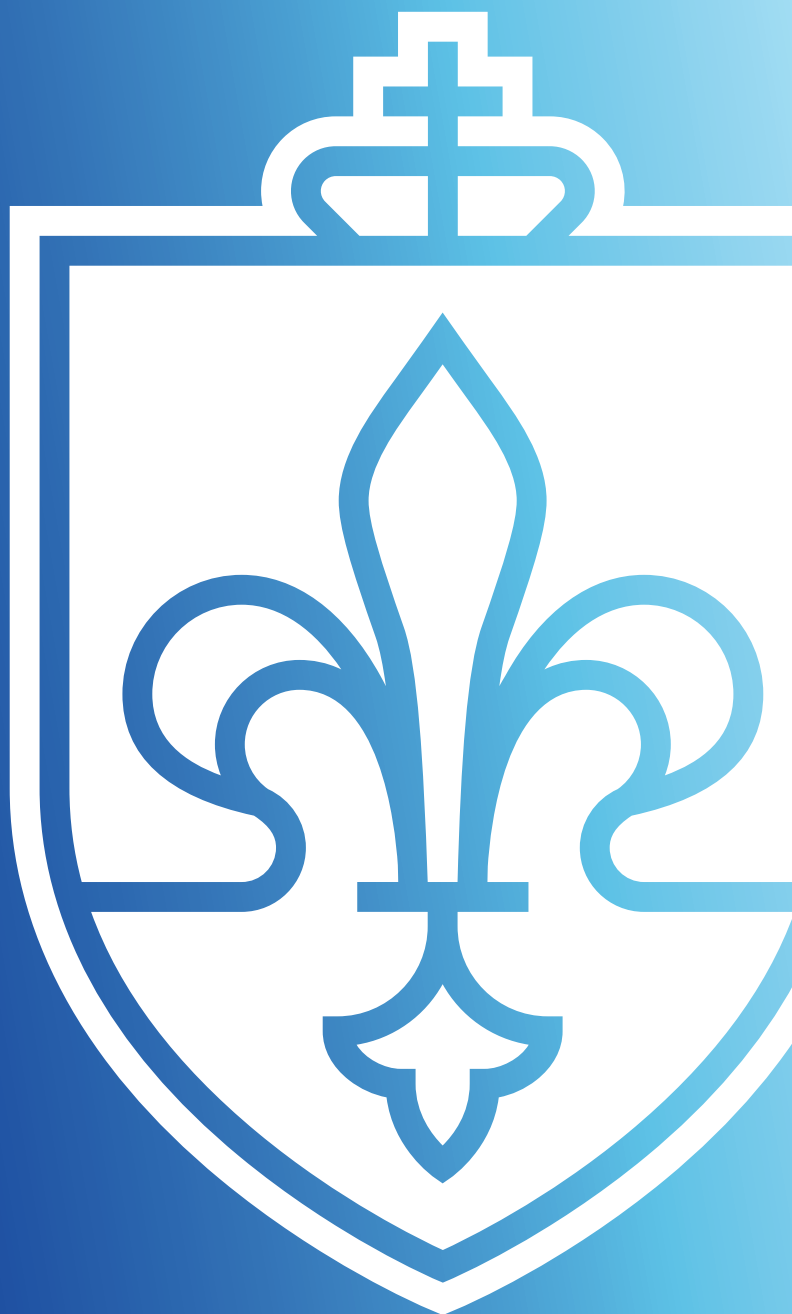
