A man of many may already know, Dr. Fred Pestello will be the 33rd president of Saint Louis University. He will take office on July 1. On March 20, the board of trustees voted to appoint Dr. Pestello after a nationwide search that began last fall. He was the unanimous first choice of the presidential search committee.

Dr. Pestello has spent his entire 30-year career in Catholic higher education. He is the president of fellow Jesuit institution Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., and has been in that position since 2008. Prior to his appointment at Le Moyne, Dr. Pestello was provost and senior vice president for educational affairs at the University of Dayton, where he spent 24 years. (You can read more about his career on page 2 of this issue.)

Dr. Pestello’s Jesuit roots extend to his undergraduate education at John Carroll University, which he calls a “transformative experience” that laid the foundation for his future. I am very pleased that our next president will carry the torch here. I am confident he will continue at SLU.

With his appointment, Dr. Pestello will become the first permanent lay president of Saint Louis University. I know he is humbled and honored to follow in the footsteps of all the Jesuit presidents who led the University to the prominence it enjoys today. He is committed to carrying on and strengthening the Jesuit mission of SLU. In fact, this is not Dr. Pestello’s first “first.” He also was the first lay president at Le Moyne.

We welcome the Pestello family into our SLU family, which includes more than 155,000 alumni around the world.

I want to thank Interim President Bill Kauffman for his leadership and tireless efforts to keep the University moving forward since his appointment in September. When he took the interim position, Bill made it clear that his overarching goal was to put SLU in the best possible positions for the next president. He has achieved that goal in every way, and his passion for our University is evident in everything he has done. Bill already is working to make the transition seamless. I know that all of you join me in thanking Bill for giving so much of himself to Saint Louis University.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the presidential search committee for their dedication and outstanding work during the past six months. I would like to give special thanks to search committee chair and trustee Jim Smith.

As I said when we began the search process, the hiring of a new president is the most important thing the board of trustees has succeeded by choosing a proven leader who is committed to Jesuit education, academic excellence and collaboration at all levels. Throughout his career, Dr. Pestello has demonstrated success and growth, which I am confident he will continue at SLU.

As we begin a new chapter in SLU’s remarkable history — now almost 200 years — I am confident we have chosen the best person to lead the University to even greater heights in the years ahead.

J. Joe Adorjan (Cook ’63, Grad Cook ’67)
Chairman, SLU Board of Trustees
At Le Moyne, one of Pestello’s main priorities has been to expand the work the college does to advance its mission. He meets regularly with the Jesuit community on campus and has developed a strong working relationship with Catholic religious leaders in Syracuse.

“The Jesuits of the Missouri Province are very happy to welcome Fred Pestello to Saint Louis University,” said Missouri Provincial Provincial Douglas W. Marcouiller, S.J. “Father Adolfo Nicolas, the Jesuit superior general, recently urged the presidents and board chairs of all Jesuit universities to continue to develop spiritual leadership. That is precisely what Dr. Pestello has done during the past six years as president at Le Moyne. He is deeply committed to SLU’s Catholic and Jesuit mission, and we look forward to working with him.”

Pestello’s career in higher education began in 1984 at the University of Dayton — the largest private university in Ohio — where he served as a professor of sociology, chairman of the department of sociology, anthropology and social work, and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. As a faculty member, he was thirteenth elected vice president of Dayton’s academic senate, the highest position a member of the faculty could hold at the time.

In 2001, Pestello was appointed Dayton’s provost and senior vice president for educational affairs. In that role, he was noted for his emphasis on faculty development and for making academic excellence the centerpiece of the school’s educational processes. He also led a collective effort to draft a new vision statement that spawned a new strategic plan for the institution.

“Dr. Pestello has a proven track record of success, and his list of accomplishments in higher education is long and impressive,” Adorjan said. “He is a collaborative and inclusive leader, and I am absolutely confident that he will be a great president for Saint Louis University.”

Born and raised in Cleveland, Pestello has three degrees in sociology. He earned his bachelor’s degree from John Carroll University in 1974, his master’s degree from the University of Akron in 1981, and his doctoral degree through a joint program of the University of Akron and Kent State University in 1985.

Pestello’s wife, Dr. Frances Pestello, also is a sociologist and scholar. She is a tenured faculty member in the department of anthropology, criminology and sociology at Le Moyne College. In 1993, the couple co-authored the award-winning academic text, Sentiments and Acts, with Iwino Deutscher.

The Pestellos have two adult children: a daughter, Vitina, and a son, Freddie. A former volunteer with the Sisters of the Humility of Mary who served migrant farm workers in Immokalee, Fla., Vitina recently joined the staff of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a worker-based human rights organization. Freddie is a May 2013 business/finance graduate of Le Moyne and soon will begin his career with Fidelity Investments.

