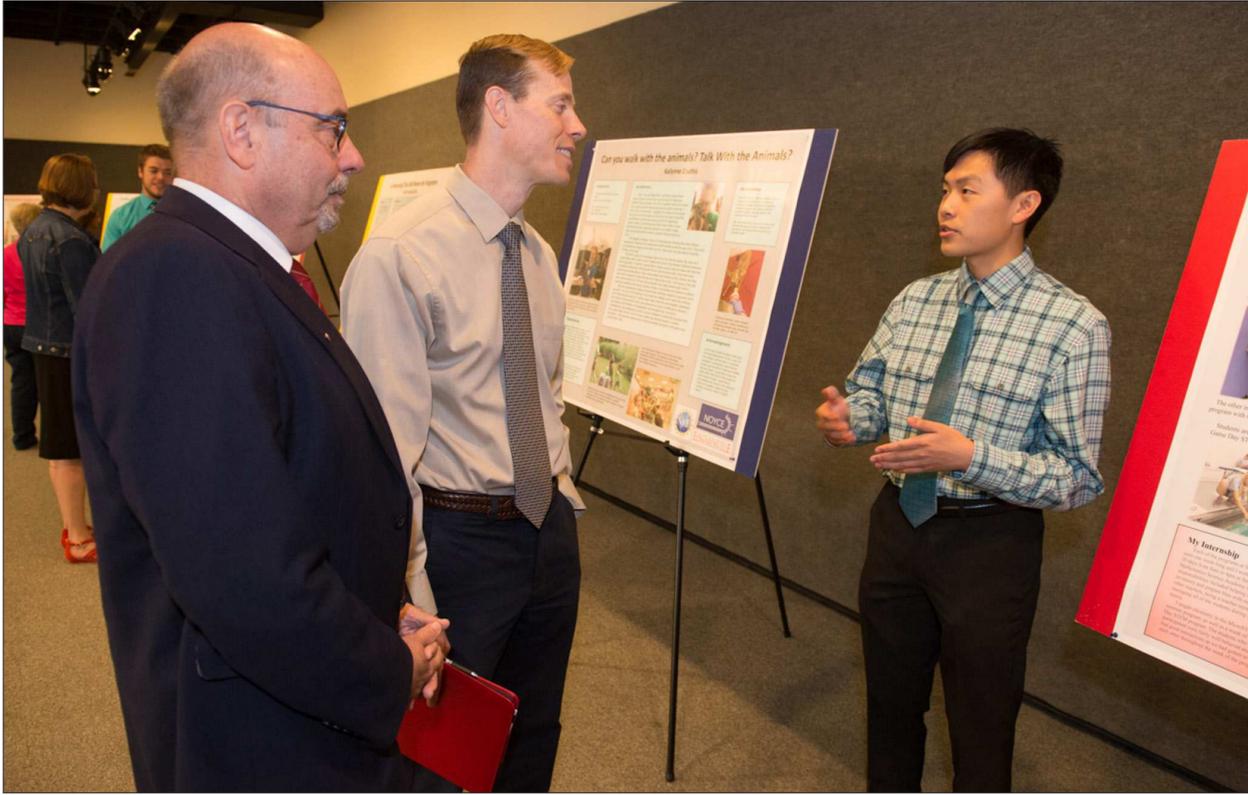


# General



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During the Noyce Summer Scholars Showcase Justin Shiau, right, described his summer experience to Paul Rose, PhD, interim dean of the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior, center, and Greg Budzban, PhD, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

## Summer scholars showcase work

For the Intelligencer

Twelve Southern Illinois University Edwardsville students spent their summer sharing their excitement and enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with Illinois youth.

The students participated in the Robert J. Noyce Scholarship Science and Math Grants. The grants are funded by the National Science Foundation and provide \$2,500 summer scholarships for 200 hours of in-service training for qualified SIUE freshmen and sophomores, and local community college students who are interested in STEM careers.

They showcased their experiences during the Noyce Summer Scholars Showcase held Thursday, Sept. 28 in the SIUE's Morris University Center.

