

## STAFF SENATE NEWS

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### 2010 M.L.K. Award Winner



(Pictured from Left to Right: Dr. Vanessa Brown, Jesse B. Harris Jr. an Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift)

(picture courtesy of William Brinson of University Marketing & Communications)

Dr. Jesse B. Harris, Jr. a long time Senator for the University Staff Senate was awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Luncheon in February at the Morris University Center.

Jesse began his career at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 1968 as an academic adviser. In those first years he taught classes in Counselor Education- Statistics and Test and Measurement, Math- Algebra and Pre Calculus, Study Skills and Educational Psychology in addition to giving academic counseling and advising students.

According to the criteria for nomination and Melanie Schoenborn, Library Office Associate and fellow Senator, the award recognizes an outstanding faculty or staff member who exemplifies the philosophy of non-violent social change as espoused by Dr. King, Jr.

Schoenborn who nominated Harris for the award went on to say that the person must embrace the humanitarian principles and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and must have initiated or developed, or have participated in programs, services or activities which have inspired tolerance, understanding and sensitivity for persons of color, according to the criteria.

Schoenborn knows Harris through her service on the Staff Senate, "We met when I visited at a Staff Senate meeting years ago; you know how he always makes everyone feel welcome."

According to Schoenborn, the nomination stems from Jesse's service on the Senate which has made an impact on students' lives through his helping in the formative years and continuation of the University Staff Senate Scholarship. Creating events to raise money as treasurer and agreeing to help handle both funds including the Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship has been instrumental in keeping the awards available. He continues to keep the Senate in the minds of the staff by keeping in touch with his constituency.

Harris, honored to be nominated and to have received the MLK award said, "Working with University Staff Senate members who share mutual purposes and commitment has allowed me to be a part of many successful projects at SIUE." He has been involved in every major committee on campus through his involvement with the Senate.

"Working for the good of the people is the greatest joy in giving service," said Harris. His Senate years began in 1969 and 1970 during John Rendleman's reign as President of SIUE and continued under campus leadership of Earl Lazerson, Nancy Belk, David Werner and now Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift.

Harris fondly remembers the community spirit which was part of President John Rendleman's character. "He was a people person who set the tone and established climate of inclusiveness in all employees in forming ideas to run the University," Harris said. The open, warm welcoming environment partnering with staff, faculty and administration has been handed down ever since.

To date, the Staff Senate has awarded 61 students a grand total of \$32,580.55 since 1983, a span of almost 30 years. Counting the Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship since 2006 adds 7 more recipients awarded a total of \$3500.

Asked about a special or funny moment, Harris recalled a time maybe a symbolic moment of community spirit that Rendleman had inspired. In 1979, early in the day a heated debate had commenced during a Senate meeting between Harris and a colleague and fellow senator. Later that day, they met up again after the Brown Boot Soccer event at the Sportsman club in St. Louis ready to share the victory with a drink, but paused. Then they remembered almost instinctively that the debate was behind them and time to celebrate. Clink!

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### **Brian's Corner**

It seems like only a couple of months have passed since I was handed the gavel and began my duties as your University Staff Senate President. Instead, it has been two years. I want to thank everyone for the trust they have placed in me and for giving me the opportunity to represent you in so many different ways including at Graduations, Board of Trustee meetings, and so much more.

However, the ability to fulfill my role as Staff Senate President would not have been so easy had it not been for the dedicated support of my fellow Senators and panel members. To you I give my thanks and respect. In my years at SIUE I have never seen a more concerned, diligent, and focused group of individuals. Not just on staff matters, but in wanting to see SIUE reach its full potential

As I now move to the position of Past President, I hope to continue to be an active part of the Staff Senate. As I hand the gavel to Michael W. Pulley, I do so with confidence in his leadership and diligence and I am assured that he will, like I have, receive the support of his fellow Senators.

Again, thank you for your trust and support, I will always fondly remember the time I was allowed to represent you.

*Brian W. Lotz*, President  
**SIUE University Staff Senate**

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### **Michael's Corner**

I have found in my years at our University that the faculty, staff, and students exhibit a great sense of community. My decision to join the Staff Senate and its various committees and panels has been one small part in an effort to make a difference for my SIUE family. The friendships and acquaintances I have made at our University are one of many reasons that I remain. Serving SIUE through university governance allows me to keep watch over my community and hopefully protect and advance the interest of the University and those constituents that the University Staff Senate serves. I plan to continue my service to each of you as the Staff Senate President but want to recognize the senators, panel members, ex-officio, University, and external individuals. The continued success and work of the University Staff Senate would not be possible without each of them. Now more than ever, we need to come together as a community of not just SIUE employees, but a community of state university employees to protect and advance our mutual interests.

