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Meet the 2009 Freshman Class

6,953 potential freshman applied to attend SIUE ... 1,950 were admitted.



1,090
women



860
men



Most popular majors

- Health professional
- Business
- Education
- Engineering

International students

- South Korea
- Canada
- Finland
- Iceland
- Kenya



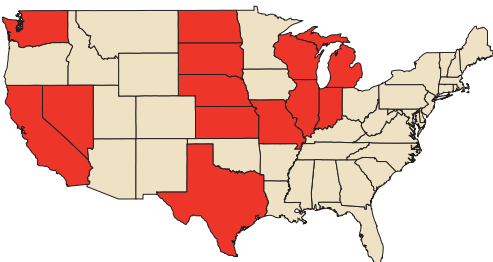
Home away from home

1,345 students — 70% — are living on campus in Woodland, Bluff and Prairie Halls.

Students hail from 14 U.S. states

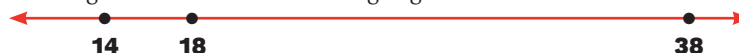
They attended high school most frequently in Illinois and Missouri.

A select few come to us from Texas, California, Indiana, Wisconsin, Washington, Colorado, Kansas, Michigan, Nevada, and North and South Dakota.



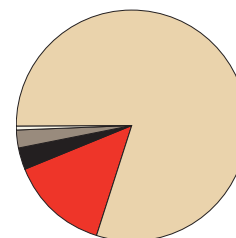
What a Range!

Youngest freshman: **14** • Average age: **18** • Oldest freshman: **38**



Diversity at SIUE

- African American 14%
- Hispanic 3%
- Asian/Pacific Islander 2.7%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native .3%



Information supplied by the Office of Institutional Research December 2009.

Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

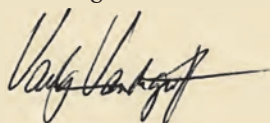
SIUE continues to excel and progress, even in light of the current economic situation. Freshman enrollment is up for the fifth consecutive year, and our programs are garnering national recognition; in short, we are doing the right things and we are doing them well!

Our alumni are a source of tremendous pride. They have realized personal and professional successes, setting the bar for future generations. Now more than ever, we need our alumni to get involved in support of higher education. A critical first step is getting the word out. Below are some of our most recent achievements that make it easy to spread the word in support of SIUE:

- SIUE is listed in the U.S. News & World Report “America’s Best Colleges” 2010 edition among 77 schools nationwide (5th in the Midwest!) as an “up-and-coming school firmly focused on improving the job they’re doing today.” U.S. News continues to rank our excellent Senior Assignment program alongside Harvard, Yale and MIT.
- Freshman applications for Fall 2010 have increased by nine percent over last year. Seven hundred students, with an average ACT of 28.2 and a high school GPA of 3.8, have been offered merit scholarships and awards. Sixteen percent of those recognized for their academic excellence are from underrepresented ethnic groups.
- Gov. Patrick Quinn joined University administrators and local legislators on December 2 for the groundbreaking ceremony of the new \$82 million Science Building complex.
- For the third consecutive year, SIUE has been recognized among the region’s top 50 employers in St. Louis Commerce Magazine. The St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association presents the Greater St. Louis Top 50 Award to companies and organizations who show significant economic and civic impact on the region.
- The NCAA Division I transition is in its second of four years and is proceeding smoothly. The Cougars have a primarily Division I schedule this year and have enjoyed both challenges and successes. SIUE’s student-athletes hold a collective semester GPA of 3.096 and twenty-four percent were on the Dean’s List!

SIUE students, faculty and staff are already involved in the advancement of the University. We need your help in that effort, both by relating your favorite memories of SIUE and “bragging” about our current achievements. Get engaged on behalf of future generations by serving as a word-of-mouth ambassador for SIUE. Together, we can expand the University’s tremendous impact on the Southern Illinois region and beyond.

Go Cougars!



Vaughn Vandegrift, Ph.D.
SIUE Chancellor



The Power of e

The rich history, experiences and success of our alumni are helping us shape our future freshman classes. A powerful testimonial from you as a graduate in the eyes of a prospective student and their family goes a long way in helping them decide that SIUE is the right place for their educational experience.

We are indeed a relatively young university and have recently become a primarily residential campus. Though your memories of SIUE may be different than the memories our students are creating today, the message of student success is the common theme. Stories of student, alumni and faculty success are abundant, and we continue to shout them from the rooftops whenever we can. And we need your help in spreading the word—you are our best word of mouth ambassadors!

We are the Cougars

As our athletics teams travel across the country for competition, they are often confused with SIUC and the Salukis.

We hear alumni and community members refer to us as “SIU.”

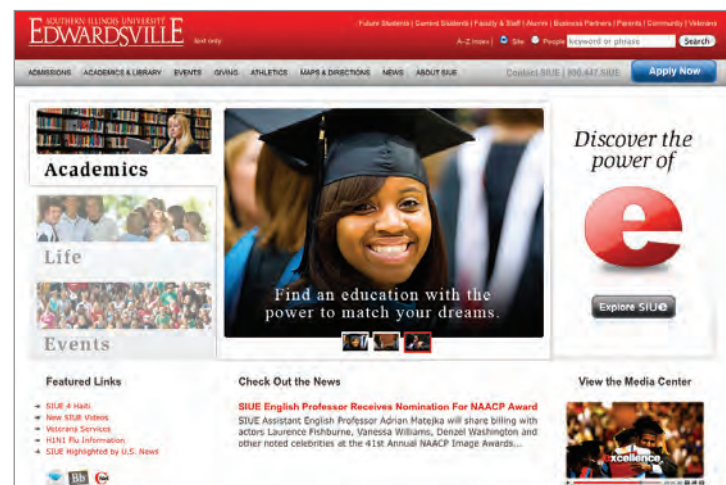
Though we

are a part of the wonderful SIU

system, we have our own unique identity—what we like to call “the power of e.”



The red **e** in our logo is a powerful communicator of so many wonderful qualities of SIUE. Words we have heard used by our own faculty and staff to describe SIUE include vibrant, energetic, passionate, growing, emerging, edgy, progressive, bold, optimistic, and more.



The New siue.edu

To help us tell the stories of success and wonderful opportunities at SIUE, we have created a more vibrant, engaging Web presence through the siue.edu Web site and our various social and professional networking sites. The new sites provide information about our academic and student support programs and also shows life on campus and what it is like to be a student at the **e**.



Construction Update

On Dec. 2, Illinois Gov. Patrick Quinn, SIU administrators, lawmakers and developers turned dirt during a groundbreaking ceremony, ushering in the building phase of the new Science Building Complex on the SIUE campus. According to Kenn Neher, SIUE vice chancellor for administration, the projected move-in date on the Science Building is estimated to be November 2011.

“We have been working on this project for more than 10 years and it means a tremendous amount for the growth of SIUE, the economic development of Southwestern Illinois, and the training and education of a highly qualified workforce for Southern Illinois,” Neher said.

Projected shortages are in the hundreds of thousands in health care fields by 2020. The new Science Building and renovations will allow SIUE to more readily meet national needs.

Project Funding

Less than two weeks after the groundbreaking, the Governor released \$52.5 million in funding from the state’s capital construction bill. The total estimated cost for the project, which includes renovation of the existing science building, is \$78.9 million.

SIUE was promised funding from the Illinois General Assembly, through the Illinois Jobs Now bill, which is a statewide package signed by the governor and worth about \$31 billion. The bill, approved earlier this year, calls for a total of \$168.1 million in capital funding for the SIU system, which includes the Edwardsville, Alton, Carbondale and Springfield campuses.

“This project is the latest and greatest example of how far SIUE has come and the potential for its future growth and success,” said SIU President Glenn Poshard. “These improvements, and the new building, are critical to alleviate overcrowding and replace antiquated lab equipment and materials.”



Not only are labs overcrowded and equipment outdated, faculty members are teaching laboratory classes seven days per week.

“The lack of a new science building has been the single most important factor limiting future growth of SIUE,” said SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift. “The Science Building complex is a much-needed facility that will allow us to meet the academic demands of our current students.”



Local labor leaders and legislators turned out to participate in the Dec. 2 groundbreaking ceremony for the Science Building Complex, along with a large showing of support from SIUE faculty, staff and students.

See How We've Grown

SIUE Today



University Bookstore Renovation



School of Pharmacy Expansion



Student Fitness Center Expansion



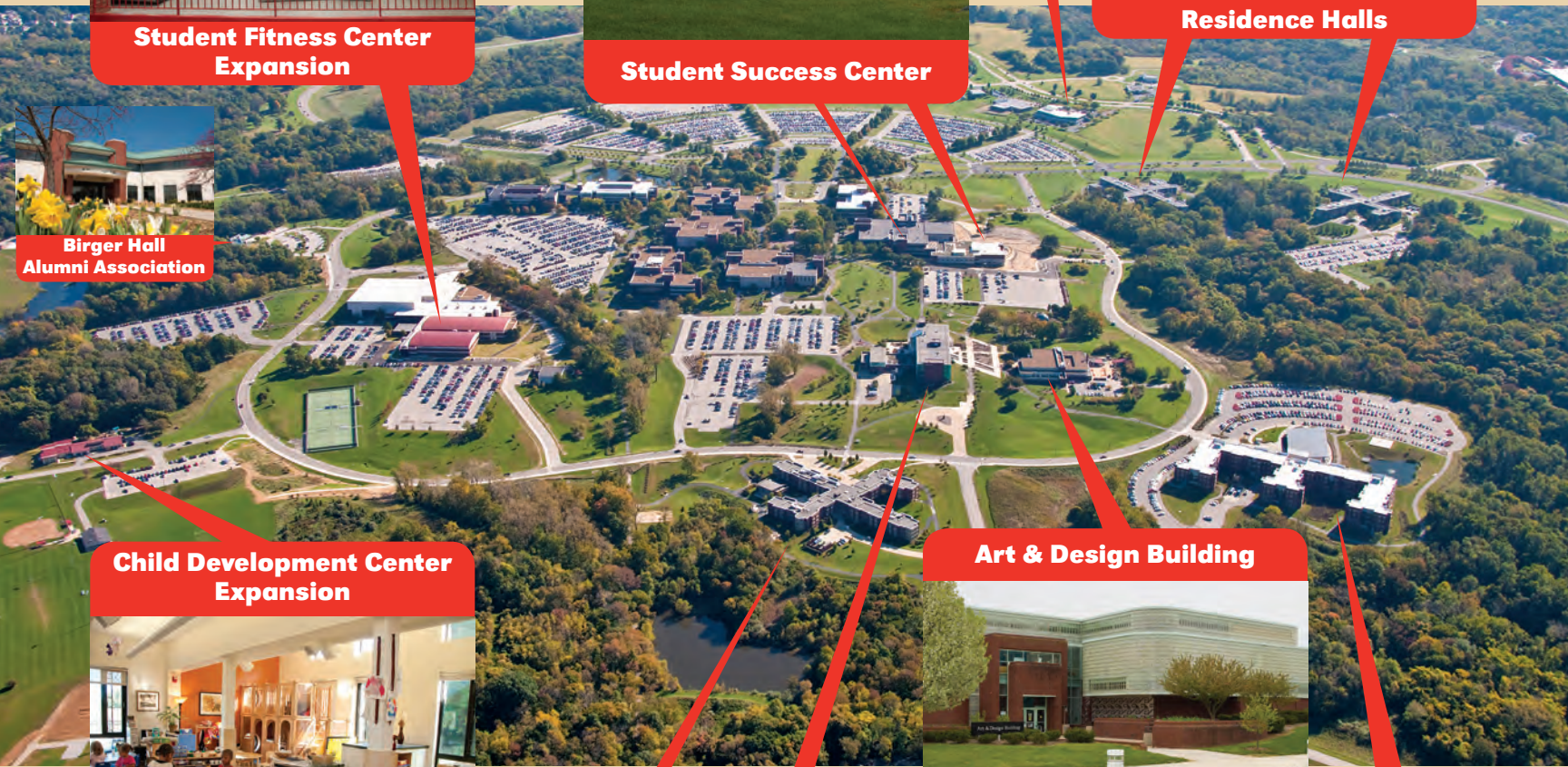
Student Success Center



Prairie and Woodland Residence Halls



Birger Hall Alumni Association



Child Development Center Expansion



Art & Design Building



Evergreen Residence Hall



Engineering Building



Bluff Residence Hall



Calling All Cougars!

The SIUE Student Call Center is helping the University stay connected with alumni and friends, update alumni records and seek private support on behalf of SIUE. The Center has created 25 new student jobs on campus.

“We have hired a great mix of students representing a variety of majors and programs,” said Josh Olmsted, assistant director of annual giving and manager of the Student Call Center. “Our students are having great conversations; learning about the career paths our alumni have taken and sharing what campus looks like today. While students capture information from our alumni, they are also gaining invaluable skills that will assist them in their professional careers down the road. All of our student callers have a passion for SIUE, and they are able to share that connection with our alumni.”

