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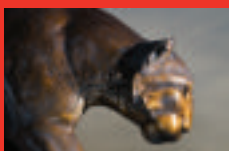
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The beautiful colors of the trees signals the arrival of Fall on the SIUE Quad.

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Builders of the University Plaza

Located in the Hairpin Loop, the Builders of the University Plaza honors the work of employees who have contributed to the growth, development and preservation of the University. Campus architect Rick Klein designed the Plaza, which blends flawlessly with the campus. More than 700 current and retired faculty and staff members turned out on June 27 to attend the dedication of the Builders of the University Plaza and the inaugural Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day.

“This is a great way to recognize that everyone who works at SIUE plays a part in making the University a success.”

— Gayla Bruning, '85, '89, has worked at SIUE since 1989



“To all of you who have your name affixed to a plaque and to those now working toward the same end, I thank you for the contributions you make on behalf of our University.”

— Vaughn Vandegrift, Chancellor Emeritus



Locate the names of individuals honored on the Plaza
siue.edu/plaza

All faculty and staff (retired, former employee or actively employed) who served SIUE for a total of 15 years or more have their name affixed to a plaque on a brick in the Plaza, which currently holds 2,009 names. Names, which appear as two per plaque, will be added on a yearly basis. Previous SIUE Chancellor Nancy Belck (pictured above with Chancellor Emeritus Vandegrift) attended the dedication event, as well as the University's new leader, Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe.

Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

Welcome to the beginning of what promises to be an exciting academic year! Allow me to introduce myself—I am Julie Furst-Bowe, eighth chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and already a proud proponent of this wonderful institution. I have been so impressed with the quality of the programming and the people here at SIUE and I'm excited to meet you, alumni and friends, and to work together to spread the word about the excellence that underlies what we do here at the “e.”



Below are some of the recent achievements that make it easy to celebrate a connection to SIUE:

- The National Institutes of Health Pain Consortium has selected the SIUE School of Pharmacy as one of 11 health professional schools around the country designated as Centers of Excellence in Pain Education (CoEPes). These institutions will work to develop pain management curriculum resources for health-related schools. The School of Pharmacy will lead the University's effort with participation by the School of Dental Medicine and the Department of Social Work.
- For the third consecutive year, SIUE has been named to the President's Honor Roll (in the “with Distinction” category!) for our commitment to volunteerism and civic engagement. In Fall 2012, SIUE initiated the *SIUE Experience*, a major freshman retention initiative centered around the University's values. To promote and foster the value of Citizenship, a group of approximately 500 freshmen participated in “I can change the world...with my own two hands,” a volunteer community service program. This year's inaugural project included clean-up efforts at an historic cemetery in the St. Louis area, work on two community gardens in the East St. Louis community, and clean-up activities at a nature preserve in Edwardsville and in East St. Louis, the latter in coordination with the mayor's office.
- SIUE's reclassification to NCAA Division I athletics is now complete and the University is a fully-recognized Division I competitor, eligible for post-season play. In addition, the NCAA recently released Academic Progress Rate (APR) data for the 2010-2011 academic year and SIUE listed six programs ranking among the top 10 percent of all NCAA Division I squads, including men's cross country, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, softball, women's soccer, and women's tennis. SIUE had the most programs listed by the NCAA within the Ohio Valley Conference and also finished with more programs listed among the nation's top 10 percent than any other public institution in the state of Illinois.

This issue of *eConnection* focuses on change which is, as they say, inevitable. It is also healthy and provides the chance to evaluate, affirm and promote, all of which serve to maintain momentum and progress. From my appointment to the recent spate of retirements within the campus community to the significant amount of growth in our facilities, SIUE is undergoing a host of changes. I look forward to an exciting year filled with dynamic possibilities!

Let's celebrate the **e**!

Julie Furst-Bowe, Ed.D.
SIUE Chancellor

SIUE Today



SIUE Launches Free Mobile App

SIUE Mobile, a free mobile campus application available for Android™, Blackberry® and Apple®, brings university life to popular smartphones and mobile devices. It lets the SIUE community get and stay connected wherever they are. The app offers mobile access to campus maps, course catalogs, event calendars, sports schedules and more. It even has a directory that allows students to email or call professors and classmates. Developed by Blackboard Mobile, a division of education technology company Blackboard Inc., the app is already popular with prospective students, parents, alumni and other members of the University community.

SIUE Is Among 11 Centers of Excellence in Pain Education

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pain Consortium has selected SIUE among 11 institutions as designated Centers of Excellence in Pain Education (CoEPEs). SIUE School of Pharmacy associate professor Chris Herndon, PharmD., led the grant application. "This is an incredibly exciting opportunity," Herndon said. "The subsequent impact on patient care for those in pain in our region will be immeasurable." The CoEPEs will act as hubs for the development, evaluation and distribution of pain management curriculum resources for medical, dental, nursing and pharmacy schools to enhance and improve how health care professionals are taught about pain and its treatment. Twenty institutes, centers and offices at NIH are involved in the consortium. A number of SIUE faculty members will serve as co-investigators, including Dr. Keith Hecht, Dr. Erin Timpe and Dr. McKenzie Ferguson from the School of Pharmacy; Dr. Kevin Rowland from the SIU School of Dental Medicine; and Dr. Carol Wesley from the Department of Social Work in the SIUE College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Michael Neumeister from the SIU School of Medicine.

