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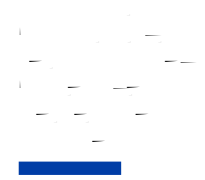
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At the ribbon-cutting for the ISE Building on Sept. 26: (from left) Jim Shaughnessy (CSB '89) of BSI Constructors Inc.; Dr. Michael Lewis, interim provost; Chris Chivetta, president of Hastings+Chivetta architects; Paul Shaughnessy of BSI; Joseph Shaughnessy (IT '57), co-founder of BSI; David Suwalsky, S.J., vice president for mission and identity; Joe Conran (A&S '67, Law '70), chairman of SLU's board of trustees; Dr. Fred P. Pestello, SLU president; Dr. Michael Goldwasser, chair of the Department of Computer Science; Dr. Terra Edwards, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology; and Sophia Khar, a biology major and member of the Student Government Association.



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RANKINGS

## SLU Honored with Top Rankings

Each fall, college rankings are released by organizations from *U.S. News & World Report* to Niche to the Princeton Review. Here are some of the latest rankings earned by Saint Louis University.

### U.S. News Best Colleges 2021

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UNDERGRADUATE

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UNDERGRADUATE

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### The Princeton Review Best 386 Colleges 2021 Edition

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## SLUMA Offers Online Exhibits

Looking for a cultural experience from the comfort of your home? Visit the Saint Louis University Museum of Art virtually and tour immersive exhibits ranging from the role rising temperatures play in affecting insect song to the Civil War.

The University's museums and galleries remain closed to the public until further notice.

Learn more and plan a virtual visit at [slu.edu/moa](#).



ATHLETICS

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

SLU has been named a Center of Excellence for Maternal and Child Health Education, Science and Practice. The designation comes from a new, five-year, \$1.735 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

SLU is now one of 13 Centers of Excellence in the United States and the only one in Region 7, which includes Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. Other

[Name], a professor emeritus of orthodontics at the Center for Advanced Dental Education, received the 2020 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award, the highest honor from the American Board of

Saint Louis University has launched a new online ordering service that allows alumni to request official transcripts via the web at any time, any day of the year. The transcripts can be delivered electronically in as little as 20 minutes from when alumni place an order.

The ordering service is offered through the National Student Clearinghouse, a nonprofit organization serving the higher education community.

"We are excited to offer this change, which will significantly ease the transcript request process for alumni," said Jay Haugen (A&S '98, Grad CSB '08), University registrar. "Alumni can quickly access their transcript at any hour from anywhere in the world."

Other benefits of online transcript ordering include: secure financial transactions using any major credit card; immediate, secure electronic transcript delivery to any email address; the ability to upload a document to be submitted along with the transcript request; acceptance by graduate/professional programs; automatic order updates via mobile text alerts and email with online order tracking; and the ability to order multiple transcripts for multiple recipients in one order.

Visit [slu.edu/registrar/services/transcripts.php](http://slu.edu/registrar/services/transcripts.php) to learn more and order a transcript.

In a time when many colleges and universities are seeing their credit ratings or outlooks lowered due

In fall 2020, the School for Professional Studies launched a Cannabis Science and Operations cer-

## SLU Chess Team Wins National Rapid Chess Championship

SLU's chess team took home the 2020 National Collegiate Rapid title at the National Collegiate Rapid and Blitz Championships.

Originally scheduled to host the tournament earlier in March 2020, SLU's chess players took to a virtual board last fall to match wits and moves with players from around the country.

More than 150 students participated, representing more than 25 different colleges and universities.

