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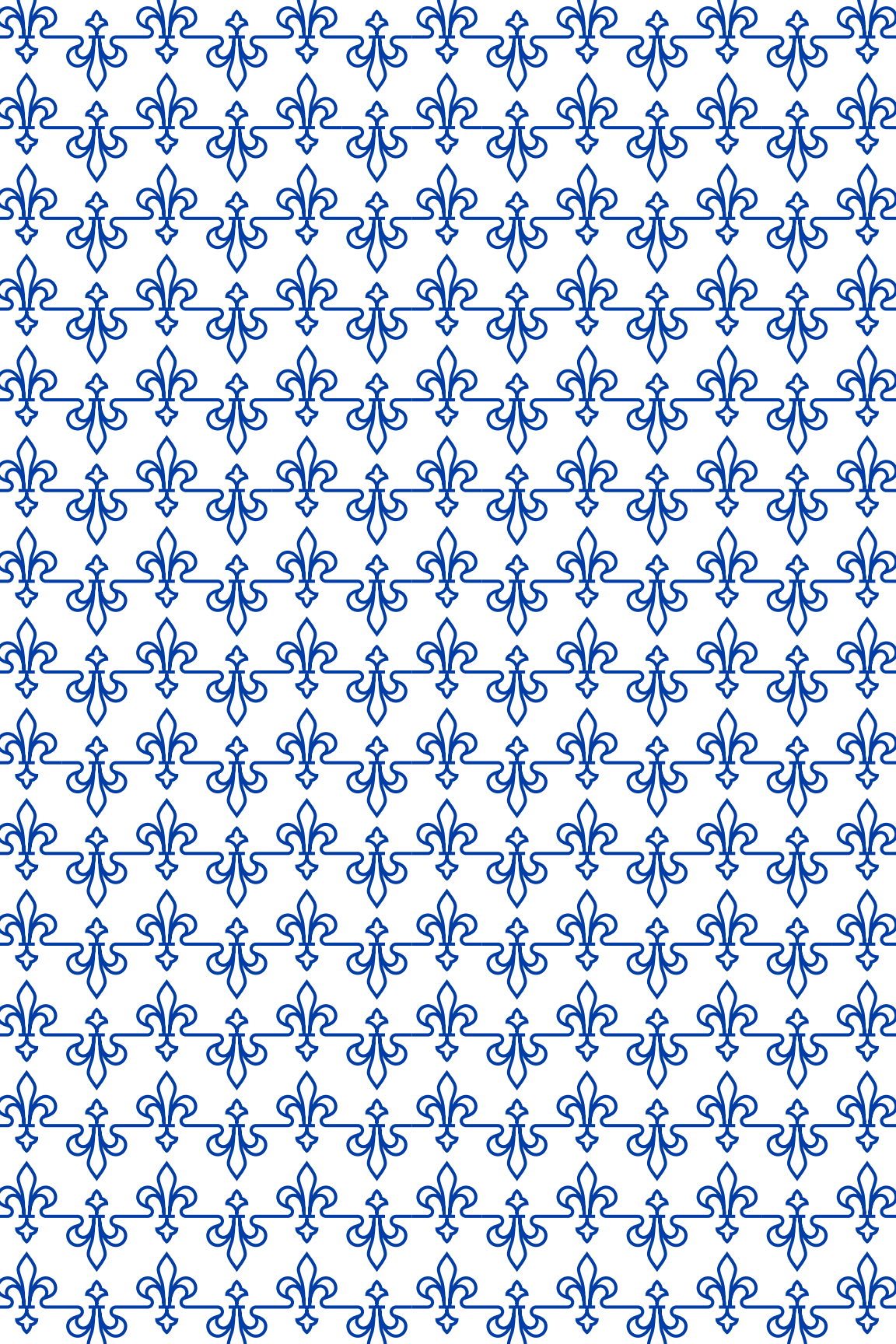
2026 PRECOMMENCEMENT

University



SCHOOL *of* MEDICINE
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY | FRIDAY, MAY 15 | THE SHELDON, 3648 WASHINGTON AVE.



