J. Magee** {LAW}, a partner at Hepler Broom, joined the mediator panel of United States Arbitration and Mediation.

1987

**Peggy Free** {PC} retired after 35 years with the Boeing Co. Free started her career with McDonnell Douglas on the C-17 Globemaster III and worked the B-1B, C-130 Avionics Modernization program and the KC-767 International Tanker, which took her to Japan and Italy. She is excited about travel and creative pursuits.

1990

**Phillip Tucker** {GRAD A&S} has written more than 100 books



about history. In the last year, he published three Revolutionary War books: *Brothers in Liberty: The Story of the Free Black Haitians Who Fought for American Independence*; *Alexander Hamilton and the Battle of Yorktown: The Winning of American Independence* and *Saving Washington's Army: The Brilliant Last Stand of General John Glover at the Battle of Pell's Point, New York, October 18, 1776*.

1992

**Kim Daman-Scheel** {DCHS} is the program director of health information management (HIM) at East Central College in Union, Missouri. A second-generation SLU HIM alum, she has been in the profession for 30 years. She lives in Pacific, Missouri, with her husband and animals.

**Dr. Sandy Venneman** {GRAD A&S '92, '96} received the University of Houston-Victoria Faculty Service Award for the second time and was elected as faculty senate president, also for a second time.

1993

**Dr. Bernadette (Huelskamp) Henrichs** {GRAD VSN '93, GRAD ED '99} received the Helen Lamb Outstanding Educator Award from the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology in August 2022. She is the director of the nurse anesthesia program at Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, as well as the director and professor of certified registered nurse anesthetist education and research in the Department of Anesthesiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

1994

**Dr. Miguel A. Paniagua** {A&S} was named vice president of medical education for the American College of Physicians (ACP) in July

2022. He joined ACP from the National Board of Medical Examiners, where he served as associate vice president of assessment operations and medical education. Paniagua practices consultative hospice and palliative medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and is an adjunct professor of medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

1995

**Elizabeth (Schellhardt) Shocklee** {LAW} was appointed managing partner at Evans and Dixon LLC — the first woman managing partner in the firm's 78-year history. Shocklee, who is based in St. Louis, oversees the leadership, growth, profitability and culture throughout the firm's eight offices. She has been with Evans and Dixon her entire career.

1996

**James Ahler** {LAW} became the chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Indiana in January.

**Amy Hauswirth Cutrell** {A&S '96, GRAD '98} was appointed to the City of Maryland Heights Disability Commission, the first of its kind among municipalities in the St. Louis area. Cutrell has adapted to living with chronic, invisible health issues for over 15 years. Cutrell lives in Maryland Heights, Missouri, with her husband, Sean, and their boys, Ryan and Matthew.

1999

**David McDonough** {LAW} is a partner at Wood, Smith, Henning and Berman. Based in the firm's Northern California office, McDonough focuses on complex civil litigation, construction defect litigation and general liability litigation, in both state and federal court.

2000

**Mariquita Barbieri** {A&S '00, LAW '03} joined Thompson Coburn law firm as a partner in July 2022. She lives in St. Louis.

**Heath Rosenblat** {LAW} is a partner in the business solutions, restructuring and governance practice at Morrison Cohen.

2002

**Tabitha (Cuevas) Atwell** {LAW} became a principal at Danna McKittrick in January. She focuses her practice on estate and tax planning, probate and trust administration. In August 2022, she was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

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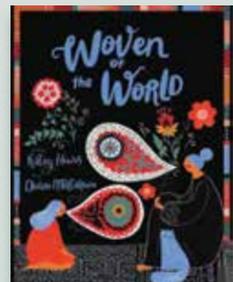
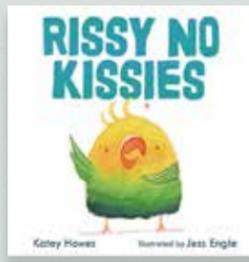
When Katey (Marcinkowski) Howes (DCHS '99, Grad DCHS '01) was 7 years old, she aspired to be an interior designer for the first hotel on the moon — or maybe a police officer, teacher or health care worker. But the notion of becoming a children's book author seemed foreign to her. "I didn't know any authors, so I never thought about doing that," Howes said. "I had this idea in my head that all authors lived in England in a tower someplace with a typewriter."

A job-shadowing experience in high school exposed Howes to physical therapy. She gravitated toward the collaborative and holistic approach to care physical therapists provided for patients and their families as they rebuilt their lives after injury.

In 1995, the Michigan native enrolled in Saint Louis University's accelerated physical therapy program and graduated with her master's degree in 2001. Howes worked as a physical therapist for 12 years, primarily in traumatic brain injury rehabilitation for adults.

Howes making an appearance on the streaming series *Reading Rainbow Live*.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

KATEY (MARCINKOWSKI) HOWES

In 2009, Howes had just given birth to her youngest child. As a mom to three kids under 6, Howes said her PT job's physical and emotional demands began to take a toll.

"Sometimes I would be wiped out, and I wouldn't have much left for my kids. I said, 'OK, I'm going to stay home with the kids for a while, but I can't just be home with the kids. I need something that's mine, too.'"

Howes, who lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was running a weekly blog about engaging young readers when she began to consider writing a book. She found a

knack for storytelling at home, where she made up stories to slow down her active children and steal a few quiet moments of quality time.

As her life moved in a new direction, Howes wrote her first book, *Grandmother Thorn*, about relinquishing control and embracing life's unexpected yet sweet surprises. *Grandmother Thorn* was named a 2018 Anna Dewdney Read-Together Honor Book by the Children's Book Council, providing the validation Howes needed that she was on the right path.

