

# Welcome to SOAR!

## SOAR OFFICE

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Student Success Center Rm. 1259  
(Enter through Academic Advancement Center)  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Website: [siue.edu/soar](http://siue.edu/soar)



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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOU:

- August 19: Move-In for BSE Students (Wednesday)
- Please watch for information from University Housing about reserving your move-in date/time. Please select an early enough move-in time so that you are finished and ready to attend BSE Introduction Part 1 at 4 p.m.
- BSE Introduction Part 1 (Students & Parents/Guardians)
- Check-In, Meridian Ballroom: 4 - 4:30 p.m.
  - BSE Introduction Part 1: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- August 20: Breakfast: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
BSE Introduction Part 2 (Students Only): 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- August 21: SIUE Welcome Weekend Begins  
New Student Convocation: 3 p.m. (Vadalabene Center)
- August 24: Fall Classes Begin

## YOUR COURSES:

Your courses and class schedule are subject to change. Check CougarNet for your class schedule. Be sure to check your class schedule the week before classes begin to stay aware of any changes that may occur. You must attend the first day of every class to avoid potentially being dropped.

To view your schedule on CougarNet ([siue.edu/cougarnet](http://siue.edu/cougarnet)):

1. Under the "Student" heading, click "Class Registration."
2. Click "View Registration Information."

Note: The Advisor Hold will be removed prior to the start of the semester. Regardless of any holds that you have on your account, you should still be able to access the "View Registration Information" screen.

## ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SOAR Resources: <https://www.siue.edu/diversity/soar/advising>

Career Development Center: <https://www.siue.edu/cdc> | (618) 650-3708

Student Financial Aid: <https://www.siue.edu/financial-aid> | (618) 650-3880

FREE Tutoring: <https://www.siue.edu/lss/tutoring-resource-center>

## To Do:

- Share this handout with your parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Scan the code to the left to add the SOAR Office contact information to your phone.
- Make plans to attend all the events listed under "Important Dates" on this page.
- Purchase a paper planner and write all the important dates on this page in it. You may have used your phone to keep track of things in the past, but as a college student, a paper planner is a necessity.
- Check your SIUE email often, including when classes are not in session, so you don't miss important information. Students and parents are also encouraged to follow [@SOARSuccess\\_SIUE on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/SOARSuccess_SIUE) and [@SIUESOAR on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SIUESOAR)!
- Take placement tests if needed. [siue.edu/testing](http://siue.edu/testing) | (618) 650-1246
- Provide proof of health insurance. [siue.edu/health-service/insurance](http://siue.edu/health-service/insurance)
- Provide proof of immunization. [siue.edu/healthservice](http://siue.edu/healthservice)
- After graduation, submit your final official high school transcript. [siue.edu/diversity/soar/advising](http://siue.edu/diversity/soar/advising)
- Submit transcripts from any colleges through which you have earned credit. [siue.edu/diversity/soar/advising](http://siue.edu/diversity/soar/advising)
- If you had an IEP in high school or any accommodation, submit an accommodation request. [siue.edu/access](http://siue.edu/access) | (618) 650-3726
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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your advisor or the SOAR Office at (618) 650-3790. We welcome you to SIUE and look forward to supporting you in the days ahead!



Your academic advisor is part of SOAR (Student Opportunities for Academic Results), a specialized advising department that provides enhanced support to help you transition to college.

First-year students who are first-generation college students, Pell-eligible, and/or part of an underrepresented group are eligible for SOAR. Our students benefit from:

- **Transition Support:** SOAR students are selected as incoming freshmen and are provided with support to aid in the transition to college life.
- **Specialized Guidance:** Our committed and caring team of academic advisors, success coach, and staff is experienced in proactively serving and mentoring students who face a unique set of needs and challenges. Extra measures are taken to address early warning signs, connect students to resources, and involve parents as necessary.
- **Foundational Programming:** In addition to academic advising, SOAR provides supplemental academic support and opportunities for personal development and career readiness.



**SOAR Staff (Left to Right):**

Ms. Sade Shepherd  
Ms. Sarah Stover  
Mr. Darryl Cherry  
Ms. KaLonny Short  
Ms. Erin Myers  
Dr. Earleen Patterson

**Not Pictured with Group:**

Ms. Danielle Hall (Right Top)  
Ms. Daria Spencer (Right Middle)  
Ms. Falon Ensley (Right Bottom)



## Boundless Scholar Experience (BSE)

As a first-year student, you are part of the Boundless Scholar Experience (BSE). This comprehensive program is administered by SOAR and is designed to promote belonging, academic advancement, and degree completion. Students will complete several general education courses together and engage in robust co-curricular programming to establish a strong collegiate foundation. BSE includes enrollment in ENG 125 on your fall semester schedule. This course will fulfill general education requirements for first semester transition, global cultures, race and equity experience, health experience, and breadth-humanities.

Please make plans to join us for BSE Introduction, Parts 1 and 2, in August. **Part 1 is for parents/guardians and students and will take place on Wednesday, August 19, in the Meridian Ballroom in the MUC (Morris University Center).** This informal introduction will provide the opportunity to meet other BSE participants and program faculty and staff. This will follow your campus Move-In, which will take place earlier on August 19. **Please watch for information from University Housing about reserving your move-in date/time.** BSE Introduction Part 2 on Thursday August 20, will be for students only.

**BSE Website: [siue.edu/diversity/soar/boundless-scholar-experience/index.shtml](http://siue.edu/diversity/soar/boundless-scholar-experience/index.shtml)**