ORDER OF EVENTS

ENTRANCE OF DEAN,
ADMINISTRATION,
FACULTY AND STAFF

ENTRANCE OF GRADUATES

WELCOME

Brittany Hollister, Ph.D.

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs

DEAN'S REMARKS

Christine Jacobs, M.D.

*Gerald A. Maguire, M.D. and Joanne S. Maguire Cura Personalis
Dean, School of Medicine and Vice President for Medical Affairs*

PRE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Stanley Andrisse, MBA, Ph.D.

*Tenured Associate Professor of Physiology,
Howard University College of Medicine*

Ph.D. Graduates will participate in a full hooding ceremony, and
Master's Graduates will be recognized by name and program.

GRADUATES

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Enrico Di Cera, M.D., Chair

Ph.D. Graduate

Jaclyn Whalen

Regulation of Hepatic
Lipid Metabolism by the
miR-183/96/182 Cluster

MENTOR: *Ángel Baldán, Ph.D.*

DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

Richard DiPaolo, Ph.D., Chair

Ph.D. Graduate

Nicholas Jackson

Selective Modulation of
Regulatory T Cell Function by
an IL-2–TGF β Dual Biologic in
Autoimmune Inflammation

MENTOR: *Richard DiPaolo, Ph.D.*

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D., Chair

Ph.D. Graduates

Avantika Jain

Developing Cell-Derived
and Biomaterial-Assisted
Regenerative and
Immunomodulatory Therapies
for Skeletal Muscle Trauma

MENTOR: *Koyal Garg, Ph.D.*

Megan Pater

Impact of Type II Diabetes Risk
Factors on Islet of Langerhans

MENTOR: *Willis K. Samson, Ph.D.,
Gina L.C. Yosten, Ph.D.*

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE

*Kimberly Schiel, M.D.,
Interim Chair*

Medical Family Therapy

Ph.D. Graduates

Annalise Bernardino

Pediatric Medical Traumatic
Stress in Children Living
with Congenital Heart
Defects Who Have Undergone
Open Heart Surgery

MENTOR: *Dixie Meyer, Ph.D.*

Andre Morgan Jr.

Expansion of the Religion/
Spirituality Stress and
Resilience Model for Black
Sexual Minority Men

MENTOR: *Katie Heiden-Rootes, Ph.D.*

Couple and Family Therapy Master's Graduates

Phoebe Cook

Erendira Garcia Guzman

Kayla Hoover

Chia-Ching (Raymond) Wang

CENTER FOR ANATOMICAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

John Martin, Ph.D., Director

Anatomy Ph.D. Graduate

Lokesh Coomar

Evaluating the Relationship
Between Upper Airway
Morphology and
Alzheimer's Dementia

