SLU COMMUNITY JOINS IN NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

More than 1,000 volunteers rolled up their sleeves for the seventh annual SLU Make a Difference Day on Oct. 23. Accompanied by community members and local high school students, Saint Louis University students, faculty and staff members spent the day helping approximately 70 area organizations and projects.

Make a Difference Day is a national day of service — a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors — and the largest community service effort in the nation. In 2003, 3 million volunteers participated across the country.

This year, volunteers gathered at Busch Student Center for a short program to start the day. The program included the presentation of the fourth annual In Touch with the Community Award to Dr. Ruth Murray, professor at Saint Louis University School of Nursing.

After the program, volunteers proceeded to service locations at SLU, such as the Campus Kitchen, and around the St. Louis area. For example, groups worked at St. Matthew the Apostle church’s community garden in north St. Louis, at various sites in Forest Park for planting and cleanup, and at the George Washington Carver House, a community center near SLU.

“A lot of relationships with community organizations have evolved from our annual participation in Make a Difference Day,” said David Clark, director of Saint Louis University’s Center for Leadership and Community Service.

The University also hosted Homeward Bound at the Simon Recreation Center on campus. This program offered area homeless a hot meal, clothes and information. The event featured a job fair and a law clinic.

Several area schools joined the effort again this year. Students from John Burroughs, Cardinal Ritter and Loyola Academy worked side by side with SLU volunteers.

The SLU chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a national co-ed service fraternity, sponsored the event.

Leadership and Community Service cosponsored the event. It was the fourth year APO cosponsored the event.

“Make a Difference Day is always a great day for APO members because we get to work with so many different people from around the University and the St. Louis community,” said Diane Metzger, president of APO at SLU.

MURRAY WINS IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Dr. Ruth Murray, professor at Saint Louis University School of Nursing, received the 2004 In Touch with the Community Award for her dedication to both SLU and the St. Louis community.

This year, Murray celebrated her 35th year at SLU. For 21 years, she also has volunteered at the St. Patrick Center, a faith-based social service agency that provides opportunities to the homeless and chronically mentally ill homeless.

“I love teaching, but I joke that St. Patrick Center is like a full-time job,” Murray said. “My heart is truly committed to it.”

At the center, she has conducted research to better understand clients’ needs and to foster program development. At her suggestion, a client health clinic was established in the 1990s. As a member of the board of directors for more than nine years and chair of the program committee, Murray encouraged program accreditation, developed a formal research process and created a system for clients to evaluate the programs.

Murray has done similar work for Rosati Center, a transitional residence for mentally ill homeless, and St. Elizabeth Hall, a residential care facility for the elderly sponsored by Cardinal Ritter Senior Services through Catholic Charities.

In 2003, the St. Patrick Center gave Murray its Individual Award to honor her constant involvement with the organization through the years.

“It’s a rare combination to find the heart and the passion with the expertise and knowledge that Ruth Murray has brought to St. Patrick Center,” said Dan Buck, CEO of the center. “Her decades of support and leadership will have an impact on our agency for decades to come. She’s God’s poster child for stewardship.”

Murray also has received her profession’s highest honor — induction as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing. The selection is based on extraordinary commitment and contributions to the profession, as well as on potential for future achievement. She is one of only a handful of nurses and nurse educators in the area to have achieved this status.

“At Saint Louis University and the School of Nursing, specifically, community service is such an important part of our Jesuit mission,” Murray said. “It’s wonderful to work at a place that encourages me to live my values.”

Since its inception in 1983, St. Patrick Center has improved the lives of 90,000 homeless persons in the St. Louis area. It is nationally recognized for programs that make permanent, positive changes in the lives of clients.

The fourth annual In Touch with the Community Award was presented on SLU Make a Difference Day.
FRESHMEN START COLLEGE VIA ‘GATEWAY TO SERVICE’

In addition to buying books and moving into residence halls, Saint Louis University’s new freshmen spent one of their first days on campus doing community outreach. With help from the student group Oriflamme and resident assistants, more than 800 freshmen completed service projects around St. Louis through SLU’s first “Gateway to Service.”

The office of student life, the First-Year Experience program and the Center for Leadership and Community Service (CLCS) co-sponsored the event. “Service to others plays such a vital role in our University’s mission, and ‘Gateway to Service’ provided a great introduction to our freshmen,” said David Clark, CLCS director.

After gaining permission from the city, about 200 freshmen used blue paint to brighten the Grand Boulevard bridge that spans Chouteau to Highway 40. About 300 freshmen mulched trees, harvested primroses and planted in Forest Park. Altogether, the newest SLU students worked at a dozen area sites.