Hundreds Viewed Venus Transit with SIUE Physics Department

Hundreds of interested amateur astronomers and curiosity seekers joined the SIUE Department of Physics at Roy E. Lee Baseball Field on June 6 to observe the 2012 Venus Transit. SIUE Associate Professor of Physics Dr. Tom Foster and a

team of six associates manned four solar telescopes from shortly after 5 p.m. until nearly 8:30 p.m. A steady stream of people could clearly see the Transit in the telescopes. The rare astronomical event involves the planet Venus passing between the earth and the sun producing a small, dark dot on the sun's surface. The next time a Venus Transit occurs will be in December 2117. The SIUE STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Center provided the visitors with NASA-donated souvenir solar sunglasses.



SIUE Student Receives Fulbright Award

Senior SIUE student Kate Eckert (pictured below), who has a double major in German and history and a minor in European studies, was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Germany. Eckert is the second SIUE student to be selected for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, a flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the federal government. Eckert is one of more than 1,700 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2012-2013 academic year through the program. She will serve as a teaching assistant, educating English-to-German students at a variety of educational levels. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The program operates in more than 155 countries worldwide.



SIUE Nursing Faculty Awarded Fellowship for Teaching

Amelia Perez, assistant professor of primary care and health systems nursing, received a \$10,000 fellowship through the Illinois Board of Higher Education Nurse Educator Program. “The program is an excellent way to provide new faculty with opportunities for development and help ensure their retention in academia,” said Laura Bernaix, professor and chair of the SIUE Department of Primary Care and Health Systems. “Dr. Perez plans to use her fellowship funding to attend various continuing education conferences and workshops to learn best practices for incorporating diversity, culture competence and health care, specific to the Hispanic population, into our nursing curriculum, and to develop her skills as a teacher-scholar.”

Senior Assignment Program Referenced In *New York Times*

The *New York Times* referenced SIUE’s Senior Assignment program as an example of a value-added assessment—proof that an institution is educating and preparing its students for life in the real world. An article, titled “Testing the Teachers,” appearing in the opinion pages of the paper stated: “Colleges and universities have to be able to provide prospective parents with data that will give them some sense of how much their students learn.” It stated SIUE’s program “uses capstone assessment, creating a culminating project in which the students display their skills in a way that can be compared and measured.”

SIUE Receives What's Right with the Region Award

FOCUS St. Louis, a local organization dedicated to positive community change by developing leadership, influencing policy and promoting community connections, honored SIUE among 21 metropolitan St. Louis organizations and individuals with a "What's Right with the Region" award in the category of Improving Racial Equality and Justice for its work through the SIUE East St. Louis Center. SIUE's East St. Louis Center has been empowering people and strengthening the community with quality programs and excellence in education for more than 50 years. The Center offers public service activities that enhance the quality of life for individuals and families in East St. Louis and surrounding communities and provides health care and enrichment services to all ages through a number of programs.

AMA Takes Top Award at International Conference

SIUE's American Marketing Association (AMA) student chapter was honored at the 2012 AMA International Collegiate Conference. The conference theme was "Always Evolving." The group won first place in the exhibit competition for Best Use of Conference Theme for its exhibit titled "The Evolution of a Cougar." The exhibit featured the evolution of a cougar into a business professional along with statistics about the SIUE School of Business and professional development. Around 40 chapters participated in the competition. "The students captured the importance of blending creativity with strategy by tying the conference theme to their exhibit and their work paid off with top honors," said Edmund Hershberger, associate professor of marketing and faculty adviser to the SIUE AMA chapter.

Two School of Engineering Faculty Members Honored



George Engel, professor of electrical and computer engineering, is the recipient of the 2012 SIUE Paul Simon Outstanding Teacher-Scholar Award. The award is presented annually to an SIUE faculty member who shows a significant contribution in the area of research and demonstrates the ability to incorporate that research activity into the classroom. Since joining the faculty in 1993, Engel has developed an outstanding research program in the area of integrated circuit design. In addition he has supervised 19 master's theses, is widely published and holds nine U.S. patents.



Keqin Gu, professor of mechanical engineering and chair of that department, is the recipient of the SIUE Distinguished Research Professor award, an academic rank rewarding faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding and sustained contributions to research and creative activities. Gu has made consistent contributions to the engineering field of control systems and earned an international reputation as one of the top experts in the stability of time delay systems.

SIUE Welcomes New IERC Executive Director

Dr. Janet K. Holt is the new executive director of the Illinois Education Research Council, which is housed on the SIUE campus. Holt also joins the faculty as a professor of educational leadership. She brings 18 years of experience in quantitative methods and analysis of large-scale data. "Dr. Holt brings a wealth of experience in research education to the IERC," said Jerry Weinberg, associate provost and dean of the SIUE Graduate School. "She has conducted research as both principal investigator and co-PI on funded grants. She has more than 50 peer-reviewed publications, along with numerous invited presentations. She served in leadership positions in regional and national societies, including as the current president of the Educational Statisticians SIG of the American Educational Research Association. I look forward to working with Dr. Holt as she leads IERC in its continued development as a premier research center for Illinois education and education policy."

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Traveling Exhibition Visits Lovejoy Library

“Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War,” a traveling exhibition funded by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, was housed in the Lovejoy Library from June 20-Aug. 3. The exhibition examined how President Abraham Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War—the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties. The traveling exhibition was composed of informative panels featuring photographic reproductions of original documents, including a draft of Lincoln’s first inaugural speech, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment. “We are delighted to have been selected as a site for this exhibition,” Dean of Library and Information Services Regina McBride said. Each section of the exhibit featured information about a different aspect of Lincoln’s presidency. For example, the section about slavery examined the various policy options Lincoln once embraced and how his thoughts about slavery evolved over time. Most importantly, the exhibit helped visitors understand why Lincoln’s struggle with the Constitution still matters today.