Bringing the phone program back on campus—it has been outsourced since 2001—has proven to be a success, as it has already surpassed the amount raised from last year. According to Vice Chancellor for University Relations Patrick Hundley, the program is on target to bring in more than \$190,000 in gifts and pledges this fiscal year. Olmsted attributes the early success to improved call quality, as well as increases in the average gift, maximizing matching gift options and securing gifts on credit cards, which reduces mailing costs and allows donor gifts to go to work immediately.



The next time you see your *alma mater* calling, pick up the phone, give a warm hello and take a moment to share your SIUE experience with one of our SIUE student callers.

SIUE DAY

For the fourth consecutive year, SIUE Day, a University-wide fundraising initiative, has been a resounding success, collecting some \$135,000 since the start of this year's campaign in September. The focus of SIUE Day is to celebrate the University while gaining faculty, staff and retiree support as well as local business support.

Julie Babington, director of Annual Giving for the SIUE Foundation and coordinator of SIUE Day, said she has been impressed by the growth over the years in event participation by faculty and staff. “We are pleased with the record amount,” she said, “but even more impressive is the 572 faculty-staff who participated. This represents almost 25 percent of our employees and a 33 percent increase over last year.”

Plan for the Future. Today.

“To place your name by gift or bequest in the keeping of an active educational institution is to make a permanent contribution to the welfare of humanity.”

– President Calvin Coolidge

Do you dream of leaving a permanent contribution...a lasting legacy? The grandest of plans begins with a simple idea. A vision of creating something larger than yourself...of leaving something tangible and lasting. The legacy you leave is for those who journey behind you.

Our dedicated staff can help make your dreams a reality. Please contact Jeffrey Brown, CFP®, director of planned giving at jefbrow@siue.edu or 618-650-3331.

Students Rally to Save Critical Funding

When SIUE students found out that they, and many of their fellow classmates, may lose critical financial aid, they immediately stepped into action. Nearly \$200 million in state funding to support the Illinois' Monetary Assistance Program (MAP) had been cut from the state budget.

One in four SIUE undergraduate students depends on MAP funding to pay for their education.

A successful student-driven initiative brought students and graduates together to speak during a public hearing in September at SIUE. Students shared their personal perspectives just before the annual meeting of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state agency responsible for administering the funds.

Mass Communications graduate student Liz Lebron struggled to stay in school as an undergraduate when faced with a \$3,000 shortfall her sophomore year. Her plan was to leave school for a semester and return after raising money. "My professor said a break in my education at that point would likely mean a long break at best and more likely, a permanent break," Lebron said.

Senior education major Mary Clabaugh spoke on behalf of two fellow students—MAP recipients, who, without the funding, would be unable to return to the university in the spring: "Education is not a field one goes into to make money. It's to better the lives of other people. I think these two people will further the lives of children and create tomorrow's leaders."

Recipients eligible for MAP funding are among those who are most in financial need, said Sharon Berry, SIUE's director of student financial aid.

MAP Recipients' Financial Need	
Mean taxable income	\$23,558
Household income (3/4 of MAP recipients)	>\$40,000
Household income (1/2 of MAP recipients)	>\$20,000

SIUE's Student Government led the Edwardsville campus initiative. Students from college campuses across the state joined forces and approached lawmakers on the annual Lobby Day in Springfield this past October, which resulted in the restoration of nearly \$200 million in funding by the state to support the program this spring.



Maya Angelou Visits SIUE

Hailed as one of the premier voices of contemporary poetry, Maya Angelou—renowned poet, author, dancer and activist—read from her work Oct. 4 at SIUE as part of the *Arts & Issues* series.

“Maya Angelou is a Renaissance woman with many facets,” said Grant Andree, coordinator of the series. “She has been a bright literary light to the world as well as a civil rights activist and historian. Angelou is considered a legend, imparting wisdom to audiences who continue to enjoy the vigor and sheer beauty of her words and lyrics.” Among her many honors are three Grammy Awards and nominations for a Tony Award, an Emmy Award and the Pulitzer Prize.



Award-Winning Podcast

A podcast produced at SIUE—*365 Days of Astronomy (365DoA)*—won the Parsec Award for Best Infotainment Podcast. *365DoA* brings together the voices of astronomers and astronomy lovers from around the globe. It represents an entire year of daily, user-submitted episodes.

The SIUE entry was one of five finalists for this award, with 50 shows receiving nominations.

365 DoA is an official podcast of the International Year of Astronomy (IYA2009). “The podcast celebrates the IYA2009 with a truly unique concept,” said Preston Gibson, the show’s producer and an alumnus of SIUE. “Our audio comes from the entire astronomy community—professionals, amateurs, and people who just love the science,” said Pamela Gay, an SIUE lecturer in the Department of Physics and co-chair of the IYA2009 New Media Task Group.



SIUE Lecturer
Pamela Gay

Pain and Palliative Care Summit Held

The SIUE School of Pharmacy hosted the Strategic Planning Summit for the Advancement of Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy from Oct. 1-2. The summit was developed to discuss the concepts of pain and palliative care and how those concepts pertain to today’s professional pharmacist. “We must focus education on this important part of practice during the pharmacist’s professional degree program, during post-graduate training such as residency and fellowship, as well as during a pharmacist’s professional career once out of training,” said Chris Herndon, an assistant professor in the School. The summit was made possible through a grant from the Mayday Fund, a philanthropic foundation dedicated to helping those who suffer from pain and its associated symptoms.



SIUE Assistant Professor Chris Herndon

Education Major Named Lincoln Laureate

Stephen Garland, a senior English education major from Centralia, recently received the Student Laureate Award for SIUE from the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Each year, the Lincoln Academy honors outstanding seniors representing the values and virtues of America’s 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. The state’s four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities each select a single recipient to represent institutions annually. Garland also was the recipient of SIUE’s Emergent Student Leader Award in spring 2009. Currently a student teacher in the Alton School District, Garland expects to graduate in May 2010. He will have endorsements to teach speech communication and mathematics at the high school and middle-school levels.

Green Roof Projects Go Global

SIUE recently welcomed visitors from around the U.S., Canada and Poland. SIUE faculty members Serdar Celik, assistant professor of mechanical and industrial engineering; Susan Morgan, chair and professor of civil engineering; and Bill Retzlaff, associate professor of biological sciences and chair of that department, showcased campus green roof projects on top of the SIUE School of Engineering Building and the newly constructed Student Success Center. The international visitors, including more than 20 faculty, students and practitioners, were in St. Louis attending the Sixth International Phytotechnologies Conference. Celik, Morgan and Retzlaff presented a general overview of the projects on campus, demonstrated green roof module testing in the School of Engineering's wind tunnel and discussed analyses of the suspended solids and turbidity in green roof runoff being conducted as part of a master's student's thesis.



Funding for Renewable Energy Needs

The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) and the Illinois EPA are co-funding the \$416,000 cost of a wind-powered generator and solar panels to supply the Environmental Resources Training Center (ERTC) at SIUE with renewable energy. The ERTC, located just off New Poag Road on the north side of campus, specializes in providing technical training for water and wastewater operators and is part of the SIUE School of Engineering. "The electrical power generated by the project will be used to operate the Center's training-scale wastewater and drinking water treatment plants, laboratories and offices," said ERTC Director Paul Shetley. "The wind-powered generator and photovoltaic panels will be incorporated into the training of water and wastewater operators and into the curriculum of the School of Engineering. This project also will demonstrate to operators of water and wastewater systems throughout the state that alternative energy generation is a viable source of electricity that can be utilized to reduce energy costs."

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Serving Rural Health Care Needs

School of Dental Medicine students Ryan Andris, Dana Goeddel and Ashley Meyers have been named to the inaugural class of SIUCARES Rural Scholars. The Southern Illinois Underserved Children's Access through Rotational Education and Service (SIUCARES) program will better prepare general dentists to provide care for children in the underserved areas of Central and Southern Illinois through supplemental training during and after graduation from dental school. As an outcome of the program, SIUCARES Scholars will practice general dentistry in rural areas of Central and Southern Illinois, thereby improving access to oral health care, particularly for the children of the region.





SIUE Division I Timeline

SIUE Athletics
Task Force
begins work

June 2005

Division I
pursuit presented
to SIU Board

Jan 2007

Division I
Reclassification Work
Group established

April 2007



Aug 2007

Task Force
presents findings

SIU Board of Trustees
approves DI pursuit

NCAA approves
exploratory year

Ohio Valley Conference

Austin Peay State University
Eastern Illinois University
Eastern Kentucky University
Jacksonville State University
Morehead State University
Murray State University
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Tennessee State University
Tennessee Tech University
University of Tennessee at Martin



Why is SIUE transitioning to Division I?

A reclassification to NCAA Division I moves SIUE closer to obtaining its vision of being recognized nationally for the quality of its programs, and development of professional and community leaders. SIUE is nationally recognized for its high-quality academic programs. NCAA Division I will allow SIUE student-athletes to compete at the highest level of competition and enhance SIUE athletics recognition on a national level.

On the Fast Track



All SIUE team sports will begin regular season competition in the OVC during the 2011-12 academic year. The SIUE softball and men's soccer (affiliate member of the Missouri Valley Conference) programs will be eligible for both regular season and tournament competition in 2010-11; the two programs are being fast-tracked to Division I, making them eligible to compete at the Division I level prior to other SIUE sports.



Accepted
into OVC

July 2008



Nov 2008

Men's soccer
accepted into MVC

Fall 2010

Men's soccer eligible
for post-season

Spring 2011

Softball eligible
for post-season

July 2012

Full eligibility for NCAA Division I
post-season and revenue sharing

The Positive Impact

Student-Athlete Academic Success Fall 2009

- Student-athletes carried a 3.08 GPA
- Seventh consecutive semester with GPA above 3.0
- 58 student-athletes were on the Dean's List
- 80 percent of our athletic teams had a team GPA higher than 3.0
- Softball team posted a team GPA of 3.451

Undergraduate Admissions Applications

Undergraduate	2008	2009	Increase
Freshmen	7773	9243	18.91%
Transfer	2757	3234	17.30%
Returning	468	497	6.20%

Student-athletes are engaged in community service

- Glen-Ed Food Pantry
- Bethalto Boys and Girls Club
- St. Patrick's Center
- Oasis Women's Shelter
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Faith In Action
- Say No To Drugs program
- Girl Scouts of America
- St. Louis area food banks
- Humane Society
- Madison County Animal Shelter
- Habitat for Humanity
- Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois

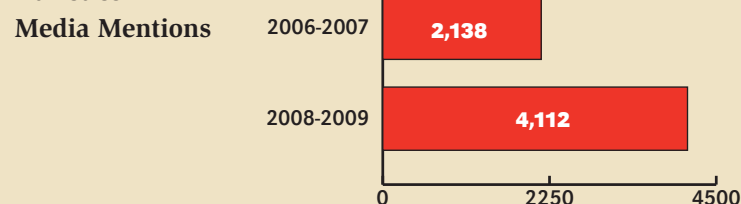
Fundraising Successes

Established the Cougar Athletics Excellence Fund
Established two additional endowed scholarships



In our second year of transition to DI, men's basketball season ticket sales have increased more than 250 percent.

Athletics



Get involved! Support the Cougars

- Attend athletics events
- Publicly support our teams
- Enter into win-win partnerships
- Partner in service projects with student-athletes
- Help us build local and regional community pride
- Advertise on SIUE radio and on local television broadcasts
- Support a facility project
- Show your Cougar spirit! Buy merchandise online.





From Your SIUE Alumni Association Board President

Dear Alumni Friends,

Mahatma Gandhi said, "We must be the change we wish to see."

I have had the opportunity to observe and experience the growth and development of our University for almost 25 years, a time in which SIUE has become among the preferred universities of choice in the region. Over those years, I have met some wonderful students, staff and community leaders, many of whom have become my lifelong friends.

Thanks to the alumni Web site, staying connected is a lot easier now than it was 25 years ago. We continue to have exciting events appealing to all age groups and various areas of interest. More and more, the SIUE Alumni Association is reaching out to our alumni and friends in other parts of the country. If you have any ideas for events to enhance the outreach, please contact us.

With more than 85,000 SIUE alumni spread across the globe, there is no shortage of people and ideas keeping the SIUE spirit alive and maintaining the connection with SIUE and extended community. It is always great to visit with students, fellow alumni and friends to exchange life experience stories.

While the stories of our journeys from being a student to our current professional lives are all different, we all had a very humble start at SIUE and our bond continues to grow stronger. Together we are genuinely a very powerful group with a strong voice, and your continued involvement has helped our community, students, alumni and University.

Friends and alumni, thank you for your passionate involvement with SIUE. You truly are the voice of change which is echoed by all concerned, from new freshmen to our Chancellor, Vaughn Vandegrift.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ajay Kansal".

Ajay Kansal, '89 MS
President
SIUE Alumni Association



The SIUE Alumni Association, as the voice of SIUE Alumni, will foster the advancement of SIUE Alumni and will strive to support SIUE, its students and the community.

SIUE Mission

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a public comprehensive university dedicated to the communication, expansion and integration of knowledge through excellent undergraduate education as its first priority and complementary excellent graduate and professional academic programs; through the scholarly, creative and research activity of its faculty, staff and students; and through public service and cultural and arts programming in its region.

