Dear Billikens,

It is a privilege to welcome you -- or welcome you back! -- to Saint Louis University.

Each academic year brings excitement and opportunity, but this year stands out above all others. Together, we embark on this journey back to normal campus life. We will sit together in classrooms, study spaces and at meetings for our student organizations. We will share meals in Grand Dining Hall, sip on Starbucks at the Clock Tower and listen to music in a hammock on a nice day.

Whether you are coming back to us from a previous year or just starting your journey as a Billiken, great opportunities await you at SLU.

The caliber of students at SLU and the vibrant campus life were a huge part of my decision to join this great University, and I cannot wait to see it come to life when you arrive.

Rooted in the Catholic, Jesuit tradition, a SLU education can be life changing. You will be challenged academically by world-class educators and scholars, and exposed to exceptional out-of-class experiences that offer leadership opportunities and the chance to serve in the community. Whatever your passions and interests, I encourage you to get involved. Find a student organization that focuses on an issue that is close to your heart, be it academic, service, faith and spirituality, identity and cultures, leadership, Fraternity and Sorority life, residence life and many, many more.

Learning does not happen in isolation. We talk often about cura personalis, or the development and care of the whole person. That is our commitment to you during your time at SLU. We will provide you with the opportunity, but we expect you to capitalize on it. Own your growth and development during your time here. And remember that health, counseling, academic support, recreation and wellness and career services are available to you, and will help you get the most out of your SLU experience. Seek out the services that will help you reach your goals -- we want you to thrive!

This Student Handbook offers you a guide to the important policies and information that will help you navigate your way here at SLU. It also includes the University's Community Standards, or code of conduct, which highlights your rights and responsibilities as a SLU student.

My goal for you this year is to know you are heard, seen and valued as a member of our OneSLU family. Be diligent, work hard and stay curious. And know that we are here for you always.

Cheering you on,

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