“While a good leader sustains momentum, a great leader increases it.”

- John C. Maxwell

Thank you Dr. Kirk and Dr. Durst for your hard work, dedication and leadership--you will truly be missed.

As we move into the summer months, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your commitment of teaching excellence to educating our students. Also, our various graduation ceremonies have started, and if you are able, I encourage you to attend the graduation ceremony at your teaching location. I promise you that the experience will not only be very rewarding, but it would also mean a lot for the graduates to see you cheering them on as they walk across the stage.

You may have noticed an addition to the regional edition of the newsletter called the Regional Adjunct Spotlight. The Regional Adjunct Spotlight highlights adjuncts that exemplify Saint Leo University core values and were voted on by center leadership as standing out in that particular
region. I understand that you are all spotlights, but keep in mind, that this is just another way for us to come together as a community to learn about and celebrate the wonderful things that you all do personally and professionally.

I wish all of you a great summer and I look forward to continuing the many engagement initiatives that we started and continued to improve on this past year.

At your service,
Duane O. Stephens

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**Central Region**

**Adjunct Highlight**

Judge Mark Anthony Scott was elected as a Superior Court Judge in the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit, Georgia in August, 2004, served as Chief Judge from 2010 to 2012, and currently presides over civil matters, including domestic relation cases, criminal felony matters, including: murder, rape, armed robbery, aggravated assault and violating the Georgia Controlled Substances Act. He is also an adjunct instructor at Saint Leo University, teaching courses in business law and criminal justice.

Judge Scott attended Fresno State, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication in 1980. In 1984, Judge Scott graduated from Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C. in the top one-third of his class and was a member of the Langston chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion and courage through service to the profession and community.

Judge Scott began his legal career as a Corporate Staff Attorney for Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company (now UNUM), drafting and negotiating contracts to implement property and casualty insurance sales programs in financial institutions throughout the United States. He was the founder and managing general partner of Taylor, Scott & McClary Law Offices in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he focused on criminal defense and served as Special Counsel for Hamilton County, Tennessee.
Prior to the citizens of DeKalb County, Georgia electing him as a Superior Court Judge, Judge Scott’s primary legal concentration focused on criminal defense work throughout the United States, trying high profile felony jury trials as lead counsel. He also previously served on the faculty of Gerry Spence’s Trial Lawyers College in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

In 2007, Georgia Lt. Governor Mark Taylor appointed Judge Scott to the Board of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. As a former Board Member, he ensured, independent of political considerations or private interests, that each client whose cause had been entrusted to a circuit public defender received zealous, adequate, effective, timely, and ethical legal representation.

Judge Scott is the recipient of the 9th Annual Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service, and as a past president of the DeKalb Bar Association, is a Member of the DeKalb Bar Foundation.
Colonel Samuel A. Biank, Jr., U.S. Army, retired, is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. His advanced education includes a Master of Arts degree in Counseling Services from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts degree in American History from the State University of New York, College at Buffalo. He is also a graduate of the United States Army War College where he concentrated in international studies.

Colonel Biank was commissioned in the Field Artillery branch and served over 29 years in the United States Army. He served in various stateside as well as overseas assignments to include Europe and Vietnam as a firing battery commander. He served on the TRADOC staff and in the Pentagon in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He completed his Army career as a brigade commander of the 1st Brigade, First ROTC Region, U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command.

Since his retirement from the United States Army, Colonel Biank has taught history for Saint Leo University for the past 21 years. He also taught at Thomas Nelson Community College for 10 years. In addition to survey courses in American History, Western Civilization and the Global Perspective, he has taught special topic courses in the History of World War II, the Vietnam War and African American History. He is currently teaching one of Saint Leo’s Human Adventure courses, entitled Revolution Now! Democracy in Troubled Times.

Colonel Biank and his wife, Patricia, live in Williamsburg, Virginia. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters. Maria is an Army Colonel and is the former commander of the 93rd Signal Brigade at Fort Eustis. Tanya is a journalist and author of Army Wives and Undaunted: The Real Story of America’s Servicewomen in Today’s Military. They have two grandchildren, Jack and Violet.
Susan Little is currently a Financial Reporting Manager for a South Florida HVAC wholesale corporation. Prior to working in the HVAC industry, Susan worked in the insurance industry for CIGNA Corporation as a Senior Accountant. She has over 25 years of experience working in various accounting related positions. Susan also has worked as a computer programmer for 5 years and holds a minor in Computer Science.

Susan received her undergraduate Accounting degree in 1991 from Florida Metropolitan University with a minor in Computer Science. After working 15 years and raising her family, Susan returned to school to receive a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. In the process of achieving her Masters, Susan was exposed to online learning. Although Susan attended the University of Phoenix on ground campus, she had a few online classes and the experience had a great impact on her life. Susan’s goal is to help other young adults achieve their educational goals by assisting educational institutions with their online learning curriculum.

