



SLU 101 2026 Meet the Staff

Abbie Blain

Completed as a Student: 101, 201, 301 (London, Oxford, Normandy, Paris), 401 (Israel and Jordan)

Years as Staff: SLU 101 San Antonio (2019, 2023-2026), SLU 101 Winter Week (2023-2026), SLU 101 Orlando (2024), SLU 201 (2019, 2022-2026)

Currently Doing: Abbie has been involved with SLU for over ten years as a student, student ambassador and as a summer staff member. The lessons she has learned throughout her time at SLU are evident every day as she lives out her dream from the 101 dream session of being a teacher in Nashville, TN! One of her favorite lessons she has learned throughout her time at SLU has been to identify one thing you have failed at each week to see what you can learn and grow from. There is always room for growth and no leader is perfect. You can often find Abbie reading a new book and drinking coffee!

Mary Morgan Chambers

SLU Programs Completed as a Student: 101 (Orlando), 201, 301, 401 Greece

Years as Staff: SLU 101 San Antonio (2026), SLU 201 (2026)

Currently Doing:

Lauren Dye

SLU Programs Completed as a Student: 101 (Orlando), 201, 301 (London, Oxford, Normandy)

Years as Staff: SLU 101 Orlando Winter Week (2025), SLU 101 Jacksonville Imagine (2025), SLU 101 San Antonio (2026), SLU 201 (2026)

Currently Doing: Lauren will be a Junior at the University of Florida this fall, studying Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management, with an emphasis on Nonprofit Organizational Leadership. She works on the events team for the UF Office of Admissions and is passionate about planning events that help students grow in their leadership and spiritual journey. Outside of her studies, Lauren is a leader in the UF Baptist Collegiate Ministry and loves to explore new coffee spots, thrift stores or bookshops in her free time. She is so excited to be serving with SLU this summer and cannot wait to see God work in you to think, dream and lead this year!

Ella Simula

SLU Programs Completed as a Student: 101 (Orlando), 201, 301

Years as Staff: SLU 101 San Antonio (2026), SLU 201 (2026)

Currently Doing: Ella is a Junior at Taylor University in Indiana working towards a double major in History and Global Studies. After graduation, she hopes to work in international politics and/or run a CrossFit affiliate. She loves to travel and her most recent trip was a month-long study abroad in Egypt. Before college, she attended two Bible schools through Torchbearers International in Austria and New Zealand. In her free time, she enjoys coaching CrossFit, Nordic skiing, reading, mountain biking, and backcountry camping. This is her first year serving as summer staff, and she is excited to see how God will inspire this next generation of leaders.

Shelby Shuman

Completed as a Student: SLU 101 (Orlando), 201, 301 (London, Oxford, Normandy, Paris), 401 (Greece)

Years as Staff: SLU 101 San Antonio (2025-2026), SLU 201 (2025-2026)

Currently doing: Shelby is a junior at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, majoring in Business Non-profit Management, Supply Chain Management, and Project Management. She looks forward to working with a nonprofit organization to help support people experiencing homelessness in the future. Shelby loves exploring with friends, trying new foods, and traveling the world. Shelby can't wait for what this summer holds and is excited to experience it with the SLU team!