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On this week's episode of Segue, the premier radio show that discusses the lives and work of the people of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Chancellor Randy Pembroke interviews Paul Rose, PhD, interim dean of the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior (SEHHB).

This episode of Segue will air at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 1 on WSIE 88.7 FM The Sound.

Rose received his doctorate in 2003 from the University at Buffalo—The State University of New York and specializes in social-personality psychology. Prior to becoming a full-time administrator, he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in statistics, research methods and social psychology. He has published works in interpersonal relations and maladaptive consumer behavior. At SIUE, he served as a department chair for eight years and more recently as assistant dean before becoming interim dean of the SEHHB.

"You have a large and diverse school to manage!" Pembroke exclaims. "Can you tell our listeners how many areas of study are in your School?"

"It gets a bit complicated, as some of our programs have multiple degrees offered within them," Rose mentions. "Educational administration and school psychology are examples of graduate programs which offer multiple degrees."

"Depending on how they're counted, we have somewhere between 26 and 32 academic programs in the School that span throughout the disciplines," he continues. "They range from traditional education degree programs to psychology and a number

of health-related degree programs."

Within the School, students pursuing degrees in education have the opportunity to teach in front of virtual students using high-tech equipment.

"The Virtual Professional Practice Lab (VPPL) is an exciting set of technologies that allows us to do simulations for our student teachers and educational administration students," Rose says. "Those candidates use the VPPL to simulate classroom environments."

"The technology is flexible enough that you can simulate students in a classroom. Perhaps some of them are being particularly disruptive, and the teacher candidate gets to practice how they would manage that."

The Virtual Professional Practice Lab can also simulate parent teacher conferences, a performance counseling session and other valuable learning experiences for education professionals.

"Even though these are virtual characters, or avatars, the simulation can be just as powerful as it may be for pilots, for example," Rose says. "Before our teacher candidates go out and do their teaching in the 'real world,' they can experience an immersive virtual experience where they can develop a lot of skills," Rose continues.

Aside from its education programs, the School also offers a plethora of health degree programs through its Department of Applied Health.

"Applied health is one of our most diverse departments," Rose says. "There is tremendous interest in the health sciences."

Students can pursue under-



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graduate degrees in exercise science, nutrition, speech-language pathology and audiology and public health. Students seeking advanced degrees can study exercise physiology, speech-language pathology, physical education and coaching pedagogy, as well as exercise and sports psychology.

"We're not finished growing those offerings!" Rose exclaims. "We were just approved to offer a master's in nutrition dietetics. We will be receiving accreditation for that in the next year and will be enrolling students shortly thereafter. It's a growing department, reflecting the increasing demand for people trained in health sciences."

"Let's move on to another part of the School's long title," Pembroke jokes, "Human behavior is close to your heart as it is your own discipline."

"Psychology is an incredibly diverse field," Rose replies. "Some psychologists have said that it needs to be split up into more manageable pieces. The American Psychological Association,

which is the premier professional society, recognizes 54 divisions of psychology."

Rose describes the typical image of a practicing psychology professional as a psychotherapist, but that is just one of more than 50 possible career areas a psychology major could ultimately choose at the end of their educational journey at SIUE. Other divisions include media psychology, behavioral neuroscience, music psychology, and industrial-organizational psychology, among many others.

"Yes, it's about mental health, but it encompasses so much more," Rose says.

In 2016, the Family of Rudolf Dreikurs graciously donated a gift of \$500,000 to the Department of Psychology. With this gift, the department welcomed the first visiting scholar of the Dreikurs Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Paul Rasmussen, PhD, to campus.

A clinical psychologist for the Veterans Administration in South Carolina, Rasmussen

spent his time at SIUE discussing psychological topics with faculty and students. In early March, he presented his lecture, "Why is Adlerian/Dreikursian Thinking Relevant Today?" at the Morris University Center.

"I had a chance to talk to some of the students after the lecture this year, and it makes me so happy that we are able to do this at SIUE," Pembroke says. "It is amazing that we are able to bring in guest lecturers from around the country, or around the world for that matter, and have them for a few days, or even a whole semester, and make an impact on how people think."

"One individual can change the trajectory of how someone may want to pursue their lives, and that's truly phenomenal!"

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