While some may believe that the academy is impervious to the needs and pressures of the outside world, nothing could be further from the truth.

At Saint Louis University we remain very much of the world — grappling with the critical issues and trends of our times. And we are having good success in doing so, from reducing student indebtedness to adopting new technology in teaching, learning and the practice of medicine. In short, we continue to excel in preparing men and women to live lives of meaning and purpose, providing compassionate health care, advancing the frontiers of knowledge, and partnering with others to strengthen the region and serve those with the greatest need.

To remain a high performing, mission-based university, we must continue to use our ingenuity and experience to prepare for a future that is sure to be increasingly complex and demanding. Simultaneously, we must renew our commitment to our Catholic, Jesuit mission and values in light of the challenges and opportunities we face. Thus, as I arrived at SLU it was imperative that we launch a strategic planning initiative to chart our course forward.

We began our work in August 2014 by forming a representative group of faculty, staff, administrators and students to develop a transparent planning process that solicited input from the entire University community, including our dedicated alumni.

During the course of the next year, hundreds of participants, on and off campus, held deep and thoughtful discussions about Saint Louis University. They considered where we stand today, and they imagined our future. It was intense, energizing work.

The result is a plan named Magis (the Latin word for “more”) and a Jesuit principle of achieving more. Approved by the board of trustees last September, the plan answers a question I posed at my arrival at SLU: how the bold vision of Bishop Louis William DuBourg and the early Belgian Jesuits has inspired us for almost 200 years. Our pioneering University community, including our dedicated alumni.

Dr. Fred P. Pestello
2015 Alumni Merit Awards
Each year, many Saint Louis University colleges and schools present Alumni Merit Awards to SLU graduates. Below are the 2015 honorees, who were recognized during Homecoming and Family Weekend.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Dr. David Zemelman (Grad A&S ’76, ’79)
Donald began his career as an assistant professor of organizational behavior. He moved to corporate human resources, first at PPG and later at Eastman Kodak. In 2013, he was named a senior faculty fellow in industrial organizational psychology at SLU.

JOHN COOK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Michael P. McNulty (Cook ’84)
During more than 25 years with PepsiAmericas, McNulty went from fixed asset accountant to vice president of finance, accounting for $3.5 billion in revenue. Since retiring, he has dedicated himself to public service. He is active with the Archdiocese of Chicago and his parish, St. James Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
Dr. Norman Freiberger (Dent ’59)
After nearly four decades in private practice, Freiberger focused on dental care for the disadvantaged. He developed a hospital-based clinic for senior citizens, worked as a staff dentist at a women’s prison, and participated in dental missions and other volunteer work. He is a current faculty member of the Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health sponsored by A.T. Still University.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Dr. Kimberly Anderson (Grad ED ’14)
Anderson has been a public school educator for more than two decades and a superintendent for 12 years. Recently, she led the Averett School District from being close to unaccredited to exceeding the fully accredited benchmarks. On July 1, she will become the first African-American female superintendent in Topeka, Kansas.

PARKS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY
Jorge F. Seda (Park ’69)
For nearly four decades, Seda worked at GE Aviation, where he was instrumental in initiatives to increase diversity. He co-founded the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers’ Cincinnati Professional Chapter and was president from 2010 through 2013. He also co-founded the Greater Cincinnati Hispanic Scholarship Fund Gala, which has raised more than $1.4 million. He holds 24 U.S. patents.

DOISY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Mark Marshall (Grad OHC ’78)
Focusing his career on family practice and emergency medicine, Marshall lives the SLU mission by providing health care over four times a year to patients in Haiti. Six days after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, he was there to help the wounded and sick. He launched the Santo Clinic, which provides free medical care to as many as 4,000 patients annually in Port-au-Prince.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Dr. J. M. Barlowe (Grad ’78)
Rutkow is recognized for developing the PerFix mesh-plug operation for groin hernia repair. He retired from clinical surgery 13 years ago, but he is still immersed in the intricacies of the operating room. He regularly writes articles on surgery in 13th-century America and has authored seven books on medical and surgical history.

SCHOOL OF NURSING
Dr. Laura L. Kuensting (Nurs ’85, Grad Nurs ’94, ’99)
Kuensting began her career as a pediatric nurse. She is an assistant teaching professor at the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing, where she also coordinates the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program. Last year, she became director of the Institute for Emergency Nursing Advanced Practice at the national headquarters of the Emergency Nurses Association in Chicago.

SCHOOL FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Larry L. Cockell (Grad EN ’76)
Cockell is a security expert with a record of leadership in public service and the private sector. His career in law enforcement began in 1970 with the Metropolitan St. Louis Police Department. Later, he spent 23 years in the U.S. Secret Service, finishing as the agency’s deputy director. In 2002, he joined Time Warner as senior vice president and chief security officer. A native of St. Louis, Cockell has served on the SLU board of trustees.

COLLEGE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Dr. Darrin C. Brown (Grad PH ’02)
A behavioral scientist at RTI International, Brown leads and supports research to improve public health and to address community and global health disparities. His primary focus is HIV/AIDS prevention. He examines psychological risk factors and uses culturally appropriate methods to eliminate HIV-related health disparities among vulnerable populations.

