

SLU 401

FUNDRAISING

PLAN



JUNE 3 - 13, 2026



WE WANT TO SEE YOU AT SLU 401

JUNE 3-13, 2026
GREECE

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1 **Think and pray** about this trip.
- 2 Fill out *Fundraising Planner* and **show plan** to parent, pastor, educator or group leader.
- 3 **Register** online and develop a plan of action.
- 4 **Schedule monthly check-ups** on money raised vs. funds still needed via *Fundraising Calendar*. Meet all payment deadlines.
- 5 **Share with @SLULEAD your fundraising ideas** that helped you in the next step of the journey and **pack your bags** to prepare for a trip of a lifetime!

ONLY \$36 A DAY,
\$250 PER WEEK
\$1,000 PER MONTH
UNTIL MARCH 1ST
[AT AVERAGE OF \$6,000*]

*Prices vary depending on when you register and upon flight availability.

*Assuming you begin fundraising September 2025.



FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025

9.1 | **LET'S GO: Start Fundraising!!**

OCTOBER 2025

10.05 | Register this month as trip only has limited spots!

\$500 Deposit Due at Registration

10.19 | Check out the **SLU 401 Recommended Reading List** to prepare for this experience.

TOTAL RAISED: _____

NOVEMBER 2025

11.01 | Read through **Epistles and Letters of the New Testament** to prepare for SLU 401.

11.24 | second payment of \$2100 due

TOTAL RAISED: _____

DECEMBER 2025

12.5 | 180 days out from departure!

TOTAL RAISED: _____

JANUARY 2026

1.04 | Send **Thank You Letters** to those who have given toward your trip.

1.18 | Start walking! Get ready for the hiking you will do around Greece!

TOTAL RAISED: _____

FEBRUARY 2026

2.27 | Domestic flight information, any dietary restrictions, final payment, and rooming list due!

Final Payment Due

TOTAL RAISED: _____

MARCH 2026

3.01 | Memorize *three Scriptures* from one of Paul's epistles this month.

TOTAL RAISED: _____

APRIL 2026

4.16 | Have you checked out the SLU Podcast, *Chasing Elephants*, yet?

MAY 2026

5.17 | Prepare your heart and mind for leadership experience by continually seeking after God's heart in the Word daily.

JUNE 2026

6.3 | **Fly to Greece!**

6.14 | **Write a Follow-Up Letter** explaining the impact of your trip to sponsors.

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FUNDRAISING TIPS + RESOURCES

1. BE CREATIVE.

We have heard stories of different fundraisers including car washes, GoFundMe/[Givebutter pages](#), Mothers' Day flower sales, bake sales, chicken pot pie sales, part-time jobs, etc. that have gotten our past students to SLU 401. Be creative, and don't limit what you can do!

2. WRITE A LETTER + BLOG TO SPONSORS.

Write well-crafted sponsor letters, highlighting the 20-year head-start in leadership which is gained through this program and how the first three levels have already impacted your life. Start brainstorming by reading the SLU Resource: "[How to Write a Powerful Sponsor Letter.](#)"

3. PICK-A-NUMBER PROJECT.

See more about this fun idea and access a great "how-to" resource [here](#).

4. DESIGN CUSTOM ITEMS TO SELL.

Anything from custom t-shirts, art prints, stickers, journals, water-bottles, etc. that fits your community's needs are great options.

5. HOST A SPONSOR DINNER AT YOUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL.

A couple of ideas to get the mind turning...Partnering with youth pastor or teacher to plan and host a Surf and Turf Date Night, Valentines' Day Banquet, Church-Wide Luau, Golf Tournament, or Fall Festival. If your church has a cafe, volunteer and see if a portion of Sunday morning cafe sales can go to both mission trips and SLU.

6. WRITE YOUR OWN IDEA.

SET **S.M.A.R.T. GOALS**, AND FILL OUT PROGRESS ON FUNDRAISING CALENDAR.



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FUNDRAISING PLANNER

AMOUNT RAISED **BEFORE REGISTRATION OPENED:** _____

SEPTEMBER 2025

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

OCTOBER 2025

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

NOVEMBER 2025

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____



“Five years from now, you will be the same person you are today...except for the **people you meet**, the **places you go**, the **books you read**, and the **Scripture you memorize**.”

DECEMBER 2025

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES FOR THE MONTH:

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JANUARY 2026

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FEBRUARY 2026

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MARCH 2026

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YOU DID IT. **LET'S GO TO SLU 401!**