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Summer at SIUE

From beginning writing and basic algebra to advanced metalsmithing and human genetics, SIUE offers more than 700 summer classes each year.

Nearly 500 students are living on campus in Cougar Village and Evergreen Hall this summer. After class, they enjoy swimming, barbecues, movie nights on the lawn, sand volleyball tournaments and more!



SIUE offers a variety of summer camps for kids in kindergarten through high school.

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Ceramics/Sculpture
- Drawing
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Storybook Art
- Wearable Art
- Science
- Spanish
- Theater
- Writing



SIUE Health Service stays busy over the summer.

Common visits include:

- Bee stings and insect bites
- Skin rashes
- Sore throats/summer colds
- Physical exams for student athletes and clinical requirements for pharmacy/nursing students



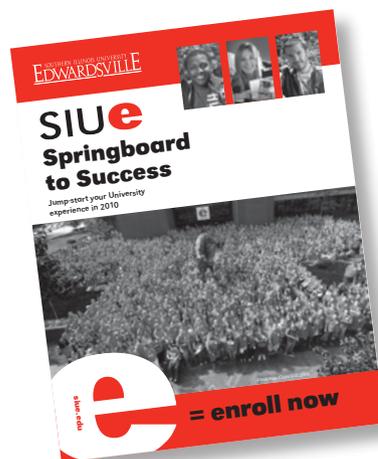
Summer Showbiz

There have been summer theater events on the SIUE campus since the late 1960s. Over the last 15 years, more than 50,000 patrons have watched Summer Showbiz performances. Check page 12 for this summer's offerings.



Welcome to The e!

More than 2,000 incoming freshmen and their parents will make a two-day visit to campus for Springboard to Success, a required orientation. Students stay overnight in the residence halls, learn about life on campus and register for classes.



Non-credit Classes

Adults of all ages visit campus for fun, non-credit stress-free summer learning opportunities. Class choices include Japanese, Spanish, real estate investment, landscape design and much more.



Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

This past academic year has been an extremely challenging one, due to the current state of financial affairs in Illinois. While overall economic conditions have deteriorated and cash flow has markedly slowed, the University has expended significant effort in adjusting to circumstances and instituting proactive measures to safeguard the well-being of students and employees. Specific information regarding SIUE's budget can be found at siue.edu/budget. SIUE is now the lowest out of the 12 Illinois public higher education institutions for tuition and fees and the SIU Board has approved a zero percent tuition increase for the 2010-2011 academic year. Our primary goal remains to serve the residents of our region.

That being said, life at the University continues to be forward-focused and high energy – there's so much to celebrate! We are preparing for the nearly 14,000 students who will step onto campus this fall. Below are some of the latest achievements at SIUE:

- SIUE is listed in the *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Colleges" 2010 edition among 77 schools nationwide (five in the Midwest!) as an "up-and-coming school firmly focused on improving the job they're doing today." In addition, *U.S. News* continues to rank our excellent Senior Assignment program alongside Harvard, Yale and MIT.
- SIUE is in the home stretch of its transition to NCAA Division I athletics. The most significant step in the transition is athletics certification, which is akin to institutional accreditation. Preparations for the certification process are underway with a steering committee and three sub-committees involved in the nearly two-year long study. Official NCAA oversight of the process begins in fall 2010 with the self-study report due to the NCAA in April 2011. An evaluation visit by NCAA peer reviewers will occur in fall 2011 and a final certification decision will be issued in February 2012.
- Site work for the new Science Building is complete. Capital development board staff members, SIUE employees, and the project architects and engineers are working on the final bid documents and have scheduled a June letting.
- SIUE School of Nursing December 2009 graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the national nursing licensure board exam. The first cohort of nursing students has been admitted to the recently launched regional nursing program in Carbondale.
- SIUE's East St. Louis Center is celebrating two awards received at the National Head Start Association Conference in Dallas on May 6. Head Start teacher Sybilfilita Cox was named National Head Start Teacher of the Year, and Bolayoka Adeniyi received the Dr. Scott Harkley Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a former Head Start student who has gone into the medical profession.

As part of our commitment to the Southwestern Illinois region, we are expanding the University's educational offerings to include professional development courses, distance learning and a host of non-credit classes. We invite you to enhance your connection to the SIUE family through one of the many exciting outreach programs available through the Office of Educational Outreach. Who knows, you may just find a new (or renewed) passion, as well.

Go Cougars!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vaughn Vandegrift". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Vaughn Vandegrift, Ph.D.
SIUE Chancellor

SIUE Today

Award of Excellence

The **SIUE Student Success Center** is featured in the April 2010 issue of *College Planning & Management* magazine. The article highlights the synergy achieved by relocating numerous academic and student life departments, providing a “one-stop shop for services” and enhancing support for students. The Association of College Unions International (ACUI) honored Mackey Mitchell Architects with the 2010 ACUI Award of Excellence for the Student Success Center. Award recipients are chosen based on the facilities appearance, the design process and the new or renovated structures impact on the campus.



Opening Doors

After more than 40 years of being closed to the public, **Lovejoy Library's** north entrance reopened April 1. SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift addressed a crowd of nearly 50 people at the event. Regina McBride, dean of library and information services, acknowledged the efforts of The Friends of Lovejoy Library and two alumnae who were instrumental in helping with the re-opening effort. The alumnae donors, Dianne Winney, MSED '93, and Carol Nativi, BA '71, MSED '72, spoke at the ceremony about their experiences as SIUE students. Lovejoy Library was one of the first buildings on the new campus, opening in 1965. Its north entrance had originally been used as the main entrance; however, due to concerns about the security of library materials, the doors were permanently closed shortly after they opened.



Celebrating the Earth

A celebration of **Earth Day** at SIUE included activities such as a “T-shirts for Trash” exchange and a “Take Back the Tap” pledge which encouraged a water bottle exchange. Other activities included the unveiling of the University’s new Bikeshare program, as well as the SIUE Sustainability website—siue.edu/sustainability—where faculty, staff and students interested in the program can register to borrow a bicycle. “This sharing of bicycles is about faculty, staff and students being able to explore the bike paths on or near campus and enjoy the natural surroundings of this beautiful campus,” said Kevin Adkins, the University’s sustainability officer.



Committed to Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) named SIUE to its 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, recognizing the University’s commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. Many of the service projects and volunteerism opportunities afforded students at SIUE are coordinated through the **SIUE Kimmel Leadership Center**, offering a variety of student activities and leadership opportunities to assist in the personal and professional development of all students.

Documentary Wins Emmy

A four-part documentary from PBS about unemployment, a segment of which dealt with the current economic impact in East St. Louis, recently won an Emmy Award and SIUE Associate **Political Science** Professor Andrew Theising was a big contributor to the production. Theising, head of **SIUE's Institute for Urban Research** was instrumental in making the PBS segment a reality by arranging interviews and making production suggestions as well as appearing on camera as an East St. Louis expert. The documentary aired last spring.



