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PRESIDENT'S
Message

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

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

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

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

Though each received a well-deserved standing ovation, there was no doubt that the day belonged to our newest SLU graduates. Indeed, I felt the immense energy and pride that filled Chaifetz Arena. As I surveyed the sea of academic regalia, I saw in the shining faces of our graduates the promise that SLU’s mission and bold, pioneering spirit offer the world.

But as I looked beyond our graduates to see the entire capacity crowd, I also saw the SLU community — students, alumni, family, friends, faculty, administrators and staff. And I realized that on no other occasion are we so

privileged to gather our community and celebrate our shared goal: To educate men and women of character and integrity.

We say that what sets Saint Louis University apart is its commitment to serving a higher purpose while seeking the greater good. And what sets every SLU graduate apart is the very same. Grounded in our Catholic, Jesuit values, SLU alumni leave the University prepared to find their place in the world — and to make the world a better place.

And though they leave our campus, these sons and daughters of Saint Louis University forever take SLU with them wherever they go.

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

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

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

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



Dr. Fred P. Pestello



◆ Pestello (standing center) with the honorees (from left) Kasparov, Bond and Kranz

Photo by Steve Dolan

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Commencement 2015

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

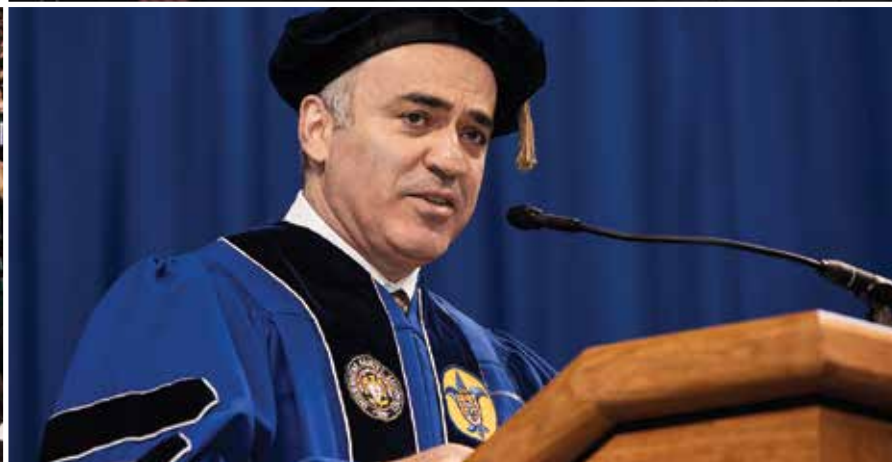
This year's speaker was chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov, who became the youngest person to earn the title of undisputed World Chess Champion when he was 22. He is now a pro-democracy activist protesting President Vladimir Putin's policies in his Russian homeland and serves as the chairman of the New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

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

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

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

To watch a video of the ceremony or read Kasparov's speech, visit slu.edu/news-spring-2015-commencement.



Photos by Steve Dolan

◆ **OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** John Cook School of Business graduate Joseph Couri celebrates during the ceremony. / Kasparov delivers his address. / School of Medicine graduates (from left): Sean Migotsky (back row), Justin Vander Molen, Kevin Smith, Nikhita Ananthula, Michelle Hall, Kaye Brathwaite, Emily Williams, Amber Hamilton and Renata Medina.

◆ **THIS PAGE, FROM TOP:** Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology graduates launch paper airplanes. / University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello speaks to the audience. / College of Philosophy and Letters graduate Louie Hotop, S.J.



BY THE NUMBERS Class of 2015

Nearly 2,600 students graduated from SLU in May. Among them were:

about
1,500
undergraduates

642
who earned
honors

119
summa
cum laude
(3.9 GPA or
better)

180 from 48
international students countries

28
veterans of the
U.S. Armed Forces



6 students with an extra reason to celebrate: May 16 was their birthday.

SLU Appoints New Provost, HR Vice President



Dr. Nancy Brickhouse
PROVOST

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

Brickhouse was deputy provost for academic affairs at the University of Delaware, where she was on the faculty for more than 27 years. She held several leadership roles, including deputy dean of the College of Education and Human Development, and director of the School of Education. An internationally known researcher, she was the investigator or co-investigator on more than \$10 million in funded projects. She worked with Delaware's governor on a bill that supported the earlier hiring of UD graduates as teachers, and she served on a task force to establish the state's first set of science standards. Brickhouse has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Baylor University and master's and doctoral degrees from Purdue University.



Mickey Luna
VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

Luna (Law '97) oversees all human resources areas, including benefits, compensation and payroll. He most recently was vice president for human resources at Patriot Coal Services. Luna also has been VP for HR and general counsel at McBride and Son Management, and an associate with Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale. His bachelor's degree is from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Arts at SLU

SLU THEATRE

The University Theatre's 2015-16 season will feature:

Trash Macbeth

A twist on Shakespeare's classic
Oct. 2-3, 9-11

♦♦♦

Crimes of the Heart

Beth Henley's 1981 Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy
Nov. 13-14, 20-22

♦♦♦

The Dead

Richard Nelson and Shaun Davey's musical of James Joyce's short story
Feb. 19-20, 26-28

♦♦♦

The Importance of Being Ernest

Oscar Wilde's classic satire on Victorian manners
April 15-16, 22-24

For more details and tickets visit, slu.edu/utheatre.

MOCRA

Museum of Contemporary Religious Art

Opening in September is an exhibition of the work of Salma Arastu. Drawing on her Hindu and Muslim background, she creates art that combines painting and Arabic calligraphy.

mocra.slu.edu

SLUMA

SLU Museum of Art

Painting the Midwest

Selections from the Drone Collection
Aug. 21 through Dec. 20

The collection of Tim (A&S '72, Grad A&S '75, Grad Cook '77) and Jeanne Drone includes works by Thomas Hart Benton, George Caleb Bingham and others.

sluma.slu.edu

Billiken Teacher Corps Debuts

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

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

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

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

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



♦ Front, from left: Sarah Staton, Marjorie Plurad, Michelle Ehrhard; Back: Elise Earley, Jennifer Bruns, Kelsey Kerr (E&PS '15) and Mitch McCurren (A&S '15).