SIUE Vision

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

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



MacKenzie Conley (pictured above left) is a senior criminal justice studies major and psychology minor from Dixon. She is president of the criminal justice club and student representative for the campus violence prevention committee. She is a member of the STAT board of directors and serves as the STAT mentoring committee chair.

“The mentoring program has given me the opportunity to meet someone in my career field and I have gained knowledge that will guide my future decisions,” MacKenzie said. “I am developing a lasting friendship that’s based on more than just career advice.”

A service representative for the Social Security Administration in Alton, SIUE alumna Christine Williams Jackson earned a bachelor’s in political science and criminal justice studies in 2006 and a master’s in public administration in 2008. As a student, Christine was involved with student government, campus activities board, pre-law association and international student association. Her willingness to serve and commitment to her alma mater prompted her to join the SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors.



“Serving as a mentor in the STAT mentoring program is a great opportunity for alumni to meet potential employees and build a relationship with the next generation of our workforce,” Christine said. “I am helping MacKenzie build her networking skills and giving her some ideas on where her degree can take her. I want to help her get to where she wants to be in life.”

The STAT Alumni Mentor Program connects students with alumni in positive, one-on-one mentoring relationships. Alumni mentors serve as role models and leaders as they help current students reach their career goals. As of the end of 2009, the STAT alumni mentor committee has partnered more than 40 alumni and students.

“Students have so many questions about future career fields. Advice from alumni can be useful in guiding our decisions.”

— MacKenzie Conley

**Mentor a student.
Find out how you
can get involved.
siue.edu/alumni/STAT**



A Closer Look at SIUE Alumni

By the Numbers

(through August 2009 commencement)

Total Alumni	85,124
Alumni Living outside the U.S.	644
Alumni Living in the U.S. (All 50 states and 4 territories)	80,732
Deceased Alumni	3,324
Lost Alumni	424

Staying Connected

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



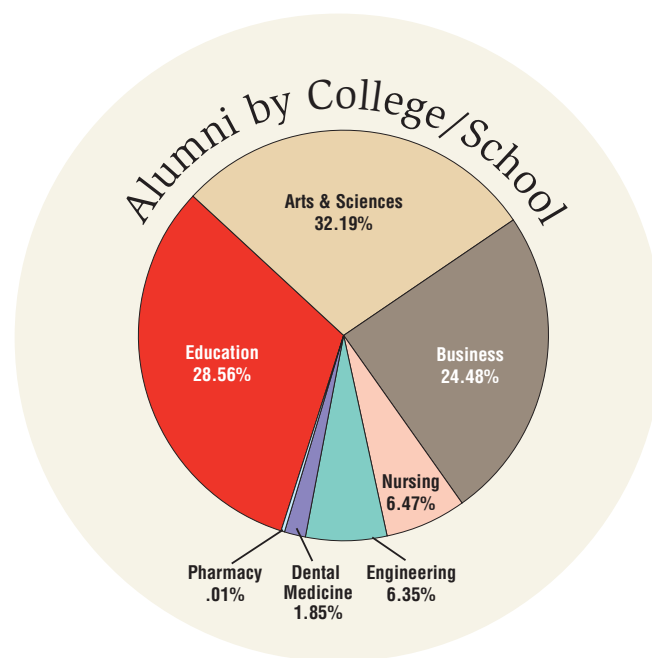
Online — siue.edu/alumni

- 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

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

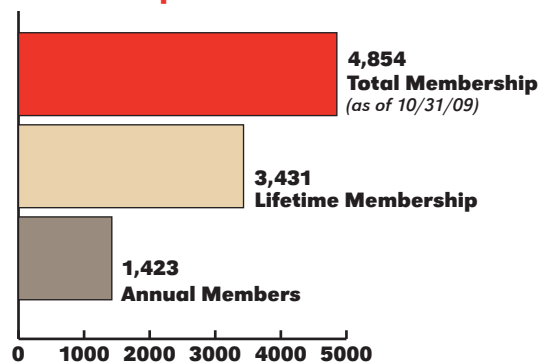


SIUE Alumni Association

Engaging, Educating & Empowering Cougars for Life

Founded in 1973

Membership



Share your time and talent

You can give back to your *alma mater* in so many ways

- Serve as a mentor to current SIUE students through the student alumni association STAT (Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow) program
- Serve as a member of the SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Volunteer
- Become a donor

On Being a Cougar

*Thoughts from Steve Jankowski,
Director of SIUE Alumni Affairs*

Since being founded in 1957, SIUE has produced more than 85,000 graduates. As alumni of SIUE, we have attended classes in Alton, East St. Louis and the new campus in Edwardsville.

We have shared the joys of a summer concert at the Mississippi River Festival or an Arts & Issues performance in the Meridian Ballroom. We have driven onto campus from communities across Southern Illinois or have been part of the first group of students to live on campus in one of four residence halls.

We have seen Tower Lake become Cougar Lake and the Tower Lake Apartments become the Cougar Village Apartments. We have watched as our campus grew from a handful of buildings without a gymnasium to a University where development has not stopped and our athletic programs now compete on a Division I level.



We have led a cougar named Chimega across campus on a leash or made the contribution which turned the "Taking Stalk" cougar statue into a reality. We endured the long, cold walks onto campus from the fan parking lots.

We became the first generation of our family to earn a college degree. We registered for classes in the Meridian Ballroom with a handful of computer punch cards and on our laptop computers thanks to a wireless internet connection.

We have watched as seven individuals led our University through six distinct decades, each with unique challenges. In each of those decades the value of the degree we earned has grown as the reputation of our alma mater has grown, making its way academically to the national stage.

We have gone onto become White House correspondents, corporate executives, Grammy Award winning song producers, ground-breaking design engineers and inventors, health-care providers, highly effective teachers, artists and parents.

No matter where our paths have led us, we started our journey at the same place. That place is a beautiful University, made accessible by affordable tuition and successful by dedicated faculty and staff driven to provide a one-of-a-kind educational experience.

This University, and our involvement with it, makes us individuals as it makes us all one. The common thread that is SIUE joins our generations. ***We are the Cougars!***



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what's yours?

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July 2009

SIUE alumni and friends attended happy hour at Big Daddy's in Belleville on July 22. Check out the alumni video profiles from the event at the Alumni Video Gallery at siue.edu/alumni.

SIUE alumni attended the Ralph Butler performance during the Whitaker Music Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden on July 29.

August 2009

SIUE alumni, staff, family and friends attended the Anita Rosamond performance during the Whitaker Music Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden on Aug. 5.

The SIUE Alumni Association and STAT welcomed the members of the Class of 2013 during New Freshman Welcome on Aug. 22. Between academic advising sessions and campus tours, students had their first chance to paint the Rock and sign up for the student alumni association.



The SIUE Alumni Association greeted alumni, students and friends at the 2009 Welcome Back Block Party held at the intersection of Second and St. Louis Streets in downtown Edwardsville on Aug. 28. The Association sponsored the beer cups for the event and handed out free T-shirts and Homecoming cups.

September 2009

STAT hosted its Welcome Back BBQ on Sept. 13 in the Woodland Bowl in front of Woodland Hall. Attendees enjoyed great food, games, music, prizes and the chance to interact with alumni.



SIUE alumni, students, staff and friends pitched in to help Habitat for Humanity during the SIUE Alumni Volunteer Day on Sept. 13. The group helped on a phase two building site in the JeffVanderLou Neighborhood in St. Louis.



Two hundred SIUE alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends cheered for their favorite team during the SIUE Alumni Night at Busch Stadium on Sept. 20. The event included a pre-game reception at The Westin St. Louis before the Cardinals vs. Cubs game.

The Alumni Association hosted an alumni day at the Grafton Winery & Brewhaus on Sept. 26. Attendees enjoyed a complimentary glass of wine and a gorgeous view of the Great Rivers.



STAT hosted an alumni mentor mixer on Sept. 27 at Birger Hall on the SIUE campus. Student and alumni participants in the STAT Alumni Mentor program attended the event.

October 2009

SIUE alumni, students, family and friends celebrated Homecoming weekend Oct. 9-10 at SIUE. The fun-filled weekend of events including the 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off, men's soccer game vs. Alabama A&M, Club volleyball alumni game, Alumni Reunion Row and the Club football game vs. the University of New Orleans.



The Alumni Association, along with the deans of the SIUE College and Schools, honored the recipients of the 2009 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame at an awards dinner on Oct. 10 at the N.O. Nelson Center on the Lewis and Clark Community College campus.

SIUE alumni and friends enjoyed a family-friendly Halloween party following the Edwardsville Halloween parade in downtown Edwardsville on Oct. 31. Attendees enjoyed hot chocolate, apple cider, popcorn, candy, free T-shirts, face painting and family photos.

November 2009

STAT hosted an all-member meeting and alumni mentor mixer on Nov. 8 at Birger Hall on the SIUE campus. Attendees enjoyed refreshments, ice breaker games and prizes along with the opportunity to network with other participants in the STAT Alumni Mentor Program.

SIUE alumni, students, staff and friends tested their knowledge of history, sports, pop culture and more during the SIUE Alumni Trivia Night on Nov. 14 at the Collinsville American Legion. The event raised more than \$2,000 to benefit student scholarships and alumni programming.

SIUE alumni enjoyed a full day of Cougar basketball on Nov. 14. The women took on the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and the men faced Illinois State University. Attendees enjoyed refreshments on the party deck of the Vadalabene Center. STAT sold "Beat ISU" shirts prior to the game to show school spirit.

December 2009

SIUE alumni, faculty, staff and friends attended the SIUE Alumni Holiday Reception at the Illinois Governor's Mansion in Springfield on Dec. 5. The evening included a cocktail and appetizers reception and a tour of the mansion.





Class of 2009

On October 10, 2009, the SIUE Alumni Association inducted 13 new members into the 2009 class of the Alumni Hall of Fame.

School of Business



Fernando Aguirre, BS business administration/marketing '80, is the CEO of Chiquita Brands International. Prior to joining Chiquita in 2004, he spent 23 years in brand and general management and turnarounds at Proctor & Gamble, rising through the corporation. Fernando is a member of the SIUE Athletics Hall of Fame thanks to his years as a star pitcher for the Cougars. A student from Mexico City, he saw his first snowstorm on the SIUE campus. "I'm honored, I'm humbled and I'm happy. I'm very proud of our school."



Karyn Molnar, BS business administration/general accounting '74, is a trailblazer. She spent nearly 31 years with KPMG, rising through the ranks to become one of the first women promoted to audit partner before retiring in 2005. "I credit the SIUE professors, especially the adjuncts and the counselors, for providing me the academic foundation and the confidence to succeed where few women had succeeded before."

College of Arts & Sciences



Gordon Bush, BA geography '70, MS geography '71, has served more than 40 years as a public servant, with 32 of those years as an elected official. He is a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, with more than 29 years of active and reserve service. In 2006, his hometown of East St. Louis named an elementary school in his honor. "This is a great honor for me. I feel very blessed, very humbled and appreciative. I so much love our university."



Edna Patterson-Petty, BFA '84, MFA '88, works in a number of mediums as an artist and art therapist. She is nationally recognized for her art quilts, one of which depicted the journey of Barack Obama to the White House and was on display in Washington, D.C., for his inauguration.

Her works have been displayed in galleries and publications around the world. "SIUE gave me the tools to apply what I already had in my heart."



Bill Plaschke, BS mass communications '80, is a nationally recognized sports writer and columnist who has written for the Los Angeles Times since 1987 and is a regular panelist on ESPN's "Around the Horn." He is a Pulitzer Prize nominated author and humanitarian, celebrated for his community

service. "This place (SIUE) is really inside of me. I write in L.A., but the words come from the basement of the Mass Communications Building. I speak on national TV, but my voice comes from the halls of the Alestle."



Rance Thomas, MA sociology '73, has devoted his life to social change in his own community and at Lewis and Clark Community College where he taught for 30 years. When he retired in 2002, he was the first person to be granted professor emeritus status. "I have been blessed to receive many awards over the years, but this one I will cherish the most."

School of Dental Medicine



Larry Osborne, DMD '82, is currently president of the Illinois State Dental Society, a member of the International Association of Orthodontics and heavily involved in government affairs on behalf of the ADA. Upon receiving his award, he said, "I hope my life continues to be blessed with opportunities to affirm the outstanding education I received at the School of Dental Medicine. This fine school made me what I am today."

School of Education



Ann Beatty, MA psychology '78, is president of Psychological Associates of St. Louis. She also serves major corporations as an advisor and educator at the CEO level. A frequent speaker on executive development topics, Ann has published numerous articles. She spent seven years as a visiting professor at

SIUE and is a member of the School of Education Advisory Council. "My experience in the graduate program at SIUE was nothing short of transformational, both professionally and personally."



Alberto Friedmann, MSED kinesiology '03, is head coach of the U.S. Martial Arts Team, a World Martial Arts champion and medical researcher. Friedmann is an eighth degree Master Black Belt and a member of the Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He is known for his research of hypermobility syndromes and

brain injury recovery. "None of us would be anywhere near where we are today without the professors, faculty or people we worked with who guided us toward the pathways we're on now."

