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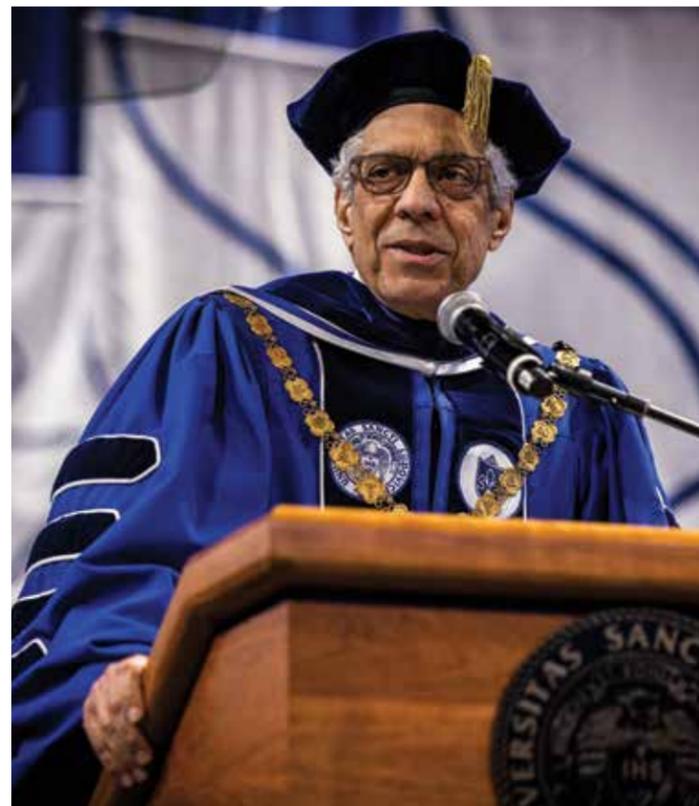
AS WE WELCOME THE NEW YEAR, I HAVE BEEN REFLECTING ON THE VALUE OF TRADITION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF INNOVATION. These forces can appear to be at cross purposes — with “tradition” stuck insistently in the past and “innovation” dismissing time’s hard-earned wisdom.

Fortunately, at a Jesuit university, we are blessed with a tradition of transformation. Saint Louis University’s deep roots in the Jesuit tradition fuel our commitment to ask new questions, to envision new possibilities and to advance new solutions to the world’s most urgent challenges.

This issue of *Universitas* highlights just a few of the extraordinary things that become possible when tradition and innovation meet:

- The foundational Jesuit principle of *cura personalis* — care for the whole person — is motivating a transformation of SLU’s campus culture to support student well-being (page 12).
- Because of SLU’s tradition of academic excellence, an impressive number of alumni have been at the forefront of scientific and technological advancements, playing pivotal roles in decades of space exploration (page 22).
- Experiential education — for centuries, a key element of Ignatian teaching and learning — is creating a new generation of leaders in the financial professions (page 28).
- SLU’s community of Jesuits, foundational to our history, continues to shape our present and future. These dedicated men are integral to advancing the University’s mission as teachers, scholars, ministers and leaders — and they now have a new home that reflects their central role in campus life (page 32).
- And generations of SLU alumni and supporters recently contributed to the historic conclusion of our Accelerating Excellence campaign — raising \$604 million that will fuel a future of new possibilities for Saint Louis University (page 19).

SLU is encountering a world of change. We responded effectively to the upheaval of a global pandemic by relying on the guidance of our experts and a firm commitment to our Jesuit values. We are navigating a challenging environment for higher education, growing our enrollment and raising our research profile despite considerable headwinds. Our exceptional faculty, staff and students do not shy away from challenge or from change. As stewards of this Jesuit institution, they adapt, they advance new initiatives, and they innovate to serve the greater good.



Pestello at December’s midyear commencement at Chaifetz Arena

SLU’s remarkable story continues with each of you. As alumni and friends of Saint Louis University, you are an essential part of our past, present and future. You exemplify the potential of Billikens around the world to transform your communities in the spirit of the Gospels. Each day, in your families, professions, faith communities and civic lives, you show the potential of Jesuit values to shape the world as it ought to be.

May we continue this remarkable tradition, together.

Dr. Fred P. Pestello
President

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Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski (left) pours chrism to consecrate the altar in the Jesuit Center Chapel. Also pictured are Timothy McMahon, S.J., rector of the Jesuit community of Saint Louis University; David Suwalsky, S.J., vice president for mission and identity at SLU; and Thomas Greene, S.J., provincial superior of the Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province. For more about the Jesuit Center, see page 32.

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Members of the men's soccer team hoist the A-10 Tournament Championship trophy.

Hannah Larson and Hannah Friedrich celebrate after the A-10 Tournament win against Dayton.

Junior defender Lyndsey Heckel was named the Most Outstanding Player of the A-10 Championship.

The women's soccer team celebrates its fifth consecutive A-10 Tournament Championship.



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SOCCKER TEAMS FINISH STRONG

The 2022 season was another successful one for Billiken soccer.

The women's team, which achieved a unanimous top-10 national ranking this season, is a five-time defending A-10 champion and returned to the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship for the fifth straight season.

The women posted a 10-0 record in winning the A-10 regular-season crown and carried a school-record 18-game winning streak — also the longest active streak in NCAA Division I women's soccer — into the national tournament.

SLU was awarded a No. 2 seed for the 2022 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship but lost to former Conference USA rival Memphis in a first-round game.

The men's team captured the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship in dramatic fashion, advancing past Loyola Chicago in penalty kicks. It was the second straight season that SLU was the A-10 regular-season and tournament champs.

The Billikens went on to their 50th appearance in the NCAA Men's Soccer Championship, the most of all time. The team defeated Memphis in the first round and fell to Indiana in the second round. The men's team reached the Elite Eight in 2021.



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New Institute Will Advance Neuroscience Research

In November, Saint Louis University announced the launch of the Institute for Translational Neuroscience (ITN). The institute brings together experts in biochemistry, chemistry, pharmacology, social justice and community outreach to study the physiology and diseases of the brain and central nervous system, and thereby ease human suffering.

Under the direction of Dr. Daniela Salvemini, SLU's William Beaumont professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, and growing out of the Henry and Amelia Nasrallah Center for Neuroscience, ITN aims to improve human health through the work of pre-clinical and clinical researchers in areas that include cognition, Alzheimer's disease, chronic neuropathic pain, opioids, metabolism and traumatic brain injury.

Comprising more than 100 members across six schools and colleges from 23 departments at SLU, the institute offers students the opportunity to develop skills in neuroscience fields, beginning at the undergraduate level.

Salvemini speaks during the fourth annual "NeuroDay," the Henry and Amelia Nasrallah Center for Neuroscience Research Symposium, in November.



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SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital and parking garage, viewed from Grand Boulevard

SLUCare Becomes Part of SSM Health

Saint Louis University and SSM Health entered into an agreement to bring together the academic medical expertise of SLUCare Physician Group with SSM Health's community-based care model to create an integrated health care network. Ownership of SLUCare Physician Group transitioned to SSM Health when the transaction closed last summer.

For decades, SLUCare Physician Group and SLU School of Medicine partnered with SSM Health at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital and, more recently, at SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital. Integrating SLUCare Physician Group into SSM Health gives the community improved, seamless access to all levels of care.

"The integration of SLUCare into SSM Health-St. Louis creates one of the most comprehensive, fully integrated academic and community-based physician groups in the region, with more than 1,200 providers," SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello said. "This partnership bolsters our collective goal to improve the quality of life across generations and cultures while addressing the social determinants of health that prevent our neighbors from living life to the fullest. It will further serve to strengthen the academic and research missions of the School of Medicine."

SSM Health and SLUCare Physician Group committed to a seamless transition, so patients experienced no disruption in health care providers or location of services.

"Both SSM Health and Saint Louis University School of Medicine have a rich legacy of providing hope and healing to those in need across the St. Louis community," Laura S. Kaiser (Grad CSB '85, Grad PH '85), president and CEO of SSM Health, said. "SSM Health's founding congregation, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, first arrived in St. Louis 150 years ago. As stewards of the healing ministry they began in 1872, we are thrilled to be taking this next step in our shared mission to ensure every patient gets the best care possible while keeping that care affordable for the individuals and families we serve."

The agreement also represents a significant investment in the School of Medicine.

"Saint Louis University School of Medicine has a long tradition of excellence in academic leadership, educating the doctors and scientists of the future, while advancing cutting-edge clinical research and patient care," Dr. Christine Jacobs, dean of the School of Medicine and vice president of medical affairs, said. "This partnership will expand the scope of our primary and specialty health care, allowing greater access to clinical trials for our patients, while we educate diverse and committed future physicians for our region, and grow our research in the School of Medicine."



Kauffman

Fowler

Longtime VPs Kauffman, Fowler Retire

June marked the official retirements of two long-serving Saint Louis University vice presidents, Bill Kauffman and Jeff Fowler.

Kauffman, who was interim president of SLU for the 2013-14 academic year, served as SLU's vice president, general counsel and secretary of the University for more than 26 years. In the year before his retirement, he continued to serve as senior legal counsel and secretary of the University.

"We have all benefited from Bill's selfless dedication and wise leadership," said SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello. "As an attorney, Bill has served SLU with distinction. As a colleague, his generosity and mentorship will leave a lasting impact on the University and those with whom he has worked."

In honor of his retirement, contributions can be made to the William R. Kauffman Student Higher Education Law Legal Writing Competition.

Fowler, who most recently served as vice president for marketing and communications, was at SLU for more than two decades.

Following a career in broadcast journalism, he joined SLU in 2000 as director of media relations. Fowler was promoted to associate vice president for marketing and communications in 2003. After six years, he was tapped to serve as vice president for advancement. In 2014 he became vice president of the new Marketing and Communications Division.

"I have valued our collaboration, and I have deep respect for Jeff's integrity, loyalty and love for Saint Louis University," Pestello said. "We are a better University for his contributions."

Gifts in honor of Fowler's retirement are being directed to SLU's Student Mental Health Support Fund.



Pestello speaks with Taylor after the launch of the Taylor Geospatial Institute.

SLU Celebrates Launch of Taylor Geospatial Institute

Saint Louis University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello announced the launch of the Taylor Geospatial Institute in April 2022 during an event at SLU's Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building.

Led by Saint Louis University, the Taylor Geospatial Institute (TGI) is a first-of-its-kind institution that brings together eight leading institutions to collaborate on research into geospatial technology. The other collaborating institutions are: The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, Harris-Stowe State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-St. Louis and Washington University in St. Louis.

The TGI is funded by a legacy investment by Andrew C. Taylor, executive chairman of Enterprise Holdings Inc. and founding chair of Greater St. Louis Inc., with supporting investments from each of the eight member institutions. The institute builds on St. Louis' significant geospatial assets and positions the region as the global center of geospatial innovation, impact and excellence.

Taylor said the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's construction of a new campus in North St. Louis combined with a visit to their current St. Louis office led him to believe geospatial would play a big role in the city going forward. He wanted to get involved and knew a regional collaboration made the most sense.

The institute will be a hub for access to and development of technology powered by big data analytics and computing resources to support research and training.

INSTITUTE SECURES \$1 MILLION GRANT

In October, the TGI received a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation to create the Taylor Geospatial Institute Regional AI Learning System.

The three-year grant was awarded to Dr. Vasisht Sagan, associate professor of geospatial science at SLU and acting director of the TGI, along with Dr. William T.C. Kramer and Dr. Shaowen Wang, both from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The high-performance computing and data analysis system, known as TGI RAILS, will be housed at the National Petascale Computing Facility at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.



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Graduate Colleen Corcoran, who studied electrical engineering, waves to the audience before the May 2022 commencement at Chaifetz Arena.

Class of 2022 Honored at Commencement

During the annual commencement ceremony in May, the newest members of the Billiken alumni family were praised for rising to the occasion during a uniquely challenging time. The ceremony for the Class of 2022 marked the first in-person spring commencement since 2019.

The commencement speaker was Andrés Gallegos (Law '93), the chair of the National Council on Disability, who spoke about his own history of tackling challenges. After a 1996 car accident resulted in his quadriplegia, he began fighting for disability rights as a lawyer.

“The education that I received here is the foundation for my ability to protect the rights of people with disabilities throughout the country,” he said to the graduates. “My hope for you is that you utilize the foundation of your education at Saint Louis University to achieve all of your dreams, and to enhance the communities where you are.”

HONORARY DEGREES

Gallegos and four others received honorary degrees at commencement. Other honorees are listed below.

Dr. Isiaah Crawford (A&S '82) is president of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.

Patrick P. Lee (PC '59) started the Patrick P. Lee Foundation, which provides funding to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness.

John Vatterott (A&S '65) established Vatterott College in 1969. He and his wife **Joan** do charitable work through the Joan and John Vatterott Foundation.

CELEBRATING IN SPAIN

SLU-Madrid's spring commencement ceremony returned to the Reina Sofia Museum Auditorium for the first time since 2019. SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello was there to congratulate the 44 graduates from 11 countries and 11 U.S. states.

During the ceremony, **Jessie J. Knight Jr.** (A&S '72) received an honorary degree and spoke about how his time at SLU-Madrid shaped his business career. Knight was executive vice president of external affairs for Sempra Energy, a Fortune 500 company. He now is managing director at Knight Angels Consulting, a philanthropic organization.

New Center Focuses on Global Catholicism

Launched this fall, the Center for Research on Global Catholicism (CRGC) brings together three key components of SLU's Jesuit history and mission: a legacy of global engagement, a commitment to rigorous academic inquiry and a focus on social justice.

The CRGC is the only research center of its kind to focus on Catholicism in a global context.

“Our ambition is to make SLU a destination for research on global Catholicism,” CRGC Director Dr. Mary Dunn said. “We are building a center here at SLU that will be a hub for scholarship, connecting our own faculty and students with local archivists, national research centers and the rich network of scholars around the world.”



A rendering of the new Topgolf, which is under construction at the intersection of Chouteau and Compton avenues near campus

Topgolf Under Construction Near Campus

Sports entertainment company Topgolf will bring its technology-enabled experience to Midtown St. Louis with a new venue, expected to open in late 2023. The facility will be south of SLU's campus at the intersection of Chouteau and Compton avenues.

The open-air, three-level venue will feature 102 outdoor hitting bays, a restaurant and bar, and year-round, family-friendly programs. The facility also will have an outdoor patio, rooftop terrace and private event space. The new venue will bring approximately 400 new jobs to the area.

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ATHLETICS

The new facility is being built near Chaifetz Arena.

O'LOUGHLIN FAMILY CHAMPIONS CENTER CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

In May, Saint Louis University dignitaries gathered outside Chaifetz Arena to officially break ground on a new facility that will make a positive impact on all Billiken student-athletes.

The O'Loughlin Family Champions Center will deliver programming related to academic advising, spiritual development, sports performance, nutrition, wellness and sports psychology. The 25,000-square-foot building will feature leading-edge technology to help deliver on the athletic department's strategic objectives: to educate, compete and build community.

The facility is scheduled to be completed in fall 2023.

BILLIKEN SOCCER LEGACY CENTER OPENS

Another new athletic facility — this one specifically for the Billiken soccer programs — opened in spring 2022. Robert R. Hermann Stadium, home to the men's and women's soccer teams, received an upgrade with the construction of a new locker room and athletic training center, the Billiken Soccer Legacy Center.