Rankings & Honors

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT "2016 BEST GRADUATE SCHOOLS"

SLU's graduate programs earned high honors in the latest U.S. News rankings, including the **No. 1 program in health law** in the nation for the 11th year.

Thirteen SLU programs made the top 100, including five top-25 programs. The College for Public Health and Social Justice, John Cook School of Business, School of Law and School of Medicine all made gains this year.

Not all programs are ranked every year. Previously ranked programs include physical therapy (34) and occupational therapy (36), as well as social work (52), speech language pathology (73), clinical psychology (79), history (84) and English (98).

New Residence Hall:

St. Louis Mayor Francis G. Slay (Law '80) (third from left) and other civic leaders join members of the SLU community to break ground on a \$43.8 million residence hall, which will be located at Laclede and Spring avenues. During the April ceremony, University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello (fourth from left) announced that the space at the front of the residence hall would be named "Mary Bruemmer Plaza" in honor of the alumna, employee and longtime volunteer who has spent 77 of her 95 years at the University. The project is set to be completed in August 2016.



Photo by Danielle Lacey

New Endowed Professor, Chair Named



♦ The Pandrangis and Kraemer

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



♦ Frey

Dr. Sharon Frey, clinical director of SLU's Center for Vaccine Development and professor of infectious diseases, allergy and immunology, is the Ralph Kinsella Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine.

A \$500,000 gift funded the endowed professorship to promote the translation of clinical and basic research to patient care.

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

In 1924 Dr. Ralph Kinsella Sr. became the first chairman of the internal medicine department, a position he held for 30 years. Since then, his family has produced an extensive legacy of SLU graduates. More than 15 members of the family attended the investiture ceremony in honor of the patriarch's endowed chair, including his last living child, Mary Janet Kinsella.

Emerson Gift Seeds New Leadership Institute

Continuing its long commitment to supporting ethical leadership development, Emerson has pledged \$3 million to launch the Emerson Leadership Institute in the John Cook School of Business.

The funding builds on the nearly 25-year partnership between the business school and Emerson and focuses on business ethics, expanding the scope and reach of the institute to create an ethical leadership "hub" to support research and outreach.

"I would like to offer special thanks to SLU Trustee Patrick J. Sly (Grad Cook '77) who — as executive vice president of Emerson and manager of the Emerson Charitable Trust — was instrumental in making this contribution possible," said University President Dr. Fred P. Pestello.



Photo by Kevin Lowder

◆ In recognition of the gift, SLU named its recently constructed Health Science Education Union the Edwin Everest Education Union.

\$6.6 Million Gift Addresses Primary Care Crisis

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

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

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

Rankings & Honors

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION 2015 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SLU once again has received national recognition from one of the nation's oldest and most distinguished policy and research centers for its longstanding efforts to promote volunteer service and community engagement. Nationwide, only 361 institutions hold the prestigious classification, and only 83 received the designation this year.

SUSTAINABILITY TRACKING, ASSESSMENT AND RATING SYSTEM (STARS)

SLU received a silver rating from the nation's leading organization promoting sustainability on campus, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. SLU, which previously had a bronze rating, is a charter participant in the STARS program that launched 2010.

BEST DINING HALL

Spoon University, powered by more than 3,000 student contributors at 100 college campuses, listed SLU's Fresh Gatherings, a project of the Doisy College of Health Sciences, as one of the best dining halls in the country.

CHARITY NAVIGATOR

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

THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S GUIDE TO 353 GREEN COLLEGES: 2015 EDITION

The University was named one of the nation's top green schools in the guide that profiles colleges with exceptional commitments to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus policies and programming.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION "TREE CAMPUS"

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

TOP COLLEGE MUSEUMS

Saint Louis University Museum of Art is No. 4 among the top 50 college and university museums in the nation according to collegierank.net. The rankings highlighted the museum's Jesuit heritage. SLUMA was the only museum in Missouri on the list, which was topped by the Harvard University Museum of Natural History.

ACCOLADES FOR COLLEGE CHURCH

St. Francis Xavier College Church and its lower-level ballroom were recognized by collegierank.com on its 2015 "50 Most Beautiful College Campus Wedding Venues" list. At No. 2, SLU is the only university in Missouri, and the only Jesuit school in the nation, on this year's list. The church also ranked No. 23 on the "50 Most Amazing College Chapels and Churches" list by theologydegrees.org.

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

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

The University is purchasing SLU Hospital from Tenet Healthcare, which has owned the hospital since 1998, and will contribute it to SSM Health St. Louis in exchange for a minority membership interest — which includes a financial interest and governance rights — in SSM Health St. Louis. SSM Health St. Louis will own and operate the hospital, and SLU Hospital employees will become SSM Health St. Louis employees.

Doctors, health care practitioners and staff from SLUCare Physician Group, SLU's physician practice, will continue to be employed by the University and to practice at their current care sites.

While SSM Medical Group and SLUCare Physician Group will remain legally separate, the two will work together to share best practices and clinical expertise that enhance patient care.

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



Photo by Kevin Lowder

◆ Saint Louis University Hospital

Awards



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



Dr. Prajakta Adsul (Grad PH '12, '14), postdoctoral fellow at SLU's Center for Cancer Prevention, Research, and Outreach, received a Global Health Equity Scholars fellowship from the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health. She will spend time in Mysore, India, assessing the influence of social determinants on health disparities among tribal communities.

The School of Law Legal Clinics received the 2015 Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project from the Clinical Legal Education Association. The clinics were recognized for their work during the past year, including community outreach and education; national, state and local media awareness of civil rights and criminal law abuses; lawsuits in state and federal courts on warrant and tear-gassing abuses; municipal, legislative and executive testimony; and leading meetings and panel discussions at the law school and in the community to seek solutions.

The SLU Students for Life club received the Thomas King, S.J., Award at the annual Cardinal O'Connor Conference at Georgetown University in January.



Photo by Sarah Gonzalez-Nowell

◆ Anderson lectures in Busch Student Center.