NCERC Researchers Produce First Cellulosic Ethanol from Corn Kernel

Researchers at the NCERC announced that they have successfully produced ethanol from the cellulosic portion of the corn kernel. By utilizing existing technologies readily available in the commercial marketplace, the center was able to produce a biofuel that builds upon the strengths of conventional corn ethanol and the promise of cellulosic ethanol, thus making bolt-on cellulosic ethanol a reality. Center Director John Caupert stated the potential for cellulosic ethanol has significant, immediate and long-term impacts on the biofuels industry, generally, and the ethanol industry, specifically.



SIUE Housing National Award

University Housing’s efforts in bolstering student accomplishment have earned them the first Making Achievement Possible (MAP)-Works Overall Excellence Award from Educational Benchmarking Inc., for their commitment to improving student success and retention. SIUE took second place in the category of Housing/Residential Life, according to Michael Schultz, director of University Housing. “I think it’s an honor to be nationally recognized for efforts in making sure that our students are successful in their educational endeavors,” Schultz said.



SIUE Dual Diploma Student Is Valedictorian and Commencement Speaker

Eray Ozturk is an outstanding graduate of the SIUE School of Engineering’s dual diploma program in industrial engineering. This collaboration started in 2007 between Istanbul Technical University (ITU) and SIUE. Each year, 35 Turkish students of the highest caliber are accepted into the program. Students study their freshman and junior years at ITU, and their sophomore and senior years at SIUE. Eray’s GPA was 4.0 at SIUE and 3.96 at ITU, which placed him first among the 3,000 ITU graduates. ITU asks its valedictorian to give the student address at its common commencement for all its graduates. Eray is planning to continue his graduate studies either at Stanford or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). ITU commencement attendees included SIUE Provost Ann Boyle and School of Engineering Dean Hasan Sevim. ITU’s Rector Muhammed Sahin was very complimentary of the dual diploma program. He noted: “The education our dual diploma students receive at ITU and SIUE is world class. These students will soon be outstanding alumni of both institutions, and we will be proud of them.”

Noted Alumni Honored at May 2012 Commencement

The SIUE Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards Committee actively solicits nominations from members of the University community to obtain a diverse pool of qualified candidates for these awards. Recipients are recognized and serve as the commencement speaker at the May ceremonies.

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters: Fernando Aguirre

A candidate for an honorary humane letters degree is any person who has made significant contributions to cultural, educational, scientific, economic, social, humanitarian or other worthy fields of endeavor.

An Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters was presented to Fernando Aguirre, most recently chair and CEO of Chiquita Brands International Inc. and a 1980 SIUE graduate with a bachelor of science in business administration/marketing. Since graduating from SIUE in 1980, Aguirre has built an outstanding legacy of business and philanthropic leadership. He arrived in the United States as an exchange student from Mexico and earned a baseball scholarship to SIUE.

Upon graduation, Aguirre joined Procter & Gamble (P&G). During the next 23 years, he rose within the company, heading divisions in Brazil and Mexico, leading P&G's global feminine care unit, and serving as president of Special Projects. In 2004, he became chairman, president and CEO of Chiquita Brands, recognized worldwide for its production and distribution of bananas and other fresh produce.

His generous support of SIUE through the years has helped generations, and still is helping new generations, of students achieve their goals. He provided significant support to the renovation of SIUE's baseball facility and currently serves as honorary co-chair for **Defining Excellence – The Campaign for SIUE**. In 2005, he participated in the SIUE School of Business Executive Lecture Series, as part of the School's International Business Week. Aguirre was inducted into the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame (2009) and Athletics Hall of Fame (2007) for his exceptional efforts both on and off the field.

Distinguished Service Award: Paige St. John

Distinguished Service Awards are presented to any person who has given outstanding or unusual service to the University, the region or the state.



The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Paige St. John, a 1986 graduate of SIUE in mass communications. She is a reporter for the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* newspaper.

St. John is an award-winning journalist whose three-year examination of Florida's property insurance crisis, "Florida's Insurance Nightmare," secured her the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for investigative journalism. The award represents the first Pulitzer for an SIUE graduate and the first for the Sarasota paper. Her research uncovered how mismanagement of homeowner premiums devastated the Florida property insurance industry.

The Pulitzer committee commended St. John for "her examination of weaknesses in the murky property-insurance system vital to Florida homeowners, providing handy data to assess insurer reliability and stirring regulatory action."

St. John has worked as an investigative reporter for the *Herald-Tribune* since 2008; previously, she served as Florida statehouse bureau chief for Gannett News Service. She spent her early career as a correspondent for the Associated Press and *The Detroit News* in Michigan. She was inducted into the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame in October 2011.



Defining Excellence

THE CAMPAIGN FOR SIUE

Your gifts to **Defining Excellence – The Campaign for SIUE** are making a difference! Your support is helping to move SIUE to a new level of prominence and performance. As of August 1, 2012, nearly \$33 million has been received toward the \$50 million goal. Together we will continue to advance quality of life in the region and nation - today, tomorrow and in the years to come. Here are just a few examples of the impact donor support is having on the University.

Campaign Success Stories

School of Pharmacy Establishes Dean's Leadership Society

As the major donor society of the School of Pharmacy, the Dean's Leadership Society recognizes donors who give \$1,000 or more each fiscal year to support leadership initiatives. Contributions allow the Dean's Office to pursue innovative initiatives to further propel the School to the forefront of pharmaceutical science and practice.