Susan is family oriented and has two young adults and one grandchild that she adores. She resides in South Florida and enjoys her online experiences with Saint Leo University.
Dr. Harry Rotter is an educator who has worked for over 40 years in the public school system with students who are severely emotionally and/or behavior disturbed in both Georgia and Florida. In addition, he has leadership experience and certification at all grade levels to include supervision of a program for emotionally disturbed adolescents in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Rotter also has been involved with Thomas County School System’s vocational program where he coordinated a dual enrollment program at the Southwest Technical College. Presently, he is employed with the Leon School System, Tallahassee, Florida where he works with adolescents who are severely emotionally disturbed. Dr. Rotter has been teaching as an adjunct for approximately 30 years to include Gordon State College (Barnesville, GA) and the University of Maryland European Division. He has been teaching psychology and education courses at Saint Leo University for the past 10 years in the North Florida area. He is a Certified Peer Observer, observing faculty and providing them with instructional support to improve their teaching skills. Dr. Rotter also serves on the University Senate and was formerly assigned as a Lead Contract Faculty in Psychology for the North Florida area. Dr. Rotter received a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology (1999) from Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. His main area of study involved cognitive changes in memory pertaining to the elderly. The title of his doctoral dissertation is *Historical and Experimental Analysis of Age Differences in Paired-Associate Learning*.

At present, Dr. Rotter is a member of the American Psychological Association; Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society; Phi Delta Kappa; Past President of the Council for Exceptional Children (Tallahassee, FL); Madison County Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Free Community; Commander of American Legion Post 68 (Madison, FL), Veteran of Foreign Wars, Reserve Officers Association, and the Past Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club (Jackson, GA).

**Distance Learning**

**Adjunct Highlight**
Paula Beiser has been teaching online for Saint Leo University for about 15 years and is thankful for being part of this wonderful institution. Her background is in accounting/auditing. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Information Technology Professional with over twenty-three years of real world experience. She earned an M.B.A. with a concentration in Accounting and Software from the College of William and Mary in 1995, and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Christopher Newport University in 1991. She also has additional graduate hours in accounting from Old Dominion University. Over the years she has worked in various accounting roles - supervisor, manager, controller, and Vice-President of Finance. Mrs. Beiser is also a small business owner.

Mrs. Beiser is married with three children – Tyler, 15, Jake, 11, and Sofia, 7. She also has two cats, a dog, and 2 snakes. When time permits, she enjoys scuba diving and boating with her husband. They are both advanced divers and enjoy diving and traveling which has led them to some very exciting places - Cozumel reefs and caverns, Key West reefs, Turks and Caicos reefs, Freeport/Bahamas reefs and wrecks, Florida springs, Cape Hatteras and Outer Banks wrecks, and Australia and Fiji reefs/wrecks.

Mrs. Beiser absolutely loves teaching and looks forward to sharing her professional experience with students. She finds great reward in working with her clients and customers, however; “It does not beat the feeling of passing along this information to students in order for them to be successful in their professional and personal lives,” she exclaims.

University News

New Academic Building to be named Kirk Hall
The Saint Leo University Board of Trustees has announced that the academic building currently under construction will be named for President Arthur F. Kirk, Jr., who is set to retire this summer.

Kirk Hall will provide 48,000 square feet of space, including 16 new classrooms and academic support services space, along with faculty offices. This will be the 11th new building at University Campus, in addition to three recent renovations, within the last 13 years.

“Dr. Kirk has led Saint Leo for more than 18 years, establishing our vision and student-centered mission. He is an inspiring teacher, as well as a remarkable leader, so it seemed fitting that we recognize him in a tangible, lasting way by naming the new academic building in his honor,” said Cindy Brannen ’92, chair of the Board of Trustees. “During his presidency, Dr. Kirk transformed Saint Leo, and this building is part of his legacy.”

Kirk Hall will be completed this summer, in time for the fall 2015 semester, and is located prominently at the main entrance of University Campus. The structure will complement the Spanish Mission style of the neighboring academic building that houses the Donald R. Tapia
School of Business and will incorporate energy-friendly and eco-friendly design features, as well as distinct landscaping. It will be the home for classes in liberal arts, education, criminal justice, and social work, including graduate-level classes for continuing professional education. The architect for the project is Gould Evans of Tampa, FL, and the general contractor is Creative Contractors of Clearwater, FL.

President Kirk publication available online

The Office of University Communications is pleased to announce that *Leading Change: The Kirk Years* is available online. This publication looks back at Dr. Kirk’s tenure at Saint Leo. Copies will be distributed to various departments this week and have been mailed to education centers. If you require an individual hard copy, please email news@saintleo.edu and provide your mail code.