Discussing Race

Dr. Elijah Anderson, professor of sociology at Yale University, presented "The White Space and the Iconic Ghetto" as part of the Presidential Inaugural Year Lecture Series in April. The series complements

University-wide efforts to foster productive discussions on race, class and inequity in the region. Anderson's lecture was followed by a panel featuring five SLU professors: Dr. Monica Eppinger, assistant professor in the School of Law; Dr. Chryl Laird, assistant professor of political science; Dr. J.S. Onesimo Sandoval, assistant professor of sociology; Dr. Jonathan Smith, assistant professor of African American studies; and Dr. Norman White, assistant professor of criminology and criminal justice.

Baseball Ends Season at A-10 Tournament

SLU baseball ended the 2015 campaign with a loss to the Davidson Wildcats in the Atlantic 10 tournament. The Billikens finished the season 35-21, the third-highest win total for the team under head coach Darin Hendrickson.

The Billikens also won their fourth consecutive A-10 regular season championship. Only four other baseball teams in A-10 history have won as many regular-season titles in succession.

Senior first baseman Mike Vigliarolo extended his school-record on-base streak to 44 games. He also matched the Billiken record with 282 career hits. He holds four career records at SLU (on-base streak, hits, doubles and putouts).

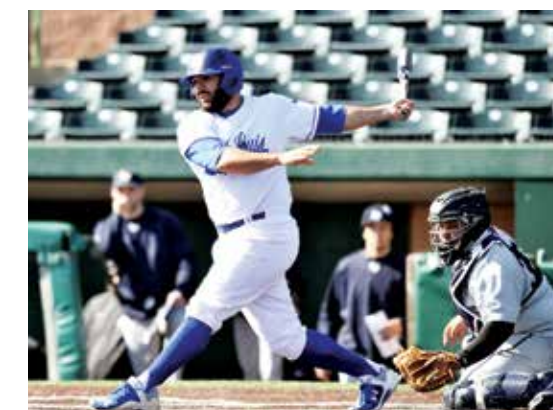


Photo by Bill Barrett

◆ Vigliarolo



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

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

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

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

Take a look. You might learn something. →

1. How To Live To Be 100 ◆ By Nancy Solomon

DR. JOSEPH FLAHERTY (MED '90)
PROFESSOR, GERIATRIC MEDICINE

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

Don't retire.
 Regroup.
 Rejuvenate.



2. How To Be a Lifelong Learner ◆ By Amy Garland

DR. JENNIFER BUEHLER / ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, EDUCATION

▶ A lot of adults have anxiety about learning based on bad experiences that go all the way back to their days in school. We need to broaden the idea about what learning is and where it takes place and why we do it.

Passivity is a problem. Push back.

- ▶ Learning – in school and out – should be connected to personal goals, within a community context.
- ▶ Formulate a good question; something for which you genuinely want an answer. Believe that your questions are worth exploring.

- ▶ Good questions can be informed by what others are thinking and talking about.
- ▶ Get connected to the conversation outside your own small world. Find the tensions, the points of interest all around you.
- ▶ Be a reader in everyday ways. You don't have to check out tote bags full of library books. Avidly follow the headlines in the paper. Or the conversation on Twitter.
- ▶ Trust your instincts. When you've digested information, does it leave you satisfied? Follow what you're curious about. What scares you? What matters?
- ▶ Even if you don't come into the world with a fired-up, inquisitive disposition, other people may inspire you.
- ▶ Look for opportunities to interact with people you might not otherwise. I rode public transportation religiously for years. It's a powerful opportunity to consider others' lives and viewpoints. I might strike up a friendly relationship with the regulars or with my bus driver. That, too, can lead to new perspectives and new learning.
- ▶ There are unfortunate cultural patterns now of polarized discourse and arguments framed in black-and-white terms. Those don't engender thoughtful conversations; they engender hostility. Those qualities aren't conducive to lifelong learning; they're conducive to making people hate each other. Dig more deeply into political and cultural debates. Look for complexity and nuance.
- ▶ We're living very encapsulated lives. Make deliberate decisions to go beyond yourself.

3. How To Be Your Own Boss ◆ By Danielle Lacey

TIM HAYDEN / DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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

► Don't be an entrepreneur for the money. It's easier to make millions without being an entrepreneur. Do it because you love it.

► It's very easy to implode a startup, so you have to hire the smartest people to surround you.

► Get to know your market. Learn as much as you can about that industry. Get to know the customers and where their pain is.

► How many clients or sales do you need to make to break even? Everything after that is gravy. That's where the profits start.

► The business plan, the document, isn't what's powerful. It's the process you go through to identify all the minefields.

► Being your own boss is never just being your own boss; it means serving other people. You always will have somebody overseeing you. It could be your investors; it could be your board; it could be your family who you're supporting.

► Ideas are easy. Business opportunities are hard. You become a successful entrepreneur by solving great business opportunities.

A stupid entrepreneur will ruin a smart idea or innovation. But a smart entrepreneur will fix a stupid idea or innovation.



4. How To Become a Runner ◆ By Carrie Bebermeyer

DR. CHRIS SEBELSKI / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PHYSICAL THERAPY AND ATHLETIC TRAINING

► The body is made to move, but society is becoming sedentary. The CDC recommends 10,000 steps a day, and often we find that goal really challenging.

► What motivates you? Is it the social connection? Find a friend to run with. Time to yourself? Commit the time. Feeling altruistic? Run to raise awareness or money for a good cause.

Running is the everyman sport. It's a natural progression for humans to go from walking to running.

► To me it's the mental attitude; I enjoy that I'm out there either with my friends or by myself, earning a sweat.

► If you've been out of the habit of exercising, visit a physician before you head out.

► To get started, all you need are good shoes and a road (or a trail). Once you get going, you might consider a watch, music, GPS, a water bottle, sunscreen, a hat, or dry wick socks. But in the beginning, just think about the shoes.

► I attribute the rise in running popularity, in part, to technology. Now, with a smartphone, maps are at your fingertips. Fitness trackers give you instant feedback, and friends cheer you on via social media.

► Start small and don't overthink it. For your

first run, plan a circular route, so you'll end where you began. For the first week, intersperse walking and jogging.

► People used to think that to break up your run with walking was an exercise sin, but research has shown that the cardio benefits are just as good with walking/running intervals as they are with a straight jog.

► Your heart is giving back to you. That is the ultimate.

