ABOUT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

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

Guided by its enduring mission, Saint Louis University offers students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education that empowers them to become good, excellent leaders. Ranked among the nation’s top research universities, SLU boasts a total of 14 graduate and undergraduate programs ranked among the top 50 in the country by U.S. News and World Report, including the nation’s No. 1 health law program.

Inside the classroom, ethics, spirituality and compassion take center stage, while outside of the classroom, SLU students are active volunteers. This dedication to values-based education and social justice has earned the University widespread acclaim and bolstered its status as a character-building college. Today, there are more than 131,000 SLU alumni living around the globe.

With an endowment that exceeds $1 billion, Saint Louis University also is a major catalyst for urban renewal in the heart of a vibrant city. SLU is part of the new Prospect Yards district, which will soon bring a food hall, cinema, governance trial and more to the area.

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MARSHALS

The marshals of Saint Louis University have a central role in the University’s most significant academic ceremonies. The post of Marshal is one of honor, with marshals appointed by their college or school to serve as ceremonial leaders. Marshals wear distinctive medals indicating their role.

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Midyear Commencement

DECEMBER 13, 2019

LOCATIONS

St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain

ENROLLMENT

52,547 students, from all 50 states and 82 countries • 4,674 undergraduates • 4,474 post-baccalaureate students

MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

9 undergraduate majors • 85 graduate disciplines • A variety of minors, certificates, accelerated programs and dual degrees

FACULTY

2,270 faculty members • 97% of tenured and tenure-track faculty hold the highest degree in their fields

Student-faculty ratio 5:1

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Identified as one of the country’s top colleges by The Princeton Review, Fiske Guide to Colleges, and U.S. News and World Report – and as one of the country’s top 10 Catholic colleges by Niche. Identified as one of the country’s top colleges by Newsweek, The Princeton Review, and The Washington Monthly. Recognized by The Washington Monthly as one of the nation’s top 10 Catholic colleges. Identified as one of the nation’s top Catholic colleges by Forbes and U.S. News and World Report.

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NANCY MCHER RING AWARD RECIPIENT

Katie Kelting, an assistant professor of marketing in SLU’s Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, joined the Saint Louis University faculty in July 2016. Previously, she was an assistant professor of marketing in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Florida and completed her doctoral studies at Indiana University in 2011.

Kelting’s research interests include private label branding, promotional behavior, celebrity advertising and social media. She has written numerous scholarly papers and presentations on these topics. In addition, she has been a frequent guest on websites such as Forbes and Elle.

In the Chaifetz School of Business, she serves on many committees, including the academic honesty committee and diversity committee. She also is the director of the school’s Behavioral Research Lab. On a national level, she is a “Women in the Marketing Academy Fellow,” among her many honors.

Though she has been at SLU for just three-and-a-half years, Kelting has made a big impression on her students. In nominating her for the Nancy Mchir Ring Award, one student noted that Kelting “emphasized the importance of researching disciplines of ethics and decision-making in the real world and how that makes SLU students...systematically different and superior to those of the other schools.”

In addition to Kelting’s nomination letter, a student created Kelting’s personal graphical “tips for success” writing: “Remember to format your tic-tac-toe grids properly and center your paragraphs. Remember to use five-spaced headings and center your paragraphs. Remember to use five-spaced headings and center your paragraphs. Remember to use five-spaced headings and center your paragraphs.”

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