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In September 1985, former Saint Louis University President Paul C. Reinert, S.J., wrote a piece for *Momentum* magazine on “The Spiritual Dimensions of Giving and Getting.” In an effort to show how philanthropy is ultimately tied to the love of God, human growth and development, Father Reinert connected two ostensibly opposing concepts: religious values and fundraising. Ultimately, he articulated that SLU’s ability to live our mission and achieve our goals relies heavily on the benevolence of our benefactors.

Answering the call to live a life of service and generosity is no easy feat. Father Reinert admitted he would be unable to devote his life to the service of Saint Louis University if he were not “genuinely committed to the hundreds of promising young men and women who come to us each year, whose lives now and in the future I am convinced we can enrich with spiritual material, with divine and human possessions.”

Now, 31 years later, those students Father Reinert spoke of are our alumni, and a new generation of Billikens shares in the promise of a SLU education. The vision envisioned by Father Reinert is our present.

Our mission dares us to pursue truth for the greater glory of God and the service of humanity. SLU alumni live this vision. You follow a variety of vocations, invest in the work we do and give within your means. The continued success and prosperity of our University hinges on all alumni seeing giving as part of our obligation to support the institution.

And I am grateful so many of you are supporting our present-day efforts. This issue of *Universitas* features our Honor Roll of Donors (page 19), which includes the names of our most loyal donors. It is inspiring to see so many of you take to heart Father Reinert’s nuanced perspective on giving and serving Saint Louis University as alumni and showing your love for SLU. Indeed, he wrote that the word ‘philanthropy’ means “love for humankind, love for all human beings.”

This summer, I had the opportunity to participate in the ceremony where our beloved alumnus Mary Bruemmer was named a Dame Commander of the Order of Saint Sylvester Pope and Martyr for her more than 60 years of service to SLU (page 3). When asked about her dedication to the University, Mary said it was an ‘act of love.’ The way each of us shows our love toward the University dictates the manner in which we choose to give of our gifts: our time, our resources and our knowledge.

There is often a false pretense that service and philanthropy are purely humble acts, and we should not receive any benefit. In fact, what we receive from giving is just as important as what we give. We give because we identify with a cause, an idea or some part of ourselves in those we are serving. In giving, we receive. We realize those who we serve are companions on the journey to becoming women and men for and with others.

Since Saint Louis University’s founding nearly two centuries ago, we have made great advances, charted new territories and worked on the margins of our disciplines. Our ability to continue delivering high-quality, value-based, mission-driven education is contingent upon the generosity of our donors.

Thank you for sharing Saint Louis University’s belief in the power of Jesuit pedagogy, faithful service and compassionate health care. By supporting our students, faculty, researchers and health care providers, you are SLU’s partner in our efforts to create a bright future that serves a higher purpose by contributing to the greater good.

Thank you for your dedication to Saint Louis University. Your philanthropy and your acts of love make all the difference.

Dr. Fred P. Pestello
Spring Hall Opens

After nearly two years of planning, preparation and construction, the $43.8 million Spring Hall welcomed its first students on Aug. 17. To celebrate the official opening of the eight-story, 153,000-square-foot residence hall, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Aug. 16.

The residence is located at the corner of Laclede and Spring avenues (south of Fusz Hall), which formerly was the location of Clark’s Inn and Lake Grill coffeehouse. It’s equipped with single and double suite-style rooms, a “living room” with a kitchen, study lounges, a conference center, a chapel and an outdoor courtyard/parking area, which has been transformed in honor of SLU legend Mary Bruemmer. In addition, Spring Hall is designed to be environmentally friendly.

The new academic medical center will be located on the north side of the existing facility between Fludger and Lasalle streets, adjacent to the hospital’s current location on Grand Boulevard, with plans to better integrate the hospital with the School of Medicine and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital.

New Administrators and Deans

Dr. Kevin Behrens
VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEDICAL AFFAIRS AND THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Currently the chair of the department of surgery and the Edward W. Woodworth Professor of Surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine, Behrens will begin his tenure at SLU on Jan. 1. He will oversee the educational, research, clinical and service activities of SLU’s nationally ranked School of Medicine. The CEO of SLUCare, the University’s physician practice, will report to Behrens, who will also serve as a key partner with SSM Health.

Kenneth A. O’Hara
VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

Most recently vice president for program development at the University of Chicago, O’Hara co-founded Artesia, a research accelerator that averages $20 million per year in external funding. He also created the Big Texas Generator, an incubator that awards funding and support for bold, early-stage projects that have potential for growth. At SLU, he works with deans, department chairs and faculty to advance the quality, scope and impact of research across the University.

Dr. Michelle Sabick
DEAN OF PARKS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY

For the past two years, Sabick chaired the Department of Biomedical Engineering in Parks College. Prior to that, she was the faculty of Boise State University in Idaho, where she also chaired the mechanical and biomedical engineering department. Throughout her career, Sabick has worked to improve the ways that universities deliver engineering education. A noted researcher, she has received more than $2 million in grants from the National Science Foundation.

