**president's message**

This spring, *America* magazine asked me to write an article addressing the following question: "How does a Catholic college or university communicate to students the value of religion in society?"— *America* magazine is the nation’s leading forum for discussion of religion, society, politics and culture from a Catholic perspective. I was pleased to add my voice to this important conversation. (It was also honored to appear in the same pages as *America* culture editor James Martin, S.J. — our 2012 commencement speaker whose address is reprinted on page 22.)

As you might imagine, communicating the value of religion in society to students is a subject that I care deeply about. Although SLU’s commitment to Catholic, Jesuit education has never wavered during my 25-year tenure as president, I do have a growing concern about the increasingly secular — and superficial — society into which we send our graduates.

In sharing my *America* article with you, I hope you will be inspired to consider the value of religion in your own lives.

* * * A NEW REALITY * * *

We live in an increasingly secular and superficial world. How can we expect our students to pursue truth, to find God in all things, to lead lives of significance, when reality television stars have become our cultural icons?

While college students seem less likely to embrace religion than they did when I became president of Saint Louis University 25 years ago, I firmly believe that we at Jesuit institutions can reverse this trend, primarily because we do not have to look very far for inspiration. The religious conversion of St. Ignatius Loyola changed the world, and nearly 500 years later his message and his mission still resonate on our campuses and in our communities.

As SLU, we communicate the value of religion in many ways. We require all students to take theology courses. We celebrate a Sunday night Mass that draws 1,000 students of varying religious backgrounds. And we structure many service projects in St. Louis and beyond to include faith and reflection, challenging our students to become agents for change. These worthy endeavors are expected at a place like Saint Louis University, of course. To further help students understand the power of religion, sometimes it is necessary to do the unexpected, which, for us, means focusing on other faiths, too.

With the hope of nourishing the faith lives of all our students, the campus ministry department works closely with such groups as our Hindu Student Community, Muslim Student Association and SLU Jews, as well as religious leaders and ministers of different faiths from the external community.

A newly chartered Interfaith Alliance, created by students, develops programs that build bridges and encourage understanding. The student founders consciously connect with others of diverse religious backgrounds and find common ground by performing service projects and going on retreat together. I am immensely proud of these students and the example they set. I am also aware that the University could do more to foster interfaith dialogue and interreligious cooperation. I believe all Catholic colleges and universities must do a better job of reaching out and serving non-Catholic students. If Catholicism is to thrive in these increasingly secular and superficial times, we must not be afraid to stand up for all religions.

Efforts to further our connection with other faiths do not make us any less Catholic or Jesuit. Efforts to improve the health of St. Louis’ Latino community emphasizes both faith and humor.

— By James Martin, S.J.
Lighten up.

That was the message from this year’s commencement speaker, James Martin, S.J., a best-selling author whose latest work is Between Heaven and Earth: Why Joy, Honor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life. Perhaps better known to the graduates as the chaplain of Comedy Central’s The Colbert Report, Martin addressed the Class of 2012 — and 6,000 of their family and friends — May 28 in Chaifetz Arena.

“Don’t take yourself so seriously,” Martin told the graduates in a speech peppered with humor. (To read his complete remarks, see page 22.) “Or, since this is a distinguished Jesuit university and I should frame things more elegantly, how about this: Joy, humor and laughter are underappreciated virtues in the spiritual life and represent an essential element in one’s own relationship with God.”

Before Martin had the graduates laughing, University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., took to the stage to offer them a salutation and invocation. He noted that the latter “sons and daughters of Saint Louis University forever” were about to join more than 115,000 SLU alumni living in every corner of the world.

“You have been challenged by our outstanding faculty, shaped by our modern, values-centered curriculum and transformed by our Catholic, Jesuit mission,” Biondi said. “Your experience here at Saint Louis University has made you uniquely prepared for something greater than a successful career. Your Catholic, Jesuit education has prepared you for a life of significance.”

During the ceremony, Biondi conferred honorary degrees upon Martin as well as to His Beatitude Maronite Patriarch Bshara Peter Bechara, the patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church, longtime SLU alumnus professor Dr. Paul A. Young (A.B. ’47, Grad ’53); and local philanthropists Ann and Doug Brown (Cook ’56).

The patriarch closed the ceremony with a prayer: “To our graduates: We wish you a very bright future,” he said. “This great university has equipped you with a very good intellectual formation, with knowledge, with the strength of hope and with a sense of justice and love. Go forward and make use of what you have acquired, in your families, in the world of work and, above all, in society at large. The future lies in the hands of those who sow hope in hearts and work for justice and peace in our world.”

Scenes from commencement, including Martin (second from left) addressing the graduates and the Patriarch receiving his degree from Biondi (far right).

HISTORY PROFESSOR AWARDED GUGGENHEIM FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Thomas Madden, director of SLU’s center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, received a 2012 fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. A professor in the department of history, Madden joins a group of 180 scholars, artists and scientists who were chosen from among nearly 3,000 applicants. He will use the Guggenheim Fellowship award to support his research into the history of Venice’s participation in the Crusades during the Middle Ages — a project titled “The Lion and the Cross: Violence, Religion and Identity in the Republic of Saint Mark.”

Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life

University has made you uniquely prepared for something greater than a life of significance. — Lawrence Biondi, S.J.

COMMENCEMENT HONORS THE CLASS OF 2012

SLU NAMED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL AGAIN

Saint Louis University has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the fifth consecutive year. This honor is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and community engagement. It honors exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

Each year, SLU volunteers donate hundreds of thousands of service hours in the metropolitan community and through spring break missions trips across the country and around the world.

The national honor roll is jointly sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Human Development, USA Freedom Corps and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Eighty-four percent of SLU students volunteer once during the year, which is well above the national average of 45 percent. Nearly half are regular volunteers, providing service multiple times a month.

Lighten up.

More than 1,290 participants in this year’s Relay for Life, who raised $130,000 to help fight cancer. Since its beginning in 2004, the SLU Relay for Life has raised more than $1.25 million for the American Cancer Society of Eastern Missouri.

By the Numbers: with SLU’s community service efforts

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By Clayton Berry

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Upcoming season unveiled
Saint Louis University Theatre has announced its 2012-13 season. The first show is a comedy that explores marital discord run amok, “Wonder of the World” by David Lindsay-Abaire, Oct. 3–6, 10, 12 and 13. The season continues with DAV Geaney’s truth-based tale of the women who painted radium on watches in the 1910s, “Radium Girls,” Nov. 9–10, 16, 17 and 18. The season’s musical offering is the Tony Award-winning Broadway hit, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, featuring music and lyrics by William Finn. It plays Feb. 22 and 23 and March 1, 2 and 3. The season ends with Antoin Chekov’s classic, Three Sisters, April 26 and 27 and May 3, 4 and 5. All shows begin at 8 p.m., except Sunday performances, which begin at 2 p.m. For more details on the Theatre season or to purchase season tickets, call 314-977-3327 or visit www.slu.edu/Theatre.

SLUMA EXHIBITIONS

Urban Wanderers
From Aug 6 through Sept. 16, the Saint Louis University Museum of Art will present “Urban Wanderers,” which features the art of more than 40 area artists who have painted, photographed, and sculpted their interpretation of an abandoned or abused dog or cat that has received a second chance from Stray Rescue of St. Louis. In addition, the rescued dogs use their paws, tails and noses to create “personalized” works of art that will be displayed and available for online silent auction.

Contemporary Women Artists’ Exhibition: Women’s Caucus for Art
“Contemporary Woman Artist’s Exhibition: Women’s Caucus for Art” will be shown at the Saint Louis University Museum of Art Aug. 24 through Oct. 7. This event was first held 30 years ago, making it the oldest-running exhibition in the St. Louis area that focuses on the wealth and diversity of women artists. The theme for the exhibition is “Singly, Together, Gently.”

SLUMA’s hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, visit sluma.slu.edu.

MOCRA EXHIBITION

Highlights from the MOCRA Collection
This summer, SLU’s Museum of Contemporary Religious Art presents works from its collection and works on extended loan to the museum. The highlighted work is the “Life of Christ Altarpiece” (1594-95) by prolific expressionist painter Frederick J. Brown. MOCRA is exhibiting the five paintings in this work, commissioned for the museum, as a tribute to Brown, who died May 5. His paintings draw on many sources, including his African-American and Christian ancestry, jazz musicians, and the art of German Expressionists and American Abstract Expressionists.

MOCRA’s summer hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call 314-977-1770 or visit mocria.slu.edu.
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The Billikens will participate in the Atlantic 10 Conference, which is one of the prominent conferences in collegiate volleyball. Their schedule includes several challenging matches against top teams in the league.
Summer at SLU

By Amy Garland

Less than two weeks after celebrating the commencement of the class of 2012, the University starts welcoming the class of 2016. Throughout June, the University hosts SLU 101 for incoming freshmen and their parents. During the two-day orientation, admitted students meet with current students, faculty and academic advisers, schedule their fall classes, pre-order their books and spend the night in a residence hall. But perhaps the most significant takeaway for new students is the friendships that start during orientation.

“A big part of SLU 101 is calming nerves,” said Susan Fanale, director of the student involvement center. “Meeting the people you’ll be spending the next four years with is central to that.”

Students aren’t the only one with nerves to calm. That’s why SLU 101 has been developed with “guests” in mind: the parents, grandparents, friends and others who accompany their students to the orientation.

While the students are busy, parents and guests attend sessions just for them. They can learn more about scholarships and financial aid, student health and services, campus safety, academic advising and how to make their student’s transition as smooth as possible.

“We’re trying to let the students get the taste of independence in a structured model,” Fanale said. “It even affects how we talk about them; we very consciously call them ‘students,’ not ‘children.’ It’s a mindful shift in how we all think about these young adults.”

Because transfer students have specific orientation needs, and because the University is welcoming more transfers than ever before, there is a special version of SLU 101 just for them, offered four times during the summer.

SLU 101 was one of the first programs of its kind when it was conceived in the early 1990s. It went on to be the model for several other universities and has evolved a bit during the last few years — but its core remains the same.

“We try to send a consistent message: what to expect. What to expect from SLU 101, from SLU and from the student’s first year.”

