

Billiken Teacher Corps 'rock stars' pave way for successors

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The inaugural Billiken Teacher Corps entered the program without a playbook or roadmap; it was learn on the go, plan on the fly.

Not so with the second class.

"We are so excited about people coming in," said Sarah Staten, a member of the inaugural Billiken Teacher Corps, who now number six. "We can give them advice, tell them what the program looks like. ... Then, they can train the new class after that."

The second class of Billiken teachers, now in the interview process, will number between four and eight.

"We want to have the highest quality of people," said John James, the associate professor in SLU's College of Education and Public Service who runs the program.

Before this school year, James called on the inaugural BTC class to be "rock stars," and they have filled the bill.

"They've performed very, very well," he said. "The feedback we've gotten from the schools — principals, mentors and everybody — has been just phenomenal."

As has been the community for BTC members, who live in the former convent at St. John the Baptist Church in south St. Louis.

"We've seen a tremendous amount of growth over this year," James said. "It's really encouraging to see the support and affirmation they give to one another."

Soon, they will have colleagues to mentor. The former convent has been spruced up for the new class, and recent renovations have added common space, in addition to the dorm rooms and kitchen ready for Year One.

"We're getting our place ready; we have new furniture coming in and a new area of open space," Staten said. "We're all really excited about getting a new class."



Members of the Billikens Teacher Corps were recognized at the "Celebrating Catholic Education Night" St. Louis University basketball game Feb. 20. The Billiken Teacher Corps is in the process of interviewing the next group of teachers for the Corps.

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