Plans Revealed for New Academic Medical Center

In June, SSM Health unveiled a master facility plan for a new $550 million academic medical center — a 316-bed, 802,000-square-foot replacement hospital and new outpatient care center for SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital. The new SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital will include all private patient rooms, larger intensive care units and an expanded emergency department. The new outpatient care center will increase services and provide additional clinical space for SLMC practices. Dedicated educational space throughout the facility will allow the University to better train future physicians and health practitioners.

Alberici Constructors Inc. is the project’s construction manager and is slated to break ground in fall 2017 with an anticipated completion date of Sept. 1, 2020. Lawrence Group, in partnership with Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, began developing the project in January, working from information provided by planning architects Frank Zilm and Associates Inc.
2016 Spring Commencement Draws Large Crowd

An estimated 10,000 people filled Chaifetz Arena on May 14 to take part in Saint Louis University’s 2016 spring commencement ceremony. Nearly 2,600 students graduated this year.

For the first time at commencement, the ceremony’s music was performed by an all-student orchestra. Another new feature this year was a student speaker from the graduating class, Hannah Vestal, a psychology major with minors in theology and public health. Vestal founded Billikens for Clean Water and was a 2016 recipient of SLU’s Woman of the Year award.

This year’s commencement speaker was U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Kevin F. O’Malley (A&S ’70, Law ’73). For more than 15 years, he taught trial advocacy courses as an adjunct professor at SLU’s School of Law.

O’Malley received an honorary doctor of medical sciences from the University. Also honored during the ceremony was Sister Mary Jean Ryan (Nurs ’67), a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary for more than 50 years, and the former CEO of SMS Health. She received an honorary doctor of public service.

SLU to Celebrate Bicentennial

Saint Louis University is the first institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi River. And soon it will be the first to celebrate a bicentennial.

Although SLU won’t mark 200 years until 2018, planning is already underway. Dr. Ellen Harshman, dean emeritus of the John Cook School of Business and former vice president for academic affairs, is leading SLU’s bicentennial efforts with a steering committee of representatives from throughout the University, as well as the Jesuit community.

The celebration will likely kick off in 2017 during Homecoming and Family Weekend. While many events are still in very early planning stages, a history of SLU has been commissioned that will be published by late 2017. Dr. Dolores Byrnes is writing the book.

The Federal Health Resources and Services Administration grant will provide scholarships to future nurses who come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. SLU is the only nursing school in the metro area and one of two in Missouri to receive the federal funding. SLU’s proposal calls for awarding scholarships to 10 incoming freshmen and 10 rising sophomores for the 2016-17 academic year.

SLU’s Women’s Basketball coach Mary825厦Fox and members of the 2015-16 team were honored at the School of Business annual Women of Distinction banquet.

More than 170 SLUCare physicians from a variety of specialties were recognized by Dr. Louis Magazine as the best doctors of 2016. The list is based on the annual “Best Doctors in America” database.

School of Nursing Establishes First Named Professorship

Dr. Joan Dodgson, a professor in the School of Nursing, is the first recipient of the Patricia and James R. Hemak Endowed Professorship in Maternal Child Health. Among SLU’s 33 named professorships, this is the School of Nursing’s first.

SLU alumna Dr. Patricia Hemak (Nurs ’54) said she and her husband established the endowment because they wanted to give back to the university that inspired and spurred her career. Dodgson is a globally renowned expert in the field of maternal child medicine. During her career, she has been a leader in breastfeeding promotion and support strategies.

Convocation Opens New Year

University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello tells Saint Louis University’s newest students what will be expected of them and what they can anticipate from SLU during the New Student Convocation and Family Welcome Aug. 18. Approximately 3,200 people attended the ceremony at Chaifetz Arena.
Travis Ford
Basketball Coach

Travis Ford is the new head coach of the Billikens’ men’s basketball program. In 19 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Ford has a 345-257 record. He has had head-coaching stints at Oklahoma State University and Campbellsville. Ford has led the Cowboys to a 155-111 record and five NCAA Tournament appearances, including three in the last four years. He recruited three McDonald’s All-Americans to Stillwater, Oklahoma, during his tenure.

SLU Announces Five New Trustees

Saint Louis University has added five new members to its board of trustees. They have begun their three-year terms.

Leanne Caret is executive vice president of the Boeing Company; president and chief executive officer of Defense, Space and Security; and a member of Boeing’s executive council. Caret is executive vice president and chief strategy officer for social ministries for the California and Oregon Jesuit provinces. Greg Stubblefield is executive vice president and chief strategy officer for Enterprise Holdings Inc. and serves on the company’s corporate board.

Caret Jones is executive vice president and chief strategy officer for Enterprise Holdings Inc. and serves on the company’s corporate board.

Michael C. McFarland, S.J., is president and chief executive officer of Defense, Space and Security; and a partner in JHL Concessions and the president of TRI-TEC. All three culinary/hospitality firms are based in St. Louis.

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Arca de Noé

A yearlong celebration is underway to honor the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Francis Xavier College Church.