THE GARDENS AT SIUE

Thanks to a gift from the Rotary Club of Edwardsville and the support of local community members, a groundbreaking and tree planting ceremony to introduce the Prairie Portal Garden was held March 29. The soon-to-be constructed, one-acre garden will be the first large-scale display installed as part of **The Gardens at SIUE** master plan. It will be a highly visible space, with surrounding gardens located at the intersection of the main path and what is known as the Prairie Loop. Landscape beds will be connected by natural stone paths and bordered by retaining walls. The garden will feature "Plants of Merit," as designated by the Missouri Botanical Garden, and will be installed and maintained by University of Illinois Extension master gardeners.



Hands-on Learning

Hip-hop dancing lessons, auditioning for a spot as a television news anchor, geocaching and throwing spears were some of the activities available at the **College of Arts and Sciences'** first ever "Hands-On Day" held in the Stratton Quad on April 8. Some 31 departments and programs within CAS demonstrated activities unique to their disciplines and highlighted some of the experiential learning opportunities within the College. "This is an event in which students actually got involved and learned about departments the College offers," explained CAS Associate Dean Wendy Shaw.



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Teaching Excellence



Valerie Yancey, associate professor of primary care and health systems nursing in the SIUE **School of Nursing**, recently won the 2010 Teaching Excellence Award. The nominating committee, which consists of faculty members and students, described Yancey as “a very knowledgeable educator who encourages students to see themselves as ‘transformed thinkers.’”

She effectively uses her student’s reflections and personal experiences to illustrate clear examples that result in a multi-modal approach to teaching and learning.” Yancey has been instrumental in developing curriculum for the SIUE doctor of nursing practice program.

The committee also named four Teaching Distinction Award recipients for 2010, which included tenure-track faculty members Catherine Seltzer, assistant professor in the Department of English Language and Literature; David Cluphf, associate professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education; and Yun Lu, assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry. The committee also chose a non-tenure track faculty member for the Distinction Award: Cindy McAndrews, partnership supervisor and instructor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Senior Assignment Showcase

Research studies about storm water drainage in Honduras, bowling skills, and post traumatic stress syndrome among college students who are veterans were just three of the projects that were highlighted on April 21 as part of the annual **Senior Assignment Showcase**. The event featured presentations by more than 105 students from 27 undergraduate majors, representing the top senior assignment projects. The senior assignment program is required curriculum for all seniors to demonstrate their degree of general education knowledge, as well as knowledge within their disciplines prior to graduation. SIUE has been featured in *U.S. News & World Report* among the nation’s top schools, including Harvard, Princeton and Yale for five consecutive years for its Senior Assignment program. The Association of American Colleges and Universities also has recognized the program as a model of a capstone undergraduate experience for the nation’s institutions of higher learning.

Meeting of the Minds

Nearly 100 mathematicians from around the globe came to SIUE for the Sixth Conference on Functional Spaces in May. The conference focused on function algebras, Banach algebras and isometries of function spaces, among other topics. **Department of Mathematics and Statistics** Chairman and Distinguished Research Professor Krzysztof Jarosz organized the event, which has been held at SIUE since its inception. Attendees came from more than 30 countries for the event, including Slovenia, Japan, South Africa and India.

Faculty Recognition

Assistant Professor of **English Language and Literature** Adrian Matejka, recently received the 2010 William and Margaret Going Award Endowed Professorship from the College of Arts and Sciences. The award recognizes faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences who have outstanding teaching and scholarly accomplishments and/or have engaged in creative activity. The award is open to all full-time, tenure-track faculty and carries a stipend of \$10,000. The endowed professorship lasts for one year and awardees provide a public lecture at the end of the appointed time. The selection committee stated “Professor Matejka has done a tremendous amount of work in his specialty area and is gaining a national reputation. His plans to bring his work to public attention were outstanding and include readings at SIUE, Chicago, Atlanta and New York.”





Cougar Spirit

Even the Cougar in the Stratton Quad got in the spirit of graduation—with a little help from his friends. SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift and graduating Past Student Body President Laurie Estilette used ladders to help the Cougar don the traditional mortar board and tassel in honor of May 8 commencement exercises. Approximately 1,800 students were eligible to graduate as the SIUE Class of 2010.

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siue.edu/graduation2010

Showcasing Innovation

Faculty inventors from SIUE, SIU Carbondale and the SIU School of Medicine in the fields of biochemistry, engineering, medicine and pharmacy combined forces to showcase the latest research under way on the three campuses. The **Technology and Innovation Expo** also focused on opportunities for potential partners to help make this cutting-edge research a commercial reality. The event featured presentations by SIU faculty inventors who have technology to license and brought together academics, entrepreneurs and business people to increase awareness of available technologies that can lead to new products and innovations in a networking environment. SIUE's featured inventions ranged from new drugs for treatment of Alzheimer's to magnetic refrigeration, a promising energy technology.

Estate Gift

SIUE operates with a variety of revenue sources, including student tuition and fees, a shrinking appropriation of state dollars, and the generosity of SIUE alumni and friends. We are proud and privileged to count Charles and Mary Lukas as friends. A farming family who lived in Edwardsville, the Lukases held a deep fondness for this University, which was "in their backyard." They became members of our Heritage Society many years ago, joining other individuals who have included SIUE in their estate plans. Charles Lukas died in 1997, and Mary passed away last year. The couple, who had no heirs, left SIUE nearly 500 acres of property worth approximately \$6 million. The couple requested their gift be used for campus capital projects. Among the projects chosen by the SIUE Foundation was retirement of the bonds on Birger Hall. A "mortgage burning ceremony" was held during the February Foundation board meeting. The University is looking for other uses for the rest of the estate.



Foundation Board members celebrate the "burning of the mortgage."



Consider becoming a Heritage Society Member

If you would like to include SIUE in your estate plans, please contact Jeff Brown, Director of Planned Giving, 618-650-2345 or jefbrow@siue.edu.

Spring Commencement Honorees

Honorary Degree Recipient



Each year, SIUE awards an honorary degree to an individual who has made significant contributions to cultural, educational, scientific, economic, social, humanitarian or other worthy fields of endeavor. Ralph Korte was presented an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, and served as the commencement speaker, at the May 7 commencement ceremony.

Ralph served as the chairman of the board of Korte Construction Co. until his retirement in November 2008. He founded the company in 1958 and led it to a position of national stature. Ralph graduated from SIUE in 1968 with a degree in business and has been deeply involved with the University ever since.

His commitment and support have led to the creation of the School of Engineering construction management degree program, construction of the Ralph Korte Stadium, donation of the Ralph and Donna Korte classroom, establishment of the Ralph and Donna Korte Fund for Leadership and Innovation in Business Education, and creation and launch of the SIUE Construction Leadership Institute.

A past president of the SIUE Foundation Board, Ralph currently serves as a board member and is heavily involved in the development of The Gardens at SIUE. He is recipient of numerous awards including the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Ralph was also a member of the inaugural class of the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008. During his retirement party in November 2008, the Korte Company established the Ralph Korte Endowment Scholarship for students entering the Construction Management Program in the SIUE School of Engineering.

Distinguished Service Award Recipient

SIUE selects an annual recipient of the Distinguished Service Award to recognize a person who has given outstanding or unusual service to the University, the region or the state. Charles "Chuck" Tosovsky was presented the Distinguished Service Award at the May 8 commencement ceremony.