“It was a successful afternoon spent with the class of 2008, demonstrating their collective desire to make a difference in the community,” said Andrew Chappelle, Oriflamme group leader who accompanied freshmen to the various sites. “I am proud to call them fellow members of the SLU community.”

This huge service effort came as SLU freshmen were settling in and preparing for the start of fall classes. For several years, the first 100 freshmen and their families who signed up for a service day were able to move in early. This year for the first time, all freshmen were encouraged to participate in this major outreach project to help introduce service at the very start of their college careers.

LOCAL TEENS DISCOVERED ST. LOUIS AT SUMMER CAMP

For a lot of kids, going to camp is simply out of reach. This summer, one Saint Louis University student went out of her way to change that for a group of area teenagers.

Junior Mary Kate Morley worked with the Third Baptist Church mentorship program to develop Discover St. Louis, a free summer camp for 30 inner city teens. She also reached out to SLU and the neighboring community, and several neighbors came through to help her launch the weeklong evening camp in July.

“If it weren’t for the limitless goodwill of the University, the camp would not have been so successful,” Morley said. She also thanked Alnita Crane, an office assistant in the John Cook School of Business, for her assistance, as well as other SLU students who served as camp counselors.

The campers learned about the history of the city, including the 1904 World’s Fair. They dug into the city’s archeology with Scott K. Williams, a cartographer and St. Louis history buff, and learned about self-esteem from Julius Hunter, SLU’s vice president of community relations.

But the camp wasn’t all work and no play. Campers enjoyed a basketball game with Billiken players, a baseball game and a soccer lesson. Each evening included dinner donated from a campus-area restaurant.

Morley is a member of SLU’s service leadership program, which was established by the business school to help develop business leaders who demonstrate a conscience, compassion and commitment to the community. For more information about program, visit www.slu.edu/colleges/business/slp/.

ST. LOUIS AT SUMMER CAMP

University Chefs Teach Campus Kitchen Trainees

A few Saint Louis University chefs stepped away from their stoves this summer to take part in the Campus Kitchen at Saint Louis University’s third annual Culinary Arts Job Training program.

Chefs Tim Kearns from the SLU Pasta House Co., Robert Sims from the Griesedieck Dining Hall and Mark Miller from SLU’s department of nutrition and dietetics joined other professionals from St. Louis-area restaurants to demonstrate culinary techniques and answer questions about the skills required to work in the food service industry.

During the eight-week training program, six students reviewed the sanitation curriculum, prepared for their ServSafe exam and got hands-on cooking experience — all while preparing more than 200 meals a week for Campus Kitchen clients. Two 2004 trainees were hired before graduating.

“It’s a win-win situation: The students help out at Campus Kitchen while learning both the culinary and life skills to maintain employment after the program,” said Alisa Hebert, Campus Kitchen supervisor.

Visit the Campus Kitchen at Saint Louis University online at www.camuskitchens.org/slu.
UNIVERSITY REQUESTS PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP GRAND CENTER PROPERTY

In October, Saint Louis University issued a request for proposals for the development of a University-owned parcel of property at the northeast corner of Grand and Lindell boulevards.

Development of the property is significant because of its location at an important intersection that serves as the entrance to Grand Center.

“I am very pleased to announce that the University is moving ahead with development of this property,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “We believe this project is just the start of other development projects in and around Grand Center, which will make the area even more attractive for people to live, work and play.”

The University is seeking proposals for a mixed-use, multi-story development with retail on the ground floor and a creative plan for the upper floors, which could include offices, a hotel, retirement or other upscale living space. The property, which is within the Grand Center District, is slated to receive funding from tax increment financing.

“We are working with Grand Center to ensure the best possible project for this important location,” Biondi said. “We are also excited that Grand Center will be moving forward with other development projects in the very near future.”

For information, contact Kathleen Brady, SLU’s vice president of facilities management and civic affairs, at bradyk@slu.edu.

GROUNDWORK BEGINS FOR RESEARCH BUILDING

At an intersection nearer to the south side of campus, a new sign marks the site of the Saint Louis University research building. In the next few years, the University’s largest-ever building project — $80 million in new and enhanced research facilities — will find a home on the southeast corner of Grand Boulevard and Chouteau Avenue.

“The project will further transform the Midtown area,” Biondi said. “But more importantly, this building will house researchers who have the potential to transform our world through cutting-edge advances in science and monumental discoveries in medicine.”

The building’s design process is moving forward. Cannon Design finished incorporating specific details from researchers, administrators and teams in SLU’s facilities services and information technology services departments into the building’s overall design concept. The design team is preparing construction documents.

Work of the physical site also is progressing. Demolition continues at SLU, go online: researchbuilding.slu.edu.

