Halloween Decorating Contest

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The Human Resources MOVE Committee will once again sponsor a Halloween decorating contest. Employees are encouraged to decorate and transform their workspaces as well as themselves with spooky holiday decorations and/or costumes. Winners will receive a traveling trophy and Halloween goodies. Submit a photo or video of their decorations to slulifenewsletter@slu.edu by 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. Judges will visit the top five best decorated workspaces during the week of Oct. 21 to have an interactive judging experience before determining the winners. Winners will be announced Oct. 28, and photographs will be featured in the November SLULife.

SLU Food Truck Rally

The HR MOVE Committee hosted the Food Truck Rally on Thursday, September 26, which also included a visit by the Billiken. The rally had a great turn out with over 400 people attending to enjoy the assorted food truck cuisine, fellowship, and great weather. Food trucks that attended the rally were Curbside Cookery, Holy Crepe!, Zia’s, My Big Fat Greek Truck, Shop Shop, Hot Aztec, Shell’s Coastal Cuisine, and 2 Girls 4 Wheels. Thank you to all who participated! The HR MOVE Committee is planning another food truck rally on the south campus on April 24, 2014.
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.

In October, local soprano Patricia Scanlon, a vocal music Instructor in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts since 2005, will be traveling as concert narrator and as a soloist with the Cornerstone Chorale and Brass 2013 concert tour "Be Not Afraid: Finding Courage to Care" directed by Dr. Bruce Vantine. "A powerful social justice message presented by 20+ singers, brass quintet, pianist and narrator. More than a concert, words of inspiration in a rich musical setting." The tour travels through 13 states and ends on Oct. 20th in St. Louis, MO with a 4:00p.m. performance at The Peabody to benefit local St. Louis charity, Gateway 180: Homelessness Reversed.

The Faculty Academic Council recently hosted a social on our Madrid campus for new and returning faculty. Melanie Mitchell brought her children along to the party. The next day, her daughter had to do her daily activity sheet in her elementary class. She said that going to work with mom was the most fun time she remembered having. Attached is her artistic rendition of the event.
Evangelist Sherry Wright-Gully, a recent graduate of Saint Louis University School of Professional Studies has returned to her passion of writing and producing gospel stage plays. After taking a sabbatical to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree she has returned to pick up where she left off and is advancing to her next level. In January, she submitted a taping to the Atlanta Black Theatre Festival of her most recent production entitled Circle of Influence, a play that focuses on the family and the challenges faced by separation and divorce.

After patiently waiting 28 days, 14 hours, and 32 minutes she received a Letter of Congratulations to showcase her work for Reader’s Theatre. For those who are not familiar with the process a stage reading is one of the first steps to be taken towards mounting a play for the stage. This will allow Sherry’s work to be read (with mini-skits) before a live audience of theatre lovers and producers from 18 states and 3 countries. This process provides feedback and suggestions to help perfect the piece for the stage and ticket pricing.

A novice to this level of experience Sherry is very grateful for the opportunity to participate in such a historical event. She is very excited to learn more about the next level of her journey as an aspiring playwright and author. On Friday, October 4, 2013, the cast of Circle of Influence will be traveling to Atlanta, GA with Sherry for two SOLD OUT performances to present at the Porter Sanford III Performing Arts Center on Saturday October 5, 2013 at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Sherry, along with her cast of 13 understand this to be a honing, as well as, “branding” experience for each of them. Following their last performance they will attend a Semi-formal Producer’s Ball for networking in the company of celebrities and other producers.

According to their website the Atlanta Black Theatre Festival searched the globe with a committee of artists and theatre lovers to bring the BEST in Black Theatre to Atlanta for 40 plays in 4 days! Sherry believes that God is in the details as she accepted her call as Evangelist in February (2013) and believes that she will use theatre as a platform and vehicle to minister the good news of Jesus Christ to audiences across the globe. To date, she has written and produced five plays, two shot films, and is currently writing her first book called The Crushing Transformation of the Anointing.

August Winners

Learning Challenge Winners

Staff who complete at least one hour of professional development will be entered in a drawing to win a tablet for the corresponding month. Each month, we will announce three winners; one from Academic Affairs, Medical Affairs, and all other University divisions.

Congratulations to our August winners:
Linda Hanbaum, with Business & Finance, won a Samsung Tablet

Mary Acton, with Electronic Health Records, won a Kindle Fire.

Brion Abel, with Doisy Health Sciences, won a Barnes & Nobel Nook.