Chuck is the president of Home Nursery Inc. in Edwardsville. The Tosovsky Family has a rich history in helping make things grow, including this University. Ernest and Mary Tosovsky were the first to sell part of their property for what was to become SIUE.



Chuck is a senior director on the SIUE Foundation Board, having served as president, vice president and treasurer. Chuck is a key member of The Friends of The Gardens at SIUE, the group that is dedicated to the development of The Gardens. Chuck's work with The Gardens led to his being awarded the Albert Cassens Award for Community Achievement from the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce.

He donated the money necessary to establish the Chuck and Jean Tosovsky Family Fund for the SIUE Horticultural Research Institute. Chuck is also a past winner of the International Plant Propagators Society Eastern Region Award of Merit and past president of the Illinois Green Industry Association.

View Chuck's commencement remarks:
siue.edu/give



Cougar Athletics Facility Renovations

SIUE Cougar Athletics has numerous projects planned to enhance the student-athlete experience. Included in those projects is a renovated baseball clubhouse at SimmonsCooper Complex and renovated and expanded locker room facilities inside the Vadalabene Center.

Baseball Clubhouse

The baseball clubhouse project is only part of a larger proposed stadium renovation for the baseball program. The proposed state-of-the-art facility will include a full locker room and shower facilities, offices, a player lounge, and a designated porch area for SIUE baseball alumni to gather and watch the games.

“We are excited about getting alumni involved. They’ll have a great experience coming back and watching the games.”

— Gary Collins
Baseball coach and SIUE alumnus



Interested donors for either project should contact SIUE Associate Athletic Director:

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tgarzar@siue.edu

Locker Room Facilities

The Vadalabene Center (VC) locker room renovation will feature expanded locker room facilities for the four sports that call the VC home—men’s and women’s basketball, volleyball, and wrestling. An expanded training room and an athletics audio/video room are also in the plans.

“Elevating our locker rooms to a Division I level is the final stage in the renovation of the Vadalabene Center,”

SIUE Director of Athletics Brad Hewitt said. “The project is essential to the recruitment process, as well as the retention

of the student-athlete. The locker room creates needed study space for student-athletes and creates an environment conducive to team bonding.”

The Vadalabene Center locker room expansion also gives alumni an opportunity to give back. Donors making a contribution of \$600 over five years or an aggregate gift of \$3,000 will have a locker named in his or her honor. The locker will include a nameplate, and donors will be granted access to the locker room to view the locker and nameplate upon request.



Show Your Cougar Spirit

- Consider a donation to the Cougar Athletics Excellence Fund, a general fund designed to benefit the entire SIUE athletics program. A gift sends a strong message about your commitment to providing the necessary resources for our student-athletes and their “world-class experience.”
- Consider purchasing SIUE season tickets to support Cougar Athletics in person. Season tickets are currently available for the men’s and women’s soccer 2010 season, as well as men’s and women’s basketball 2010-2011 season. Contact the Cougar Ticket Office, (618) 650-2841.
- Wear what the Cougars wear! adidas® is the official shoe and apparel of SIUE Athletics. Cougar apparel by adidas® is now available in the SIUE Bookstore. Shop online at siuecougars.com.
- SIUE Department of Athletics 1st Annual Golf Scramble, Saturday, August 28, 2010, Sunset Hills Country Club, Edwardsville. *This event replaces past program-specific golf scrambles.*

Fall Sports Preview

The fall sports season is just around the corner at SIUE. Both the men's and women's soccer teams return to the field late this summer to begin preparation for the 2010 season.

The men's team plays its first season as a full member of the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC). Men's soccer will compete in the MVC because the Ohio Valley Conference does not sponsor men's soccer. As one of two fast-tracked sports at the University, men's soccer will be fully eligible for a conference championship as well as the NCAA Division I Championship.

"The entire team is excited for the opportunity to again compete for championships," said Head Coach Kevin Kalish. "We have been preparing for this for the past two years and we're ready."

Kalish acknowledges the difficulty in competing in the Missouri Valley Conference but is optimistic about his team's chances. "The Missouri Valley is one of the top conferences in the country, he said. "They've had a team in the Elite Eight in each of the last three NCAA Tournaments. It will be challenging, but we feel we can compete with the top-level teams in this conference."

The men will host Loyola (Illinois) in an exhibition match Aug. 21 at Korte Stadium. They will travel across the river for an exhibition at Saint Louis University on Aug. 27. The team opens the regular season Sept. 1 at home against Western Illinois.



After two seasons in which the team spent much of its time away from home, the Cougars will play 10 of 17 regular season games at home this coming season. Kalish admits it will be nice to play a full home schedule. "We feel fortunate. We played 81 percent of our games on the road the last two years," he said. "To have a good number of games at home should help propel us to some victories."



The women's team continues its transition to Division I and the Ohio Valley Conference. Third-year Head Coach Derek Burton returns to lead a team that finished 3-10-2 a season ago. Burton is encouraged by progress made by his team in preparation for the upcoming season.

"Things are very positive coming off a good spring season," Burton said. He said the team, which lost just two seniors to graduation, will benefit from experience. "If we can build upon the lessons we learned last fall, we're going to find success on the field."

The Cougars travel to Jonesboro, Ark. Aug. 14 for an exhibition match with Arkansas State. They return to open the regular season at home Aug. 20 against South Dakota.

Fall sports schedules and ticket information are available online.

 siuecougars.com



From Your SIUE Alumni Association Board President

Dear Alumni Friends,

Thirty-nine years ago this fall, when I made my first walk from the farthest parking lot to attend my first freshman class, Survey of Western Tradition, little did I imagine that I would be writing this president's letter to our SIUE audience.

Thirty-nine years ago, my parents awaited the return of their baby, bedecked in bell-bottoms and waist-length hair, the first generation of our family to attend a university. John Rendleman was our University president, Richard Nixon was our U.S. President, Walt Disney World opened in Florida and the number one song was Rod Stewart's "Maggie May."

For the next eight years, the Edwardsville campus would be my home-away-from-home while I completed my bachelor's and master's. But it wouldn't end there. Opportunities to extend my commitment at this school for nearly 40 years flourished, even teaching for a few years for the Vietnam Veteran's Upward Bound program, as we brought returning soldiers "up to speed" on required freshman entry skills.

As my business career advanced there were still those opportunities and commitments; as a member of the School of Education Advisory Council, an Education Fellow and now, as head of the Alumni Association. I've loved sharing the wealth of this campus, the depth of its students, the energy of our volunteers and the heart of its alumni.

Now, full circle.

As the "freshman" Alumni Association President, embracing the collective goals and dreams of this University, witnessing our exponential growth, both physically and intellectually, and delighting in the acclaimed artistic creativity of our students, faculty and alumni give me reason to believe that the best days are yet to come.

Hopefully, this time around, I'll have a closer parking space.

Bev Henderson-George, '75 BA, '79 MSED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bev Henderson-George".

SIUE Alumni Association President



Networking. Connecting. Fun!

Alumni events are all about you connecting with fellow alumni for business and pleasure! We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

June 2010

All members of the SIUE Alumni Association were invited to attend the June 3 Annual Meeting of the SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors at Evergreen Hall.