“My Jesuit education was a transformative experience for me, and I credit the success I have achieved in my career to the rigorous education and formation I received as an undergraduate at John Carroll,” Pestello said. “I am looking forward to working with everyone in the Saint Louis University community to ensure that SLU will continue to offer students a rigorous, transformative education based on the Jesuit tradition of forming students to be men and women for and with others.”

Saint Louis University’s national search for a new president began last September and was led by a committee whose members included trustees, a Jesuit, the president of the Faculty Senate and the president of the Student Government Association, among others. Pestello was the search committee’s unanimous first choice.

He officially assumes SLU’s presidency on July 1. Until then, longtime SLU administrator William R. Kauffman will continue to serve as interim president, a position he has held since the retirement of President Emeritus Lawrence Brondi, S.J., in September 2013.

“Dr. Pestello’s presidency will be a significant moment in the university’s history,” said Samuel J. Knafo, SLU’s board chair. “As we begin a new chapter in SLU’s history, we are very excited for what the future holds for Saint Louis University.”

The Pestello family: (from left) Freddie, Frances, Fred and Vitina.

The Pestellos pose for a selfie with with junior physical therapy major Francis McDonald (holding camera) and others during a welcome reception March 21 in John and Lucy Cook Hall. (Photo by Michelle Peltier.)

Look for a Q&A with Dr. Fred Pestello in a future issue of Universitas. If you have a question for the president-elect, email it to universitas@slu.edu. To learn more about Pestello, watch videos of his introduction to the SLU community and see more photos, visit slu.edu/president-elect.
The Summer At SLU program returns this year with lots of opportunities for summer fun and learning, including more than 50 camps and academies for preschool through high school students, 500 college credit courses, and numerous conferences and events. 

Staples of the Summer At SLU program include the Gardens to Grand Boulevard near Busch Student Center as new blue lighting illuminates the street. In the fall, SLU worked with the city to install blue LED lighting on more than 170 street light poles around campus. Photo by Michelle Peltier

Dr. Samer K. Elbahaa, associate professor of neurological surgery at the School of Medicine, has been named the Reinert Endowed Chair in Pediatric Neurosurgery. The Reinert Endowed Chair in Pediatric Neurosurgery honors two brothers who played roles in the development of SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center and an attending neurosurgeon at Saint Louis University Hospital.

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The Reinert Endowed Chair was funded by an anonymous donor and SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center.

MO CRA'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

T he second part of MO CRA’s 20th anniversary exhibit showcases works from the museum’s last decade. The 35 featured artists hail from around the world and work with media ranging from painting, drawing, sculpture and photography to video and more. Among the works on display are early drawings by abstract expressionist artist Arshile Gorky; photographs by Doi Doi, Jin Ming, Luis González Palma and Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons; pieces by St. Louis-area artists Michael Byron, Bill Christmas, Jeff Miller and Gary Passarino; and works by recently featured artists Archie Granot, Patrick Graham and Jordan Eagles. The exhibition continues through May 18.

MO CRA's hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call (314) 677-7130 or visit mocra.slu.edu.

SLU’S EXHIBITION

Redefined: The Larry and Brenda Thompson Collection of African American Art

Through May 18, SLUMA presents “Redefined,” which displays more than 60 sculptures, oil paintings, mixed media pieces and ceramics from the collection of Larry and Brenda Thompson (Grad AES ’68). This exhibition was organized by the David C. Driskell Center for the Study of Visual Arts and Culture of African-Americans and the African Diaspora at the University of Maryland; College Park. It features works by celebrated African-American artists, including Romare Bearden, Thelma Johnson Shraft and Harry O. Tarone, and contemporary artists Radcliffe Bailey, Howardena Pindell and William T. Williams.

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SLU received the Circle of Excellence Award for its sustainability commitment as part of the 2013 St. Louis Green Business Council Sustainability Awards and second round of the St. Louis Regional Chamber to evaluate companies’ efforts to become more sustainable.

SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS MOVE FORWARD AT CHAFETZ ARENA

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY has partnered with Global Spectrum and Sodexo to develop new environmentally friendly efforts to support the Campus. The initiatives include Big Belly Solar Compostcan, the arena’s entrances to collect and compact discarded materials and more than 50 new recycling bins at main entrances and throughout the arena. Since the start of the program in November, more than 7 tons of recyclable materials have been diverted from waste. SLU’s division of facilities services, in coordination with the Center for Sustainability, received a $30,000 grant from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to expand the campus single-stream recycling program to the arena.

SLU EARNs HIGH CHARITY RATING

S AINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY has been awarded a four-star rating by Charity Navigator, one of the nation’s top charity evaluators. SLU received the company’s highest-possible rating — its third in as many years — for its sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Charity Navigator’s mission is to provide donors with unbiased information for use in deciding which nonprofits to support; top-tier scores indicate that an organization consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

Based on information from fiscal year 2012 provided in IRS form 990, Charity Navigator analyzed SLU’s performance in seven financial categories. The University’s score of 61.85 out of 70 was higher than that of Harvard, American and Cornell universities, and placed it in the top fifth of evaluated nonprofits.