MENTOR: *Meadow Campbell, Ph.D.*

Anatomy Master's Graduate

Sunjay King

Medical Sciences Master's Graduates

Connor Bowne

Miguel Cadiz

Kristin Davis

Emma Ford

Harshith Gorla

Lukas Henson

Jack Liu

Eurielle Nkamssi

Vickky Pandit

Jacob Roth

Shirin Saha

Grace Schallert

Miit Shah

Abbie Tate

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES RESEARCH

*Eric Armbrrecht, Ph.D.,
Interim Chair*

Master's Graduates

Jyothsna Hanumatha Addepalli

Rajesh Adhi

Sejal Akkaldev

Anusri Bachina

Pravalika Bairapogu

Latha Reddy Battula

Yamini Reddy Bazzuri

Hannah Chaganti

Nikhitha Chaparla

Tejaswini Charku

Dhruvakumar Chatarajupalli

Sohilkumar Chaudhari

Swetha Reddy Chekurthi

Bhavya Sai Chinchugalla

Vineel Reddy Chittedi

Sanjuna Jennyfer Dasari

Meghana Sen Doppalapudi

Poojitha Sangavi Dunaboina

Venkatesh Yadav Edamoni

Huda Fatima

Maisha Flannel

Yaswanth Reddy Gogireddy

Janke Haripriya

Akshitha Kamtanam

Naga Jahnavi Kancharla

Yasasri Kannikanti

Sharath Kasula

Teja Katakam

Srilahari Katla

Mohd Adnaan Khan

Amina Khatun Fnu

Gwendolynn Kincaid

Bandhavya Koduru

Sai Harshitha Konduru

Jyoshna Devi Koraboina

Prakrita Krishna

Sai Kiran Kukatapu

Vaishnavi Madhiraju

Laxmi Pranavi Mallekedi

Joy Prise Manda

Mounika Mandava

Vinay Matam

Amisha Meka

Triveni Muppalla

Lin Htet Naing

Harshini Nandigama

Vamsi Krishna Reddy Naredla

Sanjay Nenavath

Kousalya Ogirala

Tarun Kumar Paidipamula

Krishna Chaitanya Palla

Dhanraj Palapati

Supriya Panjala

Pravallika Pasupuleti

Alay Nileshkumar Patel

Venkatesh Paturu

Greeshma Poli

Chandra Sekhar Ponugumati

Jenishkumar Bhupatbhai

Radadiya

Nagaveni Regalagadda

Sangameshwar Ryakala

Cherishma Samala

Fnu Sana

Saisnehanjali Sanike

Venkata Sai Bhavya Saradhi

Ruthwick Simon Singidi

Niharika Somireddy

Rithwik Raj Suram

Asritha Suraparaju

Vaishnavi Tapetla

Praveen Thammaneni

Sowmya Reddy Uppaluru

Tanvitha Vadlamudi

Meghana Vallam

Pallavi Vallepally

Varsha Reddy Veerati

Amit Yadav

Lafouet Kevine Yemelong

Esha Yepuri

ABOUT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY



Saint Louis University is one of the oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities in the United States. Founded in 1818, the University is recognized nationally for world-class academics, life-changing research and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Guided by its enduring Jesuit mission, Saint Louis University offers students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education that empowers them to become bold, confident leaders.

As a nationally recognized leader in research and innovation, SLU is a Research-1 (R1) university, advancing groundbreaking discoveries in St. Louis and around the world.

Saint Louis University educates 13,307 students from all 50 states and 93 countries. The University's campus in Madrid, Spain, enrolled 1,285 students last fall.

A dedication to values-based education and social justice has earned Saint Louis University widespread acclaim and bolstered its status as a character-building college. SLU is one of only 7% of colleges nationwide to hold the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement, which honors the service-centered work of the University community.

SLU is also a catalyst for urban renewal in the heart of a vibrant city. More than \$2 billion in housing, retail and business development is underway in Midtown St. Louis, and the University is in the center of the neighborhood's growth.

Inspired by its pioneering spirit, Saint Louis University continues to move forward, committed to serve a higher purpose while seeking the greater good.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SLU ranks as one of the country's top colleges by *The Princeton Review*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News & World Report* – and as the No. 11 “Best Catholic College in America.” (Niche)

R1 STATUS

With \$65.1 million in externally funded research expenditures, SLU's R1 status places the University in an elite group of U.S. research universities.

SERVICE

1.5 million hours of service are completed by the SLU community annually. Seventy-two percent of students volunteer each year.

