President’s Message

This has been a year of many firsts for me. Of course, there have been countless St. Louis firsts — my first Cardinals baseball game, taste of Ted Drewes frozen custard and walk through Forest Park. But even more important have been the Saint Louis University firsts — my first new student convolution, Homecoming and Family Weekend and Billiken baseball game, to name just a few.

For this, my first column in Universitas, I want to focus on my first spring commencement at Saint Louis University. For me, the ceremony was both the culmination of my first academic year at SLU and a genuine celebration of what makes SLU so special and so important.

Certainly there are many memorable events throughout an academic year, but nothing tops commencement. It is the embodiment of why the academy exists. Amid the notes of “Pomp and Circumstance” and laden with symbols of higher education that date back to medieval times, the ceremony is full of formal tradition and spontaneous joy — as the Parks College graduates’ paper airplanes will attest.

As the commencement photos on pages 2 and 3 show, our May 16 ceremony was impressive and exuberant. Before a record crowd of nearly 8,000 people, we recognized three outstanding individuals — civil rights leader Anita Lyons Bond (A&S ’50), NASA Mission Control director Gene Kranz (Parks ’54) and chess grandmaster Gary Kasparov — with honorary degrees.

Though each received a well-deserved standing ovation, there was no doubt that the day belonged to our newest SLU graduates. Indeed, I felt the immense energy and pride that filled Chaifetz Arena. As I surveyed the sea of academic regalia, I saw in the shining faces of our graduates the promise that SLU’s mission and bold, pioneering spirit offer the world. And though they leave our campus, these sons and daughters of Saint Louis University forever take SLU with them wherever they go.

That’s why I find it fitting that the ceremony is called a “commencement.” Though it often is viewed as the end of college and, for many, the end of their formal education, it is, indeed, the beginning of so much promise and potential.

Consider your own commencement, whether it was this May or many, many years ago. It was assuredly a big change — and the start of the next phase of your life. You left the University with the education and compassion, the commitment and the courage to make a difference in your work, in your community and in your life.

Just like this year’s graduates and the generations of alumni who came before them, I am energized and enthused about all the possibilities that lie ahead.

I thank you for your generosity, feedback and prayers this year. And as I begin my second year at SLU, I will continue to rely on you for your support and commitment to the University. Truly this is just the beginning of all the things we will accomplish together for Saint Louis University.
Commencement 2015

More than 7,700 friends, family and guests filled Chaifetz Arena to join Saint Louis University in celebrating the Class of 2015 during the spring commencement May 16. The University conferred nearly 2,600 degrees this academic term.

This year’s speaker was chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov, who became the youngest person to earn the title of undisputed World Chess Champion when he was 22. He is now a pro-democracy activist protesting President Vladimir Putin’s policies in his Russian homeland and serves as the chairman of the New York-based Human Rights Foundation.

Kasparov emphasized the value of persistence and hard work, and told graduates that they do not have time to relax and celebrate.

“The world will not wait for you,” he said. “The world needs you now. Today you have fulfilled one dream, and tomorrow you set course on a new one. If you always have a dream, the happiest day of your life is never over.”

Following his address, Kasparov received an honorary degree. Two others were honored during the ceremony: Anita Lyons Bond (A&S ’50), a nationally known proponent for equal rights and one of the first African Americans to graduate from SLU following the University’s official integration in 1944; and Gene Kranz (Parks ’54), former NASA mission control commander who was in charge when Neil Armstrong landed on the moon and when Apollo 13 was brought back to earth safely. The three received honorary doctorates in recognition of their accomplishments.

To watch a video of the ceremony or read Kasparov’s speech, visit slu.edu/news-spring-2015-commencement.
SLU Appoints New Provost, HR Vice President

Dr. Nancy Brickhouse

As SLU’s chief academic officer, Brickhouse oversees most of the University’s educational, research and enrollment efforts.

Brickhouse was deputy provost for academic affairs at the University of Delaware, where she was on the faculty for more than 27 years. She held several leadership roles, including deputy dean of the College of Education and Human Development and director of the School of Education. An internationally known researcher, she teaches in the graduate program in educational leadership and secondary education leadership. Brickhouse has a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Muhlenberg College and master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

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New Residence Hall: St. Louis Mayor Francis G. Slay (Law ’80) third from left and other civic leaders join members of the SLU community to break ground on a $43.8 million residence hall, which will be located at Lackde and Spring avenues. During the April ceremony, University President Fred P. Pestello (fourth from left) said the project’s foundation stone will be laid at the front of the residence hall.