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Richard J. Ward Jr. (IT ’58)
Ward pursued a long career in intellectual property law, including an managing partner at Christie, Parker and Hale. He has served as a member of the San Marino (California) City Council since 2001 and was mayor in 2013. He has been president and a trustee of the San Marino Schools Foundation, and led the San Marino City Club and the San Marino National Little League. He also is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (Knight Grand Cross).

2016 Alumni Merit Award Nominations
The annual awards honor distinguished graduates from each college or school in recognition of their outstanding achievement, dedication to their profession and commitment to the mission of Saint Louis University. Nominations are due by April 15. Visit alumni.slu.edu/alumnimerit.
Rankings & Honors

- Princeton Review “B Est 381 Colleges” 2016
- Center for World University Rankings 2016
- Sierra Magazine Top 50 “Cool Schools” 2016
- Niche’s Top 10 Catholic Colleges
- Washington Monthly “Best Schools for Community Service”

SLU Unveils New University and Billiken Athletics Logos

Two of the most enduring symbols of Saint Louis University — the fleur-de-lis and the Billiken — have a new look for the digital age. SLU shared the updated logos during a special event at Chaifetz Arena in November.

The new logos were developed by the award-winning brand strategy and design agency Olson, in collaboration with the University’s division of marketing and communications and SLU’s department of athletics. The process involved more than 150 students, faculty and staff, and the logos received final approval from the University’s board of trustees in September.

Marks for the SLU Care Physician Group and the University’s campus in Madrid, Spain, have been updated as well.

Agreement Will Bring More International Students to SLU

A long-term agreement between Saint Louis University and INTO University Partnerships will extend SLU’s global reach and enhance educational access for international students.

INTO is a private company that partners with universities to expand opportunities for higher education. SLU is the first school in Missouri and the first among the nations 28 Jesuit institutions to enter this type of joint venture.

INTO Saint Louis University is managed by a board that includes leaders from both organizations. Tim Hercules (A&S ’99, Grad Cook ’06, Law ’12), former director of international services at SLU, is the executive director of INTO SLU. Anneke Bart, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, is the academic director.

SLU and INTO will develop academic programs for international students to improve their English language comprehension while preparing to be successful, degree-seeking students.

SLU’s First Chess Team to Start in the Fall

Saint Louis University has established its first collegiate chess program with the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. SLU’s chess team will offer competitive scholarships and recruit top-tier players from around the globe. The goal is to have a complete team by this fall.

The team will be coached by Grandmaster Alejandro Ramirez, a full-time employee of the Chess Center. Originally from Costa Rica, Ramirez was the winner of the 2010 U.S. Open and runner-up at the 2013 U.S. Championship.

SLU Prison Program Grants First Degrees

Saint Louis University granted the first Associate of Arts degrees through its University’s Prison Program last fall.

The SLU Prison Program is the only on-site degree-granting program in the United States that serves both the incarcerated and those who work in the correctional facility. The program is operated out of the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (ERDCC) in Bonne Terre, Missouri, in coordination with the Missouri Department of Corrections.

In November, SLU hosted a graduation ceremony at the ERDCC for incarcerated students. University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello delivered the commencement address. Department of Corrections staff students were invited to participate in SLU’s midyear commencement ceremony at Chaifetz Arena in December.

The program began in 2008 when some SLU faculty began holding theological studies classes with 15 men incarcerated at the ERDCC. The effort expanded to studies classes with 15 men incarcerated at the ERDCC. The effort expanded to

SLU’s Top 10 Rankings on Key Statistics

SLU’s top 10 ranking on key statistics and student reviews, and considered 166 Catholic colleges.

The Princeton Review

The John Cook School of Business is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. The graduate entrepreneurship program ranked No. 18 on their 2016 list of “Top Schools for Entrepreneurship Studies.”

Sierra Magazine

This ranking gives comparative information about campus sustainability. The environmental organization ranked SLU 186 out of 153 institutions.
Awards

Dr. Keith Elder is serving a three-year appointment on the editorial board of American Journal of Public Health. He is the chair of the department of health management and policy at SLU.

Dr. Judith L. Gibbons, professor emerita of psychology, was named the 2015 Outstanding International Psychologist by the American Psychological Association.

Justin Hanford, assistant professor of law, received a Fulbright Fellowship, the Jesuit honor society, recognized four SLU-Alumni as best doctors in America. The American Psychological Association.

Dr. Tom Nolan (A&S ’07) and Sullivan (Nurs ’80, Grad Ed ’02), associate professor of molecular microbiology and immunology, and Dr. Verna Hendricks-Ferguson became fellows of the American Academy of Nursing, the highest professional recognition in nursing.

Dr. Helen Lach ’79, Grad Hars ’80, ’82 and Dr. Verne Hendricks-Ferguson became fellows of the American Academy of Nursing, the highest professional recognition in nursing.

Dr. Roger Lewis, chairmen of environmental and occupational health and director of SLU’s Environmental Health Research Laboratory, received the Fellow Award from the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

Dr. Teri Murray (Nurs ’78, Grad Nurs ’81, ’97), dean of the School of Nursing, was appointed to the National Advisory Council for Nurse Educators, a federal committee that advises Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Florian Thomas was named editor-in-chief of The Journal of Clinical Cardiology in the Academy of Coastal Hospital Professionals. Thomas directs the SLU Multiple Sclerosis Center.