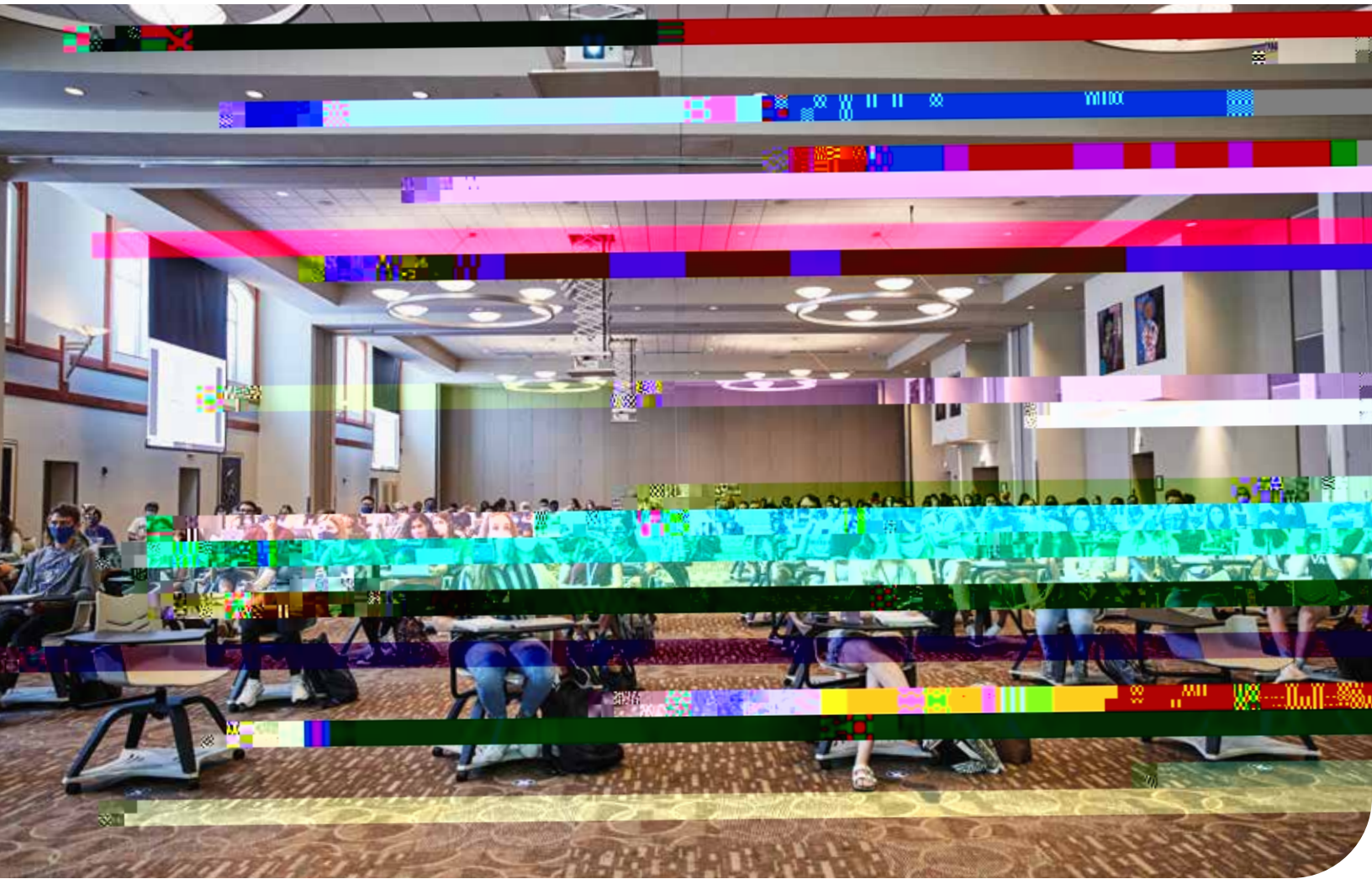


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## PROSPECT YARDS UPDATES





**HEN SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY BEGAN CLASSES ON CAMPUS NINE DAYS EARLY ON AUG. 17, NOTHING WAS CERTAIN.**

**RESHMAN JAHMAL**  
**— BORDEN'S FIRST**  
**VISIT TO CAMPUS WAS THE**  
**DAY LAST AUGUST WHEN**  
**HE MOVED INTO GRAND**  
**HALL.** His initial view  
of his new home came  
as he crossed the Grand  
Boulevard bridge at the  
end of his eight-hour car  
trip from his hometown  
just outside of Atlanta.

"I was planning to come in March, and then COVID hit," Borden said. "So I just took a walk out on faith. I thought, I'm going to try it. If it doesn't work out, I know



**WHEN THE UNIVERSITY DECIDED TO FINISH THE  
SPRING SEMESTER REMOTELY IN MID-MARCH,  
MANISHA FORD-THOMAS AND HER HOUSING AND RES-  
IDENCE LIFE TEAM HAD TO QUICKLY FIGURE OUT HOW  
TO SAFELY MOVE STUDENTS OUT OF THE RESIDENCE**

**URING THE 2019 CHRISTMAS BREAK, DR. JOEL JENNINGS (GRAD CSB '20) TOOK A COURSE DESIGNED TO TRAIN FACULTY MEMBERS TO TEACH ONLINE.** Little did he know then how quickly he'd put that training to use. "It was an incredibly fortuitous opportunity," he said.

