

SLU SOCCER



#SaintLouisyoU

Core Values

Our purpose is to consistently contend for and win the Atlantic 10 championship. We will accomplish this by individually and collectively holding each other to our highest standard. The backbone of this team is the fact that the program is bigger than the individual. Every graduate from SLU Women's Soccer is responsible to leave the program better than it was when she entered.



Integrity. Discipline. One. Execution. Mentality.

A large Gothic cathedral with a tall spire and a fountain in the foreground. The cathedral is white with intricate carvings and a large rose window. The fountain in the foreground has several jets of water. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Integrity - We have the backbone to do what is best and right even if it means confronting our teammates.

Discipline - Every day we control our energy, effort, and attitude. We are always prepared and on time.

One - We have an unbreakable bond. Every member of the team has a role that is respected and vital to our success.

Execution - We don't allow excuses. We do the dirty work. We have each other's backs and we do what it takes to win.

Mentality - We choose to be relentless with an attitude to embrace the process and grow strong as a team.



Team History

- 2 NCAA Tournament Appearances
- 5 Conference Titles

Player History- Athletic

All-Americans

Alli Klug
NSCAA 3rd Team (2017)

Courtney Hulcer
Soccer Buzz 2nd Team (2004)
Soccer Buzz 4th Team (2006)

Julia Bradenberg
Soccer Buzz Freshman 4th Team (2006)

Meghann Burke
NSCAA 2nd Team (2002), Soccer Buzz 3rd Team
(2002)
Soccer Buzz Freshman 2nd Team (1999)

Alli Klug
A-10 Defensive (2017)

Olivia Petit
A-10 Rookie of the Year (2017)

Kacey Bright
A-10 Defensive (2016)

Julia Bradenberg
A-10 Rookie (2006)

Courtney Hulcer
A-10 Defensive (2006, 2005)
C-USA Defensive (2004)

Jamie Perry
C-USA Freshman (2001)

Meghann Burke
C-USA Defensive (2000, 2002)
C-USA Freshman (1999)

Player History-Academic

NSCAA Scholar All-America

Meghann Burke
2nd Team-2002

Kelly Ferguson
2nd Team-2005

Maureen Hughes
3rd Team-2006

Courtney Hulcer
2nd Team-2006

Jenny Kehl
2nd Team-2002

Kara Kornfeld
3rd Team-2004

Lauren Olson
2nd Team-2008

Jamie Perry
2nd Team-2004

Kelly Young
3rd Team-2000

Conference Sport Athlete of the Year

Meghann Burke
C-USA Defensive-2002

Courtney Hulcer
A-10-2006

Jamie Perry
C-USA-2003

Trisha Underberg
C-USA-1997

CoSIDA Academic All-America

Courtney Hulcer
1st Team-2005, 2006

Jenny Kehl
2nd Team-2002

Kara Kornfeld
3rd Team-2004

Lauren Olson
2nd Team-2008

Jamie Perry
2nd Team-2004





**Entering her 6th season as head coach
with the SLU Women's Soccer Program**



Coach Katie Shields

Alma Mater: Harvard University




**In 2009, was an
assistant goalkeeping
coach for the Boston
Breakers Professional
Soccer Team**



"Katie Shields has distinguished herself as a master recruiter and one of America's finest young, talented coaches. No one will be surprised as Katie develops SLU into a program of national significance. She is known for integrity, a tireless work ethic and a wonderful soccer pedigree. Congratulations to Katie and to Saint Louis University." - Tony DiCicco, USA National Team Coach '96 Olympic Gold; '99 World Cup Championship; '08 U20 World Cup Championship



An assistant with the U.S. Youth National Teams Staff at training camps and international competitions



"Katie Shields is one of the brightest young coaches in America. From the moment you meet her to the moment she starts the training session, you feel her deep passion for the great game. She demonstrates with impeccable skill, she progressively builds, and she brings the best out of all the players. Players love training and playing for Katie. She will build Saint Louis University women's soccer into a nationally competitive program. She also is one of the finest role models in women's soccer." - April Heinrichs, Technical Director, U.S. Women's National Teams

Player Development Under Coach Shields

Hermann Stadium



The 2017 Billikens broke the Missouri collegiate women's soccer attendance record of **5,205** at Hermann Stadium.

