Welcome to the much delayed, newly designed Universitas.

Thanks for your patience as we worked to get this issue into your hands.

Last summer we conducted a readership survey via email and the web to get your opinion about what you’d like to see in your alumni magazine. More than 2,700 of you responded.

We asked lots of questions — from what you typically read in each issue to the types of stories you prefer to what you think of the name of the magazine. We took your feedback to heart with this redesign, and inside you’ll notice:

• A new, modern look that emphasizes photography.
• New recurring items that focus on nostalgia and alumni achievements.
• An expanded news section up front to bring you even more updates about what’s happening on campus.

And we heard you loud and clear about possibly renaming the magazine; if you haven’t already noticed, it’s still called Universitas. (Roughly three-quarters of you said we should not even consider changing it.)

You’ll also note that this issue arrived in your mailbox, not your email inbox. While some of you were fine with reading the magazine online, about 86 percent of you still prefer a printed version.

We were happy to learn that almost two-thirds of you read “all” or “most” of every issue. In addition, you overwhelmingly told us that Universitas reminds you of your days at SLU. And in this recycled world, almost half of you told us that you’ve saved an issue for future reference.

Plus, overall, we were thrilled to find out that nearly 90 percent of you deemed the content “very good” or “good.”

Those responses were affirming, for sure, but they don’t give us permission to stagnate.

You demand a lot of the magazine chronicling the life of your alma mater, and we intend to deliver with even more stories focused on the things that matter to you — campus growth, Jesuit values and, most of all, people.

One person we’re highlighting in this issue is Saint Louis University’s new president, Dr. Fred P. Pestello. Planned as a get-to-know-the-president story, the in-depth interview became an opportunity for Pestello to share his take on the demonstration that took place on campus in October.

Of course, Pestello also discusses other topics, including what drew him to SLU, his views on Jesuit education and his plans for the future. Until you have the opportunity to meet him in person, I hope this article will give you a sense of the man behind the title.

This issue also features a story about the University’s burgeoning Midtown neighborhood, which is home to an innovation district called Cortex and soon will include the only Missouri outlet of Swedish retailer IKEA. If you haven’t been back to campus in some time, you’ll read that now there are even more reasons to visit SLU.

Again, thanks for bearing with us as we prepared this issue. And please know the readership survey isn’t the only way to share your opinions. We want to hear from you.

Send us your thoughts, letters, class notes and address changes. You can email us at universitas@slu.edu, or visit universitas.slu.edu to share information online. Of course, you can always write to us at:

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Thanks for reading.

Laura Geiser
Editor

Because University President Dr. Fred Pestello shares his thoughts in a Q&A that begins on page 10 of this issue, I’m taking this opportunity to share an editor’s message about our 2014 readership survey. A president’s message will be back in space in our next issue.

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University representatives traveled to Belize in May 2014 as part of the SLU-Belize Initiative, an effort to explore a sustained relationship with the nation and its people.

During that trip, the University began a partnership with St. Martin de Porres, a Jesuit parish and school of 700 students in Belize City, and met with other representatives to discuss critical issues facing Belize today and how to facilitate long-term partnerships.

For more information about the initiative, email Chris Collins, S.J. (Grad A&S ’01), director of the SLU Catholic studies program, at cojill11@slu.edu.

University Names Four New Deans

Since last summer, Saint Louis University has filled four deanships.

Dr. Christopher Duncan, College of Arts and Sciences

Duncan will join the University July 1. He is an assistant professor of political science at Winthrop University since 2011. His academic appointment will involve in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Mark Higgins, John Cook School of Business

Before coming to SLU in January, Higgins was an assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island and had been involved with the business college since 2006. He earned his doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Beth Freeburg, School for Professional Studies

Before coming to SLU last summer, Wilson was assistant vice president for academic fiscal management at Illinois State University, as well as assistant professor of food, nutrition and dietetics in the department of family and consumer sciences. She received her doctorate from ISU.

Dr. Mardell Wilson, Edward and Margaret Doisy College of Health Sciences

Before coming to SLU last summer, Wilson was assistant professor of molecular microbiology and immunology. She received her doctorate from SIU.

SLU Plans New and Improved Housing

Construction is underway on a $43.8 million new residence hall — the first of several potential projects to enhance campus housing.

The eight-story, 153,000-square-foot facility is being built on existing green space at Laclede and Spring avenues behind Fusz Hall. Designed for first- and second-year students, the new hall will feature suite-style rooms with 450 beds.

Classrooms, meeting and study spaces, lounges, a living room with kitchen, a chapel and a small outdoor amphitheater are in the plans. The project is slated to be completed by July 2016.

Pending future board of trustees approval, SLU plans to build a second new residence hall on the parking lot behind the Griesedieck Inn, located in Salus Center — the former Incarnate Word Hospital — at Grand Boulevard and Interstate 44, into housing for graduate students by August 2016.

Strategic Planning Process Underway

In August, SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello convened a group of University leaders to launch a comprehensive strategic planning effort.

Pestello committed to an open process to accomplish three broad objectives by May.

1. Crafting SLU’s direction in a complicated higher education environment
2. Identifying priorities for a SLU external comprehensive capital campaign
3. Bringing the University together in the process of developing a plan and supporting the plan

During a meeting of the strategic planning assembly in October, Dr. James Kimmy, strategic planning coordinator, and Dr. Joe Weislmann and Dr. Kent Potterfield, strategic planning co-chairs, shared the results of 12 informational sessions, which elicited hundreds of ideas for SLU’s future.

Recently, more than 350 faculty, staff and students completed an interest survey for consideration to participate in eight topical work groups. Topics range from examining the way the University promotes academic excellence to SLU’s role in the region and around the world.

For more information, visit the strategic planning process website at slu.edu/strategicplan.

Research Grants

A grant from the National Science Foundation will allow a consortium of Missouri universities and research institutions to study how climate change may affect agriculture in the state.

Dr. Tim Eischer, assistant professor of earth and atmospheric sciences, is the principal investigator at SLU. The consortium will be funded through four University of Missouri campuses, as well as at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, Washington University, Lincoln University and the St. Louis Science Center.
Four recent alumni were offered 2014-15 Fulbright U.S. Student Awards. Three recipients received Fulbright English teaching assistantships. Alina Abbott (A&S ’14), Emily Stoomaker Cloke ’12, and Annalise Wilkott (A&S ’14) received a Fulbright study/research grant.

Three faculty members were selected for the 2014-15 Fulbright Program:
- Dr. T. Christine Hewens, professor emeritus of mathematics and computer science, who retired last summer, is a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Spain. Her project, ‘Character Groups, Duality and Weakly Local Groups,’ deals with measuring distances on mathematical objects.
- Dr. Nathaniel Millett, associate history professor, is working on archival research for his book project, Afro-Indian Relations in the Anglo-Atlantic World ca. 1650-1850.

Dr. Nathaniel Millett also received the 2014 Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award. His book, The Honors of Prosperity CareT and Their Quest for Preeminence in the Atlantic World was one of four selected in the ‘Humanities’ category.

Dr. Norma Menshary Grad ’78, the Dorothy A. Volman Endowed Chair in Nursing, was inducted into the 2014 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame by the honor society of nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, for her lifelong scholarly nursing research.

Dr. Kent Porterfield, vice president for student development, is the 75th president of the American College Personnel Association, one of the largest U.S. student affairs associations.

Morgan Elliott, a senior biomedical engineering major, was a 2014 Goldwater Scholar. The program fosters outstanding college students to pursue research careers in mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering, fewer than 300 were named for 2014.

Alumni Kiernan F. O’Malley (A&S ’70, Law ’78) became the 31st ambassador to Ireland in September. O’Malley taught trial advocacy as an adjunct professor of SLU’s School of Law from 1979-85. He had recently served as an officer at the law firm Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale in St. Louis.