University is collaborating with St. Louis city agencies and utility companies in removing or relocating existing utilities in anticipation of future construction.

Planning has begun for renovations to selected existing research spaces within the School of Medicine. Many groups within the School of Medicine are giving input for this process to ensure the most efficient use of space and limited interruptions to operations during the future transition.

For more information about the new building and research projects at SLU, go online: researchbuilding.slu.edu.

Here's a sampling of upcoming art, theatre and outreach events on the Saint Louis University campus. All are open to the community.

TURKEYPALOOZA AT CAMPUS KITCHEN
Tuesday, Nov. 16-Wednesday, Nov. 24
www.campsukitchens.org/slu
• Cook or deliver a Thanksgiving meal to nearby Campus Kitchen families and clients. To volunteer, call (314) 977-3881 or e-mail ahebert@campuskitchens.org.

CHRISTMAS AT SLU
Thursday, Dec. 2
• Help SLU make Christmas special for local children. To donate a gift, call the Center for Leadership and Community Service, (314) 977-2805.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY THEATRE
3733 West Pine Mall
www.slu.edu/theatre
• For tickets or information, call (314) 977-2998 or e-mail lamjc@slu.edu.

Rumors by Neil Simon
Friday, Nov. 12 and 19, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13 and 20, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 14, 2 p.m.

My Fair Lady, music and lyrics by Lerner and Loewe
Friday, Feb. 18 and 25, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19 and 26, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.

SAMUEL CUPPLES HOUSE
Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Monday by appointment; closed January
3673 West Pine Mall
www.slu.edu/the_arts/cuppies
• For information, call (314) 977-3025.

“Christmas at Cupples House”
Decorated by Botanicals on the Park
Tuesday, Nov. 16-Wednesday, Dec. 22
 cústmas at SLU Community Galleries
Through Sunday, Dec. 5
3673 West Pine Mall
www.slu.edu/slu_community
galleries
• For information, call (314) 977-
3025.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART (SLUMA)
Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.;
Friday, noon-4 p.m.
3663 Lindell Blvd., sluma.slu.edu
• For information, call (314) 977-
3399 or e-mail sluma@slu.edu.

“Pass! Hey Kid, You Want Some of My Information”
Michael Schuh
Contemporary Project Gallery
Through Sunday, Jan. 9

“Suspension of the Spirit”
Through Sunday, Feb. 13

“Hidden Talents Exhibition”
Featuring work from members of the SLU community
SLU Community Galleries
Through Sunday, Apr. 3

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“Radiant Forms in Contemporary Sacred Architecture”
Richard Meier and the Jubilee Church, Rome, and Steven Holl and the Chapel of St. Ignatius, Seattle
Through Sunday, Dec. 5

“20 Contemplations on the Infant Jesus”
An Homage to Olivier Messiaen
Daniel P. Ramirez
Through Sunday, Dec. 5

“Hidden Talents Exhibition”
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Through Sunday, Apr. 3
Saint Louis University has partnered with the St. Louis Minority Business Council to expand educational programs for minority/small businesses in the region. The Consortium for Supply Chain Management Studies (CSCMS) in SLU’s John Cook School of Business received private grant funding to educate minority/small businesses about supply chain management, which is the practice of connecting every link of business, from purchasing to customer service.

Often those links are separated, creating duplicated services and increased costs, said Dr. Ik-Whan Kwon, professor of decision sciences and management information systems and CSCMS director.

“Effective supply chain management practices are critical in business today,” Kwon said. “Our goal is to help minority/small companies improve their business performance.”

Five full-day classes featuring lectures, case studies and guest speakers are being offered during the fall semester. Students who complete all five classes will receive a certificate in basic supply chain management from SLU. The St. Louis Minority Business Council selected 20 candidates for the classes, and the recommended students received a substantial tuition discount. The CSCMS staffs and manages the program, which was coordinated by Dr. John Hamilton, CSCMS associate director.

“Designed to assist small- to medium-sized firms, this unique program provides these companies the opportunity to grow and improve service using supply chain management concepts,” Kwon said.

The CSCMS was established in 1998 and is funded by many leading business organizations in the St. Louis area, including Boeing, Anheuser-Busch, Energizer, Lanter Logistics, Monsanto, Nestle-Purina, Nordyne, Sara Lee Bakery Group, Schnucks Market, Solutia, Smurfit-Stone Container Division, World Wide Technology and UniGroup.

Some classes are still available during the fall semester, and the entire program will be offered again next spring. For more information, contact Dr. Ik-Whan Kwon at (314) 977-7155 or kwoni@slu.edu. Learn more about the CSCMS online at cscms.slu.edu.