"It was a fun experience to watch the students I taught engage in the activities and lessons I had planned for them," said Justin Shiau, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Naperville. Shiau served at the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora. He said the experience solidified his desire to become an educator.

"I taught chemistry and physics to third, fourth, seventh and eighth grade students," he explained.

"I realized during my first academic year at SIUE, that I want to be a part of the growing pharmacy industry. But, I don't want to be a practicing pharmacist, rather I'd like to become a pharmacy professor to educate future industry professionals. The Noyce program helped build my teaching skills and gave me confidence in my abilities."

Other sites for the 2017 cohort of Noyce summer scholars included SIUE's Odyssey Science Camps, Engineering Camp, and Digital East St. Louis, along with Edwardsville Summer Zone, The Field Museum, Treehouse Wildlife Center and Watershed Nature Center.

"You learn best when you think about how to teach something to other people," said College of Arts and Sciences Dean Greg Budzban, PhD, as he visited with the interns during their showcase event. "When you do that, you're actually learning deepest yourself. These students had the wonderful opportunity to engage with younger students and share their enthusiasm for STEM, while also enhancing their own learning experience."

Through her experience, sophomore nursing major Kathleen Antos, of Crest Hill, said she strengthened her interpersonal and organizational skills, both of which will benefit her future career.

"I want to be a pediatric nurse, so working with kids all summer boosted my confidence interact-

ing with them and teaching them about difficult topics in engaging ways," Antos said. "I want to be an inspiration for young girls who may doubt the role of women in the sciences. I enjoyed making sure the young girls in the camps I worked with had impactful experiences, so their current drive and interest in the sciences would only get stronger."

The Noyce summer scholars experience is coordinated through the SIUE STEM Center, in partnership with faculty from the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville provides students with a high quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottomland and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of nearly 14,000.

## Fallen Hero's Ride to honor Snyder

For the Intelligencer

On October 14, 2017 the Gateway Chapter of the Reguladores Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (LEMC) will be hosting the first annual Fallen Hero's Ride to honor the late St. Louis County Police Officer Blake Snyder.

The purpose of this ride is to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. This year's event will honor fallen St. Louis County Police Officer Blake Snyder, who made the ultimate sacrifice on October 6, 2016. At the request of the Snyder family, 100% proceeds will benefit the St. Louis County Police Welfare Association.

Registration for this event begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 11:00 a.m. and will be held at Ted's Motorcycle World/Harley Davidson, located at 4103 N Humbert Rd, Alton, IL 62002. All vehicles are welcome! The fee to participate is \$20.00 per motorcycle and \$5.00 for their passenger. The fee for vehicles is \$20.00 with any number of occupants.

The ride will conclude at the Alton Owl's Club, located at 227 Blair Ave, Alton, IL 62002, where participants will have an opportu-

nity to purchase raffles, food, and drinks. We will also have a DJ providing entertainment.

A little bit about our club...The Reguladores LEMC was instituted to offer motorcycling benefits and services to active, retired, and/or vested police officers, along with honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces that served in the law enforcement field, their families and friends. The club is independent and is not affiliated or sponsored by any motorcycle manufacturer or police agency. The goal of the club is to generate an increased level of enthusiasm for riding motorcycles and support other clubs. Club events are intended to promote safe activities. The club also focuses on raising money and donating time to help other non-profit organization.

If you have further inquiries regarding details about this event please do not hesitate to contact Chaplain Mike Utecht by phone at (618) 304-8725. For media purposes you may contact member Jennifer Bell (314) 951-4406.

Thank you taking time to review this press release and we look forward to seeing you the day of the event.

## SIUE's Merrett honored by College Media Association

For the Intelligencer

The College Media Association (CMA) has recognized Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Tammy Merrett with its Distinguished Adviser Award. Merrett will be honored at a ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Dallas Sheraton during the 2017 Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Association Fall National College Media Convention.