The Steve N. Frank men's locker room in the Billiken Soccer Legacy Center

The 5,000-square-foot facility houses two locker rooms; a state-of-the-art sports medicine facility; and a conference room overlooking the pitch to be used for, among other things, meetings with prospective student-athletes.

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TILLET IS HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

In April, Rebecca Tillett became the eighth head coach in Billiken women's basketball history.

Tillett spent the last four years reinvigorating the women's team at Longwood University, a tenure that culminated with a conference championship, the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance and the Lancers' first NCAA Tournament victory. Prior to Longwood, Tillett began to climb the ranks on Navy's bench in 2014-15. In her four seasons, Navy went 81-47.



Students cross Grand Boulevard under a SLU archway.

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SLU Reaches Largest Enrollment in a Decade

This fall, Saint Louis University enrolled the most students since 2012.

Consistent with its mission, the University is continuing efforts — including test-optional admissions — to make a SLU education more accessible. SLU also has been reimagining ways to introduce master's programs to international students and recruit them to join the campus community.

BY THE NUMBERS FALL 2022 ENROLLMENT

13,546 students total

28.6% increase in new graduate student enrollment

8,437 undergraduates

18% of first-years who are also first-generation college students

5,109 graduate and professional students

1,658 first-time, full-time freshmen

24% of first-year students are eligible for Federal Pell grants

999 students at SLU-Madrid

3.9 average high school GPA of this year's freshman class

Chess Team Honored for Historic Season

Six years after its founding, the Saint Louis University chess team claimed the collegiate chess national championship. The Final Four of Collegiate Chess wrapped up in April, with SLU edging out Webster University to take home the President's Cup.

"SLU is also the reigning FIDE World Rapid Champions and the Pan-American Intercontinental Champions," Coach Alejandro Ramirez said. "We have won every event we can participate in — the national champion feather was the last one we were missing on our cap. Now SLU is undoubtedly the No. 1 chess university in the country."

SLU's team consisted of Dariusz Swiercz, Nikolas Theodorou, Benjamin Bok, Akshat Chandra, Cemil Can Ali Marandi and Robby Kevlishvili.

The team was established in fall 2016 as a partnership between SLU and the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis, with support from University trustee and chess enthusiast Rex Sinquefeld (CSB '67) and his wife, Dr. Jeanne Sinquefeld.

The 2021-22 chess team also had five members representing their home countries in the 44th World Chess Olympiad. Two



Members of the SLU chess team pose with their coaches, supporters and administrators at the chess celebration and dedication of the Sinquefeld Chess Commons in May.

SLU students received individual honors at the team competition: Theodorou, a student in the College for Public Health and Social Justice, who represented the Greek federation; and Gabriela Antova, a junior in the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, who represented Bulgaria.

The other SLU-affiliated players at the Olympiad included Bok, The Netherlands; Ali Marandi, Turkey; and Stavroula Tsolakidou, Greece.

RANKINGS

SLU Named a Best Value, Leading Catholic University

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY HAS ONCE MORE BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A BEST VALUE IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND A TOP-RANKED CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

- U.S. News & World Report named SLU a Best Value School for the seventh consecutive year. The publication released its 2022-23 *Best Colleges* guidebook for undergraduate education in September. SLU was ranked No. 57 among 222 national universities.
- Three specialties in the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business received top-50 U.S. News rankings — entrepreneurship and international business were No. 17, and finance was No. 44.
- In August, the rankings and reviews website Niche ranked SLU No. 87 among 954 private universities in America, and No. 7 among 166 U.S. Catholic colleges and universities. Niche also ranked SLU's physical therapy, nursing, public health and criminal justice programs in the top 50 nationally.
- SLU was ranked No. 3 for community service in The Princeton Review's *Best 388 Colleges for 2023*. Additionally, SLU was named the 39th most-trusted university among the nation's leading 135 doctoral programs in Morning Consult's latest *Most Trusted Brands* report. SLU was also rated No. 5 among Hispanic adults.

Graduate, Professional Programs Ranked Highly

Saint Louis University had 29 graduate and professional programs ranked in the top-100 in the 2023 edition of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools" guide, released in March 2022.

The School of Law's health law program was named No. 1 in the country, continuing a long tradition of holding a top spot since rankings for the discipline were first published. Eleven other law school programs at SLU were ranked in the top 100 as well.

The Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business earned a trio of top-25 rankings from U.S. News for its graduate programs in international business (No. 8), entrepreneurship (No. 12) and supply chain management (No. 13). Each of those rankings rose from 2022.

Select SLU Students Earn National Awards

Saint Louis University attracts high-achieving students who want to make a difference. A select few go above and beyond each year, earning nationally competitive awards.

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP: Rebecca Townley, an African American studies and political science major, was named a Truman Scholar — only the fourth in SLU history and the first since 2010. Truman Scholars demonstrate leadership, a commitment to a career in government or nonprofits, and academic excellence.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE AWARD: Sahiti Kuppa, a School of Medicine graduate student, received the National Cancer Institute's Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition (F99/K00) Award. Kuppa is one of only 25 students in the nation to receive the award in 2022 — and the first SLU student ever.

NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWSHIP: Marquis Govan, a social work and sociology major, is SLU's most recent Newman Civic Fellow. The fellowship recognizes students for their commitment to creating positive change. Govan is a community organizer and policy fellow with Action STL.

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM: The Fulbright is the flagship international academic exchange sponsored by the American government. Seven SLU students and alumni were accepted to the program: Allie Biscupski (CSB '22), Paige Giarmona (A&S '21), J.P. Ideker (PH '15), Dan O'Connell (A&S '22), Emma Pauer (A&S '22), Kate Rabideau (A&S '22) and Dmitri Schmidt (A&S '22).



Bush (BACK ROW, FOURTH FROM LEFT) is surrounded by SLU medical and health sciences students: (BACK ROW, FROM LEFT) Ana Salazar Gonzales, David Patel, Kalynn Clearwater, Uma Ramaratnam and Loren Po; and (FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT) Katilin Codd, Sania Karir and Jasmine Thakkar.

SLU to Open New Mobile Health Clinic

A new SLU Mobile Health Clinic will soon serve St. Louisans in need.

U.S. Representative Cori Bush helped secure \$500,000 in federal funding for the project. The funds will be used to purchase and equip a mobile health clinic that will provide the region's most vulnerable and disenfranchised populations access to basic exams, screenings and other routine care that can help avoid more costly services.

Dr. Christine Jacobs, vice president for medical affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, said the mobile health clinic will build upon the longstanding work of SLU's Health Resource Center in north St. Louis, where medical students and physicians have provided free health care since 1994.

With connections to SLU's School of Medicine, Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing and Doisy College of Health Sciences, the mobile clinic also will train and engage a pipeline of health care providers to serve the community.

SLU Celebrates St. Louis Literary Award Winners



2022

Arundhati Roy

The Saint Louis University Library Associates honored Arundhati Roy with the 2022 St. Louis Literary Award.

During the ceremony in April, Roy said she was happy to be considered in the company of other St. Louis Literary Award winners — and thrilled that the award and its Campus Read program sought to explore the work of the honored authors.

Roy also participated in a craft talk on campus with Dr. Joya Uraizee, professor of English at SLU.

Roy is the author of the novel *The God of Small Things*, which received the 1997 Booker Prize. Her novel *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness* was named to the Man Booker long list in 2017.

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Neil Gaiman

Prolific author of prose, poetry, film, journalism, comics, song lyrics and drama Neil Gaiman — whose works include *Coraline*, *American Gods* and *The Sandman* — will come to St. Louis in April to accept the 2023 St. Louis Literary Award. He has been honored with both the Newbery and Carnegie Medals. Gaiman's *Stardust* was chosen as SLU's 2022 Campus Read novel.

Actor and St. Louis native Jon Hamm will interview Gaiman during the award ceremony on April 13, 2023, at the Sheldon Concert Hall. Ticket registration to attend in person will start on Feb. 10. Gaiman also will give a craft talk on April 14 on SLU's campus.



SLU CELEBRATES HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND

Saint Louis University's Homecoming and Family Weekend brought a crowd of students, families and alumni to the St. Louis campus.

The 2022 homecoming included the traditional fireworks, a Billiken men's soccer game, a carnival on campus and many other events.

Homecoming and Family Weekend is three days of events celebrating SLU, held the last weekend in September. The 2023 event is scheduled for Sept. 22-24.

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New Ignatian Minor Launched in the Fall

During the fall semester, Saint Louis University began offering a minor in Ignatian service.

The cross-discipline minor focuses on project-based service-learning that challenges students to help the community while fostering a lifelong commitment to service.

The minor includes three required courses and three electives, all involving service-learning.

The first course in the minor, SERV 1000: Ignatian Spirituality and Service, is part of SLU's new core curriculum. Students in this course can participate in the Clavius Project, which brings robotics and STEM enrichment programming into underserved elementary and middle schools across St. Louis. The Clavius Project was started in 2014 at St. Louis University High School. A \$612,000 grant to SLU from the Thomas R. Schilli Foundation transferred the management of the project to the University.



Social Work Stands on Its Own

The School of Social Work is once again an independent academic unit, with Dr. Noelle Fearn, the former director of the school, as dean.

Previously, the School of Social Work had been part of the College for Public Health and Social Justice. The financial and operational separation of the units began last spring.

"I believe that this separation will ultimately help support the growth of both college and school, improve student outcomes, and support the overall mission of Saint Louis University," SLU Provost Dr. Mike Lewis said.

Also, on July 1, 2022, the School of Science and Engineering debuted, combining four departments from the College of Arts and Sciences — chemistry, computer science, earth and atmospheric sciences, and physics — with engineering and aviation programs.

Façade of the new SLU-Madrid space



PHOTO BY ÁNGEL GARCÍA

SLU-Madrid Expands Its Footprint

Saint Louis University's Madrid Campus will be getting more classroom, work and student lounge space.

Dr. Paul Vita, director and academic dean, announced news of the expansion in June. "Saint Louis University has purchased an additional property for its Madrid campus, approximately 1,000 square meters of multi-use space, located on Calle Maestro Ángel Llorca, 6," Vita said.

The Madrid campus had been searching for additional facilities for three years. The goal is for the new space to open in fall 2024.

University Names New Leadership

TRUSTEES



Timothy McMahon, S.J.

McMahon (A&S '80) is the rector of SLU's Jesuit Center, as well as the canonical pastor at St. Francis Xavier College Church. Previously, he was provincial of the Jesuits of the Missouri Province and president of Arrupe Jesuit High School in Denver.



Robert Adkisson

Adkisson is vice president and division chief engineer for Bombers and Fighters, a division within Boeing Defense, Space and Security. He has more than 35 years of experience with The Boeing Co.

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Rochelle D. Smith

VICE PRESIDENT, DIVERSITY AND INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Smith recently was the inaugural associate dean of diversity and inclusion and associate chief diversity officer at the Yale School of Medicine. Previously, she worked at Washington University in St. Louis for 22 years. Smith's late husband, Dr. Jonathan Smith, was SLU's first vice president for diversity and community engagement.

DEANS



Dr. Ellen K. Barnidge

INTERIM DEAN, COLLEGE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Barnidge (Grad PH '05, '08) joined the then School of Public Health as a coordinator in 2005 and joined the faculty in 2010. Appointed interim dean in February 2022,

she will continue through June 2023.



Dr. Christine Jacobs

DEAN, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, AND VICE PRESIDENT, MEDICAL AFFAIRS

Jacobs joined SLU in 2008, founded the SLU Family Medicine Residency in St. Louis in 2011 and served as chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine since 2017.

She also served as acting and then interim dean and vice president since February 2021.



Jennifer Nutefall

DEAN, LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

Before starting at SLU in September, Nutefall was dean of libraries at the University of Northern Colorado. Previously, she was the university librarian at Santa Clara University in California, another Jesuit university.



Dr. Bernard Rousseau

DEAN, DOISY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Rousseau formerly was chair of the Department of Communication Science and Disorders at the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. His research is recognized internationally in otolaryngology,

hearing and speech sciences, and mechanical engineering.

A Culture of *Cura Personalis*

The Jesuit concept of “caring for the whole person” informs and inspires Saint Louis University to prioritize the well-being of the whole community.

By Amy Garland

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Photos by Sarah Conroy

College is often described as the best four years of your life. A heady time to learn and grow, to experience and experiment, to “find yourself” and forge your future. But over the last decade — to say nothing of the last few years, especially — college has been anything but the best four years for a lot of people.

Campuses across the country have noticed an alarming increase in anxiety, depression and suicide among students — and that was before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Between fall 2019 and spring 2020, the Healthy Minds Network and the American College Health Association found that depression in college students rose from 36% to 41%, and the percentage who said mental health affected their academic performance increased by nearly 9%, to 31%. In June 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that a quarter of 18- to 24-year-olds seriously contemplated suicide. Texas A&M University later reported that 71% of college students experienced increased stress and anxiety due to the pandemic.

Saint Louis University hasn't been immune to any of this. After a very difficult few years, the University has responded with sustained care and support, and renewed its commitment to a campus culture of well-being.

“The challenges our students have faced, and our community has faced here at SLU, are unfortunately not unique to the greater landscape within higher education,” said Dr. Sarah Cunningham, SLU's vice president for student development. “But we have known that this work is a priority, and we're continuing to elevate and enhance our commitment to student well-being.”



Members of the SLU community learn about mental health resources and suicide prevention during Fresh Check Day on campus in September. The national program promotes connectedness and awareness through a variety of interactive booths.

ACCEPTING THE MISSION

The University's Jesuit tradition calls for care and development of the whole person. So, a well-rounded approach has always been characteristic of a SLU education.

"This concept of *cura personalis* — how the mind, body and spirit help to make up the whole person — that's central to our mission. We know that when one of those is out of balance, it impacts everything else," Eric Anderson (Grad CSB '04) said.

Anderson has worked in campus recreation at SLU since 1999.

"We've been doing wellness for a long time," he said. "But in the last three years or so, there's been a shift from using the term 'wellness' to 'well-being.' The goal for well-being is broader: not just the individual, but also the community."

This means not just offering wellness resources — such as the Student Health Center and the 120,000-square-foot Simon Recreation Center — but also considering how the University can provide comprehensive support to all in the community.

Staff from Student Development, the Dean of Students Office, the University Counseling Center, Housing and Residence Life, the Eckelkamp Center for Campus Ministry and other divisions have coordinated multiple points of response and care.

"The goal is for students to flourish. But what does that mean?" Cunningham asked. "If they graduate in four years but with significant anxiety, huge debt and a question around their own confidence, that's not success. If our students are going to go set the world on fire, we need to position them to have the confidence and the resources and the ability to take care of themselves to actually do that."

A (TASK) FORCE FOR GOOD

That broader perspective is the focus of Anderson's current position; he became the University's first assistant vice president for student well-being in August 2021.

"This new position showcases the University's dedication to supporting student well-being in a holistic and comprehensive way," Cunningham said. "Eric's ability to be a nimble, collaborative and compassionate leader makes him the best person to help us shape the future of student well-being at SLU."



(FROM LEFT) Heiden-Rootes, Jones-Johnson, Anderson, Cunningham and Harwood



In addition to making several strategic leadership hires over the past year, Anderson co-chaired the Student Well-being Task Force.

The task force convened in the fall of 2021. Co-chaired by Dr. Ellen Barnidge (Grad PH '05, '08), interim dean and associate professor in the College for Public Health and Social Justice, the group comprised about 30 people across the University who spent the last academic year assessing SLU's well-being environment and developing recommendations to improve it.