For more information about SLU 101, visit www.slu.edu/slu101.xml.

What happens after the spring semester ends?

In the summertime, while the rest of the world heats up, university life slows down, with quiet classrooms, unpopulated quadrangles and nary a textbook in sight. Right?

Not quite.

At Saint Louis University, campus is positively bustling during the summer. Even though most students go home for the break, the University is still filled with people: visitors attending conferences, concerts or other special events; children at summer camp; and new students getting oriented to SLU.

Here are a few of the activities that happen over the course of the summer at SLU.

Students at a SLU 101 peer group meeting in Busch Student Center.

Photos by Mike Speckhard
"Water Tower Inn and Hotel Ignacio are great places," Pfeffer said. "We really do have something for everyone."

"We actually get a lot of interest from out-of-town groups who are in the area to do service projects," said Greg Pfeffer, coordinator of summer conferences. "It’s another great way for the University to support the surrounding community," Kruse said. Regardless of their draw to campus, all guests benefit from University event services’ “one-stop shop,” as Kruse puts it.

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For a detailed list of SLU venues, visit www.slu.edu/event-services-home/venue-menu.

Ready for a laugh – or some air guitar? MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CHAFETZ EVENTS:
Steve Harvey Friday July 12
Def Leppard and Poison Saturday Aug 4
Phish Tuesday Aug 28
Danny on Ice Treasure Trove 8/7-8/9

That’s entertainment
Since opening four years ago, Chaifetz Arena has upped the excitement level at Saint Louis University, showcasing everyone from amateurs to pro teams on campus.

Some of the biggest draws in the past year: Blake Shelton, country crooner and coach on the popular series The Voice, fellow country music superstar Rhha McEntire and three-time Grammy Award winners, The Black Keys. But Chaifetz isn’t just a place to rock out.

In between last season’s intense Billikens basketball games, the arena hosted special events for local organizations, including the Girls Scouts of Eastern Missouri and the Showdown Drumline Organization. Eight area high schools — not to mention the University’s own class of 2012 — celebrated graduations at Chaifetz. Olympic hopefuls cartwheeled their way through in early June during the Visa Championships USA Gymnastics Nationals. And Cirque du Soleil soared with its production of, The Beatles Love.

The arena isn’t just a place to rock out, though. As the home of the Billikens men’s and women’s basketball teams, Chaifetz Arena has truly become an entertainment destination for the entire St. Louis region.

For more information, visit www.slu.edu/simon-recreation-center.

For entrepreneurial ventures:
ALL-STARS SUMMER ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY
Through case studies, problem-solving activities and interaction with local entrepreneurs and CEOs, high school students learn about all aspects of starting and operating a business while exploring the entrepreneurial mindset.

For budding chefs: GARDENS TO TABLES
This industrial culinary camp cooks up all kinds of fun in the kitchen and garden. Offered by the department of nutrition and dietetics, the camp emphasizes healthy, lifestyle choices. Choose from eight weekly sessions, including special weeks for teens and children 5 to 8.

For potential pilots and engineers: ENGINEERING AND AVIATION SUMMER ACADEMY
Fixing high school students work with faculty and student mentors from Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology on collaborative projects, flight simulator experiences, engineering lab experiments and more.

For burgeoning surgeons: ADVENTURES IN MEDICINE AND SCIENCE
AIMS programs are nationally recognized, hands-on courses for kids who want to go into medicine. Students work directly with faculty from the School of Medicine to learn about human anatomy, physiology, surgery techniques and more. The weeklong programs are aimed at rising high school juniors and seniors, but the medical school also offers a mini-workshop this summer for students entering eighth through 10th grades.

LU 101 is just one of many programs that keep the University event services department busy. The department facilitates hundreds of visitors to campus each summer. Visiting professors and professionals attending conferences? Check. Traveling youth groups? Check. Blushing June brides (and grooms)? Check and check.

Already this summer, the University hosted a conference about immigrants and refugees. In summers past, it has welcomed world-class academics, Jesuit groups and higher education specialists to campus for national conferences. With venues that can hold everything from a meeting for a dozen people to a conference for hundreds, the University offers a great variety of spaces to rent.

“Our venues are unique,” said Erin Kruse (A&S ’01, Grad ’07), director of University event services. "There’s such history on campus, and when you have an event here, you get to be right in the middle of it."

Sometimes, the draw for guests isn’t specifically the University but rather its location. About a third of the overnight guests each summer are not SLU-related; they come to the area for city events, family reunions and more.

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even serious intellectual debates, down-to-the-buzzer games and nerve-wracking all-nights, college is no place for babies.

But in the summertime, Saint Louis University is a great place for children.

For nearly 20 years, kids between the ages of 6 and 12 have piled into the last St. Louis days at SLU’s Summer Youth Camp. Organized by the department of campus recreation, the camp runs all day, five days a week, from June through the beginning of August.

Each week has a different theme — “Our World, Many Cultures” and “Taste of SLU,” for example — that inspires the week’s activities and off-campus field trips. Campers cook and do crafts, win and play games.