5. How To Think Outside the Box ◆ By Amy Garland

DR. SRIDHAR CONDOOR
PROFESSOR AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN, AEROSPACE AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

► As children, we are all innovators. We are born creative, and with education, we tend to lose that. What we need to do is get back to being like kids again.

► Consider the three Cs of creativity: curiosity, conceptual thinking and connections.

► Have an expectation – but then look for the unexpected. Think about how magicians can fool people: We all look for the expected answer. We need to pay attention to the unexpected.

► However, that means you do have to know what is expected, the formula, how the process works, the anticipated outcome. Otherwise, anything that comes is the right answer.

► Follow an idea until it stops, and then change direction. Cultivate the ability to pivot.

► Take a break, a half hour even. Physical distance helps, too. Get some separation in time and space. While you're at it, try something new, or do an activity you can lose yourself in.

► Tinker. Play. Make something and ruin it. Trust that failure can lead to success.

► Find connections, especially between things you probably don't put together conventionally.

► Look for patterns, and then imagine how it would look to break the pattern.

► Seek out mentors, yes, but also surround yourself with people who challenge you. Find a way to interact with someone unlike yourself.

► As often as possible, challenge your own thinking. Just like you exercise your body, exercise your mind.

Get away from the details.



6. How To Protect Your Privacy ◆ By Jeanette Grider

DR. SRIKANTH MUDIGONDA
DIRECTOR, APPLIED ANALYTICS PROGRAM

► On social media, choose settings that do not reveal too many personal details (date/place of birth) to those who know you and none to those who don't know you.

► For password hints, do not choose a question whose answer can be found by looking up information you have posted online in a public forum – such as where you were born, your mother's maiden name or where you met your significant other.

► Use a password (one you type, not one you swipe/slide) to unlock your phone or tablet, and don't forget to lock it when you leave it in plain sight. And don't leave it in plain sight in public areas.

► Turn off location services on your phone or tablet when you're not using it for navigation. This will prevent online services from tracking your location across time.

► Turn off Wi-Fi access on your device when not using it. This will reduce the chance of your device being connected to an open access point where miscreants can eavesdrop on any unencrypted data coming to, or from, your device. When needed, connect only to access points that you trust.

Install all security and other updates required and recommended by the operating system on your computer.

► Set your browser to disable "third-party cookies." Use plugins such as Adblock and Ghostery with appropriate configurations to prevent third-parties from observing and recording your online behavior.

► Subscribe to online credit-tracking services to monitor your credit score and any changes to it, and to learn of any nefarious activities that may be tied to your identity or financial accounts.

► Use – and update – a virus scanner/malicious software identifier on your computer and ensure that it is run on any file that you download, including email attachments.

► Do not use the same password (and its associated hint) on more than one account, whether email, online banking, social media or other.

► If you travel with your employer-provided laptop, ensure that it is encrypted. (Your employer might have a plan and policies in place for this.) If encryption is not possible, make sure that sensitive data/documents are not on your computer and that you have a secure way of accessing them remotely if needed, without leaving local copies on your laptop.



7. How To Know When To Go To the Emergency Room

By Nancy Solomon

GERALYN OCHS (NURS '84, GRAD NURS '91)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, NURSING

- ▶ If you have doubts, call your doctor first.
- ▶ A man who has chest pain or pressure should go to an emergency room because he might be having a heart attack. Women may not feel chest pain, but tend to have vomiting, throat discomfort, anxiety and a feeling of pressure.
- ▶ If you cannot stop excessive bleeding on any part of your body by putting pressure on the wound, go to the ER.
- ▶ Sudden or severe pain – the type of pain that ibuprofen isn't going to help – always should send you to the ER.
- ▶ Go if you are vomiting or coughing up blood.
- ▶ If you are having a severe allergic reaction, like massive hives, intense itching or breathing problems, you should go.
- ▶ Sudden changes in vision, weakness or dizziness are a clear indication to go.
- ▶ Mental status changes or confusion are not a normal part of aging and are an emergency.
- ▶ If you have vomiting so severe or persistent that you can't keep anything down or severe diarrhea, you should head to the ER to be evaluated for dehydration and electrolyte imbalances.
- ▶ Seniors tend to have chronic problems that can complicate diagnosing a health emergency. For instance, heart attacks may be painless, sepsis can occur without a fever, a urinary tract infection may be asymptomatic, and pneumonia may present with confusion.
- ▶ Check online resources like WebMD and Medscape for simple first aid strategies or to manage your health problem. If these strategies don't work, seek help.
- ▶ Reserve the emergency room for real emergencies.

Go if you develop a sudden, severe headache. After you reach age 55, headaches are much more likely to have a serious cause.

8. How To Be a Good Juror

By Danielle Lacey

MOLLY WILSON / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, LAW

- ▶ Jurors are the most important people in the courtroom. Don't be intimidated by the solemnness of the proceedings because you and the other jurors are essential players; your opinion is ultimately what counts most.
- ▶ The best jurors have had exposure to a variety of different people, cultures and experiences. All of this can be relevant to understanding the evidence and coming up with a good method of deliberating and reaching a decision.

Good jurors are attentive, open-minded and collaborative.

- ▶ One of the biggest mistakes is to draw conclusions before hearing all of the evidence.
- ▶ Remember that attorneys and judges are only human. They have lives outside of the courtroom, and like everyone else, they're fallible. Follow the law as the judge instructs you, but try not to be influenced by the demeanor of the lawyers or judges. Base your decisions on the evidence and the law.
- ▶ Be a thoughtful and cooperative deliberator. Listen to your fellow jurors. Make an effort to consider all perspectives.
- ▶ If the option is available – rules vary – take careful notes as you listen to witnesses. Particularly in the case of technical expert testimony, a written record of explanations and findings can be helpful during deliberations.
- ▶ Anyone who can listen to facts with an open mind, thoughtfully apply information to answer a question and work with others in a cooperative and inclusive manner will make an excellent juror.



Photo by Josh Booth

HOW TO ...