More than 170 SLU-Care physicians from every学科 were recognized by the Saint Louis Magazine’s Best Doctors in 2015. The list is based on the annual “Best Doctors in America” database, which considers more than a million peer evaluations to create a directory of 36,013 doctors.

Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society, recognized four SLU-affiliated members with Magis Medals for living out ASN values: Dr. James Kinney, faculty emeritus in management and policy, and alumnus Tom Nolan (AIS ’93, Grad Ed ’72), Jesse Sullivan (AIS ’71) and Lindsey Wester (Ed ’13).

Undergraduate Alumna Stephanie Womeldorf and Leeds Parcells represented SLU on the Student Advisory Board for the ONE Campaign, an international grassroots advocacy organization that fights poverty and preventable diseases.

Make A Difference Day: In October, Saint Louis University celebrated Make A Difference Day, a SLU tradition for 18 years. This year focused on service commitments students make after graduation, with SLU joining AmeriCorps VISTA to celebrate the program’s 20th anniversary. In all, nearly 4,000 Billikens provided almost 20,000 service hours to the St. Louis community on one day. Here, students make blankets for hospice patients.

Rankings & Honors (continued)

Major Grants

VACCINES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES $5.8 million

SLU’s Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit received a five-year contract from the National Institutes of Health to study the safety and effectiveness of vaccines and other ways to fight infectious diseases. Through advances in “omics,” such as deep sequencing techniques and mass spectrometry, researchers will explore areas that provide important information about the body’s immune response.

HAPPINESS AND WELL-BEING $5.1 million

Dr. Daniel M. Hayman, professor of philosophy, received a $4.4 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation, along with $147,000 from the University. The grant is dedicated to the largest ever attempted to a researcher in the College of Arts and Sciences. The three-year project will promote collaboration among well-being researchers across a range of disciplines. The project includes a three-year post-doctoral fellowship in philosophy at SLU.

TUBERCULOSIS VACCINE $2.9 million

SLU’s Center for Vaccine Development received $3.9 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to study a new tuberculosis vaccine. Dr. Daniel Holt, director of the division of infectious diseases at SLU, will use the award to continue studying the role of T cells in fighting TB.

GERIATRIC CARE $2.5 million

A three-year, $2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will help SLU improve the health of older Missourians by training primary care health providers in geriatrics. Dr. John Morley, director of geriatric medicine at SLU, leads the project.

HEPATITIS B CURE $2.2 million

With a new grant from the National Institute of Health, Dr. John Tavis, professor of molecular microbiology and immunology, will take his 25-year mission to develop a cure for the hepatitis B virus into the next phase. The research will focus on optimizing a drug and limiting toxicity.

DETECTING SEPSIS $1.78 million

With a grant from the National Institutes of Health, Dr. David Ford, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and Dr. Jane McHowat, professor of pathology, are collaborating on research they hope will lead to a biomarker that helps detect sepsis.

OSTEOPOROSIS DRUG $1 million

Dr. David Griggs, director of biology at SLU’s Center for World Health and Medicine, received a $1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to investigate the development of a new class of drugs to treat bone diseases. He and co-investigator Dr. Rajeev Aurora, associate professor of molecular microbiology and immunology, will screen more than 150,000 molecules to see if they might be turned into medications.

SLU Breaks Ground on a Second New Residence Hall

Saint Louis University broke ground in November on its newest residence hall, a $37 million facility that will be located at the northwest corner of Grand Boulevard and Laclede Avenue. The facility is scheduled to be finished by summer 2017.

The seven-story, 237,000-square-foot building will connect to the adjacent Grissedieck Complex, which will go offline for renovations once the new construction is complete. Designed for first- and second-year students, the new facility will feature single and double suite-style rooms, with a total of 528 beds. Plans also call for a dining hall, classrooms, study lounges and an outdoor plaza.

Another new residence hall, at Laclede and Spring avenues, has been under construction since early 2015. It is slated to open this summer.

Celebrating St. Peter Claver: Attendees walk north on Grand Boulevard in a Eucharistic procession from St. Francis Xavier College Church to St. Alphonsus “Rock” Ligan Church, where they celebrated the feast of St. Peter Claver, S.J. considered the patron saint of black Catholics for his ministry to African slaves brought through Colombia.
New Administrators & Deans

Dr. Collins, S.J., Assistant to the President for Mission and Identity

A global leader in research on health, identity and culture, Archibald was head of the Department of Bioethics and Health Policy at the College of Health and Human Development at Pennsylvania State University. He directs the Pan-University Network for Global Health, a consortium of 13 higher education institutions working together to address global health concerns, and has advised the World Health Organization and the United Nations.

Christopher Collins, S.J.
President’s Diversity Council and leads the event services also report to her.

Sheila Manion
VICE PRESIDENT FOR DIVERSITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Manion was SLU’s associate vice president for development for nearly four years before most recently serving as interim vice president. Previously, she led the campaign for the Saint Louis Art Museum expansion. SLU’s offices of alumni engagement and event services also report to her.