Her seven books often focus on STEAM/STEM themes to help children build an innovative and creative mindset, and many of the books have won awards. Her latest novel, *Woven of the World*, explores the ancient art of weaving and the ways lives are interconnected. Howes' books also can facilitate discourse around uncomfortable conversations. *Rissy No Kissies* explores the ABCs of autonomy, boundaries and consent in a kid-friendly way. The book was born from her experience working with children and adults with sensory processing disorders who didn't like to be touched and struggled to communicate how they preferred to show their affection.

Themes like that resonate with the audiences Howes meets while she travels the country visiting schools. She also shows that pursuing a career that truly brings joy is possible, offering the advice, "Find those things that feed your soul and stick with them." — *By Bridjes O'Neil*

HOW I GOT  
HERE



**Tim Bantle**

{A&S '00}

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EDDIE BAUER

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Bantle with his father, Dan  
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**2000** He graduates from SLU and considers graduate studies while working for Trails Wilderness School. “Living in a tent in Grand Teton National Park, taking kids on wilderness trips, made me think that maybe there’s something for me beyond the life of the mind.”

**2004** The accidental death of a climbing partner coupled with Bantle’s own rollover car accident make him recalibrate.

“Maybe I shouldn’t work for a couple bucks an hour without life insurance or health insurance. Maybe I need a plan beyond using my body for work.”

He becomes a sales rep for Patagonia, “the prototypical best example of applying a clear ethic to business.” He gets to weigh in on product design, which intrigues him.

**2007** At Patagonia, he meets his future wife, Sara. They later have two sons, Hunter and Ian.

**2011** Bantle takes a position with Black Diamond Equipment, an elite gear manufacturer. In 2016, he moves to Austria to restructure and relocate the European business.

“A chance to work in a publicly traded company, for a founder, in a startup — I got like 20 years of business experience in six years.”

**2017** Recruited by The North Face, he happily returns to the U.S. to work for a “global enterprise organization.”

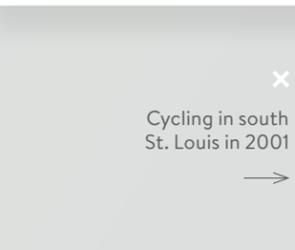
**2020** He moves to Montreal to become the GM Canada for VF Corp., whose portfolio includes The North Face, Vans, Timberland and more.

**2022** Bantle settles in Seattle to become CEO of Eddie Bauer, which he hopes to help build as “a broad, highly inclusive and democratic outdoor brand.”

— By Amy Garland



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Bantle (top left) with high school classmates on a mission trip in Honduras  
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Cycling in south St. Louis in 2001  
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Paddling an oar rig on the Green River in the Rockies in 2000  
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With his wife, Sara, and sons Ian (left) and Hunter  
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**Ryan Blum** {CSB '02, LAW '04} is general counsel at Midas Capital, LLC.

**2003**

**Dr. Terry M. Keller** {GRAD SW} became interim president of Lourdes University in October. He started there as an assistant professor of social work and served in increasing leadership roles, including dean of the College of Social Sciences, vice president of academic affairs and most recently, provost.

**2004**

**Rudy Fors** {CSB} founded Twin Cedars Bancorp and was approved by the Federal Reserve to acquire and rebrand a bank charter into Twin Cedars Bank.

**Elizabeth Lowder** {SW} founded Sage Tree Therapy, a psychotherapy private practice specializing in perinatal mental health, in 2012. Lowder recently published two books: *The Sweet Spot of Self-Care Workbook for Moms: How Sleep, Food, Energy and Sexuality Influence Our Self-Care* and *My Weekly Pages: A Reflection and Planning Prompt Journal*.

**Sanja (Vlahovljak) Ord** {A&S '04, LAW '14} is a partner at Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale in St. Louis. She is a member of the firm’s health care industry group.

**2005**

**Sarena Dacus** {A&S} was named one of Ten Outstanding Young Omahans by the Omaha Jaycees and received the 2023 TOYO Distinguished Service Award from the Omaha Community Foundation.

**2007**

**Alex Frondorf** {LAW, GRAD}, an attorney in the Cleveland office of Littler, was elevated to shareholder in January. Frondorf devotes his practice to labor and employment matters across industries. He is also an adjunct professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and at Bowling Green State University.

**Nicole Burlison Knepper** {LAW} was promoted to principal and partner at Padberg Appelbaum Knepper, a personal injury law firm in St. Louis. She joined the firm in 2016.

**Sarah (Callier) Mangelsdorf** {LAW} joined the toxic tort group at the law firm of Goldberg Segalla in St. Louis.

**Dr. Anita Patel** {GRAD PH} was recognized as a group winner for a 2022 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal. Patel won the COVID-19 Response Award for designing and implementing a plan to distribute hundreds of millions of vaccines nationwide.

2009

**Shanae Chapman** (A&S) married **Dan McFarlane** (A&S '12) on Nov. 4, 2022. Chapman is the founder of Nerdy Diva, a tech agency, and McFarlane is a manager in environmental consulting. They live in the St. Louis area.

**Emily Turner** (A&S) is the associate director of prospect development and alumni relations for the Inspired Leadership Initiative at the University of Notre Dame. She and her husband, **Patrick Turner** (CSB), live in South Bend, Indiana, with their two boys.

2010

**Stephen Angelette** (LAW) has been named chair-elect of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce (NDCC). He will chair the nonprofit in 2024. He also serves NDCC as board chair for its health care committee. Angelette is a shareholder at the Polsinelli law firm.

