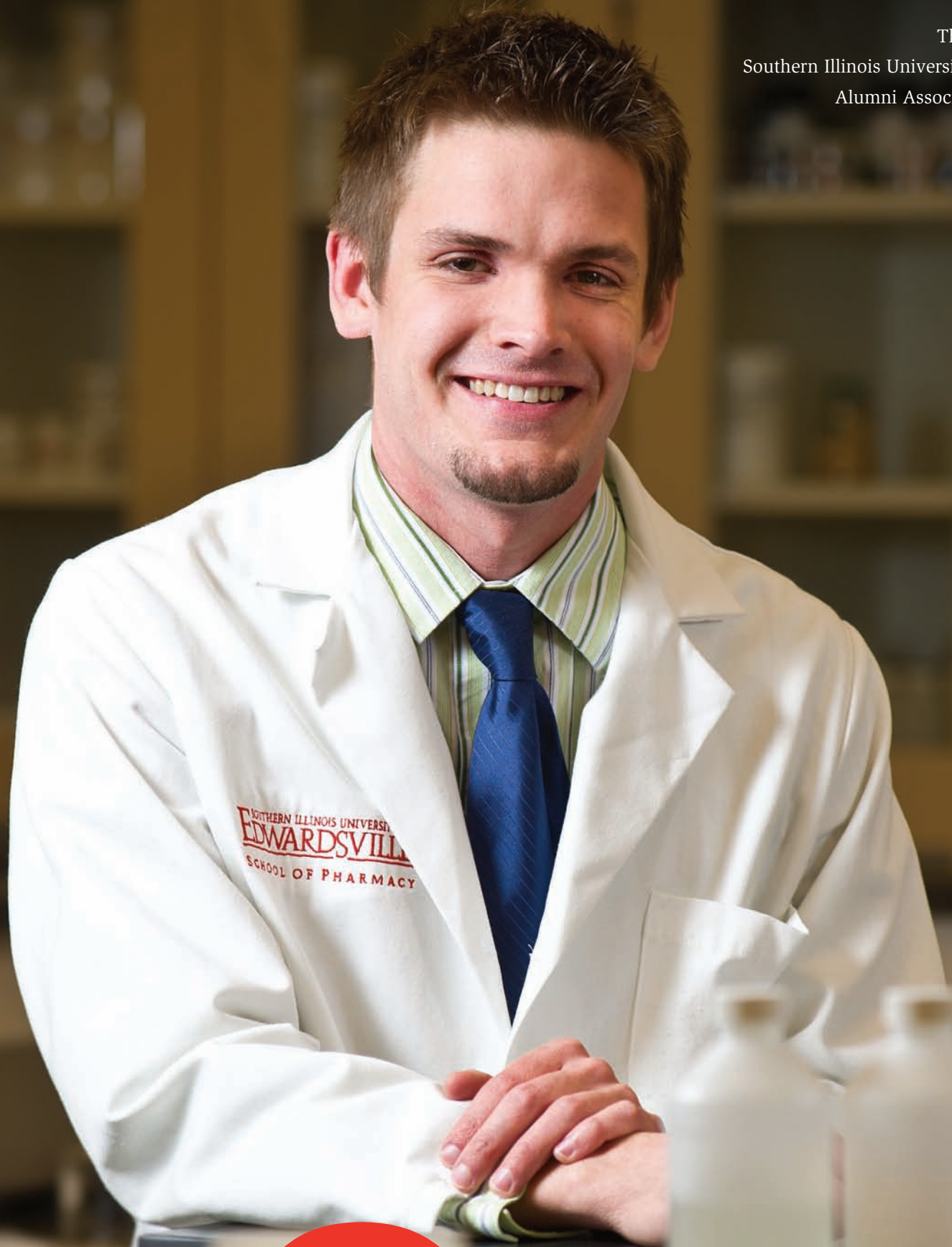


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*“SIUE is achieving national recognition for doing the right things and doing them well.”*

— Vaughn Vandegrift, Ph.D.,  
SIUE Chancellor

**At SIUE, the power of **e** is about achieving educational excellence. That includes excellent reputation, service and safety.**

## Reputation

U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges 2011 edition recognizes SIUE for numerous achievements:

- SIUE is cited as an “up-and-coming school” for the second consecutive year. SIUE is among 68 universities nationwide recognized for recently making “innovative changes in the areas of faculty, student life, campus life or facilities.”
- For the sixth consecutive year, SIUE is listed for its outstanding capstone experience, a comprehensive program measuring the competency of graduating seniors.
- SIUE is among the top 20 public universities in the best Regional Universities Midwest (master's granting) category for the seventh consecutive year. The overall scores are based on the academic preparedness of students, graduation rates, faculty characteristics and the reputation of SIUE in higher education.

## Service

Washington Monthly, a national news magazine, ranks SIUE among the Top 50 master's granting colleges and universities in the nation; SIUE is 14<sup>th</sup> among public institutions on that list. The rankings are based on the University's contribution to the public good in three broad categories: Social Mobility, Research and Service. As noted in the magazine's Sept./Oct. 2010 edition, institutions that make the listing “don't spend a lot of time and money chasing after fame and glory. They're too busy serving their students and communities well.”

SIUE was named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. A total of 2,152 SIUE students engaged in 23,019 hours of community service through volunteer efforts during the 2008-2009 academic year.

## Safety

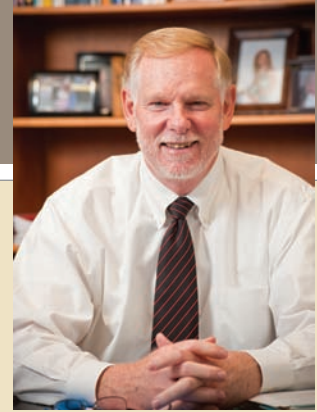
The nationally recognized online news magazine, *The Daily Beast*, ranks SIUE 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation among its Top 50 Safest Colleges with enrollments of 6,000 or more. SIUE police officers are academy trained and engage in a Community Policing program. Under the SIUE Campus Violence Prevention Plan, there are more than 80 emergency phones on campus.

**That's the power of **e**.**

## Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

It is with great sadness that I report the death of a long-time supporter of Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Keith Sanders, SIU Board of Trustees member since 2004 and former executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, passed away on January 12, 2011, after a protracted illness. Dr. Sanders held an unwavering commitment to the well-being and success of the people of Southwestern Illinois, and he represented the best in public service as he diligently promoted the affordable, quality education provided by the Southern Illinois University system.



In keeping with Dr. Sander's passion for providing access to higher education for those of limited means, SIUE has launched its first ever capital campaign that will enhance the scholarship offerings at the University as well as support the academic programming for which SIUE is gaining increasing national recognition. The campaign was announced on March 19, 2011 at a celebration on campus indicating that we have reached \$26 million of our \$50 million goal. With your help SIUE will expand on the incredible impact it has had on Southwestern Illinois over the past 54 years.

Here are some of the University's recent achievements and the types of initiatives and academic ambitions for which your support is critical:

- SIUE's School of Pharmacy has received one of only four national 2011 Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Awards for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes. It is the first pharmacy school to ever receive the award. Congratulations to Interim Dean Gireesh Gupchup and the School of Pharmacy faculty and staff!
- SIUE has received approval from the Higher Learning Commission and Illinois Board of Higher Education to offer two new programs of study leading to a doctorate (Ed.D.) in educational leadership and the doctor of nursing practice (DNP). The Ed.D. program is designed for practicing P-12 school administrators pursuing careers as superintendents or school district leaders. The DNP is intended to equip nurses with the knowledge and experiences needed to change nursing practice.
- Recently approved by the SIU Board of Trustees, the SIUE Teaching and Research Nature Preserve will be a 380-acre expanse of mostly natural area along the western edge of the campus and will be protected from development. The protections will last for at least 50 years, to facilitate long-term research projects.
- Our progress to become certified as an NCAA Division I member is scheduled to be complete July 1, 2012. SIUE student-athletes collectively posted a combined grade point average (GPA) of 3.172 for the 2010 fall semester, the best GPA over the last decade.

On the pages that follow, you'll find inspirational stories about individuals who have benefited from the scholarship offerings at the University or have been instrumental in providing that support. **Defining Excellence – The Campaign for SIUE** is focused on advancing the institution in a variety of areas and donors will be able to indicate their preferences for the distribution of their gifts. What better way to get behind your passion(s) for the future!

Won't you please join us in ensuring that SIUE continues to be a powerhouse of ideas, opportunity and progress for our region in the years to come?

Go Cougars! Go Big **e**!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vaughn Vandegrift".

Vaughn Vandegrift, Ph.D.  
SIUE Chancellor



## Vandegrift Delivers University Address

SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift delivered his annual university address in October, highlighting the important role SIUE is playing in enhancing the economy, attracting students and increasing the diversity of its student body. During his address, *Achieving National Recognition During the National Recession*, Vandegrift noted the incoming freshman class has increased by 18 percent since 2005—from 1,748 to 2,065 students—while the average ACT score has stayed 22.5. The number of minority students at SIUE has increased along with the overall student population growth.

Along with achieving record enrollment for fall 2010 at 14,133 students, Vandegrift referenced the University's consistent various national recognitions during the past several years. He added that nearly 40 percent of SIUE's full-time faculty has applied for and received grants and contracts.

"A University becoming nationally recognized for the excellence of its programs must have dynamic programs that are not only advancing intellectually but attracting students," Vandegrift said. "We have done very well in this regard."

## SIUE's Economic Impact 2010

A study recently completed by faculty in the SIUE School of Business Department of Economics and Finance showed the University had a total economic impact on the region of \$471 million in fiscal year 2010 (compared to \$356 million in 2005). The 2010 Economic Impact Study includes a review of incomes and expenditures in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

- For every state dollar spent on the University, SIUE generates nearly \$7 of economic impact in the local economy.
- SIUE expenditures in the region for goods and services totaled nearly \$66 million during FY10.
- SIUE brought more than 100,000 people into the region to visit and attend athletics events, conferences and shows.
- The University's presence generates almost 9,000 additional jobs.
- SIUE increased state and local tax revenues by nearly \$23 million.

 [siue.edu/economicimpact](http://siue.edu/economicimpact)



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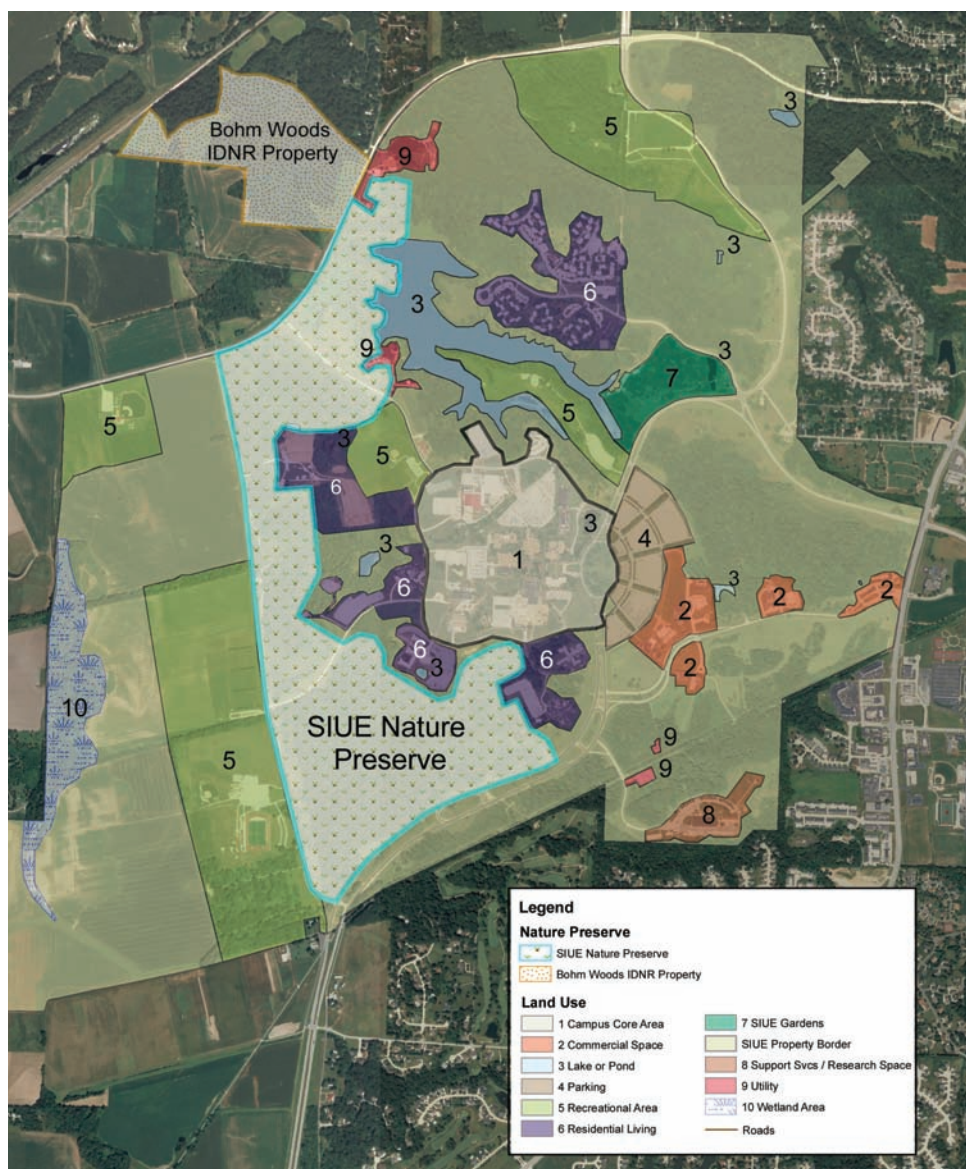
## Nature Preserve Shows SIUE's Green Commitment

Plans to turn 380 acres of the SIUE campus into a nature preserve for teaching and research purposes received recent approval by the SIU Board of Trustees. The SIUE Nature Preserve will feature a dedicated location for scholarship activities, including externally funded faculty research, student research, projects and course opportunities such as field trips, lab projects and class assignments.