Dr. Jonathan C. Smith
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR MISSION AND IDENTITY

Dr. Jonathan C. Smith, special assistant to the president for mission and identity, professed his final vows during a 9 p.m. campus Ministry Mass at St. Francis Xavier College Church in September. Ron Mercel, S.J., Jesuit provincial of the Central and Southern Province, received Collins’ vows and held the Eucharist before he as professed. Nearly 1,000 people attended.

SLU Launches Missouri’s First Palliative Care Fellowship

SLU has started the first hospice and palliative medicine fellowship program in the state. The fellowship will train one physician this year in the subspecialty that cares for those who have chronic, life-changing illnesses, such as cancer, congestive heart failure or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Fourth-year medical students and residents also will receive training in an elective related to the program.

Dr. Dolao Cruz-Oliver, assistant professor of internal medicine and a SLUCare geriatrician, directs the fellowship.

New Scholarship Honors Jesuit Saint, Community Service

The new St. Peter Claver, S.J., Service Endowed Scholarship will assist first-generation, full-time freshmen from an urban setting who have financial need and a love of community service.

Established by a gift from Brian Shelton (A&S ’80), the scholarship honors the legacy of St. Peter Claver, S.J., a missionary who worked with African slaves in Colombia in the 17th century. Shelton learned about the saint through his parish, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, in north St. Louis.

He began to understand the meaning of diversity as an undergraduate at Saint Louis University, where I rubbed shoulders with a variety of ethnic groups and discovered that their differences were a gift," Shelton said. "The Jesuit tradition welcomes diversity and also values service to others, and I saw this scholarship as a natural fit with SLU’s mission."

The scholarship is eligible for SLU’s Go Further Scholarship Matching Program.

School of Education Starts Urban Education Program

The Urban Education Collaborative (UELC) invites undergraduates to commit to careers in urban and under-resourced schools.

Based in SLU’s School of Education, the four-year program results in a Bachelor of Education degree with Missouri teacher certification. UELC students enroll in special sections of core courses focused on teaching and learning in urban settings.

The program is part of the Jennings School District in north St. Louis County.

"As we serve the whole child and interrupt the cycle of poverty by helping families create new positive narratives, partnering with Saint Louis University for teacher preparation in urban schools is a powerful next step to ensure together we are effectively training future urban educators," said Dr. Tiffany Anderson (Ed ’94, Grad Ed ’01), Jennings superintendent.

Each UELC cohort will include 10 education majors. Dr. Alex Cuenca, assistant professor of social studies education, said, the hope is to expand the program to 40 students who will spend all four years working in the same urban school.

Happy birthday! SLU’s School of Education celebrated 90 years in 2015 as it returned to the name it started with in 1925. In recent years the school was named the College of Education and Public Services.

Arts at SLU

MOCA Museum of Contemporary Art

Georges Rouault: Miniatures of Guerre
Through May 8

Visitors can see all 58 works from this landmark in the history of printmaking and 20th-century art

MOCA.slu.edu

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The Missouri Botanical Garden and Saint Louis University have announced a five-year endowed doctoral fellowship in plant conservation genetics/genomics. The fellowship starts in August.

The Philip and Sima K. Neudorf Doctoral Fellowship is made possible by a gift to the Missouri Botanical Garden from Philip and Sima K. Neudorf. The fellowship will provide a full-tuition scholarship, a stipend and health insurance for one doctoral biology student at SLU.
It’s impossible to ignore Matt Wooters.
The 28-year-old graduate student is standing in the middle of a path leading to Lipic Clock Tower Plaza with a broad smile, an outstretched hand and an offer that most students can’t refuse at 9 a.m.: free coffee. Even students wearing earbuds and avoiding eye contact get pulled in by this self-described “wildly extroverted” man.

Wooters also attracts attention because in the sea of T-shirts, jeans and cargo shorts, he is wearing clerical attire: black pants, black shirt and a Roman collar. Wooters is a resident of the Bellarmine House of Studies, a home for 18 Jesuit scholastics (men studying for the priesthood), and a brother-in-formation living in St. Louis and attending Saint Louis University as part of First Studies, the second step of Jesuit formation (see sidebar).

Every Friday a handful of the men host Java with the Jesuits at the clock tower or in Pius XII Memorial Library so SLU students can grab a cup of coffee and hold a conversation with, according to Wooters, “one of your friendly neighborhood Jesuits.” They talk about majors, workout routines, weekend plans and, on this particular morning, one of the young Jesuits tutored a student who asked for help with discrete math.

“When most students think about Jesuits, they imagine older priests or maybe one of their professors,” said Wooters, a member of the Bellarmine House vocation promotion committee, which finds ways for the Jesuits to interact and build relationships with SLU students. “They don’t imagine that we’re young men, rushing to class and taking the same courses they do. Java with the Jesuits is our way of saying we’re here. We’re everywhere.”

They are everywhere. The scholastics participate in student government, play on the rugby team, attend Mass at St. Francis Xavier College Church, cheer at sporting events, compete in pickup basketball games, participate in campus ministry and engage in myriad service projects.