**Michael Croghan** (CSB) is a litigation practitioner in Clark Hill's Chicago office. He was elevated to a member in January.

**Max Huber** (A&S '10, LAW '13) was promoted to counsel at Tucker Ellis LLP in January. Huber focuses on civil litigation, including toxic tort, product liability and medical malpractice defense.

2012

**Dr. Joe Gilgour** (GRAD ED) is the president of Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Missouri. Previously he served as dean of student services at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Missouri. He's married to Stephanie, and they have two children, Grant and Genevieve.

**Dr. Jeff Jewett** (GRAD ED) is the assistant dean for graduate programs at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Business.

2013

**Dr. Melissa Ford** (GRAD A&S '13, '16)

published her first book, *A Brick and a Bible: Black Women's Radical Activism in the Midwest during the Great Depression*, in 2022. The book features a chapter on protests and demonstrations for workers' rights in St. Louis during the 1930s. Ford is an associate professor at Slippery Rock University in Western Pennsylvania.



2014

**John Bowen** (LAW '14, GRAD PH '15) is a shareholder in the Indianapolis office of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath and Lyman. He practices health care law.

**Jared Hausmann** (LAW) is a shareholder at Simmons Hanly Conroy. Based in the firm's Alton, Illinois, office, Hausmann focuses his practice on helping individuals and families who have been affected by mesothelioma, a form of cancer caused by asbestos exposure.

2015

**Rose Godinez** (LAW) received the 2022 Diversity Award from the Nebraska State Bar Association last fall.

**Justin M. Ladendorf** (LAW) is a member of the St. Louis-based law firm Lewis Rice. He practices in the firm's commercial litigation, labor and employment, and bankruptcy, restructuring and workouts departments.

**Dr. Cheryl A. McConnell** (GRAD ED) is the 29th president of Saint Joseph's University and the first woman to serve in the role. A 35-year veteran of Jesuit higher education, McConnell served as interim president since last fall, after spending three years as the university's provost and chief academic officer. She is a former dean at Rockhurst University.

2019

**Sarah Rodgers** (PH '19, LAW '22) is an associate at Baker Sterchi Cowden and Rice in St. Louis. She practices in the health care group.

2022

**Patrick Ganninger** (LAW) practices in the estate planning and probate department at Lewis Rice.

**Ryan J. Krutz** (LAW) is an attorney at Lewis Rice. He practices general business and transactional law in the firm's corporate department.

**Jacquelyn Sicilia** (LAW) is practicing in the corporate department of Lewis Rice.

**Hannah Wissler** (LAW) was named a Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner fellow. She is a member of the business and commercial disputes practice group. She also provides pro bono legal services for Concordance, a nonprofit reentry program aimed at reducing reincarceration in the St. Louis area.

Dr. Sidney Schultz (MED '44)  
 Sr. Mary Ashton, C.S.J. (SW '46)  
 Dr. Robert Burkhard (MED '46)  
 Mrs. Evelyn (O'Donnell) Donohoo (A&S '46)  
 Mrs. Jeanne (Firth) Lopano (VSN '46)  
 Dr. John Walkowiak (MED '46)  
 Sr. Jeanne Futrell, O.C.D. (VSN '47)  
 Mrs. Francesca (Campbell) Hartnett (VSN '47)  
 Mrs. Lea (Uchiyama) Nakauchi (VSN '47)



**Father Robert E. Bosken, S.J.** (A&S '48, Grad A&S '50) died March 27, 2023. He was

97 years old and a Jesuit for 79 years. Father Bosken taught theology at Parks Air College in 1959-60 before starting to teach at SLU in 1960. His tenure continued until 1978.

Ms. Mary (Miller) Gowans (CSB '48)  
 Miss Monica Koch (VSN '48)  
 Mrs. Doris (Kitzberger) Nadel (DCHS '48)  
 Dr. Robert Spurck (MED '48)  
 Mrs. Marie (Zimmermann) Branson (DCHS '49)  
 Mrs. Mary Grace (Kemoll) Cusumano (A&S '49)  
 Dr. Mario Martini (MED '49)  
 Ms. Jo Ann Morici (VSN '49)  
 Dr. Philip Riley Jr. (MED '49)  
 Mr. Harry Wappelhorst (CSB '49)  
 Mr. Albert Applegate (CSB '50)  
 Mr. Bernard Baltz (CSB '50)  
 Dr. Ridgely Bennett Jr. (A&S '50)  
 Dr. Stanley Brumleve (A&S '50)  
 Mr. Clayton Cary Jr. (CSB '50)  
 Mrs. Ruth (Michel) Rand (VSN '50)