"The preserve will be unique in the region and will position SIUE faculty to compete for research funds," said SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift. "This faculty-led initiative

will also facilitate inter-disciplinary collaboration and joint projects with other universities, research foundations and government agencies. The SIUE Nature Preserve will be another example of our University value of citizenship, which includes environmental stewardship."

The area—protected from construction—will contribute to the University's sustainability and energy plans, while complementing other on-campus areas of regional and historic significance, including The Gardens at SIUE and the former Mississippi River Festival site.



*"While our recognition is growing nationally, we have not overlooked our responsibility to serve locally."*

— Vaughn Vandegrift, Ph.D., SIUE Chancellor

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## Construction Update

SIUE has completed more than half of a \$250 million construction and infrastructure improvement plan. Finished projects, including the Student Fitness Center and Early Childhood Center expansions, the building of Evergreen Hall and the Student Success Center and numerous improvement and maintenance projects to campus structures and roads, have allowed the University to accommodate student growth and academic program enhancements.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budgeting Rich Walker said construction on the highly anticipated new Science Building and expansion, which started in Dec. 2009, is moving according to plan. Projects on the horizon include:

- Art and Design Building expansion
- Engineering Building addition
- National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center improvements
- Vadalabene Center renovation and expansion (made possible by a \$4.2 million gift from the Lukas Estate)

## Greek Living and Learning Community

Eight Cougar Village Apartment Complex buildings will be renovated to accommodate Greek organization housing at a cost of \$6.5 million to be funded through the University Housing Repair and Replacement Reserve funds. SIUE's Greek Community consists of 18 chapters and more than 650 members. A task force was established in fall semester 2009 to develop an action plan for those chapters that have an interest in living in a Greek life setting that promotes a sense of community. The model developed is unique to SIUE in that it complements the existing Housing Program, built on the concept of a living-learning environment.

Each building will feature a mix of shared and single bedrooms, with a total accommodation of 176 beds. Building facades will be updated to give each building individual identity. The proposal calls for each community area to feature a study room, living room, multifunction room, storage, dining area and kitchen on the first floor. The proposal also includes plans to promote academic success, to foster personal development, to encourage residential social responsibility, to contribute to campus life and to advance SIUE's commitment to excellence.

To see a virtual tour: [siue.edu/housing/greek.shtml](http://siue.edu/housing/greek.shtml)



*Architectural rendering of Science Building*

## Corn Fractionation at NCERC

Contracts have been awarded for the installation of corn fractionation equipment at the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center (NCERC) which is located in University Park on the SIUE campus. Corn fractionation is the process of separating a corn kernel into its three parts: endosperm (starch), germ (oil) and bran (fiber). According to the Illinois Corn Growers Association, the process is a priority technology in the corn-to-ethanol industry.

The only center of its kind in the world, the NCERC performs research using emerging technologies and offers an analytical lab, fermentation lab, pilot scale ethanol production process and workforce training. University officials have noted the corn fractionation project will be funded through existing grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and gifts from industry.



## We Are One, We Are The "e"

The *We Are One, We Are The "e"* campaign is a campus initiative to celebrate differences in the SIUE community and showcase the campus as a safe and welcoming place for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The campaign's goal is to cultivate a community of citizens dedicated to enrichment through encouraging race and international relations, as well as socioeconomic, sexual orientation, disability and age diversity on campus. Student Government's School Spirit and Pride committee plans to introduce a resource center with information about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues, sexual harassment, race-related issues and other topics.

## MLK Jr. Award Winners Announced

The Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian and Scholarship Awards were presented at SIUE's 28th annual celebration of the birthday of the Rev. King on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The awards are given each year to recognize those who exemplify the philosophy of nonviolent social change as demonstrated by Rev. King.

### **MLK Jr. Scholarship and Humanitarian Award Winner**

**Julian Glover** of Bloomington, is a sophomore pursuing a bachelor's in speech communication at SIUE and an accomplished cellist. He also is active in his church and with the Tomorrow's Scientists, Technicians and Managers program for the past four years within the Urban League organization.

### **Faculty/Staff MLK Jr. Humanitarian Award Winner**

**Denise DeGarmo**, associate professor of political science and chair of that department, teaches international relations courses and is coordinator of the peace and international studies minor program at SIUE.

### **Community MLK Jr. Humanitarian Award Winner**

**Jacqueline Croffett** of Washington Park is a non-traditional student at SIUE and a tireless volunteer for her church and in the community. She serves her community by advocating for the elderly in nursing homes, working with young people at her church, as well as being involved for many years in the local schools.

## SBDC Director Recognized as State Star

The National Association of Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) recently named Kwa Mister, director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at SIUE, one of the Association's 2010 State Stars. Mister was among a select group from across the country recognized by the Association for demonstrating "exemplary" performance, "making significant contributions to ... SBDC programs, and showing a strong commitment to small business." The ASBDC Network is a partnership uniting private enterprise, government, higher education and local nonprofit economic development organizations.

## SIUE Adds Ed.D. Program

The SIUE School of Education will offer a program of study leading to a doctorate (Ed.D.) in educational leadership. The program is designed for practicing P-12 school administrators who want to pursue careers as superintendents or school district leaders. "Through doctoral study, candidates develop expertise in using research to make system-wide changes that benefit all students within the school district," said Mary Weishaar, associate dean and professor of education at SIUE.

Those pursuing the doctorate will typically take two courses per semester. The program can be completed in 54 semester hours. There are three entry points:

- Upon completion of a master's degree and certification as a building level administrator
- While working toward Superintendent certification and the education specialist (Ed.S.) degree in educational administration
- Within 10 years of completion of the Superintendent certification and the Ed.S.

"Acceptance is competitive, and exceptional candidates are selected annually," Weishaar said.

## New Nursing Doctorate Program

The SIUE School of Nursing will offer a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) post-master's degree program starting in fall 2011. A five-semester curriculum, the program will address the newly proposed American Association of Colleges of Nursing regulations. "Students will be immersed in doctoral education through on-campus week-long intensives, focused coursework, experiential learning, self-assessment and reflection on learning, and project management skill development," said Kathy Ketchum, assistant dean for graduate programs in the School of Nursing.

The DNP will help master's prepared, advanced practice nurses move to the next level of expertise. "Building on their specialty practice, DNP graduates will be poised to become leaders as they design new models of nursing care, use evidence-based knowledge in decision-making, better evaluate health care outcomes, identify and manage health care needs of individuals, communities and populations, and use technology and information to create needed change in health care," SIUE Nursing Dean Marcia Maurer said.





## School of Pharmacy Recognized for Student Learning

The SIUE School of Pharmacy is the recipient of one of only four national 2011 Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Awards for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes. The School is the first school of pharmacy to be recognized with the award. Established in 2005, the CHEA award recognizes institutions that have been exceptional in developing and applying evidence of student learning outcomes to improve higher education quality and accountability. The School of Pharmacy's application focused on the Senior Capstone Project, required for all 4th-year students. Consisting of a research project or the development of a specific business plan related to an aspect of pharmacy, the senior capstone is a way students demonstrate the knowledge they have gained during their studies at the University.

## Give Kids a Smile

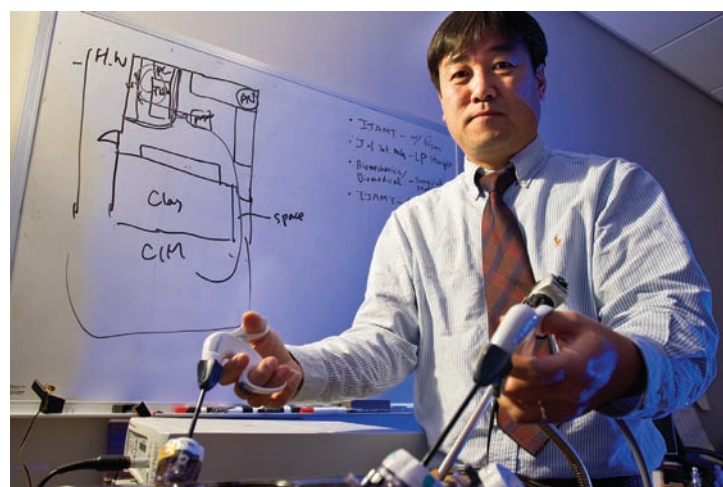
Snow and ice didn't keep kids from smiling during Give Kids A Smile Day on Feb. 4, 2011. "The number of kids was greater than we expected, given the winter storm and school closings during the week," said Dr. Poonam Jain, Director of Community and Preventive Dentistry and the Chair of the Give Kids A Smile Day event at the School of Dental Medicine. During the one-day event, dental school faculty, students, staff and alumni, as well as other volunteer dental professionals from the Madison District Dental Society and the St. Clair District Dental Society, provided free dental care for 105 children. The range of preventive, restorative and surgical care provided for the children included examinations, X-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, fillings and extractions. Dr. Jain noted that the children received comprehensive dental care valued at more than \$45,000 at no charge.

## One Night Wins Regional Award

*One Night*, a collaborative project between SIUE Housing and other University departments and community agencies, was awarded the Outstanding Project Award at the recent Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers conference. Introduced last fall at SIUE, nearly 700 students attended the program that was aimed at shattering students' beliefs that they are invincible to the consequences of alcohol consumption. "The program urged students to consider how their decisions concerning alcohol could land them in a hospital, a morgue or in jail," said University Housing Marketing Specialist Mallory Sidarous.

## Engineering Faculty Awarded \$192K Grant

Sohyung Cho, assistant professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering, received the Major Research Instrumentation Award valued at \$192,844. The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded Cho the grant for his research to construct a state-of-the-art supply chain test bed simulation system in the SIUE School of Engineering. Cho has teamed with engineering professors Felix Lee, Kevin Hubbard and Louis Youn to make the test bed experience worthwhile and to ensure it serves its purposes. The device will be used for education, research and service opportunities, and will provide students, faculty and experts with the hands-on resources needed to investigate and implement solutions to manufacturing and supply chain problems currently facing the industry. The test bed will also be used to operate a student-managed, University-wide company—called "Cougaroar"—that will sell items through the SIUE Bookstore as a primary retailer.





## Success in the Classroom

Success on the field and on the court does not mean sacrifice in the classroom. Following the 2010 fall semester, SIUE student-athletes collectively posted a combined grade point average of 3.172, the highest GPA over the last decade. It marked the ninth consecutive semester SIUE student-athletes recorded a GPA better than 3.0.

“Timely graduation continues to be a top priority for our student-athletes and Intercollegiate Athletics,” said SIUE Director of Athletics Brad Hewitt. “The support structure in place helps our student-athletes excel in the classroom.”

Fourteen of 16 programs finished with a GPA of better than 3.0. Women’s soccer garnered the best team GPA for the fall 2010 semester with a 3.441. Men’s cross country recorded the top GPA among men’s sports with a 3.231.

Nearly 66 percent of all SIUE student-athletes finished the semester with a GPA above 3.0. More than 34 percent of all student-athletes were named to the Dean’s List, posting a semester GPA of 3.5 or better.

## Fall/Winter Season Recap

### Men’s Soccer

SIUE men’s soccer finished 2010 with a 10-5-4 record under Head Coach Kevin Kalish. After being picked sixth in the Missouri Valley Conference’s pre-season poll, the Cougars surprised their critics by challenging for the league’s regular season title. SIUE finished 4-1-2 in MVC play, earning the season seed at the conference tournament. The Cougars ended the season mere penalty kicks from earning SIUE’s first Division I NCAA Tournament berth. Bradley advanced to take the 2010 MVC crown over the Cougars after the tournament championship game finished scoreless through regulation and two overtime periods.

SIUE did not suffer a defeat over the last month of the season. Big victories abounded for the Cougars throughout the season, including winning the inaugural SIUE Men’s Soccer Classic with victories over Dayton and Memphis at Korte Stadium. SIUE enjoyed conference wins over Bradley, Eastern Illinois, Central Arkansas and Drake, while earning ties at Missouri State and nationally-ranked Creighton.

The team completed the season with an RPI of 79 which was second-best among schools in the state of Illinois.

### Women’s Soccer

The SIUE women’s soccer team enjoyed its best season under Head Coach Derek Burton. The Cougars finished the season with an overall record of 8-7-1, nearly tripling their win total from one season ago. In eight home games, the team was 5-3. SIUE was 3-2 versus teams from the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Cougars finished with an RPI of 188, ranking second highest among Division I independents and third-best among OVC schools.

Sophomore Kristin Dierker and freshman Meagan Iffrig tied for the team lead with four goals each. Dierker added an assist to lead the team with nine total points.

### Men’s Basketball

For the second consecutive season, the men’s basketball team earned an in-season tournament championship. SIUE won the Upper Division of the IBN Las Vegas Classic in December. The Cougars defeated Longwood 78-71 and then captured the title with a 59-55 defeat of The Citadel. Junior Corey Wickware was named to the All-Tournament team.