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SLU’s John Cook School of Business was ranked No. 79 among America’s 250 undergraduate business programs. The school is home to a member of the country’s top 100 business schools, including the Appalachian Institute’s 2014 national university list.

In addition to making the Princeton Review’s “America’s Best Colleges,” the magazine highlighted the schools that have climbed the most since the Carnegie rankings began in 1995.

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New Divisions Announced

Reflecting the University’s commitment to enhancing its development and marketing efforts, SLU President Dr. Fred Pestello has divided the former advancement division into two distinct divisions: marketing and communications, and development.

Jeff Fowler, who led the advancement division for five years, is now vice president for development and marketing communications. Community relations also report to him.

Shelia Manion is the interim vice president for development. She will be SLU’s associate vice president for development for nearly four years. Manion’s fundraising and campaign task force also includes leading the campaign for the Saint Louis Art Museum expansion. The offices of alumni relations and event services also report to her.

Conran is New Board Chairman

Joseph (“Joe”) Conran (A&S ’87, Law ’70) was elected chairman of the board of trustees at the boards December meeting, at which time J. Joseph Adinolfi became chairman emeritus.

Patrick S. Kennedy continues to serve as vice chairman.

Conran, a trustee since 1986, is a partner in the St. Louis law firm Husch Blackwell. Before entering private practice, he was a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He is also on the School of Law’s dean’s advisory board and is a longtime supporter of Billiken athletics.

Homecoming: Thousands of students, alumni and family members celebrated on campus during the 2014 Homecoming and Family Weekend in September. This year’s festivities included the Golden Ballerin reunion for the class of 1964, the annual golf cart parade and fireworks during halftime of the men’s soccer game. New to this year’s celebration was a meet and greet reception with SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello.

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The University’s fall 2014 census revealed that the freshman class is the most academically accomplished in SLU’s nearly 200-year history. Here is the Class of 2018, by the numbers.

- 1,605 freshmen
- 11,470 total students
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- 3.81 average high school GPA
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Go Further Campaign Funds $8.2 Million in Scholarships

Launched in July 2013, Go Further: The Endless Marketing Program for Saint Louis University aims to enlarge the institution’s endowment and fund scholarships for current and future students. Since the campaign’s inception, the university has surpassed its $3 million goal and raised a total of $8.2 million in gifts and pledges as of December 31, 2014.

Donations to endowed scholarships increased by 35 percent, and the total number of recipients increased by 17 percent. Since the campaign began, 88 endowed scholarships have been established by alumni and friends, and 34 endowed scholarships are pending.

The University was listed on Kiplinger’s annual list of the top 300 private colleges in the country. SLU received the #1 recognition for having the most alumni to this year’s teaching corps. SLU is the only campus in Missouri named to the honor roll with distinction in its area of interfaith service.

Dance the night away: During its annual 12-hour event in November, the SLU Dance Marathon raised more than $221,000 for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals of Greater St. Louis. Pictured, from left, are sophomores Hannah Russell, Bridie Murphy, Natalie Russell and Julia Clare.

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The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has named SLU to its 2015 Community Engagement Classification. Nationally, only 30 institutions hold the classification, which recognizes institutions’ commitment to engaging with local, national and global communities.

Service

The University was listed on the Washington Monthly’s list of national universities as the fourth best school in the country for community service. This marks the fourth consecutive year SLU has placed in the top five. The Washington, D.C.-based magazine ranks schools based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility, research and service.

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Denovotum University is a leader in global energy known in Asia for its commitment to sustainability and improving the community.

The Banpu Chair of Sustainability was created with a gift from Thailand-based Banpu Public Co. and its two founding executives, Mr. Chanin Vongkusolkit (Grad Cook ’77) and Mr. Metee Auapinyakul (Cook ’76). The university matches all qualified scholarship gifts of $100 or more—dollar for dollar.

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The department of athletics inducted 12 individuals and two teams into the Billiken Hall of Fame in January. The inductees represent five categories.

**BILLIEN HALL OF FAME GREAT – PIONEER**

Student-athlete prior to 1980

- Jack Gilchrist (Men’s Soccer, 2006-09) had a backline defender on the 1963 and 1965 national championship teams. In Gilchrist’s career opponents were held to 0.7 goals per game.
- Kevin Lisch (Men’s Basketball, 2005-09) had the second leading scorer in SLU history at 1.687 career points and a recent selection to the men’s basketball All Century team. Lisch in two times All Definitive team selection. Three time All Conference selection and 2008-09 Academic All American.
- Theresa Lisch (Women’s Basketball, 2005-09) holds 123 school records for career free throw made (466) and free throw percentage (.869), single-season points (734); and points in a game (371). Lisch was the 2008-09 Atlantic 10 Scholar Athlete of the Year.
- Kevin McClain (Volleyball, 2005-09) posted all-time kills with 1418 and eighth in kills with 1418 and among the national final. Team members are Gerry Balkin, Pat Griffin, Jim Hennessy, John Klein Jr., Tom Kean, Robert Malone, Thomas McDonnell, John Michelakis, Bill Mueller, Ed Owsinski, Don Fairs, Tom Forsoom, Michael P_DIAGRAM

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What he couldn’t have expected, much less planned for, was facing the defining moment of his 30-year career. But in the overnight hours of Oct. 13 — when hundreds of demonstrators and SLU students flooded onto campus and headed straight toward SLU’s iconic clock tower — that’s just what Pestello faced.

Most of the demonstrators and students left peacefully in a few hours, but a few dozen did not. The weeklong encampment that ensued not only divided some members of the SLU community — especially alumni and parents — but it also tested the University’s long-standing resolve to be a mission-driven organization. Now with Universitas, Pestello shares the decision-making that led to the encampment’s peaceful conclusion.

In the wide-ranging interview that follows, Pestello also discusses his first impressions of Saint Louis University, his aspirations for the University’s future and his commitment to moving SLU forward at a time when U.S. higher education is facing myriad challenges.
FIRST IMPRESSIONS

What did you know about Saint Louis University before seeking the presidency?

FP: For some time I have known of SLU as a major Catholic, Jesuit university. I started paying close attention to SLU at the time I became provost at the University of Dayton. Dayton’s enrollment management division reported to me, and the St. Louis area has a large number of Catholic high schools and was a big market for us. We were paying attention to SLU as a competitor, as an aspirant school in some ways and as a large Catholic university located in a city that was a primary recruiting target.

What was your impression of SLU other than as a competitor?

FP: SLU is among the very top Jesuit research universities. I knew that it had strong undergraduate programs, as well as a broad range of highly ranked graduate and professional programs. Although I’d not been on campus prior to the search process, I also knew it had a reputation for having beautiful grounds. So, I was aware of its size and success, as well as its location within the city of St. Louis and its importance to the region.

From the first call from the presidential search consultant, I was intrigued and excited, thinking about the possibility of becoming SLU’s next president. We had several conversations over a period of weeks before I formally applied. As I became increasingly interested, I started to dig deeper and read more about SLU. The more I saw, the more taken I became with the power and promise of the organization.

You are SLU’s first lay president. What impact does that have on SLU? In what ways might it be an advantage?

FP: An institution is advantaged if it has a Jesuit in the presidency due to the depth of formation any Jesuit would undergo, but I also believe that an advantage a layperson has is that he or she can hold up and celebrate the Jesuits in a way that would be difficult for a Jesuit to do. There are ways that I can praise the men of the order and our Catholic, Jesuit nature with a pride that might not be as easy for a vowed member of the order. I’m Jesuit educated. This approach to education had a tremendous impact on my life. I believe deeply in Jesuit education—a rigorous, values-based education that stresses excellence and reason while simultaneously embracing faith. We commit ourselves, individually and collectively, to making the world a better place for all.