“Only 12 percent of the charities we rate have received at least three consecutive four-star evaluations,” said Ken Berger, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. “This exceptionally high rating demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.”

Vice President for Research Dr. Raymond Tall is serving on the national Intangibles Park Research Coordinating Committee, which was created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with the National Institutes of Health as addressing several issues related to federal research.

Dr. Angela Sharma, MD (’16), associate dean for faculty affairs and development at the School of Medicine, was elected to a position with the Association of American Medical Colleges that sets the direction for the coming year in advancing women in academic medicine.

Dr. Richard Buchholz, professor and vice chairman in the department of neurosurgery and the K. F. Smith Endowed Chair in Neurosurgery, was named a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. He is the inventor of the StealthStation, a device that addresses the challenges of intracranial surgery that has become widely used by surgeons around the world.

Dr. Rolf Behrens, director of the orthodontics program, and the Lydia E. Johnston Jr. Professor of Orthodontics at the Center for Advanced Dental Education, will serve as the editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics starting June 1.

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Dr. Mark Reinking (Grad EPS ’04), chairman of the orthopedic surgery and athletic training programs and associate professor of physical therapy, received the Lifetime Excellence in Education Award from the American Physical Therapy Association. He was recognized for his long-term contributions to the profession.

Two SLU students, Hannah Vestal and Marah Bender, received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, to participate in a study abroad program during spring 2014. Both are participating in newly SLU-approved study abroad programs. Vestal is in Cape Town, South Africa, and Bender is in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
The Billikens men’s basketball team finished the 2013-14 season 27-7, tying for the second-most wins in program history. The Billikens captured the Atlantic 10 Conference regular-season championship for a second consecutive year and were the No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament’s Midwest Region. The team entered the tournament ranked No. 21 in the USA Today coaches’ poll and No. 25 by the Associated Press. Earlier in the season, following a 19-game winning streak, the Billikens were ranked as high as No. 15 by the AP and No. 8 by USA Today.

It was SLU’s third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, a school record. In the team’s second-round game, the Billikens trailed NC State by 16 at one point but made a dramatic comeback by scoring 44 points in the final 8:13 minutes of regulation and overtime play to defeat the Wolfpack 83-80. The Billikens lost to No. 4 seed Louisville after a second-half surge propelled the Cardinals to a 66-51 victory March 22.

Postseason honors included senior guard Jordair Jett being named the A-10 Player of the Year. Jett scored 17 points per game in conference play and was third in the A-10 with 4.8 assists per game. SLU head coach Jim Crews, the A-10 Coach of the Year for a second consecutive season, was one of 10 finalists for the USBWA Henry Iba National Coach of the Year award. Crews has been a part of 16 NCAA Tournaments as a player or coach.

The Billikens were one of just a few teams in the country that started five seniors. The senior class—Jett, Jordair Jett, Dwayne Evans, Rob Loe and Mike McClain Jr.—was the winningest class in school history with 99 victories, including 81 the past three years.

Evans, a forward, finished his career ranked fourth in rebounds (942) and ninth in points (1,499) on SLU’s all-time charts. He joined Jett on the All-Conference first team. Jett also was named to the All-Defensive team, while Evans and fellow forward Barnett were selected to the first-team All-Academic squad.

MEN’S SOCCER PLAYERS DRAFTED, HONORED

Two men’s soccer student-athletes were selected during the 2013 Major League Soccer SuperDraft, marking the fifth time in the program’s history that multiple Billikens have been selected.

Forward Adnan Gabeljic was chosen by Sporting Kansas City in the second round of the draft. Gabeljic recorded 16 goals and seven assists during his SLU career. The St. Louis native is a mechanical engineering major who is expected to graduate with honors in May. During his four years at SLU, Gabeljic was named to the A-10 Conference All-Academic team and was a two-time Academic All-District selection.

Midfielder Alex Sweetin was selected by the Philadelphia Union in the third round of the draft. Sweetin led the Billikens during the 2013 season with nine assists and seven goals. He had 18 goals and 24 assists during his four-year career at SLU. Sweetin was a first-team National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Region honoree in 2013, was an All-Conference selection each year of his career, and was the A-10 Rookie of the Year in 2009.

Sweetin also was one of four soccer Billikens on the NSCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Region list. He earned first-team honors along with junior forward Robert Kristo. Also honored were junior defender Anthony Manning (second team) and sophomore midfielder David Graydon (third team).

In December, men’s basketball senior forward Dwayne Evans moved up the head men’s basketball coach Jim Crews received the 2013 Carl O. Bauer Award from the Missouri Athletic Club. The award, established in 1978, is presented annually to the top amateur sports figures in the St. Louis area. In addition, Billiken soccer alumnus Bill McDermott (A&S ’70) received the coach’s Barnes-Wood Award, which honors an individual who promotes St. Louis through sports.

McDermott is one of soccer’s longest-running active broadcasters, having covered the game locally and worldwide for more than four decades.