### Women’s Basketball

The women’s team finished the season with 11 wins, its most since the reclassification period began. The Cougars finished with a winning record at home (8-7), and won five of their final six home games. SIUE earned second place at the Florida Gulf Coast Classic. The Cougars finished 2-1 in the three games, losing only to host Florida Gulf Coast who holds the third-longest home court winning streak behind Stanford and UConn.

### Wrestling

The Cougars hosted the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NWCA) North Central Conference Championships Feb. 26 at the Vadalabene Center, finishing second in the team competition. SIUE sent 14 wrestlers to the National Tournament in Macon, Ga., March 10-11, where junior Michael Dace defeated teammate Deshoun White to win the National Championship at 174 pounds.

For more on Cougar Athletics





## Softball and Baseball Update

The softball team, the first team to play a full Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) schedule, is fully eligible for the OVC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament this spring. The Cougars earned the University's first OVC win, defeating Southeast Missouri 11-1 on March 13.

Head Coach Sandy Montgomery ('86) earned her 800<sup>th</sup> victory as the program's head coach when the Cougars defeated Campbell University 6-2 on Feb. 12.

The 2011 season schedule includes nine opponents which advanced to the 2010 NCAA Tournament and three which competed in last year's College World Series. The Cougars faced top-ranked UCLA, also the defending National Champions on Feb. 18 in Las Vegas. SIUE forced extra innings against the Bruins, eventually falling 3-2 in nine innings.

The baseball Cougars continue the road to full Division I certification and boast a schedule that includes 27 home games in 2011. The Cougars will face eight of the nine other OVC schools during the 2011 season. SIUE opened the home season with a three-game sweep of Chicago State, leaving Head Coach Gary Collins ('70) just 23 wins shy of 1,000 in his career at the helm of Cougar baseball.



## Facilities Update

SIUE Athletics continues to grow as it moves forward in the Division I process. This past fall SIUE Athletics completed a major construction project of its locker room space in the Vadalabene Center. The men's basketball, women's basketball, wrestling and volleyball teams all have newly-designed spaces. The upgrades include new lockers, study areas and expanded areas for the coaching staff and student-athletes.

The SIU Board of Trustees recently approved the project and budget for an addition to the Vadalabene Center for use as Athletic Department office space. The design includes office areas for all 18 SIUE sports as well as support staff. The bottom floor of the facility features a state-of-the-art weight room that more than doubles the size of the current space.



The SIUE baseball team received a major upgrade to the SimmonsCooper Complex with a new clubhouse and locker room facility. Artificial turf will make its debut at Roy Lee Field, and the new surface on the infield will allow the team more practice opportunity and playing time.

The SIUE softball team also has received planning approval for an indoor practice facility tentatively scheduled to be built adjacent to Cougar Field on Stadium Road.



# From Your SIUE Alumni Association Board President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

*Giving to SIUE: Fulfilling the promise.*

In 1957, SIUE made a promise. The promise was to educate, inspire and promote its students. SIUE made a promise to nurture and enhance its reputation as a university, thereby strengthening the value of our degrees. SIUE promised to raise the bar with excellent faculty, graduate programs, research grants and opportunities, and amazing cultural possibilities and experiences. SIUE made a promise to invest in us then, and now we have the opportunity to fulfill a promise.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors is proud to partner with the University in its first capital campaign.

**We can give.** With more than 90,000 graduates across the world, we constitute a formidable force to contribute financially to our University. As higher education faces funding challenges, our alumni also face the challenge to support their school. Just think, if each of our grads would send \$11, the alums could boast a \$1 million donation to the campaign. Well, you do the math, I'm an English major.

**We can endorse.** As reported by Chancellor Vandegrift, SIUE had a total impact of \$471 million on the economic health of our region for fiscal year 2010. By any measure, that's quite a hefty return on investment. Our role as a partner with the University includes supporting the businesses and services enhanced by the University. We can also endorse by rooting on the Cougars, attending a play or meditating in The Gardens at SIUE.

**We can nurture.** We can mentor a student, serve on the Library board, subscribe to *Arts & Issues*, socialize during an alumni night at Big Daddy's and proudly wear the SIUE logo.

Our financial gift to the University fulfills the promise to invest in our *alma mater*.

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

Bev Henderson-George, '75 BA, '79 MEd  
SIUE Alumni Association President







# We Are Cougars!

## About the SIUE Alumni Association

Founded in 1973, the SIUE Alumni Association keeps SIUE alumni connected with each other and our *alma mater*. The wording may have changed over the years, but the mission of our organization has remained constant:

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.

### What can an Alumni Association membership mean to you?

- The Association serves as a conduit between the University and its graduates. That provides you with a voice in helping to shape the future of the University which helped shape yours.
- Networking opportunities, career development services and lifelong learning opportunities are available to help you advance personally and professionally.
- Association and University activities and facilities provide you with opportunities to stay connected, socialize, stay physically fit and enrich your life—at a reduced rate.
- Membership provides you with free parking in the Birger Hall lot, giving you easy access to the SIUE campus.
- The wealth and breadth of membership benefits opens the door for you to travel, make purchases, dine out and order on-line with discounts to save you money.\*
- You'll stay up-to-date with the latest news through the alumni magazine and other University publications.
- You can be recognized for your accomplishments through our website, publications and the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame.
- Your involvement makes our University stronger, which enriches the value of your degree, a degree which grows more valuable as the reputation of our *alma mater* continues to grow on the national educational stage.
- Association community service projects and our student mentoring program provide you with opportunities to give back.
- Membership dues fund scholarships for students hoping to someday become SIUE alumni. In 2010, the Association awarded a total of \$25,000 in scholarships, assisting nine students in achieving their goals.

*\*Our membership benefits do change and are enhanced regularly. For the latest listing, visit [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni).*

That leads to a letter we'd like to share with you from an SIUE Alumni Association member whose daughter Emily was awarded the SIUE Alumni Legacy Scholarship. This letter is reprinted with the permission of Karen Beyer, '80 BA.

*Mr. Jankowski,*

*I am writing out a small donation to the SIUE Foundation for the College of Arts and Sciences, wishing I could do more and thinking about how much we appreciated the Alumni Association's scholarship awarded to Emily in 2009.*

*That year of not having to worry about if we could juggle making Emily's tuition payment was certainly a blessing. Trying to figure out how we were going to make everything work when my husband and I had lost our long-time employment just two years apart, was one of the most stressful times in our lives.*

*Luckily for us, we are both now gainfully employed again and slowly making our way back to something closer to normal (or the new normal). Emily is still excelling in all of her class work and, thanks to being able to work only 16 to 20 or so hours a week, has been able to join and participate in Psi Chi and the Psychology Club.*

*Thanks to the Alumni Association's help, we were given the gift of time to sort out our options in paying for the rest of Emily's undergraduate education and minimizing her debt so she is better positioned financially to attend graduate school.*

*Again, our thanks and hopes that we will be able to express our appreciation in donating in whatever small ways we are able.*

*Best regards,  
Karen Beyer*

### The time to join has never been better. Joining the Alumni Association is easy.

- Call 618-650-2760
- Visit us in Birger Hall on the SIUE campus
- Download the form at [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni)
- Join online at [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni)

Realizing there are experiences unique to certain Schools, Colleges and individual alumni, the Association has assisted in the establishment of organizations which represent those unique experiences. You can also participate in the SIU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association, the SIUE School of Pharmacy Alumni Association and the Black Alumni Association. Participation in each of these organizations requires membership in the SIUE Alumni Association.

# Networking. Connecting. Fun!

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

## September 2010

The Alumni Association hosted a networking breakfast in Fenton, Mo. on Sept. 15. The featured speaker was Sherry Hausmann, a 1987 graduate of the SIUE School of Nursing and president of SSM St. Clare Health Center.

SIUE alumni, staff and friends attended a happy hour at Michael's Outdoor Grill in Highland on Sept. 16. The Alumni Event Ambassadors for the evening were Melissa Glauber, '03 BS; Sandy Chinn, '74 BA and Ajay Kansal, '89 MS.



The SIUE Alumni Association and the Office of Educational Outreach assembled a panel of speakers to discuss the basics of fundraising during the SIUE Fundraising 101 Workshop on Sept. 22. The panel speakers included Julie Pietroburgo, '98 MPA, SIUE associate professor; Barbara Cempura, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois;



Kelly Millington, vice president of financial development at the YMCA of Southwest Illinois; Greg Cox, '09 MPA, president of Cox Non-Profit Consulting; and Terri Andrews '91 BS, director of development for the SIUE School of Pharmacy.

The Alumni Association and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics hosted a pre-game alumni reception for Chicago area alumni on Sept. 30 at Morgan's on Maxwell. Attendees later cheered the SIUE men's soccer team to victory against the University of Illinois at Chicago.

## October 2010

SIUE hosted an alumni reception for Dallas area alumni on Oct. 20 at the Gleneagles Country Club. The honorary event chair was Pete Delkus, a 1990 graduate from SIUE and the meteorologist on WFAA-TV.



The Alumni Association hosted a day of wine tasting, networking and fun during the SIUE Alumni Day at the Grafton Winery on Oct. 23. Alumni met current members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and helped honor our former board members.

**Looking for an old friend or classmate?  
We can help. Contact us at [alumni@siue.edu](mailto:alumni@siue.edu)**



## SIUE Homecoming 2010

The SIUE Alumni Association inducted 15 honorees into the 2010 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame. The awards dinner was held on Oct. 8 in the Morris University Center Conference Center.

The School of Pharmacy Class of 2013 and STAT hosted the Cougar 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 9. The race started at the Technology Management Center in University Park.

The SIUE club football team defeated the Ohio State University club football team on Oct. 9. The game at Korte Stadium included an opening performance by the SIUE Concert Chorale Alumni and the AlumniZone Hospitality Tent.



SIUE Homecoming weekend ended with the men's soccer team beating Bradley University at Korte Stadium. The event included the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off from 6-7:30 p.m.

SIUE Homecoming Cougar Fest was the new community festival sponsored by the Alumni Association and Campus Activities Board. The event included live music from three area bands — Aaron Kamm and the One Drops, Sheila Shahpari and Mr. Wizard. Attendees enjoyed free activities, food booths and the AlumniZone Hospitality Tent.

The SIUE Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, in conjunction with Campus Recreation and the Alumni Association, hosted the first "Haunted House of Hoops" on Oct. 28. The free family event offered trick-or-treating and interactive games with Intercollegiate Athletics and club teams.



SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame 2010 Honorees

## November 2010

The Alumni Association hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SIUE Alumni Trivia Night on Nov. 6 at the Collinsville American Legion. The event raised money for alumni programming and student scholarships.



The Alumni Association and the Friends of Theater and Dance (FOTAD) hosted a pre-performance alumni reception for Dance in Concert 2010 in the lobby of Dunham Hall on Nov. 12. Guests enjoyed complimentary drinks and dessert.

The Alumni Association and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics hosted a pre-game reception at the Firehouse Grill in Normal on Nov. 14. Alumni attendees cheered for the SIUE men's basketball team when they played Illinois State University.

The Alumni Association, the Office of Educational Outreach and the Career Development Center hosted the SIUE "Making a Career Transition" Workshop on Nov. 16 at Birger Hall. The workshop presented information on researching a new career path, resumé tips and interview skills. The panel speakers included: Josh Kaffenberger, career counselor; Laci Warden, '07 MPA, career counselor; and Andrew Lenhardt, '04 BS, '06 MPA, assistant director, SIUE Office of Human Resources.



### January 2011

The Alumni Association hosted an Apres-Ski Happy Hour for Denver-area alumni on Jan. 6 at Doc's Roadhouse in Winter Park. Alumni Board President Bev George attended the SIUE Ski Trip with Campus Recreation and hosted a welcome breakfast and other get-togethers for the alumni attendees.



The Alumni Association and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics invited Chicago-area alumni to cheer for the men's basketball team when they took on Northwestern University of Jan. 20. Alumni attended a 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Reception at Lou Molnati's in Evanston following the game.

The Alumni Association hosted the SIUE Alumni Night with the Cougars on Jan. 26. Alumni cheered for the men's basketball team when they played Murray State University. The event included a pre-game reception at Birger Hall, reserved seating in the AlumniZone cheering section and a complimentary photo with the new Cougar mascot.



### February 2011

STAT hosted the Nearly Naked Mile on the SIUE Quad on Feb. 17. Participants ran a one-mile fun run starting at 12 p.m. The event collected warm clothing donation items for the Glen Ed Pantry.



## Staying Connected

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

### Online — [siue.edu/alumni](http://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](http://siue.edu/media)

### In person

- Social events
- Volunteering
- Lifelong learning opportunities

### Volunteer Opportunity

The SIUE Office of Admissions is recruiting volunteers to assist with recruitment of prospective students. You will attend college fairs in your community with an SIUE admissions counselor during the fall 2011 academic year. Interested? Please contact Eboni Thompson: 618-650-2754 or [ebthomp@siue.edu](mailto:ebthomp@siue.edu).

# Upcoming Events

## Ubu Roi

April 13-17

### SIUE Fine Arts Box Office

618-650-2774

Dunham Hall, Room 1042

*Special rates for organized groups of 10 +*

Remember to show your SIUE Alumni Association membership card to receive a discount on University Theater performances (*restrictions may apply*).