Saint Leo University Honored for Military Partnership: Northeast Florida Education Center

Saint Leo University has a long history of educating military personnel, their spouses, and families – especially at the more than 40 education centers and offices. Today, Saint Leo serves military students in seven states and worldwide.

The university understands the challenges of those service members and its veteran students, and works with them to accommodate schedules and make education available.

The Northeast Florida Center, along with the School District of Clay County (FL), was chosen by the Military Child Education Coalition as one of five recipients selected nationally to receive the 2014 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award. The school district received the highest
honor in the category of Exemplary Partnership among school district, military installation, community organizations, and higher education institutions.

Shirley J. Goeffroy Professional Development Fund

The Shirley J. Goeffroy Professional Development Fund (PDF) is available to encourage and support Division of Continuing Education faculty involvement in scholarly activities that will contribute to professional growth and enhance the quality of education available to our students at Saint Leo University.

Please mail reimbursement requests to:

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Congratulations to our graduates!

The Saint Leo University community congratulates employees who demonstrate the core value of personal development by furthering their education. If you work with Saint Leo part-time and full-time employees and graduate assistants, who are graduating this year, please take a moment to commend their efforts.

In the past, we have included a list of graduates, but inevitably the list is incomplete. We are proud of everyone who is earning a new degree.
Please submit any events happening at your center to: Adjunct.Faculty.Relations@saintleo.edu

Alumni, parents, students, and friends of the university marched down 5th Avenue as part of the 2015 New York City, Saint Patrick's day parade! Thank you to

Upcoming faculty development events

The Center for Academic Excellence was created with the purpose of centralizing all information regarding faculty development. Here you will find instructional resources as
well as the faculty development calendar with events, and also a tab to submit your event. Please visit the link below to submit your upcoming faculty development:


For more information please contact Nikii Lewis, administrator for the Center for Academic Excellence, at CFAE@saintleo.edu or (352) 588-8438.

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**Third Annual Sandhill Writers Retreat—Early registration open**

The Third Annual Sandhill Writers Retreat will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 16, at University Campus. The full-day retreat will feature 12 hands-on writing classes in fiction, nonfiction, journalism, young adult writing, and poetry.

A faculty of nationally-acclaimed Florida authors includes fiction writer Karen Brown (*The Longings of Wayward Girls, Little Sinners and Other Stories, and Pins and Needles: Stories*); creative nonfiction writer and editor of *Florida Review* Jocelyn Bartkevicius; poet Michael Hettich (*The Animals Beyond Us and Systems of Vanishing*); *Tampa Bay Times* columnist and bureau chief Ernest Hooper; and young adult writer Amy Christine Parker (*Gated*, and the sequel, *Astray*). These four renowned writers will be joined by Saint Leo writing faculty members Dr. Patrick Crerand, Gianna Russo, and Dr. Kurt Wilt to guide attendees through lessons in craft and imaginative exercises that lead to new works. The retreat will also include a faculty reading and book signing, a reception, and an optional lunch-time open reading for participants. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch or order a box lunch for an additional charge.

A very limited number of private one-on-one manuscript consultations are available on a first come, first served basis. There is an additional fee for the 15-minute consultation of up to 10 pages of fiction, nonfiction, or poetry.

**Early registration for the Sandhill Writers Retreat is open until April 30.** The cost is $85 for the public; $65 for teachers, students, and senior citizens; $25 for Saint Leo faculty, staff,
Veterans, and active-duty military; $10 for SLU students. Five student internships, for which there is an application process, waive the registration fee. Optional one-on-one manuscript review conferences will be available with retreat faculty for an additional fee of $75. There will also be a box lunch provided for $8.

Late registration, from May 1 to 12, includes an additional fee of $15 per registrant. To read more detailed information and register online, visit http://www.saintleo.edu/academics/schools/school-of-arts-sciences/the-sandhill-writers-retreat.aspx.

For more information, contact Gianna Russo, retreat director, at (352) 588-8282 or gianna.russo@saintleo.edu.

Camino de Santiago de Compostela (Way of Saint James), May 2-12

Saint Leo University faculty and staff may make a walking pilgrimage May 2-12 on the Camino—shorter route of 100km/60 miles/six days. There will be a day in Madrid, daily Eucharist and talk, pilgrimage Mass at the Cathedral of Santiago in Northwestern Spain. Faculty, staff, and friends are welcome.

Contact Father Michael Cooper, SJ, Theology Department, at michael.coopersj@saintleo.edu or (727) 644-5544 for more information.

