# Elizabeth McIntosh Jerry Durham
## ENDOWED ALUMNI LECTURE

## "Using the Present to Prepare for the Future: Making a Difference"

Thursday, November 10, 2016
5-7 p.m.
J.C. Penney Auditorium
*Reception following the lecture*

*On the campus of the*
University of Missouri–St. Louis
1 University Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63121

*Presented by the*
**University of Missouri–St. Louis**
**College of Nursing**

*Featured speaker –*
## Katie Niemeyer

Katie Niemeyer is a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), mother, philanthropist and entrepreneur who relentlessly encourages others to overcome obstacles and reach new goals. As a teen, Katie nearly died in a hospital burn unit in St. Louis, where she suffered from an adverse reaction to medication, a rare condition called Stevens-Johnson syndrome. Over the last twenty-eight years, she has drawn on her lifetime of experiences as a parent, registered nurse and SJS survivor to create a new business, fund groundbreaking medical research and inspire people to cross their own finish lines. In 2012, Katie designed the specialized athletic sweatband known as the Handana with the aim of helping all athletes and SJS survivors to persevere. The success of the Handana led to Katie's being awarded a $10,000 grant from athletic apparel designer Under Armour. She donated the net proceeds from this prestigious award to the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary at Harvard University, where researchers are passionate about developing new protocols and treatments for patients facing SJS.

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