U N I V E R S I T Y



## Arts & Issues Series 2010-2011

### Simon Shaheen

Thursday, April 14, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

### Ken Burns - "The Civil War"

Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

### 500 Clown Frankenstein

Presented by Arts & Issues and SIUE Xfest

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Dunham Hall Theater - LIMITED SEATING

[siue.edu/xfest](http://siue.edu/xfest)

**Tickets: 618-650-5774**

[artsandissues.com](http://artsandissues.com)



### SIUE Chicago Alumni Weekend

Alumni Reception at the Art Institute of Chicago

Saturday, May 14

Private Rooftop Party at the Cubs v. Giants Game

Sunday, May 15

### SIUE Alumni Networking Breakfast

Springfield, Ill.

Tuesday, May 17

Featured Speaker: Dr. Erik Constance, '84 BS, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, SIU School of Medicine

### SIUE Alumni Association

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 2

### SIUE Alumni Day at Busch Stadium

Sunday, June 5

Cardinals vs. Cubs

### SIUE Alumni Networking Breakfast

Edwardsville

Wednesday, July 13

Featured Speaker: Frank Padak, '84 BS, President & CEO, Scott Credit Union

### SIUE Alumni Happy Hours

Visit [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni) for dates and locations

### SIUE Hometown Parties

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### Save The Date!

#### SIUE Homecoming 2011

Oct. 3-8, 2011

#### Oct. 7

Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Dinner

#### Oct. 8

SIUE Homecoming Soccer Game

Visit [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni) for a complete schedule of events



### Cougar Lake Pool

Make a splash this summer at the Cougar Lake Outdoor Pool!

The outdoor pool opens Memorial Day weekend.

Memberships go on sale May 2.

For more information, call 618-650-2348 or visit [siue.edu/crec](http://siue.edu/crec)

## 2011 Summer ShowBiz

### Lend Me a Tenor

June 22-25, 7:30 pm

June 26, 2 pm matinee

### Music Man

July 13-16, 7:30 pm

July 17, 2 pm matinee

### Cougar Theater Company Productions

*A Theater for Young Audience Company presenting plays written for children and teens*

### Aesop's Fables

May 28, 2 pm and 7 pm

### Searching for the Sidewalk

June 11, 2 pm and 7 pm

All performances will take place in the Dunham Hall Theater.

For more information, visit [siue.edu/](http://siue.edu/artsandsciences/theater/SummerProductions.shtml)

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# Help Us Define Excellence

*SIUE goes public with its first capital campaign.*

At SIUE, we believe in saying, “Yes.” Yes to affordable education. Yes to academic excellence. Yes to improving our region.

More than half of our 90,000 graduates live and work in the region, and SIUE makes a \$471 million economic impact each year.

During the last decade, our ability to say “Yes” has been challenged as state funding has declined from 46 percent of our operating budget in fiscal year 1999 to 26 percent in fiscal year 2011. To accommodate the state funding shortfall, the University’s tuition revenue has increased from 17 percent of our total costs to 30 percent in that same time period, substantially increasing the financial burden on our students and their families.

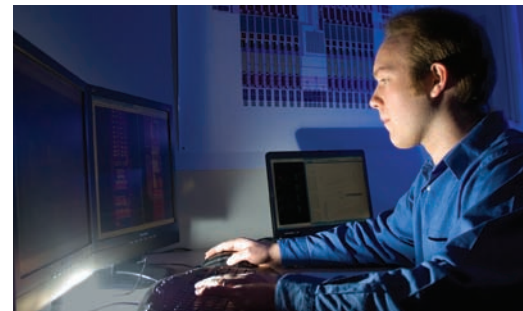
Since 1999, state funding for SIUE has declined from 46 percent of our operating budget to 26 percent.

**Defining Excellence — The Campaign for SIUE**, our first ever capital campaign, enables you to help us continue to say “Yes.” SIUE is an excellent investment in our region and our state, preparing the next generation of civic, health care and business leaders.

SIUE prepares the next generation of leaders to meet our region’s economic challenges.

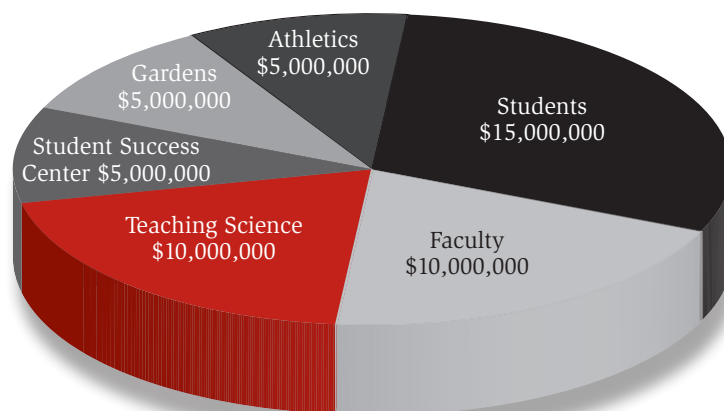
Your contributions ensure that future students will receive the same excellent education you received. Your support will help us attract the best faculty and students, continuing SIUE’s ascent in reputation and increasing the value of your diploma. **Defining Excellence — The Campaign for SIUE** is an opportunity to invest in SIUE’s momentum. We seek to raise \$50 million in private gifts above and beyond our state allocations.

Only private gifts can build the SIUE endowment, a vital source of funding for the University.



# Six Fundraising Priorities

- Support for Students \$15,000,000
- Support for Faculty \$10,000,000
- Ideal Environment for Teaching Science \$10,000,000
- Student Success Center \$5,000,000
- Cultivating the Gardens at SIUE \$5,000,000
- Defining Athletics Excellence \$5,000,000



## Support for Students

Our largest campaign goal is focused on enhancing SIUE's nationally recognized education and keeping it affordable for all students. Your gift will go toward scholarships, the Honors Program, study abroad opportunities, research funding, instructional technology and our nationally recognized senior capstone program.

## Support for Faculty

With a 17-to-1 student-teacher ratio, our nationally recognized faculty members mentor our students, working side-by-side with them on groundbreaking research and shaping them as community-minded leaders. Join us in our commitment to growing the number of endowed professorships and supporting SIUE's teacher-scholar model.

## Ideal Environment for Teaching Science

SIUE is an engine for scientific discovery and education in the fields of nursing, dental medicine, pharmacy and engineering, as well as the biological and physical sciences. In order to meet the growing demand for scientifically prepared graduates we need your help to update equipment for our science program and create more state-of-the-art learning laboratories.

## Student Success Center

Our Student Success Center offers services that students need to thrive in the classroom and throughout their collegiate careers in one central location. You can inspire and nurture student success and retention by giving to the facility and programs (academic support, learning resources and student activities).

## Cultivating The Gardens at SIUE

One of three Signature Gardens of the Missouri Botanical Garden, The Gardens at SIUE is more than a beautiful destination for the community; it also serves as a living laboratory for scientific discovery. Your support will foster cross-disciplinary research and the implementation of green technologies.

## Defining Athletic Excellence

Since beginning the four-year transition to NCAA Division I competition in 2008, SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics now must rely on philanthropic support like never before. You can help endow scholarships for deserving student-athletes and improve facilities so our teams can compete at the highest level of intercollegiate competition.

## Perspectives on Excellence



**Adrian Matejka**  
2010 William and Margaret Going  
Endowed Professor, Dept. of English  
Language and Literature,

*"Your donations will  
allow us to continue  
helping students to  
expand their horizons."*



**Candi LeDuc, BS '08, RN**  
Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical  
Center, St. Louis

*"Say yes to helping  
students just like me  
fulfill their dreams."*

# How you can help define excellence

Your contributions ensure that future students will receive the same excellent education you received. Your support will help us attract the best faculty and students, continuing SIUE's ascent in reputation and increasing the value of your diploma.

## Support for Students

### Scholarships

Several academic units are raising funds for both need-based and merit-based scholarships for use in recruiting deserving students and providing the opportunity for them to reach their full potential.



**College of Arts and Sciences: \$1.5 million**

**School of Dental Medicine: \$500,000**

**School of Education: \$1 million**

**School of Engineering: \$2 million**

**School of Pharmacy: \$125,000**

### Student Life

A growing student population requires expanded support services and opportunities to learn and grow in a dynamic campus environment.

**Early Childhood Center: \$25,000**

**International Student Support and Study Abroad: \$500,000**

**Student Organizations and Sports Clubs: \$500,000**

**Leadership Development: \$800,000**

### School of Education

The School is seeking to enhance several community outreach programs that will supplement student learning experiences while providing service to the community.

**Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic: \$25,000**

**Attention and Behavior Clinic: \$15,000**

**Cougar Literacy Clinic: \$15,000**

**Speaker Series: \$270,000**

**Weight Management Clinic: \$1.5 million**

### School of Pharmacy Support for Student Affairs: \$125,000

The School seeks support for student-centered initiatives that foster student development and prepare them to be enlightened, responsible members of diverse communities.

### School of Business

#### Rookie Camp: \$1 million

An upgrade to the current orientation program, Rookie Camp will incorporate learning modules in ethics and data/information acquisition.

#### Cougar Business Resource Center: \$2 million

A professional skills resource center will provide the technologies and resources students need to foster teamwork and hone their communication skills.

### School of Nursing

#### Student Nurse Achievement Program (SNAP): \$1 million

SNAP is a five-year bachelor of science in nursing program for students from underserved communities. Students agree to return to their communities and provide nursing services for at least one year after graduation.

#### Advanced Education Simulated Learning Center: \$2 million

By simulating the patient experience in a state-of-the-art lab, graduate students will gain the knowledge and confidence they need to provide superior patient care.

### School of Engineering Support for Student Projects: \$1 million

By working in student design teams, students gain not only relevant technical knowledge, but also invaluable communication, teamwork and leadership skills.

### Library and Information Services

#### Endowment for Collections: \$600,000

An endowment is vital to expanding the current collections and preserving the prized collections that are already held.

#### Digitization of Special Collections: \$100,000

By electronically converting text, images, video and audio to digital copies, information can be utilized anytime, anywhere. These collections have been largely unavailable to users because of their value and delicate condition.

#### Library Enhancement: \$400,000

Converting outmoded space into a Learning Commons with group learning rooms is critical to students and faculty as they conduct research and share ideas.

## Student Success Center

### Program and Equipment Support: \$3 million

Your gift will ensure student success by supporting important student services, technology and programs.



## Support for Faculty

### **School of Business: \$2.5 Million**

Endowed chairs and professorships will attract and retain the brightest minds and best teacher-scholars. Priority areas are entrepreneurship, marketing, ethics and accounting.

### **College of Arts and Sciences: \$1 million**

A visiting artist-professor program will increase recruitment and retention of gifted faculty and students and enhance cultural opportunities offered to the community-at-large.

### **School of Dental Medicine: \$2 million**

A faculty recruitment and retention endowment will allow the School to supplement salaries and compete with lucrative private practice opportunities.

### **School of Education: \$20,000**

A faculty-in-residence program will increase Charter School student achievement by strengthening the partnership between the School of Education and the East St. Louis Charter School.

### **Graduate School: \$1 million**

An endowed scholar-in-residence program will bring internationally recognized scholars to SIUE to teach courses, conduct colloquia for faculty and make public presentations.

## Ideal Environment for Teaching Science

### **Science Building Equipment Funding: \$3.5 million**

From the most basic equipment needs such as computers and wet labs to the purchase of highly sophisticated scientific equipment, there are many ways to help outfit laboratories and classrooms.

### **College of Arts and Sciences Technology: \$3 million**

A multi-media laboratory will help the mass communications program remain one of the best programs of its kind in the nation. The Physics Observatory will offer students and faculty exciting new astronomical research opportunities and educational outreach programs.



### **The Center for Drug Design and Discovery: \$250,000**

To keep pace with rapid advancements in the pharmacy field, faculty and students need access to the latest technologies, scientific instruments and equipment.

## Cultivating The Gardens

### **The Prairie House featuring Illinois Landscapes: \$750,000**

Built of indigenous materials, the Prairie House will serve as an outdoor classroom and a stunning venue for events and celebrations.

The landscape will showcase the inherent beauty and restorative qualities of essential Southwestern Illinois ecosystems.



## Defining Athletics Excellence

### **SIUE Indoor Field House: \$4 million**

SIUE's soccer, softball, baseball, tennis, golf and track & field programs drastically need indoor practice facilities, especially during the winter months.

### **Soccer/Track Stadium Enhancement: \$1 million**

A state-of-the-art complex will provide our student-athletes optimal practice and competition facilities and will demonstrate our continued commitment to their success.



### **Scholarship Assistance: \$4 million**

Too often, limited financial resources can be barriers for student-athletes, many of whom are first generation college students.

### **Softball/Baseball Complex: \$1 million**

A renovated complex will support recruitment efforts, enhance Division I competitiveness, and serve as a community resource for local and regional teams.

Visit [siue.edu/definingexcellence](http://siue.edu/definingexcellence)



To learn more about each of these projects and the impact you can have on student's lives

# Say “Yes” to Student Success

Mark Hotop calls enrolling in the SIUE School of Pharmacy “one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.” But because he lived in Missouri, he wasn’t even going to apply, believing his chances of being accepted weren’t very good.

The manager of the pharmacy where Mark worked at the time had met members of the SIUE pharmacy faculty and encouraged Mark to apply. Not only was Mark accepted into the School of Pharmacy, he was named the recipient of the Charles Dragovich Scholarship.