School of Engineering



Kay Guse, BS industrial engineering '88, MS engineering management '93, is the director of policies, procedure and processes for engineering, operations and technology at The Boeing Co. Kay has held a wide array of positions with Boeing and serves as Boeing executive focal for SIUE. She also serves

as a mentor to women and minority engineering students. "Because of SIUE I've had the opportunity to stand between engineering and operations."



James "Jim" Heinz, BS construction '83, founded the Heinz Corp. in 1993 to provide construction and engineering services to the growing wireless industry. After 9-11, he led the company to specialize in consulting and engineering for public safety communications for several high profile

New York City projects. Jim's company was acquired by WPCS International in 2004, and he now serves as executive vice-president. "My crowning achievement in the School of Engineering is my son Nick, who also graduated from SIUE."

School of Nursing



Michele Brown, MS nursing '90, recently retired after serving 34 years with the Veterans Administration. She is a member of the Federal Women's Hall of Fame and has been recognized by the School of Nursing, Veterans Health Administration, American Nurses Association and the Association of

Nurses Executives. "My undergraduate work gave me the foundation for my professional nursing career. However, it was through my graduate work at SIUE that the bricks and mortar were provided for a nursing practice."



Edgar "Ed" Curtis, BS nursing '75, became president and CEO of Memorial Health System in Springfield, Ill., in January 2008. He began his career as a registered nurse at Memorial Medical Center in 1975. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a dedicated community servant. "What

I appreciate more than being recognized this evening is the extraordinary University from which I graduated."

Read more about the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame 2009 Class.

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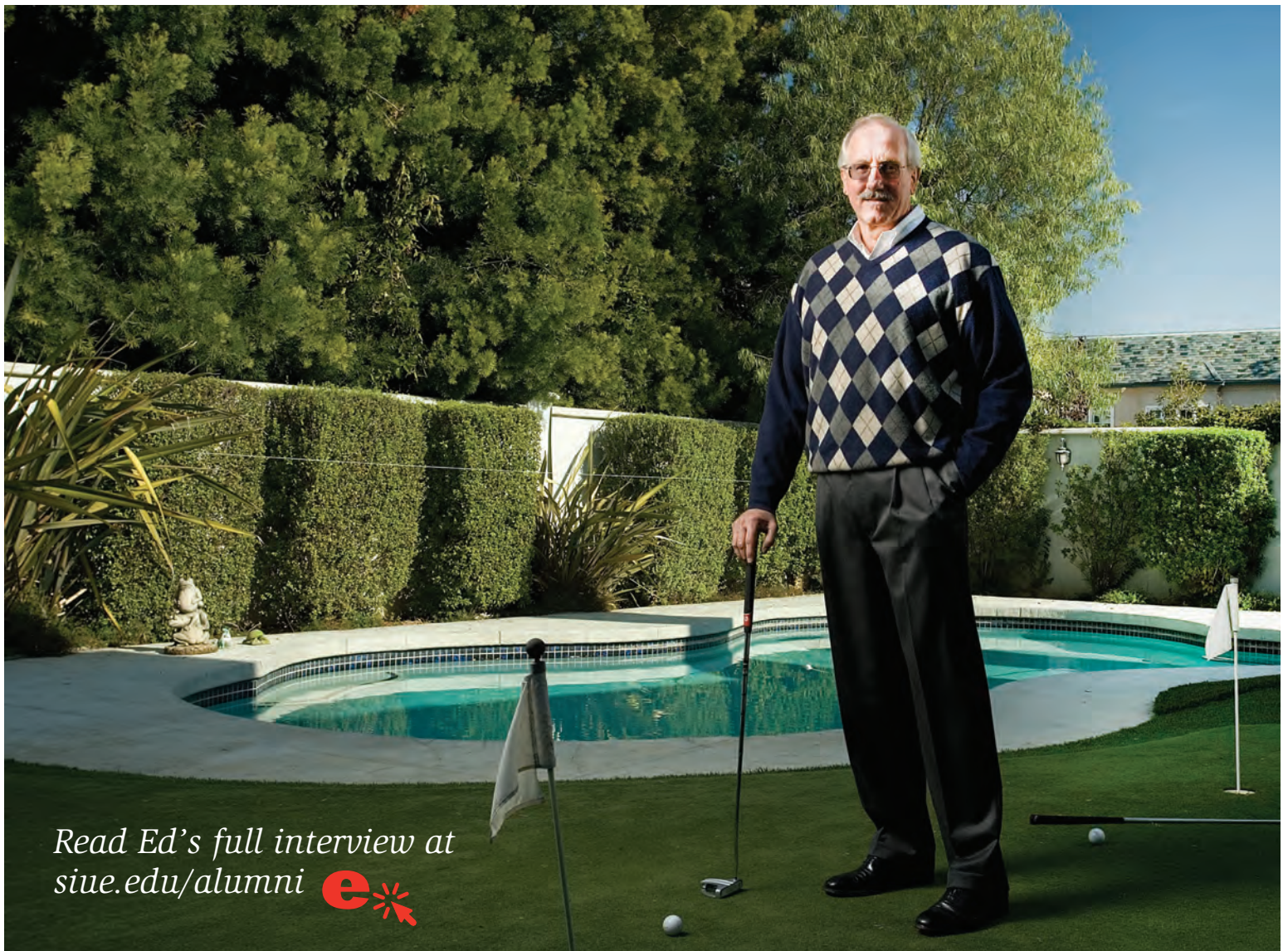



Getting it Done

A personal conversation with alumnus Ed Grady

Since his graduation from the SIUE School of Engineering in 1972, Ed Grady has been on a path to success. The path has taken him from his first job in East St. Louis, to a growing and diverse career with Monsanto, to becoming what he calls “part of the explosion” in Silicon Valley where his expertise led companies like Hoya Micro Mask, and KLA-Tenor to corporate growth measured in billions of dollars.

He has been a key player in product development and corporate turnaround across the globe as president and CEO of Brooks Automation. Now retired, he serves on the board of directors of several public and private firms. He also guest lectures and mentors at Boston College Carroll School and San Jose State Graduate School of Business. The Alton, Ill., native got his start on the campus of SIUE, our then young *alma mater*.



Read Ed's full interview at
siue.edu/alumni 

e: What brought you to SIUE?

Ed: I was attending Bradley University and studying mechanical engineering when I was drafted. I moved back home while I waited for my induction. When I didn't pass my induction physical, I decided to finish my degree at SIUE.

I was struggling with the question, "What do I want to do when I grow up?" I liked mechanical things; I worked on cars and home projects as a kid. Engineering seemed like a natural, but mechanical engineering didn't do it for me. When I came to SIUE I actually found myself looking at a lot of opportunities. I started in engineering, moved to business, psychology and back to business before ending up in the civil engineering program.

e: What was SIUE like in 1969?

Ed: Everything was new! One of the things I found interesting was that they waited to see what path the students took to get to each building before they put in the sidewalks. It was an exciting time. I found SIUE to be an environment where I could do the things I wanted to do. I needed to work so I could go to school, and it was surprisingly inexpensive to attend SIUE. The instructors were very willing to work with me. They had practical experience and could bring it to the classroom. It was a real marriage of academic environment with more of a practical environment.

e: Which professors had the most impact on you?

Ed: Alfred Korn took me under his wing and pushed me to grow up a little bit and get serious about school. I took thermo-dynamics from Julius Brown—the "super-scientist guy." He was working on the Apollo program and actually taught the class from NASA headquarters in Houston. Harry Duffey was probably the closest thing to being a mentor. He could communicate easily, and he was open. He pushed us to make sure we were learning what we needed to learn.

e: What happened after graduation from SIUE?

Ed: My surveying instructor helped me land a job in East St. Louis, and I went to work as the assistant city engineer. I found out on my first day that the city engineer had quit the day before. So fresh out of school, I became the acting city engineer. It was an absolutely wonderful experience.

Within one year of graduating from SIUE, I got my state license and was named city engineer and ran public works. I wrote and received \$50 million in federal grants for public works projects in the city. One of my major projects was to

fix the city sewage treatment plant. While working on the project, I met some folks from Monsanto who were struggling with how to treat the effluent from one of their local plants. I ended up selling them our sewage which they mixed with their effluent. This allowed them to treat it biologically instead of chemically, which was a huge cost savings and win-win for both the city and Monsanto. That connection led to recruitment from Monsanto and a position in their construction group working as a project engineer. I built great relationships with Monsanto that lasted throughout my career.

After a 14-year career with Monsanto, I moved to Silicon Valley where I led restructuring and cost reduction initiatives which transformed Hoya Micro Mask from a loss to a profit in two years. I then went to work at KLA-Tencor where I helped grow the business to a level in excess of \$1 billion in revenues. Upon retirement in 2000 I remained engaged at KLA as Executive Business Advisor until being recruited back to full time work with Brooks Automation as their CEO where I retired as president and CEO of Brooks Automation in Oct. 2007.

But, retirement hasn't slowed me down. In fact, my wife says I've flunked retirement twice. In my free time I enjoy home remodeling, renovation and maintenance. I am very visual so these projects are quite rewarding. I enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking and golf where every event is a challenge. I currently serve as a director on the boards of several public companies: Evergreen Solar, where I am independent lead director and member of audit and compensation committees, Verigy Inc., Electro Scientific Inc. and Advanced Energy Inc. I also serve on the private boards of Finesse LLC and Molecular Imprints Inc. I spend a lot of my time keeping current on semiconductor fabrication technology but my passion is renewable energy and storage focused on Solar where I believe grid parity is within our grasp. I also put a lot of effort into keeping current on executive compensation and corporate governance.

e: To what do you attribute your success?

Ed: There is a portion of luck and timing that fit into any situation. But there are certain things you have to make happen yourself. The early parts of my career were impacted by what I learned at SIUE—the academic stuff. It was also about being in the right place at the right time. Clearly being referred to the job in East St. Louis by my instructor at SIUE was a huge move, because that opened so many doors. But, even if you know someone, and even if the timing is right, you still have to perform. At the end of the day, it comes down to results and what you as an individual are willing to put into the job.

SIUE Love Connection

It was 1978 and foosball was a national craze.

Tom Niedernhofer and Shelley Mettlach were two of the many SIUE students who could be found watching friends play the popular game in between classes in the student rec center. “These guys were jaw dropping players,” Tom remembered. That’s where he saw Shelley for the first time.

Tom and Shelley soon realized they had much more in common than an interest in foosball. “Tom was really into restoring old Porsches, and I used to live up the street from the Porsche factory in Germany,” said Shelley. “We had common interests and quickly became good friends.”

The two went on a few dates after Tom graduated in 1980. But when he moved to Fort Meyers, Fla., to work for a structural design firm, their lives took different paths. “We were good buddies for a long time,” said Shelley. “I knew back in our college days that we should have been married, but we were way too young back then. You don’t always see things as clearly as you do when you’re older.”

As the years passed, the two would occasionally reconnect, thanks in part to a mutual friend.

“Whenever we got together, it was like we were back in our college days,” Shelley said. “It didn’t seem like time had passed.”

When Tom proposed to Shelley on Christmas 2002, he did it the “Tom way” which was, as Shelley remembers, “the perfect way.”

Tom and Shelley got married in March 2003 in Carmel-By-The-Sea, Calif. “Everything just lined up perfectly. I don’t know why life takes the path that it does,” said Tom. “I had never been married before. Not that I didn’t try. Things were never right. This seemed right. We picked up where we left off at SIUE.”

He said, “What if we got married?”

She said, “Are you asking me?”

He said, “Not yet, we’re just talking.”

(According to Shelley, it’s just like Tom to want to make sure things are in perfect order before moving forward.)

**He waited a little while and asked,
“Will you marry me?”**

She said, “Yes!”



Tom Niedernhofer, '80 BS, Civil Engineering, is an urban search and rescue program manager for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Shelley Mettlach Niedernhofer, '83 BS, Civil Engineering, is a program manager for the National Park Service. The couple lives in Oakland, Calif.

Read Tom and Shelley’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.



School of Business

1970s

Ronald L. Adler (MBA '78), is the president and CEO of Laurdan Associates Inc., a human resource management consulting firm in Potomac, Md.

Roger A. Belshe (BA '74), was the first life-insurance specialist in the nation to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Hartford, one of the oldest and largest insurance companies in the country. Roger and his wife, Janet, reside in Edwardsville.

Edward J. Blake Jr. (MBA '77), from the law firm of Blake & Allen P.C. is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Inc.

Scott E. Coleridge (MBA '78), joined the Serica board of directors. Serica Technologies Inc. is a medical device company focused on the development of silk-based biomaterial platforms for use in tissue repair. He has spent more than 20 years founding and leading early stage life science companies.

Mary L. Cox (MBA '78), left the position of executive director of the Alton YWCA. She was a member of the YWCA board of directors before ascending to the post of executive director in June 2007.

Jeffrey R. Greene (BS '73), is a managing director at UHY.

James M. Heinen Sr. (MA '76), joined Raymond James & Associates Inc. in January 2009. The company opened a second office in O'Fallon, where he works as the vice president of investments.

Michael J. Korte (BS '77), was elected to the Bridgeway Behavioral Health board of directors.

Daniel J. Lowery (BS '73), was elected president of the Massage Envy Regional Developers Association. He recently had his third grandson.