Dean Gireesh Gupchup personally contributed \$1,000 toward the new initiative and seeks others willing to join in supporting this important work. Dean Gupchup has pledged to make an annual contribution of \$1,000 throughout his tenure as dean.

John Gloss, Administrator, Shriners Hospitals for Children—St. Louis, also pledged to the Dean's Leadership Society. Gloss explained that Dean Gupchup's inaugural gift inspired him to follow suit. "I gave because of the position taken by Dean Gireesh Gupchup to lead by example and make that initial gift," he said. "It certainly demonstrated to me the quality leadership characteristics that the Dean possesses. It makes me very proud to be a part of this phenomenal program and support the School of Pharmacy."

Chancellor's Retirement Celebration Raises \$130,000

SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift's retirement celebration in early April was a huge success in many ways. Nearly 200 colleagues, associates, friends, family members and community leaders gathered in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom to toast Vandegrift's highly successful eight-year tenure. The event also raised \$130,000 for the Vaughn and Sue Vandegrift Chancellor's Scholarship endowment.

Endowed Scholarship Honors Educators

Margaret Pearson, Susan Harman and Elizabeth Aston created an endowed \$15,000 scholarship as a legacy to honor their parents, Jack and Connie Ades, who committed their careers to education.

Connie taught high school English, Latin and French. She later taught English composition and homeric Greek at SIUE. Upon retirement she joined the Friends of Lovejoy Library Advisory Board, serving as the co-chair of the High School Writers Contest and vice president of the Friends of Lovejoy Library.

A pioneering faculty member at SIUE, Jack joined the Southwestern Illinois Campus of SIU in 1958 as an instructor of English language and literature at the Alton Residence Center, just one year after SIU began classes in Alton and East St. Louis. He became an assistant professor in 1963, an associate professor in 1966, a professor in 1971 and was named the chair of the English department the following year. Jack retired in 1990.

The endowed scholarship, The Dr. John I. Ades and Constance W. Ades Memorial Award, will provide support to library student workers and graduate assistants who are majoring in English.

New Construction on Alton Campus

The School of Dental Medicine has secured more than \$345,000 in gifts and pledges from alumni, faculty and friends to fund a new Simulation Lab. The new facility, which is currently under construction, will serve as a primary site of instruction for approximately 100 Year I and Year II predoctoral dental students and will effectively replace the current Multi-Disciplinary Laboratory (MDL). The new Sim Lab promises dental students a more authentic simulation of patient treatment experiences as they practice their dental techniques and spatial skills with simulated patients.

Sigma-Aldrich Pledges \$150,000 to CAS

Sigma-Aldrich Corporation has pledged \$150,000 over a 5-year period that will contribute to the new science building on campus and support the introduction of a potentially new degree program within the College of Arts & Sciences. The gift will help fund a 900-square-foot laboratory in the new facility, which is scheduled for completion by Oct. 31, 2012, and support classroom equipment and supplies. The laboratory will be the home to the proposed biochemistry degree, which is currently undergoing the approval process.



Robert Dixon, associate professor and chair of the chemistry department, said that the new degree would allow for the acceptance of more students with an interest in chemistry, specifically biochemistry, as the increased classroom and lab space will provide an attractive learning environment. “As we move into the new Science Building Complex, we are expecting a larger number of students to be a part of this proposed degree,” said Dixon. “The donation from Sigma-Aldrich will help furnish all labs with the additional instrumentation needed to support our students as they pursue this degree.”

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



SIUE Receives \$469,000 Art Donation

SIUE's University Museum now houses the largest collection of artwork in the country by the late, internationally acclaimed artist, Emilio Sanchez, thanks to a recent acquisition facilitated by University Museum Director Eric Barnett.

The donation of Cuban art from the Emilio Sanchez Foundation through the Cuban Caribbean Center in the College of Arts and Sciences is valued at \$469,000. Sanchez was a 20th century Cuban artist whose paintings are part of the collections of many of the most important art museums in the world.

Barnett discovered the collection through a listserv accessible to academic museums and galleries. The Foundation had placed a notice that a large portion of the collection was available for interested institutions. The University Museum first acquired a piece of Sanchez's art in 1971, when it purchased a large lithograph.

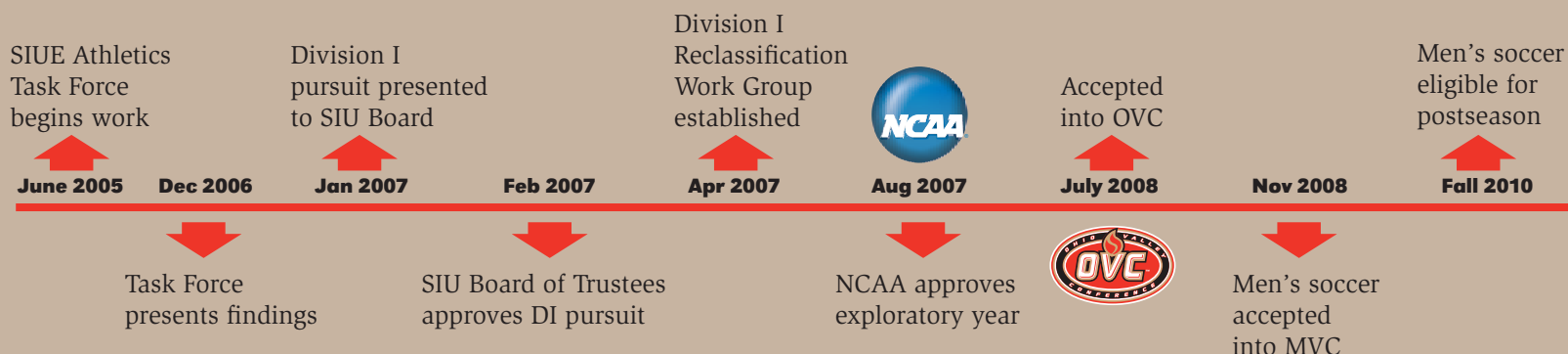
Martinson Family Foundation Supports Entrepreneurship