Dragovich graduated from SIUE in 1986 with a bachelor’s in chemistry. The scholarship he created is awarded to an individual who demonstrates leadership skills, manifested through volunteer and work experience.

Mark believes his work ethic, positive attitude toward the School and the pharmacy profession, and his understanding of the issues and challenges facing pharmacies today all contributed to him being selected for the scholarship. “Receiving the scholarship has encouraged me to continue working hard to prepare myself to be a competent pharmacist in such an exciting profession,” Mark said.

Mark completed his pre-pharmacy coursework at Southeast Missouri State University. Since coming to SIUE, he has been impressed by the number of activities, events and organizations available to students. Mark is currently a member of the American Pharmacists Association, which consists of committees designed to promote health awareness. He is also a member of the Student Society of Health System Pharmacists. These activities, including the School’s outreach to elementary schools, have ingrained in him the strong sense of camaraderie which exists within the School of Pharmacy.

*“I feel it’s very important to give back to the School of Pharmacy and the people who supported me.”*



The event which has had the greatest impression on him however was the White Coat Ceremony. “This was an event which not only welcomed us to the School of Pharmacy, but showed us how important our roles in society will be,” Mark said.

He said the faculty and their active approach to the student learning process have significantly enhanced his learning. “They have shown me why a pharmacist is an essential component of the health care team.”

Mark has a variety of interests as he approaches graduation, but he currently plans on pursuing a position within a hospital pharmacy. He is certain, however, that the education he is receiving at SIUE will make all the difference in his career and his life. “The SIUE School of Pharmacy is preparing me for a great start in my profession,” he said. “I feel it’s very important to give back to the School and the people who supported me.”



# Say “Yes” to Providing Opportunity

Carol Nativi describes her life as nothing exciting — the girl next door, more or less. She was born and raised in Highland, graduating from the tiny St. Paul Catholic High School in 1968. There is, however, what Carol calls a “little known fact” about her life which helped make a huge difference in the person she is today.

Carol was a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist. When her teachers learned of the recognition, they quickly asked, “So what are you going to do?” Fortunately for Carol, who was also an Illinois State Scholar, SIUE was just opening the Edwardsville campus.

The scholarship support and proximity of campus to her home enabled her to enroll at SIUE, becoming the first member of her family to go to college. “I had full tuition and fees. The only thing I really needed was money for gas,” Carol said.

She remembers her time on the SIUE campus as exciting. “It was the sixties. There was so much going on politically, and a lot of it was happening on college campuses,” she said. “SIUE was filled with students who had come from a background where their parents had been unable to have a college education. In my memory, it was some of the best years of my life. It changed the way I looked at the world.”

Carol earned a BA in social welfare in 1971 and an MS in counselor education a year later.

The availability of scholarships for her own experience, combined with a love of higher education, led Carol to begin giving back to the University soon after graduation. “I feel strongly about that!” she said. “At any given time, there are very deserving students who are qualified and have great potential. But if they don’t have the opportunity to finance a college education, that talent is not accessed.”

Almost ten years ago, Carol became a member of the Friends of the Lovejoy Library. She helped lead the efforts to rectify something she always thought was unusual—the north entrance to the Lovejoy Library was sealed within days of the building opening. “I have memories of when I was a student here and seeing the doors that didn’t go anywhere.”

Thanks in part to Carol’s efforts, they now do. Lovejoy Library’s north entrance reopened in spring 2010. “Today when I’m on campus and I walk through those doors, it gives me a very good feeling that I was able to do something to give back.”

Carol has a challenge for those alumni who have ever considered giving back or have resisted the possibility. “If you have not been back on campus, and there are so many people who have not, I challenge you to come back and see the strides SIUE has made,” she said. “As alumni, we can all be proud to have been part of the University’s history. Together, we can be a part of an even greater future.”

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# Say “Yes” to Better Health Care

Reputation is what drove Candi Moyer LeDuc to select SIUE. “I wanted to go somewhere where I felt I mattered, belonged as a student and wouldn’t be lost in a crowd,” she said. “The professors at SIUE really care about each individual student and take the time to get to know them.”



*“I hope one day to be able to give back to the School of Nursing for everything it has done for me.”*

During her junior year in the SIUE School of Nursing, Candi applied for the Rose M. Juhasz Scholarship, named for a woman who had been an OB nurse for many years. “I knew I had a strong interest in obstetrics and mother/baby care, so I was greatly honored to be named recipient of such a prestigious scholarship.”

Candi felt that the best way she could honor the memory of Rose Juhasz was to become a successful nurse in the field in which Ms. Juhasz practiced. To make that happen, Candi dove into the educational experience offered by SIUE. “I was greatly involved in many activities and committees,” Candi said. “The interaction and relationships I developed with faculty and staff are something I will never forget.”

Candi credits Professor Laura Bernaix for guiding her through the Undergraduate Research Academy, which impacted her both academically and professionally. She was also a Dean’s Scholar in the School of Nursing, which put her in regular and direct contact with Dean Marcia Maurer. Candi stresses she deeply values the Dean’s opinion and insight which helped shaped her career.

True to her pledge to the memory of Rose Juhasz, Candi became a full-time nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center in St. Louis. She continues to believe in the importance of being involved and has chaired the Quality Improvement Committee, attended Continuous Quality Improvement School and is leading a team in the unit to decrease infection rates among infants.

In August 2010, Candi returned to SIUE as a graduate student. She is enrolled part-time in the family nurse practitioner program and hopes to graduate in December 2013. Candi’s long-term plans include an education degree from SIUE so she can serve on the faculty of the School of Nursing.

“SIUE has done so much for me,” she said. “Not only did I receive an excellent education, but the University and its people have helped me to develop into the person I am today. I hope one day to be able to give back to the School for everything it has done for me.”

As you are reading this, Candi and her husband are celebrating the birth of their first child.



# Say “Yes” to Supporting Students

Vania Churovich describes her decision to attend SIUE as one based on practicality. “I wanted an institution that offered a high-end education, minus the high-end price,” she said. “SIUE was also close to home while being recognized locally and nationally.”

Before transferring to SIUE, Vania spent a lot of time planning how she would finance her education. A search of institutional scholarships led her to the Bessie May Briggs Mason Endowed Scholarship available at SIUE. The scholarship is specifically targeted for elementary education majors, Vania’s collegiate goal. She applied and was named one of the recipients of the award.

When Vania started at SIUE, she had concerns about attending what she considers a large university. She was worried that she would not have the opportunity to develop strong relationships with her instructors and other educational professionals. “I have been greatly surprised by the welcoming spirit of SIUE, the professors’ openness and desire to get to know their students, and the encouragement to maintain a supportive connection after graduation.”

Vania especially credits Assistant Professors Jessica Krim and Ralph Cordova in the School of Education with providing her opportunities to try out “sweeping ideas” through an undergraduate science research project. The article produced by the collaboration was recently accepted into an educational science journal.

She also doesn’t stray far from the fact that she has had a tremendous boost, thanks to the generosity of others. “I cannot describe the feeling of not having to dig into the deep pockets of debt to fund my education,” Vania said. “This has personally inspired me to do my best and give back to the community. I would one day like to set up a scholarship fund to support hardworking students in need of financial support so they can meet the educational and career goals that would otherwise be out of reach.”

Vania is a member of the educational honor society Kappa Delta Pi and participates in a number of volunteer activities. She has worked for three years as an afterschool tutor and mentor at the middle school in Granite City. She graduates in May 2011.

“Where my career will go after graduation, I don’t know, but I’m eager to find out! By looking for opportunities to continue learning, I will maintain and spread the good name of SIUE!”



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# Say “Yes” to Expanding Horizons

Anastasia Asare was born in Accra, Ghana. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Ghana. Anastasia had applied to universities in such diverse locations as Norway and Canada for her graduate studies. Her uncle, Isaac Blankson, associate professor of speech communication and chair of that department at SIUE, encouraged her to come to Edwardsville.



“Since I was going to be far away from home, I thought it would be nice to be close to family and decided to explore the possibilities,” Anastasia said. “That singular decision turned out to be one of the best decisions I have made. SIUE not only offered me the sense of family I desired, but a quality education and great professors.”

While a graduate student at SIUE, Anastasia benefitted from the University’s graduate assistantship program. “This generous support had a tremendous impact on my educational and personal experience,” she said. “It allowed me the opportunity to attain a quality education by making it affordable. This is but one of the many things which endears SIUE to me.”

Anastasia has special memories of her time spent in the Department of Geography where she earned a master of science in geographical studies with a specialization in geomorphology and geographical information systems in

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2006. “My professors, particularly my advisor Associate Professor Francis Odemerho, had an incredible impact on me,” she said. “He offered me the encouragement and guidance I needed to successfully complete my program.”

Anastasia was actively involved in the international student organization while on campus, which she considered an opportunity to give back to the campus. She graduated with honors and as a member of the geographical honors society. “The opportunities and challenges that confronted me prepared me for my career and life after SIUE.”

Anastasia is currently a GIS specialist with ABNA Engineering in St. Louis and plans to pursue her Ph.D. in the near future. She considers giving back to her *alma mater* a priority. “SIUE holds a special place in my heart, not just for my education, but for the beautiful memories and experiences that I have enjoyed. I look forward to giving back to my home away from home as the opportunity arises.”



*Isaac Blankson, associate professor of speech communication, is Anastasia’s uncle who encouraged her to attend SIUE.*



# Say “Yes” to Changing Lives

Junting Wang had completed her undergraduate studies at Tunghai University in Taiwan. In 1979 she began her graduate studies in music at Rice University in Texas. It was during that time she discovered the teaching methods of a dynamo pianist named Ruth Slenczynska. That meant a transfer to SIUE where Ruth was an artist in residence. The move to SIUE would dramatically alter Junting’s piano performance, as well as her life.

Junting writes lovingly of the place she calls the *The Cottage on the Hilltop*, known to students as the “Piano House.” It was there she first encountered the diminutive professor of music, a performer who had studied under Rachmaninoff.

That first encounter began a relationship that would take Junting from a struggling pianist to a polished performer with an extremely clear and distinct musical sense. She completed her master’s at SIUE in 1982 and is currently an associate professor in the National University of Arts and Soochow University in Taiwan.

“I feel very lucky to have pursued further education at SIUE because of the beautiful campus and the kind teachers,” she said. “I am still immensely grateful to all of the professors because they gave students the time and space in which to grow, without the harsh rigidity which can impede real progress.”

At home in Taiwan, Junting translated Slenczynska’s *Music at Your Fingertips* and her biography *Forbidden Childhood* into Chinese. That effort led to a desire to conduct personal research on the woman who had done so much for Junting’s life in music. “I went back to my *alma mater* to do research many times after graduating from SIUE,” Junting said. “Every time I went back, I felt at home.”



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While wading through the myriad of documents and materials on her beloved professor, Junting discovered wear, tear and the yellowing of time. Realizing the importance of protecting these fragile pieces, she provided part of the funding needed for Lovejoy Library to digitize the collection, making the information more accessible and protected.

Even with the passage of time, what seems to hold the strongest memory for Junting Wang is that cottage on the top of the hill and the vitality of a powerful human force for music and learning. “What is it that pulled at my heart?” Junting writes. “I believe it must be a kind of conviction. A simple one, but a conviction so resolute it must be close to religious fervor.”

To read *The Cottage on the Hilltop* in its entirety, visit:

[siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni) 



# STAT — Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

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

## STAT Events

### August 2010

STAT and the Alumni Association participated in the annual Block Party hosted by SIUE and the City of Edwardsville on Aug. 27.

STAT hosted an orientation training session for the 2010-11 officers and board members on Aug. 28. The day started with cupcake decorating at The Cup and ended with lunch at Peel Wood Fire Pizza, both in Edwardsville.

### September 2010

STAT hosted its Welcome Back BBQ on Sept. 9. The event featured free food, live music, prizes and a bags tournament. STAT recruited new student members and welcomed current members to the organization.

STAT hosted an All-Member Meeting on Sept. 29. STAT members learned more about the organization, met the student officers and board members and networked during the meeting which was held in the Student Success Center.

### October 2010

STAT hosted its first mentor mixer of the school year on Oct. 13 at Birger Hall. Student and alumni participants in the STAT Alumni Mentor Program enjoyed dinner and the chance to interact with other members of the program.

### November 2010

STAT hosted a mixer for the student and alumni participants of the STAT Alumni Mentor Program on Nov. 10 at Cougar Lanes in the Morris University Center.



### December 2010

On Dec. 5, the STAT executive committee hosted an Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. During the party, the group awarded prizes for the ugliest sweater, exchanged Secret Santa gifts and enjoyed a potluck meal.

## A New Mission

The STAT executive committee held a strategic planning session in October to review the organization's mission, vision and goals. The organization is pleased to announce the new mission:

*The mission of STAT is to create relationships with SIUE alumni and other students while strengthening your lifelong loyalty to SIUE.*

## Message from the 2011 STAT President



I would like to welcome all the students, STAT members, alumni, faculty and staff into the spring semester. As the new STAT President, I'm looking forward to helping STAT become a more recognized student organization and helping it grow. I believe we have an excellent new board and are ready to take on the tasks at hand.