Mr. Donald Griese (IT '51)  
 Mr. David Horan (CSB '51)  
 Dr. Edward Kamin (A&S '51)  
 Mr. Edward Massey (A&S '51)  
 Dr. Isaac Silberman (MED '51)  
 Mr. William Smanko (PC '51)  
 Dr. Nicholas Tidik (MED '51)  
 Mr. Leon Deimeke (IT '52)  
 Mrs. Patricia (Lipsmire) Hickey (VSN '52)  
 Mr. Keith Jackson (IT '52)  
 Mr. Norman Jokerst (IT '52)  
 Mr. Paul Lange (CSB '52)  
 Dr. Harold Laughlin (MED '52)  
 Dr. Robert McComas (MED '52)  
 Mr. Jude Naes (PC '52)  
 Miss Betty Schnorbus (A&S '52)  
 Dr. Otto Thiele (MED '52)  
 Dr. Marlene Kramer (VSN '53)  
 Dr. George Merkle (MED '53)  
 Dr. Thomas Perlite (MED '53)  
 Ms. Beatrice Purdy (A&S '53)  
 Mrs. Jean (Devine) Weitzel (VSN '53)  
 Mr. Robert Werner Jr. (CSB '53)  
 Dr. William Bastnagel (MED '54)  
 Lt. Col. Edward Cullen, Ret. (A&S '54)  
 Ms. Elizabeth Cummings (VSN '54)  
 Mrs. Jeanne (Ackiss) Davis (SW '54)  
 Mr. Richard Fernandez Sr. (A&S '54)  
 Mr. Robert Heimann (IT '54)  
 Mr. Henry W.H. Ho-Asjoe (DCHS '54)  
 Rev. John Richardson, C.M. (A&S '54)  
 Sr. Mary Ryan (VSN '54)  
 Dr. John Vincent (MED '54)  
 Mr. John Brennan Jr. (A&S '55)  
 Mr. Richard Eschbacher (A&S '55)  
 Mr. Harry Kellogg Jr. (PC '55)  
 Mr. Robert Krick (PC '55)  
 Mr. Robert Liebe (CSB '55)

Mrs. Harriet (Wehlermann) Pannell (DCHS '55)  
 Mrs. Alfreda (Dold) Passaglia (VSN '55)



**Dr. Paul J. Pitlyk** (A&S '55, Med '59), a generous donor to SLU who has a Learning

Resource Center auditorium named in his honor, died April 5, 2023. He was 90 years old. After medical school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, later receiving the Navy Commendation Medal for his service as a neurosurgeon in Vietnam. He had a private practice in Burlingame, California, and was a member of "The Flying Samaritans," traveling to Baja California monthly for weekend clinics.

Dr. Louis Sindelar Jr. (DENT '55)  
 Dr. Robert Snyders (MED '55)  
 Mr. Roger Brosnahan (A&S '56)  
 Mrs. Nancy (Wills) Browne (SW '56)  
 Mr. James Cook (LAW '56)  
 Dr. Ronald Dreiling (DENT '56)  
 Mr. Andrew Foster (CSB '56)  
 Mr. William Frein (A&S '56)  
 Dr. William Gallivan Sr. (MED '56)  
 Dr. Charles Hermes (MED '56)  
 Mrs. Lila Mullican (SW '56)  
 Ms. Elizabeth Myers (DCHS '56)  
 Mrs. Helen (McGilly) Scanlan (VSN '56)

Mr. Harold Alcorn (CSB '57)  
 Mr. Robert Birkenmaier (CSB '57)  
 Mrs. Mary (Cassell) Curran (VSN '57)  
 Dr. Lawrence Dobransky (DENT '57)  
 Mr. John Fisher (A&S '57)  
 Mrs. Nancy (Mumbrauer) Hanlon (VSN '57)  
 Dr. George Humphrey (MED '57)  
 Mr. Richard Jacko (CSB '57)  
 Dr. Richard Largay (DENT '57)  
 Dr. Milton Seifert Jr. (MED '57)  
 Dr. William Wise (MED '57)  
 Mr. Merle Allen (PC '58)  
 Rev. Gerald Cavanagh, S.J. (CSB '58)  
 Mr. Donald Czekanski (IT '58)  
 Mr. Donald Hinds Sr. (A&S '58)  
 Dr. Lee Hoff (VSN '58)  
 Dr. Michael Levis (MED '58)  
 Mr. Andrew Lorenz (A&S '58)  
 Mrs. Lorraine (Ugaglia) Mahoney (VSN '58)  
 Sr. Mary Mobley, S.S.N.D. (A&S '58)  
 Dr. Thomas O'Leary (MED '58)  
 Dr. Thomas Skaggs (MED '58)  
 Sr. Mary Szydłowski, D.C. (VSN '58)  
 Sr. Elaine Urbanek, O.S.F. (A&S '58)  
 Dr. Raymond Beidle (MED '59)  
 Rev. Frederick Brenk, S.J. (A&S '59)  
 Dr. Robert Christopher (MED '59)  
 Mr. Robert Grassi (A&S '59)  
 Dr. Warren Jacobsohn (MED '59)  
 Dr. Igor Monasevitch (MED '59)

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 [devupdates@slu.edu](mailto:devupdates@slu.edu).

*We hope to see you soon!*  
 Check out upcoming virtual and in-person events and opportunities at [alumni.slu.edu](http://alumni.slu.edu).

