

As of September 12, 2019

In August, **Kennedy Holmes** '23 was invited by the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra and the St. Louis Blues to help judge the winner of their 2019 National Anthem Contest. She and her fellow judges (former National Anthem singer Charles Glenn; SLSO IN UNISON chorus director Kevin McBeth; Gerry Pagano, SLSO's bass trombone player; and former National Anthem contest winner James Bertels) chose a high-school trombone quartet made up of members of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Vinya Reddy '20, who participated in the STARS (Students and Teachers as Research Scientists) program this summer, has been invited by her mentor, Dr. Phyllis Stein of Washington University's Department of Cardiology, to continue her work this fall as a STARS research associate. Her summer research involved the use of artificial intelligence to detect both subclinical and clinical cardiovascular disease. The next phase of her work at Wash. U. includes writing a paper documenting her work (to be submitted to a journal) and expanding her AI model to detect other abnormal cardiovascular conditions.

Mark Smith (History) will have a chapter featured in the book *Jeffersonians in Power: The Rhetoric of Opposition Meets the Realities of Governing*, to be published by the University of Virginia Press in September. In his blurb, Brian Steele, author of *Thomas Jefferson and American Nationhood*, writes that the essays "address, in light of the latest scholarship, the longstanding and important problem of how the Jeffersonians used power and how they went about translating their opposition ideas into policy and statecraft... [it] unsettles what we thought we knew, consistently offering complex new insights and opening avenues for further research. It is required reading for students of the era."

Perry and Sally Schoenecker (past parents) will be honored at the 17th annual Ageless Remarkable St. Louisans gala on Saturday, October 19. The awards ceremony recognizes current achievements of people 75+ who make an impact in the region through philanthropy, volunteerism and leadership. Funds raised by the gala go towards programs that support low-income seniors. Mrs. Schoenecker will be honored for her work in early childhood education at Eliot Chapel Nursery School; her board service with Magic House and Ready Readers; and her work with therapy dogs at St. Louis Children's Hospital and Missouri Baptist Cancer Center. The award will also recognize Dr. Schoenecker's work in the medical field, including his travels around the world to train physicians and treat patients in underserved countries.