In NCAA Division I Women's Soccer, SLU ranked **25th** in accumulated attendance and **27th** in average attendance.

Hermann Stadium



Over the past two seasons, SLU has been undefeated at home in the regular season with a record of 19-0-2, led the A-10 in attendance, and scored 43 goals while allowing only 12 in 19 home games.

2017 Team Highlights

- **Alli Klug named 3rd All-American in program history.**
- **Finished 2nd in the A-10 Conference for the 2nd year.**
- **15 wins broke the school record for regular season wins.**
- **Mary Niehaus selected to the TopDrawerSoccer's National Team of the Week**
- **SLU defeated St. Bonaventure 5-0 this year-scoring at least 5 goals vs. an A-10 opponent since Oct. 22, 2006.**
- **The Billikens had 18 different player combinations on 21 assisted goals this season.**
- **The Billikens ranked 24th in the first NCAA RPI ranking of 2017**
- **The Billikens ranked fifth highest among non- "Power 5" conference programs.**
- **Finished non-conference play 8-0-1 Sept. 7, while being one of 6 NCAA DI teams without a loss.**



2017 Team Highlights



- **The Billikens played to a 1-1 draw against 19th ranked Kansas in front of a state of Missouri record crowd of 5,205.**
- **Freshmen, Olivia Petit, was called into USWNT U-20 Training Camp.**
 - **Was selected to the Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI second team.**
 - **Was ranked #21 in the Top Drawer Soccer top 100 freshmen in the nation.**
- **Sophomore, Alli Klug, ranked #48 in the Top Drawer Soccer Top 100 Upperclassmen List.**
- **In NCAA Division I Women's Soccer, the Billikens ranked;**
 - **13th in 1 loss percentage**
 - **24th in scoring offense**
 - **15th in shots per game**
 - **11th in goals against**

A photograph of three female soccer players in blue jerseys celebrating a goal. They are huddled together, laughing and shouting with joy. The player on the left is wearing a red headband, the middle player is wearing a blue headband, and the player on the right is wearing a blue headband. The background is dark, suggesting an outdoor stadium at night.

2016 Team Highlights

- **14 wins tied the school record for regular season wins**
- **Reached No. 2 in the Mid-Atlantic Region Ranking and No. 48 in the NCAA Division I RPI**
- **4-0-0 non conference home record is the best undefeated, untied nonconference home mark in program history**
- **9-0-0 at home for the first time in program history- SLU was one of just six Division 1 teams to go undefeated and untied at home**

2016 Team Highlights

- **Finished second in the A-10**
- **Tied for first in shutouts and was second in goals against average in the A-10**
- **Led the A-10 in overall attendance for the 2016 season**
- **Six Billikens on A-10 postseason lists**
- **Defeated a Big Ten school**
- **Went 5-0-2 in overtime**
- **Defeated a Big 12 school**



ATLANTIC **A10** 2017 HONORS

CONFERENCE



Mary Niehaus #1

-All-Conference First Team
-2x Co-Defensive Player of the
Week



Maddie Pokorny #4

-All-Conference Second Team
-Offensive Player of the Week



Bri Halverson #12

-All-Rookie Team

SLU set program records with six student-athletes on the All-Conference first and second teams combined and three tabbed for All-Academic honors.

ATLANTIC **A10** 2017 HONORS

CONFERENCE



Olivia Petit #10

- Rookie of the Year
- 2x Rookie of the Week
- Offensive Player of the Week



Evie Lavelle #14

- All-Conference Second Team
- Offensive Player of the Week

ATLANTIC **AIO** 2017 HONORS

CONFERENCE



Courtney Reimer #4

-All-Conference Second
Team



Alli Klug #2

-Defensive Player of the Year
-Co-Defensive Player of the Week

**The Billikens' three first-team
choices tied for the second most
in program history.**

ATLANTIC
AIO
CONFERENCE

2016 HONORS



Kacey Bright #2

- All-Conference First Team
- Preseason All Conference Team
- Co-Defensive Player of the Week



Mary Niehaus #1

- 3x Defensive Player of the Week
- All-Conference First Team



Danielle Tolmais #10

- All-Conference First Team



Alyssa Seitzer #7

- Rookie of the Week

SLU equaled the program record with five players on the first and second teams combined.