Mrs. Shirley (Zuech) Parker {VSN '59}  
 Dr. Nancy Parlin {A&S '59}  
 Mrs. Barbara (Parrish) Regier {VSN '59}  
 Mr. David Schmitt {IT '59}  
 Dr. Jerome Schulte {MED '59}  
 Sr. Inez Wilmering, P.H.J.C. {VSN '59}  
 Mr. John Basler {CSB '60}  
 Dr. Dorothy Dunn {A&S '60}  
 Mrs. Caroline (Bisel) Fitzpatrick {VSN '60}  
 Dr. Joseph Garvin {MED '60}  
 Mr. Benedict Janson {CSB '60}  
 Dr. Paul Koellner {MED '60}  
 Dr. Jack Nieburger {DENT '60}  
 Dr. Joseph Safko {MED '60}  
 Ms. Barbara (Resnik) Sawyer {A&S '60}  
 Dr. Pun Yuen {MED '60}  
 Dr. Donald Back {MED '61}  
 Mrs. Dorothy (Hellman) Borgmeyer {ED '61}  
 Mrs. Judith (Spindler) Curran {A&S '61}  
 Ms. Mary Day {DCHS '61}  
 Mr. Harold Deters {A&S '61}  
 Mr. Marvin Levinson {LAW '61}  
 Mr. Glen Mankowski {IT '61}  
 Sr. Francis Ryan {SW '61}  
 Mr. Neil Scully {CSB '61}  
 Dr. Dean Beaulieu {A&S '62}  
 Mrs. Betty (Linker) Benz {A&S '62}  
 Dr. Richard Brantley {DENT '62}  
 Mr. Jerry Dawson {CSB '62}  
 Sr. Mary Farrell, C.C.V.I. {PH '62}  
 Mrs. Mary (White) Ferrick {VSN '62}  
 Mrs. Catherine (Maes) Frain {A&S '62}  
 Mr. Gerald Fugate {A&S '62}  
 Dr. Merle Gibson {MED '62}  
 Mr. Knut Heise {LAW '62}  
 Mrs. Greta (Gray) Holmes {SW '62}  
 Dr. James Kraeger {A&S '62}

Mrs. Phyllis Lee {VSN '62}  
 Mr. Michael O'Flaherty {LAW '62}  
 Mrs. Dorothy (Hannis) Ostermueller {DCHS '62}  
 Dr. Francis Schiermeier {A&S '62}  
 Mr. Thomas Stevens {A&S '62}  
 Mr. Arthur Sullivan {PC '62}  
 Ms. Zoe Brown {SW '63}  
 Mr. Jon Eckles {IT '63}  
 Dr. Richard Hattan {MED '63}  
 Dr. Robert Hauser {MED '63}  
 Mr. Jack Klinghammer {CSB '63}  
 Sr. Marian McAvoy, S.L. {ED '63}  
 Mr. James McCloskey {PC '63}  
 Mr. Daniel Ohlms {A&S '63}  
 Mrs. Martha (Wanagat) Ripple {A&S '63}  
 Mrs. LaVerne (Bartley) Simmons {VSN '63}  
 Mrs. Joy (Kelly) Tector {VSN '63}  
 Mrs. Urban (Curran) Terry {CSB '63}  
 Dr. Dan Welling {A&S '63}  
 Mr. John Wielandy {CSB '63}  
 Sr. Martha Discher, S.C.N. {PH '64}  
 Col. Thomas Dix {PC '64}  
 Dr. George Fronista {MED '64}  
 Mrs. Constance (Carmody) Irwin {SW '64}  
 Dr. Thomas McDonnell {A&S '64}  
 Dr. Joseph McNally {MED '64}  
 Mr. Eugene Meigher {LAW '64}  
 Sr. Marie Peartree, S.S.J. {PH '64}  
 Mr. Neal Rosenberg IV {CSB '64}  
 Ms. Alta Royal {A&S '64}  
 Ms. Rosalie Saputo {ED '64}  
 Mr. Albert Schlueter {LAW '64}  
 Mr. Peter Seher {CSB '64}  
 Mr. Dennis Slaughter {A&S '64}  
 Mr. Gerald Sylvester {ED '64}  
 Dr. Allen Tess {MED '64}

Mr. Thomas Wenczewicz {A&S '64}  
 Dr. Robert Wolf {A&S '64}  
 Mrs. Liz (Arney) Cardwell {VSN '65}

**Dr. Jack Dauner**

{Grad CSB '65, '71}, a former marketing instructor, died Dec. 18, 2022. He was 98. He taught in SLU's business school from from the late 1950s through the 1960s. He also wrote numerous scholarly articles and three books about marketing.



Dr. Anne (Mooney) Day {A&S '65}  
 Mrs. Barbara (Nebel) de la Torre {VSN '65}  
 Mr. Harold Fuchs Jr. {A&S '65}  
 Mr. Michael Gooch {LAW '65}  
 Mrs. Patricia (Glynn) Holthaus {A&S '65}  
 Dr. Robert Jenson {DENT '65}  
 Mrs. Linda (Guenther) Lapp {A&S '65}  
 Mr. Michael Mahometa {PC '65}  
 Mr. Ronald Robertson {IT '65}  
 Mrs. Margaret (McDaniel) Serra {ED '65}  
 Dr. John Sexauer {MED '65}  
 Mr. Edward Smith {CSB '65}  
 Miss Nieves Arribas {ED '66}  
 Sr. Renee Brinker, C.P.P.S. {A&S '66}  
 Mr. James Deimeke {CSB '66}  
 Dr. Peter Dempsey {MED '66}  
 Mrs. Margaret (Braeckel) Dyer {CSB '66}  
 Rev. Luis Fernandez, S.J. {A&S '66}  
 Mr. Frank Kerner {A&S '66}  
 Dr. Bart Lally {MED '66}  
 Ms. Susan Martin {A&S '66}  
 Ms. Nancy Nally {VSN '66}