Bette J. Meyers (BS '78, MBA '84), started a Mr. Handyman franchise in Edwardsville.

Elain S. Moore (MBA '78), is the Sisters of Mercy Health System vice president of leadership development.

Bradford L. Pulaski (BS '77), was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the East Alton Rotary Club for his outstanding service to the community and club.

James J. Speciale (BS '76, MBA '77), received the Excellence Award from the Illinois State Board of Education. He recently retired after 20 years of service on the Edwardsville District 7 Board. He and his wife, Sandra, reside in Edwardsville.

Dennis M. Terry (BS '76), was elected to the Illinois Bankers Association board of directors for the 2009-2010 term. He has served as the president and CEO of First Clover Leaf Bank in Edwardsville since 2000. He resides in Edwardsville with his wife, Linda.

Gary E. True (BS '75, MBA '81), was sworn in as a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court. He practices in the areas of tax law, mergers and acquisitions, business law, and estate and succession planning. He is a principal attorney for Summers, Compton, Wells & Hamburg.

Melvin C. Vineyard (MBA '79), recently retired as an audit director with the Naval Audit Service after more than 35 years of federal service. He wrote an article "Passwords - I Hate Them" that was published in the *ASMC Comptroller* magazine.

Paul M. Abert (BS '88, MBA '93), is the vice president of commercial loans at TheBANK of Edwardsville. He gives back to his community by serving as a volunteer and board member for various organizations.

Donna J. Arras (BS '88), is a manufacturing specialist for the Illinois Manufacturing Extension Center. She also volunteers her time to help out with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in the Freeburg-St. Clair County area.

Donna M. Hirth Brandon (BSA '88), is the manager of Larson Allen's tax group in St. Louis.

Joseph R. Chinnici (MBA '83, BS '06), was named to Overture Networks' Board of Directors. Joseph brings over 30 years of financial experience to the board.

Richard D. Conner (MBA '89), was chosen as a member of the executive committee for the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

Deanna L. Daughhetee (MBA '88), was named one of the 2009 Most Influential Business Women by the *St. Louis Business Journal*. Deanna has led American Equity Mortgage since 1999 and has owned the business since 2006.

Dale E. Emge (MBA '82), is the CEO of Permian Plastics in O'Fallon, Mo., where a 15,000-square-foot expansion of production and warehouse space is enabling Permian to meet the "just in time" demands of its clients.

Major General Daniel A. Hahn (MBA '83), retired from active duty from the U.S. Army on October 1, 2009. At the ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. on August 17, 2009, he was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal, a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation and Certificate of Retirement. He and his wife have a daughter, Jennifer, a son, Thomas, and two grandsons.

Carolyn A. Roth Harpole (BSA '89), works at UHY in St. Louis.

Anthony T. Holdener, Jr. (BS '80), is the senior vice president of commercial banking for Commerce Bank at the Belleville office where he has worked for three years. He has 40 years of experience as a banker in the Belleville area.

Dion Joannou, (BS '89), has been appointed to the advisory board of Md7, a pioneer in real estate asset management for the wireless telecommunications industry.

Jee-Chung A. Lee (MS '83), is an assistant vice president of the Mega International Commercial Bank Tu-Cheng Branch. He currently resides in Taiwan.

Jane W. Whorton Louer (MBA '85), has been accredited as a Leadership Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Build Council.

Susan L. Beane Miller (BS '84), resides in Glen Ellyn and works for K&L Gates LLP in Chicago as an evening word processor.

Dr. John W. Mosser (BS '81), was named Bentley University's vice president of development of corporate and alumni relations in June 2009. He and his wife, Jane, reside in Mass.

Marcy B. Pinnell (BS '82), received the Client Service Excellence award at the Edward Jones Maryville branch.

Class & Faculty Notes

Cynthia S. Gale Reinhardt (BS '83), had an article, "The Cooperative Village of Leclaire, 1890-1934," published in *Heritage Illinois*, a magazine publication of the Illinois State Historical Society. Reinhardt is a commissioner of the Edwardsville Historic Preservation Commission and a member of Friends of Leclaire Board of Directors. She recently retired from her position with the SIUE Bookstore after almost three decades of service.

Kevin J. Richter (BS '80), was appointed chairperson for The Friends of St. Elizabeth's Hospital board.

John F. Saric (MBA '81), is a senior audit manager at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Mark A. Schafale (BSA '85), is retiring as vice president of finance from Energizer.

Lynn E. Blanton Slackman (MBA '82), and her husband, Richard, spoke on networking on the Internet, at a meeting of People in Business. They own Tenby Technologies, a web design and Internet marketing firm based in Shiloh.

Jeffrey D. Streif (BSA '87, MS '03), is a principal at UHY.

Stephen R. Wigginton (BS '85), is a finalist for the job of U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois.

1990s

Arif S. Ashfaq (BS '99), works for KPMG in their CFO Advisory Services group in Short Hills, N.J.

Harold L. Beck (MS '99), published his first book, *Henry and Anthony*. Beck teaches statistics for the SIUE School of Business. The book was inspired by his own experiences.

Karen S. Alemond Beckemeyer (BS '95, BSA '99), and her husband had their third daughter, Camille. Their other two children are Anne Marie, 6, and Celia, 2. Karen is currently working part-time for RubinBrown.

Ann M. Rafferty Bollone (MBA '90), was elected to the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri board of directors. She and her husband, David, reside in Belleville.

Michael T. Brokering (BSA '98), and his wife, Sarah, had their first child, Tyler. Mike is working at Diel & Forguson.

Matt L. Buhs (BS '94), works as an account manager in the Collinsville branch office of Frost.

Joseph M. Chappell (MBA '92), received the A.F. McKenzie Achievement Award for his sales and service efforts for the past year. Joseph is an Edward Jones advisor and received the firm's Client Service Excellence award.

Rita L. Finney (BSA '96), is a senior vice president of Savantage Solutions in the Washington, D.C. area.

Nathan D. Franklin (BSA '98, MBA '07), is a controller for Provision Living LLC. He and his wife, Jennifer, had their first child, Cameron, in February of 2008.

Jason H. Geminn (BSA '97, MBA '01), is a manager with BKD in St. Louis.

Marci H. Caselton Gietl (BSA '98), works at Becker and Rosen in Clayton, Mo., and lives in Alton.

Michael C. Gindler (BSA '93, MBA '01), works at Metropolitan Sewer District in St. Louis.

Denise M. Holle Guettermann (BSA '92), is a music director. She and her husband, Ned C. Guettermann (BS '94), reside in Edwardsville.

Sara B. Lotter Hampton (BSA '98), is senior manager of external reporting at Energizer in St. Louis.

Jean R. Harris (BSA '98), and her husband, Mark, built a house near Smithton in 2008. Jean works at TSI Engineering as a manager. Their son graduated from high school in 2009.

Gregory B. Karcher (BS '96, BS '97), and his wife, Ellyn, live in Glen Carbon. Greg works for Summit Strategies.

Sandra J. Knee (BS '93), and her husband, Chris, are the proud parents of their 10-year old daughter who played the role of Molly in the 2009 season production of "Annie" at The Muny.

Kelly M. Malson (BSA '93), is CFO at World Acceptance Corporation in Greenville, S.C. She recently purchased her future retirement home on the lake in nearby Anderson, S.C.

Timothy C. Musholt (MBA '93, BSA '08), works at Katz, Sapper & Miller in Indianapolis.

Ryan Pritchett (BSA '97), joined TheBank of Edwardsville as an assistant vice-president of asset and liability management. Ryan lives in Staunton with this wife, Connie, and their three children.

Dr. Edward A. Rico (MBA '94), was named resident physician at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. He and his wife, Kathryn, reside in Chicago.

Rachelle L. Sauls (BSA '97), is a reimbursement manager at BJC Healthcare.

Michael O. Schmelzle (MBA '91), is the senior vice president of residential mortgage lending for Reliance Bank.

Polly A. Stover (BSA '93, MBA '94), is a tax principal at Diel & Forguson.

Bernice K. Varady (BSA '98), is a senior accountant at Eclipse Capital Management Inc in St. Louis.

Susan M. Young (BSA '92), is the president for People in Business Inc, a networking group for men and women of the business community.

2000s

Leann R. Eilert Aloisi (BSA '01, MBA '08), and her husband, Jim, had their first child.

Josh C. Andres (BSA '06, MBA '08), is currently working at Scheffel & Company, and is working on becoming a Senior Accountant.

Marc A. Bargiel (BS '09), works for Country Classic Cars in Staunton as a sales manager. He and his wife, Audrey, reside in Bethalto.

Jeremy A. Bearth (BSA '04, MBA '09), was promoted to accounting manager for Gundlach Equipment Corp. He is responsible for managing all day-to-day accounting operations.

Angela M. Beck (BSA '09), works at the DFAS.

Stephanie B. Behymer (BSA '07, MSA '09), works for RubinBrown.

Kristin T. Giebe Bettorf (BSA '02), is a senior tax consultant at Wellpoint Inc.

Julia A. Biggs (BSA '09), works at Washington University in St. Louis.

Thomas L. Biggs, III (BSA '06), works for Voellinger, Simpson, Dolan & Associates in Swansea.

Joel M. Blaies (BS '06), married Yenny Wijaa and works as a junior auditor for the Illinois Agriculture Auditing Association.

Sarah C. Coulter Bouchette (BSA '03, MSA '04), and her husband had their first baby, Gabriel.

Mary E. Markle Brenner (MSA '01, MBA '02), is living in Katy, Texas while spending time with her six grandchildren. One of her daughters recently graduated from SIUE.

Cheryl A. Britghton (MBA '09), works for LABS Inc. in St. Louis as a lab technologist. She and her husband, David, reside in Belleville.

Bree A. Brinkoetter (BSA '07, MBA '08), started at BKD after graduation.

Hillary A. Brown (BSA '09), works for ADM.

Heather L. Goodman Browning (BS '01, MSA '04), started in the internal audit department but was quickly promoted to project manager at Siemens. She and her husband had a baby boy.

William E. Broyles, Jr. (MBA '09), works for CSC as a deputy program manager in O'Fallon. He and his wife, Beverly, reside in O'Fallon.

Chad E. Burns (BSA '00), changed from internal audit to becoming a financial advisor with the Belleville office of Edward Jones. He and his wife had twins, so they now have three children under the age of three.

Andrea M. Butler (MBA '08), was promoted to assistant vice president of special assets at TheBANK of Edwardsville. She also acts as TheBANK's legal liaison for cases relating to consumer loans, as well as manages bank-owned properties.

Nathan M. Butler (BSA '00), works for Young Dental Manufacturing as an operations manager. He and his wife, Kristin, reside in Columbia.

Bethany M. Goodman Butters (BS '09), works at the Regions Bank on the Scott Air Force Base as a vault teller. She and her husband, Kyle, live in Lebanon.

Casandra O. White Carney (BSA '04, MSA '05), and her husband, Matt, moved back from Kansas City and bought a home in Hamel. She is the manager of financial planning and analysis for American Recreation Products.

Marcella R. Curry (MSA '00), is controller of both the Collinsville and Hazelwood Sanford Brown campuses.

Stephanie F. Armstrong Dahl (BSA '02), and her husband had a baby boy. They live in New Orleans where she is an accounting supervisor for one of Monsanto's Round-Up plants.

Timothy J. Delabre (BSA '01, MSA '02), and his wife, Mary, had their first child, Andrew.

Victoria A. Gipson Dixon (BSA '07, MSA '08), got married and bought a home in Eureka, Mo.

Laura N. Piepert Doll (BSA '05, MSA '06), passed the CPA exam on her first try. She currently works at Scheffel & Company in Edwardsville.

Erin L. Donnay (BSA '05, MSA '09), works at Soft Surroundings in St. Louis as a staff accountant.

Justin A. Draper (BSA '09), works for the IRS.

Sarah M. Pettitt Duckwitz (BSA '00), is the controller for a real estate development company in Kansas City, Mo. called Foutch Brothers. She and her husband have two children.

Robert D. Dumstorff (BSA '03), was promoted to manager at RubinBrown's Corporate Assurance Services Group.

Mathew G. Eilerts (MBA '09), is a process manager for Anheuser-Busch InBev in St. Louis.

Amanda L. Heusinkeveld Fields (BSA '04), works as an accountant at Water Remediation Technology in Colo. She and her husband bought a house in the Denver area and have a daughter named Chloe.

Jason R. Finke (BSA '04, MSA '05), is a financial specialist/senior financial analyst for Ameren. He got married in the Bahamas and moved into a new home in Fairview Heights.

Frank H. Fisher, Jr. (BS '09), works in the purchasing department for the Morris University Center at SIUE.

Melissa K. Ford (BSA '08, MSA '09), is a staff accountant for Kemper CPA Group in Harrisburg.

Erica R. Oertwig Gallina (BS '02), married Matthew L. Gallina on July 4, 2009. She is employed by PohlmanUSA Court Reporting in St. Louis as a billing specialist.

Michael C. Gavin (MBA '09), is the regional manager for Maverick Technologies in Columbia. He and his wife, Dawn, live in O'Fallon.

