This report provides a snapshot of activities and accomplishments in the Paul C. Reinert, S.J. Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning at Saint Louis University for July-August 2012.

Programming & Services Overview
As usual, July and August were busy for the Center. In July, we officially kicked off the new year with a new name, a new website, and a fully-staffed center: Katie Beres joined the Center in June, and Erin Solomon and Dipti Subramaniam, our 2 new GAs, joined us in July. Additionally, we continued refining our strategic plan for the next three years, held a second session of our new and very popular Online Teaching and Learning Institute, offered workshops for both New Faculty Orientation and Graduate Assistant Orientation, and helped numerous faculty and graduate students prepare their fall courses in Blackboard.

CTTL By the Numbers
1 Two-Week Online Teaching & Learning Institute
5 Teaching Workshops:
  2 Syllabus Development, New Faculty Orientation
  1 Civility in the Classroom
  1 Active Learning, Graduate Assistant Orientation (GAO)
  1 Best Practices for First-Time Teachers (GAO)
4 Orientation Sessions:
  2 Learning Technologies at SLU, New Faculty Orientation
  2 CTTL services and/or Certificate Programs

New Name, New Website, New Blog
Our biggest news of the summer was our transition to our new name, Paul C. Reinert, S.J. Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning. While ambitious, the new name crystallizes our focus on transformative learning experiences, for both teachers and learners, and our commitment to serving as a transformative presence in the culture of teaching and learning at SLU.

To kick off our new name, we launched a new, more dynamic and interactive website, which you can now find at http://slu.edu/cttl. As if these changes weren’t enough, we also transformed The Notebook, formerly our quarterly newsletter, which now takes the form of a blog. There you will find new content at least twice a week, including a regular reflection podcast that is posted every Friday. Come check it out at http://www.slu.edu/blogs/cttl/.

15 Years of Teaching & Learning
This year marks our 15th anniversary as a comprehensive teaching center, serving both graduate students and faculty at SLU. To celebrate the history and traditions of the Center, and the future vision of where we’re headed, we threw a big bash on August 31.

Dr. Debie Lohe shared a bit of the Center’s history and talked about the importance of key figures like Don Brennan, Jim Korn, Cheryl Cavallo, and Mary Stephen in the formation and transformation of the Center. Dr. Darina Sargeant and Dr. Paaige Turner offered their reflections on what the Center has meant to them and to the Saint Louis University community.