ATLANTIC **A10** 2016 HONORS

CONFERENCE



Lindsay Sands #16

- 2x Co-Offensive
Player of the Week



Shaney Sakamoto #5

- All-Conference Second Team



Courtney Reimer #14

- All-Rookie Team



Maddie Pokorny #4

- All-Conference Second
Team

***The Billikens' three first team choices tied
for the second most in program history.***

2017 Academic Honors



Alyssa Seitzer #7

-A-10 All-Academic Team



Mary Niehaus #1

-A-10 All-Academic Team



Lauren Tondl #9

-A-10 All-Academic Team

- **The Bills made program history by having three student-athletes named to the All-Academic team.**
- **The Bills have earned the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award for the 6th straight year.**

2016 Academic Honors



Kacey Bright #2

- **CoSIDA Academic All-District Team**
- **A-10 All-Academic Team**



Mary Niehaus #1

- **A-10 All-Academic Team**

“Education was another reason that I chose SLU. Regardless of major, I also knew the significance of a degree from such a prestigious university. The increased likelihood of being able to find a job after school was something that was important to me.”

- *Kirsten Clemens, 2016 Senior*

- **SLU has earned the NSCAA Academic Award every year since Coach Shields took over the program in 2013.**
- **The Bills tied a program record by having two student-athletes named to the All-Academic team.**



“We educate the whole person -- mind, body, and spirit.”

“Saint Louis University is one of the nation’s oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities. Guided by our enduring Jesuit mission, we offer our nearly 13,000 students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education that helps them develop into bold, confident leaders. Rated among the nation’s top 100 research universities, SLU boasts more than 20 graduate and undergraduate programs ranked among the top 100 in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*.”



Volleyball - The Pavilion



Basketball - Chaifetz Arena



**Simon
Recreation
Center - Indoor
Pool**



**Med Campus -
Track and Field**





Athletic Facilities

Sports Performance

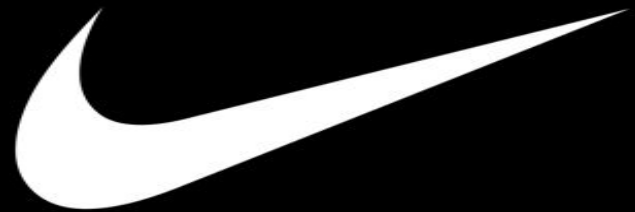


Training Room - Sports Medicine





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SERVICE



In their words...



“To wear the SLU crest on your chest and represent something larger than yourself is the greatest feeling in the world. Here at St. Louis University they not only grow you into the best soccer player, but the best person you can be.”