“My daughter doesn’t usually get the chance to play outside all day like I did when I was a kid, but this camp provides a similar experience,” said Christine Keller, a career and transition counselor by day. "I really want to make sure our children have a similar experience."
During the last three years, more than 200 students studying at Saint Louis University in Spain have left the Madrid city limits and headed north. Their destination? Loyola, Spain, home of St. Ignatius, founder of the Society of Jesus.

This spring, 26 SLU Madrid students and several members of the campus ministry staff made the journey. While there, they visited many key sites in Jesuit history, including Ignatius’ family manor house and the adjacent Basilica of St. Ignatius; the chapel and hospital of the Magdalene, where St. Ignatius taught the Catechism and worked before going to the Sorbonne University in Paris; and the Church of San Sebastian, where St. Ignatius was baptized.

But they weren’t there to sightsee. These activities were woven into a retreat that introduced the students to St. Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises and his Examen. The students reflected, prayed and received the sacrament of reconciliation.

“One thing that makes the retreat special is that we are spending time in the place where St. Ignatius was born and grew up; we get to see what he saw and walk where he walked,” said campus chaplain James O’Leary, S.J. “The retreat gives students the opportunity to place themselves in the life of St. Ignatius and more fully appreciate the gift that he has given to us — a way to discover God in all things.”

The Loyola Pilgrimage Retreat concluded with a visit to Xavier, a small town where St. Francis Xavier was born and where his family’s 10th century castle still stands.
Evidence that the Hispanic population is the second fastest-growing in the United States can be found at the corner of Compton and Chouteau avenues in St. Louis. Casa de Salud, a health and wellness clinic for uninsured or underinsured Latinos, is busy. A mother with an appointment to see the clinic’s doctor is wrangling her two children from under the waiting room chairs. Three men in work boots are sitting against a brightly painted mural that encourages visitors to vivir la vida en su plenitud (live life abundantly). An elderly woman is cleaning out her purse as she waits for her name to be called. Staff members are prepping the nearby multipurpose room for a financial literacy class, and a cooking class for Latino teens begins in a few hours.

This is a typical day at Casa de Salud (House of Health), said executive director Jorge Rispersede. In the two years since the clinic opened in a former auto parts store owned by Saint Louis University, the Latino community has come to trust and depend upon Casa.

“They know if they come here, our only interest is in their health and well-being,” Rispersede said. “Their status doesn’t matter. We help them regardless because when we serve them, we improve not only their health but the health of the greater St. Louis community in which they live and work.”
Fluent in Healthiness

Riopedre said many immigrants, not just Latinos, shy away from seeking care because they worry about the language barrier or they feel health care professionals may pass judgment about their beliefs and values. To overcome these obstacles, Casa assigns “navigators” to patients who are referred elsewhere. Navigators review intake forms and procedures with patients before a first visit to another agency and advocate for patients once there.

Second-year SLU medical student Christina Molumbly volunteered as a navigator and helped create an electric cart for other medical students interested in working with Spanish-speaking patients. Navigators escort patients to clinics, emergency rooms and hospitals.

One of Molumbly’s patients had a skin infection so severe that even laying on his hospital bed was painful. He was restless and agitated, which was frustrating the nurse. The patient didn’t have the confidence or verbal skills to explain his pain, so Molumbly stepped in.

“I once explained to the nurse that I was there for him and for her, she did a complete turnaround,” Molumbly said. “Together we discovered my patient was on the wrong medication. It was changed, and he was able to get relief. Without support, my patient would have been written off, and I think that’s what a lot of non-Spanish-speaking patients fear. We try to get them past that fear.”

About the only aspect of Casa that hasn’t changed is its original mission.

“We are a gateway to other providers in the community, not a permanent medical home for our patients,” Riopedre said.

In an effort to reduce service redundancies and increase patient access to culturally sensitive care, Casa has forged partnerships with several SLU departments, area hospitals, clinics and businesses, Health Literacy Missouri, Washington University’s Center for Latino Family Research and other prominent community partners.

The referral system worked well for Salvador Franco, a 28-year-old renta-

The idea for Casa de Salud (House of Health) surfaced in 2009 after a financial and management problems shuttered two clinics serving Latinos in the St. Louis area. Saint Louis University students and faculty who volunteered at La Clinica and Acción Social Comunitaria went to Bob Fox (Grad Cook ’76), a member of Saint Louis University’s board of trustees, and his wife, Mairene Clark, who had donated generously to La Clinica over the years. They, in turn, went to University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., to ask whether SLU would sponsor a new clinic. Biondi embraced the opportunity for SLU to take a leadership role in reaching out to an underserved community. The University became Casa’s founding and sustaining sponsor.

SLU refurbished a former auto parts store on Chouteau Avenue and rents the building to Casa for $1 a year.

SLU faculty and students represent a majority of Casa’s volunteers, and Casa offers electives and practicum opportunities for medical, nursing, allied health professionals and social work students from SLU and Washington University in St. Louis.

Beyond Better Health

As with the broader population, improving the health of immigrants has obvious benefits — fewer lost work days, a reduction in expensive hospital emergency room visits and avoiding the severity of chronic illness though early detection and treatment.

Another benefit, Riopedre said, is an increase in diversity and regional prosperity. A culturally diverse and healthy workforce, he said, is critical to attracting new businesses.