Juvenile Aggression is Topic of Summer Institute Course at Saint Leo, May 5-7

The Department of Public Safety Administration and Criminal Justice Department will present "Juvenile Aggression" as the topic at its sixth annual three-day course at University Campus. The course will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 5-7 in the Student Community Center at Saint Leo University.
Topics to be discussed include:

- Federal and Florida laws and agencies relating to juveniles;
- causes and correlations of juvenile crime;
- policing the teenage brain;
- youth gangs and violence/gangs in schools; impacts and opportunities;
- causes of juvenile aggression in schools and solutions;
- bullying, harassment, and violence/cyber bullying;
- School Resource Officers;
- Crisis Intervention Teams;
- tools for de-escalating juvenile aggression;
- law enforcement opportunities: to prevent juvenile aggression; and
- incidents and opportunities: building trust and communicating with troubled youth.

Instructors for this course are experienced professors, prosecutors, and law enforcement officials. Undergraduate and graduate credits are available for the course and will be offered at no cost for the certificate program. In the spirit of giving back to the community, Saint Leo University has absorbed all costs for non-credit participation.

Space is limited. For more information, contact Karin L. May, special projects administrator, Department of Public Safety Administration, School of Education and Social Services, karin.may@saintleo.edu, or (352) 588-7313.

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**Human Services cruise to Bermuda—October 23-30**

The Human Services Department invites the Saint Leo University community to join them on a cruise to Bermuda from October 23 to 30.

The seven-day Carnival Cruise will leave from Norfolk, VA, and will travel to King’s Wharf, Bermuda, where participants will connect with students and faculty from Bermuda College. Community service activities are planned in local agencies, and a day of community activities has been planned on the college campus as well. Time will also be spent on organized sightseeing adventures so students and faculty can experience the culture of the island.
Financial aid can be used to cover the cost of the trip, and students wanting course credit can also enroll in HUS 101 Service Learning. This course will be offered in Fall 2 in some centers and through VTT. Meetings time will be held on the ship to allow students to gather as a group and discuss the trip’s activities and educational outcomes.

Book with your deposit now to ensure your spot. Final payments are not due until August.

Contact Susan Kinsella at susan.kinsella@saintleo.edu or Amina Abdullah-Winstead at amina.abdullah-winstead@saintleo.edu for more information and code numbers for the group registration.

Irish Thanksgiving: Our Religious and Cultural Roots, November 20-29, 2015

Enjoy an Irish Thanksgiving and explore Catholic and cultural roots in the “holy sod” from November 20-29, 2015. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, family, and friends are invited to spend the Thanksgiving break exploring the historical, cultural, and fun-filled heritage of Ireland. There is a $100 discount for early registration by Friday, May 1.

Visits are planned to Shannon; the Dingle peninsula; Blarney Castle; Cliffs of Moher; Croagh Patrick and Knock; Galway; Dublin; Ross [Kennedy home]; Waterford; and more.

REL 300 Irish Roots, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m., can be taken as a preparation for this trip. The course and trip are both separate entities. Enrollment in the course is not required in order to travel.

For more information, contact Father Michael Cooper, S.J. at michael.coopersj@saintleo.edu or call (727) 644-5544.

Athletics Update
Men’s golf earns slot in NCAA South/Southeast Regional; will host event at Lake Jovita
The Saint Leo men’s golf team was one of 10 teams from the South Region to be selected for the NCAA South/Southeast Super Regional, to be held May 4-6. The event will be hosted by Saint Leo at the Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club. Read the complete release.

NCAA tournament selection announcements are scheduled to be released this week for women’s golf (Monday afternoon) and men’s and women’s tennis (Tuesday night), and early next week for softball (Monday, May 4).

Men’s lacrosse places six on All-SSC team
Six Saint Leo men’s lacrosse players were tabbed with All-Sunshine State Conference honors, including First Team selections Dylan Yonts and Will Cothron. Read the complete release.

Baseball’s O’Connor chalks up 100th win at Saint Leo
Saint Leo head baseball coach and Athletic Hall of Famer Sean O’Connor recorded his 100th win at the helm of the Lions baseball program, with a 9-4 win over Florida Southern last Tuesday. Read the complete release.

Angela Kafalas earns SSC Softball Player of the Week honors
Angela Kafalas earned Sunshine State Conference Softball Player of the Week honors for the second time this season, after going 4-for-10 with three runs batted in and a home run in a sweep of SSC rival Lynn. Read the complete release.

Be among the first to get Saint Leo Athletics scores and updates
Follow the Lions wherever you go! Sign up for score alerts from Saint Leo Athletics by email and through the Athletics app on your mobile device. Register online today!

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The Cannon Memorial Library now offers assistance in writing and research to all students of all levels, across the curriculum. Ángel L. Jiménez, M.A., and John David Harding M.F.A., offer instruction on all aspects and stages of the writing process. Saint Leo students can make an appointment with instructors or get more information by heading to our Writing and Research Support page.

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What do you do that is working really well in the classroom? How did you reach that student who just did not seem to get it? How do you effectively utilize technology in your teaching?

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