In addition to reviewing the resources SLU already had and considering data, trends and best practices, the task force conducted approximately 20 listening sessions with stakeholders across the University.

"We were able to engage the community in ways that were inclusive and also provided the opportunity to hear a lot of different perspectives," Anderson said.

After all that input, the task force released a draft set of strategic priorities and proposed actions.

"We tried to make recommendations that were not only aspirational but inspirational," he said. "Instead of creating a specific to-do list, we challenged everyone to think about well-being as a core piece of their job in ways that they can prioritize and hopefully roll out. That will look different for different units and areas of expertise."

The entire SLU community then had a chance to weigh in through an online survey. Anderson said that more than 80% of the responses were overwhelmingly positive.

"Part of the brilliance of what Eric and Ellen did was they created a space for our expertise from campus to really be highlighted," Cunningham said. "We don't need to go out and buy modules and hire lots of people because we've got the talent here. Now, it's just figuring out how to leverage it."



Students Jade Jameson (left) and Kayla Dalisay greet dogs during Cookies and Community last spring. The event is a stress reliever for the SLU community.



HELP WANTED

Even before the task force released its draft report, the University prioritized campus well-being. Many of these changes were prompted by the ongoing realities of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As difficult as this past year has been, there's been such support across the institution. There are a lot of good things going on," Anderson said.

The University Counseling Center (UCC) has seen increased service demand. During the 2020-21 school year, the number of appointments (including virtual ones) skyrocketed to more than 5,000. Although that number dropped over the last year, the UCC still provides more counseling appointments than in pre-pandemic years.

To adjust to the student body's needs, the UCC looked at its systems and availability. They added several counselors. They began offering a 24-7 triage line (via an outside telehealth company) so that students can access care anytime they need it. The staff also started paying more attention to the particular needs of the students they serve, including graduate, medical and law students.

"How do we make it more convenient for students to have services nearby, particularly if they spend a good portion of their time at one of our other campuses?" Anderson said.

"We also wanted to think expansively around what well-being is for different domains," Knieba Jones-Johnson, director of the UCC, said. "Whose voices are we not paying attention to? Who are the historically excluded groups of students that, because of race, religion, identity, have been ignored and are suffering because of it?"

On its website, the UCC has specific lists of mental health resources for students of color and LGBTQIA students. Jones-Johnson is working with SLU's Division of Diversity and Innovative Community Engagement to review how the counseling center responds to issues related to accessibility and disability.

With a Little Help from My Friends

Several student organizations revolve around well-being and mental health issues.

Active Minds, a chapter of the national nonprofit that promotes mental health for young adults, has been at SLU since 2009.

BALANCE provides a safe space for dialogue around mental health experiences that acknowledges the backgrounds of diverse populations.

Make Dark Days Brighter offers workshops focused on wellness for students involved in the fine arts.

The Green Bandana Project is SLU's chapter of The Bandana Project, a national movement for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Members tie a green bandana to their backpacks to show support for the mental health of others and to reject the stigma associated with mental illness.

STEM Wellness Initiative encourages students and professors in the sciences, technology, engineering and math to gather for yoga, running, coffee breaks and more.

WE ARE SAATH-STL works to increase access to mental health resources for the South Asian student community through activism, education and storytelling.



An evening yoga class practices near the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building.

The center started six student support groups in the spring, including around the unique needs of athletes, “adulting,” relationships, and stress reduction and anxiety management.

In Wuller Hall, where counseling sessions are held, the UCC is creating a sensory/creative arts space and possibly spaces for expressive arts therapy and horticulture therapy.

Jones-Johnson said, “We’re just looking at all different ways to heal, really.”

The UCC partnered with librarians from Pius XII Memorial Library to feature wellness books that students can check out. The shelf is located near the library’s Wellness Space, a comfortable relaxation area sponsored by the Student Government Association. Jones-Johnson would love to replicate similar spaces in the residence halls.

For those students who might be struggling but don’t need clinical help, the University has arranged for wellness coaching from a group called ComPsych.

“That would be for somebody who’s a little overwhelmed and not quite sure the strategy on how to prepare for finals, or someone dealing with a disappointment — ‘I didn’t get elected president of my student organization’ — but who doesn’t need ongoing counseling,” Cunningham said.

The UCC must be doing something right; SLU ranked No. 21 on Princeton Review’s 2023 list of colleges and universities with the best student support and counseling services.

LETTING OFF STEAM

In the spring of 2021, the academic schedule was compressed due to COVID-19 but included “mental health days” throughout the semester instead of a weeklong spring break. SLU Provost Dr. Mike Lewis explained in a message to the University community: “We need to give all students the necessary time and space to focus on their mental health during a compressed semester.”

The following fall, Lewis announced an impromptu mental health day to encourage undergraduates to take a break from classes and connect over University-sponsored activities such as yoga, an Examen walk, ice cream and more. The day was an extended version of previous pre-exam activities that featured pop-up petting zoos with therapy dogs and other animals, cookies with SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello and other events. There would be several more wellness days during the 2021-22 year, and similar days were added to the calendar for this academic year. Organizers continued to adapt the agenda based on student feedback.



PHOTO BY CRISTINA FLETES

Participants join in a small group activity during Mental Health First Aid training.



“You have to be able to slow down to develop the capacity for resilience,” Jones-Johnson said.

“There’s academic demand and rigor, but the result of that can be poor mental health and well-being. How do we resolve that?” she asked. “We allow and permit — and actually, not just allow and permit, but encourage and promote — rest, recuperation and rejuvenation.”

Dr. Katie Heiden-Rootes (Med ’14), associate professor in the Medical Family Therapy Program, director of clinical services for the Center for Counseling and Family Therapy and assistant vice president for research in the Division of Diversity and Innovative Community Engagement, agreed.

“But those things are not a panacea,” she said. “It’s like when you pull off a valve and let steam out, but then you put it back on. Wellness days are good for letting off steam, but they don’t remove the pressure on our students.”

She suggested a change in the way faculty relate to students.

“We need to create an environment in which students feel supported and seen on an interpersonal level. That requires more work than wellness days,” she said.

“I try to see my students who start to struggle not as an indicator of their inability to achieve, but that something is happening in their world that is making this difficult,” Heiden-Rootes said. “It’s important to get to know students as people beyond their classroom performance.”

LOOKING OUT, REACHING OUT

As professors get to know their students beyond the classroom, it’s good to be aware of what diminished mental health looks like. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training helps.

This one-day training teaches individuals how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance-use disorders.

“Think about American Red Cross CPR and first aid training,” Anderson said. “It’s like that, but for mental health issues.”

Tori Harwood, whose department reports to Anderson, is SLU’s MHFA coordinator. She was certified in the spring of 2021 to teach the course, as were three other SLU staff members. A grant from the National Council for Mental Well-Being provided for the certification of several more instructors this year.

The goal is for all faculty, staff and students to be able to take the MHFA training. To date, more than 150 faculty and staff, and close to 200 students have been trained.



Twohig with her Green Bandana Project backpack

“We’re a broader community of folks that might have varying levels of awareness and understanding, but we need to create a community of care,” Anderson said.

“It’s all part of building resilient Billikens,” Harwood said.

Harwood’s job also involves prevention and outreach activities, which include educating students about alcohol and other drugs, stress management and self-care, and sexual assault and suicide prevention. She partners with Billikens After Dark, which sponsors late-night, alcohol-free alternative programming; fraternities and sororities; and other student organizations.

She also leads the Health Education Action Team (HEAT), a group of students passionate about health and wellness, who plan and implement “fun programming with a side of education.”

“Students want to listen to students,” Harwood said. “They take what the HEAT supervisors tell them better than if I were to say, ‘Hey, you shouldn’t drink so much.’ It seems to come across better from someone their age who has been through the same experience.”

That sentiment is echoed in the words and work of Allison Twohig, a junior nursing major and director of The Green Bandana Project. The student organization is SLU’s chapter of the national Bandana Project, which encourages solidarity around mental health issues. By wearing a green bandana, a student identifies as an advocate, someone who could be approached for help and resources.

“I got involved because it just seemed like a very simple thing. Now we have like 700 bandanas on campus,” Twohig said. “That’s 700-plus students showing they care about mental health.”

Twohig’s leadership earned her a 2022 Billiken Rising Star Award and the ear of the administration: She was asked to be one of a select few students on the Student Well-being Task Force.

THE LONG VIEW

The strategic and programmatic work of the task force continues to progress, but there will always be the need to take the well-being pulse of campus. Becoming a JED Campus helps the University evaluate its well-being initiatives.

The Jed Foundation (JED) is a non-profit organization that works to protect emotional health and prevents suicide in adolescents and young adults. Its JED Campus program helps schools develop new programs, policies and systems that build upon existing mental health, substance misuse and suicide prevention efforts. The four-year program has attracted nearly 400 colleges and universities, including Harvard, Princeton and New York universities, and Jesuit universities such as Marquette and Xavier.

“It is a strategic relationship for an institution that says, we’ve been doing all of these things, and we want to make sure there’s nothing we’ve missed,” Cunningham said.

SLU is part of JED’s fall 2022 cohort. The first year began with the launch of the Healthy Minds Study on campus.

The results will inform a strategic plan for student mental health and suicide prevention. As the University implements that plan, it has access to data from all the participating schools, as well as meetings with the rest of the cohort. In year four, SLU will complete the Healthy Minds Study again, providing a longitudinal look at campus well-being.

At this point — as students still live amid what Jones-Johnson called “a huge nexus of causation” — it’s clear that the University must implement both small and big changes to enhance well-being on campus. And the administration, staff and faculty agree that they will do whatever it takes.

“We all have to do the work and make sure this is a place that’s thriving,” Harwood said. “And it has to be systemic change. We can’t think programming alone is going to work.”

Pestello has faith.

“Even as we struggle with the most difficult circumstances, the SLU community continues to inspire with its love, resilience and grace,” he said. “We will continue to care for one another, embrace our higher purpose and live our mission.” **UTAS**

The Accelerating Excellence fundraising campaign shattered its goal.

Exceeding Expectations

— BY JOE BARKER

To call Saint Louis University’s Accelerating Excellence Campaign a success would be an understatement.

Accelerating Excellence: The Campaign for Saint Louis University launched its public phase in November 2018 and was the first comprehensive fundraising campaign in SLU’s history. The campaign set out to raise \$500 million by the summer of 2022.

On July 1, the University closed the books on the campaign and totaled up the contributions. The campaign not only reached its \$500 million goal but soared past that number and ended with a total of \$604 million raised.

“This is a historic achievement for Saint Louis University,” said SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello. “The Accelerating Excellence campaign has built momentum for our mission-driven work and created new possibilities for groundbreaking initiatives in academics, medicine, research, athletics and service. The generosity of our donors will fuel an exciting, transformative future for SLU.”

Accelerating Excellence was intended to propel SLU to further national prominence as a Jesuit research university through investment in five strategic priorities: scholarships, academic excellence, business education, health sciences and athletics. The campaign was designed to impact all schools and colleges across the University.

“The success of this campaign will provide support for many academic, research and student-focused areas,” Provost Dr. Michael Lewis said. “I am deeply grateful for our donors’ commitment to scholarships and other support for students, and to enhancing faculty work and advancing research across all colleges and schools. There will be a significant positive impact on our entire community. The generous gifts from our alumni and donors show how much they care about SLU and the future of the institution.”

The campaign was able to exceed its target even with the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Richard A. Chaifetz (A&S ’75) said he had faith the campaign would meet its goal because of its strong start — by the summer of 2020 the campaign had raised more than \$400 million, including significant donations from Chaifetz and his fellow campaign co-chair, Rex A. Sinquefield (CSB ’67), both of whom are also SLU trustees.

“At the start of the campaign, I said that I wanted to improve Saint Louis University’s standing in the world, and I think this campaign has set SLU on that path,” Sinquefield said. “Achieving excellence benefits everyone, and that’s just what this campaign set out to do. It’s rewarding to see how many people got behind SLU’s goals and are helping make those goals a reality.”

The campaign had a number of major contributors. As co-chair, Chaifetz said part of his job was to encourage other parties to support the campaign. As a proud SLU alum, he said it wasn’t a hard task.

“I’m a big believer in the school,” he said. “I live and breathe it. I think it’s a tremendous university that is not as recognized as it should be in a lot of areas. I encourage students to go; I talk to parents and encourage them to send their kids. It’s pretty easy to be bullish on this place.”

Pestello said the campaign couldn’t have reached its goal without contributions from everyone in the SLU community including alumni, faculty and staff.

“I want to thank everyone who helped make this campaign a success,” he said. “This achievement will make SLU a better university. With the resources this campaign generated, we will continue to recruit and retain exceptional faculty, staff and students. We will advance our students’ accomplishments at SLU, and

FROM LEFT: Pestello, Manion, Sinquefield and Chaifetz at an event celebrating the successful conclusion of the campaign.



PHOTO BY STEVE DOLAN

our alumni’s success in their chosen careers. We will amplify our potential to serve and to produce scholarship that, in the Jesuit tradition, makes the world the way it ought to be.”

NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS

The campaign had several high-profile donations that led to some substantial developments.

As part of the campaign, SLU saw the launch of the Saint Louis University Research Institute, a focal point for growing SLU’s research capabilities

and increasing research output. The institute was created through a historic gift from Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield.

Two schools saw their name change during the campaign. The naming of the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business was made in honor of gifts from Dr. Richard and Jill Chaifetz.

The nursing school got a new name, the Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing, in recognition of philanthropic support from University trustee Trudy Busch Valentine (VSN ’80).

Funds raised during the campaign also led to the creation of a \$10 million endowment for humanities education.

The Taylor Geospatial Institute, a collaboration of eight research institutions focused on innovation in geospatial science and technology, supported by a legacy investment from Andrew C. Taylor, was established during Accelerating Excellence, as well. (See page 5.)

Two new buildings also were made possible through campaign contributions. The Jesuit Center, a new residential facility and apostolic center on campus that supports SLU’s community of Jesuit priests, was finished this fall. (See page 32.) Still under construction is the O’Loughlin Family Champions Center, a 25,000-square-foot facility that will provide comprehensive interdisciplinary services to SLU’s student-athletes and coaching staff. (See page 7.)

“The generosity of our donors will fuel an exciting, transformative future for SLU.”

— DR. FRED P. PESTELLO

BY THE NUMBERS

The \$604 million campaign was made possible by 190,402 gifts. The gifts led to four record-breaking fundraising years.

A total of 98 donors made a campaign commitment of \$1 million or more. That number includes bequest intentions, pledges and cash gifts. There were 3,077 faculty and staff donors who contributed \$14,706,353.

As a result of Accelerating Excellence, 416 new scholarships and awards were created. Of those, 281 were endowed.

A total of 28 of the new scholarships have diversity, equity and inclusion criteria, and 290 are need-based.

The campaign led to 36 newly endowed academic positions: 10 professorships, seven chairs, two deanships, seven lectureships and 10 fellowships. There

also were 54 new funds created by donors that didn’t fit into any of the categories but offer general support to SLU.

Including scholarships, there were 535 new funds created overall.

Accelerating Excellence led to the development of 19 new centers/institutes. Some existed before the campaign but were named by a donor during the fundraising effort.