Today, the parish is known for its liturgical music, religious education, and social ministry work and advocacy. The church hosts a concert by the College Church choir, a gala, and a three-hour tour of its permanent collection.

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Through the Billiken Teacher Corps, graduate students make an impact on Catholic schools in the St. Louis area.

—By Emily Clemenson, photography by Jay Fram
Thirty strangers are chosen and instructed to live together, eat together, and depend upon each other. This isn’t the next season of prime-time reality television. This is the Billiken Teacher Corps, a two-year, service-driven master’s program at Saint Louis University. Participants are not just roommates or classmates; they’re treated as a community — somewhere between a cohort and a family. They have shared experiences and make programmatic decisions as a group. They’re young, energetic teachers who rely upon each other for prayer, support, fellowship and camaraderie.

The Billiken Teacher Corps is a program with three interlocking pillars,” said Dr. John James, School of Education faculty member who helped make the program a reality. “One, teaching in a high-need, urban Catholic school. Two, earning a tuition-remission master’s degree at Saint Louis University. And three, living in an intentional faith community, which involves prayer and personal spiritual development.” The program launched in June 2015. Participants are recent college graduates, some with undergraduate degrees in education and some without, who have a drive to serve and a desire to teach. The inaugural six Billiken Teachers have started their second year in the program and welcomed a new cohort of seven this past June.

The Billiken Teacher Corps is based on the Alliance for Catholic Education at Notre Dame, but anyone familiar with service-driven programs will notice similar elements. It’s like the Jesuit Volunteer program at St. Louis University.

Many of the classes in the master’s program focus on urban education and teaching methods. “The Billiken Teachers’ success will be grounded in the ability to use the research-based approaches they learn at SLU to achieve real-world results,” said Ronny O’Dwyer, S.J. (Grad A&S ’09, Grad Ed ’10), director of the Billiken Teacher Corps. “This will require our members to integrate spiritual and intellectual depth with their service as leaders in Catholic education.”

The Billiken Teacher Corps’ student is from originally from St. Louis, heard about the program during her senior year at Truman State University.

“It’s like my personality was shifted into a program,” Ehrhard said. “I was somewhere between being Catholic and wanting to teach, but wanting it to be more than just a career — wanting to show God through it.”

The Learning
Once a week during the school year, the tables are turned and the Billiken Teachers become students. Earning a Master of Arts in teaching through the two-year program, the cohort takes one evening class during the academic year and three concurrent classes during the summer.

“The classes are mostly discussion-based,” Staten said. “For a lot of it, you incorporate what you’ve done teaching into the class. So it’s not a ton of new knowledge, but it’s reinforced by what you’re doing.”

The program begins with three summer classes. Billiken Teachers who are not yet certified teachers take a class preparing them for classroom management and the basics of education. Many of the classes in the master’s program focus on urban education and teaching methods. The Billiken Teachers’ success will be grounded in the ability to use the research-based approaches they learn at SLU to achieve real-world results, said Ronny O’Dwyer, S.J. (Grad A&S ’09, Grad Ed ’10), director of the Billiken Teacher Corps. “This will require our members to integrate spiritual and intellectual depth with their service as leaders in Catholic education.”

The Community
All Billiken Teachers live together in a renovated convent at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in south St. Louis. The old convent has three floors: the top floor has 14 individual rooms and community bathrooms; a main floor includes study spaces, tables, couches and a chapel; and the bottom floor has the kitchen, dining room, laundry room and television room. Mandatory weekly events fulfill the community and faith-formation aspect of the program. One might a week O’Dwyer joins the community for dinner and leads them through various aspects of St. Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises. On other evenings, one person cooks dinner for the group.

“We’re like a family,” Ehrhard said. “It’s like somewhere in between really close roommates and family because they’re peers — peers that you might not have chosen, but you end up loving. It’s a messy, beautiful thing.”

The Calling
Billiken Teachers have adopted the phrase “Teach me” as their motto. “Anyone familiar with Jesuit education likely knows by heart St. Ignatius’ prayer for generosity,” O’Dwyer explained. “The prayer consists of seven stanzas, each beginning with the words ‘teach me’ — teach me to be generous, teach me to serve, teach me to give, in fact, to take.”

“It’s a prayer to God, of course, but it’s also a call we hear coming from our students: teach me,” he continued. “But there’s more. Anyone who has ever taught knows that teachers learn from their students. So to the students, too, we say teach me — teach me how to be Christ for you.”

Even with this powerful motivation, joining the Billiken Teacher Corps might not be the right fit for everybody. Teaching is a full of delayed gratification, the Billiken Teachers say, and you have to be able to rely on your community for support on the days the job is taxing. You have to put your community’s needs and wants ahead of your own needs and wants. You have to share a bathroom.

But all of the Billiken Teachers agree: It’s worth it.

