

better  together

AVILA UNIVERSITY • 45TH **VIRTUAL** STEER DINNER & AUCTION

Benefiting Student Scholarships

Greg Kratofil, Jr. & Kristin Kratofil, Honorary Chairs

February 6, 2021

 AVILA UNIVERSITY

Be Inspired.



Welcome

Members of the Avila University family, welcome to the 45th annual Steer Dinner & Auction!

As a 2012 graduate, I was honored to be asked by the Advancement Office to be the emcee for this great event! I received my BFA in Musical Theatre and BA in Communications and loved my time as an Avila student.

Working professionally as an educator, performer and artist based in Kansas City, I've had the chance to work with a variety of prominent theaters and companies. The many wonderful professors and professionals I had the pleasure working with as an Avila student, helped me get to where I am today and for that I am grateful!



For nearly half a century, the Avila community has gathered for this occasion to celebrate the University and to raise critical scholarship funds for Avila's students, and this year is no different. Whether you are joining us from Missouri, Kansas, or wherever you call home, we are embodying this year's theme, Better Together.

Tonight, you will hear from current students, alumni, faculty, and community members about the great work taking place at Avila. I hope you have a great time and leave feeling proud to be a member of the Avila community!

Special thanks to Landers Vision for producing our live event and KJO Media for an exceptional video showcasing our students.

Avila Proud!

Shawna Pena-Downing '12

Thank You, Steer Dinner Sponsors!

Presenting Sponsor



ST. JOSEPH SPONSORS (\$50,000+)

Catherin V. Merrill Foundation
Country Club Bank

DEAR NEIGHBOR SPONSORS (\$25,000+)

Joe '16 (Hon.) & Sue Fahey
Ken & Marilyn Hager
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
In Thanksgiving to Blessed Seelos Fund

O'RIELLY SPONSORS (\$10,000+)

Fahey Family Foundation
Great Western Dining Service, Inc.

WINDMOOR SPONSORS (\$5,000+)

John J. Sullivan Foundation
Greg Kratofil, Jr. & Kristin Kratofil
Vercie & Lisa Lark
Larry & Jan Marsh
Kevin McCullough from the
McCullough Family Foundation
Polsinelli
Ron & Suzanne Slepitz
UMB Bank, NA

ST. TERESA SPONSORS (\$3,000+)

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City
Intrust Bank
Kansas City Life
KJO Media
Lockton Companies
Tim '95 & Shelley O'Brien
Thomas & Kathleen Sanders

GOLD SPONSOR (\$1,000+)

BKD, LLP
Children's Mercy Kansas City
Tom & Virginia '58 Coppinger
JE Dunn Construction
FCI Advisors
David '76 & Geri Frantze
Lisa Gioia '81
David '76 & Mary Kerr
Lankford Fendler + Associates
Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Kevin & Tricia '00 Lyon
Cameron '88 & Ellen Martin
D.J. & Ann O'Hare
Gary & Theresa Smith
Phil & Melinda Smith
Rodd & Martha '66 Staker

PURPLE SPONSOR (\$500+)

Caryl A. Goodyear, Ph.D, '79
Sue Habiger '66
Julie Trotter '66
Belinda Troxler '88

Additional student scholarship gifts make an impact. Thank you for your support!

Anonymous

Brain McCann Family Foundation

Laura L. Burke '78

James & Mary Ida Compton Foundation

Kenneth & Aggie C. '88 Cooper

Roderick J. and Jo Anne Cyr Foundation

Elizabeth A. Daniels '57

Jenny S. Dean-Batson '94

Bob & Terry '79 Fisher

Robert '79 & Bonnie French

David & Linda L. '76 Hagerty

David '76 & Kathleen '75 Hudson

Donald & Glyna Jackson

Alan & Jane Lankford

Jim & Dunrie '86 Lewis

Maureen A. Lillich '81

Ted W. Manvitz '95

Sarah L. Merten '64

Christine M. Ojile '82

Joseph & Patricia '64 Owens

Jim & Lisa '81 Sackovich

Stephen R. Samborski Memorial Fund

Thank You, Steer Auction Donors!