Miss Rose Parisy {ED '66}  
 Mr. Barry Portman {A&S '66}  
 Mr. Wayne Pruiett {CSB '66}  
 Dr. Betty Schultze {A&S '66}  
 Mrs. Billie (Coil) Teneau {ED '66}  
 Rev. James White, S.J. {ED '66}  
 Dr. Jay Apfelbaum {MED '67}  
 Sr. Mary Brooks {PH '67}  
 Mr. Robert Carter {PC '67}  
 Dr. Eliot Casey {MED '67}  
 Mrs. Virginia (Bonjorno) Coors {DCHS '67}  
 Mr. Donald Hutchison {CSB '67}  
 Dr. Russell Kraeger {MED '67}  
 Mrs. Joan (Geoghegan) Lydic {A&S '67}  
 Mr. Thomas Lydon {CSB '67}  
 Mr. James Phelps {LAW '67}  
 Mr. Robert Schukai {IT '67}  
 Mr. John Schweitzer {A&S '67}  
 Mrs. Sandra (McKenna) Seibel {DCHS '67}  
 Mrs. Dolores (Bell) Smith {VSN '67}  
 Dr. Benjamin Thysen {MED '67}  
 Mr. Thomas Villa {A&S '67}  
 Rev. James Brennan, C.S.S.R. {ED '68}  
 Sr. Dorothy Calhoun, R.S.M. {PH '68}  
 Mr. Wendell Davis {CSB '68}  
 Dr. Derrill Heiland {DENT '68}  
 Mr. Michael Klestinski {SW '68}  
 Mrs. Judy (Ossenfort) Murphy {A&S '68}  
 Dr. David Pfoff {MED '68}  
 Mr. Jay Philpott Jr. {LAW '68}  
 Mr. Thomas Roznowski {CSB '68}  
 Dr. Martin Schwarze {A&S '68}  
 Sr. Grace Strauber, S.F.P. {PH '68}  
 Mr. Sanford Weissman {CSB '68}  
 Mr. Kenneth Belko {CSB '69}  
 Ms. Catherine Captain {A&S '69}  
 Dr. Benjamin Davis III {DENT '69}

Mr. John Gray Jr. {SW '69}  
 Dr. J. Leiweke {A&S '69}  
 Mr. Martin McKeone {CSB '69}  
 Mr. James O'Reilly {CSB '69}  
 Mr. Steven Palmer {A&S '69}  
 Mr. Nicholas Ribauda {CSB '69}  
 Ms. Ann (Hogan) Russek {ED '69}  
 Sr. Miriam Schnoebelen, O.S.B. {SW '69}



**Father John A. Apel, S.J.**

{Grad A&S '70} died Jan. 1, 2023. He was 85 years old and a Jesuit

for 66 years. After teaching high school and serving in pastoral ministry, Father Apel moved to Jesuit Hall at SLU in 2012. He became a recognizable figure as he regularly walked campus, met with students and attended Billiken athletic events.

Mr. George Benner {ED '70}  
 Mr. George Buck {A&S '70}  
 Dr. Francisco Fernandez {MED '70}  
 Ms. Betty (Linz) Gilbert {ED '70}  
 Mr. Jeffrey Harris {PC '70}  
 Mr. Christopher Hoey Sr. {PC '70}  
 Rev. Alfred Jewson Jr. {ED '70}  
 Dr. Thomas Lutz {MED '70}  
 Mr. Thomas Maher {LAW '70}  
 Mr. Joseph Niemann {LAW '70}  
 Rev. Thomas Sullivan {ED '70}  
 Mrs. Lucy (Morton) Ziolkowski {A&S '70}  
 Mr. James Amberg {A&S '71}  
 Dr. Donald Bilardello {SW '71}  
 Miss Joanna Ciagilia {SW '71}  
 Dr. Wayne Daum {MED '71}



**Father Mauricio Gaborit, S.J.** {A&S '71, Grad A&S '73}, former psychology professor and SLU-Madrid administrator, died March 4, 2023. He was 75 years old and a Jesuit for 57 years. Father Gaborit came to SLU in 1987 and remained until 1996 — the last four years in Madrid as associate dean and vice president.

Mr. Donald Gardiner {A&S '71}  
 Sr. Donna Hyndman, O.S.U. {ED '71}  
 Dr. Ronald Schoolman {A&S '71}  
 Mr. Richard Seitz {A&S '71}  
 Rev. Ronald Amiot, S.J. {A&S '72}  
 Mr. Paul Bartlett {ED '72}  
 Mr. James Dismuke {ED '72}  
 Dr. William Dunn {ED '72}  
 Dr. James Factor {A&S '72}  
 Mr. Donald Forman {PC '72}  
 Mr. Frederick Hashagen Jr. {A&S '72}  
 Dr. Paul Ho {MED '72}  
 Dr. Mark Horton {MED '72}  
 Mrs. Sharon (Goynne) Jolly {A&S '72}  
 Ms. Marilynn Keenan {SW '72}  
 Mr. Michael Leach {CSB '72}  
 Sr. Janet Lehmann {VSN '72}  
 Ms. Mary McKenzie, C.C.V.I. {ED '72}  
 Mr. Craig Nobbelin {PH '72}  
 Mr. James Palumbo {A&S '72}



**Msgr. Sal Polizzi**

{Grad '72}, a SLU Alumni Merit awardee who worked to preserve

The Hill neighborhood in St. Louis, died April 24, 2023. He was 92. Msgr. Polizzi, who was associate pastor of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in the 1970s, founded The Hill 2000 organization and gained national attention for his community efforts to maintain the area. He was pastor of St. Roch Catholic Church from 1981 until his death.