To make a gift to the Billiken Teacher Corps, please contact development director John Stiles at stilesja@slu.edu. Watch a short video about the Billiken Teacher Corps online at slu.edu/universities.
The photos Cengiz Yar takes are hard to look at and even harder to look away from. Amid dusty earth tones — the rubble of fallen desert cities, crisscrossed with dark wire; camouflaged fatigues; fragments of bone out of context — he captures swaths of verdant countryside and snaps of deep red — carnations atop a casket, a kaffiyeh scarf, a smear of blood. Whether devastating or beautiful or both, the photos, Yar (Cook ‘09) has focused recently on two main subjects: the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the proliferation of gun violence in the United States.

His work takes him from Kurdistan to Ferguson and back, to places probably unfamiliar to most of his fellow Saint Louis University alumni.

But his background, at least the SLU portion of it, is certainly familiar. Like so many students, Yar came to Saint Louis University from his hometown of Milwaukee because of a scholarship (in his case, the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship) and because he’s a legacy (his aunt and uncle, Maree and Pete Donegan, graduated in the mid-1970s). Add in a series of good grants, and SLU was his best option, although maybe not the most obvious path to what he planned to do with his life.

Yar fell in love with photography in high school and knew it was the career for him. But Saint Louis University offered only a few photography courses.

“It didn’t make sense to me to go to school for photography,” Yar said. “I went to SLU knowing I’d want to run my own business someday, and that I’d be able to get a good business education there.”

He studied in the John Cook School of Business while gravitating toward extracurriculars with a visual bent, including video production for SLU TV and a summer internship at a small media company in St. Louis.

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After graduating, Yar spent a year and a half teaching English and learning Arabic in Jordan, and then moved to Chicago, where he still considers his home base. Since 2012, he has traveled in and out of the United States, mostly to the Middle East. At the end of October 2015, he relocated to northern Iraq.

Not affiliated with a specific news or photo agency, Yar is entirely freelance, which essentially means he’s putting that business education to good use. He does all of his own pitching, marketing, fundraising and accounting. And then there’s the work of photography, of course.

“Less than 5 percent of my work is actually taking photos,” he estimated.

He splits his work between creating stories for nongovernmental organizations and producing material for news organizations and producing material for news organizations and magazines. His work has been published and mentioned by some notable news sources, as well: BBC World News, The Guardian, The Telegraph, Maclean’s Magazine and Mashable among others. In 2015, he was awarded the Online News Association’s inaugural James W. Foley award for conflict freelancers.

Accepting the award, Yar said, “For a freelance journalist, specifically one that has covered the war in Syria, I can’t think of a higher honor than this.” He’s incredibly grateful.

However, the award also flashed a warning: Foley was an American freelance journalist who was abducted in Syria and beheaded by ISIS in 2012. His death reminds journalists everywhere of the potential danger of their profession.

Yar definitely has been in his share of intense, life-threatening situations. He’s been in combat, in ruined cities strewed with hidden explosives, at the site of massacres.

“I don’t think of myself as brave,” he said. “In combat situations, I’m very much afraid.”

He works through those moments, though, to focus on the important job of witnessing and storytelling.

“I’m incredibly privileged and blessed to see all of this and meet all these people,” he said. “I want to tell their stories because they deserve a voice in the international news cycle.”

So Yar goes to the ruins of Sinjar, Iraq, to Aleppo, Syria, to even Baltimore and Chicago, looking for stories that might not get told otherwise.

He is most proud of “Syria’s Children,” an ongoing project that documents the lives of often overlooked victims of the Syrian war: child refugees living in Turkey, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon. With the consent of a parent or guardian, Yar interviews each child and takes his or her portrait. He uses Polaroid film, with all of its imperfections and nuances, and then scans the photo and gives one back to the child.

“I wanted to put a face to the crisis in Syria,” he said. “Everyone is special and deserves respect. Many of these children don’t have anything, and for me, their portrait is a simple thing to give back to them.”

Except for a donation of film, the project has been funded entirely by Yar. The project was nominated for the 2014 UNICEF Photo of the Year. Since 2014, he’s photographed more than 200 children.

He and some of his fellow gigging members say they are uniting with other gangs in Baltimore to stop the violence and protect their community.
SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE
Thirty years after nearly dying, an alumnus inspires others to truly live.

— By Maria Tidahal

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When John O’Leary (Cook ’99) was 9 years old, he decided to experiment with fire and gasoline in his family’s garage. His innocent undertaking caused an instant explosion. O’Leary was burned over 100 percent of his body; 87 percent was third-degree. His doctors and nurses did not think he would make it through the night; he was given a less than 1 percent chance of surviving.

But survive he did. After a grueling but miraculous recovery — his doctor told him and nurses did not think he would make it — his doctor told him through the night; he was given a less than 1 percent chance of surviving. He had never seen anything like it in his life, O’Leary joked. “It changed my life.”

“Setting the World on Fire” tells the story of the 9-year-old O’Leary who nearly died in a fire to retrieve cups for his sister and the community who came together to make the miracle a reality. … As if cataracts had been cut away, I understood, ‘Oh my gosh… it was all a gift.’

Three months after his parents’ book was published, O’Leary was asked to give a speech about his experiences. Despite being terrified of public speaking — he said he barely scraped by in his required public speaking course at SLU — he agreed. Then he was asked to speak again and again.