The SLU swimming and diving teams recently wrapped up a historic regular-season. The women’s team finished 14-2 in dual meets, marking the second-best record in school history. The Billiken women finished 15-4, giving them their sixth-best season in SLU history. Junior Morgan Peterson did not lose a race at SLU’s Simon Recreation Center all season and won 34 of the 35 events in which she competed during dual meets. Season highlights included a record-breaking meet at the Mizou Invitational, where the team broke eight school records.
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THE HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER doesn’t open until 9 a.m., but the waiting room is three-quarters full by 8:15. By the time the first patient is ushered into an exam room, all chairs are occupied. Saint Louis University medical students, social work students and physical therapy students are coursing through the clinic’s hallways. For the next three hours they will be vaccinating patients, performing eye exams, palpating abdomens and keeping a promise made 20 years ago.

Tammy Hodges looks on as her 9-year-old daughter, Paris, gets her annual flu shot from third-year medical student Teresa Micotto.

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Students saw fewer than 300 patients last year — that the HRC outgrew its 1,300-square-foot basement clinic and moved to a new location in August 2013. The move more than doubled the clinic’s size. The space also offers features that were unavailable at the former clinic, such as private interview rooms, brighter lighting, and central heating and cooling.

G. Slavin, professor emeritus, of the School of Medicine, sits in the hallway between the waiting room and exam rooms. Now they have their own space with exam chairs, projectors, a mouse to determine a patient’s prescription needs and a tonopen to read intraocular pressure — all donated by SLU’s department of ophthalmology and SLU’s Alumni-Bush-Eye Institute. Dr. Mary Lou Baldwin, chief of ophthalmology at the University Hospital, donated the laser to perform cataract surgery. A few of the course’s instructors have had their own vision corrected.

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“With the extra space and extra funds, we’re expanding our hours and broadening the services we provide to the patients,” said Matthew DeCuffa, a second-year medical student who is on the HRC clinic leadership team. “Good health goes beyond the scope of medicine.”

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“The ACA eventually will alter the clinic’s clientele, but for the immediate future there remains a substantial number of uninsured,” he said. “Plus, many working people can’t get to the doctor during the week, so the Saturday morning hours are ideal for them. Co-pays with the ACA also remain an obstacle to care for people living near the poverty line. I imagine the waiting room will be full for a long time to come.”

80 of SLU medical school graduates say volunteering at the HRC was their best educational experience.

75% of HRC patients have no primary care provider.
The spirit of the story is always the same, but the specifics are all over the place. You know The Exorcist? It happened at Saint Louis University. It happened in DuBourg Hall. On the fourth floor, in a room that has been sealed off for years. A light is kept on in the room, still. The door is only unlocked to change the light bulb. There’s a bloody handprint on one of the walls. A giant cage.

No, it wasn’t in DuBourg. It was Verhaegen Hall. It was the College Church basement. Jesuit Hall.

In hushed tones, upperclassmen tell the story to freshmen during their first days on campus, or maybe once the air turns cold in the fall. New employees hear about it, too, especially if they end up in one of the infamous locations.

A University legend at this point, the story includes its share of error, exaggeration and fabrication. Here, Universitas attempts to get the story straight.

**Possession Obsession**

“Without a doubt, the topic I’m asked about most frequently is the exorcism,” said John Waide, University archivist. “I get more requests around Halloween, but it’s a popular question year-round.”

Waide (A&S ’73) has worked at Pius XII Memorial Library for 40 years and been the University archivist for the past 24. He knows SLU history forwards and backwards. So it’s a little unsettling when he begins the story of the 1949 exorcism by acknowledging, “There are dozens of versions of what happened.”

Don’t even think about consulting William Peter Blatty’s 1971 book The Exorcist or the 1973 film it became. The version Waide puts the most stock in is Thomas B. Allen’s Possessed: The True Story of an Exorcism, a historical account based on two primary sources: a detailed diary kept by Raymond Bishop, S.J., who assisted during the rite, and lengthy interviews with Walter Halloran, S.J., another assistant who was one of the last living eyewitnesses to the exorcism.

On a gray, stormy afternoon last fall, Allen visited Saint Louis University to headline “The St. Louis Exorcism of 1949” discussion hosted by University libraries special collections and the office of mission and ministry. Waide, John Padberg, S.J., Jesuit historian and scholar, and Paul Stark, S.J., vice president for mission and ministry, rounded out the panel and provided historical and ecclesial context for the events of early 1949. A crowd of more than 700 spilled into the stacks at Pius Library, and the panel members held them in thrall as they recounted the story.

**Tell the Truth and Shame the Devil**

A self-proclaimed “Jebbie boy” with six years of Jesuit education in his past, Allen was a freelance writer in the early 1990s when he came across a brief note in a Washington Post gossip column about Halloran giving an interview to a Nebraska newspaper. Intrigued — and thinking he’d pen something about it for the Washingtonian — Allen started tracking down the Jesuit. He contacted him on Halloween, of all days, and the two ended up becoming friends.

