Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Tribute

Saint Louis University hosted the fourth annual memorial tribute in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, in the Wool Ballroom, located in the Busch Student Center.

The program featured keynote speaker Raphael G. Warnock, senior pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, spiritual home of Martin Luther King Jr.

Also joining the program was Fred Pestello, Ph.D., president of Saint Louis University.

The memorial was emceed by SLU alumnus Michael McMillan, President and CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Noted actor Malik Yoba was also a special guest at the event.

The University also honored the following individuals and businesses for their contributions to the St. Louis Community:

- Mr. & Mrs. Lou Brock
- John Vatterott
- Emily Pitts
- The Regional Business Council
- Ida Woolfolk
- Darryl Jones
- Pastor Traci Blackmon
- Deborah Patterson
- Vanessa Cooksey
- Patrick J. Sly
- Reliance Bank
- Ruby Curry
- Michael Holmes
By: Fr. Paul Stark, SJ, VP-Mission and Ministry

Traditionally, Catholics, and any number of other faith traditions, observe Lent, a period of preparation, reparation and penance, leading to Easter. Also traditionally, the three pillars of individual and communal Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and alms giving.

**PRAYER:** The more we pray during Lent, the more we draw us closer to God, as we pray for the grace to uphold our baptismal promises. This could be not only a personal attitude adjustment, but could also have a remarkable effect on those we love, and, probably, those we find difficult to love in our daily lives. This prayer could transform us!

**FASTING:** More than providing a means or a method, to personal improvement--losing weight, quitting smoking, and on, and on, and on--fasting is one of the most ancient practices of Lent, and more, even, than a way to develop self-control. Fasting helps us pray, with the hunger of things we’ve given up, and leading us in our hunger for God.

Who in our neighborhood, or city or world, has to fast because of poverty; who suffers from economic or political injustices; who is in need, for whatever reason? Lent is certainly more than a 40-day self-help exercise for them.

Baptism calls us to live God’s love for us in the world, particularly for those who have less and who need more than we...those who suffer and go without, everyday, and Lent can call us back to our Baptism.

**ALMSGIVING:** Not one of these pillars stands alone; they are all linked to each other; all help us in our journey to God. Through almsgiving, sharing not just from our surplus but also from our own need, we care for those people who really need, and can express our own gratitude to God for all we have and have been given.

Volunteering, works of charity and the promotion of justice are not only tenets of Lent, but also of our Saint Louis University Mission, and fundamental elements of faith, helping us live our lives because of our faith...These three traditional pillars of Lent call and help us not only to profess our faith, but also to practice our faith.

Have a blessed Lent!
Congratulations to Debbie Jones, Center for Advanced Dental Education, on the birth of her 4th grandbaby and third grandson, Levi David Guyer. Levi was born on October 8, 2014 and weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and 21 inches long. His parents are David and Michelle Buyer of Arcadia, CA.

Congratulations to Jennie Cook, Otolaryngology, and Dave on the birth of their daughter, Johanna Diane Cook. Johanna was born on January 20, 2015 and weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz.

Congratulations to Erin Schmidt, Campus Ministry, and husband David and son Benjamin, on the birth of their second son, Jason Lee Schmidt. Jason was born on December 28, 2014 and weighed 7 lbs. and 19 inches long.
Congratulations to Susan Brown, Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, on the birth of her grandson, Tyson William Duffy. Tyson was born on October 18, 2014. His parents are Jessica Brown Duffy (SLU 2001 graduate in Biomedical Engineering) and Craig Duffy of St. Louis.

Congratulations to Dixie Meyer, a professor in Family & Community Medicine, on the birth of her son, Jairuslay Phillip Meyer. Jairuslay was born on November 9, 2014 and weighed 5 lbs., 5 oz. and 19.5 inches long.

Congratulations to David Sailer, Office of Institutional Research, and Michelle on the birth of their son, John Gerard Sailer, II. John was born on January 24, 2015 and weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. and 19.5 inches long.

Congratulations to Megan, Student Success Center, and Greg Lucsko, Student Involvement Center, on the birth of their son, Garrett Logan Lucsko. Garrett was born on January 2, 2015 and weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and 20.5 inches long.

Congratulations to Susan Brown, Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, on the birth of her grandson, Tyson William Duffy. Tyson was born on October 18, 2014. His parents are Jessica Brown Duffy (SLU 2001 graduate in Biomedical Engineering) and Craig Duffy of St. Louis.
Tiffany Jones, Student Health, was engaged to Deautrial Nichols. They plan to marry on November 15, 2015.

Lauren Mooshegian (Daughter of Tammi Mooshegian, CME Program Director) was engaged to Chad Davis on November 21, 2014. They are planning a fall wedding in 2015. Lauren is the Residential Life Housing Operations and Project Specialist for Maryville University and is working to complete her Masters degree in May of 2015. Chad has his masters degree and passed his certification for Rehabilitation Counseling and works full-time at The Center for Head Injury Services.