Like all SLU faculty, when the pandemic first hit in March and Saint Louis University transitioned to virtual learning, Jennings brought his spring semester classes online. And he taught his





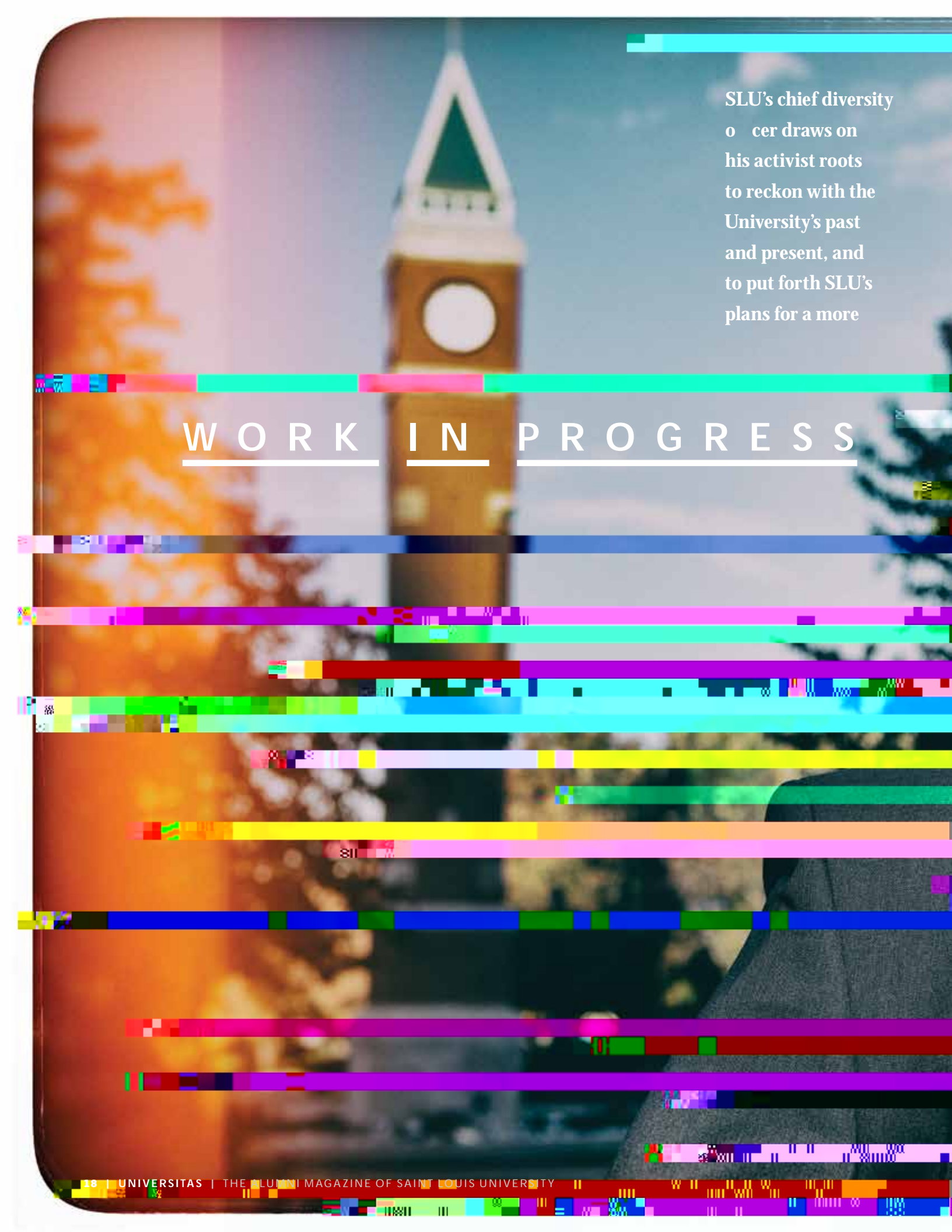
**ICHAEL LUCIDO (A&S '98)**  
**— DOESN'T TEACH, BUT HE**  
**WORRIES ABOUT EVERY CLASSROOM**  
**AT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY.**

As vice president for facilities services, Lucido also keeps watch over every office, light bulb, flower bed and air conditioner. It's a big job any day. It's a gargantuan job during a pandemic.