Michael W. Pulley  
SIUE University Staff Senate President

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## **2010 Summer Scholarship Awardees**

The University Staff Senate would like to congratulate Jenifer Caires, daughter of David Caires of WSIE, Mitchell Haas, son of Stacy Haas of the Lovejoy Library and Aaron Marshall, son of Cheryl Brunsmann of Education Outreach for being awarded the 2010 Fall Staff Senate Scholarships. Below is a little Bio from each student.

Jennifer Caires: I am a 2010 graduate of Edwardsville High School and will be a freshman at SIUE this year. My goal is to pursue a degree that will allow me to help adolescent children with eating disorders. I look forward to starting my classes this fall as an SIUE Cougar.

Mitchell Haas: I am an incoming freshman and I intend on double majoring in History and Political Science. After finishing my undergraduate studies I intend on going to law school. I'd like to thank my amazing friends, family and amazing girlfriend Kaitlyn for supporting me all the way.

Aaron Marshall: I am a fifth year senior majoring in History with double minors in Social Science and Mass Communications. I am in the Secondary Education program and will begin observing at local schools in the fall and then will student teach in the spring. I will graduate at the end of the spring semester.

Please make sure you take time to congratulate the students on being selected for the Staff Senate Scholarship this fall.

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## **MEMORIES OF ELVIS**

[The School of Nursing Presents Our 2010 Civil Service Banquet Preview](#)

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Mark your calendars for the 2010 Civil Service Banquet to be held on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bethalto. Steve Davis will provide the Entertainment. This is your chance to see a great Elvis impersonator. Let's pack the house! Details to follow this fall. Article by: Diane McKaig

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## 2010 University Staff Senate Election Results

The Staff Senate would like to thank everyone from the Negotiated and Prevailing classification for taking part in this year's elections. The votes were tabulated and the new members of the Negotiated and Prevailing along with the other members that were voted in by acclamation are listed below.

<b>PANEL (TERMS ENDING 2012)</b>	<b>Senators (Terms ending 2013)</b>	<b>New Officers</b>	
<b>Michael J. Ostrander (Administrative-NR)*</b>	<b>Todd Bartholomew (Negotiated and Prevailing)</b>	<b>Michael Pulley:</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Lora Miles (Administrative-NR)*</b>	<b>Mike Hamil (Negotiated and Prevailing)</b>	<b>Michael Hamil:</b>	<b>President-Elect</b>
<b>Brink Chance (Administrative-R)*</b>	<b>Terry Downey (Negotiated and Prevailing)</b>	<b>Jesse B. Harris Jr.:</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Alan Gaffney (SC Open Range)</b>	<b>Anthony J. Bagaglio (Negotiated and Prevailing)</b>	<b>William Dusenberry:</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Michael P. Hamil (Neg. &amp; Prev.)</b>	<b>Diane McKaig (SC Open Range)</b>	<b>Jeff Hicks:</b>	<b>Negotiated and Panel Chair</b>
<b>Greg Herbeck (Neg. &amp; Prev.)</b>	<b>Keith A. Becherer (Professional Staff NR)</b>	<b>Alan Gaffney:</b>	<b>SC Open Range Chair</b>
<b>Terry Downey (Neg. &amp; Prev.)</b>	<b>Jackie Candela (Alton)</b>	<b>Jess B. Harris Jr.</b>	<b>Professional Staff Non-Represented</b>
<b>Gail Erb (Neg. &amp; Prev.)</b>			
<b>Cynthia A. Corbetto (Administrative-R)</b>			
<b>Melanie Schoenborn (SC Open Range)*</b>			

Please make sure you take the time to congratulate all of our new Senate, Panel members and officers when you see them here on campus.

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## 2010 Ice Cream Cabaret



Welcome Week is upon us and the annual University Staff Senate Ice Cream Cabaret will be on September 3 in the Morris University Center, Meridian Ballroom. We start dishing ice cream at 11:30 am and hope to be finished with entertainment at 1:00 pm. Danita Thompson-Mumphard, Jesse B. Harris, Jr., The East St. Louis Center for the Performing Arts Company and some of the other regulars will be performing along with some new acts. There will be door prizes including Godfrey Maize tickets and some wine from around the United States. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for everyone else. Tickets are available from Staff Senate members, University Governance Office and the MUC Information Desk. All proceeds from the Ice Cream Cabaret go the University Staff Senate Scholarship Fund. Come join us, bring your lunch or buy of the Hot Dog cart, have some Ice Cream and great SIUE entertainment!

Article by: Melanie Schoenborn

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Dear SIUE Community,

The University Staff Senate would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 29th Annual Staff Senate BBQ. We would especially like to thank our contributors of door prizes and monetary donations. Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the meal that Dining and Catering Services prepared and delivered to everyone's satisfaction. Special thanks to Human Resources and Campus Recreation for coordinating another Benefits Fair and USS BBQ, a job well done. Thanks to SIUE Credit Union for the pens, The Morris University Center Administration Office, Jim McDermott and staff along with Lori Schneider and staff, and Pepsi.

### Door Prize Donors

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