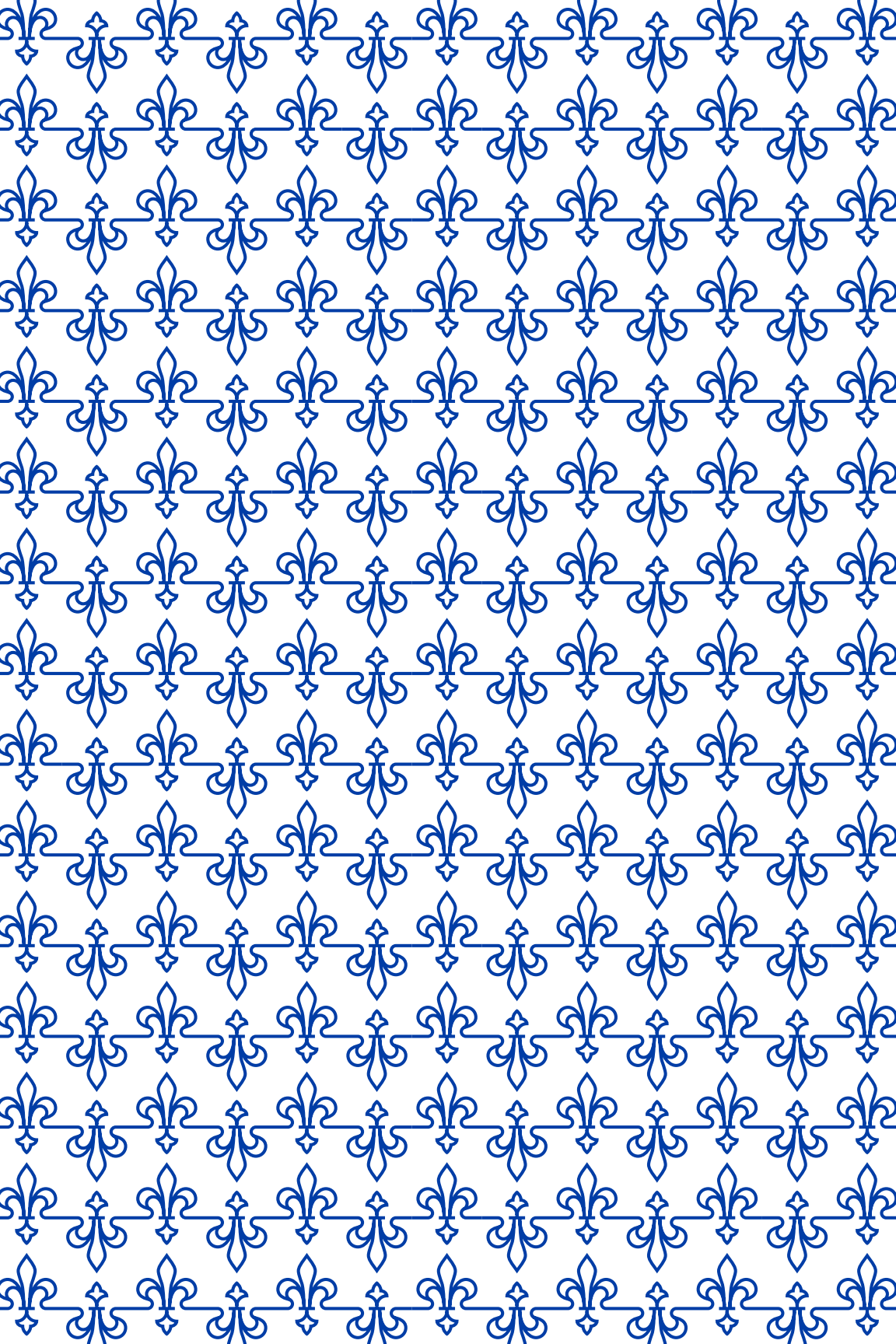


