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Summer 2024 Newsletter

A Message From the Dean



Hello SSE Alumni Mentors!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our Alumni Network Newsletter! As the Dean of SLU's School of Science and Engineering, I am thrilled to introduce this email communication designed to strengthen the bonds between our accomplished alumni and our ambitious current students. Your dedication to guiding the next generation is invaluable, and through this newsletter, we aim to provide you with resources, updates, and insights needed to enhance your mentoring journey. Together, we can ensure that our students are well-prepared to navigate their post-graduate paths with confidence and success. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our community, and I hope to see you at a future in-person event soon.

Warm regards,

Gregory E. Triplett, Jr., PhD
Oliver L. Parks Dean

Alumni Mentor Spotlight

Meet Antonio Segovia!

- *Graduated:* BS Computer Science, 2005
- *Current Role:* IT Director of Infrastructure at DSS, Inc., a software company that develops SaaS EHR/EMR for hospitals
- *Joined the SSE Alumni Network:* February 2024
- Antonio has been serving as a mentor to *four* current SSE students this year!



Q&A with Antonio:

What does mentorship mean to you?

"Mentorship is crucial and important to me because it provides an opportunity to learn and grow from the experiences of others. Throughout my career, I have always sought out coaches and mentors whom I viewed as successful to gain insights and guidance. Learning from our mistakes makes us wiser, and having a mentor can help navigate those challenges more effectively. I chose to become an SSE Alumni Mentor because I believe in the power of shared knowledge and the positive impact it can have on someone's personal and professional development."

What was your favorite memory of your time at SLU?

"One of my most cherished memories is from the day I was walking across campus, and a friend asked if I was going to the SLU Career Fair. I had no idea what a Career Fair was, but I decided to go with him anyway. That day turned out to be life-changing. I secured an internship with a Fortune 100 company, which set me on the path to where I am today."

Do you have any tips or tricks to connect with your SSE student mentees?

"To effectively connect with your SSE student mentees, familiarize yourself with the rules, utilize university resources like advisors and career services, and encourage network expansion. Share personal experiences, be approachable and available, and motivate them to participate in campus activities. This holistic approach will help your mentees gain valuable insights and opportunities."

Some ideas to keep your mentoring relationship strong this summer:

- Set a calendar reminder every two-three weeks to reach out to your mentee(s)
- Internship application season begins in August. Remind your mentee(s) that NOW is the time to update their resumes and begin searching for summer 2025 opportunities!
- Aware of upcoming industry-related events or conferences? Share opportunities you'd recommend with your mentee(s).

Conversation Starters

Need some inspiration for your next check in with your mentees? Try one of these prompts:

- **Career + Academic Motivations**

- Share your career aspirations and the motivations to choose your current field of study, and request your mentee do the same. Are there specific job roles or industries your mentee is interested in? Offer ideas to align academic and extracurricular activities to support those goals.

- **Overcoming Challenges**

- Life is full of challenges. Is there a significant challenge in either academic or personal life your mentee has faced? Discuss problem-solving processes and lessons learned. If you're comfortable, you can also share with your mentee experiences or strategies that have helped you overcome obstacles in your career.

- **Industry Trends + Innovation**

- What recent trends or innovations in their field of study are your mentees most excited about? How do they see these developments shaping the future of the industry? How do you? Share insights from your experience working in the industry and explore how your mentee might get involved in these cutting-edge areas.

Would you or your company like to connect further with opportunities at SLU?

Saint Louis University Career Services offers comprehensive employer engagement strategies to help companies create meaningful connections with emerging talent from SLU. Intentional, brand-building talent engagement activities help employers develop a presence on campus while making meaningful connections with our campus community.

Employers connect with our campus community through career fairs, specialized major and industry events, career-readiness workshops, on-campus interviews, information tables, meet & greets, and other networking opportunities.

Career services can help your company:

- Recruit great employees who strive to make a difference
- Create a customized or unique recruitment program
- Connect to the campus community and educate students, faculty, and staff about your organization
- Hire students for job or internship opportunities
- Showcase your organization
- Socialize information about career opportunities
- Build your employer brand on campus

For more information about how SLU partners with employers, contact Laura Schrubb, Employer Relations Consultant, Career Services, at laura.schrubb@slu.edu.

Upcoming Events



Alumni Network Mentors at our April 2024 Cardinals Game networking event! We're looking forward to more opportunities to connect with our alumni mentors this year!

Mentors and mentees are encouraged to attend events together when possible:

- [SLU's Homecoming and Family Weekend](#): September 27 - 29, 2024
- SSE Alumni Network Fall Social Event (in-person): TBA (likely in October or November -- more information coming soon!)

Mentoring Resources

Visit your Mentor Collective [Mentor Dashboard](#) to complete welcome tasks, reference discussion guides, and find more resources just for Alumni Network Mentors. Don't hesitate to reach out to the following as well:

SLU SSE Mentoring Coordinator: Amy Preis, amy.preis@slu.edu

Mentor Collective Alumni Network Dashboard Support: help@mentorcollective.org

New Alumni Network Mentees will begin signing up in August and will be matched on a rolling basis in Fall 2024. Feel free to forward this newsletter on to other SSE alumni that may be interested in joining the program! SSE alumni can [register as a mentor here](#)!

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