I love our brand promise, “Higher purpose. Greater good.” It is our calling — our way of life. I made it the title of my inaugural address and ended with it. Those four words sum SLU up nicely. We are here to serve a higher purpose, and that is best served by contributing to the greater good.

The academy exists primarily for the discovery and transmission of knowledge. That is the ‘head’ part of it. We’re blessed with this amazing resource, our human mind, and its capacity to learn and understand and to be creative. We couple that intellectual rigor with an emphasis on the heart. We form people. As I said in my inaugural address, the mark of our alumni, the measure of this institution, is not in the facts that are mastered, but in the character that is formed.

So we’ve serving a higher purpose through the generation, application and transmission of knowledge, through compassionate, patient-centered medical care and through the service that we provide many in so many ways.

Why is it important to emphasize SLU’s Catholic, Jesuit nature?

FP: Our Catholic and Jesuit nature is important on a number of levels. First of all, the institution provides people with the opportunity to worship and deepen their understanding and practice of their faith. We do so while ensuring that we are not only Catholic with a big “C,” but also catholic with a small “c.” We are a place that is inclusive, that welcomes people of all faith traditions and even nonbelievers in respectful dialogue with each other.

You also see our Catholic and Jesuit nature revealed in the curriculum, the courses we require, the questions we ask, the disciplinary areas that we emphasize, the humanistic approach we take toward each other and the world. Fundamental to the Jesuits is seeing God in all things. Finally our mission is reflected in the tremendous amount of service we do — and not service in a shallow sense, but dedication to service because it’s the right thing to do — based on the values and commitment that are at the heart of our 2,000-year faith tradition. Christ is our model.

Pestello At a Glance

PERSONAL DETAILS

Cleveland native
62 years old
Married to Dr. Frances Pestello
Vitina and Freddie
EDUCATION

Ph. D. 2001, University of Akron Kent State University, Sociology
M.A. 1991, University of Akron, Sociology
B.A. 1974, John Carroll University, Sociology

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2014-14: Professor, Le Moyne College
2000-04: Professor of Sociology, University of Dayton
2001-03: Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Dayton
1997-00: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Dayton
1985-97: Instructor, University of Dayton

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2008-14: President, Le Moyne College
2001-06: Provost and Senior Vice President for Educational Affairs, University of Dayton
January 2016: Provost Designate, University of Dayton
1997-2000: Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Dayton
1985-95: Chair, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, University of Dayton

ON THE JOB

What have your first few months in office been like?

FP: Overall, they’ve been terrific. My wife, Fran, and I could not have been more warmly, enthusiastically and graciously received, both in St. Louis and on campus. It’s been extraordinarily positive. We love the city, the culture and the vast array of things to do and visit, from walks in Forest Park to the great variety of places to dine. We live in the Central West End, which was recently named one of the nation’s 10 great neighborhoods by the American Planning Association, and we couldn’t agree more with that ranking.

The SLU campus is every bit as attractive as I had heard, but it’s really the people who make an organization. And from the students to the faculty to the staff to the administrative team with whom I’m fortunate to work, I am inspired and humbled.

Of course, I never expected anything like the problems that surfaced in Ferguson last summer and fall. Certainly St. Louis is not unique in the challenges we face here, and I am optimistic about our future. Like everyone else with whom I have spoken, I intend, personally and for the organization, to partner with others in addressing these significant issues.

As a Catholic, Jesuit university we are called by our mission to be engaged in these challenges and to work toward meaningful solutions. I am proud of how the campus responded to the October demonstration, and I remain committed to addressing the issues that surfaced at that time.

So far, what’s the best part of being SLU president? The most challenging part?

FP: It is a pleasure to be the president of SLU. I am honored to be able to go out beyond the campus and represent the institution locally, regionally and nationally. And I am taken with all of the substantial things taking place across our campuses and beyond. It’s exciting to have the privilege of joining with others to lead this institution. I’ve enjoyed going division by division, getting to know the campus, and feeling people’s commitment to, and passion about, what they do and their desire to do things at an even higher level.

One key challenge of the presidency, particularly in tight times like these, is managing the tension between resources and affordability. Every division with which I have interacted would like more resources to do things even better. That is a good thing — to be ambitious for one’s work.
and one's department. Nearly everyone would like more resources and could use them. On the other hand, we have to steward our resources carefully and seriously engage the question of celebrating for a single, fallible individual. So I tried hard to think of it as not a celebration of an individual, or a president, but a celebration of an institution, one with a rich history, noble purpose and substantial promise.

That’s what I hoped was reflected in my inaugural address: how impressive SLU is, what SLU accomplished, what SLU has been, what it grew from, what it has been able to do and what’s most exciting is its potential, which I think is enormous. The world needs more people like those we form and graduate. As I indicated in my inaugural address, there is something comforting in washing dishes in one hot, soapy water. And they all get properly cleaned every time.

I was taken, touched, moved by how many people like those we form and graduate. My father built cars in one way or another throughout his career. When he was young, he built and raced cars. Because of this work, I had the chance to tell my many different cars, some fairly powerful. I’ve owned a couple of important red convertibles and cars with manual transmissions. A newly designed and well engineered car is both visually captivating and tactfully exhilarating. It’s the joy of admiring and driving a crisp responsive car.

I was moved by the courage and commitment of people who believed in the university’s mission, and I was inspired by the excitement of this powerful intellectual, artistic and cultural renaissance after a long period of stagnation and decline. Third, I would like to go back to the founding of our country. I’m fascinated with what took place in our country during the late 1700s. What is your head favorite task, something that just drives you crazy?

I’m not wild about housework or yardwork. I like washing dishes, however, and I’m not like dishwashers. I find that there are often items that do not get properly cleaned, probably due to my improvements in the efficiency of the machine. I continue to rely on myself to this day.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be? It would have to be Christ.

I enjoy reading, bicycling, traveling and good company and conversation over wine and a well-prepared meal. On very rare occasions I will paint something abstract.

If you had a time machine, when would you go and where?

I would like to go back to the Indiana University, Bloomington, my alma mater, and see my college town and the university I attended. I would like to go back to the founding of our country during the late 1700s. I would also like to go back to the founding of our country. I’m fascination with what took place in our country during the late 1700s. I would like to go back to the founding of our country. I’m fascinated with what took place in our country during the late 1700s. I would like to go back to the founding of our country. I’m fascination with what took place in our country during the late 1700s.

How do you relax?

I love listening to music live and on a good audio system. I enjoy studying and comparing audio equipment, although I keep up with it much less now than I did when I was younger. I love the music most but also listen to classical and classic rock. The new Ferring Jazz Bistro on Grand Center is one of my favorite spots in town.

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I would like to go back to the founding of our country during the late 1700s. It was a truly humbling experience. I was, at one point during the Mass preceding the inauguration and then during the inauguration ceremony itself, thinking, I’m just one person; this is a lot. But insistently complex, large-scale events and have them come off so smoothly. It was another mark of the character, dedication and skill of the people here.

Why was it important for you to emphasize SLU’s history in your speech? And why is it important going forward?

FP: It was important for me and important for the community to reflect upon our history. It’s hard to know where to go if you do not know your history. And we have such a compelling story. When you think about how we were formed, what this area was like when Bishop DuBourg decided to start an academy, it’s powerful. It’s moving. And then to realize, now, nearly 200 years later, what we are living what they dreamed and what they sacrificed for — isn’t that spectacular? There is a bold, pioneering spirit that has propelled this academy since its founding, and that spirit continues to reverberate to this day.

THE CAMPUS DEMONSTRATION

Just over a week after the inauguration, a large demonstration took place on campus. What was going through your mind the early morning of Oct. 13 when demonstrators began an encampment on campus?

FP: It was a Sunday night. And I was sound asleep when, around 1:30 in the morning, I was awakened by a call from the head of our department of public safety (DPS), Jim Moran.