André's Chocolates
Americo Life, Inc.
Anonymous
Apex Climbing Gym
Avila University Advancement Office
Avila University Campus Services
Avila University Department of Music
Bar K
Dr. Sally Barchman of
State Line Animal Hospital
Bronca
Robert & Karen Brooke
Caleb's - Red Bridge
Charleston's
Craig Sole Designs
The Diamond World, Inc.
Euston Hardware
Fiddly Fig Florist & Gifts
Bonnie & Bob '79 French
Friend of Avila
Kevin '05 & Cassi '05 Furdere
The Girls & The Grape
Amy Goode
Great Western Dining Service, Inc.
Laura L. Hoffman '93
Joseph Jefferson
Joslyn's Jewelry
Kansas City Zoo
Chris Korth
Greg Kratofil, Jr. & Kristin Kratofil
Let's Roam Scavenger Hunt Adventures
Lori & Chris Lewellen
Longbell
Madden McFarland Interiors
Mano's Wine
Tom '91 & Margaretta '95 Mays
Minsky's Pizza
Karen MacLean
Museum at Prairiefire
Naomi's Hallmark
The National Museum of Toys &
Miniatures
The National WWI Museum & Memorial
Christine M. Ojile '82
Osteria Il Centro
Pepperjax Grill
Poelker Design
Powell Gardens Kansas City's
Botanical Garden
PRP Wine International
RC's Restaurant & Lounge
The Regnier Family Wonderscope
Children's Museum of Kansas City
The Robert E. Miller Group
Rosati's Pizza
Jim & Lisa '81 Sackovich
Scheels
Erin J. Sheehy '17
Kevin Sheehy
Ron & Suzanne Slepitz
Strauss Peyton Studio
The Studio
Suburban Lawn & Garden, Inc.
Sushi Haru Japanese Cuisine
Belinda R. Troxler '88
Bob & Ann '72 Ventrillo
Waldo Pizza
Michele L. Watley '09, '14
Scott E. White '85

We apologize for any names omitted due to print deadline.

2021 Auction Rules

For any questions or concerns, please call the Advancement Office at 816.501.3602 or email steerdinner@avila.edu.

- The Silent Auction will close on Saturday, February 6 at **7:30 p.m.** Central Time.
- The Live Auction will close on Saturday, February 6 at **7:50 p.m.** Central Time.
- **Your bids are final and non-retractable. There will be no exchange or refund on items unless otherwise specified.**
- All payments will be processed on Monday, February 8. Due to the nature of mobile bidding at a virtual event, we are only able to accept Visa, Discover, MasterCard, and American Express unless alternate payment arrangements have been made with the Advancement Office in advance.

ITEM PICK UP

Within one week of the virtual event, our staff will be in contact with you to schedule the pick-up or drop-off of your items. For any questions or concerns, please call the Advancement Office at 816.501.3602 or email steerdinner@avila.edu.

CURBSIDE PICK UP

For your convenience, curbside pick-up will be available at the West parking lot of Blasco Hall between Blasco Hall and O'Reilly Hall. The campus address is 11901 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64145. Curbside pick-up will be available Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. with advance scheduling.

ITEM DELIVERY

Item delivery is only available for physical items too large to be mailed in an envelope or for perishable items. Although curbside pick-up is the preferred option, Avila Advancement Staff and volunteers will deliver your item(s) to you at no additional cost if you live within a 60-mile radius of the Avila University campus.

SHIPPING ITEMS

Shipping costs, if applicable, are the responsibility of the winning bidder and will be added to the total as a separate charge. Average shipping costs depend on the size of the item and where it is being shipped. Tracking of the package will be included in the cost as well. Please note, some items may not be available for shipping (wine bottles, local services, etc.)

GIFT CERTIFICATES

If possible, gift cards and gift certificates will be sent digitally to the winning bidder via email. Otherwise, gift cards and certificates will be delivered via USPS or can be claimed by the winner via curbside pick-up.