"In planning for fall in light of COVID-19, we looked at everything that we could put in place to make campus a safer environment," Lucido said. "Among our top priorities was improving ventilation within our buildings, bringing in the most amount of outside air that our systems could handle and changing our filtration in our air handling systems to filter out more microorganisms from the air."

Lucido and his colleagues didn't stop with the air. They installed more than 900 hand sanitizers in all common spaces on campus. They worked with departments that offer face-to-face service to install Plexiglas barriers. They increased the frequency of their cleaning routines, ensuring that high-touch areas, such as doorknobs, were cleaned multiple times a day. They

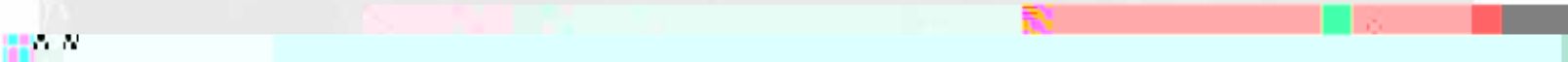
ATIE SHIELDS SPENT THE SUMMER NAVIGAT-



SLU's chief diversity officer draws on his activist roots to reckon with the University's past and present, and to put forth SLU's plans for a more

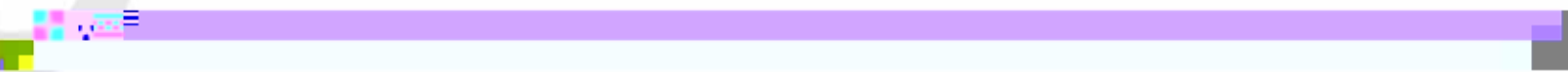
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**DR. JONATHAN SMITH NEVER IMAGINED HIMSELF IN THE UPPER ECHELONS**