May 2010

The SIUE Alumni Association hosted a free networking breakfast at the Railway Exchange Building in downtown St. Louis on Tuesday, May 25. The featured speaker was Phileasa White, a 2001 graduate from the SIUE School of Education, who is the Vice President of Human Resources at MERS/Goodwill Industries.



SIUE alumni, staff and friends enjoyed great food, cold drinks, live music and networking during the SIUE Alumni Night at Fast Eddie's on May 20.



SIUE alumni, staff and friends enjoyed a wine tasting event at Crushed Grapes in Edwardsville on May 15.



**Looking for an old friend or classmate?
We can help. Contact us at alumni@siue.edu**

SIUE Alumni Association

Friends, family members and former SIUE classmates came together May 12 to celebrate the opening of the Gib Singleton Exhibit "From the Earth" in the Morris University Center Gallery. Gib Singleton's work has graced the hands of Pope John Paul the Second, and inspires from collections around the world. The exhibit of the internationally-acclaimed artist and SIUE alumnus was on display on the SIUE campus through June 27. Read more about Gib on page 16.



SIUE alumni, students, staff and friends enjoyed a charter bus trip to Wrigley Field to see the Chicago Cubs vs. the Houston Astros on April 17.



STAT and the SIUE Alumni Association hosted an alumni mentor mixer on April 11 at Birger Hall. The event topic focused on how students can make the most of their summer and prepare for the start of the fall semester.

March 2010

The SIUE Alumni Association hosted an alumni networking breakfast March 31 at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. The featured speaker was U.S. Congressman John Shimkus, '97 MBA.



April 2010

The SIUE Alumni Association hosted an alumni networking breakfast April 28 at the Hampton Inn in St. Charles, Mo. The featured speaker was Jim Middleton, a 1993 graduate from the SIUE School of Engineering, who is the MODOT project leader for the new Mississippi River Bridge.



The SIUE Alumni Association, STAT and the Office of Educational Outreach hosted SIUE Speed Networking on March 23 in the Morris University Center. Student attendees had the opportunity to network with 26 alumni volunteers representing a variety of career fields.

Marcia Maurer, dean of the SIUE School of Nursing, hosted a networking breakfast for Washington D.C. area alumni at the Old Ebbitt Grill on March 21.

February 2010

STAT hosted a Polar Bare Run on Feb. 21. The nearly-naked mile on the SIUE Quad collected warm-clothing donations for the Glen-Ed Food Pantry.



Staying Connected

There are so many ways to connect—and stay connected—with your fellow alumni

Online — siue.edu/alumni 

- Learn about membership benefits
- Check out upcoming events
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Twitter
- Cougar Tracks (your on-line community)
- Stay connected with SIUE at siue.edu/media

In person

- Social events
- Volunteering
- Lifelong learning opportunities

The SIUE Alumni Association and the Office of Educational Outreach hosted the SIUE Grant Writing Workshop on March 18 at Birger Hall. The panel of speakers provided information on the basics of the grant writing process.



The SIUE Alumni Association hosted an alumni networking breakfast March 3 at Scott Credit Union in Belleville. The featured speaker was Samuel Lutton, a 1975 graduate from the School of Business turned mystery novelist.



January 2010

STAT and the SIUE Alumni Association hosted an alumni mentor mixer Jan. 24 on campus at Birger Hall. The event included ice breaker games, refreshments and networking opportunities for the student and alumni participants of the mentor program.

Fifty SIUE alumni and friends watched the St. Louis Blues take on the Anaheim Ducks at the Scottrade Center on Jan. 23.

Upcoming Events

SIUE Senior Send-Offs

A Partnership between the SIUE Alumni Association, SIUE Office of Admissions and the Cougar Parent and Family Association

July 20 – Illinois Executive Mansion - Springfield, Ill.

July 28 – Burr Ridge Marriott – Burr Ridge, Ill.

July 29 – DoubleTree Hotel – Bloomington, Ill.

Aug. 10 – Thelma Keller Convention Center – Effingham, Ill.

SIUE Alumni Day at Busch Stadium

Sunday, Aug. 15



SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Dinner

Friday, Oct. 8



2010 SIUE Homecoming

SIUE Men's Soccer vs. Bradley University
SIUE Club Football vs. The Ohio State Club Football
SIUE Alumni Reunion Row & Community Festival
Saturday, Oct. 9

SIUE Alumni Day at the Grafton Winery & Brewhaus

Saturday, Oct. 23



Summer Showbiz 2010

Ruthless! The Musical

June 10-12 and 17-19, 7:30 p.m.
June 13 and 20, 2 p.m.
Metcalf Theater

The Lady Cries Murder

June 23-26, 7:30 p.m.
June 26-27, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Seussical the Musical

July 14-17, 7:30 p.m.
July 17-18, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Single Performance Tickets

SIUE Alumni, Faculty, Staff - \$12
Adults - \$15
Seniors/Children under 18 - \$12
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SIUE Students with valid ID - FREE!

SIUE Fine Arts Box Office

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STAT – Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

STAT offers SIUE students the opportunity to interact with alumni before graduation through social and educational networking events.

Mentoring Spotlight



Carly James, left, a speech communication major from Anna, Ill., and Heather Jeffers, right, a psychology major from Steeleville, Ill., graduated in May. Active members of STAT, Carly served as co-vice president of programming for two years, and Heather served as president and past president. Both are headed to Ball State in the fall. We caught up with them to talk about how STAT enhanced their experience at SIUE.

What has STAT meant to you?

Carly: Connections, friendship, opportunity and fun. I have given a lot to this organization and I have received so much more in return.

Heather: It's a great organization, and whatever you choose to put into it is what you'll get back out of it. I have been able to network and sharpen my leadership skills.

What have you learned from being involved with STAT?

Carly: I have learned that networking really can help you out in life. Also, as the co-vice president of programming, I was able to hone my event planning skills with the help of Katie Bennett.

Heather: I've learned that if you want something out of an organization, you have to put something into it. SIUE offers so many student organizations that all have something to offer, but you only get those benefits if you're willing to put time into the organization.

Why should alumni become student mentors?

Carly: I'm sure all alumni can remember back when they were in school and how they needed guidance. That is what a mentor is for—their tips and advice, no matter how small, really mean the world.

Heather: It's a simple commitment that has tremendous benefits for the students. It really helps to talk with someone who graduated and is working out in the field in the area of our degree.

STAT is another year older and another year wiser! As the new president of STAT, I hope to continue the Cougar tradition and keep STAT memberships rising. We have had a lot of fun over the past few semesters—meeting our mentors, hosting and participating in a “Fun Run,” honoring our graduating seniors, and boggling our brains at a trivia night!



Our goal is not only to continue these activities, but to ensure the success of the club by engaging in even more events in the future. To accomplish this, various leaders of STAT will soon be attending a conference in Kansas City with the hopes of bringing home fresh ideas.

STAT members will speak at all Springboard sessions in order to raise awareness among incoming freshman—“Cougar Cubs”—about what a great organization STAT is and the benefits of membership. STAT has enhanced my education at the “e,” and I look forward to helping STAT do the same for many more students!

— Brooke Woods

Brooke Woods

2010-2011 STAT President

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The Artist, *The Sculptor*



If you've seen a photo of Pope John Paul II, you've seen the work of **Gilbert "Gib" Singleton**.