Jim told me that a large group was marching north on Grand Boulevard toward SLU’s campus. They were coming from an area that Jim thought was not a smart guy. He has more than 30 years experience in law enforcement. He quickly reviewed some likely scenarios with me. One of them was the possibility that the demonstrators — some of whom might be our students — would turn on the campus. If that were to occur, Jim asked what I wanted our DPS officers and the St. Louis Police to do. As we talked, we were номерs getting closer to our campus. He indicated the groups were loud and acting peacefully, but we had only minutes to decide. Jim and I quickly agreed that it was best to permit the demonstrators to walk on campus and not to try to stop them. Our initial decision was to meet peace with peace.
I soon heard that some of our students were part of the demonstration. In fact, they were on Grand Boulevard waving their IDs indicating to DPS officers that they were SLU students and that the other demonstrators were their guests. As the marchers walked onto our campus, hundreds of students went out of their residence halls, many to join with the activity or to simply to see what was going on. They marched to the clock tower, where speakers addressed the group. I was up most of the night, as were many of our vice presidents. We were in constant contact with Jim, who was at the clock tower watching and listening.

Over the course of the night, demonstrators drifted away, and by the time the sun came up, there were only a couple dozen people left. The groups engaged in conversations with students and faculty who were walking to class that Monday morning. And they turned to social media to request tents, food, water and access to DPS officers that they were SLU students and that our safety and fundamental operations were always a priority. We presumed the demonstrators would disrupt campus for our fundraising.

And while my advisers and I considered next steps, our phones were ringing nonstop. Emails were pouring in. Although large numbers of alumni and community leaders applauded the initial peaceful and inclusive reactions, many were advocating swift, authoritative action against the demonstrators. Some were using hateful language to convey their displeasure to University staff. The pressure to act was intense.

This convergence of talking about worst-case consequences and getting angry calls, thankfully, spurred the revelation that fear — not who we are as an institution, nor our core Jesuit values — was driving our actions. We abruptly halted the actions we were considering and took the time to see the concerns of those who were part of the encampment through the lens of our Jesuit principles — the same principles that have guided SLU through nearly 200 years.

We were literally asking ourselves: What would Jesus do? What would St. Ignatius do? What would Pope Francis do? We embraced a more values-based approach to our decision making, which is all you can do in such situations — situations that are tense, fluid, unstructured, risky circumstances with neither a clear script to follow nor an obvious path to dialogue, let alone resolution. We had to trust our mission-bred instincts and engage those who were advocating for some of the least advantaged among us.

Early in the week, we could not find a path to establish conversation with the demonstrators. Some outside leaders who tried on our behalf came away feeling such discussions were hopeless.

On the positive side, the daily teach-ins and group discussions remained peaceful. Demonstrators sought to build awareness about racial inequities. They promoted self-reflection among some students and vehement objection by others.

What else did the demonstrators want to accomplish? Thanks to Dr. Stefan Bradley, the chair of our African American studies department, we were able to arrange a breakthrough meeting that Thursday. Two SLU students, who were leaders in the campus occupation, met with a few of us in the administration. Two black faculty members, a staff member and a community activist also joined the conversation. All parties made a concerted effort to build upon our mutual agreement that SLU could do better.

Through respectful discussion, we rapidly moved to an agreement that outlined how we would do better to promote equity, educational success and economic development. The Clock Tower Accords ended the occupation peacefully that Saturday, Oct. 18. No one was hurt, and no property was damaged.

It was a long and stressful week, but it revealed to me the true character of the SLU student, faculty and staff. I clearly appreciate all that so many did to help us in so many ways that allowed us to innovate our way through that trying week, particularly the department of public safety officers.

As I have said a few times, we spoke in the poetry of community, respect and dignity rather than the prose of fear, power and threats. Living our values made the difference that week, for all of us.

SLU and ST. LOUIS
How does what happened at SLU fit into the movement that began in Ferguson?

FP: From the start, the demonstrators, many of whom were SLU students, made it clear that they were not leaving. That worried me and my senior team. We found ourselves jumping to the worst case. Maintaining campus safety and fundamental operations were always a priority. We presumed demonstrators camped around the clock tower would disrupt campus for weeks to come, incurring student withdrawals, reducing campus visits by prospective students, decreasing applications for admission and affecting our fundraising.

Some of the most interesting things you’ve discovered about St. Louis?

FP: That the city is not part of the county. I didn’t get it at first. People say, “The city is not part of the county,” and, at first, I thought they were speaking figuratively. I believe that it is incumbent upon the leaders of the region to address municipal fragmentation, which is contributing to some of the most significant problems the area is facing.

I’ve also come to better appreciate the history of the region and the importance of the area as the Gateway to the West. I am reminded of the region’s importance by the house that we live in, which was built at the time of the 1904 World’s Fair and is located just a few blocks from Forest Park. I purchased a reproduction of the map of the fair and have it hung in the entry hall. As time permits I am reading about the history of the region and the importance of St. Louis. That’s been fun.

FIRST FAMILY
You and your family are our first “first family.” How are they adjusting to this?

FP: Twice my wife Fran and I have been professionally separated. We met and married in graduate school and then lived apart as we started our careers at different colleges. We soon came together at the University of Dayton, where I had started. When I moved to Syracuse, New York, to become president of Le Moyne College, Fran was the chair of the department of sociology, anthropology and social work at Dayton and wanted to finish her chairship, so she stayed back and didn’t join me permanently until three years into my presidency.

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By virtue of our mission we are called to be a partner with those working to combat poverty and create a better future for all, particularly for the least advantaged. I am amazed at all that we at SLU do in the region. Our students, faculty and staff provide over one million hours of service a year. I asked for a list of our many initiatives in the region, and it runs on for literally dozens and dozens of pages.

We genuinely seek to serve those with few resources in numerous ways, from free health services to educational enrichment programs. I vividly remember Make A Difference Day this past fall when over 4,000 students spent a Saturday going out into our least fortunate neighborhoods to lend a hand.

There are many other mission-related facts of which we should be proud, including those whom we serve. In recent years more than 20 percent of our entering class of undergraduate students are Pell Grant-eligible, which means that they are likely to have family incomes of much less than $60,000 per year.

Through efforts like our Go Further Scholarship Campaign, which matches scholarship gifts of $100 or more, we are keeping SLU within financial reach of most who seek and qualify for an education here. And we continue to attract strong students — the most academically prepared classes in our history. But we can and must do even more.
When we came here, we decided that at this stage of life and career, Fran would come with me and, for the first time, not know specifically what she was going to do in terms of her academic work. She chose to leave that open.

Fran loves being here as much as I do. SLU is a terrific institution. And we adore the neighborhood that we’re in.

We would not have undertaken this move if it wasn’t something that was very attractive and appealing to both Fran and me. Fran describes it as an adventure, and it is, a wonderful adventure. Wherever I go in the region I am stopped and told of how special a place SLU holds in people’s hearts and how important it is as a moral authority in St. Louis.

I recently returned from the annual meetings of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities where, thanks to our collective response to and communications about the challenges emerging in Ferguson, many commented that SLU has emerged as a leading voice on some of the most compelling issues of our times. Those sorts of interactions continue to reinforce the privilege and responsibility we have as SLU’s first family.

**Talk about your children.**

**FP:** Our daughter Vitina, a graduate of the University of Dayton, had been in Florida for four years doing service work for the Sisters of the Humility of Mary and then working directly for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Last summer, she decided to leave her work to join us here. She has begun her work as program coordinator of the Faith and Justice Collaborative. We’re thrilled to have our daughter here in St. Louis and at SLU.

Our son Freddie lives in Cincinnati. He graduated from Le Moyne and is working across the Ohio River in Covington, Kentucky, for Fidelity Investments. He is passionate about sports, much more than I, and now follows the Billikens.