9. How To Avoid Stress

By Jeanette Grider

DR. TONY W. BUCHANAN / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PSYCHOLOGY

- ▶ Stress is a common situation that is often unpleasant. Keep in mind, however, that the stress response is necessary for survival. It evolved to provide us with resources necessary to cope with a dangerous environment.
- ▶ Stress can be contagious. We are social creatures and often take on the feelings of those around us. Watch out for overly stressed friends and colleagues. Think about how you can help them, but be mindful of your own health.
- ▶ What one person thinks of as stressful might be an enjoyable challenge to another. (Think skydiving.) The trick is to change how you think about a stressful situation.
- ▶ People who think about a potentially stressful situation as a challenge to overcome show a more healthy bodily response, report less anxiety and even perform better on standardized tests. Training oneself to think differently about stress is a major component of cognitive behavioral therapy, one of the most effective forms of psychotherapy.
- ▶ One way to think differently about stress is to think of it as a blessing, rather than a curse. Hear me out: At the beginning of the 20th century, before our ancestors thought about "stress," the leading causes of death were infectious diseases such as pneumonia, influenza and tuberculosis, resulting in a life expectancy of around 47 years. Today, the leading causes of death are stress-related illnesses such as heart disease, cancer and stroke. But our life expectancy is around 79 years.

So, is stress killing us? Absolutely. But the good news is it's taking longer than ever to do so. Hang in there.



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10. How To Survive a Disaster

By Riya Anandwala

DR. TERRI REBMANN / DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR BIOSECURITY

- ▶ When you're preparing for any disaster – hurricane, pandemic or even a zombie apocalypse – come up with a plan that includes everything you need to be independent for two days to two weeks. The government doesn't have enough resources to help everyone in a short time frame.
- ▶ You should have an emergency kit in the house that includes canned goods, bottled water, toilet paper, a battery-powered radio, a generator and flashlights.
- ▶ If there is an infant in the house, stock up on diapers, formula and baby food.

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

- ▶ Design a fire escape plan and make sure to have a window ladder if you live in a two-story house. Practice fire drills with kids to make them comfortable with getting down the ladder.
- ▶ Keep a spare set of important documents like copies of passports and insurance documents with some cash in a waterproof container, and store it in a safe place in the house.
- ▶ Decide on an out-of-state contact person the entire family will contact in case of a disaster such as an earthquake or tornado – in case the family gets separated and phone lines are down.
- ▶ If there is an infectious disease outbreak, follow social distancing, that is, keeping at least three feet away from other people whenever possible. Work from home, if possible, during a biological event.
- ▶ Have a specific plan to help family members with disabilities and/or elderly or sick people.
- ▶ If you have pets, stockpile backup pet care products.
- ▶ Practice, practice and communicate, especially with kids.

BILLIKENS WITHOUT BORDERS

Measuring SLU's International Impact

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

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+ AMY GARLAND

was among the first American universities to make a commitment to a true global presence with the establishment of a campus in Madrid, Spain, in 1967.

In the years since, the University has grown increasingly international, inspired by both the Jesuit mission and the need to help students compete in the global economy. Here, *Universitas* offers a map to just some of the many international initiatives taking place on campus and around the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CURRENT STUDENTS ...

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

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

... AND FUTURE GRADUATES

Billikens find global opportunities after they graduate, with more than 4,000 alumni living in 149 countries. SLU alumni have become president of Nicaragua (Enrique Bolaños, IT '62), a World Cup and English Premier League soccer star (Brian McBride, E&PS '96) and an international ambassador (Kevin F. O'Malley, A&S '70, Law '73).



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TWO CAMPUSES, ONE UNIVERSITY (SPAIN)

Home to more than 670 students representing more than 65 countries, SLU-Madrid is the oldest and most renowned U.S. university in Spain. Founded in 1967, it was the first U.S. university to be recognized by Madrid's higher education authority as an institution of higher education. Today, students can earn several degrees entirely in Spain, and undergraduates can begin nearly every SLU major at SLU-Madrid and finish their degrees in St. Louis. Each semester, more than 200 students from universities across the United States and around the world study abroad at the Madrid Campus.

EXCHANGING IDEAS (HUNGARY)

Through the Center for International Studies, SLU administers a scholarship program sponsored by Trustee Emeritus J. Joe Adorjan (Cook '63, Grad Cook '67) that funds the exchange of students between SLU, SLU-Madrid and Pazmany Peter University in Budapest, Hungary. For this and other efforts supporting the Hungarian community in St. Louis and abroad, Adorjan was awarded Hungary's Order of Merit in 2013.

MISSION IN ACTION (MOROCCO)

Sara Rahim (PH, A&S '14) exemplifies how SLU students live the Jesuit mission in a global way. As a student, Rahim spent a semester in Morocco conducting a study on access to health care for undocumented sub-Saharan migrants. She later returned there to work with grassroots nongovernmental organizations that focus on female migrants' health. In addition, Rahim addressed the United Nations as part of World Interfaith Harmony Week this past February and has served as a U.N. Youth Representative to the Parliament of World Religions.

LEADING THE FIGHT (SOUTH AFRICA)

Through grants and partnerships, SLU's Center for World Health and Medicine performs research on safe, effective, affordable therapies for the neglected diseases that afflict the developing world. Among other initiatives, the center's researchers are collaborating with the University of Cape Town's drug discovery and development center to explore new approaches for treating tuberculosis.

STUDENT SCHOLARS (RUSSIA)

Michael Meyer (A&S '14) is one of four SLU alumni who received a Fulbright Scholarship in 2014 to perform international research, study and service. He traveled to Irkutsk State University in Siberia, Russia, to study the molecular ecology of Lake Baikal with a leading Russian scholar of molecular ecology. Since 1975, 26 Billikens have been honored with Fulbrights.



SLU 101: CHINA EDITION (CHINA)

During the last decade, the number of students coming to Saint Louis University from Asia has increased dramatically. By far, the greatest number of international students comes from China—more than 250 students in the last two years alone. This influx is so significant that in 2014 the University hosted sessions of the SLU 101 summer orientation in Beijing and Shanghai for the first time.



STUDY (FAR) ABROAD (VIETNAM)

The study abroad option farthest from SLU's main campus is in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 8,895 miles from St. Louis. The University offers more than 40 study abroad programs all over the world, including at SLU-Madrid. During the past five years, 2,095 SLU students have gone abroad to advance their education.