The man who was born in Kennett, Mo. and raised in Granite City, Ill., created the crucifix atop the crosier carried by the pontiff. Another one of his crosses rests next to the Shroud of Turin. His artistic journey has taken him from humble beginnings to international acclaim.

After graduating from high school, Gib was looking for somewhere to go other than the Army or to the work his father did at the steel mill. "I could go to the West Coast or the East

Coast to study art, but I fell upon the vocational technical institute at SIU Carbondale," he said.

Gib earned his associates degree and then learned of the University's expansion in Edwardsville. "I switched my major to art history and toward an academic program." He started the process at Shurtleff College while construction was occurring on the Edwardsville campus, eventually traveling between the two campuses for classes.

"For me, it was like going into the kitchen and getting into the cookie jar," he said. "My God, I was exposed to sculpture. I was exposed to painting. I was exposed to things that never seemed possible."

Gib remembers going into the relatively new Lovejoy Library and spending time with Rodin's "The Walking Man" and learning from guest lecturers such as author E.B. White and designer R. Buckminster Fuller. "SIUE had the advantage of being in the Midwest, and we had great professors. It was like an incubator of great, fresh ideas."



After graduating in 1967, something Gib calls one of his best memories, he was admitted to the Art Institute of Chicago. A Fulbright Scholarship to study in Italy followed. While in Italy, he was commissioned to repair damage done by a vandal to Michelangelo's "Pieta." Then came work for the Vatican and a return to the United States.

Gib's love of things "western" took him to Santa Fe, N.M., where he continues to create pieces that inspire. His work is displayed in places like the Vatican Museum, the Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority, and in private collections around the world. He recently created life-size pieces representing the "Stations of the Cross" which are on loan to St. Francis Basilica in Santa Fe for the next 25 years. Twenty-nine of his pieces recently came to the SIUE campus for the Gib Singleton Exhibit "From the Earth." His work was shown at the Morris University Center Gallery from May 13-June 27.

Gib said his life has been full of events, and the world was opened up for him, thanks to SIUE. His advice to young art students is:

"Listen to your instructors. They've been where you're going to go someday. You've got to love it. Go for it, man!"

The Artist, *The Dancer*

For **Stacy West**, there is nothing like dance. “There is nothing that makes me feel the emotional satisfaction that I feel when I’m dancing,” she said.

As the executive and artistic director of Modern American Dance Company (MADCO) in St. Louis, Stacy is in the unusual position of working to keep the worlds of business and art in peaceful coexistence; although she admits to sometimes arguing with herself. “The artist side of me wants to do some huge project, and the business side says, ‘No, you can’t afford it.’”

There was little arguing when the Highland, Ill., native picked the place for her college education. “SIUE just seemed perfect,” she said. “It was close to home, and it was the right size. I loved the trees and thought the campus was beautiful. At the time, I was majoring in business. I liked the program, and it seemed to be the right fit.”

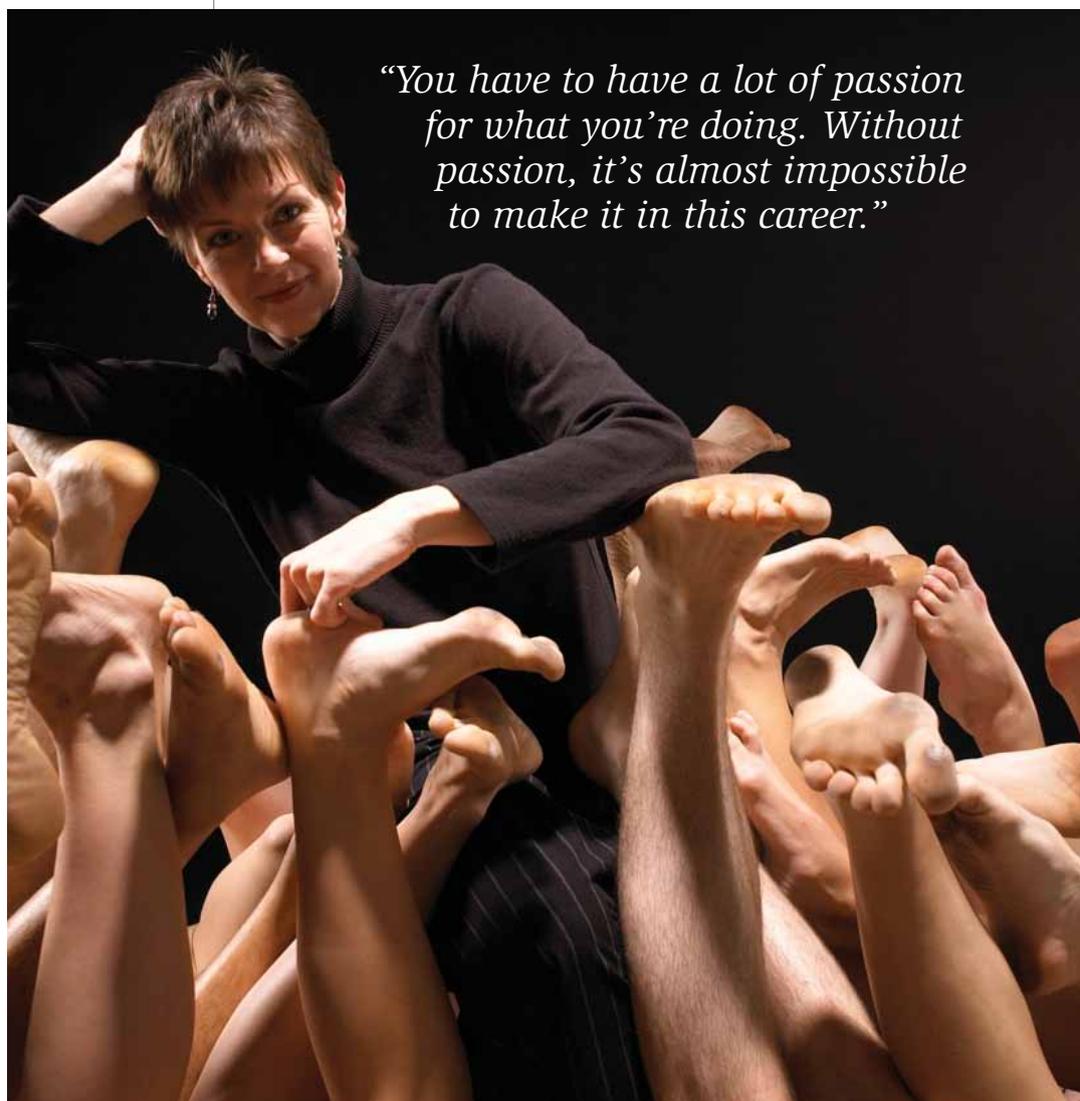
Stacy grew up as a competition baton twirler, traveling all over the country to perform. Her coach encouraged her to take a dance class when she started college, but Stacy was focused on marketing. “I wanted to be a fashion buyer or work in retail.”

She was helping a friend return costumes to the theater department on campus after a sorority fashion show when fate intervened. “I saw my first dance class, and I was just mesmerized. I thought, ‘I have to do this.’” As Stacy became more immersed in theater and dance, she realized how much the arts really needed good business people.