ATHLETICS

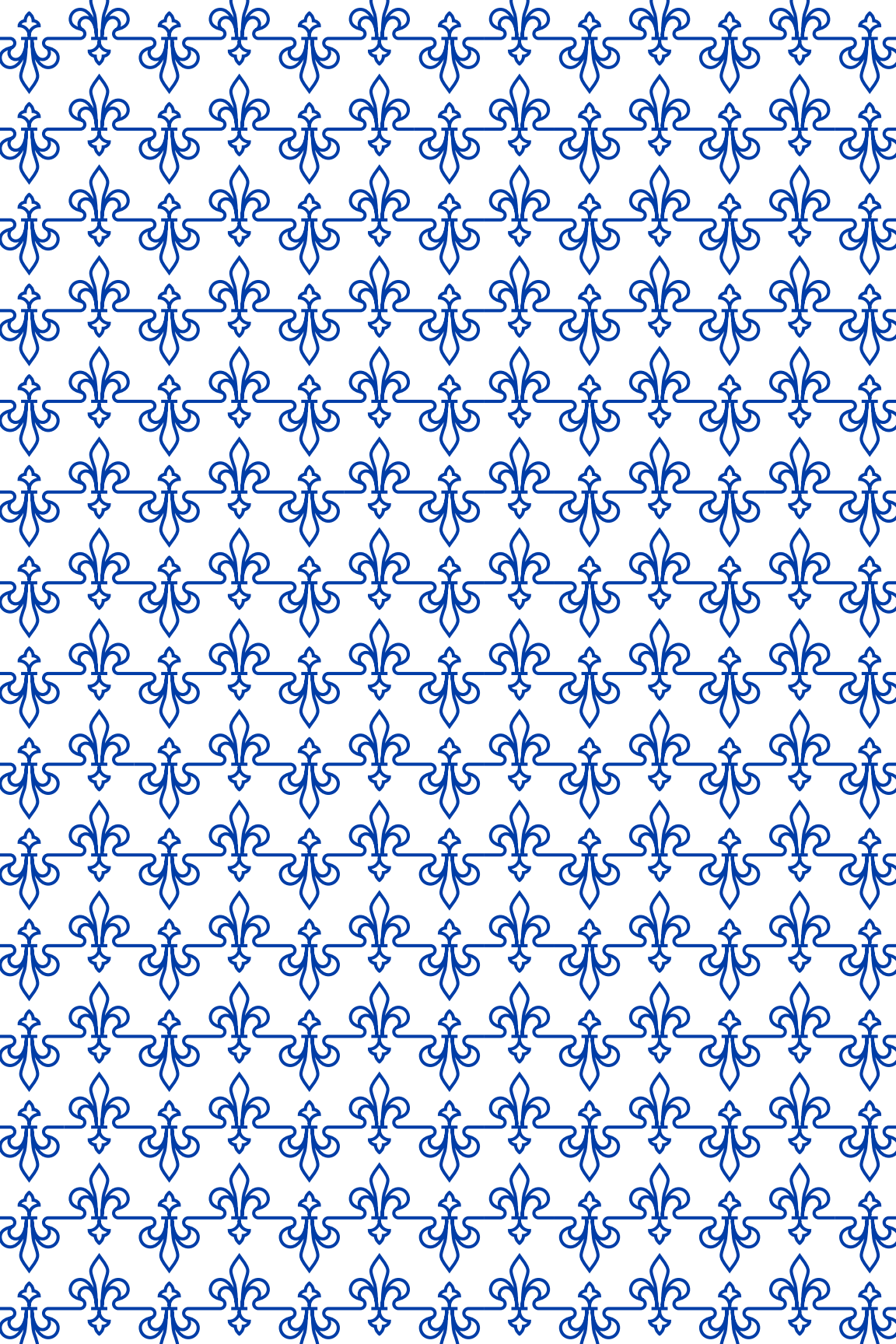
An NCAA Division I institution, SLU is a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference and competes in 18 sports. Recent successes include men's basketball advancing to the second round of the NCAA Championship.

MASCOT

The University's unique mascot, the Billiken, is a mythical good-luck figure who represents “things as they ought to be.”

ALUMNI

SLU's new graduates join more than 142,000 alumni who lead lives of meaning and purpose around the world.





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