“The goal of this campaign was a bold one,” said Vice President for Development Sheila Manion. “We asked our community to reach higher with us to strengthen SLU for decades to come, and our donors stepped up to support the University like never before. We are grateful for their enthusiastic participation and excited for the remarkable future their generosity enables. Any breakthroughs made possible by research funded by this campaign, any scholarships given to outstanding students who go forth to serve others, not only elevate SLU, they elevate the community. Every donor to the campaign shares in those successes.”

LOOKING FORWARD

The Accelerating Excellence campaign may be over, but the fundraising doesn’t stop. Chaifetz coined the Accelerating Excellence name and said it was intentional — it was meant to convey growth and not a finish line.

“We didn’t say achieving excellence or anything final,” he said. “We’re accelerating. It’s a boost to getting to where we want to go. The journey is always there.”

Chaifetz wants to see more contributions to the University from his fellow alumni.

“I’m very proud of Saint Louis University,” he said. “I’m proud to be an alum. We should all be proud of our students’ achievements. The best way to continue to promulgate that is to give money to areas that are important to you, so the University can continue to prosper. I would encourage all alums to do that. Without money, we can’t do all the things necessary to achieve greatness. Accelerating Excellence is just the beginning. We want to be better than excellent, we want to be perfect — you can’t get there, but you can try to get as close to perfect as you can.” UTAS





REACHING FOR THE STARS

As the United States approaches a new golden age in space exploration, SLU aerospace graduates are involved at every level.

— By Paul Brinkmann

— Illustrations by Hylton Warburton

As NASA plans for the first crewed mission to the moon in over 50 years, few people have as privileged a view of the historic events as Dan Reczek (PC '18).

Reczek is a flight controller at NASA's Mission Control in Houston, just a few years after his graduation from Saint Louis University with a bachelor's degree in aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering.

"I can't believe that I've got the opportunity to train the astronauts, the first people who will go to the moon since 1972," Reczek said.

After working for a NASA contractor, he started in late July as a full-time NASA civil servant working on planned Artemis missions aimed at landing astronauts on the moon in 2025.

Today SLU graduates work in such diverse space endeavors as California-based SpaceX, NASA and the European Space Agency. Those space professionals said a Saint Louis University education prepared them for their challenging careers in the dynamic industry. And with the 2022 debut of the School of Science and Engineering, home to programs formerly in Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology and four STEM departments from the College of Arts and Sciences, SLU will continue to position future graduates for success in these rapidly evolving professions.



DANIEL RECZEK

Reczek is aware that he's the latest in a long line of SLU graduates who have served NASA and America's space program, including the legendary Gene Kranz (PC '54), flight direc-

tor during the Gemini and Apollo programs. At NASA events, Reczek met Kranz, who is most famous for helping lead the Apollo 13 mission safely back to Earth after an explosion prevented it from landing on the moon.

"I think about the connection with Kranz a lot, and with the other Parks grads that have worked at NASA," Reczek said. "There's never been such a huge volume of people and companies in space operations or space launches. What's happening in space today has never really happened before, and SLU graduates are involved in so much of it."

Reczek said he never thought he'd be working in Mission Control so quickly after graduating.

"It helped that I came from Parks, and NASA has hired many graduates from there," he said.

He recalls a NASA interviewer asking him what he thought he'd be doing in five years if he took the position.

"My answer was, I don't know because I thought this is what I'd be trying to do in five years," Reczek said. "I feel really blessed to have been able to get a job here, right out of school."

Since then, he's tried to network with aerospace students to let them know they can have their dream job if they just try for it.

Experiences at SLU that helped prepare Reczek include building CubeSats, or very small satellites, as part of the University's Space Systems Research Lab and, perhaps surprisingly, working as events staff for SLU Athletics.

"Athletics events are fast-paced," Reczek said. "I did everything from mopping the floor to running free-throw contests. It turns out Mission Control is also a fast-paced environment, and NASA recognized the experience as valuable."

He also credits his success to studying aerospace at SLU-Madrid and to mentors Dr. Michael Swartwout and Dr. Srikanth Gururajan, associate professors in aerospace and mechanical engineering.

"Working at NASA is much more achievable than you would think," Reczek said. "We want all the SLU grads we can get."



GENE KRANZ

The 1995 *Apollo 13* movie depicted Kranz' central role during the infamous mission. Actor Ed Harris played Kranz, wearing his trademark white vest, a role that earned Harris a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

Even in retirement, Kranz is still an eager student and sage of space exploration, having published a book about his career in 2000 called *Failure Is Not an*

Option: Mission Control From Mercury to Apollo 13 and Beyond. He has been writing a new book titled *Tough and Competent*, which he says will explore successful strategies and vision in the U.S. space program during Apollo and beyond.

Kranz, who turned 89 years old in August, recalls that his father's death when he was just 7 years old prompted him to become independent and handy around the house, helping his mother by fixing appliances and other tedious mechanical jobs.

"I look at Parks and SLU as being one element of a series of experiences that prepared me to work in aerospace," Kranz said. "Parks offered hands-on experiences. The miracle of Parks in those days was it had a small factory complex that built parts and maintained the airplanes we used at Parks Airfield."

SLU moved Parks College from its former home in Cahokia, Illinois, to the main campus in St. Louis in 1997. Kranz said he thinks the move was good because it connects those students with a broader education at the larger campus.

He said he was paired with older, experienced students who kept him focused and disciplined. That discipline also served him later as he became a U.S. Air Force pilot and tackled tough problems at NASA.

"People want to know why and how we pulled off the Apollo 13 rescue," Kranz said. "It was because we had the total technical knowledge base because we wrote the manuals, we wrote the procedures, and we understood the spacecraft inside and out."

Kranz received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University in 2015.



MANUEL POSSO

Manuel Posso (PC '12, Grad PC '14) is working for one of the newest space companies, Elon Musk's SpaceX, which has become the dominant commercial space launch provider.

The company's Falcon rockets launched a new record of 31 orbital missions in 2021.

Posso landed a job as an engineer at Boeing Co. when he graduated from SLU. After almost seven

years, he moved to SpaceX as a senior launch engineer.

He calls his education at SLU "outstanding" and said the Jesuit tradition influenced him as an engineer and a person.

"I wasn't just given a set of data and facts. I was also given the framework to make sense of the data and the facts within the context of human existence. I learned to see light in darkness, to have the confidence to trust my instincts and to believe in humanity," Posso said.

He's proud to be a part of a new chapter in space exploration, as NASA and commercial interests seek new milestones, such as landing on the moon again, establishing a base there and sending people to Mars, he said. Musk has made colonizing Mars the overarching goal of his business.

"We talk a lot about how fast the space industry moves today, but to me it isn't so different from the speed of progress as we raced to the moon in the '60s," Posso said. "The main difference is that, with 2000's tech, we can now reach similar speeds with a small fraction of the payroll."

He believes humanity will reach a new "golden age" for space exploration when a permanent base on the moon or other celestial bodies becomes possible through mining and extraction of minerals, water, ice and other resources.

Posso suggests students who want a career in space get involved in as many activities on campus as possible. He had worked on model rockets and CubeSats by the time he graduated.

"Clubs and organizations were extremely influential in my development as an engineer, and I am very thankful that I was encouraged and supported even to start my own. If there's one thing that makes candidates stand out, it is evidence of personal commitment to projects outside the classroom."

Posso has a quick answer when asked if he'd go to Mars someday: "Yes. Just not on a one-way trip."



SILVIA BAYÓN PEREZ

At the European Space Agency, Silvia Bayón Perez (PC '01, Grad PC '02) is helping plan missions to explore the solar system.

From ESA's office in the Netherlands, Bayón Perez leads the Solar System Mission Section, which investigates potential new missions to explore other worlds such as Venus, Mars, and Jupiter's and Saturn's moons.

A fan of Mars exploration, she worked on the ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter spacecraft that launched in 2016. A key goal of that mission was to analyze methane and other trace gases in the Martian atmosphere that could be evidence of possible life on the Red Planet.

"These are clearly exciting times for space exploration," she said. "I think the paradigm has changed in the last few years in particular; there's a lot more interest from private investors and private companies like SpaceX and Blue Origin, for example."

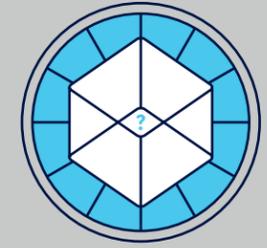
Bayón Perez attended classes at SLU's Madrid Campus and in St. Louis. She said her studies at SLU, while mostly focused on aeronautics, helped prepare her for a career in the space sector.

"I know things have evolved, and now there's a space research lab at SLU, and there are students who are building and launching CubeSats, so I'm very jealous of that experience in a way," she said.

Hands-on activities are vital to an engineering program, she said, recalling her participation on SLU's team at the annual Design, Build, Fly contest for remote-controlled aircraft sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree, she secured a grant to carry out work on her master's thesis as part of an official NASA program. That work described a mission that would take a greenhouse to Mars in preparation for a first human mission. She presented the results to engineers at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

SLU's international programs were vital to her education, she said. She remembers especially how the late Dr. Krishnaswamy "Ravi" Ravindra, former associate dean at Parks, made international students feel at home on holidays such as Thanksgiving by inviting them to his house.



What is a CubeSat?

A CubeSat — short for cube satellite — is a small satellite that can take part in NASA's exploration, technology, educational and science investigations.

The CubeSat was invented in 1999 when two professors in California wanted a way to provide affordable access to space for the university science community. Today, there are CubeSat programs at all levels of education, including in elementary schools.

The satellites are developed in standardized sizes. The basic 1U CubeSat is a 10-centimeter cube with a mass of approximately 1 to 1.33 kilograms; a 3U CubeSat is about as big as a loaf of bread. Standardized sizing makes it possible for developers to use mass-market parts, which makes the whole enterprise more affordable and accessible. It typically takes 18-24 months to design, build, test and deliver a CubeSat. When it's ready, the satellite is attached to a launch vehicle via a dispenser, aiming to make it to orbit.

SLU's Space Systems Research Laboratory has been working with CubeSats since 2009.

COPPER, the first spacecraft developed by SLU students, entered the University Nanosat-6 Competition, which ran from 2009-11. In 2011, NASA selected COPPER for a sponsored launch under its Educational Launch of Nanosatellites Program. It launched in 2013. Another SLU CubeSat, the Argus-2, successfully launched into orbit from the International Space Station in February 2020.



LINDSEY JASPER

Only a few years ago, Lindsey Jasper (PC '19) loved to collaborate on engineering homework assignments and sing on Sundays at St. Francis Xavier College Church. Now, she's helping to build and design satellites for the U.S. military's space surveillance network at Northrop Grumman in Virginia.

"Space is booming, and regardless of what sector you're in, it's such a great time to be an engineer or a scientist or a mathematician in this arena," Jasper said.

Despite the hot job market, and great strides made toward more diversity in the field, Jasper still frequently finds herself as the only woman in a meeting or at an engineering event. She encourages women to get involved in aerospace, where she believes they have the best chance ever of getting hired in history.

"We've come really far, but we also have a really far way to go, and I do my best to make all the spaces that I work in welcoming and as diverse as possible," she said.

Jasper is also grateful that she works at a time when powerful computing tools make many tasks easy that would have required days of work and lengthy calculations only decades ago.

"I have so many tools accessible to me that I use on a daily basis that are just infinitely more powerful," she said. "With simulations, I can literally visualize my spacecraft, see where it's going, plug in the equations, and ultimately, just tell my computer what to do in a very simple and straightforward way. I'll even get a little video of what it's going to look like when it does that."

Jasper said SLU allowed her to work directly on projects even as an undergraduate, which she believes is a unique benefit.

"As a freshman I was able to participate in a lab that built and designed CubeSats, and that was an absolute highlight of my education," she said.

Her best memories are of the "collaborative environment" she discovered.

"We would wake up on a Saturday morning and go to a classroom and do homework together, even though that might sound super boring to some people," Jasper said. "I found a group of people there that would legitimately look out for each other's best interests and help each other, which is one of the things that really contributed to my success."



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— JASPER



FERNANDO ABILLEIRA

One of NASA's biggest achievements in recent years was the flawless landing of the sophisticated Perseverance rover and Ingenuity helicopter on Mars on Feb. 18, 2021.

The mission had launched from Florida during the dark days of the pandemic despite workplace COVID-19 restrictions. Fernando Abilleira (PC '99, Grad PC '01) was deputy mission manager for the project, known as Mars 2020.

Since its landing, the mission has confirmed new evidence of water action on the Red Planet and notched historic milestones for the first powered, controlled flight on another celestial body by the tiny, 4-pound Ingenuity. Now Abilleira is working on the next Mars objective, the return of rock samples drilled by Perseverance for study on Earth.

"Mars Sample Return will be the most technically complex Mars mission to date," he said.

The mission team is now planning to launch and land on Mars a robotic vehicle that will collect rock samples and launch them into Martian orbit, where they will be retrieved by another spacecraft and returned to Earth.

Abilleira said he respects the work of previous generations that have allowed advancements in space exploration. He said being part of the Mars mission teams has been a privilege.

"We are sitting on the shoulders of giants. What the space pioneers did with a fraction of our technology level is nothing short of extraordinary. We went from being able to capture a very grainy black and white picture of another planet to recording our own landing on Mars. That is truly remarkable," he said.

Abilleira said many professors and staff members at SLU had a "great positive impact" in his development, including the aforementioned Ravindra and Swartwout.

As he looks to the future, Abilleira does have one caveat to his career trajectory.

"I would love to visit Mars," he said, "but I would not leave Earth without my family and loved ones." **UTAS**

Paul Brinkmann (A&S '89) is a journalist with more than 30 years of experience who has worked for the Orlando Sentinel and UPI, covering the space industry. He is now a writer at AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) and its magazine Aerospace America.

Finance students gain real-world experience by managing a portion of the University's endowment.

DEEPLY INVESTED

Overseeing an institution's collection of financial assets carries great responsibility.

For Zoe Pezold (CSB '22), it also carries great privilege.

Pezold was among a prestigious group of undergraduate finance students given the responsibility of managing \$2.5 million of Saint Louis University's endowment as part of an experiential learning course in the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business. The Applied Portfolio Management (APM) course allows students, in consultation with industry mentors, the opportunity to learn about the intricacies of the stock market and equity research by directly steering the University's money.

"I did not take the responsibility lightly," Pezold said. "I felt honored that the University trusted us with that much money and had faith that we could grow the portfolio and pass on that legacy to the next class."

- By Marie Dilg

+ Doellman

BUY, SELL, HOLD

Each APM student analyzes a sector of the economy and two or three or stocks within that sector. Some of the stocks already may be in the University's portfolio; some are under consideration for inclusion.

Working with their industry mentors, students are required to write two highly detailed, professional equity research reports. Each student must then defend their buy, sell or hold recommendations to their peers and professors in a formal presentation, followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session. As part of their final project, the students work collaboratively to decide what, if any, changes will be made to the portfolio. The next class picks up where the previous class left off.

Jacob Dowell (CBS '22), who took the APM course in 2021, chose the industrial sector and analyzed Honeywell (already in SLU's portfolio), Federal Signal and the Alamo Group.

"I was pretty grounded in the theoretical understanding of economics and finance, but until I took the APM course I didn't realize how it actually worked in the industry," Dowell said. "It was interesting to see how financial analysts put together their reports and how much work goes into those reports."

Pezold chose the communications services sector and analyzed Disney, Netflix (both already in SLU's portfolio) and the video game company, Activision Blizzard.

