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SIUE School of Engineering Dean set to retire



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Dr. Hasan Sevim

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In this week's segment of Segue, SIUE Interim Chancellor Stephen Hansen, PhD, hosts Hasan Sevim, PhD, dean of the SIUE School of Engineering.

Their discussion focuses on the upcoming retirement of Dean Sevim, the path which led Sevim to SIUE's campus, his proudest moments as dean in the School of Engineering and the future of the School of Engineering.

Rapid growth of the School, student project groups, academic programs and building expansions are among the many topics discussed by Hansen and Sevim.

The two even share a few laughs, with Sevim telling a comical story of how he records his name on restaurant guest lists.

Sevim joined SIUE as dean of the School of Engineering in 2006, having previously served the same role at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for more than 23 years.

A native of Turkey, Sevim came to the United States in 1976 to pursue his graduate studies in mining engineering through a fellowship from Columbia University in New York City.

Upon completion of his master's and doctoral studies, Sevim joined the SIU system and never turned back.

In this week's show, Sevim explains his proudest moments as a member of the SIUE community, as well as the joy he has found in witnessing the strong intellectual growth that has occurred within the School of Engineering over the last decade.

"We said in 2006 when I started, that we will make this school a center for engineering in the region," he explains. "That would involve faculty, staff, students, alumni, engineering companies, community colleges and more. I think we did that very well. I think people in this region started choosing the SIUE School of Engineering as their first choice for engineering education. So I'm proud of that.

"I'm also very proud that in the last seven years, the School of Engineering's enrollment has grown almost 60 percent. It's not only growth, but it's the quality of incoming students. Our average MAT/ACT score has reached almost 29, which is an excellent statistic. Our School is attracting increasingly better prepared students to engineering."

Hansen expresses a deep appreciation for the incredible work that Dean Sevim has completed in his time at SIUE, saying things such as, "We do have an exciting and challenging future ahead, and I'm sorry that you're not going to be here to lead us," and "I really want to credit you for building such a strong faculty. The outstanding faculty that you have put together makes for those strong programs which attract the students."

Dean Sevim also discusses his exciting retirement plans, which is effective at the end of December, and even reveals a little-known talent that he possesses.

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