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FRED P. PESTELLO, PH.D.



Dr. Fred P. Pestello became the 33rd president of Saint Louis University in 2014 and will step down from the presidency this June after 11 years. He is the first lay president of Saint Louis University since its founding in 1818, and the University's third-longest-serving president. He is proud to have spent more than 40 years in Catholic higher education.

As president, Pestello oversees one of the nation's leading Jesuit research universities with more than 15,000 students and 4,000 employees, an annual operating budget of more than \$600 million and an endowment of \$1.9 billion.

Pestello has galvanized the University community around a compelling vision: To be a global Jesuit university that is mission-focused, student- and patient-centered and research-driven — one that is working with the people of St. Louis to reimagine, transform and unify the city.

In partnership with University and community leaders, Pestello has nurtured SLU's longstanding commitment to the Jesuit mission, ensuring that SLU is home to a large and dynamic community of Jesuits, and establishing a Catholic Studies Center and the Center for Research on Global Catholicism. He also has strengthened SLU's commitment to creating a campus where all students, faculty and staff can thrive through investment in the Division of Diversity and Innovative Community Engagement and the development of initiatives inspired by the 2014 Clock Tower Accords.

Pestello has led SLU to become a driving force in the revitalization of Midtown St. Louis. The University joined with SSM Health to create a 353 redevelopment plan and the St. Louis Midtown



As a graduate of a Jesuit university himself, Pestello understands firsthand the promise of an education guided by the Society of Jesus and its rigorous, justice-oriented, educational mission.

He serves on the executive committee of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and the executive committee of the Atlantic 10 Conference. He is also a member of the Global Advisory Board of Jesuit Worldwide Learning. In St. Louis, he serves on the executive committee of the Chair's Council of Greater St. Louis Inc., as well as the boards of the Cortex Innovation Community and Arch to Park.

Pestello joined SLU after serving six years as president of Le Moyne College, where he achieved record-

breaking levels of enrollment, fundraising, endowment and campus construction. Prior to that appointment, Pestello was a faculty member, department chair, associate dean, and provost and senior vice president for educational affairs during his 25-year career at the University of Dayton.

Redevelopment Corporation (STLMRC). The STLMRC has catalyzed several completed development projects, including the City Foundry, a new Fresh Thyme Market grocery store, the Steelcote Lofts, the Element Hotel by Westin, Topgolf, a Target store and more. In addition, SSM Health is building a new Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital at Chouteau Avenue and Grand Boulevard.

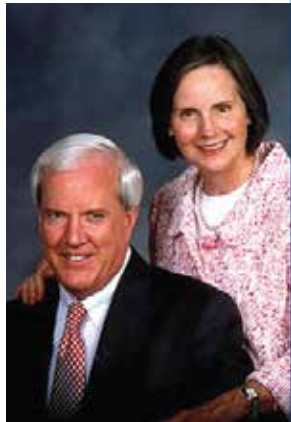
Belief in the University vision has taken root among benefactors as well, inspiring historic levels of giving. In 2022, Pestello led SLU's Accelerating Excellence Campaign to its successful conclusion. The largest fundraising effort in University history, the campaign set multiple SLU records for gift totals and far exceeded its \$500 million goal, ultimately raising more than \$600 million.

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Pestello earned his bachelor's degree at John Carroll University in Cleveland, from which he was awarded an Alumni Medal in 2018. He completed his graduate work in sociology at the University of Akron.

He has been married for 43 years to Dr. Fran Pestello, who is also an accomplished academic and a beloved member of the SLU and St. Louis communities. Fred and Fran have two adult children and one grandchild.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



**PATRICK
AND
PEGGY SLY**

**DOCTOR OF
PUBLIC SERVICE,
CONFERRED ON
MAY 17, 2025**

During their more than 50 years together, Patrick and Peggy Sly have shown a commitment to their community.

Patrick Sly had a long and successful career in business. For 36 years, he worked for the St. Louis-based Emerson, starting as national sales manager for power tools and subsequently holding several positions of increasing responsibility. He retired from Emerson as executive vice president in 2016.

The Slys are deeply involved in the St. Louis community. The couple, who have two children and eight grandchildren, served on a number of area boards.

Peggy Sly, a former educator, has a long history of supporting charitable organizations. She was a board member at the Magic House, on her parish council and a tutor in the St. Louis Public School District. Peggy also chaired the Evening of Hope for Boys Hope Girls Hope St. Louis twice.

Patrick Sly served as the former chair and vice chair of the international board of directors for Boys Hope Girls Hope and Nine Network of Public Media. He also served on the board of Cardinal Ritter College Prep, the Ferguson Commission, the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation, KIPP Charter schools, the Missouri Historical Society, St. John

Vianney High School, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and Better Together.

Together, the Slys serve on the board of directors for One Classroom, which was founded by parents of special needs children to help the St. Louis Archdiocese and parents provide inclusive education at parish schools.

The Slys also serve Saint Louis University. Patrick Sly, who earned his master's in business administration from SLU in 1977, was on the University's board of trustees for several years, including a stint as vice chair of the board.

He was instrumental in the launch of the Emerson Leadership Institute within the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business. The Slys' commitment to the business school also includes the Patrick and Peggy Sly MBA Scholarship, which supports students in the one-year MBA program who demonstrate a devotion to service.

The Slys' generosity extends to athletics as well. They were among the donors who made the state-of-the-art O'Loughlin Family Champions Center a reality.