—Travis Bournes

### 2011 STAT Executive Committee

Travis Bournes, President

Jamie Springer, Vice-President

Kim Bruning, Director of Programming

Abbey Woods, Asst. Director of Programming

Kourtney Mraz, Director of Mentoring

Aly DeLuca, Asst. Director of Mentoring

Nathan Colonis, Director of Marketing

Abby Tonkin, Director of Fundraising, Treasurer

Ashley Jeffers, Director of School Spirit

Kate Henderson, Asst. Director of School Spirit

Brandon Rahn, Director of Philanthropy

Shawn Mahaffey, Asst. Director of Philanthropy

Lindy Noel, Secretary

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**Find out how you can get involved.**

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Pam (Vesci) Galati, originally from Troy, Ill., attended SIUE from 1970 to 1972 and was an education major. Tom Galati ('75 BS, Business Administration) is originally from St. Louis and is a member of the 2010 Athletics Hall of Fame.

# SIUE LOVE Connection

Hot pants, plaid trousers, tweed sweaters...These may have been the fashion statements of the early 1970s, but to Tom and Pam Galati, they are little pieces of their love story.

Tom distinctly remembers what Pam was wearing when they first met at SIUE in 1970. "Hot pants. She wore those for years," he said. Pam said she had plenty of them, "at least ten pairs!" "And she had these orange velvet boots on," said Tom. Pam remembers them being suede. She also recalls what Tom was wearing when the couple had their first date at the University Center movie theater.

"He had blue and green plaid pants on. And he had on a brown tweed sweater," she said. "All of my friends said how badly he dressed. But there was something about him. He was funny! I liked his sense of humor."

Through the fashion hits and misses, the couple's relationship grew and they spent the remainder of their time at SIUE together enjoying school, concerts and other campus activities, especially athletics. Tom was a talented soccer player, playing four seasons as a defender for SIUE from 1970 to 1973. He was also a member of the 1972 national championship team.

"We had so much fun at it," said Tom. "We had the best field in the country by far. It was natural grass, it was beautiful. The practice fields were even better than half of those around the country. It was an exciting time."

Tom went on to have major success as a professional soccer player after his time as a Cougar. He was selected by the Philadelphia Atoms of the North American Soccer League (NASL) in the first round of the draft. He helped the Atoms to

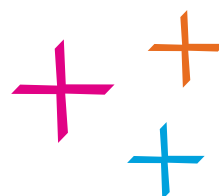
the NASL championship and was named the runner-up in the Rookie of the Year voting.

"I got drafted and went and played and then came back and finished school," Tom said. "And we got married in the middle of the season."

"He came back Friday, we got married on Saturday and flew back Sunday," said Pam. "That was our honeymoon, going back to Philadelphia for him to play soccer."

The Galatis eventually came back to St. Louis, where they still live. They have two children, two step-grandchildren and a new grandchild on the way.

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Read Pam and Tom's full interview at [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni)



# Education: The Key to Success

Byron Farrell grew up in a small town in Indiana and earned his degree in civil engineering from Purdue University. While in college, he met Janice Helmkamp, the woman who would become his wife before the couple graduated in 1962. Janice's father owned a construction company and Byron's father-in-law wanted to have a college-educated engineer working for his firm, so Byron began a professional relationship with Helmkamp Construction. That relationship would lead a young engineer to become acquainted with SIUE literally from the ground up.

A portrait of Byron Farrell, a middle-aged man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a striped tie. A gold "50" pin is on his lapel. His hands are clasped in front of him, and he is wearing a watch and a ring. The background is a light-colored wall with dark vertical lines.

*"The Defining Excellence campaign is about you; it's about me; it's about propelling SIUE to a new level of prominence and performance."*

— Byron Farrell  
Chairperson, Defining Excellence – The Campaign for SIUE



**e:** How did you first get involved with SIUE?

**Byron:** One of the first jobs I had in the construction business, with Helmkamp Construction Co., was doing the site work for the new buildings at SIU-Edwardsville. I was the superintendent for the project. When I drove out there for the first time, it was corn fields. We did a tremendous amount of work when they were first building the campus in the early sixties. We did all the grading for the buildings, roads and the like, so that was my introduction to SIUE.

While doing the work I became acquainted with Delyte Morris, John Rendleman and Kenneth “Buzz” Shaw. When Earl Lazerson became Chancellor, he asked me to help start a labor management program in the Metro East called Image. Earl also convinced me to help start the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois. Both of these organizations involved the University, so it was natural to do more things with the University. Earl then asked me to be on the SIUE Foundation Board, and the rest is history.

**e:** Given the time you’ve been involved with SIUE, what are your impressions of how this university has grown?

**Byron:** I think, from the University standpoint, the last ten years have probably been much more significant in my mind than the previous forty years. Actually these last six years with Vaughn Vandegrift as Chancellor have just been tremendous. All of a sudden, the University has blossomed. It is no longer that secret, little, small town school. It’s really a big university in a nice metropolitan area. I am more amazed with what I see at SIUE now than I’ve ever been. It just keeps growing and growing. The education process and the curriculum have changed over the years, and it’s pretty incredible.

**e:** As Chairperson of **Defining Excellence – The Campaign for SIUE**, what is your message to alumni, friends of the University and the community in general?

**Byron:** The first thought that comes to mind is we need everyone’s help. We need everyone to get involved. You have a vested interest in SIUE whether you went to school here or live in the area.

I think SIUE is the economic engine driving Southwestern Illinois. I’ve been a firm believer all of my life that education is the key to success. The only true way to fight poverty is education, and the more people we can get educated, the

better off we’re going to be. SIUE provides a very, very cost-effective education.

From the campaign standpoint, I don’t think enough people know that even though SIUE is a state supported institution, if we depended on the State of Illinois, we would be nowhere! We have to raise funds to do the things to keep SIUE in the forefront. The State of Illinois is broke. Everybody knows that, so you can’t depend on whatever state money we may get from time to time. We still need the research money and funds for everything that make this university run.

**e:** From a personal standpoint, what have you gained thanks to your relationship with SIUE?

**Byron:** I’ve been educated! I didn’t go to school here, but I see what is going on here. I’ve met with the students and the professors. I’ve been involved with some of their projects. I’ve helped start new programs. You don’t get involved with those kinds of things without learning something yourself.

I am always amazed at the professional level of the whole University. Everyone excels at what they do. It’s as if everyone has Cougar Spirit in their blood. Even though I’m deeply involved with SIUE, I think I’ve gotten more out of it than I’ve put into it.

## Defining Excellence at SIUE

Byron Farrell has watched SIUE grow from the beginning. Over five decades, his successful construction company has hired several SIUE graduates as managers, and he has volunteered his counsel, help and gifts to many of the University’s programs. “This University has boosted our region,” he said. “SIUE is the key to economic opportunity and upward mobility. SIUE cannot be the best with state appropriations alone. It is up to us. We’ve got to advance our University.”



# 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](http://siue.edu/alumni).



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

The "Class Notes" section of your alumni magazine is a celebration of our successes as members of the SIUE family. These successes, personal and professional, are generated by hard work, determination and the education we received because we said "yes" to making SIUE our choice for our college education.

In light of those successes, it is my hope that each of us will take time to reflect on the professors who left a lasting impact, the memories generated in the years we spent on this campus and the friendships developed because of our affiliation with this University. SIUE has grown from the cornfields of southwestern Illinois to a major university, recognized and respected across the country.

As you take time to reflect, consider the fact that we can be part of the future of our *alma mater* and the Cougars who will follow by saying "yes" to personal involvement with this place of learning. Please consider a gift of your time, talent or treasure to ensure the increasing value of the degree you earned and space in "Class Notes" for even more celebrations of success to come.

## School of Business

**Denise Engelke** ('09 BSA, '10 MSA) was hired as staff accountant in Scheffel's Edwardsville office. She will complete her Certified Public Accountant exams before the end of the year.

**Dave Kapaska** ('78 MBA) has been named regional president and CEO of Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center. The hospital and University Health Center is the largest of Avera's five regional centers. Dr. Kapaska is the 16<sup>th</sup> administrator in the hospital's 100-year history.

## College of Arts & Sciences

### 1960s

**Sharon Johnson** ('66 BA Speech Communication, '81 MS Speech Pathology) is the founder of Practical Rehab Services Ltd., a Medicare-certified, outpatient facility offering speech therapy, social work, counseling and physical, occupational and massage therapy. The company has been awarded the honor of Business of the Month by the Riverbend Growth Association.

### 1970s

**Becky Beal** ('78 BS Biological Sciences, '88 MS Environmental Studies) was awarded a 2010 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award for Edwardsville District 7. She is the chairman of the Edwardsville High School science department and is a 30-year veteran of the district.

**Annicc Brave** ('74 BA Mass Communications, '91 MSED Special Ed.) was honored as the 2011 Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois State Board of Education. She has been at Alton High School for 23 years, where she teaches English and journalism.



**Scott Denniston** ('74 MS Government) has been named the executive director of the National Veteran-Owned Business Association. Denniston is the chief executive officer and president of The School Group of Virginia LLC, which provides development services to small businesses interested in working with the federal government.

**Rick Faccin** ('79 BS Social Work) was honored by the Illinois Association of County Auditors as the Association's first County Auditor of the Year. Faccin has been president of the Association since Dec. 2008.

**Illinois Representative Tom Holbrook** ('71 BA Sociology) received the 2010 Lewis & Clark Statesman Award from the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association. The award recognizes Holbrook's record of legislative leadership on economic development issues in the region. Holbrook, a democrat, is in his eighth term as a state representative, and represents the 113th District.



**Fred Irby III** ('74 MM) was named a 2009 Lowell Mason Fellow. Professor Irby has been at Howard University since 1974, and founded the Howard University Jazz Ensemble, which has traveled and performed internationally. He is currently a trumpet instructor and coordinator of instrumental music at the university.

**Patricia Lauth** ('71 BS Geography) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

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**Michael O'Malley** ('75 BA History) has joined the law firm of Carey, Danis & Lowe and will be in charge of the firm's Belleville-based branch. O'Malley retired earlier this year as a circuit judge from St. Clair County.

**Randall Pembrook** ('78, '79 BA, '80 MA Piano Performance, Music Education) was named vice president of academic affairs for Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. He was previously a special assistant to the president for accreditation and academic affairs at Baker University.



**Roger Weik**

('72 BS Art and Design, '73 MFA Art and Design) His work is now on display in 44 museums across the U.S. and Europe. He will have four new exhibits opening this year, including "Incognito," "Sales and Rental Gallery," "Gallery Artists" and "Centered on the Center."



**Marcia Wickenhauser** ('79 BS Human Services, '87 MS Community Counseling) retired in Oct. 2010 after 10 years as the executive director of the Madison County Mental Health Board. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Metro East Consumer Leadership Council in 2010 and the 2009 Mental Health Hero Award from the Community Counseling Center in Alton. Before joining Madison County, she worked at the Community Counseling Center and the American Red Cross.

**1980s**



**Dr. Erik Constance** ('84 BA Biological Sciences) received the 2010 Golden Apple Award from the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Ill. Dr. Constance is certified in internal medicine and an associate professor of medicine and associate dean of student affairs. The Golden Apple Award recognizes outstanding teaching.

**Bob Hollingsworth** ('84 MS Environmental Studies) and his wife Sue ('84 MSED Elementary Education) are partners in a frozen yogurt shop in Edwardsville. Twist is in the University Pointe Shopping Center off Illinois 157. Bob also worked at Anheuser Busch for 25 years, retiring more than two years ago.

**Jaclynn "Jaci" Lett** ('85 BA Biological Sciences) is performing with the St. Louis Osuwa Taiko Group. The group has 19 members and plays traditional Japanese drum music in places such as Springfield, Mo., and at the Missouri Botanical Gardens' Japanese Festival. Ms. Lett is also a senior research technician in the Department of Otolaryngology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

**Cheryl Norton** ('87 BS Biological Sciences, '94 MS Environmental Studies) was named president of Kentucky American Water. She is the first female president in the history of the company.

**Gary John Richards** ('83 BA Government, Public Affairs, History) has opened his own law practice in Troy, Mo. John has been the elected prosecuting attorney of Lincoln County, Mo., for the past twenty years.

**Bobby Scroggins** ('81 MFA) organized and oversaw an art exhibition focusing on President Barack Obama called "The Art of Hope: a Southeast Regional Juried Exhibition Commemorating the First African American U.S. President, Barack Obama." Scroggins is a sculptor and associate professor of art at the University of Kentucky and is serving as visiting instructor at the Crealdé School of Arts.



**Elizabeth Stroble** ('80 MA History, '84 MA American and English Literature) has been named one of the *St. Louis Business Journal's* Most Influential Business Women for 2010. Stroble became the 11th president of Webster University in July of last year.

**Richard "Rick" Welle** ('80 BA Mass Communications) is now the fire chief for the city of Edwardsville. He had served 28 years with the Collinsville Fire Department before joining Edwardsville's department.

**1990s**



**Patrick Clark** ('93 BS Mass Communications) is back on the air at KPLR Channel 11 in St. Louis, hosting a new 4 p.m. news and entertainment hour. Clark spent eight years on the West Coast, most recently hosting "Offbeat America" on the Home and Garden Television network.

**Michael N. Cook** ('94 BS Anthropology) began serving as an associate judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit in Illinois on Oct. 1, 2010. The Illinois Supreme Court appointed him to the position following the retirement of Judge Annette A. Eckert.

**Dave Fellows** ('96 MPA) is now a regional planning coordinator for the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System. ILEAS assists with emergency response and mutual aid for more than 900 local governments in the state and is a joint program between the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.

