Service Award Recognition Program

Saint Louis University is proud of the longevity of many of our members and wants to congratulate all those who have reached a milestone in their years of service to the University. Did you know that in 2014 alone there are:

- 49 individuals celebrating 25 years of service
- 17 individuals celebrating 30 years of service
- 40 individuals celebrating 35 years of service
- 13 individuals celebrating 40 years of service
- 8 individuals celebrating 45 years of service
- 2 individuals celebrating 50 years of service

The service award packet is delivered to the supervisor/manager to present at an upcoming team meeting to celebrate the contributions and years of service provided to Saint Louis University. Each one of our recipients is a testament to how great it is to be part of such a wonderful family that makes Saint Louis University what it is. Click here to read more about how the service award program works.
SLU Food Truck Rally

The MOVE Committee hosted the Food Truck Rally on Friday, October 10th. The rally had a great turn out with over 300 people attending to enjoy the assorted food truck cuisine, fellowship, and great weather. Food trucks attending the rally included Pyro Pizza, 2 Girls 4 Wheels, Wayno's, and Guerrilla Street Food.

Donation bins were available at the Rally to collect books for Project: ELI (Exchanging Literature Internationally)

2014 United Way Campaign SLU Team Needs Members

The 2014 United Way campaign will run from October 1-31. The team will brainstorm fund-raising strategies to use during the campaign as well as how to spread the word about United Way. We would love to have as many departments involved as possible. If you are interested in being on the campaign team, please contact Carolee Patek at cpatek@slu.edu or 314-977-3949.
The Cannonball Picnic is always an enjoyable time with great company, food and often beautiful weather!

The annual event is held to appreciate staff working at Saint Louis University.

Join us this year on Tuesday, October 21 for great fun, prizes and fellowship.

Watch NEWSLINK for details and to R.S.V.P.

In the event of inclement weather, activities will move to Simon Rec Center.

So why is it called the Cannonball Picnic?

By Fr. Paul Stark, S.J.
Vice president for Mission and Ministry

On Tuesday, October 21, we celebrate our Mission and our community at the Cannonball Picnic, an event reminding us of a very serious injury to Ignatius of Loyola, a 30-year-old Basque soldier, at what really was a pretty insignificant battle in May, 1521.

His French enemies gave the brave and valiant Ignatius medical treatment and transported him back to his family in Loyola. There, this vain and worldly warrior requested and endured an additional life-threatening surgery so he would look good in the fashions of the day.

During his long convalescence, he experienced not only physical healing, but also a spiritual conversion that lead to a radical redirection of his life. From that event, some 490 years ago, we have the principles at the very center of all our work at SLU. In many ways, the cannonball and the injury suffered by Ignatius on the walls of Pamplona, Spain, mark the beginnings of his-- and our--spiritual journeys, and certainly our work at SLU.

Ignatius and his story remind us that good things--triumphs--sometimes come out of events we initially see as tragedies. Whether these are minor setbacks in daily life or major disasters, God uses these times in our lives as invitations for us to look at our lives in new ways, to see ourselves more honestly, and to choose directions which draw us closer to God, closer to our real selves.

As we celebrate the journey and conversion of Ignatius from a knight to a great spiritual leader, we can also take some time to consider our own lives and the directions we choose, from the opportunities we receive. God invites us to be in companionship with Him, as much as He invited Ignatius. Ignatius accepted the invitation. How are we doing with that?

Thanks to the cannonball, we can follow Ignatius.
MILITARY & VETERAN ENROLLMENT SERVICES

The Military and Veterans Enrollment Services Office was established to reach out to service members who have completed their terms of service. The office is staffed by one full-time staff member, Michael J. Bamber, a retired U.S. Army Officer, and student workers, all of whom currently are connected to the military.

Our goal is to act as the “go-to” office for our military and veteran students. This includes family members/dependents, Army & Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Cadets, those attending Medical School under the Department of Defense’s Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP), Army National Guard & Reserve members of all services, and veterans.

We connect benefits-eligible service members and veterans to Ms. Jennifer Matteson, the University’s VA Certifying Official; to Student Financial Services, to Admissions & Transfer Admissions Counselors, and to academic departments administering the major they are interested in pursuing. The office encourages veteran applicants to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as the Yellow Ribbon Program if they are eligible. The office also assists the SLU Chapter of the Student Veterans Association in obtaining facilities for chapter events.

In addition, the office disseminates information on local events of interest to the military & veteran populations. For example, in September the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the Association of the United States Army hosted a Military Appreciation Day at Busch Stadium. The Welcome Home Warrior Summit was also conducted at the America’s Center Convention Plaza in September. The office notifies all of the SLU military & veteran populations as well as those with military connections in the St. Louis area of events like these.

We also work with the University’s Career Services Office to pass on jobs that local employers are trying to fill. We notify our audience about upcoming job fairs, Work-Ready Employment Assistance Programs, etc., that may help our military & veteran students much-needed jobs.

The office goals are simple: help student veterans achieve their higher education goals with little or no out of pocket costs, continue to share camaraderie with their fellow brothers and sisters in arms both on campus & in the community; and finally help them find meaningful employment upon graduation.

Michael J. Bamber, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (Ret)
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Daniel Shown (ITS) and wife, Carmelita Nuñez, announce the birth of their first child, Artenio "Artie" Orion Kamal Nuñez-Shown on October 1, 2014 weighing 8 lbs, 12 oz and measuring 21” long. Both he and his mother are doing very well. (Daniel says: “You could almost say we’re all A.O.K.”)

Francesca Zanti (Visit Assistant - Office of Undergraduate Admission) and fiancé, Shawn Allhoff would like to announce their engagement. Shawn proposed August 16, 2014 on top of Art Hill overlooking the Grand Basin in Forest Park. They are planning to get married in September 2016.