Tucker Redding is a third-year scholastic who also serves on the vocation promotion committee.

“SLU students are aware that this is a Jesuit university, but they don’t always get the chance to meet Jesuits,” Redding said. “I’m sure plenty of people have their stereotypes about what a Jesuit, priest, seminarian or brother is, but we hope to give them a chance to meet the people behind the collar and see that we’re normal human beings — whatever that means to you — who like normal things like coffee and conversation.”
FIRST STUDIES: This period integrates intellectual and spiritual growth. Scholastics and brothers may finish work on their bachelor’s degrees, while others work on advanced degrees in a variety of subjects.

REGENCY: During this period, the Jesuit scholastics and brothers work in ministries while continuing to live in community. Most Jesuits are assigned to teach at high schools or universities, but some work in parishes or other ministries.

THREE TO THREE YEARS

THEOLOGY STUDIES: At this stage Jesuits pursue a Master of Divinity degree, usually at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California, or at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in Massachusetts. Jesuits are ordained to the priesthood after this stage.

THREE YEARS TO FIVE YEARS

TERTIANSHIP: After three to five or more years in active ministry, a Jesuit spends several months in a tertianship program in preparation for his Final Vows. This time is spent in a ministry different than his typical work and involves a long retreat known as the Spiritual Exercises.

THREE TO FIVE MONTHS

FINAL VOWS: During Final Vows, Jesuits reaffirm their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. They also vow to go wherever the Pope feels they are needed.

NOVITIATE: Those entering the Jesuit order take their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Novices learn through experience about the traditions, rules and expectations of the Society of Jesus and discern whether they are called to a religious life.

TWO YEARS

THE PATH TO PRIESTHOOD

Community Ties

Bellarmine House, which is located on Westminster Place a block from the Lindell Boulevard entrance to campus, is a community under the auspices of the Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus. It is one of only three houses of First Studies in the country. The others are located near Fordham University in New York and Loyola University Chicago.

Along with SLU’s College of Philosophy and Letters, Bellarmine House offers scholastics the chance to study the philosophy and theology required in First Studies, as well as the opportunity to work toward master’s degrees in philosophy or any other discipline, including social work, education, counseling, history or American studies. Although it’s called a house, the community is comprised of four, three-story 19th-century red brick homes with tidy lawns and well-maintained landscaping. The second and third floors of the homes serve as living quarters. The first floor of each home serves a different purpose: the chapel house; the library and social house; the dining house; and the new house used for community meetings.

A Wealth of Experience

Greene said First Studies also is considered a time of integration for scholastics. Under the guidance of experienced Jesuits, they learn to blend their intellectual, apostolic, communal and spiritual lives. In addition to their academic work, the scholastics are expected to provide eight hours of service each week in the community. They work in homeless shelters, parishes, youth centers, schools and prisons.

“SLU and the city of St. Louis offer incredible opportunities for our men to engage in ministry,” Greene said. “The scholastics are eager to serve. They often attempt to do far more ministry than the hours required and can become overcommitted. First Studies is a good time to find balance because overextension is one of the biggest challenges of a Jesuit life. It’s a healthy tension we’re called to live in.” At its peak, the Society had 100 First Studies scholastics attending SLU. Since the late 1960s, however, their numbers gradually decreased and remain fairly stable at 25 or 30. When the province sold Fusz Hall to the University in 1990, the scholastics moved to Bellarmine House.

When Padberg entered the Society in the ‘40s, the average scholastic was 18 years old and straight out of high school. Today, the typical Jesuit is 28 and a seasoned professional. For example, among the scholastics currently residing in Bellarmine House are an Iraq War veteran, a financier, an architect, a physical therapist and a former Teacher for America volunteer.

“I am continually amazed at the gifts these guys bring to the community,” said Greene, who practiced law before entering the Society of Jesus and went through formation with a man who trained animals for film and television. “It makes for a very rich environment that I believe benefits the St. Louis community and that of SLU.” UP4

FOLLOW THE JESUITS OF BELLARMINE HOUSE ON FACEBOOK OR ON TWITTER

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Bellarmine House of Studies, named in honor of St. Robert Bellarmine, a 16th century Italian Jesuit theologian, cardinal and doctor of the Church, is best known for his writings defending the Catholic faith against the positions of the Protestant reformers.
W hen Mary Bruemmer first arrived at Saint Louis University, no one could have predicted the impression she would make. But looking back, the signs were there from the start. This was a girl with moxie. One who presumed, in 1938, that she deserved a chance at a higher education. A young woman from Madison, Illinois, who would take a streetcar over the McKinley Bridge to get to St. Louis every day for the next four years.

"It was a bold step to enter the world of higher education," Bruemmer said. "If even one girl in a Madison High School graduating class went to college, it was news for the local paper."

Like many women of her generation, she thought she'd become a teacher. When she came to SLU, women made up just 5 percent of the student body and were not yet admitted into the College of Arts and Sciences. Bruemmer entered the School of Education and Social Sciences.

"I discovered that, in competing for acceptance, grades or honors, the secret was to act as if prejudice and discrimination did not exist, to presume that I would exceed and excel," she said.

Excel she did. She studied history and made straight-A's, and gained a reputation as a leader.