**Debra Frerking** ('96 BS Art Education) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Cathey Newhouse** ('95 BS Mass Communications) has authored a new teen book entitled "The Dream Mystery: Grandpa's Buried Treasure." The book carries many familiar scenes from Southern Illinois and is available at xlibris, amazon.com, and Barnes and Noble.

**John Simmons** ('91 BS Political Science) is the chairman and chief executive officer of the Simmons law firm of East Alton which received the John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Service Award from the Illinois Bar Association. The award recognizes the "extraordinary commitment" of individuals or law firms that provide free legal services or expand the availability of free legal services in Illinois.

**Christopher Smejkal** ('98 BS, '01 MA Speech Communication) has joined the board of directors for the Edwardsville Children's Museum. He currently teaches communication courses at the Meramec campus of St. Louis Community College.

**Robert Thornberry** ('99 BFA) wrapped up his first season as boys head soccer coach at Belleville West (IL) High School in fall 2010. Thornberry has taught art full-time in District 201 since 2007 and was an assistant soccer coach at Belleville East for six years.

**Andrea Ricker Wolfson** ('96 MS Biological Sciences) has been appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to the Miami-Dade County Court in Florida. She previously served as an assistant state's attorney with Florida's 11th Judicial Circuit for nine years. She is serving as an administrative judge in the criminal division at the Miami-Dade County Court.

## Class & Faculty Notes

**Bill Yarbrough** ('98 BS Mass Communications) is the communications representative for TheBank of Edwardsville. He previously worked as managing editor of the *Edwardsville Intelligencer*.

### 2000s



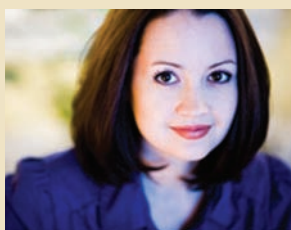
**Dr. Sarah Barrow** ('05 BA Biological Sciences, '09 DMD) has joined the practice of Humbert Road Dentistry in Alton. After receiving her DMD from SIU in 2009, she did a one-year advanced education residency in general dentistry. She is licensed in both Illinois and Missouri, and is accepting new patients.

**Lori Belknap** ('08 BS Anthropology) is the executive director of the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society. Her duties with the non-profit group include coordinating volunteers, organizing exhibits, writing grants and providing a link between the historic site and the museum society.

**Mike Bone** ('09 BS Biological Sciences) of Greenville is spending his first year as a science teacher at Canton (IL) High School. He is serving as an assistant coach in soccer and also worked as a summer instructor in the school's Freshman Academy program.



**Kelley Brown** ('09 MA Art Therapy Counseling) is focusing on art journaling and recently presented an afternoon workshop on the process at the Northern Arts Council in St. Louis. She also blogs about the topic ([artjournaling.blogspot.com](http://artjournaling.blogspot.com)) and is the vice president of the Missouri Art Therapy Association. Additionally, Brown utilizes art journaling during her art therapy work with clients at the Queen of Peace Center in St. Louis.



**Natalie DiCristofano** ('06 BS Theater Performance) starred as Catherine in the Chicago Fusion Theatre's Fall 2010 production of "Proof." The play received a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award. DiCristofano is the managing director of the Chicago Fusion Theatre.

**Tony DiPasquale** ('01 MM Music Performance) has published a jazz improvisation guide called "The Jazz Lictionary." DiPasquale is the director of band for Belleville District #118 and also plays keyboard in the Belleville-based band Groove Merchants. For information on purchasing his publication, visit [thejazzlictionary.com](http://thejazzlictionary.com).

**Dustin R. Doyle** ('03 BS Biological Sciences) graduated in June 2010 from Midwestern University in Glendale, Ariz., as a doctor of podiatric medicine.



**Jeff Forster** ('05 MFA), a sculptor, participated in an exhibit at the Art League Houston this past fall, which featured his work and that of Jillian Conrad. Forster is currently serving as the ceramics chair at the Glassell School at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and is the president of the Clay Houston organization.

**Matthew Frey** ('09 BS Speech Communication) is serving as the youth director at St. John United Church of Christ at Midway-Moro. In that capacity, he is overseeing a program for grade school children and one for teens.

**Tom Gibbons** ('03 MPA) will replace Bill Mudge as State's Attorney for Madison County upon Mudge's election as a judge. Gibbons served three years in the state's attorney's office and helped create the domestic violence court.

**U.S. Army National Guard Capt. Donald Harris** ('00 BS Sociology) was deployed to support either Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom. Harris is a civil affairs officer with 14 years of military service.

**Cheryl Eichar Jett** ('00 BA, '01 MA History) has a new book on the market. *Route 66 in Madison County* was released in Sept. from Arcadia Publishing. Numerous historical photos, stories and pamphlets are included in the book, which residents of Madison County might recognize. For more information, visit [arcadiapublishing.com](http://arcadiapublishing.com).

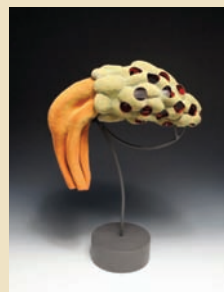
**Leah Joyce** ('05 MPA) is serving as the uptown coordinator for the City of Collinsville. She works with businesses in the city's downtown area, plans and organizes events and coordinates the city's website, among other duties. She was previously the executive director of the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society.



**Nick Lang** ('06 MFA) and Thad Duhigg, professor and head of SIUE's sculpture area in Art and Design, installed a whimsical piece of art at a MetroLink Station in 2010. "Honey, Where's My Metro Pass" contains larger-than-life coins, keys and even lip balm made out of aluminum, bronze and steel. The station is at St. Charles Rock Road in Pagedale, Mo. Students in the St. Louis

ArtWorks program assisted with art design and models. The project was supported by the Metro Arts in Transit program.

**Edwin Aybar Lopez** ('05 MM) has written a new book entitled *Male Altos and Sopranos: The Legacy of the Spanish Falsettists!* The book presents a study on the history and art of falsetto singing. Lopez has previously written *So ando: Thoughts of a Young Latino*, a book of essays regarding his experiences as a Puerto Rican native who has traveled and lived in America and Europe.



**Jonathan McMillan** ('09 MFA Art Studio) had an exhibition entitled "Convergence" at the Clay Art Center in Port Chester, N.Y., during the summer. The pottery and ceramic exhibit explored the "symbiotic relationship between humans and the natural world." McMillan was the artist-in-residence at the Clay Art Center for 2009-2010. His website can be found at [jonmcmillan.com/home](http://jonmcmillan.com/home).

**Holly Meyer** ('09 BS Mass Communications) is now an account executive at River Bend Marketing Communication Group. The Alton-based company specializes in health care marketing and public relations. Meyer has previously worked as a public relations consultant for the Diversity Awareness Project.

**Sandy Miller** ('08 BFA) is teaching pottery classes at LampLight Studio in Overland, Mo. She also has a butterfly artwork showcase in the "Wings in the City" project sponsored by the BJC pediatric hospice and palliative care program. The artwork in this project will be displayed throughout the St. Louis area next spring. For more on Miller, visit her website at [millerceramics.com/index.php](http://millerceramics.com/index.php).



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**Erin Pea** ('10 BS Mass Communications) is the new director of marketing and events for Père Marquette State Park in Grafton. She is a native of Salem.

**Elisa Lear-Rayborn** ('06 BS Biological Sciences) is serving her residency in Detroit after receiving her doctor of podiatric medicine this past May from Des Moines University.

**Bill Roseberry** ('01 BS Mass Communications) has a new assignment at the *Edwardsville Intelligencer*. He is now sports editor and has been with the paper for five years.

**Anne E. Stotler** ('05 BS Mass Communications) is now the community relations director at Beverly Farm in Godfrey. In this role, she organizes volunteer efforts, coordinates advertising and media placement and oversees special event fund-raising at the facility, which serves more than 400 developmentally disabled adults.



**Adam Young** ('10 BS Mass Communications) is the new broadcaster for the Gateway Grizzlies baseball team, based in Sauget. He spent the 2010 summer working for the Fayetteville Swampdogs in North Carolina. He was also recently recognized as one of the top 20 collegiate sports broadcasters in the nation by the Sportscasters Talent Agency of America.

## SIU School of Dental Medicine

**Dr. Darryll Beard**, ('83 DMD), was recently elected president of the Illinois State Dental Society. Dr. Beard was elected to the post during the 146th Illinois State Dental Society Annual Session, "Bridges to Success," held in Champaign in Sept. 2010.

**Dr. Randall Markarian**, ('92 DMD), was recently elected as a Trustee of the Southern District of the Illinois State Dental Society. Dr. Markarian was elected at the 146th Illinois State Dental Society Annual Session, "Bridges to Success." The event was held in Champaign in Sept. 2010.

## Faculty

**Dr. Debra Dixon** was recently promoted to Section Head of Diagnostic Sciences within the Department of Applied Dental Medicine. Dr. Dixon has been with the department for the past 14 years. Her responsibilities include overseeing Radiology, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology within the Section.

**Dr. William Goebel** retired on Sept. 30, 2010. Dr. Goebel left the Dental School after some 31 years on the faculty. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Goebel was serving as Section Head for Diagnostic Sciences. During his years with the Dental School, Dr. Goebel had earned the title Master Instructor. He returned in Dec. to serve the faculty part-time.

**Dr. Anita Joy** became a full-time faculty member Sept. 1, 2010, in the Section of Anatomy in the Department of Growth, Development and Structure. Dr. Joy received her dental degree from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in India and completed her Ph.D. in anatomy and cell biology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

**Dr. Martin Land** served as Program Chair and presented at a three-day program sponsored by the John F. Johnston Society for the Advancement of Prosthodontics. The program was hosted at the Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis on June 11-13, 2010.

**Dr. Yi-Hua (Eva) Niu** became a full-time faculty member Sept. 1, 2010, in the Section of Fixed Prosthodontics in the Restorative Department. Dr. Niu received her dental degree from Taipei Medical University, School of Dentistry, in Taipei, Taiwan. She received a Certificate of Prosthodontics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, School of Dentistry.

## School of Education 1970s

**Dale Anderson** ('71 BS Phys Ed.) received the Immaculate Conception School teacher spotlight award for Oct. 2010. He teaches eighth-grade religion and physical education. He is also the athletics director and eighth-grade basketball coach. The award recognizes dedicated service and outstanding leadership.

**Mark Allison** ('76 BA Psychology, '80 MBA) is the chair of the Lewis and Clark Habitat for Humanity, which oversees seven chapters in Madison, Bond and part of St. Clair counties.

**Benny Lane** ('79 MSED Administration) turned 70 on Dec. 5, 2010. Many know him as the former Hardin Grade School basketball coach, but he now lives in Alton, retiring from a sales career. His goal is to live to 100.



**Brendan Tang** ('06 MFA) received the 2010 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics. One of Canada's most prestigious art honors, the Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics allows a ceramicist to hone his skills early in his career by connecting with mentors, studying museum collections, working in other studios or serving residencies.

**Marlene True** ('03 BFA), an established metal-smith and jewelry maker, curated an exhibit at the Edwardsville Art Center. A total of 23 artists from across the United States were featured in "Tin, The Element of Surprise" this past fall.



**Tim Waldrop** ('01 MFA) has a popular exhibit called "Adapting to Katrina and Beyond: Images of the Resilient Mississippi Gulf Coast." It was on display at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts & Education in Ocean Springs, Miss., in late 2010 and at Western Illinois University from Feb. 22 to Mar. 10, 2011. Waldrop created the sculptures and paintings following visits to his native Mississippi Gulf Coast area after the 2005 hurricane destruction. He is currently an associate professor of art at Western Illinois University.



**Ben Wierzba** ('00 BLS) is serving as the head coach for the men's basketball team at the University of Illinois-Springfield. He is only the second coach for the Prairiestars Dribblers men's team. He has previously served as an assistant coach at the University of Evansville, SIUE and Lewis University.

## *Class & Faculty Notes*

**Patricia Lauth** ('71 BS Geography) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Greg Moats** ('76 BS Phys Ed, '93 MSED Administration) recently joined the education department at Lindenwood-Belleville as the coordinator of teacher education.

**Danette Peach** ('78 BS Education, '83 MSED Special Ed., '93 PhD Education/Ed. Administration) was recognized with an Award of Excellence by the Illinois Board of Education. She is a special education director with Bethalto Community School District Unit 8.

### **1980s**

**Lynnette Schmidt** ('86 BS Special Ed.) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010. She is a special education teacher at Douglas Elementary School in Belleville.

**Patricia Scott** ('84 BS Special Ed., '05 MSED/Special Ed) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

### **1990s**

**Maura Brueggeman** ('97 BS Elem. Ed.) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Debra Frerking** ('96 BS Art Ed.) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Cail Furkin** ('96 MSED Elem. Ed.) received the Eagleview Elementary School teacher spotlight award for Dec. 2010. She teaches kindergarten. The award recognizes dedicated service and outstanding leadership.

**Kim Gremaud** ('90 BS Elem. Ed., '02 MSED) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Sheryl Luly** ('92 MSED) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Sandra Malsberger** ('92 BS Elem. Ed.) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Julie Robison** ('92 BS Special Ed.) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Thomas Steinmann** ('09 MSED, '01 MS Mathematics) has received a 2010 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey. Steinman has been at the college since 2002 and teaches a variety of math courses. He also supervises the high math curriculum alignment and serves as president of the Lewis and Clark Faculty Association.