**FUTURE PLANS**

**Last fall SLU launched a strategic planning process to chart SLU’s direction. Why is this effort so important to the University?**

**FP:** It is important in two ways: The process itself is important, and the document is obviously important. The process is important because it causes people to stand back and reflect upon SLU and what it should be. And that dialogue needs to take place both in homogeneous and heterogeneous groupings so that we are in conversation with each other, thinking about the institution, its mission and its role moving forward. The process itself is institution-building.

The plan will set our priorities so that we can focus our energy and resources around them. It will also become the basis upon which we will draft our next comprehensive fundraising campaign — one that will be designed to celebrate our bicentennial anniversary, which, obviously, will be a very special moment in SLU’s storied history.

People are prone to ask you as SLU’s new president, “What is your vision?” And you’ve said, “That’s to be determined.” Why is that your response?

**FP:** It goes back to the strategic plan and the conversations among students, faculty and staff that make up that process. This should not be and will not be my strategic plan. It has to be our strategic plan. The fact that it comes from the bottom up — not top down — means it will be much bolder and richer. And it should better reflect our strengths and capacities across the University.

Also, because it is thoroughly grounded in conversations throughout the broader SLU community, people are invested in it and are willing to embrace and support it. They’re willing to play an active role in fulfilling the strategic plan’s vision and achieving its objectives because it is our vision, our objectives.

I am sure alumni — as ambassadors of SLU and donors to SLU — have points of view about our strategic plan, too. I invite them to review draft documents and share their thoughts, feelings and questions with us via the website (slu.edu/strategicplan).

**What do the next five years have in store for SLU?**

**FP:** One achievement that would please me is if SLU were to be widely and universally thought of, both nationally and internationally, as unquestionably one of the nation’s very top Catholic research universities. Thanks to the work of so many here over so many years, we are well on our way.

**How can alumni assist in moving SLU forward?**

**FP:** There are a number of things the alumni can do to help. Be engaged, and attend reunions. Become active in alumni chapters, and stay close to the departments, schools and colleges from which they earned their degrees.

I would ask alumni to continue to speak frequently and fondly about SLU, particularly to younger people and the parents of younger people — in other words, to serve as informal recruiters. I ask our alumni to encourage students who are looking at college to visit SLU.

I also ask that our alumni make sure that they send a gift every year so that our alumni giving rate reflects the passion of the alumni for the institution.

Finally, they can continue to keep us in their prayers, as we keep them in ours.

Dr. Fred P. Pestello is on Twitter. Follow him at @SLUPresident.

**Higher Purpose. Greater Good.**

It was a historic day for Saint Louis University on Oct. 3, as nearly 2,500 people came together in Chaifetz Arena to celebrate the inaugura-

**THE 2015 INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

of

**DR. FRED P. PESTELLO**

**J. Joseph Adorjan,** then chairman of the University’s board of trustees, led the official investiture of Pestello as SLU’s 33rd president. Pestello then was presented with two symbols of his authority: the presidential mace and chain of office.

After his investiture, Pestello took to the podium to deliver his first major address as president. Here is the entire speech. To watch a video of the ceremony, visit slu.edu/inauguration.

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Welcome to our many distinguished guests, including leaders in higher education, representatives of civic organizations, government officials, and members of the clergy. I am grateful for everyone who traveled from near and far to be here today. And greetings to those who are watching remotely — hola, mis amigos en Madrid. Your presence, literally and virtually, honours the University and appreciates the trust SLU community has placed in me.

I also wish to thank everyone who has facilitated and supported my transition, particularly Archbishop Robert Carlson and my immediate predecessor, Joe Adorjan, and members of our extended families and the Presidential Search and Selection Committees, the Jesuits of SLU, and Father Provincial Ron Mercier, S.J., who sits with me at the stage party, including (from left) St. Louis Archbishop Robert Carlson, then SLU Board Chairman J. Joe Adorjan, Provincial Ron Mercier, S.J., and Trustee Patrick Sly.

As the new president of Saint Louis University, I am also grateful for the fundraisers, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and supporters who, for 196 years, toiled, sacrificed, and invested themselves in the University's mission and understood what it was capable of achieving. And so this morning, I will reflect collectively with us to ponder, speculate, and wonder. Our unquenchable thirst for truth, the first and only seat of learning — the first and only source of knowledge. In the mid-19th century, our library was known as "the repository of what had become Saint Louis University. Under their steadfast leadership, the fledgling college gained recognition as the nation's first Jesuit institution. Within a year, the Jesuits had raised enough money (fundraising isn't new to the Jesuits!) to open a new brick, three-story school building. Soon, 120-day-scholars and 30 boarders were enrolled in the college. The bravery, ingenuity, piety and charity of those first Jesuits became the spirit of Saint Louis University.

Pestello quickly realized that he alone could not do all that had to be done. He appealed to the people of the Missouri region for support of his enterprise. In 1823, his request was granted, and the Jesuits' dreams of establishing a college in St. Louis were realized.

The Jesuits then turned their attention to the city itself, establishing a hospital and a school for boys. The hospital, named the College of St. Mary, became the nucleus of the university's current campus.

In 1889, the Jesuits established Saint Louis University as a separate entity from the College of St. Mary. The university's initial campus was located on the city's east side, and it included a hospital, a school of medicine, and a college of arts and sciences.

The university continued to grow and expand over the years, adding new programs and facilities, including the law school, the medical school, and the School of Social Work.

Today, Saint Louis University is a major research institution with a strong focus on health care and engineering. It is home to several prestigious programs, including the School of Medicine, the School of Law, and the John L. Guidroz School of Medicine.

The university is committed to excellence in education, research, and service, and it is recognized for its strong academic programs, its commitment to social justice, and its global reach.

The university continues to serve as a beacon of knowledge and opportunity, and it remains dedicated to leading the university into the future with a commitment to excellence, innovation, and service.
It was also during Father Reinert’s presidency that we began to spread our wings through the development and implementation of a study abroad program in Spain. Launched in 1967 in rented classrooms, Saint Louis University-Madrid is now a bona fide campus with an enrollment of 620 students who hail from around the globe.

That same year Father Reinert made another critical decision, one that would have a lasting impact on Catholic higher education. He established the first lay board of trustees at any American Catholic university. This was a direct response to the Second Vatican Council, which called for greater involvement of lay people in the Church’s work. Other universities quickly followed.

And of course, more recently, Father Lawrence Biondi’s 26 years at the helm launched in 1967 in rented classrooms, Lawrence Biondi’s 26 years at the helm who in 1925 established the department of music in the School of Arts and Sciences, he broke new ground in areas of particular white university in a former slave state to adopt a formal policy to admit African-American students. And many of you remember Father Walter Ong, who was ranked among the most influential scholars of the 20th century. Through his more than 450 publications, he broke new ground in areas of orality and literacy studies to the evolution of consciousness.

Our current faculty follows in the footsteps of the dedicated scholars of the past. These experts ask the questions that push intellectual boundaries and move society forward. They remain devoted to their quest to expose our students to the marvels of the highest achievements of human thought and creativity. And they are full partners in making the University in promoting and inspiring a more just world — whether on SLU’s First Campus, our Medical Center one mile south, our law school downtown, or our Madrid Campus 4,400 miles east.

Because of the caliber of the work of our scholars, SLU is recognized as a leading Jesuit research university. Consider our Center for World Health and Medicine, the home of pharmacological scientists whose work was no longer deemed profitable enough to their large employer. We invited them to continue their research here, where the focus is on treatments and cures for devastating diseases that primarily affect the developing world.

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We are also known for our mission-centered outreach efforts. One of the most fine examples is our Jesuit Health Resource Center in North St. Louis. This clinic, which was founded by our medical students, brings care directly to an area that is desperately needed. Every Saturday for more than 20 years, medical students and their faculty mentors attend to the underserved and underinsured. Recently, physical therapy and social work students joined the effort.

