The theme for this year's SIUE Employee Banquet, hosted by the University Staff Senate, is "No Time to Siesta, It's Time to Fiesta!" The banquet will be held:

5 p.m. social hour 6 p.m. dinner Wednesday, Oct. 12 Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom

Dinner will be a buffet of tortilla chips, flour tortillas, grilled chicken, queso, roasted corn and black beans, refried beans, seasoned rice, pico de gallo, sour cream, shredded lettuce, guacamole and cinnamon crisps. Coffee, iced tea and water will be included, and a cash bar will be available.

There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and the Fiesta alcohol package raffle.

The banquet is open to all staff, faculty and retirees. Guests are welcome and encouraged. The cost is \$20 per person.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Staff Senate scholarship, awarded during fall and summer terms for deserving high school graduates or continuing undergraduate students at SIUE. Since the scholarship was first awarded in 1980, more than \$40,000 has been awarded to more than 70 students. Also, each student receiving the award has graduated from the University.

We are also seeking donations that can be used for attendance prizes, baskets, raffles or the silent auction. All donations are tax-deductible, and donors will be recognized in the event program. Donations can be dropped off at the Staff Senate office in Rendleman Hall, Room 0103 or in Lovejoy Library, Room 1041 with Anne Hunter. If your donation needs to be picked up, please contact Anne Hunter at 650-3050. Please let us know how you would like your name to appear in the program.

We are also selling advertisement space in the event program book. Advertisements can be informational or offer coupons/discounts to attendees. The costs:

- \$20 for one-quarter page
- \$45 for one-half page
- \$75 for a full page
- Sponsorships, which will be included in all advertising for the event as well as on the cover of the program, are available for donations of \$300 or more.

Ads must be submitted by **Wednesday**, **Oct. 5**.

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