Christi L. Castile Geggus (BSA '00, MSA '01), works at Tzinberg & Dowdy in Edwardsville. She and her husband have two children.

Lacey J. Langenfeld Gelsinger (BSA '04, MSA '05), is a senior internal auditor with ESCO.

Sowmitra K. Ghosh (MBA '09), is the project manager for Sigma-Aldrich in St. Louis. He and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Valley Park, Mo.

Jeffrey A. Gross (MBA '07), works in the health care industry group of LarsonAllen.

Sharon R. Gugliotta (BSA '08), works as the business specialist at Southwestern Illinois College's Success Center II.

Leanne E. Halemeyer (BSA '01, MSA '02), married in June of 2009 and works for RubinBrown.

Betsey E. Hall (BS '07), has worked for U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin in Marion since January 2008. She is studying for her Masters in Political Science at SIUC. She resides in Carbondale.

Jessica A. Harris (BSA '08), works at Boeing and is enjoying her experiences there.

Jessica L. Logan Haugen (BS '04, MBA '09), is a performance specialist for American Water in Alton. She lives in East Alton with her husband, Travis.

Jeffry A. Henschel (BS '09), is a Customer Service Agent with Lowes Co. He lives in Edwardsville.

Theresa M. Herbstreit (BSA '01, MSA '02), was promoted to Controller at Olin Credit Union.

Paulette M. Heuer (BSA '06, MSA '07), passed the CPA exam and is an audit associate with KPMG.

Chelsea R. Camfield Hoelscher (BSA '08), married Curtis "Drew" Hoelscher on September 26, 2009 in Decatur. She is employed by West and Company LLC.

Anthony (Bud), S. Hollenkamp (BSA '00), and his wife, Lori, had their second child, Kendall. Their other son Dominic is four. Bud is a manager at BKD where he specializes in banking.

Christopher A. Howard (MSA '07), passed the CFP exam and is in the Controllershship Services Group at Lopata, Flege, & Co.

Lynette M. Schrage Huegen (BSA '00, MSA '01), is working at Prairie State Generating Company. Her husband **Scott A. Huegen** (BSA '00), is the superintendent at Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course in Okawville. Their daughter, Alaina, is three.

Emily E. Irvine (BSA '08), is the assistant director of business operations and human resources for the Hayner Public Library District in Alton.

Olanrewaju O. Iwayemi (MS '03, MSA '05), passed the CFE and CIA exams on his first attempt. He is enjoying married life and working in the internal audit department at HUD.

Kristine T. Polo Jarden (MBA '05), is busy raising her son, Peter, and serving as the director of the Entrepreneurship Center at SIUE, Bunker Hill Township Clerk, chairperson of Friends of Bunker Hill Public Library and secretary of the University of Illinois Extension Service in Macoupin County.

Class & Faculty Notes

Queen E. King (BSA '00, MSA '03), is an accounting manager at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital in Calif.

Aaron V. Koch (BSA '08, MSA '09), joined the internal audit department at HUD after he completed his MSA. He resides in Swansea.

Brad A. Koerkenmeier (MBA '09), is an electrical engineer for the US Air Force. Brad lives in New Baden.

Brett W. Krug (MBA '03), is employed at Solutions AEC. While working at the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center's Confluence Field Station, Brett and several other tradesmen workers helped to rescue a man from a burning car after the driver veered off a nearby roadway and hit a light standard.

Karen A. Lanter (BSA '01, MSA '02), is a financial analysis manager at Maritz.

Joan E. Lebkuecher (MBA '09), is the CFO and treasurer for Hortica Insurance & Employee Benefits in Edwardsville. She resides in Glen Carbon.

Kristen D. Buehrer Levi (BS '02, BSA '05), is a staff accountant at Fred Weber Construction.

Lindsay M. Burns Link (BSA '05, MSA '06), got married in May of 2008.

Breea J. Lisko (MBA '09), is a Captain in the US Air Force. She and her husband, Scott, live in Papillion, N.E.

Yali N. Lu (BSA '03, MSA '04), was promoted to senior auditor at Cox Enterprises and bought a home in Atlanta, G.A.

Julie R. Lutz (BSA '01, MSA '02), became the accounting manager at HD Waterworks in St. Louis.

Steven H. Mandeville (MSA '06), got married in Mexico and was promoted to senior at BKD.

Erika E. Neher Martinez (BSA '00, MSA '01), and her husband, Dario, had a daughter, Ella. They live in Edwardsville and Erika works in the tax department at the Reinsurance Group of America.

Christopher A. McCloud (BS '09), is an engineer for Wachovia in St. Louis. Chris lives in Fairview Heights.

Lindsey M. Meese (BSA '09), works at Metro East Insurance Group.

Jenee E. Meier (BSA '04), works as a senior auditor for AT&T and resides in Collinsville.

Ryan P. Meyler (BSA '09), is a staff accountant at Stone Carlie & Co. LLC in the assurance services department.

Whitney K. Moore (BS '09), is a research specialist for Vandover. She lives in St. Louis.

Shelly L. Morrison (BS '08), won an essay contest sponsored by Coca Cola and MTV. She was given the opportunity to do interviews on the red carpet for the *2009 MTV Movie Awards*.

Ashley N. Nelson (BS '09), is a cocktail waitress for Harrah's Entertainment in St. Louis.

Scott M. Niehaus (BSA '00), was promoted to manager at BKD.

Jessica C. Roehl Ohlendorf (BSA '06), and her husband had a baby girl, Kyla. Jessica works at Spectrum Healthcare Resources as a staff accountant.

Yaw O. Owusu (MS '03), joined McMaster's Health Policy PhD program. He received a doctoral fellowship for the 2009-2010 academic year from CHEPA.

Jeremy M. Plank (MBA '05, BSA '08), is a partner with Dormus Properties LLC.

Ashley M. Quisumbing (BS '09), is a student trainee at DITCO. She resides in New Baden.

Kevin F. Reynolds (BSA '08, MBA '09), joined Stone Carlie as a staff auditor.

Karen M. Stirnaman Ripplemeyer (BSA '06), married TJ Ripplemeyer in August 2008. She graduated from St. Louis University Law School in May of 2009 and currently works for Ernst & Young.

Eric J. Robert (BS '08), joined Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., a financial services company, located in St. Louis. Eric resides in Red Bud.

John P. Robinson (MSA '09), works at Edward Jones.

Karissa A. Robson (BSA '01), is an audit manager with the Reznick Group in Bethesda, M.D. She resides in Washington, DC.

Steven R. Rommerskirchen (BSA '09), works for Kerber, Eck and Braeckel.

Christina L. Rother (BSA '04, MSA '05), is a senior associate at KPMG and is engaged.

Jonathan A. Sadowski (BSA '05), works for The Doe Run Company. He lives in St. Peters.

Megan E. Saenz (BSA '09), is a teller for Regions Bank in Godfrey where she resides.

Jessica L. Schaefer (BS '06, MBA '09), is an evaluator for FACS in Glen Carbon. Jessica resides in Edwardsville.

Kevin L. Schultz (BS '09), is an intern at Fleishman-Hillard in St. Louis. He and his wife, Laura, reside in Godfrey.

Lirium "Lindy" C. Selimi (BS '05), is the owner of Uncle Linny's Restaurant, formerly Linny's Lakeview Restaurant, in Pontoon Beach.

Ryan G. Shirley (BSA '01, MBA '02), and his wife, Jennifer, had a son, Garrett.

Emily M. Klaus Sill (BSA '05, MSA '07), passed the CPA exam and works at Brown, Smith and Wallace. She is also the reigning Mrs. Illinois Galaxy.

Kasie J. Silotto (BS '09), is a PC & PE supervisor at Best Buy in Edwardsville.

Ryan B. Sims (BSA '06, MSA '07), passed the CPA exam and works at RubinBrown.

Virginia L. Staggs (BSA '01), works at Boeing and had a new grandson, Samuel.

Curtis M. Stoll (BSA '02), returned to public accounting with Fick, Eggemeyer and Williamson. He and his wife, Erin, reside in Valley Park, Mo.

Jennifer M. Sellman Stouffer (BS '08), is a procurement agent for The Boeing Company in St. Louis. She and her husband, Jordan, reside in Murphysboro.

Kelly A. Strubberg (BS '01), and her husband had a son, Henrik. She is a senior accountant with US Bank.

Michelle J. Berner Stumpf (BSA '08), married Kyle V. Stumpf on July 18, 2009. She is employed by Tzinberg and Dowdy and he is employed by Stumpf Construction. The couple resides in Bunker Hill.

Amy C. Donaldson Tymoszenko (BSA '07), and her husband, Michael, had their second child, Michael. She was promoted to senior associate with the Advisory Practices Group specializing in internal audit at KPMG. They bought a home in Villa Park.

Michael D. Ulrich (BSA '07, MSA '09), is working at MPP&W.

Ramanendra S. Virk (MBA '09), is the senior systems engineer for CSC in Fairview Heights. He lives in O'Fallon.

Kendall L. Walls (BSA '09), is in the U.S. Army.

Abigail A. Solomon Ward (BSA '07), works at Thompson Flaherty in Edwardsville.

Ariana N. Watson Warren (BSA '05), got married in November 2008. She passed the CPA exam and will be promoted to senior tax accountant at Raffa, PC, in Washington, DC. She and her husband have a house in St. Louis.

Christine E. Webb (BSA '00, MSA '01), and her husband have a one year old son, Jay.

Heather R. Wiesemeyer (BSA '09), works for Scheffel & Co.

Cheryl Witt ('08 BSBA, '09 MBA), is a contract specialist with the U.S. Air Force at Patrick AFB Florida.

Clay P. Zavada (BS '08), is a pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks. He still resides in Streator and takes care of his family farm.

Joshua R. Zellerman (MSA '09), works for Ernst & Young.

In Memoriam

Amy L. Frey (BS '83), died at her residence in Edwardsville on Sunday August 9, 2009 after fighting a year-long illness. She was manager of operations at the Community Counseling Center in Alton for 21 years. While at SIUE, she played softball and field hockey and was inducted into the SIUE Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

Kerry D. Heilman (BSA '02), of Troy died on Sunday, August 17, 2008 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She was the director of business planning for City Mortgage. Her husband, Shawn, and their two sons Trent and Travis of Troy all survive.

Major Jerome F. Tholl, USAF, Ret. (BS '82), of Glen Carbon died on Friday, July 17, 2009 at his residence. He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda, and is survived by his daughter Maria. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2007 and worked for Emerson Electric in St. Louis for 24 years as manager, ETS Finance.

College of Arts & Sciences

1960s

Edward Geppert, Jr. ('69 BA Government), has been named to the Illinois Education Funding Advisory Board. Geppert is the president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers.

Eugene Redmond ('64 BA English), donated more than 200,000 images, posters and photographs to SIUE's Lovejoy Library this summer. This extensive collection covers more than 40 years and documents Redmond's time with legends in the literary world, Civil Rights movement, and historical figures.

1970s

Peter Basola ('72 BM, '76 MM), has retired as vice president of enrollment from Lewis and Clark Community College after joining the college as a registrar in 1981.

John Bassett (MA History '79), was honored on Oct. 29 as a Citizen of Character by the Belleville Achieves Strength in Character (BASIC) Initiative. Bassett was recognized for his volunteer efforts in the community.

Walter Chappas, ('75 BA Mathematics), was promoted to chief technology officer of PetroBeam Inc.

Bev George ('75 BS English, '79 MSeD Secondary Education), has been named to the board of directors for the national Council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers. She is the broker and owner of Bev George & Associates in Glen Carbon.

Dennis G. Hall ('72 MS Physics), was honored by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Hall is the vice provost for research and dean of the graduate school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Jack Humes Jr. ('74 BA, '75 MS Geography), has been named to the board of directors for YTB International Inc. Humes is a private practice lawyer with the Humes Law Office in Edwardsville.

Dee Joyner ('71 BA, '73 MS Government), was one of five recipients of a Coro Leadership Award from the Coro Leadership Center. Joyner is senior vice president of Commerce Bank.

Ruth A. Lathrop ('78 BS, Human Services), was honored by the Illinois State Board of Education at the 35th Annual Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year Banquet in Springfield Oct. 24. She received an award of recognition and is a Title I Aide at Granite City Community Unit School District 9.

Lori McAllister ('79 BS Sociology), completed her master of professional counseling at McKendree University in 2007 and received her license as a professional counselor in 2008. She is a family therapist for Catholic Social Services in Belleville.

P. Dewayne Staats ('75 BA Mass Communications), was selected for the inaugural East Alton-Wood River High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Staats is the play-by-play television commentator for the MLB Tampa Bay Rays.

Donna (McGee) Wilkerson ('78 BS Human Services), has been named a village trustee for the Village of Glen Carbon. Donna currently serves as chair of the Glen Carbon Police Commission.

1980s

Veronica Armouti ('86 BS Sociology, '88 MS Policy Analysis), has been named a recipient of the 2009 Woman of Distinction Award from the Alton YWCA.

John Becker ('89 BS, '97 MA Sociology), is the executive director for Senior Services Plus in Alton.

Claudie Droste ('82 BS Mass Communications), is the owner of Copycat Video in Alton.