"The hands-on experience helped me develop skills that only a select number of students have an opportunity to build," said Pezold, who also took the course in the fall of 2021. "Most of us wouldn't be allowed to work with money of that magnitude until we entered the workforce, so I definitely felt ahead of the game."

EXPERT ADVICE

The University introduced the APM course in the fall of 2002 with the initial class managing \$500,000 of the University's endowment funds. In the two decades since then, the portfolio's value has grown to nearly \$2.5 million. A 2016 distribution from the portfolio helped fund the construction of the Edward Jones Data Analytics Lab, a state-of-the-art facility in the business school that houses 12 Bloomberg terminals, a computer system that allows students to access the Bloomberg data service with real-time global financial data and news feeds.

In 2020, Dr. Thomas Doellman, associate professor of finance, enriched the experience by recruiting industry mentors to work one-on-one with the students. Each student is paired with an equity analyst from one of St. Louis' top financial firms, including Asset Consulting Group LLC, Edward Jones, Kennedy Capital Management, Wells Fargo and NISA Investment Advisors LLC. Students and mentors meet an average of once a week for an hour.

"Many business schools have APM courses, but this mentoring program is unique to SLU," Doellman said. "It's powerful and exciting for students to have that connection to the industry, to see that what they're doing in the classroom is 100% what they will be doing in the industry."

"The hands-on experience helped me develop skills that only a select number of students have an opportunity to build." - PEZOLD

Larry Pfeffer (CSB '10), an equity sector analyst at Wells Fargo in St. Louis, took the APM course during his senior year while interning at a financial institution. He said the course was the single most valuable class of his undergraduate education.

"With an internship, you get exposure to people who have experience," he said. "You see what it's like to work in a given firm, and you might be asked to assist with tasks that involve real-world work, but your level of decision-making is minimal. With the APM course, you have some guardrails around you, such as your professor and your classmates who offer opinions, but you're making up your own mind."

Pfeffer said he chose to volunteer as a mentor in part because his Jesuit education encouraged giving back and because he saw it as an opportunity to stay humble.

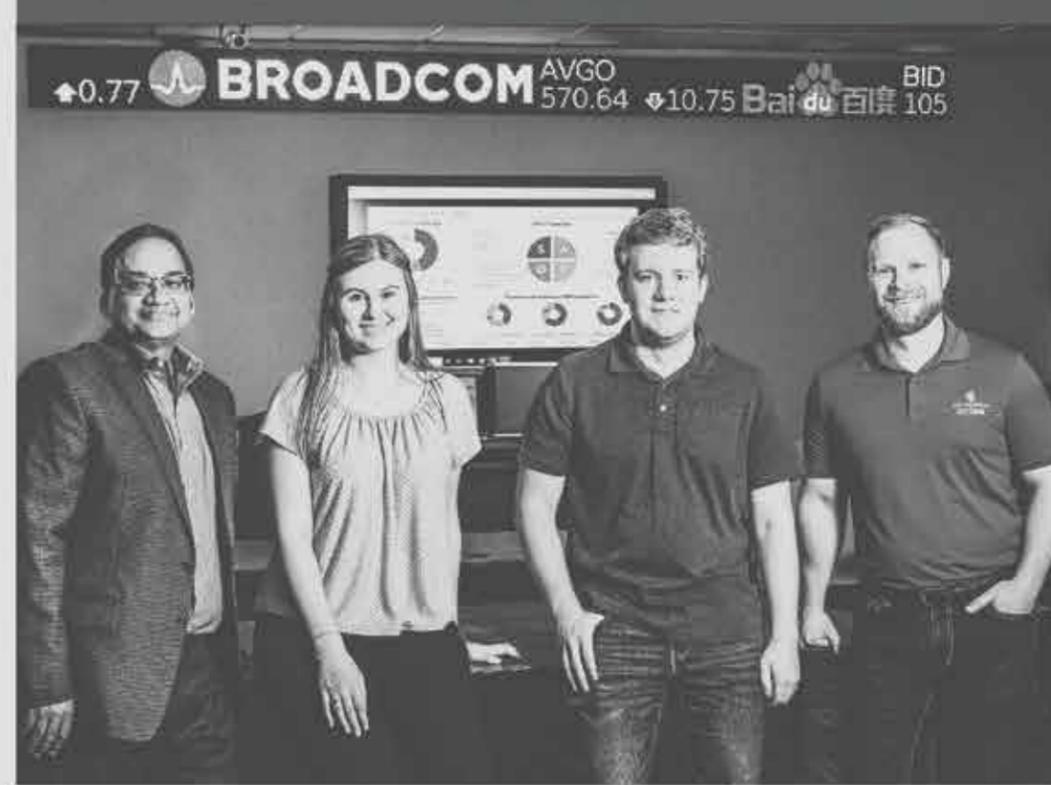
"This industry can be really tough, and going back to the beginning by working with students keeps you grounded," Pfeffer said. "It's important to be mindful of where everybody starts, and I can't think of a better way to do that than through an experience like this. And sometimes a student will surprise me by asking questions I hadn't even considered."

Since launching the mentorship program two years ago, Doellman said there are more equity analysts offering to volunteer than he has APM students.

BULL MARKET

Demand is high for the limited number of APM seats, and the application process is rigorous. Students are required to submit names of references, essays and academic transcripts. While 30 or more students typically apply for the innovative learning experience, only 15 to 18 students are accepted into the one-semester, three-credit-hour course each fall.

Dr. Naresh Bansal, chair and professor in the department of finance, said placement is coveted, but the course is not for everyone. He advises applicants in advance that it is academically demanding. The extensive research that goes into the analysis of a company and the preparation needed for communicating insight to a room full of peers, professors and investment professionals requires tremendous preparation.



Bansal, Pezold, Dowell and Doellman in the Edward Jones Data Analytics Lab

"We let them know that this course places a huge responsibility on their shoulders and requires a level of commitment greater than what they may be accustomed to," he said. "If they are not ready to put in many, many hours of work outside the classroom, they should walk away."

Pezold said she spent more than 120 hours outside the classroom working on her APM assignments. Dowell also recalls putting an immense amount of time into his reports.

"It's definitely a ton more work than my other courses," he noted, "but it was proportionally more insightful and useful."

BENCHMARKS

Bansal said ample anecdotal evidence demonstrates the positive impact of APM on student success.

He noted that APM students have "stellar placements," upon graduation. All 2021 APM alumni secured jobs or advanced to higher education. Pezold interviewed with multiple companies and received several offers before deciding to join Equifax. Dowell was accepted into the doctoral program in finance at Boston College, where he plans to conduct research in investment theory. Bansal said leading investment firms contact him regularly looking to hire APM alumni or students considered to be APM material.

Bansal said APM students also led the University to success in the annual Chartered Financial Analyst Institute's global research challenge. Teams of three-to-five students from participating universities are assigned to analyze publicly traded companies, prepare a written report on their assigned company and recommend whether to buy, sell or hold the stock. Teams present their findings to a panel of industry experts, and winners are selected based on the students' knowledge and equity analysis.

The University entered two teams composed of 2021 APM students, including Dowell and Pezold, in the competition. Under the direction of Doellman and Bansal, the teams placed first and second in the St. Louis regional competition — a first for the University. Dowell's team also was one of only 17 teams to advance to the Americas regional competition, which included teams from South, Central and North America. It is the farthest a SLU team ever has advanced in the competition.

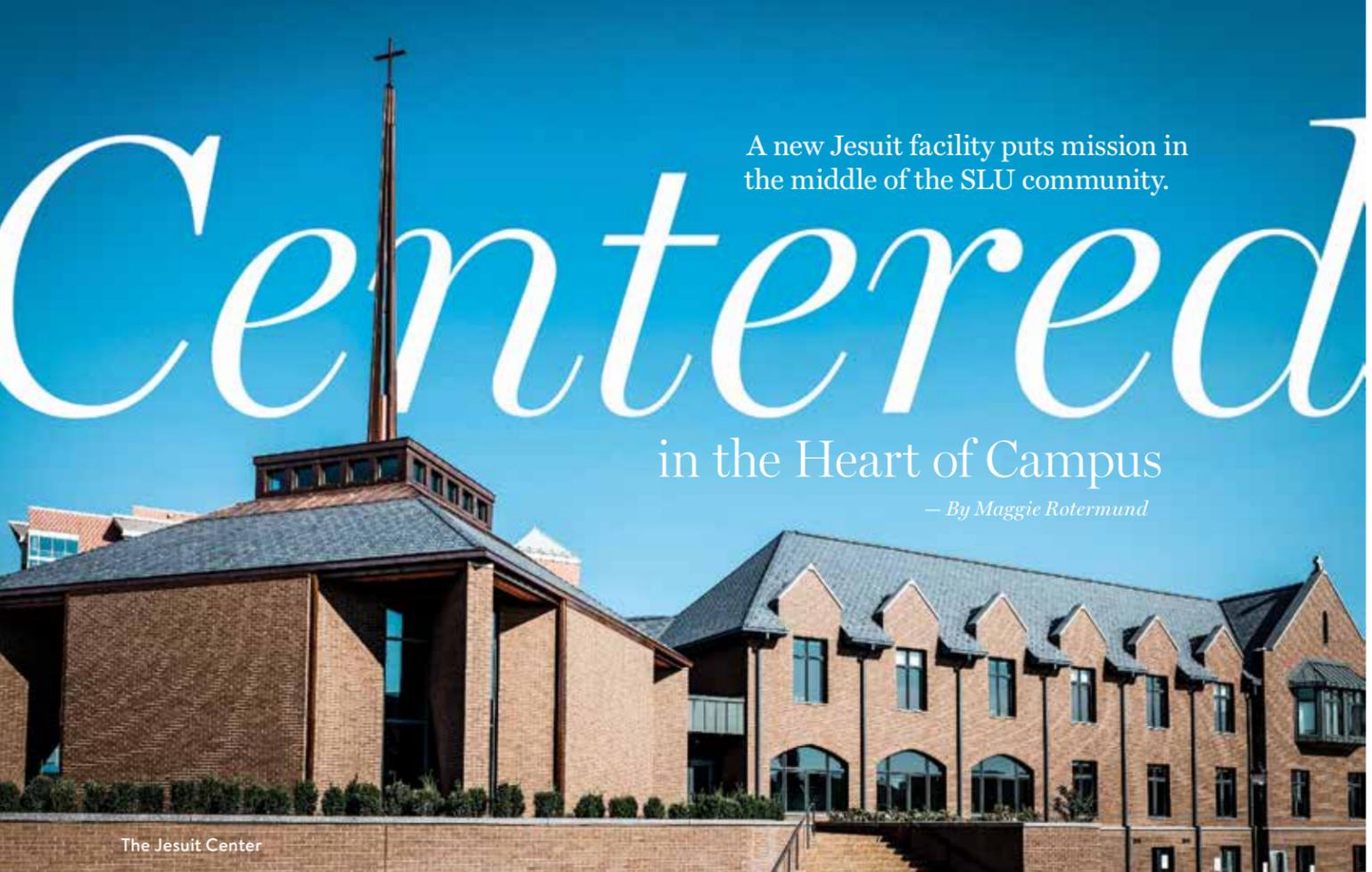
Another bonus for students that positions them for success: APM is a required course for students in the financial analysis track. And the rigorous curriculum covers 70% of the material on the Chartered Financial Analyst Level 1 Exam — the first of three exams needed for an a to be credentialed as a CFA.

Bansal and Doellman received the dean's 2022 Curriculum Innovation Grant for their cultivation of the APM course, the finance department's flagship program in experiential learning and student success. They plan to use the financial award as seed capital to establish the APM fund to support student scholarships.

THE FINAL DECISION

Based on Pezold's analysis and recommendations, the 2021 APM class chose to keep Disney and Netflix stock in SLU's portfolio and increased the portfolio's weight in the communication services sector. Based on Dowell's recommendations, the students chose to replace Honeywell with Federal Signal and increased the portfolio's weight in the industrial sector.

UTAS



The Jesuit Center

A new Jesuit facility puts mission in the middle of the SLU community.

Centered

in the Heart of Campus

— By Maggie Rotermund



The chapel

“Without the Jesuits, and without all the wonderful gifts that they bring to this community and its students, it’s just another university,” donor Terry Mehan (A&S ’74) said.

But Saint Louis University is not just any university, Mehan explained. It is a Jesuit university, and SLU’s Jesuit community is now centered in the heart of campus.

Construction of Saint Louis University’s Jesuit residence was completed over the summer. Jesuits missioned as professors, pastors and staff members at the University moved into the facility near Spring Hall along Laclede Avenue beginning Aug. 1.

“One of the things we’ve really missed (during construction) is the fact that the University Jesuit community has been scattered around town,” said David Suwalsky, S.J., vice president of mission and identity at SLU. “Being able to share meals together, to celebrate Mass together and to live in community is so important.”

Having a strong Jesuit presence on campus was also important to Marian “Bo” (Vatterott) Mehan (VSN ’74, Law ’82), the vice chair of SLU’s board of trustees. She remembers the number of Jesuits on campus during her time at SLU and what an impression they made upon her.

“They were front and center in so many ways. You didn’t have to think about how important they are to the University. You saw them everywhere,” she said. “The new Jesuit

residence affirms that — it puts our Jesuits right in the middle of the action.”

The Jesuit residence creates a space for enhanced interaction between SLU’s Jesuits and the wider community. The facility has 20 bedrooms for SLU Jesuits and five for guests. It also has a chapel, dining space and meeting rooms. The chapel and first-floor meeting rooms are open for use by the community. Several student weeknight Masses, previously held in residence halls, have moved to the new chapel.

“There was no one single place where all of the Jesuits connected to the University worked, lived and could be found,” Timothy McMahon, S.J., SLU trustee and rector of SLU’s Jesuit community, said. “Here, you can see the spire of the chapel. You can see the building, and you know that’s where the Jesuits are and that they’re here.”

Suwalsky noted that the new facility keeps SLU competitive for Jesuit assignments. The Jesuit provinces have made it clear that assignments will be based on strong resources available to the priests and Jesuit communities committed to and created on college campuses.

The new Jesuit residence keeps SLU well-positioned for future growth by creating both a home for the University’s Jesuits and a place for the community to gather with them.

Michael Rozier, S.J. (A&S ’03), assistant professor and chair of health management and policy in the College for Public Health and Social Justice, said his exposure to the Jesuit community at SLU during his undergraduate years led him to service.

“I would not be a Jesuit today if it weren’t for the Jesuits I met as an undergraduate student over two decades ago,” he said. “My vocation, my very being, is grounded in those relationships.”

Rozier added that he hoped the central location of the residence on campus would allow for increased interaction between the Jesuit community, faculty members and students.

Those interactions carry meaning for Terry Mehan, even 40 years after from his time at SLU.

“The Jesuits added a richness to campus life,” he said, adding that the tenets of Ignatian spirituality he learned at SLU stayed with him and have been beneficial in his everyday life.

A NEW BEGINNING

SLU Jesuits and other members of the Society of Jesus have resided in Jesuit Hall since 1973. In 2020, former Jesuit Provincial Ronald Mercier, S.J., confirmed a plan to create two new communities from Jesuit Hall: One designed for retired Jesuits and those who need medical support, and the second for Jesuits working at the University.

“It was really important to us on the board of trustees that we remain committed to our mission and values,” Bo Mehan said. “This new facility is a statement and a commitment to our Jesuits for years to come.”