For their lifelong dedication to Saint Louis University and their commitment to their communities, the degree of Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa, will be conferred upon Patrick and Peggy Sly.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



**TOM
SMOLICH, S.J.**

**DOCTOR OF
PUBLIC SERVICE,
CONFERRED ON
MAY 17, 2025**

Thomas H. Smolich, S.J., is a humanitarian.

For nine years, Smolich served as the international director of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). The organization focuses on helping refugees and other forcibly displaced people rebuild their lives.

Headquartered in Rome with 10 regional offices around the world, JRS has more than 1,800 staff and volunteers, including 70 Jesuits, and serves upwards of 950,000 refugees per year. In addition to health and social services, JRS offers formal and informal instruction — from preschool to vocational training to computer and language classes — to approximately 280,000 people each year. While with the JRS, Smolich traveled across the globe, visiting 44 countries.

Prior to his role at JRS, Smolich served as the president of the Jesuit Conference, the organization that represents the Society of Jesus in the United States, and as the provincial of the former California Province Jesuits from 1999 to 2005. In 2023, he was named the rector of the Jesuit community at Santa Clara University's Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California.

A product of Jesuit education, Smolich joined the Jesuits in 1974 at the age of 19. He was ordained a priest in 1986. After ordination, he was assigned to

Dolores Mission Parish in East Los Angeles, where he served seven years as an associate pastor and was the executive director of Proyecto Pastoral, a community development organization based at Dolores Mission, from 1988 to 1993.

From 1996 to 1998, he was a project manager for the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition, developing affordable housing for families in the San Francisco Bay Area. He then joined the staff of California Province Jesuits as assistant to the provincial for planning and programs in 1998.

Smolich earned his MBA from Stanford University (1996), a master's degree in religious education from Loyola Marymount University (1992) and a Master of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley (1986). He has served as a member of several boards, including the Leadership Roundtable, the Jesuit School of Theology, *America* magazine and CRISPAZ-Christians for Peace in El Salvador.

For his dedication to helping others in great need and deep commitment to the Society of Jesus, the degree of Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa, will be conferred upon Tom Smolich, S.J.

LOCATIONS

St. Louis, Missouri,
and Madrid, Spain

GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

SLU students wishing to study abroad have access to 40 partner programs on six continents, including SLU's own degree-granting campus in Madrid.

SERVICE

1.6 million hours of service are completed by the SLU community annually. Seventy-five percent of students volunteer each year.

ENROLLMENT

SLU educates 15,334 students, more than ever before, with unprecedented international enrollment that more than doubled in a single year. Students come from all 50 states and 100 countries. SLU-Madrid's fall enrollment reached 1,246.

