



Stay up to date with the exciting things happening at Eden!

This academic year has been a year of expansion for the seminary's programs and events, and you have not only stuck with us, but helped us build an expanded global community!

The rich content of non-degree programs and alumni and public events continue to draw new members to our community of leaders and learners. We have much to celebrate! This week's newsletter announces just a few of those celebrations. We hope you will join us at one or all of the upcoming events.

Everyone is invited to attend Eden Theological Seminary's 171st Commencement Ceremony, tomorrow, May 14th, at 7:30 pm CDT. All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Class of 2021! Join us online via Zoom or Facebook Live. [Click here to register for your Zoom link.](#)

Join us in congratulating Eden faculty members, whose promotions and appointments have been voted on by Eden's Board of Trustees! Rev. Dr. Sonja Williams, Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker and Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy have received promotions, and Rev. Dr. Damayanthi Niles has been named to the

"Allen and Dottie Miller Chair for Mission and Peace." (Installation in the fall, 2021).

[More details here.](#)

Congratulations to the 2021 academic year student award recipients! Nine awards recognize academic excellence, business acumen, promise in areas of congregational ministry, preaching, social justice, ecumenical movements and more! [Click here to see this year's awards and recipients.](#)

Congratulations also, to our accomplished students, who completed presentations for thesis and capstone projects this week. Nine students from three degree programs beautifully articulated their work in public presentations. We are so proud of each of you!

Get a sneak peak of a new arrangement of the song, "Spirit of Life" by an amazing trio from the Eden community, at the Commencement ceremony, May 14th. The "Eden Seminarians" three part harmony adds new power and emotion to themes of justice, peace, and the natural world! Find it on your favorite music streaming platform or purchase your [download and license here](#) to use with your faith community. (Part of the proceeds from purchases will be generously donated back to Eden).

Don't miss the "Garden of Eden" plant sale, next week, May 21st (10:00 am-6:00 pm) and May 22nd (8:00 am-1:00 pm). Eden's HOME team and generous volunteer gardeners have nurtured a variety of plants for months. If you are in the St. Louis area, come to campus and see what we've prepared for you! Proceeds from the plant sale will help sustain Eden's "Gleaning and Garden" project, which provides much needed resources for food ministries.

Join us for a trip down memory lane at Eden's virtual gathering on June 4th, 11:30-1:00 pm CDT, as we share stories of living on Eden's campus. If you were an "Eden kid" on campus or perhaps influenced by your experience growing upon campus, you're likely to have fond memories of climbing trees,

riding bikes or shenanigans around the wading pool/fountain! Regardless, you'll be glad to reconnect with others that share your experiences and know the "secrets" of Eden's campus. [Click here to register and receive a Zoom link.](#)

Thank you to everyone that participated with us in *Give StL Day* this month! Your support for the seminary is recognized and appreciated! If you missed it, and would still like to contribute to our *GiveStL Day* goal, you may [make a gift here](#), by May 16th, adding the code "*GiveStL*" in the comments section.

"*This Week in Eden History*," presented by the [Archives at Eden](#), spotlights the "*Annual May Festival*" at Eden Seminary, dating back to the early 20th century. German immigrant founders of Eden brought this May Day tradition with them, which continued until 1960. [Ready the full story here.](#)

Leaving a meaningful legacy for you and your family while securing the future of Eden's mission does not require great wealth-just great vision! [Visit our website to find out about Heritage Society Member opportunities](#) or contact us at advancement@eden.edu for more information.

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