COMPETITIVE EDGE (HONG KONG)

Evening MBA students at SLU's John Cook School of Business get firsthand exposure to global business practices through a weeklong immersion trip to China. The course includes lectures at City University in Hong Kong, excursions to Chinese cultural and historical sites, and visits to Chinese companies.



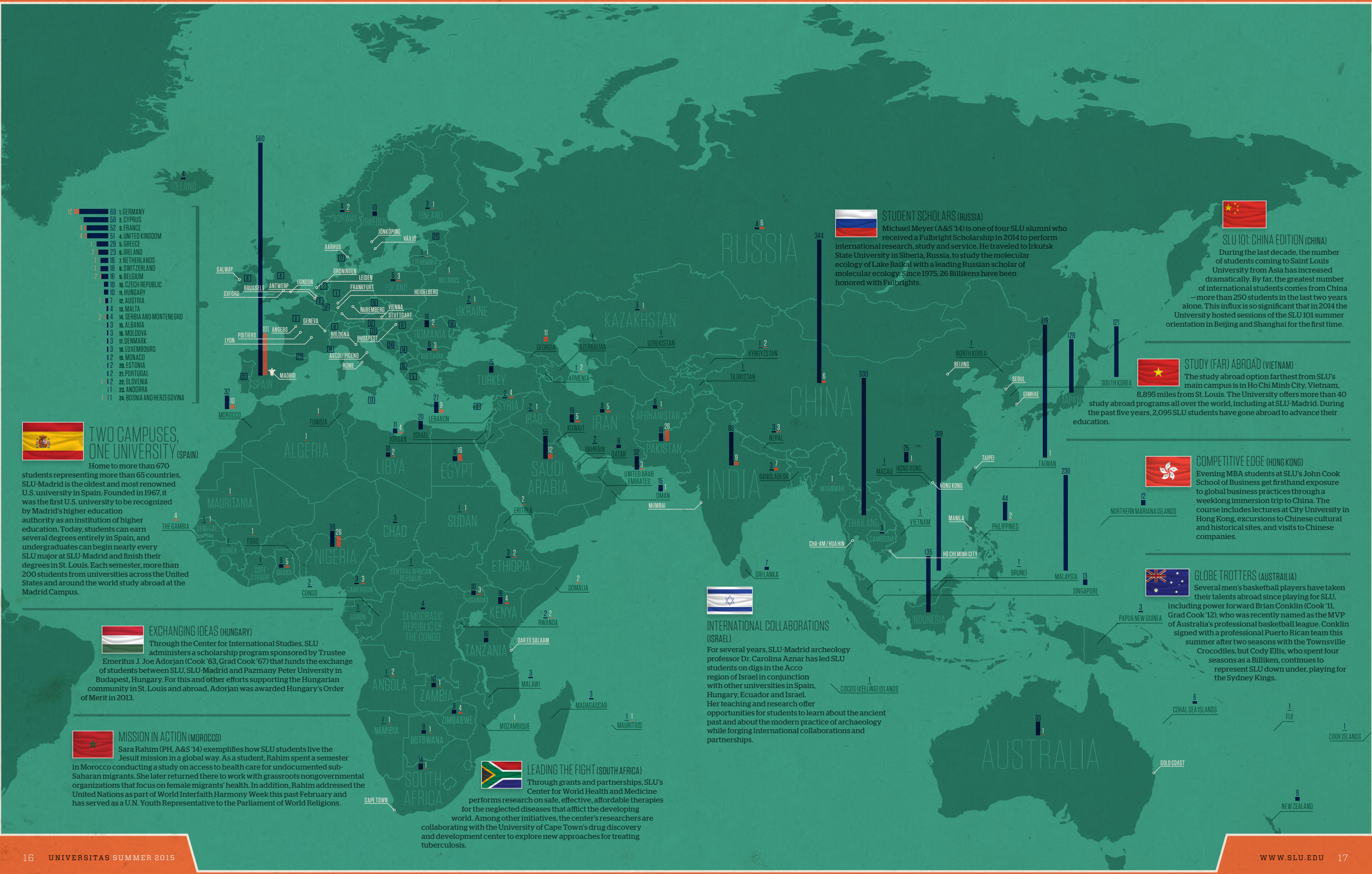
GLOBE TROTTERS (AUSTRALIA)

