Happy New Year! We have so much to look forward to and participate in during the coming months as we continue to recognize the tremendous contributions of women of SLU, provide opportunities for more connections and celebrate our 40th anniversary. On behalf of the Women’s Commission Executive Board, I invite you to share in our upcoming offerings and celebrations. I believe you’ll be glad you did - I know I will!

With warm wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year!
Nancy Culbert, 2012-2013 President, Women’s Commission

Ten SLU Women Honored by YWCA
On December 6, 2012, at the annual YWCA Leader Lunch in St. Louis, 10 SLU women were honored for their contributions to the community. Soon after, María-José Morell, one of the honorees, received her recognition from Lawrence Biondi, S.J., and Paul Vita, Ph.D., at the SLU Madrid campus. All honorees were announced in the November issue of the Women’s Commission newsletter, including Sharon Frey, M.D., professor of internal medicine and infectious diseases and clinical director of SLU’s Center for Vaccine Development, who was honored as a Leader of Distinction.

Pictured from left to right, sitting: Heather Macarthur, Julie Gammack, Ethel Frese, Heather Bednarek, Katrina Wade and Elizabeth Pendo; From left to right, standing: Judy Pierce, Tanya Griffin, Nancy Culbert and Mary Krieg

Maria-José Morell (above) is the first woman from the Madrid campus to receive this honor.
In honor of its 40th anniversary, the Women’s Commission is stepping back to the 70s for a night of trivia, games and prizes. Bring out the bell bottoms and disco decorations; one person will be named “Best Dressed” and one group will win “Best Table.” Things are also sure to get groovy in the 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Tables are $200 and seat 10 people. Soda and light snacks will be provided, and outside beverages and snacks are very welcome. Complimentary parking will be available in Hickory East garage, located at Theresa Ave. and Hickory St. All proceeds will go to leadership development opportunities for SLU female faculty, staff and students. To purchase a table, or to register as a volunteer, visit wc.slu.edu.

Saturday, March 2 • Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. • $200 per 10-person table  
Multipurpose room, third floor, Allied Health Building • 3437 Caroline Mall Drive

This year, the Women’s Commission invites the community to join in the celebration of 40 years of Education, Enrichment, and Empowerment. In addition to special programs throughout the year, a celebratory dinner has been planned for Friday, March 22, in the Saint Louis Room of the Busch Student Center. A cocktail reception will begin the night, followed by presentations from honored guests, and dinner. Tickets to the evening can be purchased on the Women’s Commission website at wc.slu.edu.

Friday, March 22  
Cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins at 6 p.m.  
$40 per person  
Saint Louis Room • Busch Student Center

On December 13, 2012, women from across campus gathered in Refectory Hall for the annual Women’s Commission Holiday Program, a tradition for more than 15 years. Vicki Riek Wroblewski, former president of the Women’s Commission and former director of the Office of Affirmative Action, returned to SLU from St. Luke’s Hospital for one afternoon to lead the group in a take-home holiday creation. Baby items for Our Little Haven and canned goods for Campus Kitchen were also collected and donated in the spirit of the holiday.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Women’s Commission 2013-14 Executive Board Officers

The Women’s Commission Nominating Committee, chaired by past-president Donna Bess Myers, is seeking nominations for officers and committee chairs who will form the Women’s Commission 2013-14 Executive Board. Open positions and responsibilities include the following:

Officers
- **Treasurer:** Maintains accurate records of income and expenditures; reviews monthly financial statements; prepares and submits all requisitions for cash, checks, purchase orders and interdepartmental orders; presents monthly budget reports to the Executive Board; tracks and reports on the status of the Kolmer Fund; prepares an annual budget request for submission to the University; and determines the Commission budget with input from the President.

Committee Chairs
- **Awards:** Chairs and appoints members to the Awards Selection Committee, which reviews nominations and selects the honorees for the YWCA Leader Lunch and SLU Women of the Year (WOY); solicits nominations for these awards; and supervises the coordination of the Leader Lunch and WOY events.

- **Communications:** Co-chairpersons appoint members of the Communications Committee; coordinate the writing, formatting and distribution of Commission announcements and news releases; coordinate the writing, design, and distribution of the Commission’s newsletter; and maintain the website.

- **Issues:** Appoints members of the Issues Committee, which serves as a liaison to other University and community organizations to identify issues relevant to the University community; and coordinates the planning and event details to implement programs or events addressing identified issues.

- **Membership Development:** Chairs this committee, which plans biannual receptions for newly hired women employees; tracks event and meeting attendance and recognizes participation; compiles a list of women employees receiving distinguished and presidential service award recognition and prepares congratulatory letters; compiles a list of women achieving significant awards; and maintains a file of women interested in serving on the Commission board or committees.

- **Programs:** Appoints members of the Programs Committee and coordinates the themes, speakers, and event details to implement a minimum of three programs during the academic year.

Faculty, staff, students, and administrators of Saint Louis University are eligible to serve on the Women’s Commission Executive Board. Interested candidates or anyone nominating a candidate should contact Donna Bess Myers at bessdr@slu.edu no later than February 8, 2013.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Saint Louis University Women of the Year 2013

Since 1977, the Saint Louis University Women’s Commission has had the privilege of selecting outstanding University women to be honored at an annual springtime luncheon. Administrators, faculty, staff and students are recognized for their contributions, commitment and lives of service to the University and their community. They are selected from nominations submitted by colleagues, friends, supervisors, and others whose lives they have touched.

This year’s luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at noon in the Wool Ballroom of the Busch Student Center. Reservation forms will be available at a later date.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to find an outstanding woman whose life and work are an example to be admired and imitated, and to submit a letter nominating her to be recognized as one of the five Women of the Year, an honor she will cherish.