A \$120,000 contribution during the next three years from the Martinson Family Foundation of Lawrenceville, N.J. to the SIUE School of Business will assist in strengthening the academic and co-curricular entrepreneurship specialization in business administration.

The gift to the School of Business's entrepreneurship program reflects the Martinson family's personal and professional interests. John Martinson is the director of the foundation, and founder and managing partner of Edison Ventures in Lawrenceville. Eileen Martinson is chief executive officer of Sparta Systems in Holmdel, N.J., which is a leading provider of enterprise quality management software.

School of Business Dean Gary Giamartino said he believes the partnership with John and Eileen Martinson will enable the School to capitalize on the interest of students who plan to start their own businesses. Entrepreneurship is a burgeoning area of emphasis in all majors across the University.

SIUE Division I Timeline



SIUE Athletics Receives Full NCAA Division I Certification

On August 2, SIUE Athletics leaped over its last hurdle as the University learned it is fully certified at the Division I level by the NCAA. The NCAA Executive Committee voted to approve SIUE's full certification and sent SIUE notification of its new status.

"I am very proud of SIUE and the Department of Athletics for reaching this historic moment. Full NCAA Division I certification supports SIUE's vision as a premier Metropolitan University," said Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe.

SIUE has enjoyed great success since moving to the Division I level both athletically and academically.

- SIUE student-athletes continued their string of outstanding performances in the classroom, posting their best full-year grade point average (GPA) of 3.181
- The SIUE baseball program became the first team in this era to have an All-American with relief pitcher Dustin Quattrocchi's third team selection by the American Baseball Coaches Association
- SIUE women's basketball gave the Cougars their first-ever NCAA Division I national postseason event by qualifying for the Women's Basketball Invitational

Director of Athletics Brad Hewitt said the certification process has made the SIUE Department of Athletics stronger. "This has been an important journey for SIUE's Athletics Department. It should not go without thanking and commending the many individuals who have given numerous hours and days to the task of making this day possible," said Hewitt. "We clearly are excited about the future of Cougar

Athletics and what lies ahead for our coaches, staff, fans, friends, and especially student-athletes."

SIUE will soon begin seeing the benefits of being a full member of Division I. In addition to all teams being able to compete for conference and NCAA-sponsored championships, SIUE Athletics also became eligible for the NCAA grants not afforded to provisional members.

SIUE fields 18 teams that will be eligible for postseason competition. The men's sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and wrestling. The women's sports include basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

Academic Excellence Spring 2012

By the Numbers

12 Consecutive semesters student-athletes have posted a combined GPA of better than 3.0

3.153 Combined GPA for the 2012 spring semester



31% Student-athletes earned a spot on the Dean's List with GPA 3.5 or higher

65% Student-athletes finished with a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher

70% Student-athlete graduation rate (significantly higher than most peer institutions)

100% Student-athletes in good academic standing

12 Programs finished with a GPA of better than 3.0 during the spring semester

- Men's golf (3.485)
- Women's cross country (3.443)
- Volleyball (3.412)
- Women's tennis (3.398)
- Women's soccer (3.362)
- Women's track and field (3.253)
- Men's soccer (3.222)
- Men's tennis (3.187)
- Women's basketball (3.149)
- Women's golf (3.110)
- Baseball (3.037)
- Softball (3.037)

Buscher Selected to Guide Women's Basketball



Paula Buscher has joined the SIUE family as the new head coach for the SIUE women's basketball team. Buscher becomes the fifth head coach in the program's history. She inherits a program that went 18-12 overall and finished third in its first season of play in the OVC. Last season, the Cougars played in the Women's Basketball Invitational, the University's first NCAA Division I national postseason event.

"Her enthusiasm for the game and her passion to put her student-athletes first makes her a fantastic choice for this position."

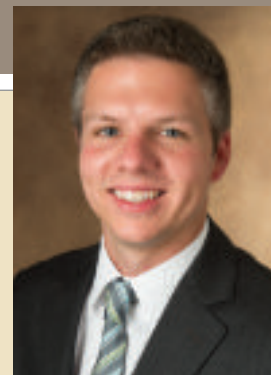
— Director of Athletics Brad Hewitt

A native of Peoria, Buscher spent the last 12 seasons at Bradley University. She won 167 games for the Braves, ranking ninth most in Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) history. "It is an exciting time for both me and SIUE Athletics, and I am thrilled to be a part of the SIUE women's basketball program," Buscher said. "I look forward to building upon the great work that has been done to bring championships to the 'e.'"

Buscher holds a career record of 210-226 (.482) that includes brief stints as head coach at Minnesota State-Mankato and Nebraska-Omaha. She earned a bachelor's from Missouri State University in 1986 and a master's in physical education with an emphasis in athletic administration from Illinois State.