The Saint Louis University community and members of the Jesuits Central and Southern Province broke ground on the new residence in April 2021.

University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello noted when the project was announced that the decision to locate the residence on campus followed SLU’s strategic priority to strengthen its Catholic and Jesuit mission.

“For many, many years, the Jesuits carried Saint Louis University on their backs from every perspective — from the business perspective, the educational perspective, the financial, the spiritual,” Bo Mehan said. “It’s our turn to take some of that load on our backs, and I think this building really helps do that.”

The facility was designed by HKW Architects, and BSI Constructors Inc. served as the general contractor. SLU was awarded a \$2 million challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation toward the construction of the residence.

The Mabee Foundation funds new construction, building renovations and the purchase of major medical equipment. It limits its grants to brick-and-mortar projects located in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. It was formed in 1948 by Missouri natives and Oklahoma residents John and Lottie Mabee. The couple also wanted to encourage others to give, and so crafted the foundation grants as challenge grants that both require and inspire widespread public support.

Members of SLU’s board of trustees officially opened the facility during Homecoming 2022, and the chapel was consecrated in October. **UTAS**



The living room on the main level



The Aloysius Motherway, S.J., Library

1965

Jack Dauner (GRAD CSB '65, '71) was honored in June by the French Foreign Legion for his service in World War II. Dauner served in the 9th Infantry Division in 1944. After that, he earned degrees from the University of Iowa and SLU, where he later taught. He wrote more than 150 scholarly articles on marketing and sales, wrote three books and founded a consulting firm before retiring. He lives in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

1967

Dr. Lynn Beckwith Jr. (GRAD ED '67, '83) has been president of the board of trustees for the St. Louis County Library District since 2010. In his honor, the library's new administrative building in Frontenac, Missouri, was named the Lynn Beckwith Jr. Administrative Building.

Sarwar Kashmeri (PC '67, GRAD PC '71) published "The Telegram: A China Agenda for President Biden," a report for the Foreign Policy Association, where he is a fellow. He is also the author of *China's Grand Strategy: Weaving a New Silk Road to Global Primacy* and founder/host of "America and China in the World," a weekly live current-affairs program. He lives in West Lebanon, New Hampshire.



1972

Elizabeth (Rizer) Casso (CSB) was appointed president of Mercy Ministries of Laredo, which is affiliated with the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. She lives in Laredo, Texas, with her husband, **Alfonso Casso** (CSB).

Bob Westropp (A&S) is a senior investment advisor and principal at Bernstein Private Wealth Management. He joined the firm in 1997. He lives in Lake Forest, Illinois.

1974

Dr. Linda Murphy Marshall (GRAD A&S '74, '78) wrote a book, *Ivy Lodge: A Memoir of Translation and Discovery*. She lives in Columbia, Maryland.

1975

Donald Loeffler (GRAD CSB) worked in marketing management for multinational companies and taught business as an adjunct faculty member at schools across the country. He lives in St. Louis.

1976

David Johnson (LAW), a lawyer with Johnson Kush PC, received the Colorado Bar Association's Award of Merit in early 2022. He lives in Colorado Springs.

1982

Gerard Mantese (LAW), a partner at Mantese Honigman law firm, obtained a preliminary injunction in early 2022 preventing the destruction of a rare, centuries-old, forested wetland in Michigan.

1983

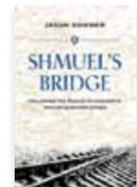
Dr. Jerry Finkelstein (GRAD A&S) wrote a book, *Where Are Your (K)nots? Getting Unstuck in Your Life*. Finkelstein has been a practicing psychologist in New York City for over 35 years. He resigned as director of The New School Counseling Center but still supervises staff and trainees there.

1984

Rick Dames (A&S '84, CSB '84) is managing director at Avison Young and CEO at Pace Properties Inc. He lives in St. Louis.

Mark A. Lewis, S.J. (GRAD A&S) was named by Pope Francis in June to be the next rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Lewis taught church history at the Jesuit-run university since 2017 and served as academic vice rector since 2019. He took up his new post in September.

1986



Dr. Jason Sommer (GRAD A&S) wrote *Shmuel's Bridge: Following the*

Tracks to Auschwitz with My Survivor Father. Sommer lives in St. Louis.

1987

Dr. Patrick F. Foley (GRAD) is president of the American Board of Orthodontics through May 2023. Foley is an associate professor and assistant director of the Center for Advanced Dental Education at SLU. He previously had a private practice in orthodontics in Lake Zurich, Illinois, for 30 years.

1989

David Termuhlen (GRAD A&S) developed a new board game, *The Shards of Alkmae*. He lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

BRYAN BEASLEY

Sports fans rely on the stats, data and history that broadcasters share, but the announcers don't pull that information off the tops of their heads. They rely on people like Bryan Beasley (CSB '11).

Beasley is a senior researcher on *SportsCenter*, which won the 2020-21 Sports Emmy for Outstanding Studio Show Daily. He also works on NFL studio shows.

Beasley collaborates with producers, graphics producers, the features group and on-air talent. He uses broad and deep sports knowledge to ensure the accuracy of live news and information for studio, event and digital coverage. His responsibilities include researching original content for full-screen graphics, anchor lead-ins and original pieces.

"It's great to work with longtime talent like Chris Berman, who I grew up watching on *NFL Countdown* and *NFL PrimeTime*," he said.

Though Beasley always wanted to work in the competitive sports industry, he admits he hadn't always wanted to be a researcher. At Saint Louis University, Beasley studied business administration with a concentration in economics and envisioned becoming an athletic director at a college or a sports agent in one of the major leagues. His analytical mindset and knack for numbers led him down a different path.



He used microeconomics and statistics to analyze sports business. He studied profit maximization, revenue sharing, competitive balance and collective bargaining — skills that would serve him later in his career.

"The choice to attend SLU was the best decision I ever made. It was the foundation of my success."

"I was interested in Saint Louis University because of the opportunities at the business school," he said.

Those opportunities included hands-on experiences. As a member of SLU's Delta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity, Beasley networked with prominent local business people. And he assisted a sports economics professor with research on a consulting project for the 2011 Super Bowl in Dallas.

He also played tennis for the Billikens, competing in Atlantic 10 conference tournaments and "scrappy" matchups against rivals such as Xavier University.

"Playing tennis has given me an incredible outlook on life and great lessons about failure, persistence, versatility, flexibility and never thinking you're above other people," he said.

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Beasley on the set of ESPN's SportsCenter

After SLU, Beasley pursued graduate work at the University of San Francisco,

another Jesuit institution. While there, he was a public relations intern for the Oakland Raiders during the 2011 season. He weathered the NFL's highs and lows, including a lockout and the death of the team's longtime owner and general manager Al Davis.

"My interest in the NFL wasn't as big until I started the internship," he said.

After earning a master's degree in sports management at USF, he started working as a data analyst for Nielsen Sports, formerly Repucom. That position led him to ESPN in 2014.

In addition to his *SportsCenter* duties, Beasley leads tennis coverage at ESPN. He's attended two Wimbledon Championships in London and the U.S. Open every year since 2015. He also helped cover the NFL Draft in Las Vegas, the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 in 2016, Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta, and talk show *First Take* during the 2017 NBA All-Star Weekend in New Orleans.

"The choice to attend SLU was the best decision I ever made," he said. "It was the foundation of my success." — *By Bridjes O'Neil*

We hope to see you soon!

Check out upcoming virtual and in-person events and opportunities at alumni.slu.edu.

Alumni Merit Awards

These annual awards acknowledge the success of exceptional alumni. Listed are the 2020 honorees, who finally were recognized in May 2022.



William L. Carrier
(PC '81)

Carrier spent his career at The Boeing Co. developing aircraft and spacecraft, and researching designs and techniques for composite structures. He retired in 2016 as vice president and senior chief engineer for structures and mechanical systems for Boeing's Defense Space and Security business. For nearly two decades, he's been an advisor for SLU's aerospace and mechanical engineering programs.



Dr. Isiaah Crawford
(A&S '82)

Crawford began his career on the psychology faculty at Loyola University Chicago. He eventually became dean of Loyola's College of Arts and Sciences while keeping a private psychotherapy practice. He later became provost at Seattle University, where he spent eight years. In 2016, he became president of the University of Puget Sound. He also received an honorary degree from SLU in May.



Dennis M. Jenkerson
(PS '02)

A third-generation firefighter, Jenkerson has served the St. Louis Fire Department for 40 years and has been chief since 2007. He managed numerous major city events, including two World Series and the NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament. Under his leadership, the department increased outreach and engagement initiatives, which have led to a decline in the number of fire fatalities.



Mary Kay Knight Macheca
(VSN '82, '86)

Macheca is a nurse practitioner who educates and cares for patients with chronic disease, specifically diabetes. Her relationships with patients span years as she helps them navigate their disease from physical, spiritual, emotional and economic perspectives. Macheca also has been a member of the nursing school's executive advisory board for a decade, currently serving as board chair.



Jennifer L. McDaniel
(DCHS '05)

A registered dietitian and former faculty member in the Doisy College of Health Sciences, McDaniel founded McDaniel Nutrition Therapy in 2010 to help clients with weight management, sports nutrition and nutrition genetic testing. She was one of the first board-certified specialists in sports nutrition in Missouri and consults with elite endurance athletes. She co-authored the *Prevention Mediterranean Table* cookbook.



Thomas B. Nenninger
(IT '61)

As an engineer for Texas Instruments in the 1960s, Nenninger sensed the information technology revolution. He joined Electronic Data Systems, where he spent 30 years as a systems engineer, vice president and ultimately strategic unit director in technology architecture. Retired since 1999, he continues to volunteer with Planned Living Assistance Network, a nonprofit that supports individuals with mental illness and their families.



Thomas J. Reese, S.J.
(P&L, Grad A&S '68)

A senior analyst for the Religion News Service, Reese is one of the most widely respected writers about the Catholic Church in the United States. His columns appear regularly in the *National Catholic Reporter*, and he is the former editor-in-chief of *America*, published by the U.S. Jesuits. In 2014, President Barack Obama appointed him to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.



Dr. Alice F. Roach
(Ed '04, '06)

In the St. Louis Public School District, Roach has been a teacher, counselor, instructional coordinator, principal and the superintendent's chief of staff. She now is the administrative director of the Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund, which gives teachers and administrators support for educational and professional development; Roach said the fund is close to her heart because it helped pay for her graduate education.



Jerry Sax (CSB '83)

Sax has spent more than three decades in finance and operations, most recently as chief financial officer and board member for Electrical Components International. Before that he spent 20 years with St. Louis-based Viasystems Group. Sax also has advised several education-centric, not-for-profit organizations, and has underwritten scholarships in SLU's School of Education and the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business.



Dr. Thomas P. Shaner
(A&S '68, Med '72)

In nearly 40 years as a physician in St. Louis, Shaner delivered more than 8,000 babies. He also taught countless SLU medical students. Even with a demanding schedule, Shaner made medical mission trips to Haiti, Brazil and Honduras. Retired since 2014, he volunteers at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital and Loyola Academy, where he is a tutor.



Phillip Edward Sowa
(A&S '69, PH '73)

For nearly 40 years, Sowa held leadership positions with health care facilities across the country. He oversaw disaster response at a San Francisco hospital after the 1989 earthquake, and he navigated a New Orleans medical center through Hurricane Katrina in 2005. From 2011 to 2015, he was CEO of Saint Louis University Hospital, the No. 1 hospital in the Tenet Healthcare system in 2014.



Dr. Suthanya Srisuro
(Grad Dent '75)

Srisuro was an orthodontist and dentofacial orthopedic specialist in private practice for nearly 40 years, and a part-time faculty member in SLU's orthodontics program. She traveled to Thailand many times to teach and provide dental services for underserved children. In 2006, she founded the "Thai Fund," which supports orthodontic education at SLU. She co-founded the Thai Buddhist Temple of St. Louis.



Stephen M. Strum
(Law '88)

A shareholder of Sandberg, Phoenix and von Gontard, P.C., Strum defended product manufacturers in hundreds of catastrophic injury cases and handled the defense in over 500 nursing home cases. He also gives back to his community, most recently as a volunteer job coach through the Saint Louis University Transformative Workforce Academy, which helps former prisoners find and retain employment.



Cecilia A. Nadal
(A&S '72)

Nadal founded Gitana Productions, a nonprofit that promotes global healing through music, dance and drama in St. Louis. She has produced dozens of international music and dance shows, original plays and educational events to promote peace and connection across cultures. She also wrote two plays, *Between Worlds: An American Tragedy* and *An Amazing Story: German Abolitionists of Missouri*.

PIONEER AWARD

1990

Teryl Franklin (A&S) is the national news editor for Lee Enterprises, a media company with news organizations in 77 markets. She lives in McFarland, Wisconsin.

1991

Dr. David M. Sander (A&S '91) was elected as second vice president of the National League of Cities (NLC), where he has been in leadership for more than 12 years. He has served as a mayor and council member of Rancho Cordova, California, since 2002.

1993

Nicole Colbert-Botchway (A&S '93, LAW '96) was inducted into the Saint Louis University Order of the Fleur de Lis. She lives in St. Louis.

Cynthia "Cindy" (Burke) McGuire (A&S) married Jason McGuire in June 2021 in Siesta Key, Florida, where they live. Many SLU friends attended the wedding, and three of her bridesmaids were SLU alumnae. She is the director of total health and value management for United Healthcare, and she published a book, *And Out Came Me: Overcoming the Odds to be Your Best Self*, in December 2021.

Dr. Camille (Williams) Newton (MED) founded PureWick Inc., which was acquired by Becton Dickinson in 2017. PureWick is a female external catheter used in hospitals around the world. Newton lives in Bonsall, California.

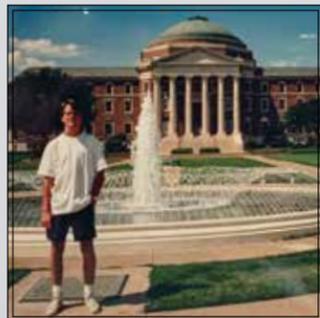
HOW I GOT HERE



Dr. Jody Sowell
(GRAD A&S '11)

President, Missouri Historical Society

'72 Sowell is born in Memphis, Tennessee. He moves to Arkansas in third grade but returns to Memphis during high school.



▲ Sowell on the campus of Southern Methodist University

'91 He enrolls at Southern Methodist University. *"The first thing I wanted to be as a kid was a preacher. Then I wanted to go into advertising, and it wasn't until I got to college that I got on the journalism career path."*



▲ Sowell and Shannon outside of The Dallas Morning News offices.

'94 While in college, Sowell begins working at The Dallas Morning News.

"I started by writing obituaries — some of the most interesting people I ever met; they just happened to be dead."

Also that year, he meets his wife, Shannon, and they get engaged. They wed two years later. ▼



▲ The Sowells at the University of Missouri

'96 Sowell moves to Columbia, Missouri, to pursue a master's degree at the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He starts teaching and becomes an editor at the *Columbia Missourian*, which is produced by student reporters and photographers with faculty editors.

'98 He completes his master's degree.

"We had planned on moving on after graduation, but I had fallen in love with teaching and editing at the Missourian, so we stayed."



▲ Sowell and Savannah in the Missourian newsroom

'00 Sowell's daughter Savannah is born and becomes a frequent newsroom visitor.

'03 Hoping to continue on an academic career path, Sowell and his family move to St. Louis, and he begins a doctorate in American studies at Saint Louis University.