When she realized The University News staff didn't include women, she led a group of classmates to the newspaper's office and informed the editor that they wanted in. After Pearl Harbor and throughout the World War II years, the involvement of female students became essential all over campus. Bruemmer earned top positions at both the U. News and the Fleur-de-Lis literary magazine.

Her experience and connections would serve her well as she neared the end of her undergraduate days. After the typical course of study and student-teaching her senior year, she realized teaching wasn't for her. By that time, Bruemmer had grown close to SLU's Jesuits, and they recognized her potential. When she decided not to become a teacher, the Jesuits offered her a newly created dean of women position.

She turned it down. Twice.

"I was in no way qualified to be a dean of women," Bruemmer said. "I needed more life experience and to get away from SLU."

That was the first and last time that thought crossed her mind.

Mary Bruemmer came to Saint Louis University to be a teacher. Instead, she fell in love. Her life — and the University — would never be the same.

By Amy Garland
Bruemmer took a job with the Red Cross, training veterans to find jobs. Then she moved to Springfield, Illinois, where the bishop was establishing a Catholic Youth Organization. She ended up setting up CYOs in 10 parishes.

After six years, she switched gears and began a series of positions in media and communications, first as continuity director of a radio station, then in publicity for the Springfield Public Library, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and others. She also created an adult education program at a local junior college.

A few more years passed, and Bruemmer started thinking in another direction: Her father was about to retire, and she wanted to move closer to home.

Coincidentally, Saint Louis University leaders were thinking about Bruemmer moving home, too. They asked her again to be the dean of women.

Mary was the first Saint Louis University person I met. In fact, she welcomed me to the campus the day I arrived on the weekend, before registration. The dean of women was my mentor. And she was a woman, so she was a role model of the model she was providing for women.

In 1967, Bruemmer finally said yes to the role the University had offered her many times, dean of women. She succeeded Nancy McNeil Ring, the first person to have the job, and quickly comprised herself of women. (The building is now Jesuit Hall.)

She learned how to do the job. After an impromptu bus tour to Purdue, the administration would give her $100 to travel to other schools and see how they did it. She was putting out feelers.

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In 1967, the University streamlined the leadership in student affairs from three deans (dean of student affairs, dean of men, dean of women) to just one, with Bruemmer at the helm. She cited this era as one of her favorites.

“Dean of student affairs, I was involved with the entire University: residence halls, menus for the dining halls, Busch Student Center, everything,” she said. “Plus, I had an apartment downtown and I could drive. I used to drive everywhere. I was a very active dean of students.”

She referred to the writing of Former Jesuit Superior General Pedro Arrupe, S.J. to explain: “Nothing is more practical than finding a stirring fact in the actuality of life, than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. … Spiritualities cannot be set against the daily life of the college.”

Despite what some might think, Bruemmer excelled in this role, and came into contact with students who would remember her forever.

Mary is the administrator so many students kept in touch with, the dean they remembered every year, the dean they would call. Mary was such an approachable and welcoming dean. She was a mentor to students, a friend to students.

HONORS: HERE ARE JUST A FEW ACCOLADES BRUEMMER HAS RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS

1977 First-ever SLU Woman of the Year
1990 University’s Fleur de Lis Award
1997 College of Arts and Sciences’ William Bannatyne Faltarty, S.J., Alumni Mentor Award
2000 Honorary doctor of humanities from SLU
2006 Alpha Sigma Nu’s Peg Fenniger Award
2012 Ageless Remarkable St. Louisian Award

She even has an award in her name. In 1989, the Student Government Association created the Mary A. Bruemmer Award to recognize a member of the SLU community who made a lasting impact and unselfish dedication to advancing the student experience.

1989 was the year I was first introduced to Saint Louis University. My family moved to the area because of the position my father had. So I was a student at SLU, too. I met Bruemmer for the first time.

It’s incredible that she is still here almost every day,” LeVan said. “This year she continues to connect with undergraduates through her ongoing involvement with the Student Government Association and other student organizations.

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“Her name is the symbol of SLU,” he said.

Mary’s Symbol

Bruemmer has an extensive collection of fleur-de-lis items, many of which are on display in the DuBourg Hall conference room bearing her name. “If someone catches me not wearing a fleur-de-lis, I’ll buy them lunch,” she said.

Devout Catholic

Until two years ago, she had the organ for Mass at her family’s parish, where she learned to play in her eighties. “Now, I am a member of the College Church Parish.”

Hands on the Wheel

She still drives. “My friends still trust me to drive them to lunch or dinner.”

In Our Own Words

The feeling is mutual. “She’s wonderful about caring about people and making them feel welcome,” Harshman said.

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Mary is the administrator so many students kept in touch with, the dean they remembered every year, the dean they would call. Mary was such a mentor to students, a friend to students.

“Dean of student affairs, I was involved with the entire University: residence halls, menus for the dining halls, Busch Student Center, everything,” she said. “Plus, I had an apartment downtown and I could drive. I used to drive everywhere. I was a very active dean of students.”

She referred to the writing of Former Jesuit Superior General Pedro Arrupe, S.J., to explain: “Nothing is more practical than finding a stirring fact in the actuality of life, than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. … Spiritualities cannot be set against the daily life of the college.”