From Your SIUE Alumni Association Board President



My first visit to the SIUE campus was one of both excitement and terror. It was 1985, and my kindergarten class was on a field trip to visit Kyna, SIUE's live cougar mascot.

For a five year-old, interacting with a wild animal is thrilling and a bit unsettling. At one point, Kyna attempted to escape from her handler, lunging toward us and the chain link fence. Although she was carefully tethered and the situation was well under control, the split-second of chaos was exhilarating and fairly unforgettable.

On another spring afternoon, seventeen years later, I had an even more exhilarating experience at SIUE. This time I was walking across a stage in the Vadalabene Center, receiving my diploma. In this case, the rush of adrenaline came not only from hearing my name echo through the gym, but also from the sense of achievement that I felt and the awareness of new opportunities that this degree would afford.

Both of these little vignettes are plot points in my life's story – a story that has, in many ways, been shaped by Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. I suppose that's why I'm here. I'd like to return the favor.

I have no doubt that my experiences at SIUE were vastly different from yours, but I suspect that SIUE has made a positive impact on your story too. Some of your SIUE memories include the "Bubble Gym," "MRF" and "Chimega," while others include "Bluff Hall," "Cougar Village" and "Division I." And though our experiences are different, we have both been shaped by the same institution and are both beneficiaries of SIUE's future success and the success of its students and alumni.

That's a future that we can help shape.

As president of the SIUE Alumni Association, I'd like to leave our mark on campus, and one way is to increase the amount of scholarship dollars that we provide to current SIUE students. And to do that, I'll need your help.

I also want to know what interests you most about SIUE: Scholarships? Mentoring students in your career field? Networking with other graduates? Attending social events? Providing support for academic programs, athletics, the arts or The Gardens? I want to help you get plugged in to the area or areas that are of greatest interest to you.

Consider what it would look like if all 90,000 SIUE alumni pitched in. What would it look like if just 90 of us were truly engaged and working to make an impact on the story of SIUE and its students? Think about it.

In the meantime, I want to hear your story. So send me an e-mail at: stm11@hotmail.com.

Go Cougars!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SJ Morrison".

SJ Morrison, '02 BA
SIUE Alumni Association President

We Are Cougars!



About the SIUE Alumni Association

Our Mission

Be a valued partner of SIUE through the advancement and promotion of SIUE alumni, the University and its friends.

Our Vision

Foster a lifelong, mutually beneficial relationship among SIUE alumni, the University and its friends.

Our Aspiration

Become known by every Cougar as the gateway to SIUE and the alumni community and to meaningfully engage more alumni in memberships, programs and services each year.

Simply put, we are working to engage, educate and empower Cougars for Life. How do we go about achieving those goals?

Engage

The Alumni Association Board of Directors and its committees strive to schedule a series of on-campus and off-campus events designed to reacquaint you with your *alma mater*, fellow graduates and current SIUE students. These events range from social activities to opportunities to network. Many of these opportunities provide Association members with exclusive discounts and experiences. Alumni can also serve as volunteer mentors to SIUE students, helping those students build a network of their own and learn from mentors' experiences and wisdom. The Alumni Association also sponsors STAT—Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow. STAT members serve the University and broader community through volunteer activities, mentoring programs and signature events like the Nearly Naked Mile.

Educate

The Alumni Association works in collaboration with other departments and facets of the University to provide you with opportunities for lifelong learning. This includes access to the Lovejoy Library, discounts to the *Arts & Issues* series and learning opportunities that deal with issues each of us face in our daily lives, from seeking a new career, starting our own business or building greater financial security for our families.

Empower

The Alumni Association serves as the conduit between alumni and the University. The Association works within

the SIUE community to gain alumni input and perspective through service on advisory boards, university-related committees and service projects. As the University grows in stature, so does the value of your degree. As we collaborate with the University, we assist in this process of enhancing the reputation of our *alma mater*.

Membership also provides you access to a wealth of benefits which cover everything from discounts at local and regional businesses to major on-line retailers and services.* The Alumni Association also works with the Career Development Center to provide a wide range of career building and job-finding services. The Cougars for Life include those of us who have already graduated as well as those who are still completing their degrees. Your membership in the SIUE Alumni Association funds scholarships which assist deserving students who will become alumni.



Joining is Easy

Call 618-650-2760.

Visit us in Birger Hall on the SIUE Campus.

Download the form at siue.edu/alumni.

Join online at siue.edu/alumni. **

The Association also provides opportunities for alumni who have shared a unique educational experience. Please consider participation in the Black Alumni Association, the School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association, and/or the School of Pharmacy Alumni Association.***

*The benefits do change and are enhanced regularly. For the current list, visit siue.edu/alumni.

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Let the Good Times Roar!

HOMECOMING

Saturday, Oct. 6

**School of Dental Medicine
Homecoming**

Alton Campus

11:30 a.m. Registration

12 p.m. Picnic Lunch

1-5 p.m. Continuing Education Program
(Free to SDM Alumni)

5-7 p.m. Homecoming Reception with
hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 8-9

Vote for King and Queen

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Peck Hall

Sponsored by Campus Activities Board

Tuesday-Sunday, Oct. 9-14

Fame—The Musical

Tues.-Sat. 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 2 p.m.

Dunham Hall Theater

*An SIUE Department of Theater and
Dance production*

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Free Donuts!

9-11 a.m.

Stratton Quadrangle

Sponsored by TheBANK of Edwardsville

Homecoming Kick-off

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Stratton Quadrangle

Just 4 Laughs

J. Chris Newberg, Comedian

7 p.m.