SIUE Marketing Professor Jack Kaikati recommended she do an independent study on marketing theater events to build attendance, something she was able to accomplish. “One of the things I loved about SIUE was the cooperation that went on between the theater department and the marketing department,” Stacy said. “The University worked with me to tailor an education to my really unique interests.”

Stacy graduated in 1989 with a bachelor of science in marketing, a minor in dance and work on her graduate degree already under way. She earned her MBA in 1994. Stacy auditioned for MADCO and became part of the company in 1988. Along the way, she was named artistic director and continued to perform with the company until named executive director in 2003.

“I’ve always looked at dance as a product, and applied all of the things I learned in business school to the arts.” She calls it a formula that works and encourages young dancers to make a business, communications or writing class part of their educational experience.

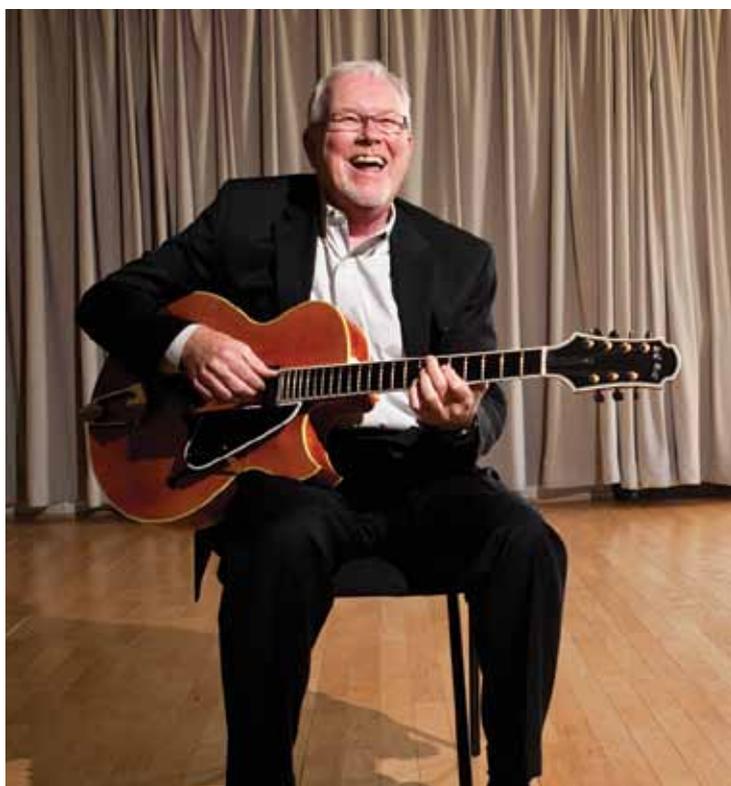


“You have to have a lot of passion for what you’re doing. Without passion, it’s almost impossible to make it in this career.”

The Artist, *The Musician*

It's been said that sometimes it's better to be lucky than good. SIUE Music Professor **Rick Haydon** is both.

The East Alton native decided he wanted to play the guitar after seeing The Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show. After receiving a guitar as a grade school graduation gift, Rick proved to be a quick study and began performing early in high school. "I knew almost instantly that this was what I wanted to do," he said. "The hard part was convincing everyone else that it was the right thing to do."



Rick enrolled at SIUE in 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War. "Nobody in my family had ever attended college, and my father really wanted me to go. So that, and wanting to get a draft deferment, were two big incentives for me to start."

Rick was always thinking about music, even though he couldn't read it. He auditioned for the classical guitar program at SIUE after learning Mason Williams' "Classical Gas" by ear. Being at SIUE at the time enabled him to be

immersed in music, thanks in part to the Mississippi River Festival, where he got to meet and interview Ella Fitzgerald. He sang in the SIUE Chorus at an MRF performance with the St. Louis Symphony and heard his first Wes Montgomery album. "When I heard that jazz guitarist, I knew that was the way I wanted to go," he said.

Rick's path to a degree took many turns, as he mixed performing with leaving and returning to classes at SIUE, including a stint with an Elvis impersonator. He came back to classes in 1979, and his timing was remarkable. "The jazz program started the day I came back. It's almost like I planned it. SIUE created the situation for me to be able to do what I wanted to do."

He credits then-University President Earl Lazerson for deciding to create the jazz program, making SIUE one of a handful of universities in the country at the time to have such a program. Rick became the first jazz performance graduate and was offered an adjunct position. In 1987 he was hired by SIUE to a full-time position. Today, he is a tenured professor.

Over the years, Rick has used his great fortune and playing ability to connect with such talents as Bucky and John Pizzarelli. That meeting led to a move to a seven-string guitar and Rick's first CD. The duet with John Pizzarelli went to number 15 on the list of the top 100 Jazz CDs.

His most recent CD, simply titled "4," was released in April on the Jazz Compass label. Rick designed the recording studio on the SIUE campus and continues his remarkable collaborations with other well-know musicians.

When speaking with his students, Rick tells them that getting a musical education is not a race.

"Pay attention to getting it together and the passion of learning what makes music what it is. The rest is going to take care of itself."

The Artist, *The Director/Performer*

While in high school in Highland, **Sarah Maxfield** dreamed of being a “Broadway baby” and performing in musical theater. She began taking voice lessons with SIUE Music Professor Sarah Turner.

When it came time to apply to colleges, Sarah was only looking at conservatories. “Professor Turner seemed personally affronted that I would study with her and then not consider applying to this school.” Sarah did apply to SIUE, as well as a few conservatories. During the audition process, she discovered a distinct difference. She described the experience at the conservatories more like hazing. “When I auditioned at SIUE, I was learning something from the first second of my audition, and I felt there was a lot of value in that.”

Sarah is completely happy with her decision to attend SIUE. “One of the things that I value highly about my SIUE experience is that I was able to study so extensively in each of the theater, dance and music programs, while making my own connections among those forms.”

Emerita Instructor Paula Beals and Professor Calvin Jarrell of the theater and dance department were extremely influential in her growth as a performing artist. She also credits Associate Professor Peter Cocuzza and Emeritus Professor Bill Grivna, also of the theater and dance faculty, with having an impact, even on her current career. “One of Bill Grivna’s favorite expressions was, ‘Astonish me!’ I still hear that in my head. I still strive to astonish Bill Grivna and justify my directorial choices for Peter Cocuzza.”

Sarah earned her bachelor’s in theater in December 2000 and moved to New York the following month. “It sounds rather hysterical, but I promptly got to work on my first original production, and I’ve been making work in New York ever since.”

Sarah launched a cooperative theatrical venture called The Red Metal Mailbox Theater Company with her younger sister and playwright, Mary. Sarah describes Red Metal Mailbox as more of a rallying cry for work in theater than a formal company. Through her efforts, and the grounding she credits SIUE with providing her, Sarah is involved in work with a variety of artists and theater companies, most frequently doing a combination of writing and directing.



She returned to campus in May for Xfest, a four-day festival of experimental theater. Red Metal Mailbox performed their newest work, “[],” which was hailed by *The New York Times* as “fabulously strange, delicious, engaging and nuanced.” She also lead an investigative theater forum, offering insight as to what is going on in the New York experimental scene.