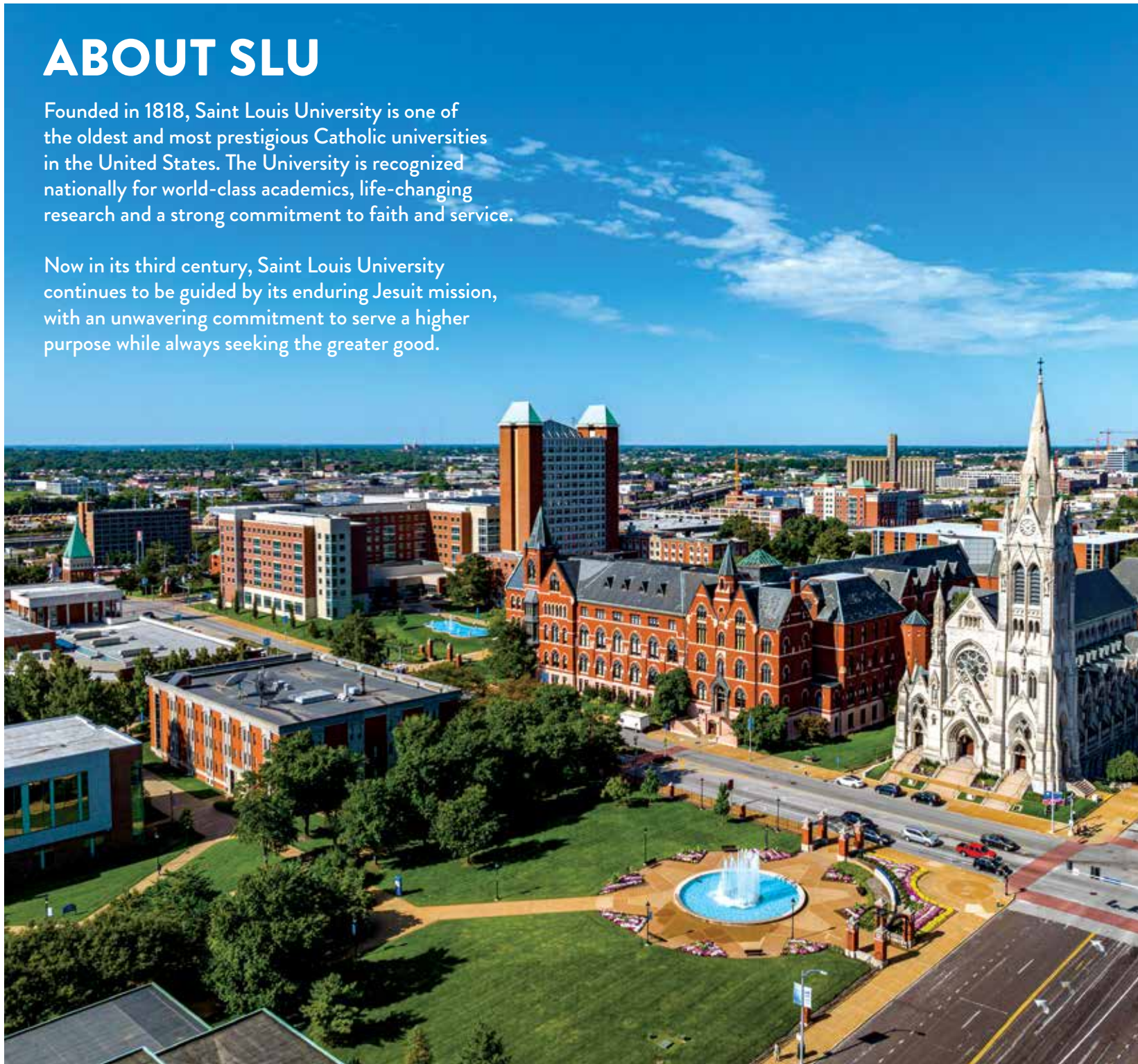
ECONOMIC GROWTH

With an endowment that exceeds \$1.9 billion, SLU is a major catalyst for urban renewal in the heart of a vibrant city. More than \$2 billion in development is underway in Midtown St. Louis, with SLU in the center of the neighborhood's growth.

ABOUT SLU

Founded in 1818, Saint Louis University is one of the oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities in the United States. The University is recognized nationally for world-class academics, life-changing research and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Now in its third century, Saint Louis University continues to be guided by its enduring Jesuit mission, with an unwavering commitment to serve a higher purpose while always seeking the greater good.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SLU ranks as one of the country's top colleges by *The Princeton Review*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News & World Report* – and as the No. 13 “Best Catholic College in America.” (Niche)

R1 STATUS

With \$63.7 million in externally funded research expenditures, SLU's R1 status places the University in an elite group of U.S. research universities.

ATHLETICS

An NCAA Division I institution, SLU is a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference and competes in 18 sports. Recent successes include seven consecutive A-10 conference championships for the women's soccer team.

MASCOT

The University's unique mascot, the Billiken, is a mythical good-luck figure who represents “things as they ought to be.”

ALUMNI

SLU's new graduates join more than 134,000 alumni who lead lives of meaning and purpose around the world.



It is with great honor that Saint Louis University names **Martha Allen** as mace bearer for the 2025 commencement exercises. Allen, a professor, special assistant to the dean of libraries and museums,

and director of academic integrity, received her bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1977 and her Master of Arts in Library and Information Science from the University of Missouri in 1991.

She first joined SLU in 1995 as a part-time reference librarian in Pius XII Memorial

Library, and has served the University in a wide variety of roles since that time, including a subject librarian, assistant dean of user services and interim director of Pius Library. In July 2023, Allen was appointed the inaugural director of academic integrity, a half-time position in the Provost's Office. She has been a finalist for the Ignite Instructor of the Year Award twice, in 2023 and 2024.