Mary is the first Saint Louis University person I met. In fact, she took me to lunch right before my interview in 1972,” said Dr. Ellen Harshman (Grad ’78, Law ’92), who worked with Bruemmer in Student Development and on SLU’s Women’s Commission.

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Mary Bruemmer came to Saint Louis University more than three-quarters of a century ago to become a teacher. Little did she know, in SLU she’d find the love of her life. UTAS
It took just a couple months for 3-D printing of organs at Saint Louis University to go from idea to reality. Parkar and King were attending a Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance conference in February 2014. When one of the speakers talked about 3-D printing as the future of medicine, they began to brainstorm ways SLU could use the technology to improve patient care while creating opportunities to teach medical students at Saint Louis University School of Medicine about complicated cases.

“Congenital heart disease impacts one percent of births annually in the United States,” King said.

“At SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital, I see patients from babies to young adults, and they are very, very sick. When they come in, they require a high level of care from everyone around them — the doctors and nurses in the ICU, the cardiovascular team and the anesthesiologist. These are complicated cases in small organs.”

King said the education and prep work the surgical team can do before going into the operating room can improve patient outcomes.
“In cases of congenital defects, we are talking about small hearts and a high level of complexity,” King said. “You want to make a perfect repair while limiting the amount of time the patient is under anesthesia and on bypass. It is a challenging atmosphere for even the best surgeons.”

One of the first organs the group printed was a 14-year-old boy who had been through several previous procedures over the course of his life. “I don’t know the exact size it is in the body,” King said. “Along with how we have information about the patient, the 3-D model gives the doctors a better idea of what to expect when they operate.” The models can also be built at a larger scale.

creating the model

The physicians begin the process to create a 3-D organ model by using existing diagnostic imaging tools. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed axial tomography (CT) and ultrasound images provide 2-D images of the organ. Those shots are then put through a computer model which “translates” the 2-D pictures into a 3-D version ready to be printed.

“Good images make for a good model,” Parker said.

The images are simply moved to a shared Dropbox file, where undergrad and graduate students in the Timker Lab clean up the images to prepare them for printing.

The printing process itself takes around 60 hours to print. The printer—a Stratasys Objet Eden260VS printer—prints layer by layer, in resin and other durable materials. It has been used to make mechanical plane parts and other industrial pieces at Parks College for around eight years, Condore said.

“It is an efficient process,” Condore said. “It just prints the model and the support material.”

Students then carefully remove the support material to reveal the model. The first 3-D organ was a labor of love for the trio. Work was completed on nights and weekends, and the material cost for the plastic initially came out of their pockets.

“I don’t know where we would have gone if we didn’t have Dr. Condore,” Parker said. “He was very nice to allow us the opportunity to experiment on his printer. We had to build a model first to show everyone what it could do. Just like a picture—a model speaks a thousand words.”

Since the first model was used, 3-D models have been printed for physicans specializing in pediatric cardiology, cardiology, pulmonology, orthopedics, neuroradiology, vascular surgery, and plastic surgery. They have evolved to suit the needs of doctors using them. The first model was solid plastic. Subsequent models have included hollow spaces and have been printed with a more flexible material.

SLUCare surgeons now model printed with a plastic that can be sterilized so that it can be taken into the operating room. “It’s been fun to watch it take off and see where we can go with it,” King said. Condore added that his undergraduate and graduate students at Parks have also collaborated. “They see such a purpose to what they are doing,” he said. “They know they are helping to save lives.”

The models also are being used in medical education to give students another tool to see complicated cases in a tangible way. One of Condore’s graduate students has used the idea of 3-D printed organs as a jumping-off point for a thesis he is working on as a senior. He lives in Cherry Chase, Maryind.

King said having an opportunity for the care team to handle the model before surgery increases physicians’ confidence and can improve patient outcomes.

“It’s really personalized medicine,” he said. “It is specific to that patient, and it gives us the opportunity to really study the specifics of that particular congenital defect or issue.”

why it works

“Our strength here at SLU is our ability to collaborate,” King said. “We see a patient in need, and we have the ability to interact with the engineers to create exactly what we need. And then we bring the model back to the clinic.”

Parker agreed, saying the trio has innovated together.

“This is a collegial atmosphere—we were no egos involved jumping in for credit,” he said. “It has gone so fast and so smoothly because we work together so well. SLU is not a group of silos; we are a community.”

What comes next

The next phase in 3-D printing is to create individualized implantable devices so that a stent or other device could be tailored exactly to the patient’s specific anatomy. New 3-D printed replacement bones could be used in cases of fractures. Parkar calls this the 3-D movement disruptive innovation.

“We are providing something new and services that aren’t expected,” he said. “In five to 10 years, this will be the standard of care.”
Dr. Evelyn Ford Crayton

President of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

By Danielle Lacey

Crayton ( Glad Doyle ’72) was born in northern Louisiana. One of 12 children, she said, “We were raised on a small farm that provided the spiritual and physical sustenance for the family.”

She attended Jones Elementary School, a Rosenwald school with a single classroom for first- and second-grade students.