Likewise, the members of our clinical practice, SLUCare, are inspired to deliver state-of-the-art medicine with compassion. They determine what treatment approach is appropriate to each particular case, literally saving lives. Furthermore, they conduct significant research and substantive research, including exceptional training as role models for our students.

Our high-achieving young women and men are integral to our Jesuit-inspired mission. They bring energy, passion, optimism, spirit and heart. They come to study in our philosophy program, which has five areas at the graduate level ranked among the worlds very best. They come to study health care management that is consistently ranked as the first or second finest in the country. They come to study entrepreneurship in the No. 14 program in the United States. They come to study the arts, aviation, business, dental care, education, engineering, health sciences, humanities, law, medicine, math, nursing, natural sciences, public health, social sciences, social work and technology — which together build a long list of top-ranked programs.

I witness the transformative, character-building power of a SLU education. I know when I meet a SLUCare alumnus. We have so many alumni and donors who are an inspiration of what it means to be a Billiken, a SLUCare alumnus.

Mary first came to Saint Louis University in 1938 as a freshman. At the time only 5 percent of our students were women. She returned to us in 1956, the same year that Father Biondi became our president. Then in 1969, Mary was appointed student affairs assistant and assistant to the vice president for development. Since retiring in 1990, Mary has continued to serve in various capacities on campus and her purpose, I would like to focus on one remarkable woman who is an inspiring example of what it means to be a Billiken, a SLUCare alumnus.

Mary embodies the amazing dedication of the SLU staff, a staff of thousands who serve in every department and division throughout this University. Their work is vital, valued, and integral to our mission.

Data clearly demonstrate that the financial return of a college education for those who do not go to college is no doubt about the benefits of higher education for both the individual and society as a whole. We know that the return on an investment in higher education is not a panacea. While technology and education can certainly add value to our educational system, they are not the solution to all of our problems. The most important part of the education we offer is not in the facts that are mastered but in the character that is formed. It is only through sustained face-to-face interaction that relationships are built and the skills that make us fully human are acquired and honed. These skills are the mark of our alumni and the measure of our institution.

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Second, we must address the most significant issue of all — education — cost. I am calling for a campus-wide consideration of the question: “How do we keep SLU affordable, while continuously improving the quality of education in and out of the classroom?”

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Third, recent events in the St. Louis region compel us to delve even deeper into the circumstances that continue to undermine the life chances of our fellow citizens. These include the factors that foster ongoing divisions and perpetuate the systemic injustices that traps so many of our brothers and sisters. As a Catholic, Jesuit university we must ask: “What else should we do for and with our neighbors?” Our specific strengths in teaching, research, compassionate medical care, and other forms of service and scholarship must be replicated in ways that reach even more of those in need. I have been talking with many of you about how to best engage our community in this important question. I will share the results of my thinking and seek yours in the coming weeks.

St. Ignatius Loyola told his followers: “Go forth and set the world on fire.” At Saint Louis University, that is what we do — we ignite a desire to learn and to serve, to think critically, creatively, and compassionately, to blaze trails in thought and action. Together, we carry forward the Flame of hope, ignited by our pioneering predecessors. The Jesuit passion burns within us from athletics to art museums, from classrooms to campus ministry, from residence life to residency programs. It is our hallmark.

From our founding in 1780 to our status as a leading international research university of prodigious achievement in 2014, we have been a home for explorers and pioneers. They have invested mightily in building this dynamic organizational, bringing us to this propitious moment. We must continue the trajectory begun by those who came before us, taking up this sacred charge and reaching for the highest level in all that we do.

SLU’s past is what drew me here. Its extraordinary potential is what motivates me. Beginning with Bishop Dubourg’s trek from Louisiana and the Jesuits’ first steps west from Baltimore, the journey has sometimes been perilous, but the results have always been profound. Our next step forward begins today.

May God bless you and Saint Louis University.
For years, Saint Louis University’s Midtown neighborhood has made its reputation as the place in St. Louis to see a show. And with good reason — the area is home to Grand Center gems such as the Fabulous Fox Theatre, Powell Symphony Hall and Chaifetz Arena. But that entertainment-only reputation is about to change because of a little Swedish word: Ikea.
Cortex: Inspiration and Innovation

Blurring the borders between Midtown, the Central West End, Forest Park Southeast, the Cortex Innovation Community is a 200-acre innovation hub. The district aims to help both established and emerging companies create a presence in the city and connect with community assets and resources, including Saint Louis University.

Dennis Lower, president and CEO of Cortex, said the location is a huge asset for the district, which wants to project the city’s presence in an inspiring and innovative atmosphere. He explained that amenities offered by the surrounding area attract businesses, as well as millennials, the population born between 1980 and the early 2000s, who now make up the largest generation in the region.

Proximity to Saint Louis University played a large part in Cortex’s decision to plant their roots in Midtown. When the board was formed, it initially discussed settling in an undeveloped area. However, the ultimate decision favored an urban setting, putting the district on the map and connecting residents to SLU, which businesses could easily access. Lower explained that being close to facilities research and students interested in internships and jobs can attract businesses.

Cortex is wrapping up a redevelopment project covering more than 1 million square feet of construction, a $500 million investment to date. The master plan anticipates an overall $2 billion investment, 4 million square feet of development and more than 10,000 jobs, with 3,000 already in place.

St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay (Law’80) explained how Cortex’s investments have enhanced the city.

“The multimillion dollar investment is helping us to compete more effectively in a global economy,” Slay said. “It is creating jobs and spurring new ideas and new businesses. It is attracting more amenities, housing and transportation. And it is giving college graduates a reason to put down roots in St. Louis and pursue high-tech and bioscience careers."

First Urban IKEA in the Midwest
IKEA broke ground in the Cortex Innovation District in June 2014 and anticipates opening this fall. The 380,000-square-foot store will sit along the northern side of Interstate 64 at Vandeventer Avenue. The St. Louis location will be the first IKEA store in an urban area in the Midwest and only the sixth of its kind in the country.

“We have been looking for almost 11 years now for a good site,” said IKEA spokesperson Joseph Roth said. “We were looking for something central to where folks could access the store easily and thought Midtown was a wonderful opportunity, especially as part of the Cortex development.”

Roth added that the University’s presence played a large role in the company’s decision to locate in Midtown, which businesses could easily access. Lower explained that being close to facility research and students interested in internships and jobs can attract businesses.

Grand Center Renaissance
Schoenehl has been with Grand Center for more than 13 years. He is retiring soon but said he has stayed so long because he believes the city is making real progress.

Grand Center has been the arts district of St. Louis since the 1890s and holds a unique collection of cultural assets. In its early days, the district comprised more than two dozen theaters, dance halls and cabarets. The area now is home to 130,000 theater seats and more than 45 nonprofit organizations.

It is also a popular place to live, with new residences move-in ready in both renovated and brand-new buildings. By the end of 2015, 800 new housing units will be added to the area. Metropolitan Artists Lofts, located on the northwest corner of Olive Street and Grand Boulevard, features units specifically designed for artists, including a variety of studios catering to each resident’s particular art medium or form. Closer to the IKEA site, the Standard will replace the Mobil gas station at Forest Park and Vandeventer avenues with a 164-unit apartment complex.

During the past five years, that growth in residents has facilitated a smorgasbord of new restaurants in the area. Alderwoman Marlene Davis, whose ward includes Saint Louis University and Midtown, remembers a time when there was only one restaurant in Midtown, Best Steakhouse.

“Now you can choose any ethnic food you want to eat,” she said. “There’s Mexican, sushi, burgers and more coming. It’s exciting.”