“He was what the Irish call ‘a solid man,’” Allen said. “And he never was certain about whether or not the boy was possessed.”

As Allen tells it, Halloran’s involvement in the exorcism came about almost by chance.

In 1949, Halloran was a Jesuit scholastic studying history at Saint Louis University. He also happened to be a driver for William Bowdern, S.J., then the pastor of St. Francis Xavier College Church. One night, Bowdern asked Halloran to drive him and another Jesuit to dinner at a home in a northwest St. Louis suburb. Halloran had no idea what he was getting into.

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“He thought he’d be waiting outside, but when they pulled up to the house, Bowdern turned to him and said calmly, ‘I’ll be doing an exorcism. I want you to hold the boy down in case it’s needed,’” Allen said. What happened that night — and for weeks afterward — is still somewhat shrouded in secrecy.

**Timeline of the 1949 Exorcism**

**Jan. 15:** The family of a 13-year-old Maryland boy begins hearing odd noises (dripping, scratching) in their home.

**Feb. 26:** Scratches appear on the boy’s body. Four nights later, words — apparently scratched or branded into his skin — begin appearing. (In St. Louis, the scratched writing continued.)

**Feb. 28 – March 2:** The boy is hospitalized at Georgetown Hospital and reportedly undergoes a first exorcism attempt.

**March 3:** The boy and his mother travel to St. Louis and stay at the home of relatives.

**March 9:** The scratching in the boy’s body and the violent moving of his mattress are observed by several people, including Raymond Bishop, S.J.
That information made its way to the press, and the published Albert Hughes, who “gave them a bottle of holy water and candles and years later Catholic sources. Studying at Georgetown at that time, William Schulze interview led to the leaking of the exorcism story by Allen, Padberg, Waide and Stark. (See below for the full timeline.)

On Schulze’s advice, the family went to a local priest, Father E. The process ended up taking more than a month, during which Allen, Padberg, Waide and Stark kept track of him as “The exorcism encompassed a lot of time but

The exorcism in pop culture

X The Exorcist was the first horror film to be nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award.

According to William Peter Blatty, Warner Bros. wanted to change the title of the film after a market research survey revealed that none of the participants knew what an “exorcist” was. None of the exorcist’s eye witnesses ever publicly revealed the details of the incident, out of respect for the boy’s privacy. Blatty later cites this article as inspiration for The Exorcist.

Washington Post is published.


1993: Thomas Allen’s Possessed is published.
“Guys, this is just a prototype,” John Wood, a freshman computer engineering student, reminded his teammates, Madeleine Bresnahan, a freshman athletic training student, and Katie Polus, a freshman business student, as they attempted to make a new product out of Crayola markers, colored pencils and Play-Doh.

The three were one of more than a dozen teams taking part in the first Weekly Innovation Challenge of the 2014 spring semester, hosted in the rotunda of McDonnell Douglas Hall. The event takes place every Wednesday while classes are in session, all SLU students are welcome to participate, and teams have the opportunity to win $300 each week.

Dr. Sridhar Condoor, interim chair of the department of aerospace and mechanical engineering, helped to create the challenge as a way to offer students a unique learning experience that could be incorporated into their weekly schedules.

“The way we see it, we exercise every day to keep our bodies fit, so we must exercise our minds once a week to keep them fit,” Condoor said. “It allows us to think outside the box about really creative solutions, network with people and learn the skills to become good entrepreneurs.”

Since the Weekly Innovation Challenge was established in 2011, there have been more than 60 exercises — and no repeat challenges.

The Weekly Innovation Challenge program is a collaboration between the Center of Entrepreneurship at the John Cook School of Business and Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, and is funded by the Kern Entrepreneurial Education Network.
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WE WORK WONDERFULLY TOGETHER, said Tim Hayden, director of SLU’s Center for Entrepreneurship in the John Cook School of Business. “Parks College extended the idea, and we just help in any way we can.”

Past challenges have included building a bird feeder from trash, creating a wagon out of noodles that could transport weights for four feet; and designing a smart phone package appealing to senior citizens. This week, students had to find a marketable second life for dried up markers and other writing utensils geared toward kids. Participants pitched their product to an expert panel consisting of Hayden and Condoor’s daughters, Amisha, 11, and Trishna, 8.

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what have been some of your favorite experiences at slu?

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what did earning the scholarship mean to you?

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how has the s college for public health and social justice been a part of your life?

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How did you choose SLU?

I was looking for a university where I could get involved in extracurricular activities and had the opportunity to make lifelong friendships. SLU offered me those opportunities, and I knew it was the right choice for me.

What challenges have you faced?

I faced challenges in balancing my academic workload with extracurricular activities, but I learned to prioritize my time effectively. It helped me develop time management skills that I will carry with me throughout my career.

What have been your favorite SLU experiences?