Now, over a decade later, O’Leary has given more than 1,500 talks around the country and the world, describing the small acts of kindness from strangers and friends alike that contributed to his recovery and growth, and the lessons he learned that he believes can be applied to the difficult situations in everyone’s lives. He encourages his audiences, from health care workers to prison inmates, to live their lives “radically inspired.”

And in March of this year, O’Leary’s own book, On Fire: The 7 Choices to Ignite a Radically Inspired Life, was published by Simon & Schuster. The book became a No. 1 national best-seller and is already being printed in 12 languages.

“It was very, very raw and personal to write about the experiences of being burned as a kid,” he said. “It’s been very therapeutic, very healing and transformative as we’ve gone farther down the path to realize it’s not an autobiography. I think it’s a reflective story that inspires others to be the best version of themselves, helping them realize they can do so much more in their lives than what they had been doing, and that everything they do going forward from this moment will make a difference.”

And it’s working. “I was in Dallas recently, and a woman drove two-and-a-half hours to hear me speak for the 11th time,” he said. “She says that she has transformed her life spiritually, relationally and professionally as a result of these encounters, and she’s going to keep driving two-and-a-half hours to keep growing. That just blows me away, and it’s proof that this story’s not about the man writing it; it’s about the individuals living it. It can change lives.”

“It is difficult to live ‘radically inspired’ all the time,” O’Leary said. “And you can either yell about it, or you can grab the mop and broom and take care of it. You can either be grateful for it all, or overwhelmed in a negative way by it all. When we are being intentional and living each day fully, we’re just grateful for all the gifts that we have, even the Cheesiers on the floor.”

Through it all, O’Leary said his Billiken friends continue to be some of his most enthusiastic cheerleaders. “They celebrate the guy they knew in the quad, the guy they sat next to at Humphrey’s; they’ve just loved me for who I am,” he said. “People have never stopped wanting to know what I’m up to.”

“I had in my first business, becoming a hospital chaplain, finding a wife, the four children, and even today with the speaking and writing career, it’s a direct result of Saint Louis University,” he said. “I had until almost every day.”
The names read like a Literature 101 syllabus or a ‘Books to Read in a Lifetime’ list: Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, Updike, Auden, Didion. And on, and on.

Forty-eight authors in all, some of the biggest literary giants of the last half-century. Several have Pulitzer Prizes to their name. A few, Nobels.

All have St. Louis Literary Awards.

‘A Who’s Who of Literature’

The St. Louis Literary Award started nearly 50 years ago as the Wilma and Roswell Messing Jr. Award, an honor given by the Associates of Saint Louis University Libraries.

The award was the brainchild of Henry J. Scherck, a local businessman who became special assistant to SLU President Paul Remier, S.J., and who had been instrumental in the formation of the associates in the mid-1960s. Scherck was inspired by Columbia University’s Bancroft Prizes, four annual awards to authors in the field of history. He imagined the associate could offer a similar award. The group just needed a sponsor.

Enter the Messings. After success in the printing business, Roswell “Bud” Messing and his wife, Wilma (Engel) Messing, turned to philanthropy. Knowing the couple had funded a library at an area school, the associates approached Messing about establishing its own literary award. He agreed, and Wilma Messing became an active member of the SLU Library Associates board.

In the early years, award recipients were chosen by a committee of Library Associates members, SLU faculty and the book editors of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Today, a committee still decides, but the nomination process is open to the entire membership of the Saint Louis University Library Associates. As members suggest up to two authors, the committee chooses a handful to research.

“We read their work widely,” said Patrick McCarthy (A&S ’83), associate dean of University libraries and a member of the selection committee. “Then we vote by secret ballot to try to be as objective and fair as possible.”

Despite personal tastes, the committee always chooses “a living writer with a substantial body of work available in English who has enriched our literary heritage by deepening our insight into the human condition and expanding the scope of our compassion,” said Philip Brosman, chairman of the selection committee.

The first couple of honorees were historians, but the list expanded to include authors of almost every kind — poets, playwrights, novelists and fiction writers, critics, philosophers — bound by their excellence.

In 1982 the name of the award changed, and over the years, the prize money increased — but the quality has remained the same.

“The list of winners is a who’s who of literature,” said Lana Pepper, president of the Saint Louis University Library Associates.

McCarthy concurred.

“This award has become one of the most important literary prizes in the country,” he said. “Some of that has to do with the past authors, which is a list that builds on itself.”

Even the winners are impressed by the company they keep.

“Richard Ford accepted the award because we’d given it to Eudora Welty,” said Clarkson Joseph “Joe” Carpenter III (A&S ’71), a Library Associates board member since the early 1980s.

Israeli writer and 2015 recipient David Grossman schooled: “When I saw the people who had won this award before me, I was very proud. It’s very good company to be in.”

Each year, the awardee comes to the University to be honored, read or lecture, and give a craft talk. The award presentation, which draws hundreds, was held in Pius XII Memorial Library until 1979 and in various campus locations after that.

