On a muggy night in August 2015, Charisse Young and her extended family gathered for a sendoff for a college-bound relative. To escape the hot and crowded house, the party moved to the front porch.

Young paid little attention to the tan car as it drove slowly down Semple Avenue. Then a blast of bullets tore into the close-knit family. Young was hit. So was her niece, a nephew and a family friend. After the gunman fled, Young found her son, Dominique, 21, collapsed in the backyard, bleeding from bullet wounds in his chest, arm and abdomen. Crowed in blood from her own wound, Young rushed to his side and tried desperately to get him to talk to her.

“He was trying. I held his face and was like, ‘Dominique, everybody is going to be all right,’ ” she said. “I am lying to him.”

Young still doesn’t know the identity or the motive of the two men who stepped out with guns and sent her life down the path of coping with injury, loss and fear. Her story illustrates the mostly invisible trauma shared by too many St. Louis families after the crime scene tape comes down.

‘ANGEL OF DEATH HAS ENTERED INTO THIS CITY’

One woman’s struggles after bloody night in St. Louis reveal haunting impact of violence

Graduates enjoy perks of off-season diplomas

BY ASHLEY JOST  St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Graduating college in December has its perks for families who get a reprieve from the parking nightmares and hours-long ceremonies of spring commencement.

Plus, the thinking goes, early graduates also get a leg up on the job market.

Less than one month after walking the stage at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Michelle Arrington starts as a trauma nurse at MU St. Louis.

A juicy relationship helps round out MLS investor team

BY MIKE FAULK  St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The ownership group hoping to bring Major League Soccer to St. Louis has hit roots in smoothies rather than sports.

And the SC STL investors may not have found their chairman, former Rumsfeld Capital managing director Paul Edgerley, if not for a Boston Celtics game the day after the Rams of the National Football League started packing for Los Angeles.

Edgerley, a part owner of the Celtics, had former Anheuser-Busch president Dave Peacock in town to watch the Celtics beat the Indiana Pacers on Jan. 13.

“[Edgerley] had come out of the Rams game, and we were both watching the Celtics,” said Peacock. “He was like, ‘I really want to do this.’”

Edgerley, part owner of Boston Celtics, took Dave to a basketball game after the Rams announced they were leaving St. Louis.

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