A published author and presenter, Allen's research interests include effective library instruction and connecting physical spaces with patron needs.

THE SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY MACE

The Saint Louis University mace represents the Catholic, Jesuit and urban influences that distinguish the University. Commissioned in 1987, the SLU mace is an outward sign of the president's authority and is seen at all University formal academic occasions.

Handcrafted in bronze by a St. Louis artisan, the mace is 30 inches long, topped by a Christian cross that is supported by the SLU seal. Beneath these elements are two wolves at a cauldron, a symbol from the coat of arms of the House of Loyola, from which descended St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus.

The entire crown of the mace rests upon three fleurs-de-lis taken from the royal standard of King Louis IX of France, after whom both the University and the City of St. Louis are named. The names of every SLU president are inscribed on the handle.

The origins of the mace as a symbol trace back to medieval times, when churchmen would carry clublike staffs into battle because the use of swords was forbidden under biblical injunction. Today, maces are seen most often at university ceremonies and as part of the pageantry of European governmental functions.



THE MARSHALS OF SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY HAVE A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE UNIVERSITY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC OCCASIONS. THE POST OF MARSHAL IS ONE OF HONOR, WITH MARSHALS APPOINTED BY THEIR COLLEGE OR SCHOOL TO SERVE AS CEREMONIAL LEADERS. MARSHALS WEAR DISTINCTIVE MEDALLIONS INDICATIVE OF THEIR ROLE.

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ALUMNI MERIT AWARDEES

ON MAY 16, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED THIS YEAR'S ALUMNI MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS. MANY OF THOSE HONORED ARE SPECIAL GUESTS AT TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, SETTING A STRONG EXAMPLE OF SERVICE AND SUCCESS FOR THE 2025 SLU GRADUATES.

Dr. Akberet Boykin-Farr

(Business '93,
Grad Business '95, Grad '02)
*Vice president,
Human Resources
Corporate Functions,
Emerson*

Margaret Donnelly

(Social Work '75,
Grad Social Work '77, Law '88)
*Retired circuit judge,
St. Louis County*

Deidre Griffith

(Grad Public Health '03)
*Vice president for community
health improvement,
BJC HealthCare*

Marian "Bo" Mehan

(Nursing '74, Law '82)
Attorney, Lewis Rice LLC

Gregory P. J. Most

(Arts and Sciences '81)
*Chief, Department of
Image Collections,
National Gallery of Art*

Dr. Susan W. Nall

(Grad Education '75)
*Professor emeritus of education,
Southern Illinois
University-Edwardsville*

Dr. Saijai Peng

(Grad Dentistry '85)
*Orthodontist and dentofacial
orthopedic practitioner*

David Posek

(Parks '66)
*Retired president,
Lockheed Martin Aircraft
and Logistics Centers*

Kevyn Schroeder

(Nursing '75,
Grad Public Health '83)
*Financial advisor,
Stifel Financial Corp.*

Laura Purcell Verdun

(Doisy '89, Grad Doisy '91)
*Speech pathologist and owner,
Voicetrainer LLC*

Dr. Susan P. Willman

(Arts and Sciences '78, Med '82)
*Retired obstetrician and
gynecologist, Contra Costa
Regional Medical Center*

PIONEER AWARD

Lucina "Lucy" Dias

(Law '17)
*Judicial law clerk,
State of Missouri Court
of Appeals Eastern District*

MUSICIANS AND CHORUS

COMMENCEMENT ENSEMBLE

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Professor of Music

MASTERSINGERS

Director: **David Kowalczyk**
Instructor of Music

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Emma Chung
Valerie Galliano-Rouge
Jack Ingebretsen
Riley Luebbers
Henry Meiners
Megan Sloup
Colin Somers
Essence Williams

VIOLAS

Victor Humphrey
Amy Pennington

CELLOS

Katrina Churchill
Chris Lau

Maria Blanner

Dianne Collins
Dave Dwyer
Skye Gabbard
Anthony Heinemann
Analiesa Hollowood
Lily Kinnison
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Eugene Pierce

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Quique Riojas
Valeria Rosqueta
Sophie Smith
Fr. Thomas Sserwadda
Noel Wiedner
Ittimum Zahir

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The colorful attire worn by graduates, faculty, trustees and officers of the University has historic roots in the distant medieval past. Dressed in cap and gown, the graduates and their professors are part of a long tradition that dates back to Paris and Bologna, Italy, to Oxford and Cambridge, England, in the days of their Catholic glory.