Prologue to the Award

The presentation of the literary award is considered the highlight of the year for the Library Associates.

The group’s origins harken back to fall 1963, a few years before the literary award was established, when Adelaide (Mahaffey) Schlafly (A&S ’58) solicited support for the library from several University organizations.
Wonder how many of such collections are hidden in the attics of St. Louisans, collections which might be given to the University? The response was promising, with donations not making a long-term project to organize a library friends group didn’t spark until the next spring, when Scherck toured his great-great grandfather’s library and the Associates of Saint Louis University Libraries was born. She and her husband, Daniel (the first layperson to chair SLU’s board of trustees, in 1967) became the first lifetime members of the group. Associates — the group was renamed in 2001 — make the University and its purposes better known among all of the book-loving people of St. Louis. Scherck wrote in The Story of the Associates of Saint Louis University Libraries Inc. The funds Schlafly raised seeded the group, He saw an opportunity to connect Saint Louis University to the St. Louis community, one of his overarching goals as SLU president. "Father Reinert felt strongly that this group would not only benefit the libraries, but would make the University and its purposes better known among all of the book-loving people of St. Louis," Scherck wrote in The Story of the Associates of Saint Louis University Libraries Inc. The overall goal is to further connect the Library Associates with the University. For years, the associates operated relatively independently, even though activities were held on campus and the group supported the University libraries with frequent, generous gifts. Then as now, the mission of the Library Associates is to enhance SLU libraries and the development of their world-renowned collections. "The Library Associates was established as an independent nonprofit association," McCarthy said. "About three years ago, the group realized it made sense to bring it into the University." Now, SLU provides support in terms of administration, fundraising and development. By all accounts, the Library Associates are ready for the next chapter. "The Library Associates have always been a framework for bringing people together in a conversation through the arts," McCarthy said. "Now more than ever, it is a means to celebrate the human values of Saint Louis University and the aesthetic components of a Jesuit education, and to share this with our students, alumni and the greater community."
Many of SLU’s benefactors invest specifically in scholarships, bringing all the benefits of a Jesuit education within reach for the 87 percent of students who receive some sort of financial aid. The University’s Go Further program, now in its third year, matches scholarship gifts of $100 or more, doubling the impact of a donor’s generosity.

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1946

Sister Mary Madeline Ashurst (SUN) was honored by the National Women's History Project during the 2010 National Women's History Month. She is the only second woman religious honored since the project began in 1896. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

1955

Dr. William B. Avery (MED '55) lives in a skilled nursing home in Columbus, Ohio, with family nearby. He has been all the activity and good company. He also stops by when he's there. He has been the first lady of the Civil War, the First Battle of Bonnville.

1967

Louise (Merrill) Burnell (NURS) lives in Ranier, Oregon, with 80 cows, one truck, eight chickens and a culvert. She has spent 1,100 hours in the United States Navy.

1968

Carol (Krag) Colwell (DOISY) has lived in the St. Louis area for more than 40 years. She travels wherever she can and plays golf with her sister, Mary Lou (Krag) Giaritz.

2006

Dr. Edward A. Chow (A&S '62, MED '66) received the 2006 Northern California Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award. Chow, president of the San Francisco Health Commission, also was recognized by the NCCOS and Chinese Health Coalition for his career in public health.

2007

Sister Mary Petrosky (NURS) works full time as spiritual director at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Washington, New York.

2015

Dr. George V. Streiff (A&S '62, MED '66) received the 2015 Nonprofit Organization Corporate Leadership Award from the Greater Los Angeles Area Council of Community Foundations, received the 11th annual Celebration in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. He lives in Arizona.

1953

Sarah Davis (Thomas) was retired from private practice and does pro bono work for the court and other legal entities. She has been married 71 years.

1963

Rosenda Biandone (SUN) retired in Rockford, Illinois, where she serves on the board of the Mexican Club and writes op-ed columns for the Rockford Register Star.

1966

W. Stefan Morovitz (COOK) has been honorably discharged from the Navy and lives in Waukegan, Illinois. She has four children and 10 grandchildren.

Antoinette "Tom" Henry (SUN) was a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Medicine, received the 2011 Lurleen Hospital Women's Over Oil Award. Schulte has contributed to the efforts of four AWS projects, including six months in Rwanda providing continuing education for physical therapy. She also is establishing a MVP training project in Myanmar. She lives in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

1967

Dr. Neil Ratts (A&S '62) is re-elected to represent 19th Ward, Chicago to the Illinois House of Representatives.

1968

Michael J. Cenatiempo is a senior counsel at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in Washington, D.C. and has been a professor of clinical studies—49 years of Wisconsin Alumni. He taught at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

1971

Dr. E. W. Raymond Slavin (A&S '62, MED '66) and Linda Vogt (NURS) have an investment in the future. For more information on how donations benefit Saint Louis University, or to make a gift, please visit giving.slu.edu.

1951

George W. C. Hynes (A&S '51) is membership vice president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1958

Dr. William A. Sellers (DOISY) retired from the University of Arizona, leaving a lasting impact on the field of aerospace engineering. He has written several textbooks on the subject and continues to publish his work.