My favorite SLU experience was being a part of the university's service leadership program. It allowed me to connect with others who share a passion for making a difference in the world.

What made you choose SLU?

I chose SLU because of its strong business programs and the opportunities it provided for growth and development. The university's location in St. Louis was also a significant factor in my decision.
Tell us about your family. My parents were missionaries employed by South America Missions, who worked with the underprivileged people of Paraguay. I grew up in South America through my sophomore year of high school, when we moved to Houston.

What made you interested in SLU? My parents are theologians, so naturally the importance of a good education was something I was taught from a young age. I knew that although it might be a bit more of a challenge, SLU was the place I needed to be if I wanted the best education I could get.

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— Parks college being one of them — and the people who work there as part of its Jesuit mission, SLU provides educational opportunities in a university setting. Some of those young scholars, like Desmond, return to SLU for college. Further, will create scholarships that allow home students to experience the excitement and engagement of pre-college learning.

Tell us about your family.
I live with my parents and one brother, who is a junior in high school. My mom received her doctorate from SLU in 1990.

What does earning a scholarship mean to you?
It is added motivation to keep doing well.

What made you interested in SLU?
I attended an engineering and aviation camp at Parks while I was in high school. I enjoyed the camp a lot, and it definitely influenced my decision to attend SLU. Plus, SLU has great academic options — Parks College being one of them — and the people here are so friendly and welcoming. I loved the fact that SLU is large enough that I constantly meet new people, but small enough that I’m still known.

What have been some of your favorite SLU experiences?
Getting to know my major professors on campus, going to basketball games and learning to fly at the St. Louis Downtown Airport.

How do you think a SLU education will affect your life?
I think the Jesuit mission has helped me to see all people as human beings and not think some people are better than others because of race, education, financial circumstances or social status.

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TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.
Both of my parents are retired army—it was 20 years, and dad did 35 years. I am the youngest of three. We are very close and moved to St. Louis after my parents’ retirement to be with family.

WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE SLU?
Saint Louis University was the only school I applied to. Growing up, I always knew I would come here, so Washington University. Junior year of high school, I visited SLU and fell in love.

DO YOU FACE ANY OBSTACLES THAT MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED YOU FROM ATTENDING SLU?
Financially, I wondered, would my family and I be able to afford it? My parents’ veterans benefits helped, and SLU worked with us to make sure these barriers wouldn’t stop my journey.

HOW THAT YOU’RE HERE, WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY?
Banding with my peers, whether it’s just hanging out or studying. I’m also enjoying my ROTC experience a lot. I love the sense of camaraderie.

WHAT DO YOU THINK SLU EDUCATION WILL HELP FOR YOUR FUTURE?
I think it will open many more doors because of the reputation SLU holds. And the networking opportunities I have as an undergraduate are already preparing me for my future.
1818 SOCIETY

The 1818 Society honors alumni and friends who have invested in Saint Louis University's future through planned gifts. These gifts include bequest provisions in a will or trust, life income arrangements, lead trusts, life estates, gifts of life insurance, and beneficiary designations made with retirement assets or insurance policies. The 1818 Society is named for the year of Saint Louis University's founding and reflects the important legacy of planned giving donors, whose gifts make historic impacts on the University.
Gifts to the University are made in many forms and in many amounts. Each is an investment in SLU's future.

For more information on how donations benefit Saint Louis University or to make a gift, please visit giving.slu.edu.
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Way They Are

SLU professor Walter Ong, S.J.’s life and work for college-age students and recent J. Ong: On How and Why Things Are the article, “Walter Ong and Harold Bloom which was featured in the new journal, Lawyers in 11th book on Ireland, which reached for improving access to dental care dosages. She lives in Hornell, N.Y.

Mary Long Dyer (Nurs) retired in 2010 from the Illinois Attorney General’s Office after 27 years as an assistant attorney general in the child support enforcement division. Her family took a trip to Israel in October for their 25th wedding anniversary. He lives in New Berlin, Ill.

Thomas Nally (SW) received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering from the University of New Orleans. He lives in New Orleans.

Antony B. Quinn (AWS ’88) is a solo practitioner at the Quinn Law Offices in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He edits books for major publishers with his wife Carmen. When not writing books, he edits them for major publishers of high-tech books, including Means Publishing, Maximilian, Apexis and O’Reilly Media.

Mark Brown (LAW) retired after 37 years as an assistant attorney general of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. He lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Jacqueline (Deveny) Dewar (Nurs ’75, Gr Ad ’92) retired as a clinical psychologist with the American Academy of Appellate Presidents Tuesday. He lives in New Berlin, Illinois.

Mark Trout (LAW) was named one of Washington’s Best Lawyers in Washingtonian Magazine.

Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Mary Ellen Long Dyer (Nurs) lives in suburban Chicago with her wife Lynn.

Mark Brown (LAW) of the law firm King & Spalding in Washington, D.C., was named one of Washington’s Best Lawyers in Washingtonian Magazine. He lives in Great Falls, Virginia.