The exact origins of several parts of the academic garb are a bit of a mystery. Because medieval students enjoyed the status of cleric during their university years, one might guess that their attire found its inspiration in the clerical dress of medieval times. The gown seems to be an adaptation of the robe of friar or priest; the hood, of the monk's or friar's cowl; and the mortarboard cap of today recalls the skullcap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear on U.S. campuses in the late 1890s. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn university functions, and its pattern is highly uniform.

THE GOWNS

The gowns are three in number and styling. That of the bachelor is a yoked, closed-front garment with long pointed sleeves; that of the master has sleeves long and closed but slit just above the elbow to allow the forearms to protrude; the gown of the doctor has full, bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor's gown is trimmed — with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

THE HOOD

The hood at first seems to have been worn over the head and attached to the gown. When the skullcap was introduced, the hood was retained but detached as a separate piece and worn much as it is today.

Each degree (bachelor's, master's, doctoral) has its special hood, which varies in length and, for the doctor, also in pattern. The color or colors lining the hood are those of the college or university that granted the wearer's degree. For example, Saint Louis University is known by blue chevron on a field of white. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood, in different widths for bachelor, master and doctor, is determined by the field of study.

THE CAP

The cap, or mortarboard, has become the universally accepted style for U.S. colleges and universities. Many European institutions still retain distinctive forms of academic headdress.

THE TASSEL

The tassel is perhaps the most iconic souvenir of academic attire. The doctoral graduate can wear a gold or black tassel on the mortarboard. However, varying the color of the tassel based on the field of study has gained acceptance throughout academia.

Colors include:

Allied health professions: Mint green

Arts: White

Business: Drab

Education: Light blue

Hospital administration: Salmon

Law: Purple

Medicine: Green

Nursing: Apricot

Philosophy: Dark blue

Public administration: Peacock blue

Science: Gold-yellow

Social work: Citron

Technology and engineering: Orange

Theology: Scarlet

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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY "VARSITY SONG"

VERSE 1

Heirs of a royal name,
Dear Varsity,
For aye our faith and love
We pledge to thee.

Guardian of truth and light
We always knew,
Thou, whom the years have
crowned,
Saint Louis U!

REFRAIN

All hail, Saint Louis U!
Valiant and strong
Noble old Varsity
Hark to our song;

Proudly our colors fly
Brave White and Blue,
Loud let the chorus swell,
Saint Louis U!

VERSE 2

Great is thy noble heart,
Tender and true,
Show us thy loyalty
Saint Louis U!

Bear we with pride and love
Thy White and Blue,
Sweet are thy memories,
Saint Louis U!

REFRAIN

All hail, Saint Louis U!
Valiant and strong
Noble old Varsity
Hark to our song;

Proudly our colors fly
Brave White and Blue,
Loud let the chorus swell,
Saint Louis U!

VERSE 3

Truth and nobility
Thy halls enshrine,
Guarding the hallow'd name
Forever thine.

May we with heart and hand
Through life renew
Thy noble victories,
Saint Louis U!

REFRAIN

All hail, Saint Louis U!
Valiant and strong
Noble old Varsity
Hark to our song;

Proudly our colors fly
Brave White and Blue,
Loud let the chorus swell,
Saint Louis U!

Composed by Alfred G. Robyn (1860-1935)
Arranged for choir by Aaron Johnson, D.M.A.
Original lyrics by Paul L. Blakely, S.J. (1880-1943)
Lyrics adapted by Aaron Johnson, D.M.A.

As part of Saint Louis University's bicentennial celebration in 2018, SLU reintroduced the "Varsity Song," which served as the University's *alma mater*. Previously it was last performed in the 1960s. Aaron Johnson, D.M.A., associate professor of music, adapted the lyrics and arranged the music for four-part choral performance.

Alfred G. Robyn (1860-1935), composer, organist and pianist, composed the music for the "Varsity Song" in 1909, the year he received an honorary degree from SLU. He was a prolific composer, credited with having written approximately 300 works, some of which were subsequently used in motion pictures. Robyn's connection to SLU traces back to his father, a German immigrant, who was also a composer and musician and taught for several years at SLU.

