

Cougar Connection



Dates & Deadlines

- ▶ **May 1, 2008** — Application deadline for freshmen entering in fall '08
- ▶ May 15, 2008 — Freshman Springboard to Success registration fee of \$125 due
- ▶ **July 25, 2008** — Application deadline for non-freshmen entering in fall '08
- ▶ August 22, 2008 — Freshman Move-In Day
- ▶ August 23, 2008 — New Freshman Welcome
- ▶ August 25, 2008 — First Day of classes for fall 2008 semester

Campus, Group Tours

Campus tours: Monday-Saturday throughout the year. Visit www.siu.edu/prospectivestudents/visit or call 800-447-SIUE or 618-650-3705.

Group tours: M-F, January through July. For details, visit www.siu.edu/prospectivestudents/guidancecounselors.

Comments

Send your CougarConnection comments or suggestions to Pam French, pfrench@siue.edu or phone (618) 650-2726.

\$63m in Campus Improvements

SIUE is investing more than \$63 million in 13 key projects over the next 18 months. The projects will ease the University's growth and expansion. May 2009 will bring the completion of two major projects: a \$10.5 million expansion of the Student Fitness Center, and construction of the \$16.6 million Student Success Center. The Success Center will consolidate services and resources with the goal of improving student recruitment, retention and graduation rates.

SIUE Implements e-Alerts for Safety

SIUE has instituted e-Alert — an automated text-messaging system — to notify students, faculty, and staff in the case of an emergency such as a bomb threat or hostile intruder, or University closure due to inclement weather.

Springboard Shifts to 2-Day Format

Springboard to Success is a mandatory pre-entry program for freshmen that will jump-start their university experience and help them make a smooth transition to SIUE. It includes academic advisement and class registration, and is designed to better acquaint students and parents with SIUE. Also, it will provide an opportunity for all to meet SIUE students, faculty and staff. This year, Springboard changes from a very busy one-day to a more expansive two-day session. Please encourage your SIUE-bound students to register for Springboard to Success as soon as possible; sessions fill up fast!

Students Urged to Activate SIUE e-ID Accounts

Students admitted to SIUE are issued an SIUE e-ID account that allows them to:

- prepare to meet with an Academic Advisor before registering for classes
- communicate with their Academic Advisor
- have access to their financial aid information, receive valuable e-mails regarding financial aid, and check their status.
- receive e-mails about billing and payment deadlines
- receive important communication into their own SIUE account before their arrival, easing the transition to SIUE

Mark Your Calendars!

TRANSFERmation Programs	August 7 & 14
State Articulation Day	September 11, 2008
Community College Conference at SIUE	October 9, 2008
Preview SIUE I	October 13, 2008
SIUE ICE Fair	October 21, 2008
Preview SIUE II	November 11, 2008

University Vision: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, as a premier Metropolitan University, will be recognized nationally for the excellence of its programs and development of professional and community leaders.