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Dr. Robert Sontag (AWS ’75) retired after 30 years with the VA Medical Center. He now provides supervision for licensed social worker candidates in St. Louis.

William C. Henry (AWS ’76) retired from the Illinois Attorney General’s Office after 27 years as an assistant attorney general in the child support enforcement division. His family took a trip to Israel in October for their 25th wedding anniversary. He lives in New Berlin, Ill.

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Paul Gore (AWS) is a 2013-14 American Council on Education fellow and is serving his fellowship term under the mentorship of President Walter Cruzado at Montana State University. He lives in Salt Lake City.

Patrick Flynn (LAW) is an associate circuit court judge in Missouri’s 49th Judicial Circuit based in Troy, Missouri.

Gwen Allen (AWS ’91) is not clinical in nature; it’s not scheduled time to go on vacation since the past 15 years.

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Dr. Eric Leuthardt (A&S ’84) wrote a novel, RedEye6, published by Faye Publishing. He is director of the Center for Innovation in Neuroscience and Technology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Kevin Smith (A&S ’83) and Stasia (Gartner) Smith (NURS ’96) live in St. Louis with their three children. Kevin Smith’s degree in fine science management and homeland security from SLU-Cathondale, in December, enabled him to become the Nurse Educator of the Year award from the Missouri Emergency Nurses Association for coordinating the first paramedic-to-ER bridge program in the state. He works at MidAmerica Area College.

Christopher Pickett (A&S ’96, DE) was among the St. Louis Business Journal’s “40 Under 40.” He lives in O’Fallon, Ill.

Dr. Sybil Stock-Naidoo (A&S ’98) has retired after working with Odyssey Healthcare and Good Samaritan Hospital in St. Louis. She works at Mineral Area College.

Dr. Samar Cabbabe (A&S ’99) is an associate professor in the Department of Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He is director of the Center for Innovation in Neuroscience and Technology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

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Alumni Associations

Black Alumni Association

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24TH ANNUAL ERNEST A. CASSWAY JR. PRAYER BREAKFAST REUNION
Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; Busch Student Center
Come back to campus to honor the 2014 Distinguished Black Alumni Award recipient and guest speaker Jesse J. Knight Jr. (A&S ’72), executive vice president of external affairs for Sambaero Energy, chairman of St. Louis Gas & Electric and chairman of Socil Gas. The event will also celebrate SLU’s 70th anniversary of inclusion and benefit the Pioneers of Inclusion Scholarship Fund.

Cost: $60 per person; includes game ticket, separate buffet and two drink tickets at the pregame reception.

alumni.slu.edu/ebreakfast14

College of Arts and Sciences

DON BRENNEN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday, June 23; Links at Dardenne
Cost: $100 per golfer, which includes golf, lunch, prizes and a $50 tax-deductible gift to the Donald Brennan Memorial Scholarship Fund; $60 for non-golfers, which includes lunch and a $46 tax-deductible gift to the scholarship fund.

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Doisy College of Health Sciences

MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY ALUMNI RECEPTION
Friday, June 6, 6 p.m.;
The Thaxton, 1039 Olive St., St. Louis
alumni.slu.edu/mirt14

John Cook School of Business

EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY
Saturday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.; cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner and program; Shanahan Artium, Cook Hall
Join business alumni, faculty and staff to recognize alumni, faculty and corporate partners who have excelled in their fields as well as in the community.

Cost: $60 per person; $480 per table
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School of Medicine

President: Dr. Edward J. O’Brien Jr.

MEDICAL SCHOOL RECEPTION
Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 22-25

medschool.slu.edu

SLU Day at Busch Stadium: Giants vs. Cardinals
Friday, May 30; 7:15 p.m. first pitch
Join with hundreds of other local SLU Billikens to show support for another favorite team — the St. Louis Cardinals.

Cost: $30 per person; includes game ticket, pregame party and a $5 gift to the Emergency Scholarship Fund.

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Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bring the whole family back to campus for this special Saint Louis University tradition. Spring flowers and green grass will return, and so will the Easter Bunny and his tricks. There will be special hunts for different age groups, as well as prizes and Easter goodies.

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Yappy Hour
Thursday, May 8
Join with fellow alumni and their dogs for an event in SLU’s Ellen Clark Sculpture Park at the northeast corner of Grand and Lucas boulevards. Cost: $5 per person, which includes a $5 gift to the Emergency Scholarship Fund.

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Fourth of July on campus: Reunion celebration to remember.

SLU will celebrate the Classes of 1964 and 1969 during Homecoming 2014, Sept. 25-28. SLU will celebrate special reunions for the Classes of 1964 and 1969. Get involved in planning the perfect weekend for yourself and your classmates by contacting Cindy Azzari at cazzari@slu.edu or 314-977-9980.

To mark your calendars now to be on campus for your 25th or 50-year reunion. To begin making your travel plans, visit alumni.slu.edu/homecomingtravel to view discounted airlines and hotel rates.

