Saint Louis University Wins The Boot for a Second Year

Congratulations to SLU for winning the 2013 Battle for the Boot. On June 25, the University was awarded the golden boot trophy by George "The Shoeman" Hutchings, founder of Shoeman Water Projects. Though the competition against Washington University was close this year, Saint Louis University was able to collect 7,067 lbs. of shoes, which is the equivalent of 5,496 pairs of shoes.

Many other awards and “thank-yous” were given at the celebration. The Distribution Services team was thanked for their kind gesture of gathering the big bags filled with shoes and allowing volunteers to organize the shoes within a reserved location. Drummond Hall received an award for collecting 1,113 pairs of shoes—the most shoes collected than any other building within the University! The Wool Center came in second, collecting 660 pairs of shoes. Many faculty, staff and students were recognized for all their hard work and time they put into volunteering for the shoe drive.

By reaching the goal of collecting at least 7,000 pairs of shoes, Saint Louis University was able to help raise enough funds for the construction of three water purification systems, which will be installed in either Kenya or Haiti. Thank you to all who contributed in this great cause!
Congratulations to Kellisa Fiala, Administrative Assistant for Instruction-Social Work, and her husband on the birth of their son, Benjamin Phillip Fiala. Benjamin weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 in. long. He was born at 8:45pm on Friday, April 12, 2013.

Congratulations to Jenny Bird, Coordinator at The Campus Kitchen at Saint Louis University, and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Paige Martin Presnall. Paige was born on April 29, 2013 and weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Congratulations to Cynthia Aiazzi, Associate Director of Alumni Relations, and her husband, Tony, on the birth of their first daughter, Ella Josephine Aiazzi. Ella was born on May 3, 2013.

Congratulations to Nila Mehta, Coordinator in Payroll Services, on the birth of her grandson, Ayan Henry Bast. Ayan was born on June 12 weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. Baby and mom are doing great.

Shatrasha Stone, Academic Advisor for CSB-Undergraduate Advising Services, was engaged to Nathaniel Butler on May 27. They have been together for 7 years. Congratulations Shatrasha and Nathaniel!

Congratulations to Preeti Dalawari, M.D., MSPH, Emergency Medicine Research Director and Assistant Professor, Surgery at Saint Louis University Hospital, for being identified as one of the top 20 outstanding peer reviewers for the 2012-2013 year by MedEdPORTAL Publications.

Dave Patek, the son of Carolee Patek, Sr. HRIS Specialist, just released his first CD of contemporary Christian music, titled Half Way Home. The CD has 10 songs including Redeemed and I Lift My Hands. If you would like a copy, contact Carolee at cpatek@slu.edu.

2013 Outstanding Peer Reviewer Awards

Retirement

Congratulations to Mary Schmelter, Academic Advisor for School for Professional Studies, on her recent retirement!

Mary asked that we share a special note with her fellow employees:

Dear Colleagues:

I am retiring this month after 28 years at SLU and wanted to take a moment to thank all of you. For quite a few years many of you supported the "Pack'em Back to School" project, which provided clothing, shoes and school supplies, and the "Adopt-a-Family" Christmas project, which provided presents and food items to low income families. I’m sure you continue to positively impact the lives of people around you however you can.

Working at SLU and getting to know so many of you has been a great gift in my life, one I will always remember!

Engagement

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Saint Louis University’s 2013 Field School Comes to a Successful End
Submitted by Mary R. Vermilion, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Sociology & Criminal Justice

Archaeology students were engaged in a four week field school at Cahokia Mounds Historic Site from May 19 through June 14. Cahokia Mounds, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Collinsville, IL, was a prehistoric American Indian chiefdom from A.D. 1050 to about A.D. 1350. It is an extremely important site and a laboratory for understanding questions about political/social complexity and how complex social systems come to power and decline.

Again this year, students worked at the Fingerhut Tract of the Cahokia site under the supervision of Dr. Mary Vermilion, assisted by Mr. Richard Young. Assistance was also provided by Teaching Fellow, Rob Jonathan, who was a student in last year’s field school. The focus of this year’s research was investigation of the tract as a craft specialization area within the chiefdom. Craft specialization was essential during prehistory as a means of reinforcing the authority of the central power.

The footprints of two large structures and a portion of a circular burned structure were excavated. In addition to learning a myriad of archaeological excavation methods, students also learned how to survey, map, photograph, and keep detailed records.

After the field work, the students moved into the lab for two weeks of artifact processing (washing, sorting, inventory) and analysis. Their exuberance and work ethic continued unabated. They did themselves, and Saint Louis University, proud and contributed substantially to the ongoing research at this very important site.