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VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

Luna (Law ’77) oversees all human resources areas, including benefits, compensation and payroll. He most recently was vice president for human resources at Patriot Coal Services. Luna also has been VP for HR and general counsel at Mimeo and Ion Management, and an associate with General Electric. Hernkens and Gale. His bachelor’s degree is from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Billiken Teacher Corps Debuts

The School of Education and the Archdiocese of St. Louis recently named seven students to the inaugural Billiken Teacher Corps.

In exchange for a two-year commitment to serve in an urban Catholic school, graduate students in the Billiken Teacher Corps receive full tuition remission to earn a master’s degree from Saint Louis University and complete the Missouri teaching certification. They also get a monthly stipend and may participate in a community living experience.

Applicants were interviewed by Saint Louis University and the Archdiocese’s School Administration. The program starts with a summer retreat and coursework, and the graduate students will teach full time this fall.

“At its heart, the Billiken Teacher Corps is about service, but combined with teaching experience, this program will offer a unique opportunity for these faith-driven college graduates to have a transformative impact on Catholic schools in the St. Louis metro area,” said Dr. John T. James, director of the Institute for Catholic Education at SLU.

The corps is modeled after programs at other schools, including the University of Notre Dame. Nationwide, about a dozen other Catholic colleges and universities have similar programs. James said the Billiken Teacher Corps is a first for the St. Louis area.

New Endowed Professor, Chair Named

Dr. Bruce Kraemer, director of plastic and reconstructive surgery, is the inaugural holder of the Lisa and Vanu Panchang M.D. and Family Professorship in Plastic Surgery.

Vanu Panchang is chairman of the board for Southwest General Health System Midland Health, Ohio, and chief of plastic surgery at Southwest General Health Center and St. John Medical Center in Cleveland. He completed specialized training in plastic surgery at Saint Louis University. Lisa Panchang is a registered nurse and office manager for the couple’s practice in Westlake, Ohio. They have four children.

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SLU Partners with SSM Health to Advance Catholic Health Care in St. Louis

Saint Louis University is partnering with SSM Health in their shared mission to improve the health of the St. Louis community and beyond. The two signed a long-term agreement under which Saint Louis University Hospital will become part of SSM Health St. Louis, and their medical groups will work together.

The University is purchasing SLU Hospital from Tenet Healthcare, which has owned the hospital since 1998, and will contribute it to SSM Health St. Louis. SLU Health St. Louis will own and operate the hospital, and SLU Hospital employees will become SSM Health St. Louis employees.

Doctors, health care practitioners and staff from SLU Care Physician Group, SLU’s physician practice, will continue to be employed by the University and to practice at their current care sites. While SSM Medical Group and SLU Care Physician Group will remain legally separate, the two will work together to share best practices and clinical expertise that enhance patient care.

The transactions are expected to be finalized by late summer, subject to regulatory approvals.

$6.6 Million Gift Addresses Primary Care Crisis

A $6.6 million gift from the Everest Foundation to Saint Louis University will enhance training and educational opportunities for primary care physicians, ultimately bringing care to patients in underserved areas.

With the shortage of primary care physicians projected to grow — depriving people who live in struggling urban and rural areas of timely medical care — the Everest Foundation sought a partnership with SLU to address the problem.

The Everest Foundation will fund the SLU primary care initiative for the next decade. The gift will add five new primary care residency positions, establish a fellowship in family medicine and create a visiting research fellows program.

RANKINGS & HONORS

Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS)
SLU received another rating from the national leading organization promoting sustainability on campus, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. SLU, which previously had an above average rating, is a charter participant in the STARS program that launched 2010.

Charity Navigator
SLU earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, one of the nation’s top charity evaluators. The University received the company’s highest rating — the fourth as many years — for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

The University was named one of the nation’s top 20 schools in the guide thatprofile college with exceptional commitments to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus policies and programs.

ARDAH Day Foundation “First Campus”
SLU was recognized as a 2015 Top Campus by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Launched in 2008, the program honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. SLU is one of eight institutions in Missouri, and only the second Jesuit institution, to earn the distinction.

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Dr. Vanessa Hendricks-Ferguson, associate professor of nursing, received the 2015 Project on Death in America Nursing Leadership Award from the University of Pennsylvania and Palliative Nurses Foundation for her work in transforming the culture and experience of death and bereavement.