- Bri Halverson, Freshman

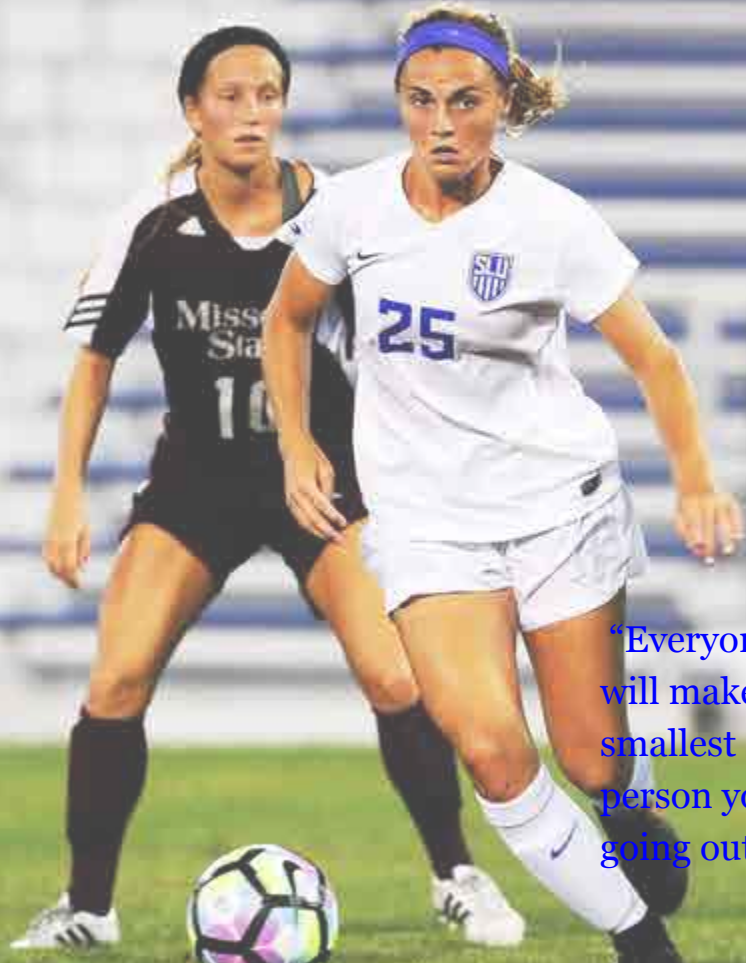
In their words...



“When I first came to visit right away I felt this amazing energy from the players and coaches. From talking with everyone on the team, I knew that they were out to achieve something that was bigger than themselves and I wanted to be a part of it. They were all determined to develop and grow the culture that they had created. Committing to SLU for soccer has been one of the best decisions I have made and I wouldn't trade the experience I have had for anything else. I truly love the school, program, culture, and community that we represent.”

- Alli Klug, Sophomore
All-American

In their words...



“Everyone you will come into contact with at SLU will make sure you know that they **CARE**. From the smallest smile exchange between you and the same person you will pass routinely, to staff members going out of their way to **MEET YOUR NEEDS**.”

-Emma Farley, Sophomore

In their words...



“I’m from St. Louis. I say that, not so much as “look at me,” but rather, I’m just really **PROUD** to be from St. Louis! I take pride in not only being from St. Louis, but now I get to **REPRESENT MY CITY** every time I take the field. Playing in front of my family and friends and having that **SUPPORT SYSTEM** so close is a very special thing for me, and I know it is for my other St. Louis teammates as well.”

-Maddie Pokorny, Junior

In their words..



“What I’ve been a part of the past four years here at SLU is truly **SOMETHING SPECIAL**. There are not many places where you can be **CHALLENGED** to be a better person every day but also feel an immense amount of **SUPPORT** and **LOVE** in every step you take. Committing to be a student-athlete at SLU is one of the best decisions I have made, and I cannot wait to continue on my endeavors as a **BILLIKEN** alongside my teammates, friends, and SLU community.”

- Lauren Tondl, 2017 Senior



In their words...

“One thing that has made my experience in SLU athletics like no other is the **RELATIONSHIPS** I have formed with our coaches, staff, and teammates. There is no other program that focuses so much on the **STUDENT-ATHLETE’S SUCCESS**. I guarantee no matter who you are, you will be **PUSHED to your LIMITS** and will become a better player during your time here.”

- Tori Marshall, 2016 Senior

SLU Alumni Family

“It was what happened once I got to SLU - what we achieved in *creating* our own destiny - that made me a pro. Not only that, it made me the person I am. And I wouldn't trade that for anything.”

- Meghann Burke, SLU Alum & American Professional Goalkeeper



“In truth a family is what you make it. It is made strong, not by number of heads counted at the dinner table, but by the rituals you help family members create, by the memories you share, by the commitment of time, caring, and love you show to one another, and by the hopes for the future you have as individuals and as a unit.”



SLU Family

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