Mr. William Rebello {CSB '72}  
 Sr. Jocelyn Serwatka, O.S.F. {VSN '72}  
 Dr. Andrew Barber Jr. {MED '73}  
 Mr. Kenneth Cieslak {A&S '73}  
 Sr. Michon Desmond, F.S.P.A. {ED '73}  
 Mr. Lawrence Kuntz {CSB '73}  
 Mr. Milton Mohninger {A&S '73}  
 Dr. Ronald Uritus {A&S '73}  
 Ms. Katherine Bonnot {DCHS '74}  
 Sr. Karen Flaherty, D.C. {ED '74}  
 Sr. Catherine Kline {ED '74}  
 Mr. Charles Malone {A&S '74}  
 Mr. Ahsan Mohyuddin {CSB '74}  
 Sr. Paula Revier, O.S.B. {PH '74}  
 Dr. Raymond Swarts {MED '74}  
 Mr. Robert Young {DCHS '74}  
 Mr. Thomas Zakibe {CSB '74}  
 Mr. William Holthaus Sr. {CSB '75}  
 Mrs. Marie (Bingham) Johnson {VSN '75}  
 Bro. James Maus, S.M. {ED '75}  
 Mrs. Judy (Quate) Mena {VSN '75}  
 Dr. Jeffrey Mix {DENT '75}  
 Dr. Jeanne Rueth {LAW '75}  
 Sr. Helen Ryan, C.S.J. {ED '75}  
 Mrs. Karen (Clouse) Santucci {VSN '75}  
 Dr. David Snowden {A&S '75}  
 Mrs. Kelly Sullivan Soley {A&S '75}  
 Mrs. Susan (Kickham) Anthony {ED '76}  
 Mr. James Bonstein {PC '76}  
 Dr. Theresa Burdick {MED '76}  
 Mr. John Gibbons {LAW '76}

Rev. Michael Kolb, S.J. {A&S '76}  
 Dr. Joan (Prouty) Moore {MED '76}  
 Dr. Timothy O'Keefe {MED '76}



**Mr. Steve Smith**

{Law '76}, a longtime School of Law administrator, died March 16, 2023, at

age 73. He served as an assistant and associate dean for more than 20 years, during which he helped secure the renovation of Queen's Daughters Hall to expand the school's footprint. He helped create the Dagen Fellowship, which gives stipends to public interest law students.

Ms. Marilyn (Schaffner) Teitelbaum {LAW '76}  
 Dr. Bruce Toney {MED '76}  
 Mr. Peter Zenos {LAW '76}  
 Dr. Sham Gandhi {MED '77}  
 Mr. Gregory Gottschalk {PC '77}  
 Mr. Lawrence Grebel {LAW '77}  
 Mr. Michael Klug {ED '77}  
 Mr. Jeffrey Kochelek {A&S '77}  
 Mr. Kenneth Kreisch {CSB '77}  
 Miss Patricia Ringwald {VSN '77}  
 Dr. Patricia (Lewis) Williamson {ED '77}  
 Mr. Gregory Bakke {PH '78}  
 Mrs. Martha (Kasper) Bene {A&S '78}  
 Dr. Toni Collins {A&S '78}  
 Mr. Floyd Masukawa {PC '78}  
 Sr. Mary Zaleski {PH '78}  
 Dr. Kent Hall {DENT '79}  
 Dr. Judy Keeven {MED '79}  
 Mr. Gordon Kempe {VSN '79}

**Mr. Donald B. King** (Grad SW '79), School of Law professor emeritus, died Oct. 20, 2022, at age 90. He spent more than 25 years at SLU and focused on the intersection of commercial transactions and international consumer law. He also was active in the Civil Rights Movement.



Dr. Joanne Maurer (A&S '79)  
 Dr. Theodore Savage Jr. (ED '79)  
 Dr. Charles Vogler (MED '79)  
 Mr. James Gillespie (PS '80)  
 Mr. Michael Gruzski (PS '80)  
 Dr. Laura Hanson (A&S '80)  
 Miss Kathleen Moenster (A&S '80)  
 Ms. Ann Rehm (VSN '80)  
 Ms. Kathleen (Hanifl) Rogers (VSN '80)  
 Mr. Anthony Ternak (A&S '80)  
 Miss Judith Westmoreland (VSN '80)  
 Mrs. Patricia (Waters) Burkhart (VSN '81)  
 Rev. Christopher Pinne, S.J. (A&S '81)  
 Mr. Brian Smith (A&S '81)  
 Dr. John Trumbo (MED '81)  
 Dr. Jane (Weaver) Altes (ED '82)  
 Mrs. Ann (Hoerber) Layton (CSB '82)  
 Mr. Basilius Margaris (PH '82)  
 Sr. Ann Taylor, C.S.J.P. (PH '82)  
 Mr. Michael Walker (CSB '82)  
 Ms. Doris Bryant (VSN '83)  
 Mr. David Weber (PC '83)  
 Mrs. Carol (Davis) Wells (CSB '83)  
 Dr. Mark Golden (MED '84)  
 Mr. Donald Marshall II (A&S '84)  
 Miss Elizabeth Monje (ED '84)  
 Mr. Fred Webb (PH '84)

Ms. Jayne Wright (ED '84)  
 Dr. Thomas Jewett (ED '85)  
 Mr. Bryan Schwartz (PC '85)  
 Mrs. Kathryn (Crutsinger) Sullivan (CSB '85)  
 Mrs. Kathleen (Keutzer) Wilhite (A&S '85)  
 Mr. Timothy Burns (DCHS '86)  
 Dr. Kathryn (Wilson) Brimhall (MED '87)  
 Sr. Carlene Howell, O.S.F. (A&S '87)  
 Mr. Donald Paulsen (ED '87)  
 Dr. Vinay Reddy (MED '87)  
 Mrs. Mary Thouvenot (VSN '87)  
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 Mr. David Lodike (LAW '19)  
 Dr. Sean Murphy (MED '22)  
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**Dr. Robert A. Strikwerda**, women's and gender studies professor emeritus and political science professor, died Dec. 3, 2022. He was 72. Dr. Strikwerda arrived at SLU in 2009. He was a dedicated mentor to students, especially as the director of political science internships and director of the Global and Local Social Justice program. He retired with emeritus status in 2019.