Meridian Ballroom, MUC

Sponsored by Campus Activities Board

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Soda Shop

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Engineering Building Lobby

Sponsored by Campus Activities Board

Golf Cart Parade

12 noon

Stratton Quadrangle

3rd Annual Geography Alumni

Open House

4:30-6:30 p.m.

1316 Alumni Hall

Thursday, Oct. 11

Recliner Race

11 a.m.

Stratton Quadrangle

Sponsored by Campus Activities Board

Cougar Karaoke

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Goshen Lounge, MUC

Homecoming Dance

9-11:30 p.m.

Conference Center, MUC

*Sponsored by Residence Housing
Association*

Friday, Oct. 12

Shop at the University Bookstore

Morris University Center

8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Special offers on alumni merchandise!

Homecoming Bonfire

6:30 p.m.

Woodland Bowl

*Sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
Tentative*

SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame

Awards Dinner

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7:30 p.m. Awards Dinner

Conference Center

Morris University Center

By invitation only

SIUE Women's Soccer

7 p.m.

Korte Stadium

vs. Murray State

Saturday, Oct. 13

Balanced Man Scholarship

Golf Outing/Lunch

8 a.m.

Fox Creek Golf Course

\$75 registration

Sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon

Fraternity

CAKJR@lycos.com for information

Shop at the University Bookstore

Morris University Center

11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Special offers on alumni merchandise!

**SIUE School of Pharmacy Homecoming
Continuing Education Program**

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

200 University Park Dr., SIUE Campus

*Novel Drugs to Know About • Rationale for the
FDA's Inclusion of Genomic Biomarker Guidance on
the Labels of a Growing List of Marketed Drugs*

School of Pharmacy Alumni Gathering

12:30-2 p.m.

Bull & Bear Grill & Bar

1071 S. State Highway 157, Edwardsville

Meet the Cougar Mascot!

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

SIUE Club Football Game

1 p.m.

Outdoor Rec Plex

vs. Ohio State University

Ernie Silva One-Man Performance

2 p.m.

Metcalf Theater

Free admission (adults only)

*Ernie is an SIUE Department of Theater
and Dance alumnus*

11th Annual Chili Cook-Off

6 p.m.

Korte Stadium

Red Storm Bags Tournament

6 p.m.

East Side Korte Stadium

SIUE Men's Soccer Game

7 p.m.

Korte Stadium

vs. Missouri State University

Homecoming King and Queen

Coronation - Halftime

3rd Annual Kappa Komedý Klassick

7 p.m.

Meridian Ballroom, MUC

Sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

Sunday, Oct. 14

SIUE Women's Soccer Game

1 p.m.

Korte Stadium

vs. Austin Peay



SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame

SIUE has produced more than 90,000 graduates, many of whom have gone on to live tremendously successful lives, lives which reflect positively on themselves, our fellow graduates and our *alma mater*.

To recognize these individuals, the SIUE Alumni Association initiated the Distinguished Alumni of the Year program. The first SIUE graduate to be recognized in this fashion was Margaret Blackshere in 1974. In an effort to celebrate more of our outstanding graduates, the SIUE Alumni Association made the transition from the Distinguished Alumni of the Year to the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008. This enabled the Association to recognize alumni from each of the Schools and College of SIUE. The plaques recognizing these individuals are on display in their respective College or School as an inspiration to current SIUE students.

Those selected for the Alumni Hall of Fame represent the best in all of us who have received our education at SIUE. It is our honor to present the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2012.

School of Business



Walter "Walt" Knepper graduated from SIUE in 1969 with a BS/BA in accounting and joined Arthur Andersen LLP. That was the start of a long and distinguished career with more than 40 years of experience in tax planning and business advisory services, ranging from start-ups and entrepreneurial businesses to public companies. Walt is a

member of the SIUE Foundation Board of Directors, a lifetime member of the SIUE Alumni Association and chair of the SIUE School of Business Advisory Board.



Diane Ryan earned her bachelor's in accounting with high honors in 1978. She added an MBA from SIUE in 1980. Since graduating from SIUE, Diane has had a remarkable career, graduating *magna cum laude* with her J.D. from the St. Louis University School of Law. Her professional career has included private practice and

nearly three decades of public service in one of the largest governmental agencies in the United States, as well as teaching at the SIUE School of Business and the St. Louis University School of Law. Diane is currently a tax litigation attorney with a Chicago law firm.



James "Jim" Schlueter came to SIUE after earning a degree in journalism from the University of Illinois. He earned an MBA from SIUE in 1984. Jim has made a career in corporate communications, currently serving as director of communications for engineering, operations and technology at The Boeing Company's corporate offices

in Chicago. He has served as mentor to a number of communicators across the globe with special emphasis on encouraging young journalism, communications and English students to consider a career in corporate communications.

College of Arts & Sciences



Deborah Barylski earned a bachelor's in theater from SIUE in 1971. That led to a three-decade-long career as an Emmy Award-winning casting director. She won an Emmy and an Artois Award for casting on "Arrested Development." She has been nominated for the Artois seven times with other well-known credits, including "The Middle," "Remington

Steele" and "The Bob Newhart Show." For the past 25 years she has held seminars throughout North America on the business of acting and audition/cold reading techniques. Deborah takes great pride in her successful efforts to get the casting director's profession unionized, something which occurred in 2006.