Dr. Projekta Antul received a Global Health Equity Scholars fellowship from the Fogarty International Center at the National Institute of Health. She will spend time in Myanmar, India, assessing the influence of social determinants on health disparities among tribal communities.

The School of Law Legal Clinical program received the 2015 Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Care or Project from the Clinical Legal Education Association. The clinic was recognized for their work during the past year, including community outreach and education, national, state and local media awareness of civil rights and criminal justice issues in immigration state and federal court on warrant and tear-gassing abuses by municipal, legislative and executive testimony, and leading meetings and panel discussions at the law school and in the community to seek solutions.

The SLU Students for Life club received the Thomas L. Cech Award at the annual Cardinal O’Connor Conference at Georgetown University in January.

Baseball Ends Season at A-10 Tournament

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Everyone’s an expert these days. With a smartphone in hand and Wi-Fi at the ready, you can learn almost anything with a few quick swipes.

Type “how to” into Google or YouTube, and browse a list of tasks you might not know how to do, or do properly. Hard-boil eggs. Tie a bow tie. Get rid of ants. Maybe you move on to bigger questions. How to be popular. Quit smoking. Live a meaningful life.

A multitude of tips and party tricks, a click away. But good advice you can trust? That’s harder to come by.

Here, 10 established Saint Louis University experts share their know-how. From across the disciplines, their recommendations range from daily habits to lifelong pursuits—and all are rooted in their own particular practice and research.

Take a look. You might learn something.

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**How To Live To Be 100**

**By Nancy Solomon**

**DR. JOSEPH FLAHERTY** (MED ’90)

**PROFESSOR, GERIATRIC MEDICINE**

- Kids born today have a 50 percent chance to live to 100 if they’re born in a developed country, which is amazing to think about.
- If we got rid of fast food, we would help people live longer and be so much healthier.
- Japanese centenarians have a saying: Eat until you’re 80 percent full.
- We’re pretty sure TV dulls the brain because it makes you passive. Don’t keep it on all the time.
- Stress isn’t a bad thing, but how you deal with it can be. Instead of drinking too much alcohol or taking too many medications, try yoga, exercise, or getting support from friends, family and community.
- When you grow old you lose things like your hair, muscle mass and memory. But if you replace those things, you’ll feel better as you age. You’ve lost your hearing, so you start to read more. You no longer play tennis, so learn to play bridge.
- Be generous. I’ve never met a greedy 100-year-old.
- Put adversity into perspective. Be resilient. Be grateful.
- Most 100-year-olds I know never thought they would live that long. The sad ones dwell on the negatives. The happy ones embrace their age or are humbly proud of it.

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**How To Be a Lifelong Learner**

**By Amy Garland**

**DR. JENNIFER BUEHLER**

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, EDUCATION**

- A lot of adults have anxiety about learning based on bad experiences that go all the way back to their days in school. We need to broaden the idea about what learning is and where it takes place and why we do it.
- Learning—in school and out—should be connected to personal goals, within a community context.
- Formulate a good question; something for which you genuinely want an answer. Believe that your questions are worth exploring.
- Good questions can be informed by what others are thinking and talking about.
- Get connected to the conversation outside your own small world. Find the tensions, the points of interest all around you.
- Be a reader in everyday ways. You don’t have to check out tote bags full of library books. Avidly follow the headlines in the paper. Or the conversation on Twitter.
- Trust your instincts. When you’ve digested information, does it leave you satisfied? Follow what you’re curious about. What scares you? What matters?
- Even if you don’t come into the world with a fired-up, inquisitive disposition, other people may inspire you.
- Look for opportunities to interact with people you might not otherwise. Indoors public transportations regally for years, it’s a powerful opportunity to consider other Iowa and Iowa points. I might strike up a friendly relationship with the regulars or with my bus driver. That, too, can lead to new perspectives and new learning.
- There are unfortunate cultural patterns now of polarized discourse and arguments framed in black and white terms. Those who engender thoughtful conversations, they engender hostility. Those who assent conducive to lifelong learning, they are conducive to making people hate each other. I dig more deeply into political and cultural debates, look for complexity and nuance.
- We’re bring very unencumbered lives. Make deliberate decisions to go beyond yourself.

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HOW TO...  