Rick Haydon ('82 BM, '87 MM), is a guitarist with the group, Standard Time, which has released a new CD, "Eastern Central Pacific."

Kathleen Hoover ('81 BA Music, '03 MA History), is the Editor in Chief of American Legacy Publishing Company which creates classroom periodicals for students in grades K-6.

Andre Jackson ('84 BS Mass Communications), is the editorial editor at the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

Ric Johns, ('81 BS Art), was inducted into the Illinois Football Association Hall of Fame in Chicago in April. Johns, the head coach at Belleville West, guided Calhoun High to Class A state championships in 1992-93 and coach the warriors from 1981-96.

Robert Johnson ('82 BS Mass Communications), won the Dr. Paul and Duddy Costello Memorial Award for Mixed Media during the 61st Annual Currier Museum of Art NHAA Juried Exhibition in Manchester, NH.

Elizabeth Stroble ('80 MA History, '84 MA American & English Literature), became the 14th President of Webster University in St. Louis on July 1, 2009.

Charles Willett ('83 BM, '84 MM), took part in presidential inauguration activities in January. The Alton native is a master gunnery sergeant and clarinetist with the United States Marine Band.

1990s

Kevin Bodden ('92 BS Physics, '95 MS Mathematics), was nominated for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association 2009 Outstanding Faculty Member Award.

Dr. Andrew Dykeman ('90 BA Philosophy), was elected as second vice president of the Illinois Chiropractic Society. Dykeman is a local chiropractic physician with an office in East Alton and is the sole proprietor of Rosewood Chiropractic Clinic in the city.

Larry Gilbert ('96 MPA), was honored with the Olympian Leadership Award. Gilbert is the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy director and Administration of Justice program coordinator.

Class & Faculty Notes

Andrew Manar ('97 BS History), is the chief of staff for Illinois Senate President John Cullerton, a democrat representing the 6th District in Chicago.

Laura Reed ('97 BS Political Science), has partnered with Jan Carpenter on a new venture, Cork Tree Creative.

Joe Silkwood ('97 MPA), is coaching baseball at Alton Marquette High School. He is still the treasurer for the Village of East Alton.

2000s

Melissa Churchman ('00 BS Social Work, '01 MSW), is vice president of the Illinois Region of the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

Tony DiPasquale ('01 MM Music: Music Performance), was honored by the Illinois State Board of Education at the 35th Annual Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year Banquet. He is the director of the Central Junior High and West Junior High Bands for Belleville School District 118.

Christopher Flake ('08 BS Criminal Justice Studies), is now patrolling the streets of Highland after completing work at the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy. He previously worked for the Centreville Police Department.

Jennifer A. Milburn ('02 BS, Geography and History, '04 MS Geography), was honored by the Illinois State Board of Education at the 35th Annual Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year Banquet. She is a software specialist for Edwardsville Community Unit District 7.

Adam Miller ('03 BS, History and Political Science), is dean of students and athletic director at East Alton-Wood River High School.

Rob Moginot ('06 MA History), was named the Daughters of the American Revolution 2009 Outstanding Teacher of Illinois in History. He is currently teaching at Marquette Catholic High School in Alton. Additionally, he was named Coach of the Year in girls 1A and 2A soccer by the Belleville News-Democrat and a Spring 2009 Riverbend All-Star.

Dr. Anna Smith ('00 BS Biological Sciences, '04 DMD), owns Dentistry with TLC which was the Small Business of the Year award recipient from the River Bend Growth Association.

George Strode ('01 BLS), is currently serving as Task Force Phoenix resource manager in Kabul Afghanistan.

Michael Szeles ('06 BS Theater and Dance), was nominated for a New York Innovative Theater Award for his work in an Off-Off-Broadway production. He and the rest of the cast of *The Most Damaging Wound* were nominated for the IT Outstanding Ensemble award.

Craig M. Taylor ('04 BS History: Social Science Education), was honored by the Illinois State Board of Education at the 35th Annual Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year Banquet. He teaches science and social studies at Lewis and Clark Junior High in the Wood River-Hartford School District.

Martha R. Warren ('00 BS, Biological Sciences, '02 MS, Biological Sciences), was honored by the Illinois State Board of Education at the 35th Annual Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year Banquet. She received the highest level of honor—an award of excellence—and is a science teacher at East St. Louis High School.

Melissa Weissert ('07 BS History), is a tour guide at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield.

Bryan White ('03 MPA), is the assistant city manager and budget director the city of Canandaigua, N.Y.

SIU School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Michael Edwards ('95 DMD), operates Optima Dental in Union, Mo., and the Midwest Center for Craniofacial Pain in St. Peters, Mo. He is also the inventor of the "Dental Button," a device which gives power to the patient to stop dental anxiety by enabling them to stop the dentist's drill.

Dr. Brandon Maddox ('97 BS Biological Sciences, '01 DMD), who practices dentistry in Springfield, Illinois, has been named the 2009 winner of the State Dental Society Foundation's Greek Leadership Award. Dr. Maddox has served as Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect, and President of the GV Black District Dental Society.

Dr. Ron Scheffore ('83 DMD), is the founder of Americans Against Diabetes.

School of Education

1960s

Leroy Fritz ('67 EDSP), was recognized with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star, among other honors, for his actions during World War II. Fritz retired from the Alton School District in 1981 and just marked his 50th year in the piano-tuning business.

1970s

Joseph Baum ('71 MSED), has retired as the head coach of men's soccer at Michigan State University.

John Cunningham ('76 MSED), retired from the Alton School District as the director of human resources. John worked 38 years in the Alton and East St. Louis school districts.

Greg DeCoursey ('71 BS Phys Ed., '88 MSED), retired after coaching 33 years as the Marquette Catholic High School baseball coach in Alton.

Bev George ('75 BA English, '79 MSED), has been elected to the National Certified Real Estate Brokerage (CRB), Board of Directors. Bev is a broker and owner of Bev George & Associates in Glen Carbon.

Christine Head ('73 BS English), received the 2009 Silver Medallion Teacher of the Year Award. She is the chair of the English Department at Edwardsville High School.

Jane Hemann ('75 BS, '84 MSED), won the national Excellence in Teaching Agriculture Award for 2008. Jane is a first-grade teacher at Mount Olive and developed a farm unit to help her students learn how agriculture is part of their everyday life.

John McDaniels ('77 MSED), recently received the YWCA "Men of Distinction" award for his outstanding personal achievement and contributions to the community.

Debra Pitts ('75 BS Special Ed., '83 MSED), received the "School Employee of the Year" award from Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto. Debra is the principal at the high school.

Vicki Reulecke ('78 BS Special Ed., '81 MSED), is the new principal at Kreitner Elementary School in Collinsville.

Larry Thompson ('74 MSED), recently received the YWCA "Men of Distinction" award for his outstanding personal achievement and contributions to the community.

David Timmermann ('73 BM, '86 MSED, '96 EDSP), was appointed principal at St. Paul Catholic School in Highland. Timmermann has 21 years of experience as principal and superintendent of Breese Grade Schools.

1980s

Lori Blade ('88 BS Phys. Ed., '94 MSED), was named the 2009 Coach of the Year for Large School Softball. Lori has been the head coach at Edwardsville Softball for 15 years and has had eight state final appearances. She was also a 2009 inductee into the SIUE Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sharron Lindsey ('81 BS Business Administration, '85 MSED), was awarded "Woman of the Year" from the American Business Women's Association.

Mark Marcuzzo ('85 BS Phys. Ed.), has joined the Collinsville Area Recreation District as the manager of the Arlington Greens Golf Course in Granite City.

Kyle Moats ('88 BS Phys. Ed.), is the new athletic director at Missouri State.

Joe Silkwood ('87 BS Recreation, '97 MPA), was named the new head baseball coach for Marquette Catholic High School in Alton.

Michael Slaughter ('87 MSED), won four gold and one silver medal last year in the Illinois Senior Olympics swimming competition. Mike is principal of Marquette Catholic High School in Alton.

Mike Waldo ('80 BS Phys. Ed., '86 MSED), received an award from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association recognizing his entry into the Hall of Fame. Mike is the basketball coach of Edwardsville High School.

George Woods ('80 MSED), has been inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame. George was a silver medalist in the shot put during the 1968 and 1972 Olympics.

1990s

Jeffrey Atterberry ('96 BS), is the new assistant principal at Steger Sixth Grade Center and the Elementary Computer School in Webster Groves, Mo.

Randy Blakely ('99 MSED), is the new principal at Mascoutah Elementary School in Mascoutah.

Denise Bick ('97 BS), is the new librarian at Southwestern School in Piasa.

Bill Bishop ('94 MSED), is retiring from the position of Superintendent of the Greenville, Illinois School District at the end of this school year.

Daniel Carter ('93 BS Phys. Ed.), is the new head softball coach at Alton High School.

Dawn Elser ('97 MSED), is the new principal at Central Elementary School in O'Fallon.

Kyle Freeman ('99 MSED), is the new superintendent at Belle Valley School District in Belleville.

Nancy Hanratty ('96 MSED), is the new part-time Pre-K at Risk and part-time instructional aide at A.R. Graiff in Staunton.

William Harris ('93 BS, '00 MSED), is the new principal at Dupo Junior and Senior High Schools in Dupo.

Jason Henderson ('98 MSED), is the new principal at Silver Creek Elementary in Troy.

Debra Kreutztrager ('92 BS, '98 MSED), was recently appointed the first female superintendent at Roxana School District.

Chad LeCrone ('93 BS Phys. Ed.), has accepted the role athletic director as well as the assistant principal at East Richland High School in Olney.

Edmund Langen ('99 MSED), is the new principal at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Belleville.

Keri Mueller ('97 BS, '06 MSED), was named the principal at South Roxana Elementary School.

Vicki Norton ('96 BS), is the new principal at Smithton Elementary School in Smithton.

Gloria Perry ('96 BS, '99 MSED), is the new principal at Elizabeth Morris Elementary in Cahokia.

Aimee Pullen ('99 MSED), is the new principal at Emge Junior High School in Belleville.

Leigha Robinson ('93 BS Business Administration, '97 MSED), has been promoted to principal at East Alton-Wood River High School.

Renee Schuster ('93 EDSP), will retire from her position of superintendent of the Francis Howell School District at the end of this school year.

Ed Settles ('91 MSED), is now the Superintendent of Schools in the Jersey Community Unit School District.

2000s

Patrick Anderson ('06 MSED), is the new principal at Joseph Arthur Middle School in O'Fallon.

Christine Bahr ('01 MSED), has been appointed the new provost and dean at McKendree University.

Jason Baldus ('05 MSED Kinesiology), was named the No. 1 college unit director in the nation with The Gilliland Financial Group of the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

Michael Brink ('01 MSED), is the new superintendent at High Mount District 116 in Swansea.

David Deets ('03 BS), is the new principal at Marissa Elementary School in Marissa.

Tim Funkhouser ('00 MSED Kinesiology), of Edwardsville High School was named 2009 Coach of the Year for Large School Baseball.

Kraig Garber ('02 BS History, '08 MSED), is the new assistant principal for Carrollton School District.

Kevin Gockel ('01 MSED), is has been promoted to assistant principal at East Alton-Wood River High School.

Brian Karraker ('02 MSED), is the new superintendent at New Athens School District 60.

Keith McGlasson ('06 BS), has been appointed the head coach of the Carlyle High Indians varsity football team.

Michael Oslance ('05 MSED), is the new principal at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Fairview Heights.

Nathan Rakers ('03 BS), is the new principal at Whiteside Elementary School in Belleville.

Jason Smith ('02 BS), was named the 2009 Baseball Coach of the Year for Small Schools. Jason is the coach at Marissa High School.

Doug Stotler ('00 MSED Kinesiology), is the new athletic director at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Mo.

Jessica Tonsor ('05 BS), was recently appointed department chair for the Physical Education Department at Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto.

School of Engineering

1980s

Paul Galeski ('83 BSE, Electrical Engineering.), is the president and CEO of MAVERICK Technologies, LLC. MAVERICK is a global engineering, systems integration and operational consulting firm. Paul is also a graduate of the GE Executive Management School and the Harvard Business School Presidents' Program.

Kay Guse ('88 BSE, Industrial Engineering), is the Director of Engineering, Operations and Technology Policies at the Boeing Company. Kay holds a Master's in engineering management from Washington University. Kay is the Boeing Executive Focal for SIUE at Boeing and has served the School of Engineering in many capacities since her graduation, including her membership on the School of Engineering Advisory Board. Kay is married to Paul Guse (BS '83.),

Jim Heinz ('83 BS, Construction), is the Executive Vice President of WPCS, International. Jim is the past chairman of the Construction Advisory Council and serves on the School of Engineering Industrial Advisory Board.

Jim Roth ('87 BSE Civil Engineering), is a Civil Engineer and Senior Vice President for Hurst-Rosche Engineers Inc. Jim resides in Fairview Heights with his wife, Lisa, and children Ali and Jake.

Paul Scheibal ('83 BA, Mathematics, BA, Computer Science, '90 MS, Mathematics), is the president and CEO of Jaros Technologies Inc. Paul serves on the School of Engineering Computer Science Advisory Council.

