Skillsoft Upgrade to Version 8

Skillsoft will be off-line Thursday, April 17 in order for us to upgrade to Version 8. This new version will have a completely new look, be much more accessible from mobile devices, and be less dependent on Java and Flash updates as in the past.

1. Log into Skillsoft from the Tools tab in MySLU
2. View scheduled Instructor Led Training and Live Events under Upcoming Events.
3. Explore courses or other content highlighted by your organization in the Featured Topics area.
4. Find messages from your organization.
5. See promoted content to launch now or save to your learning plan.

Want a sneak preview and tour now? Click here to launch a basic tour. This test site will give you an idea of the new look. During the upgrade, you will receive a message that Skillsoft is unavailable at this time. Once the upgrade is complete, you will be able to log in.

To learn more about Skillsoft and the new look, click here to register for demonstration sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22-23 in the Wool Center.
The 2014 Archaeological Field School preparations are under way and I would like to extend an invitation to members of the SLU community and their families to come and visit. Students registered in the Saint Louis University field school will again be excavating at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site from May 19 through June 13 (except for Memorial Day) from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Cahokia Mounds is a World Heritage UNESCO site just minutes from St. Louis in Collinsville, IL.

To schedule a visit, please contact Dr. Mary Vermilion by email at mvermili@slu.edu until May 16th. After that date, please call to arrange a visit (573 803-8510). The students are always delighted to share with visitors the importance of the work they are doing, and to talk about and demonstrate the various archaeological techniques they have mastered. Visitors in the past have included an elder hostel, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, a Montessori class, members from the Field Museum of Natural History, parents of the students, and other professional researchers.

If you plan a visit, be sure to wear sturdy shoes, a hat, and sunscreen. You may also want to bring a pair of gardening gloves . . . we may entice you to help us screen for artifacts!

To learn more about Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, click here.
The Battle for the Boot!

Submitted by: Yvonne McCool, Grants Development Specialist in Admin. Nursing

SLU SAC members are once again holding a shoe drive for the Shoeman Water Projects. Shoes are taken to developing countries to help people obtain affordable shoes. Money from the shoes is used by “George the Shoeman” to drill wells in Africa and help fund water purification systems in Africa and Haiti.

In Kenya your donations helped build a dam, deliver 1 water-well drilling machine, and drill a well. In Haiti your donations helped install 5 water purification systems, repair water systems, and provide water education. Because of your shoe and clothing donations, 140,000 more people have access to water for drinking, cleaning and agriculture necessary to improve the quality of life.

Additionally, each SLU building collecting shoes will be competing for a SLU Shoe Drive Trophy, for the most shoes collected. There are 8 buildings on Frost Campus, 7 buildings on the Medical Campus, and 3 dorm buildings with collection boxes.

Poem by: Roweena Sehwani, Receptionist, San Ignacio Hall, SLU Madrid

I think that there will never be
A day as dear as you to me
A day when I woke up and see
The weekend’s here and it waits for me

I’ll rush to the office; I can’t be late
I’m ready for the bus at a quarter to eight
But as usual there’s traffic, so I just have to wait
As I dream I’m at a beach, sipping lemonade

I’ve done all my work, so I can now relax
I’ve sent all my e-mails, I’ll disconnect the phone and fax
I’m all so excited, I won’t let this day pass
So come and join me, let’s party to the max!

Roweena Sehwani, Receptionist, San Ignacio Hall, SLU Madrid
TO: All Faculty, Staff, and their Family
2014 Teachers and Staff Appreciation Nights

The Cardinals would like to offer all teachers and staff, their family and friends a special offer for All-Inclusive tickets for the games listed below.

All-Inclusive tickets include a buffet, complimentary beer and soda and a great view of the game.

Tickets are available for as low as $60 in the All-Inclusive Legends Club, Coca-Cola Patio, Coca-Cola Deck or Powerade Bridge.

Locations available vary by game date and are subject to availability.
Thu, May 22, 6:15 pm Cardinals vs Arizona Diamondbacks
Sun, June 15, 1:15 pm Cardinals vs Washington Nationals (Jack Buck Bobblehead w/ Voice Chip)
Mon, July 7, 7:15 pm Cardinals vs Pittsburgh Pirates
Wed, July 23, 6:15 pm Cardinals vs Tampa Bay Rays
Mon, Aug 18, 7:15 pm Cardinals vs Cincinnati Reds
FOOD TRUCK RALLY

Submitted by: MOVE Committee, Megan Mitchell, Human Resource

Event Details: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., April 25, Carr Lane St. (near School of Nursing)
The MOVE Committee will host the SLU Food Truck Rally from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2014 at the medical campus on Carr Lane St. between the Doisy Research Center and the Hickory West Garage.