LOST ITEMS/GIFT CERTIFICATES

Please carefully check envelopes containing gift cards or certificates upon receipt. Avila University is not responsible for replacing lost gift cards or certificates after you pick up your item(s).

History of Steer Dinner

In 1977, the Steer Dinner started with the gift of an American Royal Grand Champion Steer named Jimmy C., a Sister and a plan.

When Jimmy C. was donated by several area businessmen to S. Olive Louis Dallavis, CSJ then president of Avila, she needed to turn the gift into cash. The school cafeteria was moderately decorated, tables set and steaks served. Since the first dinner 45 years ago, alumni, family and friends have contributed more than \$14 million - assuring that 98% of Avila undergraduate students receive scholarships.



S. Olive Louise meets Jimmy C., Steer Dinner's original steer, in 1977.

S.O.L.D. Fund

You can participate in the fund-a-need in support of the S. Olive Louise Dallavis (S.O.L.D.) Fund! This special fund supports annual scholarships for Avila students most at need.

The S.O.L.D. Fund was created in 2007 to honor S. Olive Louise Dallavis, CSJ for her years of service to Avila. This year, S. Olive would have celebrated her 100th birthday. Help us honor S. Olive Louise's legacy and support Avila students by make a S.O.L.D. gift tonight!

You can make a gift to the S.O.L.D Fund at any point during the evening by clicking the donate button at the bottom of the event screen or by visiting Avila.edu/give.

S.O.L.D. Levels

\$10,000	\$500
\$5,000	\$250
\$2,500	\$100
\$1,000	\$45

Special Thanks to Our Pre-Event S.O.L.D. Fund Donors

Kitty Brinkman
Tom & Virginia '58 Coppinger
Kevin '85 & Laurie Durnell
Joe '16 (Hon.) & Sue Fahey
Joanne Harrell '65
Marcia Kenley '98
Patricia Markway '70
Carolyn Martin '85
Deborah Frantz Mentgen '73
Kathy '70 & Jack Newman
William '78 & Susan O'Grady
Gregory Raney '82
Jan Taylor '67

Past Steer Honorary Chairs

Don & Christine Alexander
Kathleen Andrews
The Andrews McMeel Universal
Foundation
Carolyn Berbiglia
Robert & Phyliss '81, '82 Bernstein
Henry '77 (Hon.) & Marion Bloch
Bob & Olie Boyle
Clarkson Construction Company
Forster-Powers Charitable Trust
Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, CSJ
Vince & Marilee DiCarlo
Bill Sr. & Jean '44 Dunn
Joe '16 (Hon.) & Sue Fahey
Dave '76 & Geri Frantze
The Goppert Foundation
Richard & Shirli Goppert
Ken & Marilyn Hager
Bob & Michelle Hunter
John Latshaw
Kevin & Tricia '00 Lyon
John & Nancy McCarthy

Kevin & Susan McGreevy
John & Susan McMeel
Dorothy Meade Memorial/
Dr. Benjamin Meade
Mary Beth Meyers
The Bob & Carol Miller Family
Mike & Emmy Morrissey
Philomena Muntzel
Roderick J. & Jo Anne Cyr Foundation
DJ & Ann O'Hare
Tom & Jeanne '92, '94, '11 (Hon.) Olofson
Paddi Browne OSullivan
Will & Senia '01 Shields
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Rodd & Martha '66 Staker
John J. Sullivan, Jr.
Rose Teicher
The Class of 1954 & Byron Thompson in
Memory of Jeanne Collins Thompson '54
The Byron Thompson Family
The Bill Waris Scholarship Fund
Dorothy Whitfield '55

Past Steer Event Chairs

Matthew '12 & Jessica Brandmeyer
Tom & Virginia '58 Coppinger
Becky Cotton
Carol Jean DeFeo '68
Joe '16 (Hon.) & Sue Fahey
Mimi Fasenmeyer '49
Bob & Terry '79 Fisher
Dave '76 & Geri Frantze
Kevin '05 & Cassi '05 Furderer
Ken & Marilyn Hager
Linda Hanson
Bob '78 & Pat '79 Hardin
Greg Kratofil, Jr. & Kristin Kratofil
Kevin & Tricia '00 Lyon