Class & Faculty Notes

Bruce Schopp ('82 BSE, Civil Engineering), has been appointed president of the Illinois Section of Professional Engineers (ISPE). Bruce is the chief structural engineer and firm principal at Oates Associates Inc. Bruce lives with his wife, Kristine, and their three children in Freeburg. He is a member of the School of Engineering Advisory Board.

Raymond Walter ('86 BSE Electrical Engineering, '93 MS Electrical Engineering), is a targeting and weapons systems engineer at The Boeing Co. Raymond is earning his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from SIUE.

1990s

Mike Blakey ('93 BS, Electrical Engineering, '99 MBA), is the assistant operations manager- process support for Anheuser-Busch InBev and serves on the School of Engineering Industrial Advisory Board. Mike and his wife, Verbal, (BS '93), donate a scholarship each year to the School of Engineering. Verbal is the vice president of BHMGE Engineers and has a Master's in engineering management.

Geri Boyer ('91 BSE, Civil Engineering), is founder and managing partner of Kaskaskia Engineering Group LLC. Geri holds a BS in mining engineering from SIUC and a MS in pastoral studies from Loyola University- New Orleans. Geri serves the School of Engineering as a member of the Civil Engineering Advisory Council.

Jim Middleton ('93 BS, Civil Engineering), is the MODOT project manager for the new Mississippi River Bridge.

Matt Pfund ('96 BS, Construction), is a project manager at Tarlton Corp. Matt and his wife, Kristen, own Pfund Construction which focuses on residential projects. Matt and Kristen live in Edwardsville with their three children. Matt is the president of the Construction Alumni Association.

Larry Thomason Jr. ('93 BS, Civil Engineering), received the Richard B. Teitelman Distinguished Service Award from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. Larry works for the Kaskaskia Engineering Group and performs pro-bono legal services for LSEM.

Stephanie Travis ('95 BS, Construction), is the manager of plant operations at Alton Memorial Hospital. Stephanie recently received her MBA from Lindenwood University.

Ryan Zorko ('93 BS, Electrical Engineering), is an engineering manager at Anheuser-Busch InBev. He received his MBA with a concentration in finance from the Olin School of Business at Washington University. He is married and has two boys.

2000s

Alicia DeShaiser ('07 BS, Civil Engineering), finished fourth in the women's javelin throw at the United States Track and Field National Championships in Eugene, Ore. Alicia holds the SIUE school record in the javelin throw with a toss of 164 feet, nine inches (50.23m), as well as being a 2006 first team All-American in softball for the Cougars. She is employed at Oates Associates.

Melissa Glauber ('03 BS, Mechanical Engineering), is a patent attorney with Armstrong Teasdale LLP in St. Louis. Melissa was recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as a member of the 2009 Top 30 Under 30 Class. Melissa represents the School of Engineering on the SIUE Alumni Association Board.

Joey Heger ('08 BS, Civil Engineering), is employed as a transportation engineering designer at Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen.

Kyle Klues ('09 MS Civil Engineering), has joined the firm of Horner & Shifrin's O'Fallon office as an engineer in the structural engineering department. Klues is a member of Engineers Without Borders.

Chad Komnick ('07 BS, Civil Engineering), married Kelsey Sand in Bismarck, N.D. Chad is a structural design engineer with MiTek Industries Inc.

Trenton Lowe ('07 BS, Manufacturing Engineering), married Jessica Huxman July 21 in Grand Caymen Islands

Seth Malcolm ('09 BS, Construction Management), received LEED Accredited Professional Certification in July 2009.

Gary Mayer ('04 MS, Computer Science), received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University and will be joining the computer science faculty at SIUE.

Ross Mead ('07 BS, Computer Science), received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to work on robotics in the Ph.D. program at University of Southern California.

Miles Musick ('08 BS, Mechanical Engineering), married Lisa Cook ('08 BS), in St. Louis. Miles is a quality engineer at John Deere and is responsible for Deere's newest product release, the Self-Propelled Windrower. Miles and Lisa reside in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Jason Richter ('07 BS, Mechanical Engineering), married Nicole Keckritz on August 8, 2009 in Aviston. He currently works for Emerson Motor Technologies in St. Louis.

Tyria Riley ('02 BS, Electrical Engineering), is a Ph.D. candidate at Missouri University of Science and Technology. Tyria holds an MS in systems engineering from Missouri S & T and was awarded Six Sigma Black Belt honors by Villanova University. She is employed at The Boeing Company as an electrical subsystems wiring & integration engineer.

Andy Riva ('09 BS, Construction Management), received LEED Accredited Professional Certification in July 2009.

Ryan Sheehan ('05 BS, Computer Science), married Jadrien Komnick ('05 BS, Electrical Engineering), July 11, 2009 in Bethalto. They reside in Naperville.

Levi Sorrill ('07 BS, Civil Engineering), is employed at MiTek Industries Inc. in the research and development department.

Jenna Toennies ('08 BS, Mechanical Engineering), received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to work on robotics in the Ph.D. program at Vanderbilt University.

School of Nursing

1960s

Karen Stefaniak, Ph.D., R.N., (BS, '67), retired as the chief nursing officer/associate hospital director and assistant dean for clinical affairs at University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital. She currently serves as assistant professor in the UK College of Nursing.

1970s

Leonard Jenkins (BS '77), was elected president of the Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Ed Curtis (BS '75), was inducted into the SIUE Alumni Association Hall of Fame for the School of Nursing on October 10, 2009.

1980s

Vera Bloomquist (BS '89), was recognized by Anderson Hospital in Maryville for attaining her medical/surgical nursing certification.

Susan Flake (BS '86), attained her pediatric nurse certification and was acknowledged by her employer, St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Scott Johnson (BS '83), is an ICU/CCU nurse in Cordova, Ala., where he lives with his wife and children.

Cynthia Kerber (BS '80), is an assistant professor for Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University in Normal.

Diana Kraus (BS '83), was appointed to the State of Missouri East Central Regional EMS Committee, and is also serving on the State of Missouri State Advisory Board as the Pediatric Sub-Committee Chair. Diana works for St. Louis Children's Hospital.

H. Catherine Miller (MS '86), is the associate dean of Health & Human Services and director of Nursing for Education at Heartland Community College in Normal.

Jamie Penrod (BS '81), is an instructional assistant professor for Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University in Normal.

Suzanne Trueb (BS '87), reached the next level of Clinical Ladder achievement and was recognized by Anderson Hospital.

Cheryl Weber (BS '84), received recognition through her employer, Anderson Hospital, for reaching the next level of Clinical Ladder achievement.

1990s

Yvonne Barnes (BS '92), co-authored the article titled, "Early Outcomes After Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Pediatric Patients with Hematologic Malignancies Following Single Fraction Total Body Irradiation," that was published in the November 17, 2008 issue of *Bone Marrow Transplantation*.

Staci Beck (BS '92), gave a presentation on behalf of Children's Hospital in St. Louis, entitled, "Ambulatory Procedure Center," at the AORN National Multispecialty Conference in St. Louis.

Michele Brown (MS '90), was inducted into the SIUE Alumni Association Hall of Fame for the School of Nursing on October 10, 2009.

Ann Donze (MS '94), presented "Clinical Practice Guidelines: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice," at the National Nurses Mother-Baby Conference in Washington, D.C. She co-authored the article, "Fad, Frenzy, or Future? A Review of the Institute of Medicine's Report of the Direction of Evidence-based Practice," which was published in the *Neonatal Network*. Ann is a nurse practitioner at Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

Melissa Hlava (BS '91), is a member of the magnet team at Children's Hospital in St. Louis. She co-wrote an article that appeared in *Pediatric Perspectives*.

Ruth Ann Johnson (BS '95), was recognized by Anderson Hospital for achieving medical/surgical nursing certification.

Cindy Riekana (BS '95), received acknowledgement from Anderson Hospital for attaining her medical/surgical nursing certification.

Linda Robert (BS '90, MS '95), wrote an article called, "Emergency Unit Offers HIV Screening," which appeared in *Pediatric Perspectives*, a publication of the St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Johanna Schloemann (BS '84), received funding from the SLCH Foundation to co-conduct a study at St. Louis Children's Hospital (with Ann Donze, see 1990s), called, "Comparison of Noise Levels in Private Rooms vs. Open Pod Unit Designs in a NICU Internal Research Grant."

Sonnie Stalker (MS '94), reached the next level of Clinical Ladder achievement and was recognized by Anderson Hospital.

2000s

Julie Adkins (BS '85, MS '01), is the CNP for UltiMed Plus in West Frankfort. Julie also served as the president for the Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing in 2009.

Janice Becherer (MS '08), was named as chief nurse executive at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Mia Cass (BS '00), received recognition through her employer, Anderson Hospital, for reaching the next level of Clinical Ladder achievement.

Bethany Clutts (BS '08), is employed with Memorial Hospital in Carbondale. Bethany had an article entitled "Recognition and Management of Complications Following Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass: A Guide for Health Care Workers in Non-Bariatric Hospitals" published in *MEDSURG Nursing*.

Bridget Duah (BS '09), is employed with Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis on the short stay surgery floor.

Vicki M. Ellinger-Colonius, (MS '06), works for St. John's Hospital in Springfield as a clinical documentation and coding nurse manager.

Casey Griffith (BS '03, MS '07), is a CRNA with Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel.

Rick Harmon (MS '08), is the human patient simulator & nursing lab coordinator for Richland Community College in Decatur.

David Jansen (MS '05), is an instructional assistant professor for Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University in Normal.

Amanda Jones (BS '03), gave a poster presentation on behalf of Children's Hospital in St. Louis at the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sarah Landt (BS '06), is employed with Memorial Hospital in Carbondale in the ICU.

Holly Langster (MS '03), is the director of nursing for Baptist Health Medical Center in Heber Springs, Ariz. She also serves on the board of directors of the Arkansas Organization of Nurse Leaders.

Karen Looper (BS '01), gave a poster presentation at the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses in Albuquerque, N.M.

Jeremy Martin (BS '04, MS '08), is a CRNA with Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel.

Corey Meyer (BS '08), is employed by St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Marquato Murry (BS '07), achieved the next level on the Clinical Ladder and was acknowledged by her employer, Anderson Hospital.

Pam Phillips (BS '02), was given recognition through Anderson Hospital for reaching the next level of Clinical Ladder achievement.

Bill Rodgers (MS '07), wrote an article entitled "Performing PCI in a Hospital Without Heart Surgery Backup," that appeared in *Cath Lab Digest*.

Jamie Rosenthal (BS '08), is a nurse on the Women's Health Unit at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

Ashlee Sloman (MS '07), is an instructional assistant professor for Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University in Normal.

Linda Tempinon (BS '05), a graduate of the RN-BS program, passed away on March 6, 2009.

Grant Van Meter (BS '03, MS '08), is a CRNA at Crawford Memorial Hospital in Robinson.

Jessica Walker (BS '02), received recognition through her employer, Anderson Hospital, for reaching the next level of Clinical Ladder achievement.

School of Pharmacy

Michelle McArthur ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy), is currently employed with Kmart Pharmacy in St. Charles, Mo., as a staff pharmacist. She is a member of the SIUE School of Pharmacy Alumni Council.

Travis Willeford ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy), is currently employed with CVS in Springfield as a staff pharmacist. Travis is a member of the SIUE School of Pharmacy Alumni Council.

Once a Cougar... *always* a Cougar!

The cougar has been the official mascot of SIUE since 1967.

While a live cougar no longer roams our campus, the spirit of the beloved mascot is once again visible for all to see. Members of SIUE Student Government and the School Spirit and Pride committee brought the cougar home in 2007. Students raised the funds for a 14-foot-tall bronze statue which graces the entrance to the Morris University Center. The statue was unveiled to a crowd of more than 300 people during Homecoming 2007.



In Their Own Words

You could say the cougar statue has become a new SIUE tradition. Countless photos have been taken by it, prospective students are introduced to it on their campus tours and it has become a common meeting place for students.

Drew Foster, sophomore business management major and Meridian Scholar

"The cougar statue represents the bond that I have with this University."

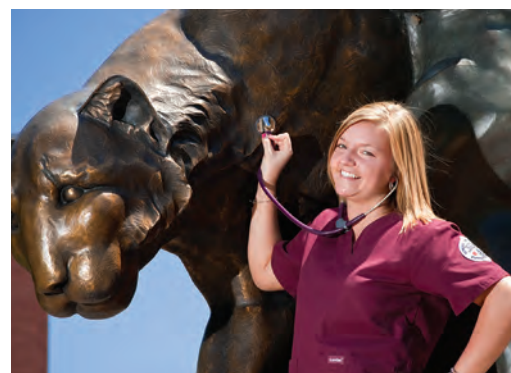


Ebony Thompson, BS '09, SIUE admissions counselor, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority member

"The statue is a reminder of the fact that, when students leave here, they leave with so much more than a classroom can provide."

Abby Cannady, junior nursing major

"Everyone knows exactly what you mean when you talk about the cougar statue. It's also great spot for people to gather and hand things out."



Kate Ponder, sophomore psychology major

"If we are not brought together by anything else on campus—clubs, organizations or sports teams—then the cougar is the one thing that brings everyone together."





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