"I was attracted to SLU American studies because of its focus on urban and community history."



▲ Sowell and Savannah with baby Vienna

'04 Sowell's second daughter, Vienna, is born. He also begins adjunct teaching at SLU, as well as at Fontbonne University and Washington University in St.

Louis. He still teaches at SLU as often as his schedule allows.

"I get a lot of energy from teaching. I get recharged by talking to students about their views."

'06 He receives a contract job conducting oral histories for the exhibit "Flight City" at the Missouri History Museum.

"My family had fallen in love with St. Louis, and we knew this was where we wanted to raise the girls. We also knew that the job would slow my progress on the doctorate, but we decided I should take the job in case it would lead to other things."



▲ Sowell and his family at SLU commencement ceremonies

'11 He graduates from SLU.

"The way that I look at cities, place and history mostly comes from my work in American studies at SLU. That program helped me think about cities in layers — you're not just thinking about a place as a population,

a grid on a map or architecture. You're also thinking about the arts, culture and public places that make a place so special. In my work, I'm trying to give people a thick description of St. Louis from all of these different layers and perspectives."

'12 Working full-time as a public historian at the Missouri Historical Society, he creates the "Our Olympics" exhibit about the first Olympics held in the United States.

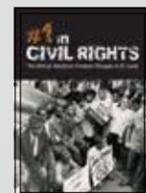


▲ "250 in 250" banner hanging at the Missouri History Museum

'14 Now director of exhibitions and research at MHS, he leads the team that creates "250 in 250," an exhibit that commemorates the 250th anniversary of the founding of St. Louis through the stories of 50 people, 50 places, 50 objects, 50 images and 50 moments.

"This exhibit ushered in a series of attendance gains the likes of which we had never seen at MHS."

Under his leadership, the museum opens eight of its 10 most-visited exhibits. These



include "#1 in Civil Rights," "A Walk in 1875 St. Louis" and "Route 66: Main Street Through St. Louis."

'20 He oversees the museum's efforts during the pandemic, leading to the "Uplifting STL" social media series and "St. Louis Strong" video. The MHS team wins the Silver Lining Award from the Association of Midwest Museums.

"It was recognition that people are looking to use the past to better plan the future, to get through difficult times."



▲ "STL History Minute" with Sowell

'21 Sowell makes his debut as host of the "STL History Minutes," informational commercials that air on KMOV-TV during CBS Sunday Morning.

"The reaction has been overwhelming. I did not realize that many people watched Sunday morning television. I now have strangers coming up to me all the time who say, 'Hey, you're the history guy!'"

'22 He is named president of the Missouri Historical Society and is committed to telling more stories that can give visitors — in person or online — a better understanding of American history through the lens of St. Louis.

"We oftentimes ask people to share their own memories, which helps them realize that they're part of history. History is not something that happened to other people. History is what happened to you and your family. And it's what we're living through today."
— *By Laura Geiser*

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

1998

Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith (GRAD SW '98, GRAD PH '99) is the first African American woman to serve as president of Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU). Smith has 20 years of leadership experience and a background in administration and program development. She has been at HSSU since 2010.

1999

Dr. Mark J. Fesler (A&S '99, MED '03) took a new role at Saint Luke's Hospital Center for Cancer Care to further develop specialized hematologic oncology care with a focus on clinical research and immunotherapy in a community setting. He served Saint Louis University and SLUCare as director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program from 2013-21.

Katey (Marcinkowski) Howes

(DCHS '99, GRAD DCHS '01) and her award-winning picture book *Be A Maker* were featured in March on the first episode of a new *Reading Rainbow* reboot called *Reading Rainbow Live*. She lives in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

2000

Dr. Jack Simons (A&S) was tenured and promoted to associate professor of school counseling at Mercy College in New York.

2001

Brad Henry (A&S) is director of operations of IPI Wealth Management in Quincy, Illinois. He joined the firm after 17 years in executive roles at a local manufacturing company.

2002

Dr. Kathy Lund Dean (GRAD CSB) published *Course Design and Assessment* in 2022. Her first book, *The Ethical Professor*, is available in Chinese. A professor of leadership and ethics at Gustavus Adolphus College, she also is serving as a Fulbright specialist from 2022-25. She lives in St. Peter, Minnesota.

Ryan Mank (CSB) achieved the rank of “master at arms” through the Sonoma State University Fencing Masters Certificate Program; he is now a fencing master in the Italian tradition of swordplay. Mank began fencing with SLU’s fencing club in 2000 and began teaching it in St. Louis in 2006. Since 2012, he has run Red Sun Classical Fencing, a fencing school in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Greg Sweeso (CSB) was promoted to manager of preconstruction and estimating at Tarlton Corp., a St. Louis-based general contracting and construction management firm. He joined Tarlton as an estimator in 2015.

2003

Rev. David W. Loy (GRAD A&S), a Lutheran minister, was named dean of Christ College at Concordia University Irvine. He has served as a professor of philosophy, theology and ethics at Concordia since 2011.

2004

Dr. Mary Homan (A&S) is the southwest division vice president of ethics for CommonSpirit Health, which serves ministries in Arizona and Nevada. She also is an adjunct assistant professor in the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Institute for Health and Equity, at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Homan enjoys gardening and other outdoor activities, including natural horsemanship. She and her young son Blake are members of Three Holy Women Catholic parish in Milwaukee.

2005

Sean McGuire (A&S) welcomed his first child, daughter Samantha Jo McGuire, in April 2021, after a 7.5-year journey. He and his wife feel grateful and blessed to be parents.

Bobby Metzinger (A&S) is the data center product support manager for Carter Machinery, a Caterpillar dealership in Virginia. He is excited to support the Billikens when they play George Washington, Richmond, VCU and George Mason in conference play.


Dr. Burton St. John III

(GRAD A&S), professor of public relations at the

University of Colorado-Boulder, co-edited *Communicating Climate Change: Making Environmental Messaging Accessible* and *The Global Foundations of Public Relations: Humanism, China, and the West* in 2022. He also has ghostwritten two other books.

2007

Mark Garascia (ED), an educator at Hancock Place High School, was one of two St. Louis-area teachers to receive the \$25,000 Milken Educator Award

from *Teacher* magazine in 2022. He also was honored with an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Addison Killeen (A&S) is a dentist, author, speaker and business coach. He published his fifth and sixth dentistry books, *The Associate Dentist Manual* and *The Dental Marketing Manual*. He lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his wife and three boys.

2008

David Gutwein (LAW) is an associate with McMahon Berger, a St. Louis law firm dedicated to labor and employment defense. Previously, he had been in private practice with a focus on bankruptcy cases.

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SLU Connections, Saint Louis University’s career consultation platform, creates a space where alumni can provide career advice and knowledge to current students and fellow alumni through virtual consultations. Alumni can connect, access job resources, answer student questions and more. Join the community at sluconnections.slu.edu.

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BILLIKEN GREAT – CONTEMPORARY

Honoring student-athletes who competed in the past 30 years

Jordair Jett (A&S ’14) ranks fourth in assists and steals and 19th in points (1,239) for Billiken basketball. He was the Atlantic 10 Conference Player of the Year and was NABC first-team All-District in his senior year, helping lead SLU to a second straight A-10 regular-season title and third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. He later played professionally in Australia and New Zealand.

Robert Kristo (A&S ’14), one of just five three-time All-Americans for Billiken men’s soccer, led SLU in goals all four seasons. He helped get the Billikens to two NCAA tournaments and win an Atlantic 10 regular-season title and an A-10 tournament. Kristo was the A-10 Offensive Player of the Year and a Hermann Trophy semifinalist his senior year. He plays for the St. Louis Ambush.

Brianna Lore (A&S ’16) holds five school career softball records, including 70 wins. The only pitcher in program history to throw two no-hitters, she set a Billiken single-season mark of 25 victories and helped lead SLU to Atlantic 10 Conference regular-season and tournament runner-up finishes in 2014. Lore earned A-10 Co-Pitcher of the Year honors that season.

Margo Richardson (CSB ’14, Grad CSB ’16) won Atlantic 10 Conference titles in the indoor mile twice and the outdoor 1,500 meters in 2014. A three-time NCAA Championships first-round participant, Richardson owns school records in the

mile (4:50.77), 1,500 meters (4:23.54) and 3,000-meter steeplechase (11:05.41). In cross country, she is the only Billiken to earn four All-Conference honors.

Dahmar Smiles (A&S ’12) is a two-time Atlantic 10 Conference champion in the 110-meter hurdles. He qualified for NCAA Championships first-round competition three times; he moved on to the NCAA Championships quarterfinal round in 2010 and 2011 — the only Billiken track and field athlete to advance twice. Smiles holds SLU records in the 110-meter hurdles (14.02) and 60-meter hurdles (8.01).

Trisha (Underberg) Velasco (A&S ’99) played for SLU’s first women’s soccer team in 1996. She is one of five players in program history to make four All-Conference teams. She added first-team All-Region honors as a senior, helping lead the Billikens to their first league title (Conference USA regular season). A midfielder, Underberg finished with 78 points, 28 goals, 22 assists and 176 shots.

Mike Vigliarolo II (CSB ’15) became the first Billiken baseball player to be named Atlantic 10 Conference Player of the Year when he set career highs in batting average (.341), slugging percentage (.525), home runs (eight), RBI (42) and doubles (19) in 2013. A first baseman, Vigliarolo is SLU’s career leader in hits (282). The team won or shared the A-10 regular-season title in each of his four seasons.

2022 BILLIKEN HALL of FAME CLASS

The Saint Louis University Department of Athletics inducted 10 individuals and three teams into the Billiken Hall of Fame in February 2022.

BILLIKEN GREAT – PIONEER

Honoring student-athletes who competed more than 30 years ago

Jane (Johnson) Feltenstein (CSB ’81) played for four years on SLU’s field hockey team. Her 38 goals and 76 points were tied for second on the Billikens’ all-time lists when she finished her career; those totals remain in SLU’s top 10. The Billikens posted a 77-17-8 record during her career, including a school-record 28 victories her sophomore season.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Honoring former student-athletes who made major contributions to SLU’s athletic program and/or who have had distinguished careers

Marian “Bo” (Vatterott) Mehan (VSN ’74, Law ’82) played for SLU’s women’s basketball team. She is co-chair of the estate planning and probate department at the law firm of Lewis Rice LLC. She also is vice chair of the SLU board of trustees and a committee member for SLU’s “Get HER in the Game” scholarship initiative.

BAUMAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Honoring individuals, not necessarily former student-athletes or alumni, who made outstanding contributions to Billiken athletics

Bob O’Loughlin successfully managed more than 50 hotels as chairman and CEO of Lodging Hospitality Management, which he established in 1986. He is a member of the SLU board of trustees and the lead benefactor of the \$20 million O’Loughlin Family Champions Center, which will offer a variety of programming to Billiken student-athletes.

BOB BURNES AWARD

Honoring teams that have brought recognition to SLU

The **1970 Men’s Soccer Team**, led by head coach Harry Keough, captured the program’s eighth national championship and registered a 14-0-1 record. The Billikens defeated Akron, SIUE, Hartwick and UCLA in the NCAA Tournament.

The **1973 Men’s Soccer Team**, also coached by Harry Keough, claimed a 10th national title for SLU and finished with a 15-2-3 record. NCAA Tournament opponents were Bowling Green, SIUE, Brown and UCLA.

The **1989-90 Men’s Basketball Team**, led by head coach Rich Graver, had a runner-up finish in the National Invitation Tournament for a second consecutive season. The Billikens defeated Kent State, Green Bay, DePaul and New Mexico before dropping a two-point decision to Vanderbilt.

Six SLU Alumni Become Jesuits

Seventeen new Jesuits were ordained in the United States, Canada and Haiti in 2022. Several of them earned degrees at Saint Louis University. Here they are, along with their current assignments:

MATTHEW D. CORTESE, S.J. (GRAD A&S '17) is pursuing liturgical studies.

THOMAS CROTEAU, S.J. (GRAD A&S '16) serves at St. Peter Claver Parish in Punta Gorda, Belize.

SEAN P. HAGERTY, S.J. (GRAD A&S '17) is the assistant director of vocations for the USA East Province.

ERIC T. IMMEL, S.J. (A&S '05) serves as a vocation promoter for the Midwest Province and is working toward a Master of Theology in Black Catholic Studies from Xavier University of Louisiana.

DAVID KIBLINGER, S.J. (GRAD A&S '15) is spending a pastoral year at St. Martin de Porres Parish in Belize City, Belize.

JUAN RUIZ, S.J. (CSB '10) is an assisting priest at the Gesù Church in Miami.

that receives whole brain donations from deceased military personnel for diagnostic work-up and research. Priemer recently was first author of a *New England Journal of Medicine* report about the presence of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy in the brains of a large cohort of military service members.

2016

Dr. Thomas Harrison (GRAD ED) is a minister, educator, and media and communications consultant. His work has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Tulsa World*, *The Oklahoman* and other outlets. His book *Move Up! Don't Give Up! Factual Accounts of Courage, Hope, and Inspiration Told in Story, Song, and Scripture* was published in 2021. He lives in Springfield, Missouri.

2021



Baca (LEFT) at her profession ceremony with Sr. Patricia McDermott, the president of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Sr. Patricia Anne "Patti" Baca (GRAD PH) made her perpetual profession of vows as a Sister of Mercy in May in St. Louis. She entered the order in 2013. Raised in a Pentecostal family, Baca had a 20-year career in the Coast Guard. She converted to Catholicism in 2003.

Brian Julius (GRAD CSB) is a project manager with Tarlton Corp., a general contracting and construction management firm in St. Louis. He has worked on projects with significant concrete components including proton therapy vaults, a renovation at St. Louis Children's Hospital and the Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Jacob Lear (A&S) wanted to pursue his creative passions before committing to a life of medicine, so in 2021, he co-founded the videogame studio Joystick LLC. He's working to launch his first video game, *Kombinera*, with Atari as the publisher. In July he married **Laura Lipic** (DCHS '22), whom he met at SLU.

Shane Smeed (GRAD ED '21) is president of Park University. He has more than 23 years of experience in higher education. He and his wife, Angela, have three children: Samantha, Andrew and Landon.

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Cdr. Frank Kovarick (PC '47)
Dr. Frank Massari (MED '47)
Mrs. Rosemary (Robinson) Dreyer (SW '48)
Mr. Donald Kirkpatrick (PC '48)
Mr. Gerard Kordsmeier (CSB '48)
Mrs. Lillian (Killian) Nelson (DCHS '48)
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Mrs. Mary (Bisch) Stratmann (A&S '50)
Mr. John Tischhauser Jr. (A&S '50)
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Mrs. Joan (Della) Loesch (SW '52)
Mr. Richard Malecek (CSB '52)
Mr. Herbert Nuttli (IT '52)
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Mr. John Pender (CSB '52)
Mr. Louis Prebil (PH '52)
Mr. Jay Reeg (CSB '52)
Mr. Robert Ringel (PC '52)
Rev. Dr. Francis Rog, C.R. (CSB '52)
Dr. Paul Webb Jr. (MED '52)
Mrs. Jeanne (Weber) Welborn (A&S '52)
Mr. James Brennan (CSB '53)
Lt. Col. Eugene Clervi (A&S '53)
Mr. John Durbin (A&S '53)

Mr. Richard E. Fister Sr. (A&S '53, Law '55), former assistant to the president of SLU and professor of finance, died Sept. 11, 2022, at age 90. He came to the University in 1977 after a career in banking and left in 1981 to form Fister and Associates, an investment bank and consulting firm. He was the first of three generations of SLU graduates.