1. How To Be Your Own Boss  
By Danielle Lacey

*There are three legs to starting a business. First, there has to be a pain that people are actually experiencing out there in the world. The second leg is the solution to that pain, that alone is just a great idea. The third leg is that people are willing to pay you for the solution.*

- Don’t be adversarial for the money. It’s easier to make millions without being an entrepreneur. Don’t because you can.
- It’s very easy to impede a startup, so you have to be the smartest people to surround you.
- Get to know your market. Learn as much as you can about that industry. Get to know the customers and where their pain is.
- How many clients or sales do you need to make to break even? How many clients or sales do you need to make to cover your cost? Where the profits start.

2. How To Become a Runner  
By Carrie Bebermeyer

- The body is made to move, but society is becoming sedentary. The CDC recommends 10,000 steps a day, and often we find that goal really challenging.
- How many clients or sales do you need to make to break even? How many clients or sales do you need to make to cover your cost? Where the profits start.
- Using your own boss in no way brings your own boss; it means serving other people. You always will have somebody overseeing you. It could be your lawyer, it could be your board, it could be your family who you’re supporting.
- Ideas are easy. Business opportunities are hard. You become a successful entrepreneur by solving great business opportunities.

3. How To Be a Runner  
By Chris Sebelski

- The body is made to move, but society is becoming sedentary. The CDC recommends 10,000 steps a day, and often we find that goal really challenging.
- Start small and don’t overthink it. For your first run, plan a circular route, so you’ll end where you began. For the first week, intersperse walking and jogging.
- People used to think that to break up your run with walking was an exercise sin, but research has shown that the cardio benefits are just as good with walking/run intervals as they are with a straight jog.
- Your heart is giving back to you. That is the ultimate.

4. How To Think Outside the Box  
By Amy Garland

- As children, we are all innovators. We are born creative, and with education, we tend to lose that. What we need is to get back to being like kids again.
- Consider the three Cs of creativity: curiosity, conceptual thinking and connections.
- Have an expectation — but be flexible for the unexpected. Think about how magicians can fool people. We all allow for the expected answer. We need to pay attention to the unexpected.
- However, that means you have to know what’s expected, the formula, how the process works. We anticipated outcomes. Otherwise, anything that comes in the right answer.
- Fail often until it stops, and then change direction. Cultivate the ability to pivot.
- Take a break, half an hour even. Physical distance helps, too. Get some separation in time and space. While you’re at it, try something new or do an activity you can’t do yourself.
- Trust that failure can lead to success.

5. How To Protect Your Privacy  
By Jeanette Grider

- On social media, choose settings that do not reveal too many personal details or place of birth to those who know you and none to those who don’t know you.
- For passwords, do not choose a question whose answer can be found by looking up information you have posted online in a public forum — such as where you were born, your mother’s maiden name or where your father’s school is.
- Use a password you type, not one you swipe/slide to unlock your phone or tablet, and hard to guess when you leave it in plain sight. And don’t leave it in plain sight in public areas.
- Turn off location services on your phone or tablet when you’re not using it for navigation. This will prevent online services from tracking your location across time.
- Turn off Wi-Fi on your device when not using it. This will reduce the chance of your device being connected to an open access point where others can now access your unencrypted data coming to or from your device. When needed, connect only to access points that you trust.

6. How To Get away from the details  
By Jeanette Grider

- Set your browser to disable “third-party cookies.” Use plugins such as AdBlock and Ghostery with appropriate configurations to prevent third-party cookies from loading and recording your online behaviors.
- Use — and update — a virus scanner/malware software identifier on your computer and ensure that it runs on any file that you download, including email attachments.
- Do not use the same password (and its associated factors) for more than one account, whether email, online banking, social media or other.
- If your workplace provides a laptop, ensure that it is encrypted! Your employer might have a plan and policies in place for this. If encryption is not possible, make sure that sensitive data/documents are not on your computer and that you have a secure way of accessing them remotely as needed, without leaving or copying on your laptop.

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7. How To Know When To Go To the Emergency Room  
By Nancy Solomon

GERALYN OCHOA / NURS (MS, GRAD NURS '90)  ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, NURSING

- If you have doubts, call your doctor first.
  A man who has chest pain or pressure should go to an emergency room because he might be having a heart attack. Women may not feel chest pain, but tend to have vomiting, throat discomfort, anxiety and a feeling of pressure.

- If you cannot stop excessive bleeding on any part of your body by putting pressure on the wound, go to the ER.

- Sudden or severe pain – the type of pain that doesn’t start going to body – should always send you to the ER.

- Go if you are vomiting or coughing up blood.