The original lyrics were written by Paul L. Blakely, S.J. (1880-1943). Blakely entered the Society of Jesus in 1897. He completed his studies at SLU and was ordained in 1912. He was a professor of literature at SLU from 1906 to 1909 and later became the associate editor of *America* magazine.

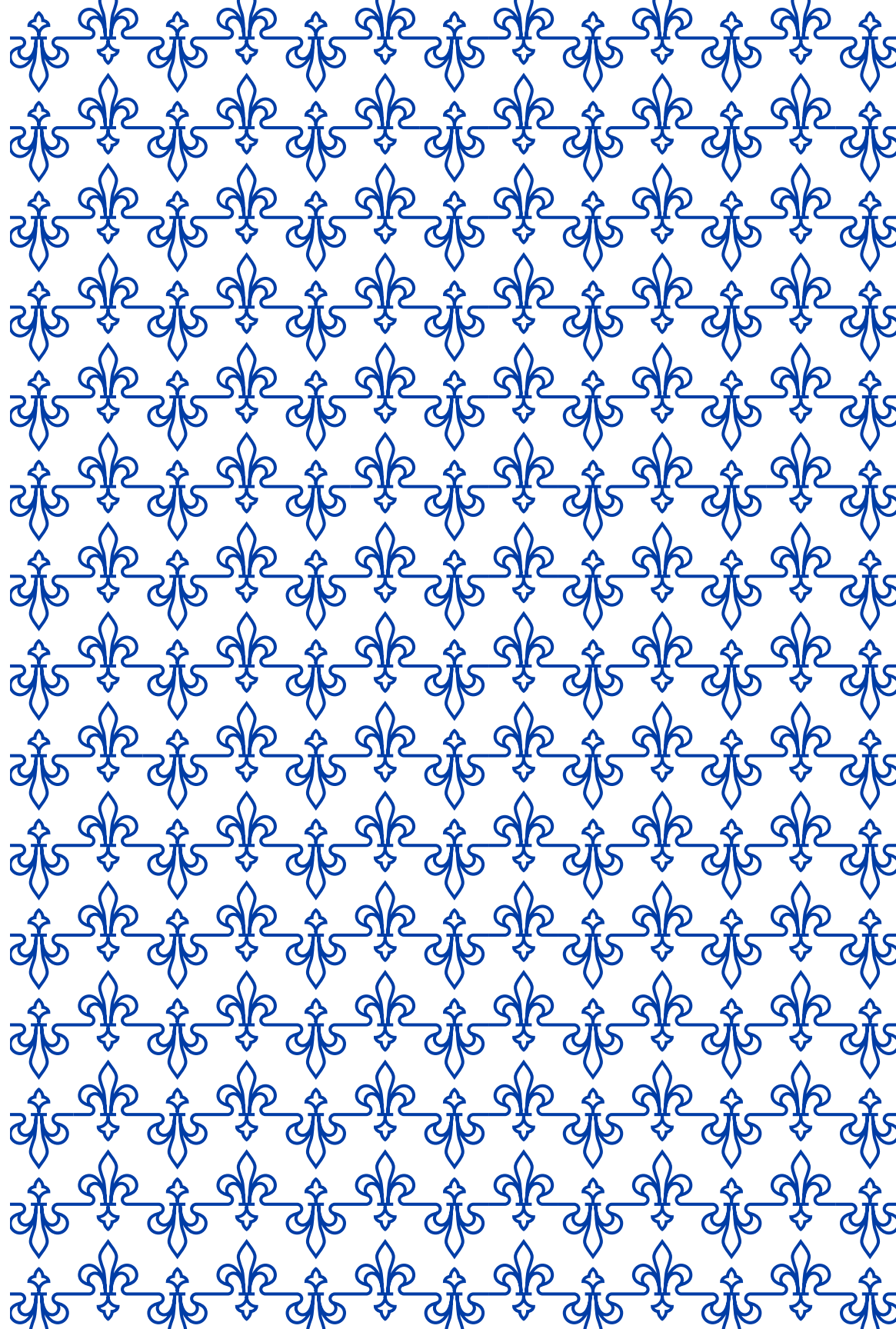


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