Dr. Donald Fong (DENT '53)
Mr. Donald Herr (CSB '53)
Mr. George Jokerst (A&S '53)
Dr. J. Richard Landgraf (DENT '53)
Mr. William McCormack (CSB '53)
Hon. Thomas O'Shea (LAW '53)
Mr. Charles Ohmer (LAW '53)
Mr. Edward Peistrup Sr. (CSB '53)
Dr. William Schmidt (DENT '53)
Mrs. Virginia (Schless) Senkosky (ED '53)
Mr. Bernard Tobin (CSB '53)
Mr. Edward Watson (PC '53)
Mr. Kernel Armbruster (LAW '54)
Dr. Arthur Basso (DENT '54)
Mr. John Caslin (CSB '54)
Mr. Samuel Duggan (A&S '54)
Mr. Leonard Garavaglia (CSB '54)
Dr. John Hruby (DENT '54)
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Mr. John Lonergan (A&S '54)
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Mr. Richard Maskell (CSB '54)
Mr. Louis Mossotti (CSB '54)
Mr. Eugene Mueth Jr. (CSB '54)
Mr. James Nangle Jr. (LAW '54)
Dr. Leo Neu Jr. (MED '54)
Dr. Robert O'Brien (MED '54)
Mr. R.A. Rauschenbach (CSB '54)



Dr. José Mariano Sánchez (A&S '54, Grad A&S '57), a professor emeritus of history, died Sept. 29, 2022. He was 89. Dr. Sánchez taught at SLU from 1960 until retiring in 2004. He was department chair from 1971-74. He was admired by students for his knowledge and wit in courses on western civilization, 20th-century European history, Spain, and the Spanish Civil War. Each year SLU's Department of History honors an outstanding teaching assistant with the José Sánchez Teaching Award.

Rev. James Schultz, C.R. (A&S '54)
Mr. Harold Steadham (PH '54)
Mr. Francis Steins Jr. (A&S '54)
Mr. Frank Stroot (CSB '54)
Dr. Richard Austing (A&S '55)
Mr. Eric Burgess (PC '55)
Mr. Cletus Byrne Jr. (CSB '55)
Dr. Richard Cappelletti (MED '55)
Dr. Joyce (Devine) Devine-Woolsey (MED '55)
Mr. John Dowd (CSB '55)
Mr. James Ebeling (A&S '55)
Mr. David Fraser (A&S '55)
Mr. Carl Hemmer (A&S '55)
Miss Catherine Hunkele (VSN '55)

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Mr. Ralph Jewell (DCHS '55)
Mr. Edwin Kraus (IT '55)
Dr. Patricia (Cowie) Kraus (A&S '55)
Dr. Edward Leschansky (MED '55)

Dr. Randall E. McNally (Med '55), a plastic surgeon, died July 25, 2022, at age 92. In 1972, Dr. McNally treated Kim Phuc Phan Thi, who was seen in a Pulitzer Prize-winning photo running down a road in Vietnam after being burned by napalm. According to Rush University Medical Center, where Dr. McNally once chaired the plastic and reconstructive surgery department, he was the girl's primary surgeon for three operations. His other patients included many Chicago Blackhawks players when he served as a physician for the hockey team. He worked at Rush for half a century.



Mr. Eugene Pautler (A&S '55)
Mr. Martin Ploussard (CSB '55)
Mr. John Rumford (PC '55)
Mr. John Ryan Jr. (PH '55)
Mr. John Tanner (CSB '55)
Mr. Robert Welling (LAW '55)
Mr. Robert Wick (CSB '55)
Mrs. Joan (Sheedy) Bowen (VSN '56)
Dr. Gust Charnas (DENT '56)
Dr. Joseph Galletta (DENT '56)
Dr. John Gray (DENT '56)
Mr. Jerald Higgins (A&S '56)
Dr. John Johnson (DENT '56)
Dr. Francis Kapper (A&S '56)
Mr. Warren Langford (CSB '56)

Dr. James Lehmann (MED '56)
Mr. Robert McCormick (A&S '56)
Dr. Peter Sanfilipo (DENT '56)
Mr. Gerald Schoor (CSB '56)
Dr. Ronald Tonsi (DENT '56)
Mr. Robert Vivian (CSB '56)

Dr. Richard M. Andres (PC '57, Grad PC '62, '71, PC '88), a professor emeritus in aerospace and mechanical engineering, died Oct. 7, 2022. He was 90 years old. In 1959, he started working at SLU as an instructor in aeronautics. In addition to being an active faculty member at SLU for more than 40 years, Dr. Andres was also a private pilot and a rated airframe and power plant mechanic, and he built his own aircraft.



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Dr. Roy Edward Cheatham
 (Grad Ed '69, '75), former dean of SLU's Metropolitan College, the precursor to the School for Professional Studies, died Nov. 20, 2021. He was 80 years old. In 1969, Dr. Cheatham started as an assistant to the dean of SLU's College of Arts and Sciences. The next year, he became director of SLU's Collegiate Assistance Program and Upward Bound. Dr. Cheatham later served as the director of special academic programs before becoming dean. He retired from SLU in 2006.



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Dr. John J. Stretch
 (Grad CSB '80), former assistant dean for the School of Social Work, died May 20, 2022, at age 87. Dr. Stretch was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1958 and later served in the reserves as a commissioned social work officer until 1972. He came to SLU in 1969. He directed the social work program from 1973-94. From 1976-87, he was the assistant dean for the School of Social Work. He was an expert on welfare reform, homelessness and housing issues.

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The "In Memoriam" section includes the names of alumni who died between 2020 and the fall of 2022.

- Mr. Mitchell Kolesar (PC '90)
- Mrs. Jeanne (Crivello) Thornberry (A&S '90)
- Mrs. Carolyn (Campbell) Townes (SW '90)
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- Ms. Jean (Hogan) Schneider (SW '92)
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- Mr. Robert Budenholzer (LAW '93)
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- Ms. Michele Frizzell (SW '00)
- Dr. Christine Gordon (ED '00)
- Ms. Angela Koester (CSB '00)
- Mr. Daniel Grissmer (A&S '03)
- Mr. Jared Danielsen (CSB '04)

Dr. Rose (Jan) Wilson (Grad Ed '06), associate professor emerita in the School of Social Work, died June 18, 2022, at age 75. Dr. Wilson spent 25 years in practice as a social worker before joining the SLU faculty in 1996. For the next 18 years, she oversaw the practicum program for graduate students and taught graduate classes focusing on school social work. As a clinical faculty member, Dr. Wilson developed the school social work specialization. She retired in 2014.



- Mr. Robert Young (PS '06)
- Dr. Margaret North-Jones (ED '08)
- Ms. Cora (Drew) Walker (LAW '09)
- Mrs. Anne (Duda) Mayes (PS '12)
- Mr. Eugene Rodemich III (A&S '12)
- Ms. Victoria Stake (A&S '14)
- Dr. Vincent Gibbons (DCHS '16)
- Mr. Darryl Cooper (PS '17)
- Ms. Jireh Hill (PS '18)
- Ms. Danielle Morago (PS '20)
- Mr. Barry Preston (PS '22)

Dr. Daniel L. Blash, vice dean for diversity, equity and inclusion and chief diversity officer for the School of Medicine, died Nov. 2, 2022. He was 54. Dr. Blash joined the SLU community in 2019 and worked to develop a culture of diversity and belonging in the School of Medicine. Prior to that, he served in administrative and faculty roles at several institutions around the region. He founded Blash Counseling Associates in Old North St. Louis to provide mental health assistance to an underserved community. He also founded Fresh Anointing Apostolic Church, where he was pastor until his passing.



Father Garth L. Hallett, S.J., professor emeritus and former dean of the College of Philosophy and Letters, died June 24, 2022. He was 94 years old, a Jesuit for 75 years and a



priest for 62 years. He began his educational career at Jesuit High School in New Orleans in 1953. He later taught at Loyola University New Orleans, Spring Hill College, Gregorian University, University of Detroit and Xavier University. He was at SLU from 1985-2009. Father Hallett was a disciple of linguistic analysis. He published 15 books. Upon retirement, he was a writer in residence at Jesuit Hall in St. Louis.

Dr. Kathryn E. Kuhn, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, died July 10, 2022, at age 59. Dr. Kuhn joined the SLU faculty in 1990. Her work and teaching focused on issues of gender, immigration, crime and social theory. In addition, she was involved in SLU's Faculty Senate, where she was an advocate for shared governance. She recently was a co-editor of the book *Power and Protest at an American University: No Confidence, No Fear* with other SLU faculty members.



Father Frederick G. McLeod, S.J., retired professor of theology, died March 7, 2022. He was 90 years old, a Jesuit for 72 years and a priest for almost 60. Father McLeod began his active ministry at Baghdad College in Iraq, where he served from 1956-59. He returned to Baghdad in 1968 to teach Arabic studies but was soon forced



out of the country along with other foreign-born Jesuits. From 1969-73, he served as the rector of the Jesuit Collegian Community in Boston. He came to SLU in 1973 and taught theology until he retired in 2006.



Dr. Judith Z. Medoff, a professor emeritus of biology, died Sept. 29, 2022. She was 83. Dr. Medoff joined the SLU faculty in 1973. A developmental biologist, she taught courses on embryology, cell biology and advanced biochemistry. She retired from SLU in 2004. The Judith Z. Medoff Undergraduate Teaching Award has been given out every year since 2016.



Mr. George Paz, a SLU trustee and former chairman and CEO of Express Scripts, died Oct. 23, 2022. He was 67. Mr. Paz helped grow Express Scripts into a \$100 billion Fortune 25 industry leader and the largest pharmacy benefit management company in the nation. He retired in 2016 and joined SLU's board in 2017. Mr. Paz was known for his philanthropy, especially toward education; he supported student scholarships as part of SLU's Accelerating Excellence Campaign.

HAPPY 60TH

SLU broke ground on Griesedieck Memorial Hall on March 5, 1962, and welcomed its first residents for the fall 1963 semester. The landmark hall was part of the \$18 million Priority Needs Campaign, the first phase of the University's 150th Anniversary Development Program.

ROOM FOR ALL

"Gries" was conceived as a tower between Walsh and Clemens halls to house SLU's increasing number of out-of-town students. The building would add living quarters for 414 students, giving the U-shaped complex a total capacity of 853.

FAMILY NAME

The Griesediecks immigrated from Germany to St. Louis and operated several successful breweries. Alvin Griesedieck Sr., president of Falstaff Brewing Corp., was chairman of SLU's Firms and Corporations Council before he died in 1961; a lounge on the ground level of Gries was named in his honor.

CAMPUS LANDMARK

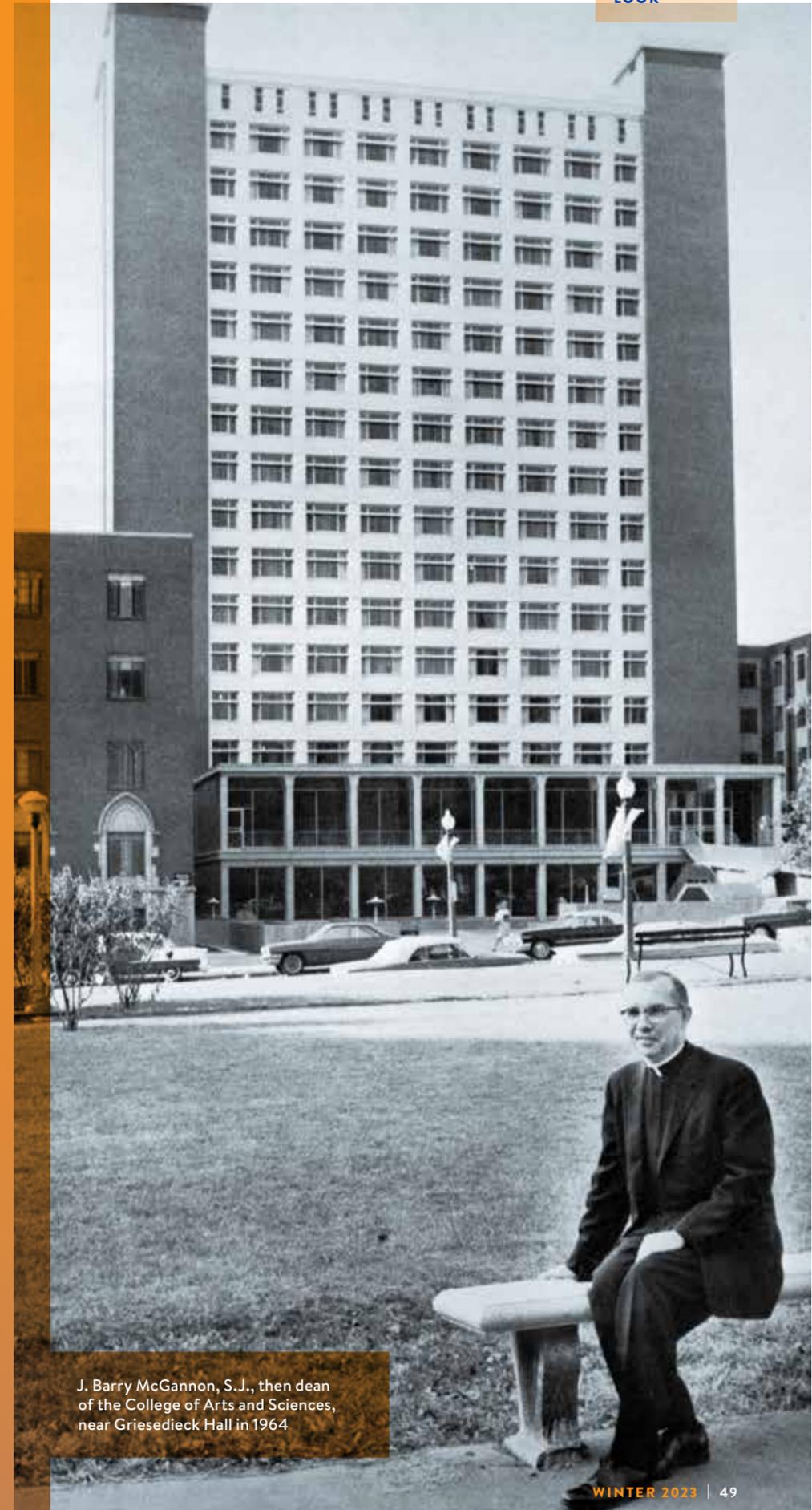
At 16 stories with 14 residential floors, Griesedieck Hall is the tallest building on campus. During past winter holiday seasons, select indoor lights have been left on strategically to create an illuminated cross visible from nearby Interstate 64.

BLUE-LIGHT SPECIAL

Twenty-five years ago, a lighted "Saint Louis University" was affixed to the top of Griesedieck; the switch first was flipped on June 24, 1997. Each blue letter measures six feet tall, and the length of the sign is 88 feet.

BOLAND PLAZA

The outdoor area in front of Griesedieck was called Boland Plaza after Joseph Boland, S.J., who lived in SLU's residence halls from 1946 after his Naval duty until he died in 1979. A 2004 renovation annexed the plaza space to double the size of the building's dining hall, which now is home to the Career Lab.



J. Barry McGannon, S.J., then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, near Griesedieck Hall in 1964



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