- If you are having a severe allergic reaction, like massive hives, intense itching or breathing problems, you should go.

- Sudden changes in vision, weakness or dizziness are a clear indication to go.

- Mental status changes or confusion around normal part of aging and are an emergency.

- If you have vomiting so severe or persistent that you can’t keep anything down or down food, you should head to the ER to be evaluated for dehydration and electrolyte imbalance.

- Senior tend to have chronic problems that can complicate diagnosing a health emergency. For instance, heart attacks may be painless. Sepsis can occur without a fever. A summation of other symptoms may be asymptomatic, and pneumonia may present with confusion.

- Check online resources like WebMD and Medscape for simple first aid strategies or to manage your health problem. If these strategies don’t work, seek help.

- Preserve the emergency room for real emergencies.

8. How To Be a Good Juror  
By Danielle Lacey

MOLLY WILSON / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, LAW

- How are the most important people in the courtroom. Don’t be intimidated by the solemnness of the proceedings because you and the other jurors are essential players. Your opinion is ultimately what counts most.

- The best jurors have had exposure to a variety of different people, cultures and experiences. All of this can relate to understanding the evidence and coming to a good method of deliberating and reaching a decision.

- One of the biggest mistakes is to draw conclusions before hearing all of the evidence.

- Remember that attorneys and judges are only human. They have lives outside of the courtroom, and like everyone else, they’re fallible. Follow the law as the judge instructs you, but try not to be influenced by the demeanor of the lawyer or judge. Base your decisions on the law and the evidence.

- Be thoughtful and a cooperative deliberator. Listen to your fellow jurors. Make an effort to consider all perspectives.

- If the option is available – rule every – take careful notes as you listen to witnesses. Particularly in the case of technical expert testimony, a sentence record of explanations and findings can be helpful during deliberations.

- Anyone who can listen to facts with an open mind, thoughtfully apply them to a case and inclusive manner will make an excellent juror.

9. How To Avoid Stress  
By Jennifer Grill

DR. TONY W. BUCHANAN / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PSYCHOLOGY

- Stress is a common situation that is often unpleasant. Keep in mind, however, that the stress response is necessary for survival. It is evolved to provide us with resources necessary to cope with a dangerous environment.

- Stress can be contagious. We are social creatures and often take on the feelings of those around us. Watch out for over stressed friends and colleagues. Think about how you can help them, but be mindful of your own health.

- What one person thinks of a stressfull might be an enjoyable challenge to another. (Think skydiving?) The trick is to change how you think about a stressful situation.

- People who think about a potentially stressful situation as a challenge to overcome show a more healthy bodily response, report less anxiety and are even better performers in standardized tests. Training oneself to think differently about stress is a major component of cognitive behavioral therapy, one of the most effective forms of psychiatry.

- One way to think differently about stress is to think of it as a blessing, rather than curse. Hear me out: At the beginning of the 20th century, before our ancestors thought about “stress,” the leading causes of death were infectious diseases such as pneumonia, influenza and tuberculosis, resulting in a life expectancy of around 47 years. Today, the leading causes of death are stress-related diseases such as heart disease, cancer and stroke. But our life expectancy is around 79 years.

- Going to the ER for a health emergency. For instance, heart attacks may be painless, pneumonia may present with confusion, Sudden or severe pain – the type of pain that doesn’t start going to body – always should send you to the ER. Sudden or severe pain – the type of pain that doesn’t start going to body – should always send you to the ER.

10. How To Survive a Disaster  
By Riya Anandwala

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- When you’re preparing for any disaster – hurricane, pandemic or even a zombie apocalypse – come up with a plan that includes everything you need to be independent for two days to two weeks. The government doesn’t have enough resources to help everyone in a short time frame.

- You should have an emergency kit in the house that includes canned goods, bottled water, toilet paper, a battery-powered radio, a generator and flashlights.

- Stockpile some personal protective equipment, masks, respirators and antiseptic wipes. Keep 20 masks and respirators per person in the house, and stock up on alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

- If you have pets, stockpile backup pet food.

- Practice the escape plans with kids to make them comfortable with getting down the ladder.

- Keep a spare set of important documents like copies of passports and insurance documents with some cash in a waterproof container, and keep it in a safe place in the house.

- Decide on an out of state contact person the entire family will contact in case of a disaster such as an air strike, floods or tornadoes – in case the family gets separated and phone lines are down.

- If there is an infectious disease outbreak, follow social distancing, that’s keeping at least three feet away from other people. This keeps people safe from spreading disease.

