SLU Food Truck Rally

The MOVE Committee hosted a spring Food Truck Rally on Friday, April 5, located at Carr Lane between the Doisy Research Building and the Hickory West Garage. Approximately 800 students, faculty and staff were able to take a break and enjoy the beautiful weather and enjoy amazing food provided by the food trucks. Thirteen food trucks participated at this event, which included 2girls 4wheels, Chop Shop STL, Completely Sauced, Holy Crepe, Curbside Cookery, Go Gyro Go, Guerrilla Street Food, Hot Aztec, My Big Fat Greek Truck, Steamroller, The Sweet Divine, Legghorns and Shakes and Shell’s Coastal Cuisine. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and make this event so enjoyable!

Congratulations SLUStars!

Saint Louis University recognized eight SLUStars on Wednesday, April 17, with a celebratory breakfast held at Bannister House. SLUStars recognizes SLU staff and faculty who consistently extend themselves in special ways as part of their daily work at the University and in their local community.

Pictured are, from left, Meredith Osborn, Peter Mikolajczak, Lavonda Tucker-Jackson, Charles Johnson, Mary Ann Fox, Amanda Partee and Marta Iturriaga, from the Madrid campus (attending via Skype). Kathleen Herron was not pictured.
Congratulations to Ken Fleischmann, Vice President of Human Resources, on the birth of his new grandson, Julian Daniel Brewer! Julian was born on April 4, 2013, weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 21 in. Julian's dad, Daniel, is an Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics in the Allied Health Building.

Dustin Montgomery, Project manager for the Design & Construction department, and his wife, Rayonda, are expecting a new baby, Diem Lea Montgomery, on June 6, 2013.

Former ITS employee, Brandon Colley, and his wife are pleased to announce they had a girl! Olivia JoAnne was born on Thursday, March 21. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 in. long. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kristin Fecko, Grants Manager for the Office of Research Development and Services, and her husband, Benjamin, on the birth of their son, Charles Benjamin (Charlie) Fecko. Charlie was born on February 27, 2013 at 1:40AM. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 21.5 in. long.

Congratulations to Allison Rockamann, leader with the Institute for Private Business (ipb.slu.edu) of the Center for Entrepreneurship, is excited to announce her recent engagement to Tim Dudash. Congratulations Tim and Allison!

Carie Tebbe, Network Analyst in Internal Medicine, was engaged to Rodney Rakers on August 30, 2012. They are planning a September 28, 2013 wedding in Beckemeyer, IL followed by a reception in Breese, IL.

Tracey Stewart-Parks, employee of Practice Management Operation, would like to announce that her second oldest son, Shawn Bernard Stewart, united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, April 27 to Ms. Jalica Davis.

On February 23, 2013, Gina Anderson, Administrative Assistant for IM-Hematology/Oncology, was proposed to by her boyfriend, Kyle Steffens, while taking a trip to Daytona Beach for the Daytona 500. Congratulations Kyle and Gina!
Graduation

Jennifer Dizes, Director of the Clinical Trials Office, was a December graduate from Washington University with an MS in Clinical Research Management. Congratulations Jennifer!

The Human Resource Department had a chance to get their picture taken with the A-10 Tournament Billiken Basketball Team’s trophy at the official watch party at Chaifetz Arena.

The MOVE Committee celebrated SLU Spirit Day with Neurology and Psychiatry on Friday, March 22. They were a great group and had a great time doing the SLU Shuffle!

SLU - Madrid Campus Staff prepare for their Annual Alumni, Faculty and Staff Easter Egg Hunt!

Student Financial Services staff recently raised money to purchase a food processor for campus kitchen.

Vote to Help Celebrate National Mobility Awareness Month in May

Submitted by Trish Pace, Administrative Assistant for CSB-Exec MS International Business

National Mobility Awareness Month is dedicated to showing the world how people with disabilities can live active, mobile lifestyles. The National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA) network of members are giving away custom Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.

I would like to encourage the Saint Louis University community, family, friends, and co-workers to vote for our local hero, my daughter, EMMA PACE!!

There are over 800 entered and only the top 5% with the most votes will be considered. Please CLICK HERE to vote!
Kirk Fortune, Technology Manager with IM-Administration, generously shared his great-grandmother’s German Potato Salad recipe with the St. Louis Post Dispatch, which was published on April 23. The recipe had been passed down through Kirk’s large family and has been served at many get-togethers. To see the recipe and to read the article written about Kirk and his family history, please CLICK HERE.

Many years of training in dog agility has resulted in three major achievements for Diana Rupprecht and her dogs this year.

Diana and her three year old Border Collie, Katy Muppet, were invited to compete in the American Kennel Club’s (AKC) National Championships in Tulsa, OK in March. Over 1,300 dogs from the US and Canada competed in six rings simultaneously over a three day period. Members of the US World & US International agility teams and professional agility trainers were entered in this event. Katy finished in 89th place out of the 409 dogs in the 20” jump height - not bad for a skittish, rescue dog at her first big event. At age two and a half years, Katy achieved the top title in AKC agility, Masters Agility Champion (MACH). Border Collies, like Katy, have a natural ability to take directions from a human partner. This is important because although you practice skills to run in dog agility, each course is different and the handler only gets to see a map of the course on trial day and has 8 minutes to “walk the course” before running it with their dog.

But any dog can compete in agility. Diana’s Labrador Retriever, Zoey, just achieved her PACH – Preferred Agility Champion, in April. The PACH is the equivalent of the MACH, but the Preferred class allows a dog to jump 4” lower than in the standard class. Twelve and a half year old Zoey is Diana’s first agility dog. Diana started in agility with Zoey to break Zoey’s bad habits of chewing up household items. As the first agility dog, Zoey was taught agility incorrectly and had to re-learn skills repeatedly. Diana was going to retire Zoey in November 2010, but suddenly, things started to “click” and Zoey and Diana started running as a team and qualifying. Zoey will continue to compete in agility as long as she’s wagging her tail and having fun.

When an agility team wins their MACH/PACH title, they celebrate with a victory lap around the course to the applause of their fellow competitors. The judge presents the team with a beautiful, large MACH ribbon and a MACH jump bar. The jump bar is decorated and is signed with best wishes by the other handlers. Then everyone celebrates with a “MACH” cake.

Not only does agility build a great bond between the dog and handler, its great exercise and challenges the mind. On an average trial day, the handler will put over 20,000 steps on the pedometer.

There are many agility trials held in St. Louis and spectators are always welcome. Purina Farms in Grey Summit, MO holds many agility and other dog sporting events. Click here for more information on Purina Farms agility events.