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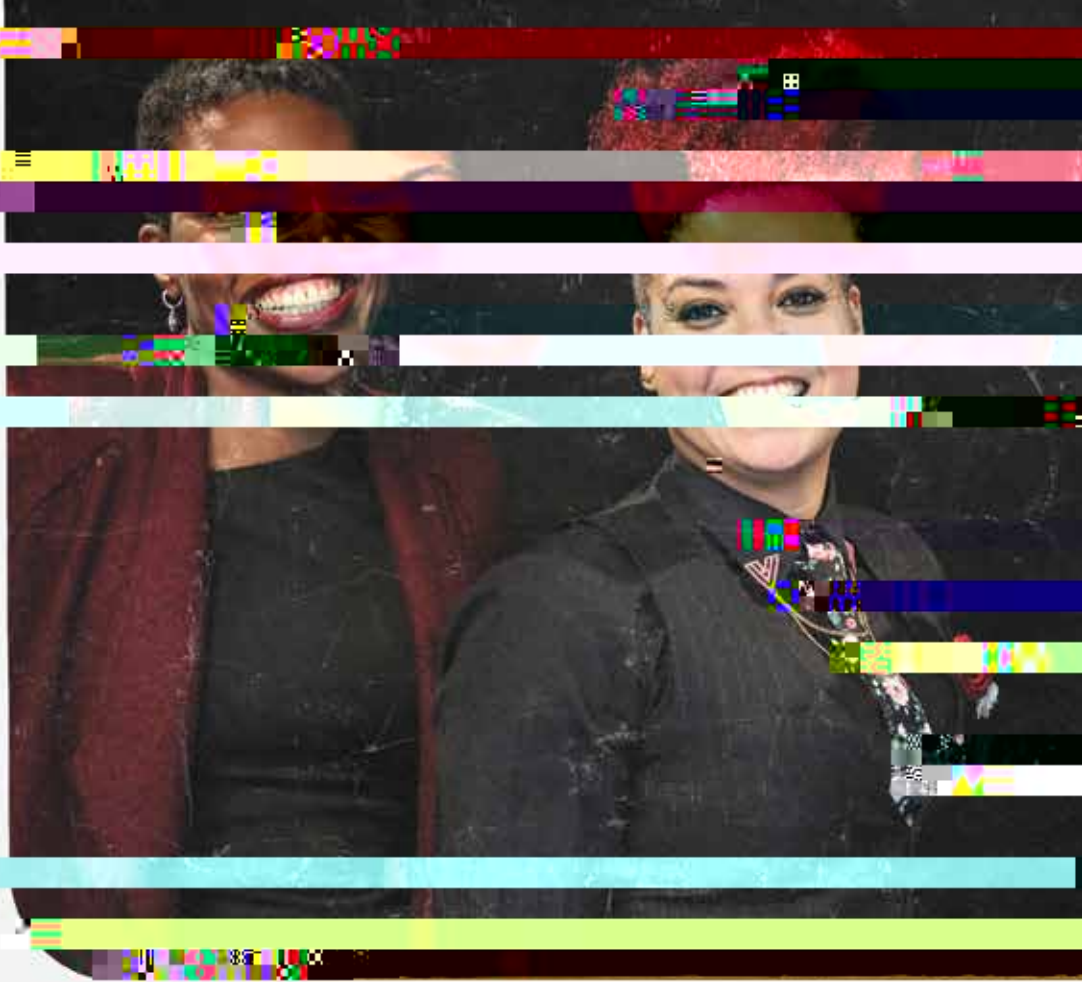
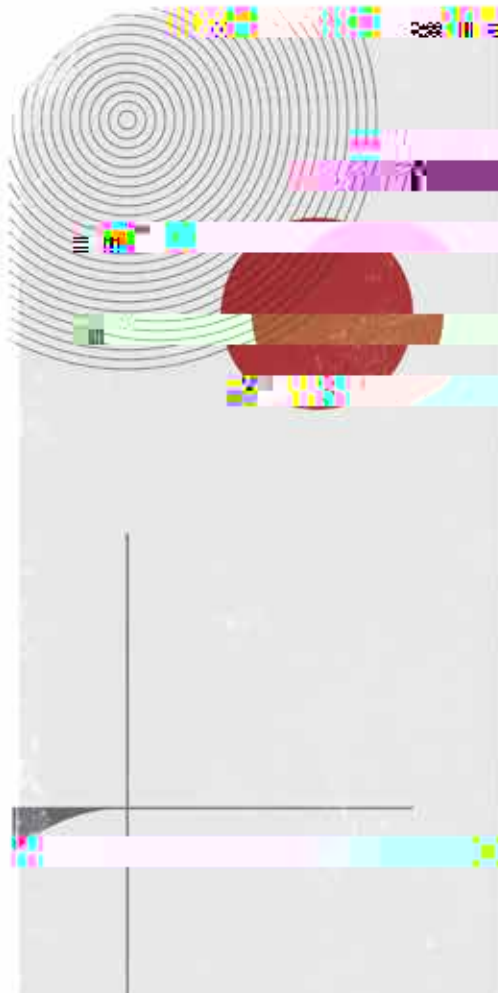


