PERSISTANCE PAYS!

“The brick walls are there to give us a chance to see how badly we want something” – Randy Pausch, The Last Lecture.

Work conflicts, illness, child care challenges, transportation, finances and tough course work can be stumbling blocks between you and your degree. But, figure a way around your brick walls until you get that degree in hand! Be persistent.

GRADUATION

Graduation will be held at the Cobb Energy Center on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 2800 Cobb Galleria Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30339. Graduates should arrive at 9:00 a.m. for a practice run-through. Family and friends may arrive at 11:00 a.m. Note: This is a ticketed event! Graduates, pick up your 7 tickets from Jackie Kelly at the front desk. There is an $8.00 parking fee. Light refreshments will be provided. Congratulations to all SLU graduates!

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know your student ID number? Your academic advisor will ask you for your student ID when registering for courses. It’s a good idea to memorize your student ID or save it in your smartphone for easy reference.

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SLU EMAIL?

Have you checked your SLU student email? It consists of your firstname.lastname@email.saintleo.edu SLU email is how the registrar and administration communicate with you. Check your SLU email regularly! If you need assistance, see an advisor.

ACADEMIC TERMS:

2015SU1 5.4-6.28.15
2015SU2 6.29-8.23.15
2015FA1 8.24-10.18.15
2015FA2 10.19-12.13.15

DROP vs. WITHDRAWAL

The drop/add period for 2015SU1 ends 5.11.15. A ‘drop’ means that the course will not appear on your academic record and that your account will not be charged. You may withdraw from a course until 6.15.15. Tuition accrues as you advance in a course. You may no longer drop a course after the first week of a term.

However, you may withdraw from a course weeks 2 – 7 of an 8 week term. A grade of ‘W’ will not affect your g.p.a., but may affect your completion rate. All withdrawals require a signed withdrawal form. Contact an advisor for more information.

INCOMPLETE GRADES:

If you have completed the majority of a course and have only a few outstanding assignments, a grade of Incomplete may be a possibility. Incomplete grades must be requested in writing before the end of the term and are granted only at the discretion of the instructor.

GRADE APPEALS: Students who feel that their final grade is inaccurate may submit a grade appeal. It’s an involved process that may result in a lower grade. See an advisor for details.
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GRADUATE DEGREES

A graduate degree might very well advance your job prospects and give you an edge in today’s competitive marketplace.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2010 and 2020 the number of jobs requiring a master’s degree is expected to grow by 22 percent. Those holding a graduate degree may earn, on average, $24,531 more than those with bachelor’s degrees.


Perhaps you’re interested in Criminal Justice, one of our most popular disciplines at Gwinnett. Consider the Master of Science in Criminal Justice with specializations in Corrections, Critical Incident Management, Legal Studies and Forensics.

Either the MBA or the MCRIMJ degree total 36 credits, 12 courses, plus an online orientation. Students take 1 course every 8 weeks. On ground classes meet on Saturday mornings 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon or 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Either program also may be taken online. It will take approximately 18 months to 2 years to complete an SLU graduate degree.

Bonus! If you earned your undergraduate degree at SLU, the $80.00 application fee will be waived for you! Also, you do not need to order a copy of your undergraduate transcripts.

Note: The deadline to add an online graduate course is the Thursday before the start of a term.

If you’d like to learn more about SLU graduate degree programs, see Ann Dabrowski.

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SUCCESSFUL SEMINARS HELD @Gwinnett

Gwinnett Seminar attendees

Human Services Seminar:

Gwinnett Center hosted informative seminars this spring, including, “Secure Jobs of the Future: Where Social Justice Meets Health Care and Human Services” on 3.21.15.
Dr. Ortiz gave an interesting presentation on the many medical uses of marijuana and its legislation; Andrea McMahon from High Hope spoke on resources for refugee settlement, and Chatelah Brown from Catholic Charities spoke on assisting the developmentally disabled. About 30 SLU students in Human Services and Healthcare Administration attended the event.

**Criminal Justice Seminar:**

On April 15, 2015 Gwinnett Center hosted a seminar, “Mental Health Issues in Criminal Justice.” Dr. Phillip R. Neely gave an overview on the topic; Ms. Yasirah Powers-Kouassi, a counselor for Gwinnett County Jail and adjunct instructor at Gwinnett, addressed mental health issues in corrections and Dr. Dee Dial, criminal justice instructor from Marietta Center, touched on legal aspects of the issue.