1964

Dr. Gerald (Jared) Parmelee (A&S '64) is a member of the Science and Technology Council of the National Academy of Sciences. He lives in St. Louis, Missouri.
1957

Ziegler, and they have two grown sons.

1969

She is married to artist and teacher Diana (Siedhoff) Wilson, Gregory and Shekinah. Overfield Community College in Texas.

1970

Overfield graduated from Cleveland High School at a time when male students were expected to pursue a trade and female students were provided and home-schooling skills.

1971

Gregg Krichin-Zucker (IT) retired from full-time work and teaches quality

volunteer with several organizations. He

looks forward to celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary with his

1972

Dr. Beverly Matherne (GRAD A&S) ,

emeritus professor of English at Northern

1973

Several alumni from the College of Arts

and Sciences class of 1973 attended to

enhance its 45th birthdays: Marzen (Orange)

Coppin, Katherine Kelly (Creve

Neau), Heather Freytag (Dous, Lelassie

Houmont, Joan Cantrell and Mary Jo

Deshawn Chesser (1973)

1974

Several - Edward Drew, Jr. (1974) is a founder

partner of Crawford Bennett, a litigation-

focused law firm in St. Louis that was

honored as one of the city’s "Best law firms to Work" by the St. Louis Business

Journal.

Elsie (Ehresmann) Johnson cow

is retiring in September after 19 years at

Plaza West Care Center. She lives in Topeka,

Kansas.

1975

St. Louis. He served longer on the city

board than any other person in the history of

the city.

1976

Rose (Benedetto) Dunne (1976)

coined the phrase "Teach Me the Language of

the Empire." She lives in Chesselah, Mexico.

1977

Rabbi Joseph Fred Benson (1977)

was invited by the National Geographic to

conduct a series of talks in Mexico and the

United States. He is a religious leader and

educator.

1978

Tina (Schmitz) Schellenberg (1978)

was named the first person in her family to attend college.

“I’m always impressed by the range of

languages across the globe. Linguistics offered me opportunities for contacts and

travel and a window into the human brain.”

1979

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doctoral/research university that serves a predominantly

Hispanic population, which was the majority population of the region, was seldom considered ‘college material.’

“Don’t allow anyone to tell you that you were not good enough to succeed because of your race, your gender, your background,” she said.

1980

The president of the university received a

Natalicio presented with the Order of the Aztec

Eagle, the highest recognition bestowed on foreign

nationals. Other awards include the University of Pennsylvania Achievement Award for Excellence and Induction into the Texas Women’s Hall of Fame.

2016

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2017

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Dr. Diana (Siedhoff) Natalicio

A&S ’61

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE’S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD IN 2016

A professor of zoology who operated a retail
dairy business and a mother who was a homemaker and, before that, a member of a number of dance
troups. “She was a remarkable woman, widely

readable. She and her brother and I would listen with her to

television broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera. In complete

terms, she would have done something amazing with her

life but she had the choice to go to

college, but her father opted to educate her younger brother.

So, she did something amazing for my brother and me.”

1957

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He holds an MBA in health care services. He lives in St. Louis.

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Martha L. Boland (LAW) is a partner at Polsinelli. He concentrates his practice

and village leadership. He lives in Springfield, Illinois.

She lives in Grandville, Michigan.

She was also part of the North American Team of the 2012 World Trademark Review Industry Awards. She lives in Imperial, Missouri.

He joined the law firm of HeplerBroom in St. Louis.

Steven Ferrioli (LAW) is a partner at Aronson Marston Lewis & Foley, a |

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Meghan Lamping (LAW), a 2016 winner of the Rosemary Connelly Award, a $5,000 scholarship established to

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The 2016 recipients are (pictures from left): Nikki Khalil (LAW), Joseph (Zenker) Kane (LAW), Jason Brauninger, S.J. (ED), and Merette Khalil (PH). Not pictured: Madison Barney (A&S-MADRID) named to the St. Louis Business Journal's “30 Under 30” list for 2016. Libby Fischer (NURS) was named as parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church in New Orleans. She practices cardiac telemetry unit and emergency medicine at St. Louis University Hospital.

Dr. Jessica R. Curran (DOISY ’09, GRAD ED) was ordained in June at St. Francis Xavier College Church. She served as a missioner in the U.S. Navy for three years in the Persian Gulf, South Africa and the Mediterranean Sea. During his mission, he studied and worked at Catholic universities in South Africa and South Bend, Indiana. Cassidy Pearson (LAW) is a senior associate attorney at Blum Law Firm in Southlake, Texas, focusing her practice on civil defense and representation. She lives in South Bend, Indiana.

Benjamin Griffith (LAW) is a commercial litigator and lives in Alton, Illinois. He has a B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. from Southwestern Law School in Dallas.

Lauren Bucher (ED, GRAD ED) is a special education teacher at HOK in St. Louis. She teaches at the University of South Alabama for five years prior to joining the firm. She lives in New Orleans.