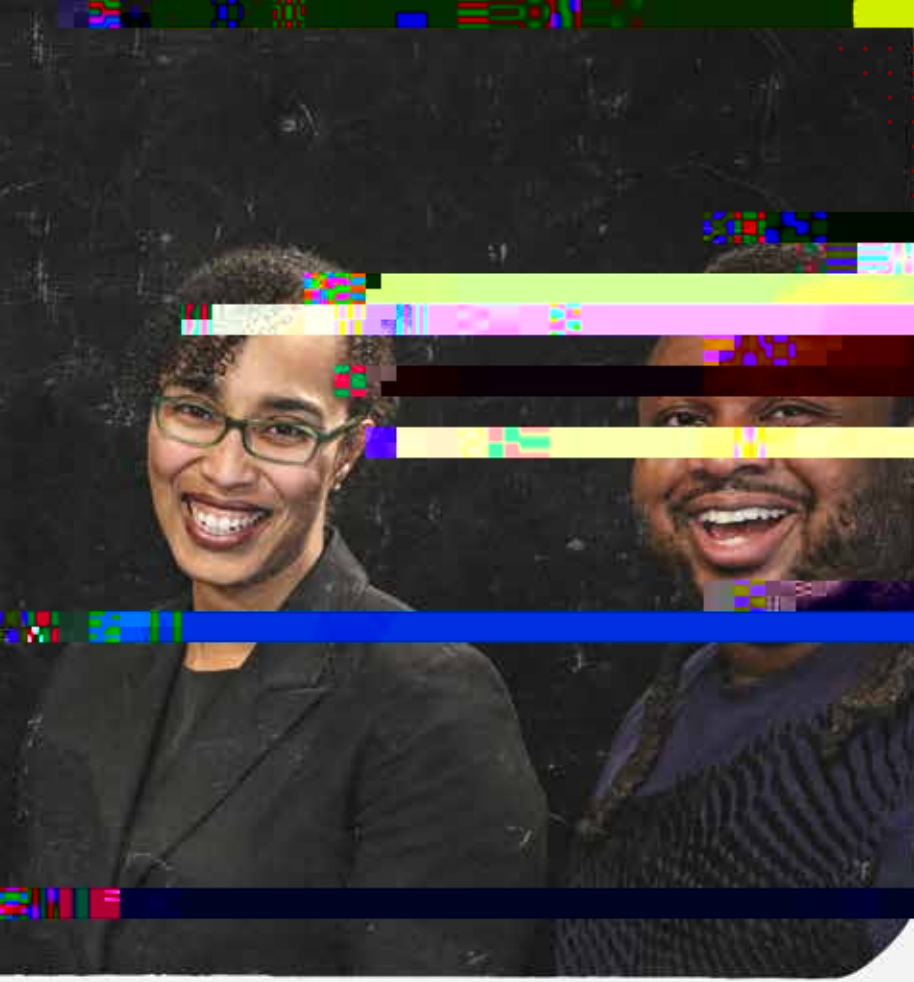


**In September 2020, students reacted to a racially charged incident on campus with a protest and a vigil. How does student activism inform your work? You talked about being an activist yourself during the protests on campus in 2014. How does that continue to affect you?**

I think about Martin Luther King's 1963 speech at the Washington Monument, which begins with one of King's most oft-repeated phrases,







#### A LITTLE OFF THE TOP

Gilbert was selected as co-investigator of the project because he has spent more than a decade exploring racism as a determinant of health care, specifically related to Black boys and men.

“Black boys and Black men often feel excluded or pushed out of systems of care, whether it’s health care or social services,” he said. “As a result, they don’t prioritize their health, which, of course, has an impact on other aspects of their lives — jobs, family, church, recreation.”

Gilbert’s expertise is taking his research findings and leveraging them through community engagement to create interventions and identify sources of resilience.

He is currently a post-doctoral researcher working with communities in North Carolina where he, other researchers and students harnessed supports found in churches and schools to promote healthier behaviors in Black males.