“If we can offer new immigrants a pathway to good health, our entire community becomes stronger and more vibrant,” Riopedre said. “Latinos are hardworking and family driven. When they are looking for a place to settle, they look for areas that welcome them and offer them resources. Casa is a huge resource.”

Coca-Cola

Casa clients say sharing a communal dinner after class is just as important as the class itself.

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Under the guidance of Kelly Trom, a master’s student in nutrition and dietetics at SLU’s Dickey Hall College of Health and a Casa volunteer with a strong command of Spanish, the chefs are learning to make burritos and tacos without the usual meat and lard.

As soon as the chefs begin chopping vegetables, the room becomes aromatic. Sweet potatoes and beans serve as substitutes for the meat. Light cheese takes the place of full-fat cheese. Canola oil replaces lard as the fried vegetable’s default.

Skeptical at first, 35-year-old Betty Hernandez was convinced after the first bite. “I didn’t think sweet potatoes belonged inside a burrito,” she said. “I never would have thought to use them, but with all the other vegetables and seasonings, the burrito tasted great. I would definitely make this at home.”

While the adults are working on dinner, Casa volunteers take their children outside to learn about healthy snacking, portion size and MyPlate, the new visual aid to help consumers make healthier food choices. At the end of the evening, everyone comes together to share what they learned and the food the chefs prepared.

“This is my favorite part of the night,” said Eileen Wollfing, Casa’s lead community health worker.

“Coming together as a family makes any meal taste better.”

“Many of our students have no or three jobs to buy a home and ensure their children have a better life.”

As with the broader population, improving the health of immigrants has obvious benefits — fewer lost work days, a reduction in expensive hospital emergency room visits and avoiding the severity of chronic illness through early detection and treatment.

Another benefit, Riopedre said, is an increase in diversity and regional prosperity. A culturally diverse and healthy workforce, he said, is critical to attracting new businesses.

“If we can offer new immigrants a pathway to good health, our entire community becomes stronger and more vibrant,” Riopedre said. “Latinos are hardworking and family driven. When they are looking for a place to settle, they look for areas that welcome them and offer them resources. Casa is a huge resource.”

The Latino population in the St. Louis metro area is estimated to be about 160,000 and growing. Huy said that many Latinos are working two or three jobs to buy a home and ensure their children have a better life.

“Much like the immigrants who founded this country, Latinos bring with them a passion and commitment that sustains a city and a country,” Huy said. “The Latino population in St. Louis is growing and has the potential to be the next generation of leaders in the state.”
When many of us make a mistake at work, fixing it can be as simple as tapping the delete key. But one mistake by a pilot or doctor can have disastrous consequences.

Whether it’s aviation, health care, oil drilling or construction, installing system-wide, effective safety programs is crucial to the business success of companies operating in high-consequence industries. A single employee error can trigger a human tragedy and have severe financial ramifications on companies already operating with razor-thin profit margins.

In 2008, the Federal Aviation Administration awarded a $2.25 million grant to Saint Louis University’s Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology to form the Center for Aviation Safety Research (CASR). The center’s six full-time staff members, faculty and student researchers are housed in the department of aviation science, where they pursue research on sustainable safety initiatives for air transportation and other high-consequence industries. In 2009, the FAA awarded another $2 million to SLU to focus on “next generation” aviation workforce needs — specifically aviation and aerospace maintenance engineering curricula. This brought the total center funding to $4.25 million.
MEET YOUR CO-PILOTS
Dr. Manuj Patankar (Parks ’92) has been leading aviation safety research since the 1990s. He spearheaded Parks College’s application for this FAA grant research and serves as CASR’s executive director and principal investigator.

Growing up in Mumbai, India, Patankar—who also is the vice president of academic affairs at SLU—and has been the dean of Parks College—lived in the shadow of one of the world’s busiest airports.

“I came from an airline family,” said Patankar, whose father worked for Air India. “Aviation and international travel have always been close to me. Research on why people in the aviation industry make mistakes and how we can help organizations reduce these mistakes has always fascinated me.”

One of Patankar’s first moves as CASR’s executive director was to hire Damon Lercel as program director. Before coming to CASR to teach in 2002, he had been a faculty member at San Jose State University, where Lercel had been one of his aviation students. The two stayed in touch and, coincidentally, both lived in St. Louis.

“Damon has the perfect combination of aviation experience and expertise required to lead the program,” Patankar said.

Lercel, who has spent his career in the aviation industry with Malév Airline and Sabreliner Corp., also has his MBA and will complete his doctorate in aviation at Parks College in 2013. He will become one of the first graduates of the college’s aviation doctoral program, which is one of only two in the country.

Like Patankar, Lercel has jet fuel running through his veins. His uncle was a pilot for Ozark Airlines before moving into corporate aviation. His father was an aviation student at Parks College in the early 1960s until a medical exam revealed that he was colorblind and thus could not be a pilot.

“I have always had the aviation bug,” said Lercel, who carried his personal pilot certificate when he was 20 and also has an airframe and powerplant certificate from the FAA that allows him to perform aircraft maintenance and repairs. “It’s so exciting to see the FAA using the research we are doing to develop strategies and regulations around safety.”