Crayton later attended Granting State University, a historically black college in Louisiana. A biology professor suggested Crayton for dietetics. She discovered dietetics.

In 1968, Dr. Crayton recalled that when she was hired, “the state had never before hired an African-American professional, master’s-level graduate for a job at the state level.”

At Auburn, she developed programs that addressed family finances, child development, food safety, food preservation and nutrition, health and wellness, and housing.

“We learned about the practical problems that families were facing and took those issues back to address in the university with additional research.”

Paul M. Maloney (A&S '70, GRAD '74) appointed as Virginia Governor's Special Advisor to the Governor on the Food Assistance Program.

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Bruce Bost (A&S ’19) is a real estate broker with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Staley Thompson. He lives on the 2015 Corporate Counsel Award for Real Estate. He lives in O’Fallon, Missouri.

Susan Busiek Batt (A&S ’81) retired from the Missouri Department of Mental Health. She worked as a case manager who supervised mentally ill clients who committed crimes but then achieved conditional releases for community living. Her main objective in retirement is to spend more time now with her two young grandchildren. She lives in St. Louis.

David C. Drummond (A&S ’84) is a principal of Drummond Consulting. He lives in St. Louis.

Tim Neac'h (A&S ’70) is on the executive committee of the board of trustees of Catholic Charities USA. He is in his 35th year as a partner at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis.

Brian Allen (A&S ’14) is an assistant professor at Georgetown University and editor of nursing for Pharmacology for Women’s Health. He lives in Frederick, Maryland.

Dr. John M. Pollitt (A&S ’12, GRAD ’17) is a professor of veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia School of Medicine, accepted the Epilepsy Foundation’s 2013 Champion of Epilepsy Award. A pediatric neurologist, Pekow is an internationally recognized expert in epilepsy drug therapy and clinical care. He lives in Middleburg, Virginia.

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“They’re hardly any place in the county we haven’t been. The flip side is that we haven’t done any foreign travel (except Canada). But we just got hooked on our own country and are happy to see the diversity here. It’s just impressive, incredible,” Thole credits.

Thole finds indirectly for fostering his love of travel: His Tholes rest in front of Hidden Lake and Bearhat Mountain in Glacier National Park in Montana.

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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.
I was very pleased to read "Billikens Without Borders" (summer 2015). As one who studied at the Madrid campus in ’80-’81 — an experience that changed my life and led me to seek a career in international education — I am gratified to see how the global side of SLU has developed. An international experience is so important today for any student, not only for future careers but for engagement with the world as global citizens. Developing intercultural skills and mindsets in order to be able to empathize and interact with the rest of the world is important for all graduates who most likely will be in multicultural, international teams no matter what their career. It’s also needed for us as citizens of the world so that we may be able to make informed, educated decisions regarding the U.S. role internationally.

Thanks again for a great article!

Joe Hoff (A&S ’82, Grad A&S ’84)
Richmond, Virginia

LEGACY OF JESUITS

My email to Father James Veltrie, S.J., bounced back. I knew something was wrong. In 15 years, my emails to him had never bounced back. So I Googled his name and in that way found Father Veltrie had passed away. When Father John Kavanaugh, S.J., died, I found out in a similarly impersonal, indirect way. Both times my breath left me, and I sat stunned. The world had become a poorer place. And I had never really said “thank you” the way I should have. Thank you for your love, your kindness, your generosity, your passion, for teaching me about Jesus by treating me like the man you knew I could become.

But perhaps this was appropriate. Just as Fathers Veltrie and Kavanaugh in life gave selflessly, endlessly, entirely, so would they enter into the Everlasting Arms — without imposition on those around them, quietly, softly, gracefully. But with an invitation — as I have done, so should you do. Give everything you are for Jesus. Give Jesus to everyone you meet. The past few years, I have lost many friends in the generation of Jesuits who formed me. But the followers of Ignatius are as strong as ever. Men like Father Christopher Collins, S.J., who many years ago led the discernment group I was in for a vocation to the priesthood, will continue to form men and women for others, men and women whose very lives are for the greater glory of God. And the legacy of these great men, the Jesuits, will continue through the lives of those of us who were blessed enough to know them.

Dr. Joseph M. Eble (A&S ’04)
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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.

SLU’s Spring Fever event, which occurred annually from 1974 to 2011, gave students a reason to revel in the nice weather and blow off steam before finals. The afternoon of outdoor fun evolved over time but usually included games, food and drink, and live music. Some years were more rambunctious than others. (Think dunking booths, circus performers, Jell-O.)

On April 10, 1987, Spring Fever wiggled and jiggled with a Jell-O wrestling match in the quad. “The traditional Dionysian revelry” — as Universitas described it then — was preceded by … a Mass.

University President Thomas Fitzgerald, S.J., opened the festivities with Mass in the quad, giving the SLU community a chance to bid him farewell before he left the University at the end of the academic year. (He returned to SLU for a visit in 1989 for the dedication of Fitzgerald Hall.)

Behind the crowd of celebrants is Durnuth Hall and Pius XII Memorial Library’s Anheuser-Busch Wing, which was brand-new when this photo was taken. The wing and the Lewis Annex were added in 1986 to house the library’s growing collections.
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