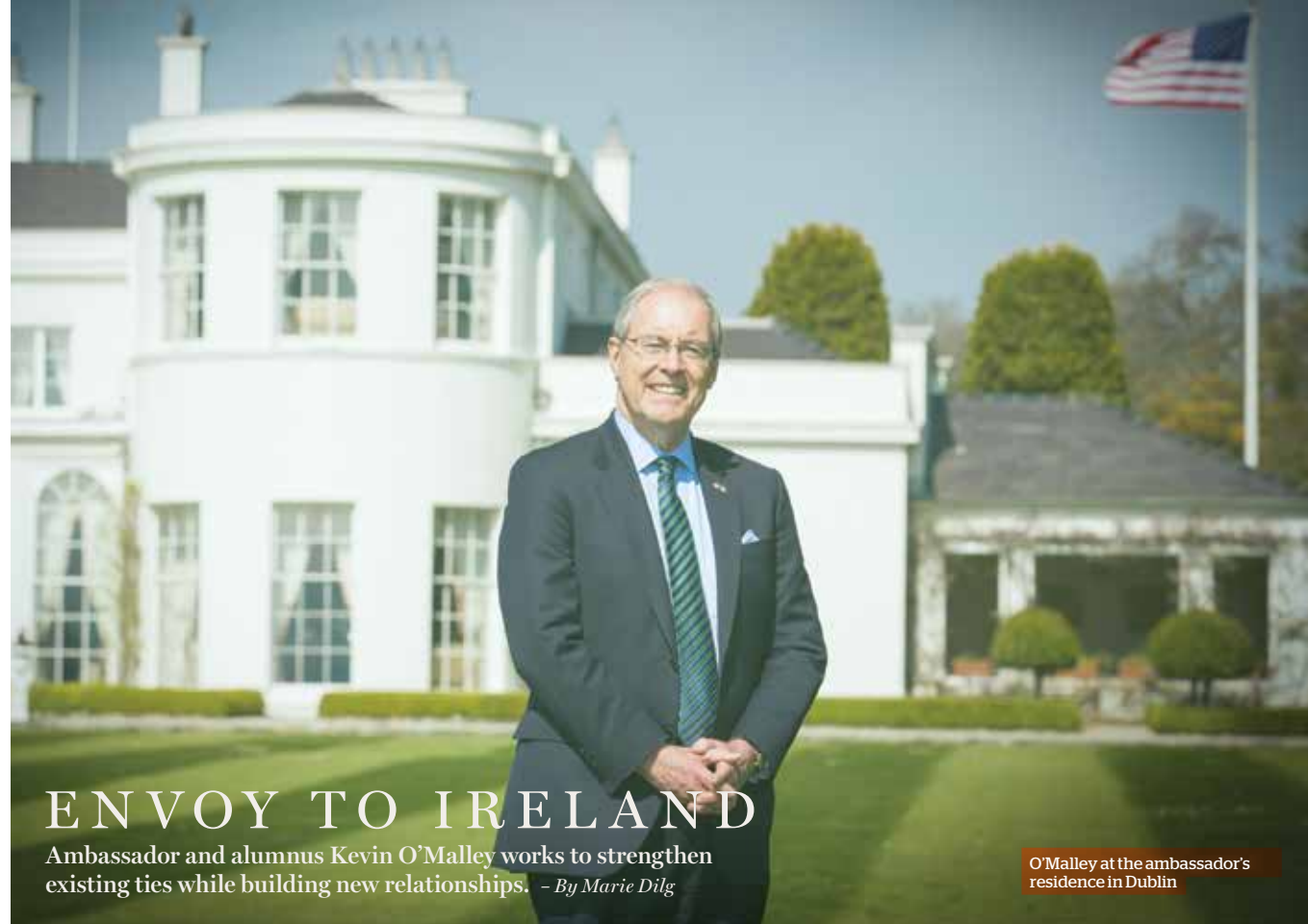
Several men's basketball players have taken their talents abroad since playing for SLU, including power forward Brian Conklin (Cook '11, Grad Cook '12), who was recently named as the MVP of Australia's professional basketball league. Conklin signed with a professional Puerto Rican team this summer after two seasons with the Townsville Crocodiles, but Cody Ellis, who spent four seasons as a Billiken, continues to represent SLU down under, playing for the Sydney Kings.



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS (ISRAEL)

For several years, SLU-Madrid archeology professor Dr. Carolina Aznar has led SLU students on digs in the Acco region of Israel in conjunction with other universities in Spain, Hungary, Ecuador and Israel. Her teaching and research offer opportunities for students to learn about the ancient past and about the modern practice of archaeology while forging international collaborations and partnerships.





Photos by John Murphy

ENVOY TO IRELAND

Ambassador and alumnus Kevin O'Malley works to strengthen existing ties while building new relationships. — By Marie Dilg

O'Malley at the ambassador's residence in Dublin

Hanging on the wall of Ambassador Kevin F. O'Malley's (A&S '70, Law '73) office is the iconic photograph of President John F. Kennedy and his brother, then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, in the Oval Office during the Cuban Missile Crisis. O'Malley has admired the photograph since he was an undergraduate student at SLU and saw it on a wall in Pius XII Memorial Library. O'Malley mentioned his fondness of the picture to a librarian, and she gave it to him. He had it matted and framed, and has hung it in every office he's occupied — from his first job as a young trial lawyer with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., to his current appointment as the 31st U.S. ambassador to Ireland. The picture is one of many gifts O'Malley said SLU gave him.

In 2014, President Barack Obama nominated O'Malley as ambassador to Ireland, citing O'Malley's deep understanding of the political relationship between the two countries and his strong grasp of the country's historical and cultural underpinnings.

O'Malley's understanding comes in part from his upbringing. The St. Louis native is a second-generation Irish American. Both of his parents were Irish, and his paternal grandparents immigrated to the United States from Ireland nearly 100 years ago. O'Malley held dual citizenship with Ireland and the United States until he was nominated for the ambassadorship, which required he relinquish his Irish citizenship.

"I learned to love Ireland and all things Irish at the feet of my parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents," he said. "I learned Ireland was more than just a place. It was a way of life that involved hard work, spiritual values, determination and wit. I can't think of a greater honor than to represent my country in the land of my ancestors."

The White House also noted that O'Malley, a Catholic who spent several

years studying to become a priest, brings a strong understanding of the importance of religion in Ireland.

After receiving Senate approval, in September 2014 O'Malley, his wife Dena (Hengen) O'Malley (Nurs '71) and their two Labrador retrievers moved into the ambassador's residence in Phoenix Park in Dublin.

"The Irish people are extraordinarily welcoming and hospitable," he said. "It's been overwhelming."

A NATURAL DIPLOMAT

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

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

In 2009, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon appointed O'Malley to the Missouri Board of Healing Arts,

the state's regulatory and disciplinary body for physicians, as the only non-physician member. The physicians subsequently elected O'Malley board president.

O'Malley also was elected fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a nationally recognized author of a treatise on jury instructions that is used in federal jury trials throughout the United States. O'Malley is ranked consistently among the "Best Lawyers in America" for his work in medical negligence, federal white-collar criminal defense and product liability defense. He was a trial lawyer in the litigation department at Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale in St. Louis until he resigned in 2014 to become ambassador.

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

TRANSATLANTIC TRADE

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

"More than \$38 billion of trade passes between Ireland and the United States each year, and there's about \$370 billion in investment between our two countries," he said. "I am confident we can build on that."

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

In May, O'Malley hosted a trade delegation from St. Louis to help connect like-minded businesses in Ireland with businesses in his hometown.

O'Malley said trade and investment between the two countries will be strengthened further when

A Day in the Life of Ambassador O'Malley

7 a.m. Depart residence

7:35 a.m. Remarks at American Chamber of Commerce "Digital Reality" breakfast event

10:30 a.m. Meeting with University College of Dublin (UCD) dean of law

11:05 a.m. Remarks at UCD Student Legal Convention

1 p.m. Brief stop at cyber security lunch

2 p.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m. Calendar briefing with deputy chief of protocol and assistant

3:30 p.m. Tutoring in Irish language

5 p.m. "Meet and Greet" at Windmill Lane for Music Generation, Ireland's national music education program

6:30 p.m. Remarks at the Trinity College President's Dinner

10 p.m. Return to residence



O'Malley in his office with the Kennedy photo he received at SLU

the United States and the European Union reach agreement on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, a free trade agreement designed to open markets currently restricted by tariffs or redundant regulatory barriers.