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Funded through 2014, the center’s interdisciplinary aviation safety research is unique among U.S. universities. With the FAA as its primary customers, CASR partners with organizations including NASA, the National Transportation Safety Board, the National Patient Safety Foundation, the Chemical Safety Board, more than 20 airlines and repair stations, and several hospitals. Two advisory groups — an internal group from SLU and an external group made up of FAA personnel and other safety experts — provide strategic guidance.

“We are doing multidisciplinary research,” Patankar said. “We take what we learn in the flight safety domain and share those best practices with high-consequence industries. Then we apply their safety research to aviation.”

Safety is intertwined with issues related to human behavior, organizational development and business performance. This encourages SLU faculty and students from business, humanities, law, medicine, nursing, public health and social sciences to join their aviation- and engineering-focused colleagues in the center’s research. School of Law participants study the legal aspects of safety and reforms. John Cook School of Business participants engage in research on the business benefits of effective safety programs.

The center will collaborate with the School of Medicine on research focused on improving patient safety at hospitals where SLU/Care physicians work.

SEEKING TOMORROW’S SOLUTIONS TODAY

The CASR has seven research priorities:

3. Aviation Safety and Patient Safety
4. Next-Generation Safety Assessment and Lab
5. Incidence Investigation
6. Next-Generation Maintenance and Engineering
7. Multiple-Crash: Safety Management in Highly Consequential Industries

3 MAINTENANCE AVIATION SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS

With its Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP), the FAA is encouraging all companies and repair stations to voluntarily report incidents that could be precursors to accidents.

CASR has been instrumental in developing the FAA’s Maintenance Assistance Safety reporting system that enables airline employees to report safety-related data and potential hazards. Employees are assured the information will be kept confidential and that they will be treated justly.

“This type of data allows the FAA to be proactive in addressing issues before they lead to accidents,” Lercel said.

CASR has used the knowledge gained from ASAP to help organizations in other high-consequence industries develop effective voluntary reporting systems.

4 NEXT-GENERATION SAFETY ASSESSMENT AND LAB

One of the FAA’s goals is to implement next-generation aviation technology.

In August, SLU will deliver auf Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) purchased from Honolulu-based Williams Aerospace, along with a full-crane UAV simulator acquired from SimLab Ltd.

Called the TAUROs, this UAV has a 10-foot wingspan with a maximum take-off weight of 50 pounds and can carry sensor payloads up to 24 pounds.

“It is a sophisticated aircraft, without a pilot, that we can control from the ground,” Lercel said. “Our faculty and students will fly it in the military airspace around Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.”

CASR is working with the FAA to develop processes and technology to prepare for the day when these UAVs can be integrated into the national airspace system.

“Unmanned aircraft can be used to conduct safety inspections that can be much more effective for activities like search and rescue efforts, terrain mapping, wildlife tracking and disaster response,” he said.

When a catastrophic tornado struck Joplin, Mo., in May 2011, for example, the UAV could have been transported to Joplin and immediately put into the air to assess the extent of the damage or control the tower. The bird’s-eye view from the UAV would have provided an immediate damage assessment to help the rescue efforts.

SLU already has a research lab equipped with video screens, radio communications and radar that simulates an air traffic control tower. The new UAVs will allow CASR to expand the existing air traffic control simulation to include safety culture.

“Safety research transcends disciplinary boundaries to impact every discipline and organization,” Patankar said. “We are possibly the only university in the country to have engineering, aviation, medicine, nursing, public health, business, law, humanities and social sciences — all the disciplines that could contribute as well as benefit from safety research. Having all these disciplines available on SLU’s campus allows us to pull them together to collaborate on research. It’s very exciting.”

5 INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

A typical flight may include unreported threats, errors and undetected aircraft states that the flight crew handles without incident. Researchers can study these undocumented incidents by conducting Line Operation Safety Audits (LOSAs) in which they analyze flight data.

CASR has equipped some aircraft in the Parks training fleet with flight data recorders, voice recorders and cameras in the cockpit. As part of a current project using the LOSA approach, they record these flights and the activities of instructors and students so they can study their actions and look for opportunities for improvement.

6 NEXT-GENERATION MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING

CASR is preparing for an American airspace of the future that is populated with both manned and unmanned aircraft.

The five-year partnership between SLU and Williams Aerospace related to the UAV purchase includes internship opportunities for Parks College aviation and engineering students to participate in unmanned aircraft research and operations at Williams’ Honolulu facilities.

“We will use the UAV to enhance our curriculum and train our next generation of pilots, mechanics and engineers,” Patankar said.

THE ONLY UNIVERSITY THAT CAN DO THIS

As CASR builds its body of knowledge, it will have more opportunities to apply it to other high-consequence industries. This will broaden its funding model and revenue opportunities.

The center’s research feeds into the undergraduate and graduate curricula, ensuring that it stays on the leading edge of safety research.

“When students come to SLU they receive the latest and greatest curriculum, Patankar said. “Based on our industry partnerships, students can acquire substantial experience.”

The center is also making contributions in the area of safety ethics. "Ethical decision-making is a key skill that we help enhance," Patankar noted. "We are looking at the individual, social and financial aspects of ethical decision-making related to safety."