Dr. Steven T. Root (LAW) is a partner at Steptoe & Johnson. He has been selected as a 2016 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Salute to Young Leaders Award, as well as the Urban League Young Professionals Young Leader Award. He is a fellow of the St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative and is on the board of directors of the VFW of St. Louis.

Matthew Sullivan (LAW) works at SLU as an academic support coordinator in tutoring and disability services. Brittany (Whrol) Taylor (LAW) works at Rushville (Illinois) Family Practice.

Joe Fetter (LAW) is a volunteer services manager for Habitat for Humanity St. Louis.

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This list of deceased alumni was compiled by SLU’s office of research and development services. If you have a question or would like more information about an “In Memoriam” listing, please send an email message to tvincen2@slu.edu.
In Memoriam

For recognition during SLU’s bicentennial celebration, the University is seeking the names of SLU alumni who lost their lives in active service in any of the branches of the U.S. armed forces. Please send the name of the alum, SLU graduation year, service branch, years active, deployments (if any), cause of death and a photograph to SLU200@slu.edu.

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Cheer on the men’s basketball team in a city near you

Join fellow Billiken fans for a pregame party before men’s basketball games this year. For more information and to register, please visit alumni.slu.edu/events.

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Join fellow alumni for this annual SLU tradition. Attend before men’s basketball away games this year. Alumni.slu.edu/events.

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Alumni Events

2017 Class Reunions

During Homecoming and Family Weekend 2017 SLU will celebrate special reunions for the Classes of 1967, 1992, 2007 and 2012. Help plan the perfect weekend for your reunion class by visiting alumni.slu.edu/reunions or contacting the Office of Alumni and Donor Engagement at 314-977-2250 or reunions@slu.edu.

Breakfast with Santa

There’s no place like SLU for the holidays. Visit Santa Claus while enjoying music, crafts, gifts and breakfast. Expect a special visit from the Billiken, too. In the spirit of the season, attendees are encouraged to bring new toys and children’s items to donate to local charities.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Busch Student Center, Lower Level

New Members

Membership in SLU’s Women’s Council is open to all women interested in serving as ambassadors of Saint Louis University. The Women’s Council has several events planned, and all SLU women are welcome to attend. Meetings will be on Nov. 1, March 27 and April 27. For more information, visit alumni.slu.edu/WCevents.
CHESS HERE, BILLIKENS THERE

I was pleased to read in the spring 2016 issue that SLU has finally agreed to offer chess scholarships and build a first-rate program (“On Campus”). I enjoyed participating on the SLU chess teams in the 1976–1983 era as I worked my way through assorted degree programs. Busch Center and other SLU venues hosted many of the prestigious regional and state championships in that era also. The University did not fund us directly, but the Student Government Association helped when it could. I recall that Father Jerome Marchetti and Mary Bruemmer — also featured in the spring 2016 issue — were particularly helpful with organizational issues. Now the University is surely poised to achieve bigger and better things. Also, each issue of Universitas reminds me of the truly universal influence of the University. That global reach was reinforced when I found this pictured Billiken carved from a walrus tusk at the gift shop in Chena Hot Springs, Alaska. It was labeled an “Ivory Bilgigan,” worth $199, but a Billiken by any other name is still a Billiken. Wherever we go, SLU is still home.

Robert Sutter (A&S ’77, Grad ’79)

SLU is all over social media.
Here are some recent posts about the University on Instagram, a photo-sharing platform.

Follow SLU at instagram.com/SLU_Official.

Overheard on Campus

SLU called us to change society and in doing so changed us. Being men and women for others can be uncomfortable, messy and life-altering — but it’s what we are called to do.”

Hannah Vestal, co-vp, during her 2016 commencement address, the first given by a student speaker.

“I certainly hope you have a great time while you’re here. But I certainly hope you take the obligations you have now as a responsible adult with this amazing opportunity that so many people don’t get to have — to take advantage of everything this nearly 200-year-old university has to offer, to build the foundation for all you will face in life and in work. It is your responsibility and your obligation.”

SLU President Dr. Fred P. Pestello, at the 2016 New Student Convocation and Family Welcome.

“The Department of Public Safety wants everyone to enjoy the thrill of the hunt and the fun it brings. This app was designed to have fun, so go out, enjoy and, most importantly, be safe.”

Sergeant Pat Signorino, advising the SLU community about “Pokemon Go”

UNIVERSITAS FALL 2016
The women's and men's Billiken basketball teams are optimistic headed into their seasons. During the 2015-16 season the women earned a share of their first Atlantic 10 Conference championship and reached the Women's National Invitation Tournament third round. They also set school records for total wins and conference wins.

The men are beginning their first season under the leadership of new head coach Travis Ford. With several new players, the Billikens face a tough schedule — the team will play up to 14 games against opponents who reached the postseason last year.

Season or single tickets for both men's and women's games are available at slubillikens.com or by calling 314-977-4SLU.

PLEASE NOTE: The women's basketball schedule was not available at press time. To see the team's schedule, visit slubillikens.com.