The Distinguished Adviser Award is presented to a CMA member who has had five years or more experience in college student media advising, has distinguished service in a particular area and is an adviser at the time of the nomination. Joining Merrett as category winners from a four-year college or university are: Ed Bonza, Kennesaw State (Georgia) University; Colin Donohue, Elon (North Carolina) University; and Carolyn Levin, Long Island (New York) University.

"The best part of being a college media adviser is being a cheerleader and mentor to young journalists with the hope that they will go on to satisfying careers in media," Merrett said. "Sometimes you have to be the voice of reason and maturity amongst the excitement and adrenalin of young reporters. It's not always an easy job. So, it's gratifying to be recognized by my peers."

Merrett has 18 years of student newspaper advising experience

and has worked in the field as a professional journalist since 1986. Before joining the faculty at SIUE to become the program director for The Alestle, she worked for eight years as faculty adviser to The Montage at St. Louis Community College-Meramec, and two years at Webster University in St. Louis.

Since 2010, Merrett has been a member of the board of directors and is the immediate past president of the St. Louis Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. She is the immediate past president of the Illinois College Press Association and has been active in ICPA since 2012. She was also a member of the St. Louis Journalism Review Board of Editorial Advisers and worked for the media criticism publication in various capacities for 12 years.

A Kansas native, Merrett earned a bachelor's in communications from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. She later earned a master's in communications management from Webster University.

CMA annually recognizes the achievements of individuals through various award programs, including Honor Roll Adviser Awards for professionals who have advised for five or fewer years; Distinguished Adviser Awards for professionals who have advised for greater than five years; and a variety of special honors recognizing service and outstanding achievements.

## Regional Briefs

### Campus housing fire safety video viewed by more than 31,600 students nationwide

Five years after an off-campus apartment fire killed Southern Illinois University Edwardsville students Lauren Petersen and Lacy Siddall, a first-of-its-kind fire safety video that was created last April to honor the students and help prevent similar tragedies has been viewed by more than 31,600 students on college campuses nationwide.

As students move into their apartments, dorms or other campus housing to begin fall classes at colleges and universities across the county, the families of the SIUE students who lost their lives, along with attorneys who represented the families in lawsuits against an insurance company regarding the fire, are encouraging schools to continue to make the safety video readily available for viewing by students.

Colleges and affiliated organizations such as fraternities and sororities interested in using the video as part of their programming for students can e-mail info@reslife.com for information. The video can be seen at simmonsfirm.com/fire-safety-video/.

The Petersen and Siddall families used a portion of their settlements with the insurance company to help produce the video. The families' lawyers from law firm Simmons Hanly Conroy, along with attorney Tom Long, also helped fund and manage the project.

"The deaths of Lauren and Lacy were tragedies, and this video has in a way provided a form of healing by hopefully warning other college students, their parents and landlords about the risks of fire in both on- and off-campus housing," said Ted N. Gianaris, the Simmons Hanly Conroy shareholder who oversaw the wrongful death lawsuit.

From 2000-2014, approximately 126 students have perished from fires that occurred on a college campus, in Greek housing or off-campus housing within three miles of their institution, according to the Center

for Campus Fire Safety (The Center), a non-profit organization devoted to reducing the loss of life from fire at college campuses. More than 85 percent of the fatal fires during that time occurred in off-campus housing.

The video features the girls' mutual friend Taylor Scott talking about how much she misses them. It underscores the dangers of campus fires through state-of-the-art, slow-motion footage that illustrates how quickly a fire can spread. The video also includes footage from the aftermath of the fire that claimed the girls' lives.

The girls' families, their attorneys and Simmons Hanly Conroy partnered with SIUE University Housing, Residence Life Cinema and Switch to produce the video, which was distributed to more than 200 universities and colleges nationwide via Residence Life Cinema, a division of Swank Motion Pictures.

The lawsuit on behalf of the deceased SIUE students' families focused on improperly placed smoke and fire alarms. Investigation during litigation ruled out the initial theory that the fire was caused by a laptop. The families and their attorneys

believe hard-fought lawsuits can result in making children and families safer by educating them about fire safety, and encouraging schools and off-campus student housing facilities to upgrade and maintain their fire protection systems.

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