CASR publishes its research results in the International Journal of Safety Across High-Consequence Industries. Patankar, who has written more than 50 safety-related publications, including four books, recently shared some of the center’s research in a book at Ashgate Publishing that he co-authored with a group including Dr. Edward Sabin (A&S ’71, Grad ’76,’ 82), a faculty member in SLU’s department of psychology, titled, Safety Culture: Building and Sustaining a Cultural Change in Aviation and Health Care.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

Don't take yourself so seriously. Or, since this is a distinguished Jesuit university, don't take yourself so seriously, or, or, or... Because you gave just that some of the smartest students and a lot of laughter. The same goes for our relationship with God. Everyone is looking at her! And St. Peter said, “No one is looking at her. And God said, “Well, yes. And then he turns to the Muslims and says, “Thanks for all daily prayers. The same goes for our relationship with God. Everyone is looking at her! And St. Peter said, “No one is looking at her. And God said, “Well, yes. And then he turns to the Muslims and says, “Thanks for all daily prayers. The same goes for our relationship with God. Everyone is looking at her! And St. Peter said, “No one is looking at her. And God said, “Well, yes. And then he turns to the Muslims and says, “Thanks for all daily prayers. The same goes for our relationship with God. Everyone is looking at her! And St. Peter said, “No one is looking at her. And God said, “Well, yes. And then he turns to the Muslims and says, “Thanks for all daily prayers.

Now, you're probably wondering why you're spending your final day in heaven. Well, one reason is that because we live in a different culture and time. It is also time-bound. Check out a movie from the 1940s and you'll see that some of the jokes simply fall flat. So if humor is culture-bound, and time-bound, imagine how hard it is for 21st-century Americans to appreciate jokes from first-century Palestine. We're simply missing some of the humor in the Bible.

Meet me at the end of the road. He said to his mother, “Why didn’t you say yes? But then we've been doing this for some time, until finally the golden gates open up. Just as St. Peter stands there in front of the gates of heaven.

This year's commencement address offered great humor, history, and life lessons.

James Martin, S.J.
Dr. Howard Schlossman was appointed Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by French President Nicolas Sarkozy for his contributions to the liberation of France during World War II. He lives in Fort Lee, N.J.

John Antene was appointed Chevalier for his contributions to the liberation of France during World War II. He lives in Racine, Wis.

Anne (Lane) Roush is retired from her career in mental health nursing. She has five children, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She lives in Tucson, Ariz., and enjoys traveling.

Charles Miller has published two books: Passages North: A Literary Journey and The Art of Marion Post Wolcott. He received the 2012 Unsung Hero Award from the Grand Towers District of the Greater Alliance of Utah. She lives in Sandy, Utah.

Missouri State Medical Association. He lives in St. Louis.

John Rasp served in Iraq in 2007 and Afghanistan in 2012 as a U.S. Army Reserve surgeon. He works part time as a vascular surgeon and lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Doreen Dobson was named the Missouri Lawyer Women's Media Awards Woman of the Year. She is a partner with the Smoak Partnership in St. Louis. She also is the first woman president of the Missouri Bar and served on many national committees.

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Charles Steib, a principal with the law firm of Columbus-Missouri Jurisdiction. He has practiced education law certification committee for the Florida Education Law Certification Committee.

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J.R. McBrien is a contract specialist for the U.S. Army TACOM in Warren, Mich. He received the 2012 Alumni Distinguished Lecturer Award from the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Michael Lawler has retired after more than 40 years in home health care in Brooklyn and Rochester, N.Y. He is a retired groundwater geologist and one of the earliest Peace Corps Volunteers. He lives in Tampa, Fla.

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Dr. Thomas Reynen (A&S) 2005 received his orthopaedic training from the University of Alabama and opened a new practice in Wilmington, Mich.


Laraa Demsteyer (Creston ’50) 2006, an attorney with the law firm Brooks, Bower, Olson and McCullough. She lives in Bettendorf, Iowa.

En (Hendrick) Phillips (A&S ’51) 2006, an attorney with the law firm Ullin & Schwader and a partner at the law firm of St. Louis. She lives in Berkeley, Mo.

Sandra Zambana (A&S) 2007 is a founder and community service chair of the new Hispanic Bar Association of St. Louis.

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COLLEGE CALENDAR:
ALUMNI EVENTS:
Club City Calendar
All registration fees include a $5 alumnus/donor fee to SLU.