Sarah offers this advice for young students interested in the arts: “Too often, people don’t take the time to determine for themselves what they really mean by an artistic career, and it ends up being defined for them by external influences.”

“The most important thing is to decide for yourself what success in the arts means for you.”



Reaching Out

A personal conversation with Roger Maclean

Roger Maclean joined the SIUE family two years ago as executive director of the Office of Educational Outreach, previously called the Office of Continuing Education. Roger was at Penn State and the University of Wisconsin-Madison before coming to SIUE, so he had experience with two very large research-based universities—an experience he described as wonderful. With a background in adult education, he wanted the final stage of his career to involve working at an institution with opportunities to extend the reach of a university and connect with the community. SIUE became a perfect fit.

“Let us be the front door. We can identify the key people to get you connected.”



e: What about SIUE was enticing for you?

Roger: As I looked at the campus, I could see that it was on the move. When I learned that growth of educational outreach was a key element of the University's strategic plan, I knew it was a good match. I saw opportunities to proactively develop dynamic, high-quality programs and reach across the campus and into the community with these new initiatives. That is one of my strengths and something I've always enjoyed. When I came to SIUE, met the people and saw the beauty of the campus, my decision was that much easier.

e: How do you view the role of Educational Outreach at SIUE?

Roger: In a sense, we're an educational broker focused on matching up resources and needs. We look within the University to see who has the expertise and what resources are available. Then we look for opportunities, audiences and communities who have a need. Educational outreach is a little bit more entrepreneurial. We deal with returning adults and people who, in most cases, aren't coming here for a traditional education. We develop flexible ways to deliver resources to an audience that has great need.

e: What do you see as the greatest benefit to what you're doing?

Roger: The great benefit, particularly in times like this, is that we can be part of the solution. We're going through tough economic times, and people are looking for ways to access programs, forums and discussion areas to find out more about everything from job searches to small business development. We have been working with the SIUE Alumni Association to offer these very programs. *(see sidebar)*

e: Given your desire to reach out to the community, what would be your ideal situation for the Office of Educational Outreach?

Roger: We are in the first of three stages. We are developing relationships and programs for folks in Edwardsville, Madison County and the St. Louis area. The second stage is to take us to the borders of the state and beyond. That will require some distance education and other ways of delivering content. Once you make that leap, it opens the door to go nationally and globally. Webinars, online learning and other technologies will allow us to extend our resources beyond the Edwardsville campus.

e: How have your efforts been received by the University and the community?

Roger: The reception from campus has been very good. A lot of people didn't understand how we could work with them, so we have focused on internally promoting our services and explaining how Educational Outreach can add value to their programs and initiatives. I am happy to report that I have not had communication or interaction with an external group who doesn't want to work with us in some way. Community members absolutely want to collaborate with SIUE, but in many cases, they don't know which door to come in to find information. So, as I meet people, I tell them, "Let us be the front door. We may not necessarily be the resource you need for your particular project, but we can identify the key people to get you connected."

e: After two years, how do you feel about your decision to join SIUE?

Roger: It's been good. I have a great staff, and the Provost's Office has been very supportive. It's been a wonderful experience, and I look forward to it continuing. Even with difficult financial times, Educational Outreach can play a partnership role with the University community to find new directions and opportunities.

Collaboration for Lifelong Learning

The mission of the SIUE Alumni Association is to engage, educate and empower Cougars for life. Providing opportunities to continue your education is one of the main components of that mission. We have found a partner dedicated to developing and presenting lifelong learning opportunities in the Office of Educational Outreach. The Alumni Association has worked with Roger Maclean and his staff in presenting workshops on everything from starting your own business to making a career change. We welcome your suggestions on topics or areas of interest as we work toward our mutual goals of expanding the reach of our *alma mater*.

SIUE alumni are especially welcome to participate in our continuing education programs. We invite you to see what we can do for you! Please contact Roger Maclean directly by e-mail: rmaclea@siue.edu, or by phone, (618) 650-3217.



SIUE Love Connection

Jason Swagler and Erica Day both played in the SIUE wind symphony as undergraduate music students. Jason played the saxophone and Erica played the flute. One semester, Jason was asked to play the oboe. “We got to sit together, and I got to turn on the charm,” Jason said.

One day after rehearsals, Erica invited Jason to Shenanigans bar and grill in Edwardsville. Soon after they started dating in December 1995, Jason was invited to join an R&B group. He toured U.S. embassies and troops overseas as part of a Department of Defense tour in the Mediterranean. The couple kept in touch through letters.

Jason earned a bachelor’s in music education/jazz performance in 1997 and a master’s in music performance in 2000. Erica graduated with a bachelor’s in music performance in 1999.

They married in January 2000.

Erica and Jason have many fond memories of their years as SIUE music students. “My favorite memories are of the flute studio we had at the time,” Erica said. “Our professor was Marie Garritson, and we were a very active studio. We have a lot of funny stories from having to get up early in the morning and drive a hundred miles for a competition.”

Erica teaches private flute lessons in the Alton area. Jason’s favorite professors, the jazz guys—Rick Haydon, Reggie Thomas and Brett Stamps—have become his coworkers. An instructor of music, Jason has been an SIUE faculty member since 2000. Among the courses he teaches are music 111, jazz history, private jazz saxophone and various jazz ensembles. “It’s surreal because the very room Erica asked me out in—the jazz band room—is where I teach every day,” Jason said.

A professional jazz saxophonist, Jason plays nearly 150 dates each year. He has performed in nearly every venue in the St. Louis area and toured extensively throughout Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and the United States. “Students might not realize it while they’re here, but the connections they make with faculty and fellow students will be connections they keep throughout the years,” he said. “A lot of the work I get can be traced back to connections I’ve made along the way.”



Read Erica and Jason’s full interview at siue.edu/alumni 

Class Notes

Have you recently gotten married or started a new career? Share news with your fellow Cougars by submitting a class note at siue.edu/alumni.



College of Arts & Sciences

Frank Akers, '74 BA Mass Communications, has been appointed to a position on the Wood River City Council. Frank is general manager of SIUE's WSIE Radio.

Kyle Anderson, '00 BS Political Science, was appointed to the position of Madison County IL Recorder. The appointment was approved by the Madison County Board on January 31, 2010. Kyle was also selected as one of 30 people under 40 making a difference in the region by the Suburban Journal Newspapers.

Katie Bennett, '03 BS Mass Communications, has been named one of the 30 people under 40 making a difference in the region by the Suburban Journal Newspapers. Katie is the assistant director of Alumni Affairs at SIUE.

Kelley Brooks, '99 BS Sociology, has been named one of the 30 people under 40 making a difference in our region by the Suburban Journal Newspapers. Kelley is an admissions counselor at SIUE.

James Morani, '00, BS Political Science, '06 MPA, has been named the Village Administrator for the Village of New Baden, Ill.

SJ Morrison, '02 BA Mass Communications, has been named one of the 30 people under 40 making a difference in our region by the Suburban Journal Newspapers. SJ is the director of media relations and marketing for Madison County Transit.

Jody O'Guinn, '02 MPA, was hired as the police chief for the city of Carbondale in June 2009. Jody had been the assistant police chief in Alton.