Share lunch with fellow SLU students, faculty and staff and celebrate April SLU Spirit Day. Faculty and staff are welcome to wear their SLU blue and jeans. (The option to wear blue jeans may depend on individual employee's work environment or schedule for the day.)

Participating trucks include:
- Shelley's Coastal Cuisine
- Sweet Divine
- Chop Shop STL
- Curbside Cookery
- Steamroller
- Hot Aztec
- Holy Crepe
- Legg Horns and Shakes
- 2 Girls 4 Wheels
- My Big Fat Greek Truck
- Cheese Shack
- Wing Nutz

Photo by Michelle Peltier

Spirit Day at the Law School – November 2013

The Billiken visited the Law School on SLU Spirit Day back in November along with members of the MOVE committee. Faculty and staff are invited to show their SLU spirit by wearing SLU blue and jeans. The option to wear blue jeans may depend on the work environment or schedule for the day. Employees should check with their immediate supervisors to determine appropriate dress.

The last Friday of every month is SLU Spirit Day, when members of the MOVE Committee partner with the Billiken to spread Saint Louis University spirit across the campus. Spirit Day is a fun celebration designed to promote a sense of inclusion and community for faculty, staff and students.
Congratulations to Dr. Nirav Patel and wife on the birth of their second daughter, Sanvi Nirav Patel on 3/14/14 at 5:58 PM. She was 5 lbs even and 17 and ¾ inches tall. Both Mom and Sanvi are doing great, big sister Apsara loves her new sibling, and Dad is wondering how he’s going to manage all of the estrogen.

Congratulations to Nancy Barker, Patient Accounts Rep, PMO-Accounts Receivable on the birth of her grand daughter, Fiona Grace Brown, born March 19, 2014 at 8:40 am 5 lb 8 oz, 19 1/2 inches long at St John’s Mercy, St Louis, MO. Fiona is first child of Nancy’s oldest son Jeff and his wife Dianna.

Congratulations to Simarta Brennan-Prescod, Internal medicine/Nephrology on the birth of her son, Aaron Prescod Born: March 2nd 2014—6lbs, 0 oz. 19.75 inches

Both mom and baby are doing fine.

Recognition Award

Congratulations to Cara Christianell, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Division of Child Protection, Department of Pediatrics, who has been selected as a finalist in the St. Louis Magazine's 2014 Excellence in Nursing Awards. Cara will be recognized at the Magazine's fifth annual Excellence in Nursing Awards reception at the Chase Park Plaza on April 23, 2014. Cara was selected by a prestigious panel of judges as an outstanding nurse.

Recognition Award

Congratulations to Alexandrea Rucker, daughter of Andrea Guerin, Medical Assistant in Internal Medicine at the Doctor’s Office Building. Alex was awarded the 2014 Youth of the Year award. Please take a moment to check out the link below to view her interview on Channel 11.

Congratulations to Jamie Edwards and husband, who are now proud parents of their great niece, Aubree Dawn. Aubree has been with us since January 2013 when she was 7 months old by way of foster care and is now 21 months old and happy and healthy normal child despite her own personal health challenges. Working closely with the state of Missouri, their adoption hearing was Feb. 27 where they were granted their petition for adoption. Jamie says Aubree has truly been a blessing to both her husband and her.

Congratulations to Rhowsheda Sherrill, Development Assistant Medical Center Development and her husband, Nate Markovich. They were married on March 8, 2014 at the Jewel Box in Forest Park.

Congratulations to Adrienne Johnson, an Academic Advisor with the Student Success Center-Medical Center and Fiancé, Joshua Zammitosas on their engagement. They will be married on April 26, 2014 in Jefferson City, MO. Look for their wedding picture in our June edition!

Congratulations to Dr. Daniel Normansell and Kristin Dinga on their engagement on November 23, 2013. Daniel is a 2nd year resident in Emergency Medicine and Kristin is a Special Education Instructor at Belleville-East in Belleville, Ills. Wedding plans are in the making for October 11, 2014.

Congratulations to Katie Beres, OE Specialist, HR Learning & Development, and Scott Hoff on their engagement. Katie has worked in various roles at SLU since 2007. Scott graduated from SLU in 2005. They will be getting married this summer in St. Louis, MO.

Congratulations to Debra Dill, Events Specialist, Sr., Event Services, & Pete Garvin, Public Safety Officer, DPS, on their engagement announce.
The 2nd week in April is the National Public Safety Dispatcher's Week celebrating contributions of Public Safety dispatchers. They provide critical communications support to the DPSEP officers on the street, monitor alarm systems, provide customer service to members of the Saint Louis University community and much more.

Jacqueline Jackson - Manager
42 years of service
Hobbies: listening to jazz music, flower arranging, decorating committee at church, being the BOSS of my 3 sisters and volunteering. About Me: They told me I was too short (way back when) to be a police officer. So, I decided to be the one to tell them where to go, when to go and how long they had to do it.