**BOSTON**
ROYALS VS. RED SOX
Saturday, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. pregame reception. The Baseball Tavern.
7:30 p.m. first pitch.
Play-off party. City Pub.
Cost: $55 per person
alumni.slu.edu/boston12

**CHICAGO**
CARDINALS VS. ROCKIES
Thursday, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. pregame reception. South Palace Hotel.
First Class Suite Park, 7:05 p.m.
Cost: $40 per person
alumni.slu.edu/chicago12

**DENVER**
CARDINALS VS. ROCKIES
Tuesday, July 31, 6:40 p.m. first pitch, Coors Field.

**LOS ANGELES**
SLU ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL
Saturday, Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Mission Garden.
8 p.m. concert. $55 per person
alumni.slu.edu/losangeles12

**PHILADELPHIA**
CARDINALS VS. PHILLIES
Saturday, Aug. 4, 7:10 p.m. first pitch, Citizens Bank Park.
7:05 p.m. first pitch, Fenway Park.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**
CARDINALS VS. NATIONALS
Saturday, Aug. 4, 7:05 p.m. pregame reception. 7:05 p.m. first pitch, Park Place.
Cost: $45 per person
alumni.slu.edu/washington12

**MILWAUKEE**
CARDINALS VS. BREWERS
Monday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. pregame reception. 7:05 p.m. first pitch, Miller Park.
Cost: $52 per person
alumni.slu.edu/milwaukee12

**PARKS OF ENGINEERING, AVIATION, AND TECHNOLOGY**
Hosted by Charlie (A&S ’86)
Tuesday, Aug. 14, 7-9 p.m.
Dr. Edward J. O’Brien Jr. (’67)
located between the Airventure grounds and the EAA Center, Hospitality tent, Oshkosh, Wis.

**ST. LOUIS EVENT**
Wicked at the Fox Theatre
SUNDAY, DEC. 16, 4:30 P.M. PREMIERE RECEPTION, PERE MARGUETTE GALLERY, BY COURTESY OF
HALL-6:30 P.M. CURTAIN FOR THEATRE
America’s favorite musical flies into St. Louis for the holidays. Don’t miss this chance to learn the untold story of the witches of Oz, and to experience “The Most Musical of All” according to Entertainment Weekly.
Cost: $89 per person, includes center orchestra reserved preshow reception and a $5 tax-deductible gift to SLU
alumni.slu.edu/wicked12

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St. Louis Alumni Association
John Cook School of Business
President: Kevin E. (’84)

NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR
Wednesday, July 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; J. Bank’s, Clayton, Mo.
The event is complimentary, but registration is required.
alumni.slu.edu/networking12

School of Medicine
President: Dr. Edward J. Winter Jr. (’67)

MEDICAL SCHOOL REUNION
Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 18.
alumni.slu.edu/schoolmed12

Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and Technology
President: Andy Thurmond (’73)

ALUMNI BREAKFAST AT THE EAA AIRVENTURE
Friday, July 27, 7-8:30 a.m.; EAA Nature Center, Hospitality Tent, Oshkosh, Wis.
Enjoy breakfast with all of our alumni faculty and staff in a wooded, lakeside setting at the EAA Nature Center, located between the Airventure grounds and the EAA AirVenture Museum.
Cost: $10 per person or includes a $5 tax-deductible gift to the Parks Alumni Association Scholarship fund
alumni.slu.edu/atan2012

Young Alumni Association
President: Michelle Musc (A&S ’08)

YOUNG ALUMNI WINE TASTING
Thursday, Aug. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
The Charles.
Cost: $50 includes wine, appetizers and a $5 gift to the Emergency Scholarship fund
alumni.slu.edu/wines12

2012 TOUR SCHEDULE
SEPT. 10-11: China and the Yangtze River
SEPT. 28-OCT. 7: Normandy and Paris

2013 TOUR SCHEDULE
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When we joined Saint Louis University’s Host Family Program, we didn’t suspect that our hope to provide a sense of family to two young students would impact our own sense of family.

“Our SLU students,” as we called them at first, Homoud from Kuwait and Luyao from China, soon were regarded not just as friends, but also as part of our family. They were immediately alike, as both are funny, friendly and talkative. Homoud is a brilliant, deep-thinking, hard-working young man, who is dedicated to education and has a faithful heart and a giving spirit. He also has a great sense of humor, revealed by his love of puns, jokes and a mischievous, slightly-prankster personality. Luyao, also a brilliant student, who works hard and is dedicated to academics, is generous, friendly, open and has a flaming smile and a hearty laugh.

“ar discovered pretty quickly that our family has a lot in common with them (a love for soccer, traveling and trying new foods), but we also realized that our differences made us more compelling to each other. We loved them at the same time that we were preparing our son for a two-month stay here. We discovered that our hopes to serve a St. Louis family to students far from home; it offers a St. Louis family an opportunity to become acquainted with students that … America is exporting a product that the Russians can’t equal — people who will help underdeveloped countries raise their standards of living.”

The night before our son’s flight, Homoud and Luyao stopped by our house to wish him “bon voyage.” We had ice cream and talked and laughed for a while before going hugs all around and sending best wishes in every direction. It meant a great deal to our 15-year-old that Homoud and Luyao stopped by to see him off. That night he said, “Mom, I feel like I have two big brothers now.” We, too, feel like we have two more sons, who are not just brothers to our children but friends to our family.

The Host Family endures at SLU, it turns out, offers more than a St. Louis family to students far from home; it offers a St. Louis family an international family — as well as a better sense of what friendship and family are: giving, sharing and laughing beyond our expectations!

Although we won’t see Homoud and Luyao as often as we did during the past year, we will keep in touch, remembering that friends and family are the people with whom you communicate, whether by sharing a meal, enjoying good times or even just sending text messages. In these ways, our friends Homoud and Luyao have made our family bigger and the world a little smaller.

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