Visitors to the excavations were numerous and our students did a wonderful job explaining the goals of the project and answering questions about excavation techniques. Students demonstrated superior interpersonal skills and an excellent work ethic.
National Public Safety Dispatcher’s Week

Submitted by Jacqueline Jackson Manager for Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness

National Public Safety Dispatcher’s Week was celebrated on April 19. The Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness hosted a lunch, where they presented years of service plaques and gifts of appreciation. The theme of the celebration was “TEAMWORK!”

Communications personnel participated in a communications bingo game over a 6 week period. Matt Hudson, Public Safety Dispatcher for Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness, was the winner and received the grand prize of a pen, notebook, lunch bag, tumbler and a $20 gift card from Vito’s. Acting Captain, Connie Tillman, also presented the group with gift cards, flowers and a heartfelt thank-you.

PEERS Helps Teens with Autism Make Friends

Program for Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS) is a program that has recently been offered by the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center. PEERS is a 14-week, evidence-based, social skills intervention program for motivated teens with high functioning autism and related disorders in middle and high school. Dr. Barbara Braddock, Assistant Professor for Pediatrics and director of PEERS, and Dr. Kimberly Twyman, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and developmental Pediatrician, have had a great success implementing the PEERS program. To learn more about the PEERS program and the program’s success, please click here.

Pixel Press: Draw Your Own Video Game

Robin Rath, adjunct professor at St. Louis University and SLU graduate (2013), and the Pixel Press team are excited to announce the Pixel Press, an iOS & Android app that lets you draw your own video game level (no code required!) and share it with others. Look for the app, which will become available on iOS in December 2013 and for Android Devices in June 2014. A recently launched project on the crowdfunding platform, Kickstarter, allowed for Robin and his team to successfully reach their $100,000 goal by June 13. This campaign helped to make Robin’s idea of the Pixel Press a reality. To pre-order Pixel Press using your credit card or through PayPal, please click here. To read more about the Pixel Press and the campaign, click here.
Summer at SLU Photo Contest
Share your Summer At SLU - we want to see the photos of your best summer yet!

Instructions:
1. Snap a photo of yourself or a friend having the best summer yet - Summer At SLU!
2. Share your picture with us:
   - Email your photo to summer@slu.edu
   - or -
   - Upload to Instagram, tag @SLU_Official and add the hashtag #summeratSLU
   - or -
   - Upload to the Summer At SLU Facebook page.
3. Check out all the fun Summer At SLU pics and see if yours is chosen to win!

Results:
We'll pick one winner from each of these categories in June and July:
- Camps
- Courses
- Conferences
- Community (SLU Faculty & Staff)

Winners will be awarded a $25 gift certificate to the Saint Louis University bookstore.

In August, we'll choose the best photo of the summer and that winner will receive a $50 gift certificate to the SLU bookstore. Everyone who submits a photo will be eligible to win, including those who won in June and July.

For questions about the Summer At SLU program, please contact Troy Turnipseed or check out the website by clicking here.

Good luck and have a SLU kind of summer!

New Vegetarian Restaurant Opens in Tower Grove
Submitted by Amanda M. Reed, Ed. M, MLS(ACSP)CM, Instructor in Clinical Laboratory Science

Bay Tran is opening a new vegetarian restaurant on South Grand called Tree House. Tree House is a quirky, modern vegetarian bistro in the heart of diverse and eclectic Tower Grove (South Grand). Tree House officially opened on Friday, June 7.

Tree House offers food-forward, contemporary cuisine in a unique setting that focuses on sustainable, seasonal, whole and locally sourced plant-based foods.

In carrying out day-to-day business, Tree House strives to:
- Treat our employees with the highest degree of respect and fairness
- Focus on exceptional quality and value for our customers
- Give back to the people and places within our community
- Reduce our carbon footprint to the lowest level possible

Through a long-term commitment to this mission, we aim to establish ourselves as a company that values our employees, our customers, our community and the environment

Click Here to see the Tree House Facebook page.

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Autism Sibling Clinic

Early diagnosis and intervention helps create a brighter future for children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Siblings of children with ASD have a much higher risk to develop a form of autism.

The Missouri Autism Center at the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center, affiliated with SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center and Saint Louis University, now offers the first Autism Sibling clinic that combines autism/developmental assessment and genetic screening by an expert medical team.

Who can participate?

Children under 48 months of age who have a biological sibling diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

What is the ARISk Genetic screening?

The ARISk® Autism Risk Assessment Test is a genetic test which identifies an early estimate of a sibling’s specific risk for autism. The test is obtained through a cheek swab in our clinic.

Call 314-577-5609 for an appointment.