Bai Xu Sushi Lounge recently opened inside Hotel Ignacio, and Lucha, a new Mexican restaurant, is located across from the Fox Theatre. Other additions include Urban Chestnut Brewing Co., serving craft beer and small plates, and The Dark Room, a wine and tapas bar and photo gallery.

But cuisine isn’t the only international aspect of the area. An addition to Midtown’s cultural repertoire is the International Photography Hall of Fame, relocating from Oklahoma, the museum features vintage cameras, historical photographs and a library of photographic memorabilia, including a full run of Life Magazine since 1936. The hall of fame hosts a variety of seminars and exhibits throughout the year.

Midtown is also home to four different radio stations, including St. Louis Public Radio station KWMU and independent station KDHX.

KDHX offers training for the public with workshops and music classes, and keeps local arts and music thriving in St. Louis by supporting hundreds of concerts and community events.

“It’s a blessing to have KDHX relocate to our area,” Davis said.

SLU: A Stabilizing and Driving Force
Schoenehl traces Midtown’s success back to a decision in 1992 when Saint Louis University was offered several parcels of land in various parts of St. Louis County but turned down the offers and remained committed to the city.

In 1996, then-SLU President Paul C. Reimert, S.J., gave a speech about the role urban universities play in helping to rebuild the cities they inhabit. More than 20 years later, Lawrence Biondi, S.J., now University president emeritus, made it his vision to beautify the campus and even the surrounding community, investing approximately $850 million in improvements, enhancements and expansions during his tenure. Today, University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello remains committed to engaging and enriching the community of Midtown.

“Any number of people in the community have told me how important we are to the city and the region, particularly Midtown,” Pestello said. “If you look at the development taking place around us, it’s pretty impressive — from Grand Center on the north side, to developments both on the east and west side and to the south, as well. So, clearly we are, I believe, a good partner and a catalyst for development, which is good for the University and good for the region.”

Slay supports this notion, saying that Saint Louis University is a “stabilizing and driving force in Midtown, and it serves to stimulate the surrounding area.”

In fact a recent study commissioned by SLU found that the University had $387 million in annual economic impact in Midtown alone — with an overall annual impact on the region of $715.5 million.

“When SLU made the decision to expand its campus and invest, it really made a difference in Midtown, and that was the start of the boom,” Davis said. “We are hearing the results of all the planning and cooperative efforts taking place for a little over 10 years in this area.”

Thriving businesses, entertainment venues, international museums, restaurants to suit every palate, new places to live (and an IKEA to furnish them) — Midtown has it all and is stimulating the surrounding area.”
Fredricka Mair (A&S) is a retired senior partner in the Principal Financial Group. She lives in Lake St. Louis.

Mary (Shurr) Catlin (A&S) and her husband, Richard, are retired. They live in Fenton, Mo., and volunteer with community organizations and their parish, enjoy travel and gardening.

H. Lloyd Kelley III (A&S) is served six years as an associate circuit judge and more than 20 years as a U.S. administrative law judge before retiring in 2006. He lives in St. Louis.

Paul Loganmore (A&S) is retired after 40 years in private practice for psychology and family marriage counseling. He is a hospice volunteer in lives in Alton, Ill.

Dr. Robert J. Sander (A&S) is retired, and he continued in his work with the Robert W. Cameron Medical Center of the University of Missouri. He is professor emeritus in the department of radiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Janice Bui (A&S) is a retired radiology technician in Denver, Colo. She lives in Westminster, Colo.

Dr. David K. Miller (A&S) is a retired general practitioner and teacher. He lives in Plainfield, Ill.

Mary (Venable) Stewart (A&S) is retired, and she lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

Robert J. Young (A&S) is a retired professor of theater. He lives in Niskayuna, N.Y. He is an active member of Rotary Clubs, the American Association of University Professors and the League of Women Voters.

Sandra B. Holcomb (Law) is a retired professor of law and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Bar Foundation. She is a former U.S. District Court judge in the Northern District of Ohio. She lives in Huntsville, Md.

Dr. Erin M. Nielson (A&S) is retired and lives in Foster City, Calif. She lives in Foster City, Calif.

Dr. Joseph Mann (A&S) is a retired medical doctor and lives in Little Rock, Ark.

Dr. Rowland "Roy" Martin (A&S) is a retired neurosurgeon and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. John Cook (B.S.) is a retired professor of English and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. James S. Steinberg (A&S) is a retired professor of political science and lives in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Dr. Donna C. Hoyt (A&S) is a retired professor of radiation oncology and lives in Boston, Mass.

Dr. Tina Clason (A&S) is retired, and she lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Robert Virtue (A&S) is a retired professor of civil engineering and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Richard Watters (A&S) is a retired professor of counseling psychology and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Joanne (Arnall) Douglas (A&S) is a retired professor of mathematics and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Michael Douglas (A&S) is a retired professor of computer science and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. William W. Watters (A&S) is a retired professor of radiology and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Donald Casper (A&S) is a retired professor of medicine and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Leah E. Capo (A&S) is a retired professor of English and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Barbara Reynolds (A&S) is a retired professor of mathematics and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Edward Lathy (A&S) is a retired professor of law and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. John Bennett (A&S) is a retired professor of law and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

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Jay Fink Mayer received a B.S. in Journalism from the University of Missouri. She is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association. She represents businesses and individuals in the area of business and commercial law.

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**Class Notes**

**Saint Louis University is a family tradition for 309 new SLU students. That means nearly 70 percent of the members of the freshman class have a parent, grandparent, sibling or family member who graduated from SLU. During Fall Welcome in August, the office of alumni relations invited these freshmen and their kinfolk to various events throughout the first few weeks of the fall.**

**2013**

**Brian Kaner** (A&S), a senior at the law firm Armstrong Teasdale and the founder and leader of the firm’s sports, business and facility clearance task force, was selected as a Law360 Rising Star in December 2013, in Chicago. He worked for the office of admissions at the University of Chicago, and also is a sales services manager at Gilbane Building Co.

Adam Beglow (A&S) joined AGIS Professional Services as a member of its intellectual property and corporate law practice group. He lives in Florissant, Mo.


Meghan Lamping (A&S) was honored at Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s annual Up and Coming event. She lives in St. Louis.

Sarah Calhoun Mallagic (A&S) joined the law firm of Fox Gilson & Fox as an associate attorney. She lives in St. Louis.

Chas Williams (A&S) was honored at Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s annual Up and Coming event. She lives in Black, Mo.

Amazon Rochester (Law) was recognized as a “Up and Come” by Minority Lawyers Weekly.

Christine Campbell-Campay (Cook ’08, Law) is a senior counsel for governmental affairs and real estate in Emerson’s corporate law department. She lives in Bethesda, Md.

James Cone (A&S) is a partner for the law firm Simon & Simonson in Kansas City, Mo.

Matthew Davis (A&S) was honored at Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s annual Up and Coming event. He lives in Balch, Mo.

Apollo Caesar (Law) was recognized as a “Up and Come” by Minority Lawyers Weekly.

Catherine Chappelle-Campay (Cook ’08, Law) is a senior counsel for governmental affairs and real estate in Emerson’s corporate law department. She lives in Bethesda, Md.

Rachel Dobson (Law) was honored at Missouri Lawyers Weekly’s annual Up and Coming event. Her firm is in St. Louis.

Carrie Carpenter (Law) joined Polk_FT&J’s toxic tort and mass tort practice as an attorney She lives in St. Louis.

Ryan Moeller (Law) joined Health Care Attorneys and is a partner of the firm. He lives in Baltimore, Md.

Daniel V. Verno (Pharm) is a pharmacist at Pferred Drug Stores in St. Louis.

Jennifer Byne (Law) was honored at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for her fundraising initiative. She lives in St. Louis.

Kenneth Briggs (Law) joined the law firm Polzin in the Phoenix office.