For more information or reservations for any of the events, contact the OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS.

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March 2012 / Poland

The sky turns to gold
As the sun sets
Behind rolling green hills.
My view is pristine
From the bed of this tow truck.

After nine hours crossing the border
From Ukraine into Poland,
The van has broken down, and luckily,
We're finding our way to a mechanic.

The mechanic and his family
smile and invite
All ten of us into their home for Tea, cookies, The Simpsons,
“Nice to meet you, welcome to Poland.”

July 2012 / Jaja Village in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

My beloved Jaja family.
I want to tell you of Christ’s love, but what are words in compari-son to what you have shown me? Thank you for allowing me to share in your lives — for inviting me into your homes, for offering me coffee and popcorn, for sharing your stories. You overflow with Christ’s love.

Three months ago I never would have expected to still be in Addis. After my first month here, I was more than ready to leave the pollution and crowds. But I felt God nudging me with these words: Stay here and see how I will make this time beautiful.

Thank you for showing me real beauty. Before Jesus leaves his disciples, he washes their feet and then calls them to go and serve likewise. Yesterday, as I was leaving the village, I accidentally stuck my foot in a pit of mud. I was ankle deep, and my shoe was caked. After laughter subsided, a couple of the boys pulled me aside and began wiping off the mud. Ignoring my cries of “No, no! No problem,” they soon were scrubbing both shoes until they were squeaky clean. Mattress was running in and out of the house with pitchers of water. He pulled off my shoes and began pouring water on my feet, wiping off the dirt. Jesus calls the disciples to go and serve likewise, and this is what you have done.

You have shared your heart with me, and in turn, have shown me a piece of God’s heart. Your love overflows. Beata betam amosagul

Love, Theresa

In vastly different parts of the world, I have discovered that God meets us in our humanity. In people, I am able to discover God’s love, and through God, I am able to love people more deeply. What I experienced during my gap year has shaped who I am today, but I hear Mother Teresa’s words, “find your own Kolkata.”

The path of exploration has continued in St. Louis.

In listening to stories and in drawing on what brings us out humanity, I am able to continue growing deeper in God’s love.

HOCKEY HALL OF FAMER

As a proud alum, I wanted to share a recent honor. I came to SLU to play hockey and get a great education.

Over the holiday season, my St. Louis University hockey jersey was enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. I was able to witness the tremendous honor for myself and Saint Louis University. My jersey was exhibited in the “College Hockey” section.

Needless to say, I was speechless and taken aback when I saw it.

Jordan Janes (BOOK ’04) | St. Louis

GOOD MEMORIES OF GUENTNER

Sorry to read about Father Francis Guentner’s passing (“In Memoriam,” winter 2014), but it did bring back fond memories of our SLU days. Father started an orchestral group, and we were the only two clarinet players. Last week we celebrated our 53rd wedding anniversary.

Mike Pohlen (A&S ’79) and Joanna (Aubrecht) Pohlen (Nurs ’75) | Hockessin, Del.

PASS IT ON...

I want to praise you for the article in the winter 2014 issue “The Power of Education” on Judge Jimmie Edwards. I am giving your magazine to a woman I know who so much wants her son to go to college. They do not have inner-city problems, but others. It is my hope that if the father and son read the article, they will have the incentive to advance in education.


AND, ON, AND ON

Thank you for publishing “The Power of Education” (winter 2014) and introducing us to Judge Jimmie Edwards.

Our brother-in-law works in the judicial branch of the state government of South Dakota. For 30 years, his passion has been to provide alternative justice systems for youth. We forwarded the article to him to share an important point of view as he develops his own compassionate and hopeful philosophy in his quest to make the world a better place.

Our daughter left St. Louis in 2008 for Oahu, Hawaii, to teach eighth grade social studies through Teach for America. After completing her two-year commitment with TFA, she remains at her under-performing Title I school because of her passion to help her students succeed. Now in her sixth year at Waianae Intermediate School, she is also a director on the board of the Waianae Coast Scholarship Fund, which she and her TFA colleagues initiated to encourage their students to reach their potential in high school and to believe that college is achievable. We forwarded the article to her to remind her that God has a plan for her, that her heart is in the right place despite roadblocks and that her students will benefit because she shows up every day.

I work in a Catholic elementary school in west St. Louis county, where education is a high priority and the environment is a world away from Judge Edwards’ north St. Louis city neighbor-hoods. But ... our students have unseen troubles of their own and need loving, attentive teachers like those spoken of so kindly by Judge Edwards, teachers who will put their students “in charge of the incubator” and help them to live their lives better today than yesterday. I am forwarding the article to our principal in hopes that our teachers may internalize the importance of their work with children, regardless of geography and socio-economic status.

We congratulate Judge Edwards on his well-deserved recognitions, but mostly we are inspired by his commitment to our population’s most valuable resource, and we pray for his continued success.

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