John & Nancy McCarthy
Lauren McCarthy Scimeca '07
Jack & Kathy '70 Newman
DJ & Ann O'Hare
Christine Ojile '82
Phil & Lee Ann Orscheln
Joel & Brenda Pelofsky
Rodd & Martha '66 Staker
Mark & Amy Thompson
Tekia Thompson '02
Ana Valdez '96
Michele Watley '09
Jim & Ruth Willcox

Steer Patrons' Committee

Greg Kratofil, Jr. & Kristin Kratofil,
Honorary Chairs
Cassi Furderer '05
Lisa Gioia '81

Lori Lewellen
Ann O'Hare
Rodd Staker

Steer Auction Committee

Michele Kerwin '72, Co-Chair
Laura Hoffman '93, Co-Chair
Perri LaTerza '97

Karen MacLean
Cathya McDaniel '72

2020-21 Board of Trustees

Ibraheem T. Badejo '84, Ph.D.
Thomas Burns
Joseph T. Fahey '16 (Hon.)
S. Helen Flemington, CSJ
Ken V. Hager
J. Robert Hardin '78
S. Marie Joan Harris, CSJ, Ph.D.
S. Jeanne Janssen, CSJ
S. Mary Frances Johnson, CSJ, Ph.D.
David D. Kerr '76, Chair
Greg Kratofil, Jr.
Vercie L. Lark

S. Mary Margaret Lazio, CSJ '70
Tricia D. Lyon '00
S. Shawn Madigan, CSJ, Ph.D.
Ellen Martin
Tim D. O'Brien '95
Christine Ojile '82
Lisa Sackuvich '81
Gary D. Smith
Phil R. Smith
Kathleen Thompson Brown, CSJA
Michael J. Van Dyke
Rick Weller

2020-21 Board of Counselors

Lisa Atkinson '12, '14
Ellen Barnes '11, '12
Tyler Barr '02
Aggie Cooper '88
Mario Curiale '17 '18
Derek Feagans '95
Cassi Furderer '05
Caryl A. Goodyear, Ph.D, '79
Michelle Graff '89
Joyce Hill
David Hudson '76
Leon Jones '01, Chair
Shelley Kelly '87
Stephen F. Lampone
Kathleen Deverell-LeSage '80
Greg Lever '85
Lori Lewellen
Sean Mangiaracina '17

Brad McClintock '99
Kelley McDonald '00
Julie McManus '67
Mona J. Moran '96
Betty Nwabuonwu '90, '08
Cecile F. O'Hara, J.D. '10
Ann O'Hare
Jeanne Christine Rau-Flattery '92
Joyce A. Rozmiarek-Hill
Eudora Kendra Savage '09, '12, '14
Michael Stolberg '09
Elaine Strope '72
Jan Taylor '67
Tekia Thompson '02
Belinda Troxler '88
JoLinda Vega '05
Michele L. Watley '09, '14

2020-21 Alumni Board

Brett D. Beneke '14, '20
Leonard T. Casey Jr. '07
Shawnalee M. Criss Petty '14
Emilee K. Hill '12 '16, President
Laura L. Hoffman '93
Jennifer N. Lindsey '10, '15
Sheila K. Luehrs '89, '19
Sarah E. McKee '02
Shawna L. Pena-Downing '12

Andy K. Phillips '06
Tonya L. Phillips '06, '09
Emilee K. Rehling '10
Chadd C. Rivera '08
Erin J. Sheehy '17
Benjamin Walker '16, '18
Scott E. White '85

**Save the Date
for
The 46th Annual
Steer Dinner & Auction**

**Saturday, February 5, 2022
Kansas City Marriott Downtown**

 **AVILA UNIVERSITY**
Be Inspired.