- Have a specific plan to help family members with disabilities and for elderly or people who are chronically ill.

- If you have pets, stockpile back up pet care products.

- Practice, practice and communicate, especially with kids.
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY was among the first American universities to make a commitment to a true global presence with the establishment of a campus in Madrid, Spain, in 1967. In the years since, the University has grown increasingly international, inspired by both the Jesuit mission and the need to help students compete in the global economy. Here, Universitas offers a map to just some of the many international initiatives taking place on campus and around the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CURRENT STUDENTS... More than 900 international students attend SLU from 78 countries, while hundreds of Billikens travel to dozens of study abroad locations each year. Plus, there are a multitude of service missions, immersion experiences, short-term trips and research projects sponsored by academic units and student-focused departments, such as campus ministry.

The hub of international life on campus is the Center for Global Citizenship, which brings all of SLU’s international and cross-cultural academic and support services under one roof. Housed in the former West Pine Gym and dedicated in 2013, the center also sponsors events that cross countries with its global teleconferencing technology.

... AND FUTURE GRADUATES

Billikens find global opportunities after they graduate, with more than 4,000 alumni living in 149 countries. SLU alumni have become president of Nicaragua (Enrique Bolaños, ’79 ’82), a World Cup and English Premier League soccer star (Brian McBride, E&PS ’96) and an international ambassador (Kevin F. O’Malley, A&S ’70, Law ’73).

Measuring SLU’s International Impact

BY: FRANK JOHNSON • AMY GARDIN

RESEARCH WITH GLOBAL REACH (CANADA)

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Hanging on the wall of Ambassador Kevin F. O’Malley’s (A&S ’71, Law ’73) office is the iconic photograph of President John F. Kennedy and his brother, then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, in the Oval Office during the Cuban Missile Crisis. O’Malley mentioned his fondness of the picture—O’Malley a “natural diplomat with the gift of hearing and understanding all sides, and an extraordinary ability to confront and resolve contentious issues in a civil and courteous manner.”

The Irish are extraordinarily welcoming and hospitable,” he said. “It’s been overwhelming.”

A NATURAL DIPLOMATIC
Prior to his appointment as ambassador, O’Malley had a distinguished law career. From 1974 to 1979, he was a special attorney in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and Phoenix. From 1979 to 1985, he was an assistant U.S. attorney in St. Louis, for which he received the Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. attorney general. He also was a legal instructor for the American Bar Association Central and East European Law Initiative (ABA/CEE/LI) in Moscow and Warsaw, and an adjunct law professor at SLU.

Kevin is an excellent teacher,” said Michael A. Wolff, dean of the SLU School of Law and a friend of O’Malley’s for more than 30 years. “His students said he was demanding, tough, and they learned a lot from him. He’s hosting a reception for SLU law alumni in Ireland this fall, and we are most grateful that he continues his service to SLU in this way.”

In 2009, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon appointed O’Malley to the Missouri Board of Health Arts, the state’s regulatory and disciplinary body for physicians, as the only non-physician member. The physicians subsequently elected O’Malley board president. O’Malley also was elected fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a nationally recognized author of a treatise on jury instructions that is used in federal jury trials throughout the United States. O’Malley is ranked consistently among the “Best Lawyers in America” for his work in medical negligence, federal white-collar criminal defense and product liability defense. He was a trial lawyer in the litigation department at Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale in St. Louis until he resigned in 2014 to become ambassador.

Upon learning of O’Malley’s nomination, Vincent J. Garozzo (Law ’87), president of Greensfelder, called O’Malley a “natural diplomat with the gift of hearing and understanding all sides, and an extraordinary ability to confront and resolve contentious issues in a civil and courteous manner.”

TRANSATLANTIC TRADE
O’Malley said he has several priorities as ambassador. One is to bolster the already strong economic bonds between Ireland and the United States. He noted that in 2013 Forbes magazine ranked Ireland as the best country in the world with which to do business.

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O’Malley said there are 700 American firms in Ireland—many of them top-tier technology firms such as Google, Apple and Intel—that employ an estimated 115,000 people in Ireland and generate approximately 26 percent of Ireland’s gross domestic product. In addition, Irish companies in the United States employ more than 120,000 U.S. citizens.

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CREATIVE MINDS AT WORK
Another of O’Malley’s priorities is to ensure that the strong ties between the United States and Ireland continue into the next generation. Approximately 83 percent of Ireland’s population is under the age of 24.