Angela Thomas - 15 years of service
Hobbies: Reading my Nook, traveling with husband, spending quality time with family and friends. About Me: Dispatching for me, is about learning how to be patient, understanding, compassionate and multi-tasking. At times it can be challenging, but for the most part rewarding.

Matthew Hudson - 2 years of service
Hobbies: Ranching, camping, community service, horseback riding, video games and teaching outdoorsman skill. About Me: I wanted to help people in their time of need and wanted to challenge myself.

Christi Robertson - 6 months of service
Hobbies: Cooking, traveling, spending time with family and friends. Being the #1 role model to my fabulous daughter and leading her in the right direction. About Me: Being able to play an essential role in the life of someone in need is very gratifying. Coming to work knowing it’s never the same day twice, is exciting.

Terrance Lee - 7.5 years of service
Hobbies: Enjoys repairing and building computers
About Me: This was a different route for my career in law enforcement. I wanted to continue to be a part of law enforcement, by assisting within the communications area. I retired early and got bored pretty quick and got too many honey-do lists.

Jimmy Viola - 39 years of service
Hobbies: Reading, writing, playing guitar. About Me: I enjoy the challenge the position offers. Multi-tasking, disseminating information with split second decisions keeps me motivated on a daily basis.

Nichole Rigmaiden - 7 years of service
About Me: It takes a unique individual to handle the events that might occur at once within the communications unit. I enjoy the challenges and fulfillment of everyone getting what they want and need and all of us going home safely.

Alexandria Wilson - 7 years of service
Hobbies: Collecting Peanuts memorabilia (Snoopy, Charlie Brown etc.) About Me: I enjoy working with the public and the challenges that come from dispatching. Being able to overcome those challenges and perfecting my people skills is important for me.
The SLU physician assistant (PA) students will open the doors to the new Health Resource Center (HRC) Extension Clinic on Tuesday April 22, 2014! The Tuesday night clinic is an extension of the currently established Saturday morning HRC clinic that the SLU medical students have run for 20 years. The student-operated clinic utilizes SLUCare physicians and provides a safe educational environment for students, while also being a high-quality health center for patients. Both of the SLU HRC clinics provide free health care for the underserved and include services such as physical exams, vision screening, vaccinations, labs, nutritional counseling, physical therapy and social services.

The mission of the HRC clinic is to serve the needs of the community and to educate patients. The goals of the PA students are to provide temporary primary care services for the uninsured and to help meet the needs of the increasing number of patients. This open door clinic would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of the HRC volunteers over the years and the generous donations and support of the SLU community. The HRC auction is a major fundraiser for the HRC clinics and will be held on April 12 from 6:00-9:00pm. All of the proceeds from the auction go directly to support the HRC. If you’re interested in making a monetary donation to the HRC, please contact Peony at ckhoo@slu.edu. If you’re interested in contributing an item to our auction such as tickets to sporting events, handmade goods, or other items, we welcome any and all donations of new items/services! Please contact Peony at ckhoo@slu.edu.

Visit us at our new location:
Victor Roberts Building
1408 Kingshighway
Suite 213
St. Louis, MO

Our Annual Fundraising Auction is April 12, 2014 at 6:00pm. 90% of our yearly funds come from this auction. Tickets may be purchased at http://alumni.slu.edu/hrcauction
Contact us!
Email: sluhrc@gmail.com
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Saint Louis University Physician Assistant Students

The primary mission of the Saint Louis University Physician Assistant Program is to educate men and women to become competent, compassionate physician assistants dedicated to excellence in healthcare and the service of humanity.
March Matchness 2014

Submitted by Jenny Bird,
National Program Manager, Coordinator Campus Kitchen at Saint Louis University

The Campus Kitchen at Saint Louis University participated in the competitive fundraiser, March Matchness, meeting and finally exceeding the $2,500 goal. Campus Kitchen SLU plans on using the money to create more healthy meals for needy clients, buy important staples for the kitchen, and support our nutrition education and culinary job training programs. Out of the many Campus Kitchens participating across the country this year, Campus Kitchen KSLU came in second, again losing only to last year's reigning champ (Gettysburg College, who had a much higher goal of $7,500).

Campus Kitchen SLU exceed the goal set, and exceeded it in the end, with a final amount raised of **$3,810**. Campus Kitchen SLU's staff, volunteers, and clients are extremely grateful for the generosity of our donors and will continue to use the money towards ending hunger in the Midtown area.

Follow them on [Facebook](#). Want to volunteer? [Click here](#) for available time slots.

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All members of the SLU community can earn Vitality Points by taking part in the series of workshops that promotes advice for a healthy lifestyle. [Click here](#) to sign up for the workshops.