Nicole Capps (Cook ’10, Law) joined the law firm of Emerson’s corporate law department. He lives in St. Louis.

Aisha Davis (Law) is an associate for Polk_FT&J’s tax credit finance practice. He lives in Edmonton, Alta.

Linda Little (Law) is the first woman from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to be elected to chair a national electrical code panel. She lives in St. Louis.

Elizabeth Ngyuen (Law) is an attorney at Gemensac, Henders & Gallo. She is a member of the firm’s technology law practice group.

Kevan Saladino (Cook ’09, Law) is in the legal sector.

Jason Hines (Cook) received his juris doctorate in law in December 2013, in Chicago. He joined the firm’s commercial and litigation practice group.

Jessica Douglas (Law) opened her own real estate office in Oklahoma. She joined the firm in January 2014. She lives in St. Louis.

Heidi Daniel (Grad) ’82, ’93, ’09, ’13 is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Missouri in the field of political science.

Michael McLaughlin (Law) is a partner in the law firm of Curtis Campbell as an associate for business law. He is in Atlanta, Ga.

Anthony Quimby (Law) was named general counsel at the university’s Office of Governmental Relations. He lives in St. Louis.

Michelle Straw (Law) was named the director of student activities for the university. She lives in St. Louis.

Frankie Hare (Law) was named the director of campus ministry at St. Louis University.

Morgan Walters (Law) received her juris doctorate in law in December 2013. She is a partner at the law firm of Curtis Campbell.

Michael Miller (Law) was honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for his involvement as a committee member. He lives in St. Louis.

Lisa Lipton (Law) is an associate at the Missouri law firm Husch Blackwell’s litigation practice group. She lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Jonathan Paul (Law) was honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for his involvement as a committee member. He lives in St. Louis.

Kevin St. Louis (Law) was honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for his involvement as a committee member. He lives in St. Louis.

Stephanie Hudson (Law) was named to the 2014-15 St. Louis Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 list.

Sam Hurteau (Law) was named to the 2014-15 St. Louis Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 list.

Brittney Schmidt (Law) is a sales services manager at the university of California, San Diego.

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Lindsey Rendlen (Law) was named to the 2014-15 St. Louis Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 list.

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Michael Vogel (Law) joined Hegel in the Edwardsville, Ill., office as an associate attorney.

Kyle C. Wrenn (Law) joined Hegel in the St. Louis office as an associate attorney.

Domino S. J. Rice Jr. (Law) completed his sales management program at Dribbble’s San Francisco, Calif., office.

William D. Holthaus (Law) joined the construction practice group of the St. Louis office of Greensfelder, Henders & Galle.

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EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., SLU campus. Bring the family back to campus to enjoy egg hunts, prizes and Easter goodies. Admission is $10 or more to your registration and receive a special gift from the Easter Bunny.
To register, visit alumni.slu.edu/easter15

CATHEDRAL NATION
Follow the National League Central champion St. Louis Cardinals this year in races across the country, including New York, Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago, San Diego and Kansas City. For students and alumni, make a difference in the lives of students in minutes by visiting slu.evisors.com.

FOUNTAIN OF INCLUSION
The Back Alumni Association has announced that $100,000 has been raised for the Fountain of Inclusion Scholarship Fund. The dollars will be matched by SLU. For more, visit alumni.slu.edu/fountainofinclusion.

School of Law
Alumni Lunch CLAYTON
Wednesday, April 29
Argonauts between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at The Bastille, 7620 Bonhomme Ave., Clayton, Missouri
Cost: $27 (individual) or $108 (4-player team)
To register or for more information, visit alumni.slu.edu/prayerbreakfast15

Alumni Lunch DOWNTOWN
Wednesday, May 6
Argonauts between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Missouri Athletic Club, Crystal Ballroom, 455 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
Cost: $38 (individual) or $152 (four-player team); alumni/faculty: $20 (individual) or $76 (four-player team)
For more information, visit alumni.slu.edu/boldbeertasting15

School of Medicine
Missouri State Medical Association Reception
Thursday, April 23, 5-7 p.m.
Ethics Chest, 4650 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis
Cost: For society members only, the cost is $20, which includes all the gifts to the Emeritus Officers Scholarship Fund. For reservations before April 20, the cost is $25.
To register, visit alumni.slu.edu/boldbestartasting15

School of Nursing
Meet and Greet with Dr. Fred P. Pestello
Thursday, May 7, 6-8 p.m.
Hotel Cleanthous, Dr. Alphie Hoef, MO
Cost: Student $23 (individual) or $85 (4-player team)
Four-player teams are encouraged. For more information, visit alumni.slu.edu/pestello15

Pioneer's Luncheon
Downtown St. Louis Alumni/Guests will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Westin Crown Center (Westport Room). Kansas City, Missouri.
Paradise Valley Golf Course Sun., March 29, 2015.
Student: $38 (individual) or $152 (four-player team)
Alumni/Faculty: $20 (individual) or $76 (four-player team)
Cost:
A recorded video webcast of the annual event will be available after the event.
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School of Social Service
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School of Pharmacy
Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament
Saturday, May 9, 9-11 a.m. four-person scramble, shotgun start
Paradise Valley Golf Course, 6907 Paradise Valley Rd., Parker, Colo.
Cost: Student $26 (individual) or $96 (4-player team)
To register or for more information, visit alumni.slu.edu/scholarship15

School of Public Health
PIONEERS OF INCLUSION
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School of Social Service
CAREER MENTORING wishes you happy spring break. Want to help the next generation of Billikens begin their careers? SLU has launched a brand new online platform that allows students and alumni to register for career mentoring sessions anytime, anywhere. Make a difference in the lives of students in minutes by visiting slu.evisors.com.

Schools of Nursing and Social Work
Health Management and Policy Student Development Fund: Registration includes green fees for 18 holes, golf cart, prizes for the longest drive and the closest-to-the-pin competitions.
Paradise Valley Golf Course, 6907 Paradise Valley Rd., Parker, Colo.
Cost: Student $26 (individual) or $96 (4-player team)
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School of Social Service
Report your spring break news to slu.evisors.com.
I always look forward to my copy of Universitas. I was particularly interested in Amy Garland’s article “Exorcism Exposé” in the spring 2014 issue, since I have some familiarity with the case. At one point I was a Jesuit novice, and in the second year of our novitiate we were sent to the White House Jesuit Retreat Center. When I was there in winter 1959, Father Bill Bowdern was in the residence. We had heard rumors about his time as an exorcist, but we had little idea what that meant.

One of our duties was to serve as altar boys. I assisted Father Bowdern a couple of times. At the lavabo where the priest washes his fingers as a symbol of purification before consecrating the host, Father Bowdern would dip both hands in the water and rinse his face as well. That was something to talk about: The rumor was that the devil kept him up at night, and he needed to wake up by splashing water on his face.

After I left the Jesuits, I taught at Webster College (now University) from 1971-79 before I came to Seattle University. I taught a class on “Magic and the Occult,” and I hadn’t forgotten the matter-of-factness I heard the stories and legends about the exorcism that happened on that property.

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sarah McKee (A&S ’88), a classmate of mine. If it were not for Universitas, I would not have known. Immediately after reading the notation, memories of Sarah filled my mind. We studied English and French together, somehow managing to make it through Father Walter Ong’s “History of the English Language” — as the only two sophomores in a room of upperclassmen and graduate students! We also had many late-night study sessions before Professor Pierre Limouzy’s French exams.

Sarah’s matter-of-factness often kept me level-headed during our year studying in Orleans, France, through SLU’s study abroad program. Sarah was smart and fun and committed to her education, qualities that exemplify some of the best of Saint Louis University.

Sue (Peters) Henderson (A&S ’88)
Washington, Missouri

Dr. Gary Chamberlain (A&S ’92)
Seattle
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