Thanks to our Learning Ambassadors, Jennifer Baine and Ryan Baker for presenting the awards to our winners.
I can’t begin to explain how meaningful the trip to Washington D.C. was for my dad yesterday. I believe it was an overwhelming experience in which he truly processed what each war memorial represented for our nation, and how these wars affected our family as well as millions of others. It was a sacred and surreal place and time. We started out at the WWII Memorial for a group Veteran picture, with the Washington Monument in the background. Here, there was the reading of the names of Veterans who had already died. Dad was not prepared for this, as he did not realize our family’s names would be read. He looked at me when he heard the names of his brother-in-law, Charles R. Lupardus, and nephew-in-law. When he heard their names he threw his right hand in the air, and the Veteran on the left side of my dad shook his hand. Later, Dad asked me how they knew. I informed him that I had submitted all of our family Veteran names - Chester Stafford, my father’s brother, who was killed when his ship was hit by enemy torpedo and two other brothers, Thomas and Porter, who were both POW’s. They were both rescued and came home, but had lasting illness from the long ordeal.

From the World War II Memorial, we went on to see the Korean Memorial, Viet Nam Memorial, Viet Nam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, , Iwo Jima Memorial, Air Force Memorial and Dulles Air and Space Museum to see the Enola Gay bomber and Discovery Shuttle, along with many other war planes and space history. We closed with the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington Cemetery. Dad saw the resting place for his favorite cowboy, Audie Murphy, as well as memorials for the crew of two space shuttles. Each of these visits was a unique highlight in its own right.

Soon after our plane departed, a military mail call was announced. Dad listened as other names were called, not knowing what to expect. He was overwhelmed when his name was called, and he received his hand sewn blue, red and white cloth bag full of letters and cards from family and friends. I think he received more than twenty-eight pieces of mail that he read during the return trip. Dad said mail call was worth it all.

When we arrived at the Springfield Airport there were more than 1500 -2000 men, women, veterans, children that greeted us with bagpipers, drummers, flutists, banners and flags to welcome the veterans home. It was a powerful day and a long lasting memory. This trip was for all of our family veterans, whom we love and remember always.

Thank you,

Gregg Stafford
Angie Comte, Forensic Pathology and Graduate Student (Health Informatics) and Alan Hsieh welcomed a son, Winston Le-yi Hsieh, on May 23, 2013. Mommy, Daddy, and big brother Evan are blessed by his arrival.

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Eileen Legaspi and Eric Wilson were married on August 10th in San Francisco. They are both SLU graduates and employees.

Eileen graduated from College for Public Health and Social Justice (CPHSJ) in 2012 and Eric graduated from JCSB in 2009. Eileen now works for the Heartland Centers in the CPHSJ and Eric works in the admission office.
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 22 for great fun, prizes and fellowship.

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

In the event of inclement weather, activities will be 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 22, 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.
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The contest includes two categories for judging: Individual (costumes) or Workspace (this can be a single employee or multiple employees in a common area). Employees participating in the workspace category are asked to decorate their workspace and submit a photo or video of their decorations to slulifenewsletter@slu.edu by 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. Include with your entry: Name of the participant(s), Location, Email address(es), and Telephone number(s). Employees from North Campus will meet in the mall at the clock tower at 11:30 pm – 12:30 pm for judging. Employees from South Campus will meet in the mall by the fountain at 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm for judging.

Employees can vote for their favorite costume by donating a non-perishable item to the participant. The costume that raises the most items will be counted as winner. All items collected will be donated to a local food bank to help with Thanksgiving meals.

Rules and Guidelines: A workspace is defined as an office, cubicle, desk, office suite, etc. Since not all work environments can be transformed with decorations, employees should check with supervisor before adding any decorations to a workspace.

No flames, fog machines or disruptive noises. Decorations and materials used should comply with University and Departmental policy, and not interfere with the work environment.

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**Discounted Six Flags Fright Fest Tickets Available!!!**

The MOVE Committee is partnering with Six Flags to offer discount tickets and parking for Fright Fest 2013 to members of the SLU community.

Visit SLU's [Marketplace](#) to purchase tickets now through Friday, Oct. 25 for $27.00 (a $54.99 value).

Tickets are valid Saturday, Sept. 28, to Sunday, Oct. 27. Parking passes are available for purchase separately for $10.00 (a $20.00 value). Six Flags tickets and parking passes are available for pickup on the Thursday and Friday 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. 27, to upgrade to a 2014 season pass for $29.99. This pass is good for the remainder of 2013 and the 2014 season. Upgrade four passes at the same time to receive an automatic upgrade to gold passes with free parking.

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