**Jan Wiggs** ('98 MS Education) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

### **2000s**

**Christopher Busse** ('00 MSED) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Annette Heth** ('01 BS Elem. Ed.) was named the 2010 Teacher of the Year by the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce. She teaches at Summit Elementary School in Collinsville.

**Barbie Linton** ('01 BS Elem. Ed.) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Jennifer Root-Smith** ('07 BS Elem. Ed.) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Robert Wachtel** ('08 MS Math) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

**Cyndy Wigton** ('02 MS Education) received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for 2010.

## **School of Engineering**

**Joshua Butcher** ('05 BS Electrical Engineering) received NASA's official Space Flight Awareness Award for his work with Boeing on the International Space Station. He works at Boeing where he is in charge of maintaining power systems on the International Space Station.

**Andy Mueller** ('10 BS Civil Engineering) of Freeburg has joined Oates Associates as a junior engineer. Oates Associates is a multi-disciplined design firm with offices in Collinsville and St. Louis.

**Adam Pallai** ('06 BS Civil Engineering) received the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Capital Chapter, Young Engineer of the Year 2010 award. He serves in local and state offices for ISPE. He works as a Civil Engineer in Springfield, Ill., and mentors fifth grade students through Engineers in the Classroom.

## **School of Nursing**

### **1960s**

**Karen Stefaniak** (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**

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

### **1980s**

**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 last year.

**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.

**Charlotte Herrick** (MS '82) was presented with the Melva Jo Hendrix award at the 2010 International Society of Psychiatric Nurses meeting.

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

**Toni Johnson** (BS '88, MS '09) received a St. Louis American Salute to Excellence in Health Care Award for 2010. There are eight awardees named annually.

**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 Advisory Board as the Pediatric Sub-Committee Chair. Diana works at 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.

**Valerie Rogers** (BS '83, MS '09) was elected to the position of president-elect of the Mid-State Region of the Illinois Association of School Nurses.

**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.

**Linda Walters** (BS '85) retired from the McDowell Hospital in Marion, N.C. Prior to that, she worked at the Mission Hospital complex in Asheville, at the St. Louis VA Hospital, and as a PRN in metro-St. Louis.



## 1990s

**Yvonne Barnes** (BS '92) co-authored an article titled, "Early Outcomes After Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Pediatric Patients with Hematologic Malignancies Following Single Fraction Total Body Irradiation," published in *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.

**Julie Botterbush** (BS '93, MS '98) is the new director of Mederi Caretenders Home Health. Mederi Caretenders is based in Godfrey and has 12 employees covering more than seven Illinois Counties.

**Michele Brown** (MS '90) was inducted into the SIUE Alumni Association Hall of Fame for the School of Nursing on Oct. 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. Additionally, she made other presentations at the regional and national level, as well as co-authoring 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 the Winter edition of *Pediatric Perspectives* on "Quality of Care" as it relates to the Magnet redesignation process for the agency.

**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.

## 2000s

**Janice Becherer** (MS '08) was named Chief Nurse Executive at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

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

**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, Ill.

**Blanca Miller** (MS '05) was accepted in the PhD program at Nova Southeastern University.

**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.

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

**Tara Weirich** (BS '04, MS '07) and her husband are the proud parents of a baby girl.

## School of Pharmacy

**Brandy Bratcher** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) and Lee Zeller ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) got engaged on Dec. 9. Upon completion of her residency, Brandy will be staying at Children's Hospital as a NICU Clinical Specialist.

**Bonnie Grover Brown** ('10 Doctor of Pharmacy) has added a member to her family. Cheyenne was born on June 23, 2010, at 5:02 p.m., weighing in at 6 pounds, 8 oz. and was 19 inches long.

**Phuong Nguyen** ('10 Doctor of Pharmacy) is working for Schnucks as a staff pharmacist. She welcomed a healthy 5 lb, 12 oz. baby boy (Dang-Khoa Kory Nguyen) to the family at 5:38 a.m. on Aug. 27, 2010.

**Kristy Richter** ('10 Doctor of Pharmacy) was promoted to staff pharmacist with CVS Pharmacy in Highland.

**Diana Jason** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) has added "Isaacs" to her name as she married Jeremy Isaacs and moved back "home" to the Chicago area.

**Michaela Doss** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) is now working at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

**Nichelle Hickland** ('10 Doctor of Pharmacy) is doing a PGY-1 Residency program with Jewel-Osco Pharmacy and the Midwestern University Community Pharmacy Practice Residency Program. She is currently residing in Chicago.

**Nathan Wear** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) and **Jennifer Lurk Wear** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) have seen several exciting changes in 2010. Jennifer is now part of the faculty at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and Nathan is a staff pharmacist at St. Elizabeth's in Belleville. They are residing in Collinsville and are expecting a baby in 2011.

**Kelly Perez** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) is a staff pharmacist at Belleville Memorial Hospital.

**Deonna Madison Wooten** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) is a pharmacy manager for Walgreens and is now the coordinator of a diabetes management clinic.

**Ben Erwin** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) is a faculty member at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy with a clinical site at the St. Louis VA Hospital. He and **Ashley Lawton** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) bought a house in Glen Carbon and are busy planning their upcoming wedding (May 2011).

**Jessica Emling** ('10 Doctor of Pharmacy) was recently promoted to pharmacy manager at the Walgreens-Wood River location. She's busy planning an Aug. 13 wedding and unpacking from her recent move to Fairview Heights.

**Kate Muhlstadt** ('10 Doctor of Pharmacy) is living in Alabama and completing a PGY1 residency at the VA Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Kevin Asbrock** ('10 Doctor of Pharmacy) is now a full-time clinical staff pharmacist with St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis.

**Ashley Jarret** ('10 Doctor of Pharmacy) and **Jason Scott** ('09 Doctor of Pharmacy) are expecting a baby in Jan. 2011.

## Class & Faculty Notes

### In Memoriam

**George Arnold**, associate professor emeritus of civil engineering, who at one time was coordinator of a fledgling environmental studies program at SIUE and an early pioneer in creating the bike trail system that now runs throughout the Metro East and the state, died Friday, May 14, 2010, at his home in Edwardsville. He was 93.

**Robert L. Barringer**, professor emeritus of operations management in the SIUE School of Business, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at his home in Midway, three weeks before his 83rd birthday. He joined SIUE in what was then known as the business division in 1972, first with the off-campus business administration program and then as associate professor of management science. He retired from the University in 1993.

**David Eli Bear**, of Godfrey, professor emeritus in the SIUE School of Education and a pioneer educator at the University, died Dec. 4, 2010, at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was 93. Bear joined the faculty of Southern Illinois University in 1957 and served for many years as the chair of the SIUE Department of Elementary Education, pushing the school to take a more active role with education in the Metro East.

**Dr. Gary M. Bunger**, DMD '80, died July 1, 2010, at the age of 55 in Island Park, Idaho. Born Oct. 16, 1954, Dr. Bunger married Dr. Coletta Miller, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, on Mar. 3, 1999. After performing his general practice residency at the University of Chicago's Billings Hospital, Dr. Bunger returned to the SIU School of Dental Medicine to teach. He served as an assistant clinical professor for the Department of Emergency and Oral Diagnosis from 1981 to 1985. Dr. Bunger was passionate about Give Kids a Smile, the Illinois Mission of Mercy, and sailing.

**Dr. Angela R. Bammann Echterling**, DMD '77, passed away Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at age 57. She was the owner of Old Town Dental in Beecher and is survived by her husband Jamie and her daughters Jessica and Jennifer.

**Dr. Henry George Elsbach**, retired chair of the Department of Growth, Development and Structure at the SIU School of Dental Medicine, died Nov. 19, 2010, in St. Peters, Mo. He would have been 80 on Dec. 3. Elsbach joined the dental school faculty part time in 1974 and was appointed chair of what was then known as the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics in 1989.

**Dennis W. Hostetler** of Collinsville, professor emeritus of public administration and policy analysis, died Dec. 31 after a long illness. He was 68. Hostetler served as department chair of the newly named SIUE Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis from 1988-1996 and also served on committees for the Chancellor's office during his career at the University. He retired from the University in 2006.

**Orville Delong Joyner**, associate professor emeritus of educational leadership who traveled the world as a consultant for international education, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010, at his home in St. Louis. He was 83. Apart from being an educator, he was an exceptional photographer of Americana and international culture.

**John Dryden Kendall**, music professor emeritus, founder of the internationally known Suzuki String Program at SIUE and one of the earliest proponents of the Suzuki String Teaching Method in the United States, died Jan. 6, 2011, at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was 93.

Kendall joined SIUE in 1963 in what was then known as the fine arts division. He said he first discovered the "listen-and-play" teachings of Shinichi Suzuki when he viewed a newsreel at an American String Teachers Association meeting in 1958. That moment proved life-changing as Kendall began the first of several trips to Japan to study the method under Suzuki. In fact, it was Kendall who asked Suzuki to help adapt the method for children in the United States.

The SIUE Suzuki String Program became known internationally for its use of Suzuki's methods. In turn, educators from throughout the globe came to SIUE to study under Kendall. After retiring from SIUE in 1987, he continued

to teach at the University and also tirelessly conducted numerous workshops and seminars throughout the United States and in several countries as a proponent of the Suzuki teaching method. His work as a music educator spanned more than five decades.

**Thomas C. O'Brien**, professor emeritus of curriculum and instruction at SIUE and a tireless advocate for advanced math studies at the grade school level, died Dec. 6, 2010, after a long illness. He was 72. As a curriculum developer, O'Brien authored more than 50 books for children in the United States, the UK, Germany and Brazil and wrote more than 80 papers on children's mathematical problem solving.

**Dr. Thomas L. Straka**, DMD '87, of Antioch died Sept. 13, 2010, at the age of 48. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Vivian A. (Kirkland) Straka, whom he met in grade school.

**Eric Sturley** of Edwardsville, one of the first faculty members hired at what was to become Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, died Mar. 23, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He was 94. Sturley was hired in Oct. 1957 as associate professor of mathematics and acting head of the Science Division at the residence center in Alton, formerly Shurtleff College, where he arrived in Jan. 1958.

**Philip Eugene "Gene" Violette**, emeritus assistant professor of English Language and Literature and founder of the SIUE Summer Writing Camp, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010. He was 73. Violette came to SIUE in 1965 as an instructor for the department in what was then called the School of Humanities. The SIUE camp was founded in 1983, and Violette took great pride in its accomplishments and in overseeing all of the camp's operations. He retired from the University in 2002.

**Lorraine Williams**, an associate professor of primary care and health systems nursing, died suddenly Sept. 5, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville after being stricken while driving on campus. Williams, who was head of the School of Nursing's Project GAIN (Get Ahead in Nursing) program, passed away after nearly 20 years of service to the University. She was 74.

**Véronique Zaytzeff**, an associate professor emerita of Foreign Languages and Literature, died July 8, at her home in Glen Carbon. She arrived in the United States in 1967 to accept a position as a teaching associate at Indiana University and two years later joined the SIUE Foreign Languages and Literature faculty. She became a U.S. citizen in 1976. She retired from SIUE in 2008.

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# A Tradition of Giving that Keeps on Growing

For Ann Tosovsky, the history of her family's support for SIUE runs as deep as the roots of some of the oldest trees on campus. For three generations, the Tosovskys have shown generous support for the University, giving special attention to making sure that SIUE's Edwardsville campus remains a source of beauty and inspiration for the entire community.



excited about future developments. "This is going to be BIG. The Gardens are so great for the community, including the whole metro east," said Ann. "Eventually there will be event space for educational seminars, weddings, and other events."

Ann calls The Gardens at SIUE an "important community resource," a place for students, faculty, staff and community members to see, smell, touch and enjoy nature.

It is the community enrichment factor of projects like this that makes showing support for SIUE so important to Ann and her whole family. She appreciates the value of having a top-notch university in the area. "I know that a lot of students will make their home in the area, enhancing the

community, so one of the biggest things that SIUE can give is a great student experience," said Ann.

Like the natural life cycle of the plants and trees, the Tosovskys have so generously donated to SIUE. Ann says that the gift of support comes full circle. "In order to maintain excellence, we have to support excellence."



Chuck Tosovsky was presented the SIUE Distinguished Service Award at the May 2010 commencement ceremony. His father, Ernest, received the same award at commencement exercises in June 1971.

*"In order to maintain excellence, we have to support excellence."*

—Ann Tosovsky

The family's tradition of giving began before the University even existed. Ann's grandparents, Ernest and Mary Tosovsky, owned land that would eventually become part of SIUE's lush natural campus and even donated their house to be used as the headquarters of the SIUE Foundation in its earliest days.

"Some people were opposed to the University, but my grandfather was a huge advocate for bringing it to Edwardsville," said Ann. "He helped convince the local farmers and land owners that it was a good idea."

Ann's father Chuck Tosovsky is the second-generation owner of the family business, Home Nursery, and has donated a huge amount of plant life, flowers, trees and shrubbery to SIUE over the years. His primary focus has been The Gardens at SIUE.

"My father, along with Ralph Korte, Rita Hardy and others, has worked hard to push this effort forward," said Ann.

The Gardens at SIUE continues to be an important project for the Tosovsky family. Ann calls it her "passion," and she is





## Perspectives on Excellence

**Howard Ramsby, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor

Department of English Language and Literature  
College of Arts and Sciences

*"I define excellence by learning about my students — their interests, their space and their challenges."*

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