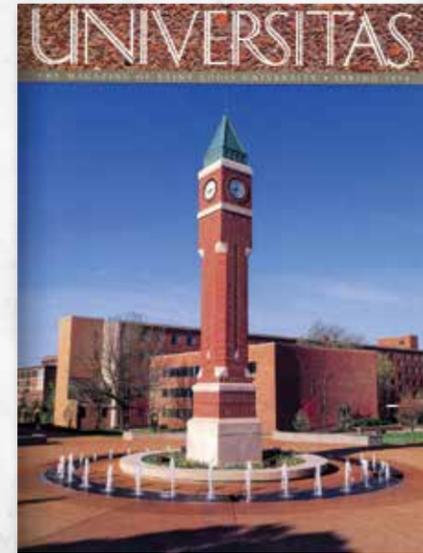
**Dr. Joseph Brinley**, who taught psychology at SLU for 40 years, died Oct. 20, 2022, at age 97.

The "In Memoriam" section includes the names of alumni who died between January 2022 and April 2023.

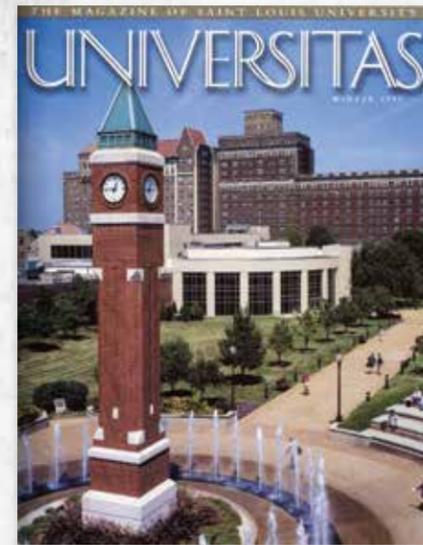
KEY

Following each alumni name in *Universitas* is an abbreviation of the college or school from which that alum graduated. Here's a key to the abbreviations.

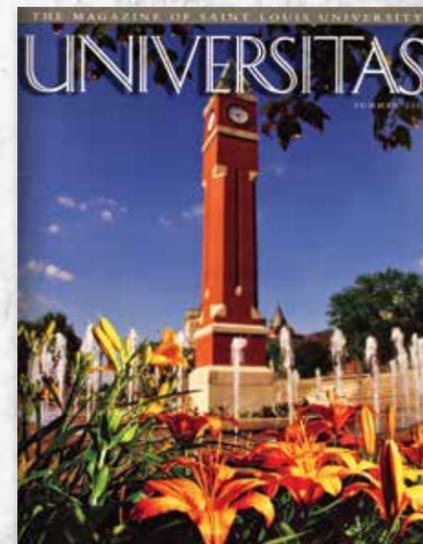
- A&S** COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
- CSB** RICHARD A. CHAIFETZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS includes alumni who graduated under the school's previous names, the John Cook School of Business, the School of Commerce and Finance, and the School of Business and Administration
- DENT** SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
- DCHS** DOISY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES includes alumni who graduated from the School of Allied Health Professions
- ED** SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
- GRAD** Used in front of other abbreviations to indicate a graduate degree
- IT** INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
- LAW** SCHOOL OF LAW
- MED** SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
- P&L** COLLEGE OF PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS
- PC** PARKS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY
- PH** COLLEGE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
- PS** SCHOOL FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
- SW** SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK includes alumni who graduated under the school's previous name, the School of Social Service
- VSN** TRUDY BUSCH VALENTINE SCHOOL OF NURSING includes alumni who graduated from the School of Nursing



1994



1999



2004

**HAPPY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

Saint Louis University dedicated the iconic clock tower, amphitheater and surrounding pedestrian mall on a rainy Nov. 16, 1993, SLU's official 175th birthday. The tower is located at the former intersection of Spring Avenue and West Pine Boulevard.

**IN MEMORIAM**

On Oct. 25, 2021, the amphitheater near the clock tower was formally dedicated to honor the legacy of the late Dr. Jonathan C. Smith, SLU's inaugural vice president for diversity and community engagement. At that time, the surrounding area was enhanced with additional seating.



2014

**TOWERING ACHIEVEMENT**

The clock tower, made of brick and limestone, is 60 feet tall. It is circled by 36 fountains that spout water from April through October. Work on the entire project, which included the extension of the West Pine Mall to Vandeventer Avenue, took approximately 10 months.

**CENTER OF EVERYTHING**

The clock tower area is a hub for student activities. It has hosted everything from weekly Java with the Jesuits coffee gatherings to prayer vigils to the Atlas Week Parade of Nations. It also is a popular photo spot and has been prominently featured on the cover of *Universitas* five times.

**POPULAR NAME**

The area was named Lipic Clock Tower Plaza on June 7, 2011, in honor of supporter Joseph G. Lipic (CSB '57), whose name also is found on the Lipic Cloister Walk, which connects the Doisy Research Center to the pedestrian mall on the South Campus.

**CLOCK TOWER ACCORDS**

In October 2014, demonstrators gathered at the clock tower to peacefully protest the shooting deaths of Michael Brown and VonDerrit Myers Jr. The demonstration, known as Occupy SLU, led to the Clock Tower Accords, which commit the University to actively strengthen diversity, access and equity in pursuit of inclusive excellence.



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