Joseph Taylor, '91 MS Speech Communication, is celebrating the selection of his daughter Kelsey as one of 16 Young Women of Achievement for 2010 by the Rotary Club of Belleville.

Ronald W. Wilson, '77 BA Mass Communications, has been named director of membership services at the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA). He will be responsible for membership, communications and services

to the more than 150 PDCA chapters and councils across the United States and Canada.

School of Business

Jane Coffey, '95 BSA Accountancy, has been selected to serve as the 2010 vice chair of the board of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois.

James McVicar, '01 BS Management Information Systems, had reason to celebrate when his daughter Megan was selected one of 16 Young Women of Achievement for 2010 by the Rotary Club of Belleville.

Circuit Court Judge Milton Wharton, '69 BS Business Administration, was the featured speaker at the annual Martin Luther King Celebration Luncheon at SIUE.

School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Brandon Maddox, '97 BS Biological Sciences, '01 DMD, was named the 2009 winner of the Illinois State Dental Society Foundation's Greek Leadership Award. Dr. Maddox practices in Springfield, Ill., and is a member of the GV Black District Dental Society.

Dr. Edward Rose, '03 DMD, has been installed as treasurer of the Illinois Association of Endodontists for 2009-10. The Illinois Association of Endodontists is a component organization of the American Association of Endodontists. Dr. Rose is currently practicing at Rose Endodontists LLC in Maryville.

School of Education

Mary Birdsell, '80 MSED Counseling, continues to serve as the registrar for the Girls Empowered by Math and Science (GEMS) conference each spring. Mary has held that role for the past 15 years.

Liz Bray, '03 BS Speech Pathology, '05 MS Speech/Language Pathology, has been named one of the 30 people under 40 making a difference in our region by the Suburban Journal Newspapers. Liz is a speech language pathologist with the Edwardsville School District and coaches the girl's junior varsity softball team.

Dennis Grimmer, '71 BS History, '75 MSED Secondary Education, was named the World's Finest Principal by World's Finest Chocolate Program and Today's Catholic Teacher Magazine. Dennis is principal of St. Teresa Catholic Grade School in Belleville.

Cara Noyes, '04 BS General Science Education, was named a Lincolnland Legend by Illinois Dollars for Scholars. Cara teaches at Edwardsville High School.

JoAnn Richter-Hill, '88 BA Psychology, '96 MA Psychology, has joined Clinical Consultants in Swansea. She has 20 years of counseling experience and recently completed training as a National Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist at Lindenwood University.

Philip Robbins, '71 MSED Education Administration, is serving as president of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

School of Engineering

Melissa Glauber, '03 BS Mechanical Engineering, has been named one of the 30 people under 40 making a difference in our region by the Suburban Journal Newspapers. Melissa is a patent attorney with Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Mike Hardiek, '08 BS Computer Science, has been inducted in the Lewis and Clark Community College Basketball Hall of Fame. Mark also played two seasons with the SIUE Cougars before his graduation, averaging 10.6 points per game as a junior and 16.1 points per game as a senior.

Faculty Notes

College of Arts & Sciences

Adrian Matejka, assistant professor of English Language and Literature, has been nominated for an Image Award from the 41st Annual NAACP Image Awards.

Andrew Theising, associate professor of Political Science, was a contributor to a four-part PBS documentary dealing with unemployment, which was recognized with an Emmy Award. A segment of the documentary dealt with the economic impact on East St. Louis.

School of Nursing

Valerie Yancey, associate professor of Primary Care and Health Systems Nursing, recently won the 2010 SIUE Teaching Excellence Award.

Passings

Eric Sturley died March 23, 2010, at the age of 94. Sturley started his career with SIUE in 1957 as one of the first faculty members hired at what was to become Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Sturley served as an associate professor of mathematics and acting head of the science division at the Alton Center. As assistant dean of the Graduate School, Sturley was credited with creating and guiding the Dean's College Program at SIUE. He retired in 1984.

George Arnold, 93, an associate professor emeritus of civil engineering at SIUE, died May 14 at his home in Edwardsville after suffering a stroke. He was instrumental in creating the first environmental studies program at SIUE in the 1960s and also worked to promote the bike trail system that now runs throughout the Metro East area. In addition to his environmental work, Professor Arnold was active during his academic career in promoting improvements in transportation throughout the St. Louis area.

*Thoughts from Steve Jankowski, '74 BS
Director of SIUE Alumni Affairs*

*"The greatness of art is not to find what is
common, but what is unique."*

— Isaac Bashevis Singer

When I consider the fact that our University has created more than 85,000 alumni, I think of the common bond we have because of SIUE. Then I am led to consider the fact that each of us has a unique story and perspective shaped by our own experiences at our *alma mater*. In that sense, we are works of art created in the classrooms, residence halls, athletics fields, campus walkways and through the interaction with faculty, friends, classmates and this place. In fact, the campus itself is a work of art. Our greatness is also manifest in the achievements of individual alumni such as those whose profiles you find contained in this edition. There are many more such stories to share. You will find small chapters of those stories here.

Sculpture on Campus



From giant mushrooms that glow in the dark to faded blue jeans blowing in the breeze, SIUE sculpture students have been displaying their larger-than-life artwork on campus for nearly 10 years. While sculpture on campus is a common sight, displaying large-scale sculpture created by current students is more unique. “I am not aware of anything else like this on another college campus,” said SIUE Sculpture

Professor Thad Duhigg. “Students always interest me with their creativity, talent, use of space and unique ideas.”

Each year, up to 12 students are selected from a juried competition to display original sculpture designs throughout the SIUE campus. Students receive a \$500 stipend to help offset the cost of art materials. More importantly, students receive recognition for their work and are critiqued by internationally known artists, many of whom are iconic names within the field. Past judges include prestigious sculptors Luis Jimenez, John Henry, Richard Hunt, Ledelle Moe and Marsha Pels.

Many students who have participated in the Sculpture on Campus program have gone on to pursue art careers and graduate programs. Sarah Frost, grand prize winner in 2006, has artwork currently on view at the Contemporary Museum of Art in St. Louis. Students take their work back at the end of the year. Some sculptures have found homes in private collections and several are on permanent display in area parks.



Sculptor Spotlight

Renowned sculpture artist Alice Aycock awarded SIUE graduate student Manda Remmen the 2010 Luis Jimenez grand prize for her work “Palimpsest.”

“Palimpsest” intersects the walkway between Woodland Hall and the Morris University Center. Through extensive research, Manda found seven different families who have owned the land, dating back to the early 1800s. Stakes made from recycled barn wood and overlapping sod circles planted with different crop grasses represent the people, structures and the passing of time.

“I built the skeletal part of a building to represent each family,” Manda said. “The height of the wooden posts signifies the length of time each family was here, and the size of the structure and sod circle symbolizes each family’s impression on the community.”

Its location has meaning, too. “Letting the walkway intersect my sculpture represents the fact that the campus came and put its own impression on top of the history that was here before,” Manda said. “The tradition of displaying student sculpture on campus was one of the things that attracted me to the SIUE MFA program. The opportunity to create outdoor, site-specific art has had a tremendous impact on my work as an artist.”

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