CREATIVE MINDS AT WORK

Another of O'Malley's priorities is to ensure that the strong ties between the United States and Ireland continue into the next generation. Approximately 33 percent of Ireland's population is under the age of 24.

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

Toward this end, in 2015 O'Malley launched the Creative Minds Series. The program invites prominent U.S. artists, writers, filmmakers, digital culture innovators and musicians to share their experiences with young Irish audiences. The idea is to create new collaborations and encourage creative economic links between young people in the United States and Ireland.

"We're doing this by using the same language and technology that young

people use," O'Malley said. "I never tweeted before I became an ambassador, and now I'm tweeting several times a week. It's a new feature of my life. Making sure our relationship moves forward to the next generation is hugely important to me."

TEA TIME

O'Malley said his education at SLU helped prepare him for his role as ambassador. He said he learned how to balance his personal and professional lives. He also learned the art of compromise and the value of teamwork.

"I oversee an embassy with about 250 employees, and teamwork is critical to making the engine run well," he said.

O'Malley is looking forward to hosting SLU alumni events at the ambassador's residence in Phoenix Park, the largest urban park in Europe — twice the size of New York's Central Park. He said he hasn't had much leisure time to explore the grounds yet, but he has found time to enjoy an Irish custom.

"Many afternoons the Irish sit down to tea and scones," he said. "Unfortunately, I cannot participate during the week, but on weekends I look forward to it. It's quite a pleasant custom."

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REMEMBERING FATHER LISSON

It was with great sorrow that I noted the passage of Edwin Lisson, S.J.

Father Ed was the resident chaplain, for lack of a better term, at Parks College when it was in Cahokia, Illinois.

Father Ed taught a class in Catholic Marriage that I took around 1973. I was a non-Catholic at the time, and Father Ed was the first priest I had encountered one-on-one.

He was a giant of a man both in stature and in spirit. He was a presence that was hard to miss on campus. Father Ed had a common touch and lived in the McDonnell Hall dorm for a time. He was especially close to the ROTC unit and was often invited to attend their functions.

Many years later, and after several requests on my part to convert to Catholicism — perhaps he wanted to make sure I was serious — Father Ed and I met in Jesuit Hall, where he schooled me in the catechism. When the time was right, he performed my baptism, confirmation and first Communion.

From time to time my wife and I would invite Father Ed to dinner. One time, as it turned out, was just weeks before his death. Notice of his passing escaped my scanning of the daily obituaries in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, for which I am very sorry.

Father Ed was a priest, a guide, a mentor and most of all, a friend to me and I'm sure many others. His passing is sorely grieved.

Richard L. Humphrey (Parks '74)
Shiloh, Illinois



I believe the spring 2015 issue of *Universitas* is the best I have read — and I did read it cover to cover. It was wonderful to get to know Dr. Pestello a bit (“Meet the President”).

I was particularly touched in seeing Father Ed Lisson's brief obit. I visited with him last year when I brought my children, Sean and Erin, back second semester. It was so good to visit. He was my director

for my senior synthesis. I always found him engaging and interested in all that I subsequently experienced at several ministerial stops, including St. Rose of Lima Parish in Houston. They knew Father Ed well, as he resided at the rectory on his treks down to teach and learn at the Texas Medical Center.

It is hard to imagine that so many years have passed. I'm inclined to think that my professors were somehow frozen in time, with the lessons they took great pains to teach me as fresh as if taught just yesterday.

Thanks for the role *Universitas* plays in keeping us all connected with this great community of the faithful whose legacy is in part our own work and ministry.

Tom Everson (A&S '81)
Omaha, Nebraska



BILLIKEN MAKES SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

In the final round on May 28, 12-year-old Tejas Muthusamy was given the word “Billiken,” which he spelled correctly.

Excited tweets ensued.

How cool #Billiken is a #SpellingBee word. #SLU!!!

Gerri Berendzen (A&S '80) @gerrrib
May 28, 7:33 p.m.

#BILLIKEN spelled correctly by #Speller264, Tejas Muthusamy. Stand up @SLU_Official! #SpellingBee

Spelling Bee Podcast @SpellingBeePod
May 28, 7:34 p.m.

YEAH! My college making the Spelling Bee! #BILLIKEN

Jennifer McDermed (A&S '13) @McDermedWX
May 29, 10:52 a.m.

My college mascot, the #Billiken got a shout-out during the final round of the @ScrippsBee.

Jill Szwed (A&S '14) @szwed5news
May 29, 6:36 a.m.

THE LAST Look



Baseball Best

In 1965, SLU made the College World Series for the first (and only) time. The Billikens beat Connecticut and Florida State before being eliminated by eventual champions Arizona State. This photo is from the first of two games vs. Arizona State, on June 8, at Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska. Officially, SLU tied for third in the country that season.

Conference Champs

The team won the 1965 Missouri Valley Conference tournament and finished with a 25-9-1 record. For the NCAA District 5 playoff, SLU hosted Missouri at Busch Stadium (formerly known as Sportsman's Park and the closest baseball venue to campus, which was without a field). SLU defeated the Tigers 5-4 in both games of a doubleheader.

Major League

The heart of the 1965 team made four consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament (1963-66). When they graduated, the 1966 senior class had five Major League Baseball draft picks, the most in a single draft in SLU history.

Hall of Famer

Joe Medwick, the 1965 hitting coach, played for the St. Louis Cardinals' legendary “Gashouse Gang” in the 1930s. In 1937 he won the National League Triple Crown, and in 1968 he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Golden Jubilee

Fifty years after the Billikens made the College World Series, the University continues to celebrate them. SLU's athletics department honored the 1965 team during the Baseball Alumni Weekend in May.

Joe Gegg (A&S '65) contributed to this piece. The starting catcher for the Billikens from 1963-65, Gegg worked for SLU athletics as varsity baseball coach, sports information director, events manager and ticket director in the early 1970s.

Instagram

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](https://www.instagram.com/SLU_Official).

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