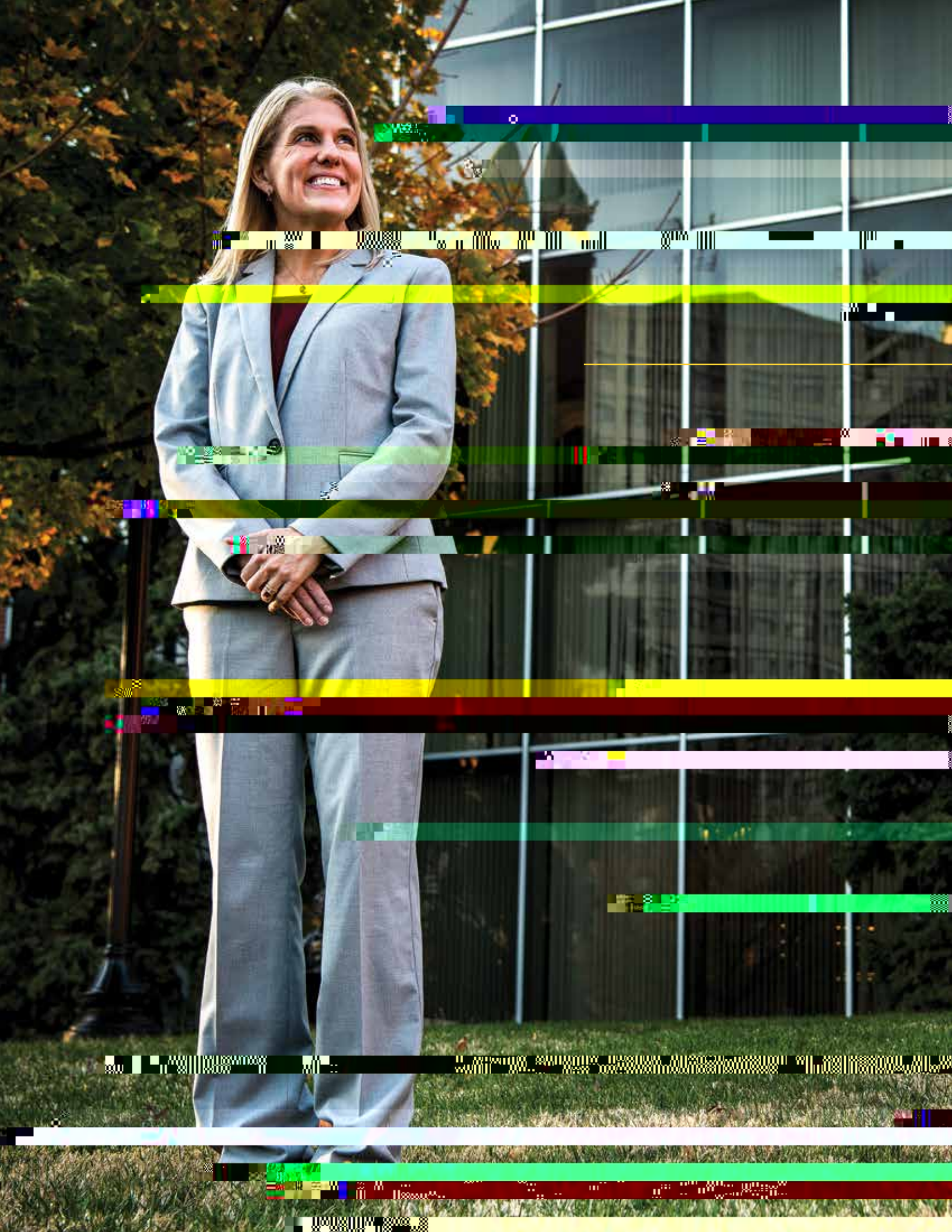
When he arrived at SLU, Gilbert was invited to join the local chapter of the national 100 Black Men of America Inc. With the organization, Gilbert co-coordinates health screenings in north city and north county barbershops where he, SLU nursing faculty, and SLU nursing and public health students screen patrons for high blood pressure, promote wellness and conduct surveys about social and behavioral influences on health

#### PERFORMANCE POLICY

Ruqaijah Yearby, a professor of law, and Dr. Keon Gilbert, associate professor of behavioral science and health education, also are co-founders of the institute. They are working with other SLU researchers, who are faculty affiliates of the institute, to explore the effectiveness of processes implemented by city and county governments nationwide to achieve racial equity.

“We’re interested in whether the processes result in community engagement and policy changes that improve racial equity in education, health care, employment and housing,” said Yearby, co-principal investigator on the project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Yearby, Johnson, Banks and Gilbert



**THE UNTHINKABLE**

In 2000, Saint Louis University received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to







## 1985

PS '85, GRAD  
A&S '00

## 1987

GRAD

## 1986

GRAD A&S '86, '88

## 1989

A&S '89,  
GRAD CSB '18

*Psychology Today*





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*Catholic education brought a different dimension to my education. I didn't learn science for science's sake. I learned how to apply it toward doing good in the world."*

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## 1996

CSB

LAW

## 1997

DCHS

GRAD SW '99,  
GRAD A&S '12 *The Untold  
History of the First Illinois State  
Hospital for the Insane*

CSB GRAD  
Be  
*Different: Finding the Resilience  
to Lead*

A&S

## 1999

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## 2001

A&S '01, LAW '08

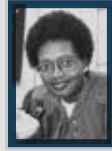




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 Mr. Carl Riepl IT '70  
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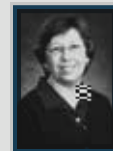
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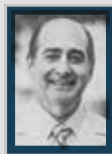
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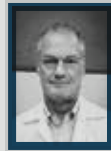
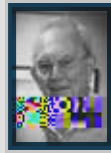
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LEGACY, LIFE LESSONS

I was saddened to read of Dr. Vince Punzo's passing (summer 2020). As a pre-med student at SLU, I needed a philosophy class to fulfill my core curriculum. Dr. Punzo's class looked interesting. As a coincidence, his two sons, Joe and Vince, lived in my dorm and were my friends. The stars seemed aligned, so I signed up for his class. My pre-med peers told me this was a great mistake: Dr. Punzo's class was difficult, and it would kill my GPA. At that moment, I made a momentous decision. I came to SLU to get an education, not merely to get into medical school. I signed up for his class. It was the best thing I ever did.