“In just a few years, our fond memories and family ties, although a strong historic foundation for relations, simply may not be enough,” O’Malley told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during his confirmation hearings. “The new generation of Irish seeks connections to the United States through business, music and the arts.”

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Dr. Robert Grossman (A&S) retired from the Northeastern University District in December 2015. He also worked for years as a surgeon and professor of surgery of the medical school. He also served as a medical examiner. He welcomed his second great-grandchild at Diamonds Hospital last fall.

2015
Dr. Joseph Durr (Grad) will practice dentistry. He lives in Fortworth, Texas.

2015
Joseph Waddock Jr. (A&S ’52, Grad ’56) is the retired principal of Mother Mary Parish School. He lives in Owensboro, Kentucky.

2016

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Sister Gail Guelker (Grad) returned to St. Louis in 2013 after retiring from Ameren in 1998. She is the former president of Notre Dame High School in St. Louis.

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Clarence Randall (Civ) returned to St. Louis in 2015 after 20 years in Indianapolis. She lives in Alexandria in 1998.

2016
Danna Hogan (Mich) returned to St. Louis from her home in New York. She, her husband, Stephen汉堡, and their two children, Kyle and Addison, reside in New York.

2017
Judge Michael DePriest (Law) opened the law firm of William Venier and Sanders after 25 years of service to Missouri’s 22nd Judicial Circuit. He lives in St. Louis.

2017
David Connell (Aug) returned to St. Louis after six years in the ministry of the Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph. He now works in St. Louis.

2017
Leslie (Windemer) Molten (A&S) retired from her position as the Director of the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C.

2017
Anne-Marie Gholson (Grad) retired from the Office of the Inspector General in 2005. She received the 2005 Personal and Professional Achievement Award from the National Society of Federal Women. She lives in St. Louis.

2017
Dr. Norman Bermann (A&S) retired after 36 years of practicing internal medicine. He is active in the Crook County Medical Association, the Missouri State Medical Association and the American College of Physicians. He lives in Springfield, Missouri.

2017
Patricia Beddow (Grad) retired from her teaching duties. She lives in Belleville, Illinois.

2017
David Connell (Cook) retired after 29 years in the Air Force. They live in Arvada, Colorado.
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Alisse Camazine (Law) is chairwoman of the board of Pauli Murray and Camazine. She lives in St. Louis.

Jules Ravo (A&S) is a partner at Linklaters & Lavner. He lives in St. Louis.

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Denise L. Seiden (Law) was elected to a 10-year term as a court judge of New York (NY) in a position he had held since 2009. He has retired from Thomas, Colucci & Marcus, where he had practiced for 36 years. He and his wife, Sandra, live in East Hampton, NY. They have twins, Andrew and Alaitha.

1984

Dr. E. Rezat is president of the University of Arizona and member of the Human Rights Commission in Arizona.

Dr. Douglas Cockrell (Parks ’98) is a partner at the 17th Annual Women’s Justice Center of North Carolina. He lives in St. Louis.

2018

Conroy, who was born on Thanksgiving in 1950 (Previous), said he considered himself a “lonely kid” who sought a place to belong.

After attending high school, Conroy attended Marist College, where he majored in business administration and minored in mathematics.

As a law student at Marist College, Conroy worked in the SLU Law Office. He was a member of the Student Bar Association and the SLU Law Review.

In 2004, he launched the Parents of the Poor website, which he believed supported the poor and the poor at heart.

After several years and much discussion, the 6th Circuit backed off its previous decision, but it did not change its conclusion. Conroy is pleased that the U.S. House of Representatives was working together to make a better plan.

He is a member of the alumni board of the St. Louis University High School and has been a volunteer at the school.

In 2013, Conroy was elected to the board of the Jesuit Order, a group that advocates for social justice and the poor.

Conroy has been a speaker at the University of Missouri in St. Louis and has written articles for the National Catholic Reporter.

During his first year of law school, Conroy considered becoming a Jesuit priest. At that point, I thought I was giving up on law and politics. Then the Jesuits wanted to send me back to law school. So I said, ‘I already have a master’s from Gonzaga; can I transfer law school?’


