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Message from Gwendolyn Packnett, President of WSWU

Welcome back from the summer break! I hope you were among our fortunate members to kick off the new academic year by attending two exciting events. The **Neiman Marcus Trend Event** provided plenty of buzz with a preview of the latest fashions from St John. Members and guests were delighted to make new acquaintances and catch up with long-time friends. The excitement flowed over to the WSWU staff as potential members joined and dollars were raised for the Elizabeth Gray Danforth scholarship!

We had an outstanding **opening lecture** on a recent gorgeous September evening. Dr. Timothy J. Eberlein fascinated a full house with his remarkable overview of the latest cancer research and treatments that will one day help patients to control their cancer. The audience was in total agreement?he was a very gifted speaker with an amazing intellect.

Mark your calendars for the next two lectures (also in Umrath Lounge): **The Art and Science of Frankenstein** on October 18th with Rebecca Messbarger and **The Immigration Debate in the United States** on November 8th with Stephen H. Legomsky and Ariela S. Schachter. Your guest(s) are always welcome!

With Warm Wishes,

Gwendolyn D. Packnett, Ph.D.

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The Office for International Students & Scholars (OISS) at Washington University recently announced a new **Global Friends Program**. Many of you are familiar with and have participated in other international opportunities: Be Our Guest, Host Family, and Speak English. Global Friends combines the best from these programs to create a new cultural exchange which matches WashU international students and scholars with members of the St. Louis community. Through Global Friends students and volunteers can develop connections that transcend borders.

Students and host volunteers meet about once a month throughout the academic year and do activities that interest them. Students can learn about St. Louis and U.S. cultures, practice conversational English, and hear St. Louisans' perspectives on topics of interest. Volunteers can pursue their interests in other cultures, hear first-hand accounts of life in a student's home country, and rediscover St. Louis through the eyes of an international student. Learn more on the [OISS website](#). We invite you to click on Frequently Asked Questions (for more information) or click on the volunteer application (to sign up).

We invite you to?..

Renew your membership today by either returning your dues envelope or by clicking on our website link at <https://womensociety.wustl.edu/join/>. A list of members paid in 2016-17 is available on the website under the ?About? tab. In a few weeks, the site will change over to show the names of those paid in the current year (2017-18).

Host a Coffee or Cocktails? if you have friends who would enjoy attending the lectures and other special events, let us know. We can either mail a membership packet to them or assist you in hosting a coffee or cocktail event. The Membership team would be glad to present WSWU information and to confirm your date with our president and a scholar, so they too can attend your event.

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