I loved his lectures. He was helping me to think better and write better. The material was challenging, and I struggled to keep up. I held my own but needed to ace the final to save a good grade. The night before the final exam was eventful. I had a performance to give — a major role in the SLU dinner theater production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. (I was also a theater arts major.) As fate would have it, Dr. Punzo was there ... in the front row. I think I can still hear him laughing at one of my lines. Needless to say, I didn't have much time to study for the final that night. The next morning, I took the final and handed in my paper.

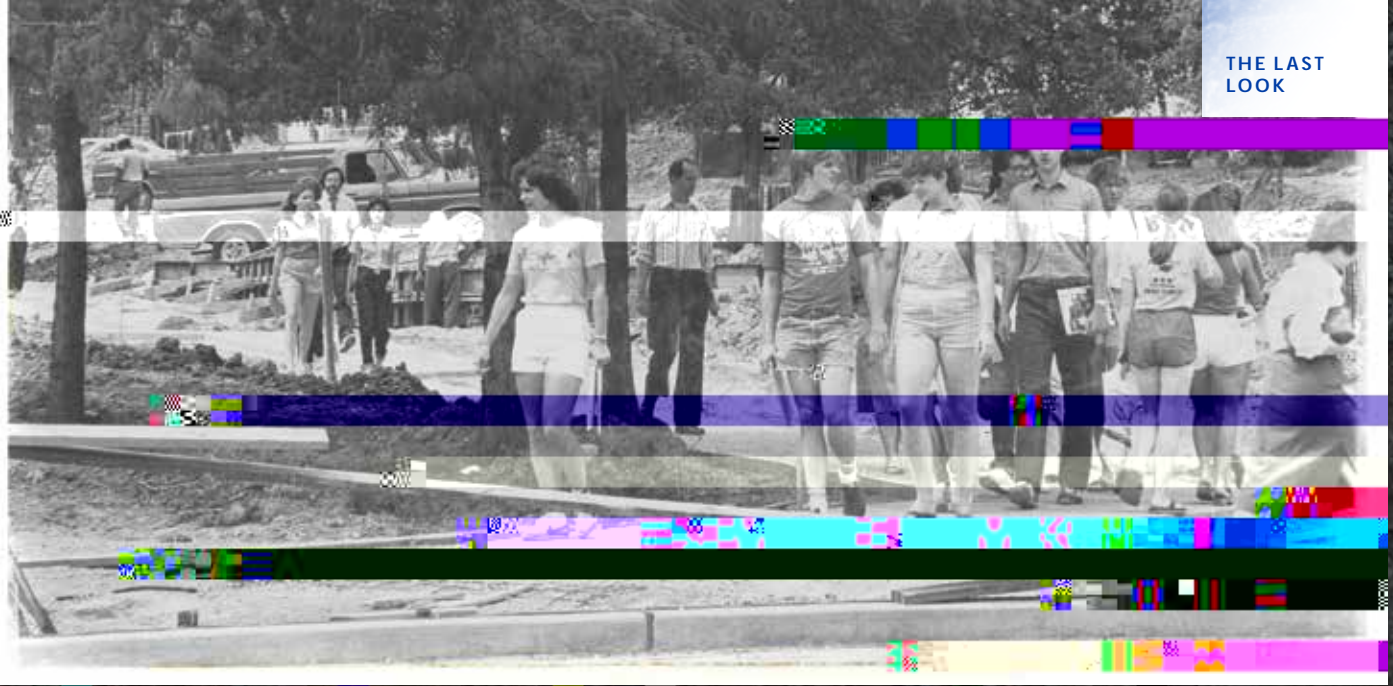
"I enjoyed the show last night," Dr. Punzo said as he received my work.

"I hope you enjoy my exam even more," I said, hoping to lobby for a good grade. I got a C+.

No matter. His class really helped me. I did not simply advance in my intellectual thinking. Dr. Punzo taught me that life, everyone's life, is worth examining. What we do day in and day out does have significance. I have carried that with me for almost 40 years.

Thank you, Dr. Punzo. You will be missed.

Dr. Mark Schroer (A&S '83)



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This year marks the 40th anniversary of the West Pine Mall. The project, which turned a former city street into a





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