Michael S. Williams, Jr, MD (Fellow, Vascular Surgery) and M. Clare Williams, RN (Clinical Risk Specialist, Office of the General Counsel) are excited to announce the birth of Katherine Elizabeth Williams born February 28, 2014 weighing 7 lbs, 9 oz.

Keri Berjer (Accountant, UMG Finance) gave birth to Savanna on May 21, 2014 at 6:57 A.M. weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Megan Greathouse - Manager - Student Technology Service, and Frank Gause - Service Desk Analyst, Parks College, were married on Saturday, September 20, 2014 on campus at Il Monastero. Jim Greathouse of HR Learning & Development is proud to welcome Frank into the family.
Laurie Hausmann, Grants Development Specialist with Earth & Atmospheric Sciences is proud to announce that her Australian Shepherd, Cowgirl Dixie, finished 6th in the AKC Australian Shepherd Combined Rally standings for 2013. This included Australian Shepherds who were competing in Combined Rally from all over the world.

Dixie, left, and her "brother," Harry Potter, right, a Rough Collie, have now retired from showing and are getting more and more spoiled.

You can learn more at: http://www.frontandfinish.com/

All the staff in the PMO Billing Operations, Payment Posting Department, located in Drummond Hall, would like to wish Joyce Mann a very Happy 60th Birthday! The team decorated her desk on August 22nd with streamers and black 60th Birthday balloons and signs.

CHRISTMAS AT SLU Children’s Party is only 65 days away!!!

Calling All Elves! Calling All Elves!

Now is the time to start collecting toys for Blue Santa to give to area children at our annual Christmas At SLU event. Each year, Blue Santa, the Christmas Tree and various elves travel across campus visiting various offices and departments who help collect toys and games for children. Make sure your office is on Blue Santa’s “Nice List” by participating this year’s toy drive. Watch Newlink for more details.
Other upcoming events include:

**THINK PINK TRIVIA NIGHT**—Friday, October 17, 6:00 P.M.

**ZUMBA BRUNCH**—Saturday, October 18, 8:00 A.M. $15.00—all ages

Contact Laura Casey (314) 577-8920 for more details
More Upcoming Events

The third annual SLUstainability Week will take place the week of October 20-25. This year will focus on Empowering Change on Campus and in the Community and is sponsored by the University’s Sustainability Advisory Council, which coincides with the International Campus Sustainability Day, on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Highlights of the week’s event will be the Zero Waste Cannonball Picnic, SLUstainability Expo, Campus Consciousness Tour, National Food Day sponsored by Nutrition & Dietetics, Green & Jeans Day, and Make A Difference Day.

On Friday, October 21, faculty, staff, and students are invited to wear a green shirt with their jeans. (The option to dress down may depend on work environment and schedule; employees should confirm with their supervisors.)

Campus departments and groups are encouraged to make their events green during the week’s observance. Email the greenbilliken@slu.edu for questions or to tell us about what you plan to do. For more information about the week’s events, check out the 2014 SLUstainability Week page.

Saint Louis University Archaeology Students Discover Prehistoric Sweat Lodge

Students participating in the 2014 Archaeological Field School at the Fingerhut Tract of Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, a World Heritage UNESCO site, made a significant contribution to our understanding of American Indian prehistory with the discovery of three additional partial house basins and the entire basin of a burned sweat lodge. Generally, a sweat lodge is a domed hut made of natural materials. They were (and continue to be) used by American Indians as steam baths for physical cleansing as well as for ritual purification. The sweat lodge discovered this summer is three meters in diameter and superimposes the corner of a large rectangular structure. Within the basin of the sweat lodge were found several large deposits of charcoal suitable for radiocarbon dating. As word spread of the discovery, archaeologists in the area came to visit and were impressed by the careful work done by our students.

Read more about the dig by clicking here.
M.O.V.E. Committee: Calling All Artists: Sign Up Now to Reserve Your Table!

The fourth annual Saint Louis University Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the MOVE Committee will be held on December 4th, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., in the Busch Student Center. University faculty, student artists, staff, alumni and their immediate family members are eligible to take part in the event. New to the event this year, members of the SLU community are allowed to sponsor artist family and friends to participate in the event. There is a $25 non-refundable registration fee (waived for SLU students) to cover the cost of the fair. All creative mediums are welcome!

Artists will showcase their talents and a portion of the proceeds from the fair will benefit the University’s Helping Our Own Program. Helping Our Own exemplifies the University mission in action--as the program continues to build community and is committed to serving those in need.

Artist set-up for the event will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 4th. Artists interested in taking part should complete the artist information form and the online payment form to pay for registration.

For more details or questions, contact Megan Kumbera at mmitche9@slu.edu or at 314-977-2528.

Discounted Six Flags Fright Fest Tickets Available!!!

The MOVE Committee is partnering with Six Flags to offer discount tickets and parking for Fright Fest 2014 to members of the Saint Louis University community.

Visit SLU’s Marketplace to purchase tickets now through Friday, Oct. 31 for $32.00 (a $64.00 value).

Tickets are valid Saturday, October 4, to Sunday, November 2. Parking passes are available for purchase separately for $10.00 (a $20.00 value). Six Flags tickets and parking passes are available for pickup Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30, 24 hours after purchase at the Marvin and Harlene Wool Center reception desk on the first floor.

Employees can keep the ticket stub and take it to the season ticket office at Six Flags before Sunday, Oct. 26, to upgrade to a 2015 season pass for $32.00. This pass is good for the remainder of 2014 and the 2015 season. Upgrade four passes at the same time to receive an automatic upgrade to gold passes with free parking.

For additional information, contact Terrie Perry - perryt@slu.edu

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