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Alumni Spotlight

AnnAh Emuge

Annen Frances Emuge (A&S '97, Law '00) discovered her calling to be a lawyer while working as a receptionist at the Office of the Trial Lawyers. As a paralegal at Armstrong Teasdale, she fell in love with the health care litigation practice. She lives in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Patrick Teucke

is district defender in the Kenton office of the Missouri State Public Defender's Office. He has been with the office for 10 years. She also has been an instructor at Sanford Brown College in Fontana, Missouri, and an adjunct professor at the Southern Illinois University School of Law.

1994

Mark Bostrom

joined Spencer Fane Blumenthal & Berson in St. Louis. He is a partner in the firm's health care transactions practice group.

Mike Colon

won the 2014 Spirit of Justice Award presented by the St. Louis Bar Foundation.

Dr. Kurt Eichholz

and Matthew Petersen opened a private practice in 2003. As an assistant public defender, she served on the Metrópolis Board of education.

Eugene W. Cream (Jr.)

is a partner in the tax section of the Williamson, Mullin firm. He is chairman of the tax section of the North Carolina Bar Association and is an adjunct professor at Campbell University’s Law-Foster-Pettman School of Business. He lives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

David T. Walsh

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Matthew Petersen

is a shareholder with Simmons Hanly Conroy in the Alton, Illinois, office. He lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jennifer Bynoe

is a member of the firm’s transaction group. She lives in Buffalo, New York.

Don Daniel

is a vice president of business development and general counsel at Presbyterian Medical Services in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He also is executive director of Community Health Best Practices, a collaborative of 13 of the nation’s leading community health centers.

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Alumni Join Volunteer Corps
Eleven recent SLU graduates answered the call to serve as volunteers in the Footsteps to Freedom program. The organization, the JVC Northwest, during their time as JVC Volunteers, they emphasize the importance of social justice in a spiritually supportive community. Here is a list of the JVC volunteers and their assignments.

Reda Black '11, McCall Valley Elementary School, Hooper, Utah

Ethan Heimbach '11, Catholic Charities of Spokane (Washington) Food For All

Andrew Alanis '11, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

Sonja L. Johnson '11, Gordon Youth Center, Juneau, Alaska

Johnny Delong '12, Belles City Farm

Victoria Gavagni '10, AFB '12, Paragosa San Pedro, Arizona

Shannon E. Newman '13, 1314 Project, Los Angeles, California

Liliana Alfonso '11, umbria University, Italy

John P. Tupper '12, Catholic Charities of Spokane (Washington)

Tara Black '11, 9th Valley Elementary School, Hooper, Utah

Dylan Welsh '13, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Zachary '11, 3rd Valley Elementary School, Hooper, Utah

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IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI EVENTS

BOSTON
Royals vs. Red Sox Thursday, August 10
PREGAME RECEPTION 9:30 p.m. The Baseball Tavern, 750 Boylston St.
GAME 7:05 p.m. first pitch, Fenway Park
cost $5 per person, includes ticket and program reception and food: $35 per person, includes food and drinks, $45 per person for the program reception only

SUN CITY
Cardinals vs. Padres Sunday, August 23
PREGAME RECEPTION 4:00 p.m., Petco Park 9:00 p.m.
cost $15 per person includes ticket and program reception

CHICAGO
Cardinals vs. Cubs Tuesday, July 7
PREGAME RECEPTION 5:00 p.m., O’Hare,袢745, Clark St.
game 7:05 p.m. first pitch, Wrigley Field
cost $55 per person, includes ticket and program reception and appetizers and drinks

2015 Spirit of the Billikens Award

In honor of SLU’s 150th anniversary, the office of alumni relations established the Spirit of the Billiken Award, recognizing SLU alumni who are committed to being dedicated alumni. The honorees represent what it means to be a Billiken through academics, leadership, service and dedication to the mission.

This year’s recipients are: Ira Agrawal ’89, Katherine Arora (PH), Stephen Davis Cook (Med), Margaret Elliott (Parks), Jenny Fritz (A&S), Jamee Hiede (A&S), D.J. Holoway (Cook), Nanci Kroll (A&S), Chris Krueger (A&S), Lamont Mars (Parks), Jerry McDaniel (E&PS), Kathleen Meis (Cook), Dr. Joseph Samek, Joanne Vachon (A&S), Michel Vaillant (A&S), Edwin Weir (E&PS), Dr. Raymond Wirt (Parks), Andrea Ziegler (A&S), Don Zilly (CPRR).

2015 Homecoming Highlights:

Reunions

Honorary Alumni
Professor Emeritus David Wirt (A&S) is shown in the center of this year’s Homecoming button.

Homecoming Weekend
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