Alyssa Stukenbroeker, Dept of Physical Therapy & Athletic Training, was engaged to Drew Chapman on December 30, 2014. They are planning a fall wedding on October 4, 2015. Alyssa is a Criminal Justice major with the School of Professional Studies and plans to graduate in May 2015. Both Alyssa and Drew are avid Billiken fans as seen in their photo taken at a recent game.

Jessica Chisholm, Pius Library, married Matthew John Berry at Pere Marquette in Grafton, IL on November 1, 2014.

Jenny Hershberger, Academic Affairs, was married to Sam Kruvand on December 13, 2014 in Columbia, MO! We met on a summer service and mission trip in Juneau, Alaska. He proposed by writing a story and song for me. Attached is a picture of us on a rock climbing trip in Wyoming.
Donations Sought for Valentine's Gift Baskets

Last year the Office of Community Relations collected more than 500 items for residents of Metropolitan Village Apartments. Once again this year, the office will put together Valentine gift baskets for the elderly in the St. Louis Community.

Requested items include soap, shower gel, bubble bath, shampoo, conditioner, body lotions and creams, as well as chocolates, gummy candies, small stuffed animals, cookies and other sweets.

Community Relations will work with the Center for Service and Community Engagement to provide Valentine’s Day cards made by students and a meal to help these men and women celebrate the holiday.

Donations can be dropped off in Room 341 of DuBourg Hall. In order to assemble the baskets in time for delivery on Valentine’s Day, bring items by Friday, Feb. 6, 2015.

For more information, contact Regina Walton at 314-977-2622.

Saint Louis University versus St. Louis Higher Education Institutions: Washington University, University of Missouri - St. Louis, Fontbonne University, Maryville University

Which university will donate the most shoes?
January 1 - May 31, 2015!

What is Battle for the Boot?
Saint Louis University has competed in the Battle for the Boot for the past three years to collect the most shoes. This year, the St. Louis Higher Education Sustainability Consortium has taken on the challenge to coordinate the Battle for the Boot. All shoes that are donated go to support Solea Water.

What is Solea Water?
Solea Water, formerly known as The Shoeman Water Projects, sells the donated shoes by the pound to distributors who then send them to developing countries like Kenya, Haiti, Panama, and Guatemala to sell affordable footwear. Solea Water uses the revenue from the shoe sales to drill for wells and install pumps and purifiers for clean drinking water. To learn more go to www.soleawater.org.

How can you participate?
- Drop shoes off at donation sites throughout campus and the Saint Louis community.
- Start a collection site: request a box, place a sign, monitor/collect shoes, place a service request for pick-up
- Volunteer to help sort the donated shoes
- Spread the word across campus to raise awareness for the donation drive

How should shoes be prepared for donation?
Please assure that each pair of shoes is matching and bound together (tie laces together, connect by rubber band or string, or enclose in a small bag) as well as hole-free.

Who to contact about volunteering or questions?
Yvonne McCool
ymccoolm@slu.edu
314-977-8957

Click here to view a 3 min YouTube video on how your donations help turn shoes into drinkable water.
We want to hear from you!
Please email your news, pictures, and suggestions to
slulifnewsletter@slu.edu

HUMAN RESOURCES

Division of Human Resources
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St. Louis, MO
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Lifetime Achievement Award
Dr. Mahmood Qalbani, Anesthesiology, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Pakistani Community of Greater St. Louis on Eid and Pakistan Day celebration. The PAAS appreciated the untiring efforts by Mahmood and his wife, Shireen, for their dedicated service to the community. The award was given to Dr. Qalbani on behalf of the Pakistani community by Dr. Ghazala Hayat, Professor of Neurology, Sr. Vice Chair, Academic Affairs Neurology & Psychiatry at Saint Louis University.

Achievement Award
This past fall, Colette McLemore, Manager of Multi-Cultural Affairs - Med School, was awarded the National Association of Minority Medical Educators (NAMME) Presidential Award. Colette is currently the Central Region Director for NAMME and served as the Co-Program Chair for the National Conference which was held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Santa Hat Run 5K
The Santa Hat Run departed from the Simon Rec Center at 11:53 A.M for the 15th annual Santa Run on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Over sixty SLU and Wells Fargo employees participated in the festive run on a sunny but breezy and brisk day. SLU employees earned 250 Vitality Points for finishing the 5K. Most participants wore Santa hats and ran/walked a three mile route through the streets of the Central West End.

SLU is Sweet on You!
The MOVE Committee is sponsoring the forth annual SLU is Sweet on You! Employees will have the opportunity to recognize other SLU employees by sending a personalized message and Hershey’s Hug to the recipient of their choice.

In past years, more than 525 employees were recognized with personalized valentine messages from colleagues and friends. It brightened the day for many individuals within our University!

The sender’s name will be included. Only one request per sender, limited to faculty and staff. The submission form is available via a Google Form.

The deadline to submit a Valentine is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6.