Guidelines for Nomination Submission:
1) The typed letter of nomination should follow the criteria for selection listed below and be approximately 1,000 words. Bullet points are acceptable.
2) The nomination must be signed on the cover sheet to which the letter is attached.
3) To nominate more than one individual, it is necessary to submit separate letters.
4) The number of letters for a single individual is not necessarily a factor in the selection process.

Criteria for Selection (included in nomination letter):
1) Give evidence of her commitment to Saint Louis University's philosophy, measured by the quality and diversity of her service, her work ethic, and integrity.
2) List how she has been recognized and honored for her professional and personal achievements. (Please list awards, honors, and distinctions she has received and significant contributions she has made.)
3) Give evidence of her sensitivity to cultural and ethnic diversity, at all levels.
4) Give evidence of how she is a “person for others” in the Ignatian tradition, both on campus and in the community around her.
5) Give evidence of how she fosters the personal and professional development of women at SLU and within the community.
6) Years of Service, from the YWCA criteria: The nominee should have been employed by the University for a minimum of five years.

Women who have been previously selected for this honor are not eligible. You can find a list of past honorees on the Women's Commission website, wc.slu.edu.

Letters of nomination should be sent, along with the attached form, to Awards Chair, The Women’s Commission, DuBourg Hall, Room 359, (221 North Grand Boulevard 63103) or sent via e-mail with the information requested on the nomination form to wc@slu.edu. The due date is February 28, 2013. Mary S. Krieg is serving as Chair of the Awards Committee. She may be reached at 977-3838. Information is available also by calling the Commission Office at 977-2212 or visiting the website, wc.slu.edu.
III) A NEW DECADE; READY TO TAKE WING

In the charter of the Women’ Commission bylaws, one of the objectives of the Women’s Commission was to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of women. When Sister Joan Range, AdPPS, first woman Ph.D. (Catholic University) appointed to the Theology Faculty and champion of Women’s Studies, was elected Women’s Commission President in 1983, she made it her mission to fulfill this objective.

A “Woman of the Year” springtime luncheon, with selection of one outstanding woman honored for her life-long contributions, had begun in 1978. The luncheon began as a dinner sponsored by a group of graduate and undergraduate students in 1977, but sponsorship was passed to the Women’s Commission the following year. To celebrate both the Commission’s tenth and twentieth anniversaries, five women were honored. Celebrating the millennium, and thereafter, five honorees were chosen. By 2012, attendance at the luncheon had reached 400, providing a festive springtime event for the university community.

In addition to the Woman of the Year honorees, Sister Joan saw an opportunity to recognize an additional 10 women in the St. Louis community. She became involved in the Leader Lunch recognition, introduced to the community in 1981 by the YWCA. The annual event encouraged businesses, industries, the professions, and non-profit organizations to honor individual employees for outstanding contributions in the workplace. The honorees received their recognition at a city-wide luncheon.

Three Saint Louis University administrators were honored at the two first luncheons: in 1981, Dr. Ellen Harshman (Education), and in 1982, Dr. Patricia Monteleone (Medicine) and Dr. Hulda Grobman (Education). They became members of the Academy of Leaders to plan future Leader Lunches.

Twice in its history, the Women’s Commission was successful in nominating women for special honors at the YWCA Leader Lunch. Dr. Celerstine Johnson was recognized with the Racial Justice Award in 2007. Sharon Frey, M.D. was honored as a Leader of Distinction for her work in medical research in 2012.

Enhanced each year by increasing numbers and by the increased festive atmosphere of a major fundraiser, the annual YWCA Leader Lunch continues in 2013 to showcase women leaders from Saint Louis University and the St. Louis community.

Nomination and selection of both Women of the Year and YWCA honorees are the responsibility of the Women’s Commission Awards Committee. Nominations from the SLU community are invited and encouraged. To nominate a Women of the Year for 2013, please see the nomination process on page 4. A complete list of past honorees can be found on the Women’s Commission website, wc.slu.edu.

In each newsletter during our 40th anniversary year, we are taking a look back at the history of the Women’s Commission. Part I was in October’s newsletter and part II in November’s.
Women’s Soccer Announces Katie Shields will be Head Coach

Assistant women’s soccer coach, Katie Shields, was named head coach earlier in January. Before coming to SLU in March 2012, Shields was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Northwestern for two seasons. Prior to that, Shields worked at Harvard, her alma mater, for three years in the same role.

"During our search, we engaged in exhaustive communication with National Team coaches, U.S. Soccer officials and NCAA College Cup coaches," SLU athletic director Chris May said. "They were unanimous in their support of Katie Shields as a leader who is ready to be a successful head coach."

In addition to Northwestern and Harvard, Shields spent one year as an assistant coach at UC Irvine, where she began her coaching career.

Report finds Women-Managed Hedge Funds Perform Ahead of Industry

Early this year, the professional services provider Rothstein Kass released an annual report on the performance, prospects and outlook of women in the alternative investment industry. The report included a survey of 366 senior women in hedge funds, private equity and venture capital.

The report revealed women-owned or managed hedge funds historically performed ahead of the industry. Studies suggest this may be because women investors are more risk averse and better able to escape market downturns and volatility. More information can be found on Rothstein Kass’s website.

Calendar of Events

February 8, 2013
Executive Board Nominations Due
Send to Donna Bess Myers
bessdr@slu.edu

February 28, 2013
Women of the Year Nominations Due
Send to Mary S. Krieg
mkrieg1@slu.edu

March 2, 2013
Trivia Night
Multipurpose Room
Allied Health Building
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

March 22, 2013
40th Anniversary Celebration
Saint Louis Room
Busch Student Center
5:30 p.m. cocktails
6 p.m. dinner

April 24, 2013
Women of the Year Luncheon
Wool Ballroom
Busch Student Center
12 p.m.