Why is attention to mental health in the criminal justice system vital? Mental health patients are represented in higher numbers in prisons and jails. The mentally ill are more likely to re-offend once released from jail.

Seminar participants were educated on mental health crisis de-escalation, treatment, and suicide risk factors. About 30 area police officers and corrections personnel attended the seminar and earned POST credit.

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Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Undergraduates must have a minimum g.p.a. of 3.2 and rank in the top 35% of their class; graduate students must have a minimum 3.4 g.p.a. or rank in the upper 25% of their class. For an application, see Ann Dabrowski.

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**Famous Failures:**

1. The most famous name in basketball was actually cut from his high school basketball team.
2. He earned a grade of “C” in speech class, but went on to become the most famous public speaker and civil rights activist of all time.
3. Frustrated when passed over for a promotion in favor of a man she’d trained, she quit and wrote a book to assist women in business.
4. Before his successful acting career, he was rejected by the United States Naval Academy.
5. He struck out 1,330 times!
6. He was fired by an editor for lacking in ideas.
7. She was an overweight housewife with an obsession for eating meat.
8. His first novel was rejected by 16 agents.
9. He was turned down for an engineering job by Toyota after WWII.
10. He failed in his bid for the Senate and presidential nomination, but revived Godfather’s Pizza chain.

“Failures” Answers:


“Failure is a detour, not a dead-end street.” – Zig Zeglar

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**Front Desk News:**

Michelle Anderson had her baby boy, Cameron, in April. Congratulations, Michelle! Jacqueline Kelly graciously agreed to fill in at the front desk while Michelle is on maternity leave. Thanks, Jackie!

What does Saint Leo University mean to YOU? For Jackie Kelly, who earned her B.A. and MBA here, SLU is “Phenomenal!” Stop by the front desk and have your photo taken for our Gwinnett Facebook page with your personalized SLU statement.
Faculty Spotlight:

“Treat the patient, not the disease.”

DR. RAFAEL ANTONIO ROSADO ORTIZ not only has a memorable name, but an impressive history as well. Dr. Ortiz came to the U.S. from Puerto Rico in 1982, where his Dad was a famous baseball player. Dr. Ortiz has a wealth of knowledge in the medical field. He has established internship sites for SLU students at the CDC, Dept. of Health and Human Services, Gwinnett Medical Center and the Department of Justice. Dr. Ortiz shares the best advice he received from a mentor: “Treat the patient, not the disease.” If you are thinking of pursuing the B.S. in Healthcare Management, stop by and see Dr. Ortiz. He’ll make you feel right at home.

Student Spotlight:

“I can sell ice to Eskimos!”

LISA Y. BROWN has a passion for helping people! As a soon-to-be graduate of the Human Services program, Lisa is ready to share her unique talents in the human service field. Towards this end, Lisa enjoyed a productive 350 hour internship at Boys 2 Men, a non-profit agency started by Lisa’s aunt, N. Jean Hudley. (Ms. Hudley is an SLU alum with a BA in Sociology.) Boys 2 Men is a youth home and sanctuary for boys 13-25. It’s a safe haven where the boys are inspired to continue their education, seek employment and learn daily living skills. They also have access to GED test preparation, counseling, healthcare and cultural endeavors. Lisa learned much at her internship, where her salesmanship and marketing skills were put to use. She raised money and secured donations for boys2 men. Lisa says, “I thought my strength was working with people; turns out that I can also sell ice to Eskimos, too!” Boys 2 Men will be hosting a fundraiser June 13, 2015. Visit their website: boys2menforlife.org for more information.

Upcoming Events:

Gwinnett Center will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 for Memorial Day observance. Thank you to all public servants, active military and veterans for your service.

Invite your friends and coworkers— anyone who might be interested in earning a degree at SLU— to the Information Session on Wed., June 17, 2015 5:30-6:30 p.m. Anyone attending who enrolls will have his/her application fee waived!

Graduate courses will not be in session on Saturday, May 30, 2015 due to graduation.

Ted “Gunny” Wiser will visit Gwinnett Center on July 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. All veterans are invited to come by and meet “Gunny.”