Dr. Eric Kmiec earned a master's in biological sciences from SIUE in 1980. His experiences at SIUE changed his life's ambitions and led him to a focus on academic research. In 2008, Eric was named "a pioneer of gene repair," a technique in which synthetic DNA molecules are used to patch or repair mutations in human

chromosomes. He has founded two biotechnology companies and holds seven patents with 50 pending applications. He has published more than 135 scientific papers and is currently the director of the Marshall University Institute for Interdisciplinary Research.



Peter Maer was inspired to be a reporter while watching the coverage of President Kennedy's assassination. He became a member of the first class of SIUE mass communications majors, graduating in 1970. Peter has been a voice for national news for more than a quarter of a century, serving as a White House correspondent since

1986. He has provided coverage on presidential politics and major national and international disasters and has received honors including the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award, four Merriman Smith Awards for Presidential Coverage and the Overseas Press Award. Peter was named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 1995 and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from SIUE in 2007.



Eugene Redmond earned a bachelor of arts in English from SIUE in 1964. He went on to become an internationally acclaimed poet and organizer. For more than 40 years, Eugene has been a prominent contributor to literary and cultural endeavors and has authored or edited more than 25 volumes of poetry and collections of diverse writings. He

has collaborated on arts projects with prominent artists such as Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison and Katherine Dunham. He is the recipient of the American Book Award and a Sterling A. Brown Lifetime Achievement Award, among others. In 2008, SIUE awarded Eugene an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.



Clinton "Clint" Van Zandt has literally saved hundreds of lives. The Granite City native earned his bachelor of arts in sociology from SIUE in 1971 after returning from service in Vietnam as a U.S. Army counter-intelligence officer. After graduation, he started a 25-year career with the FBI and retired as its chief hostage negotiator and supervisor of the

Behavioral Science Unit. He has traveled the world in response to international hostage situations and provided psychological profiles to law enforcement around the world. Clint has authored dozens of professional articles, appeared as an expert commentator on more than 3,000 TV programs, and regularly consults for movies and TV shows. He recounts his life as a profiler and hostage negotiator in his book "Facing Down Evil." He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from SIUE in 2011.

School of Dental Medicine



Dr. W. H. Milligan III, earned a Ph.D. in microbiology at the University of Pittsburgh. He began his career as a faculty member at the SIU School of Dental Medicine in 1972, prior to the enrollment of the first class of dental students at the new dental school. He helped develop the curriculum and played a role in the education of the first graduating

classes. Unique to his story, after serving as a faculty member at the dental school for four years, he entered the dental school as a student and obtained his D.M.D. from the SIU School of Dental Medicine in 1979. He currently is an assistant professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, where he previously served as the associate dean of clinical affairs.

School of Education



Jennifer Filyaw earned her master of science in education from SIUE in 1999 and quickly found herself using her education administration skills. After three years of teaching, she was named a school principal in the Shiloh, Ill., school district. Just four years later, she became the youngest school superintendent in the state of Illinois when

the district selected her after a nationwide search. Jennifer was named to the "Top 40 under 40" by the *Illinois Business Journal* in 2010 and has been recognized nationally for her efforts in dealing with a controversial censorship issue. Her district has received the Bright Star Award for five consecutive years.



Dr. Ed Hightower has earned three degrees from SIUE: a BS in physical education in 1974, an MEd in 1977, and a specialist degree in 1991. Ed's relationship with SIUE is a lifelong one. He has served as the superintendent of the Edwardsville school district for 16 years and is widely recognized for his efforts as the first African-American superintendent in the district's history. He received the 1993 National Distinguished Principals Award. He has made a lifetime commitment to SIUE, serving as vice-chair of the SIU Board of Trustees, a member of the SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors and chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. Ed is also a nationally-recognized, award-winning NCAA basketball official.

**Read more about
the SIUE Alumni
Hall of Fame.**

**Nominate fellow
alumni for the
Class of 2013.**

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Dr. Arthur "Art" Menendez graduated from SIUE with a bachelor of arts in psychology in 1975. He went on to become a renowned vision research scientist with the United States Air Force. His cutting-edge research on visual psychophysics focused on making aviation safer for pilots. During a short, but prolific career, Art authored or co-wrote more

than 20 publications. His research was particularly relevant for combat pilots but was also widely used in the field of medicine. One of the handbooks he wrote on how to treat eye injuries resulting from lasers was widely used by the U.S. military and its allies during Operation Desert Storm. Although it has been more than 20 years since his untimely death, much of Art's research remains classified due to national security reasons.

School of Engineering



Kenneth Cates earned his bachelor of science in construction in 1996. He is the executive vice-president of Northstar Management Company, a firm he co-founded. Ken is a Certified Healthcare Constructor who has developed educational programs for healthcare owners, architects and contractors; chaired design and

construction planning meetings for national conferences; and given countless hours to enhance the process of planning, design and construction of healthcare facilities. Ken has worked on more than one thousand projects with a lifetime value of more than \$3 billion. In 2009, he was awarded the Crystal Eagle Award from the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association, recognizing him for his excellent leadership qualities, innovation and overall contributions to ASHE.



Dr. Kurt Smith is an engineer and entrepreneur who started his first company while a student at SIUE. Since then, he has founded 15 different ventures and is currently the global vice-president of New Growth Platforms at Covidien, a \$10 billion medical technology company that provides surgical and therapeutic products.

Kurt earned a bachelor's in electrical engineering in 1985 and a master's in electrical engineering in 1986. He went on to earn a doctor of science in electrical and biomedical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis. His work revolutionized the operating room, enabling surgeons to actually see where they are in real time on MRI and CT images displayed in the operating room.

School of Nursing



Donna Meyer earned her bachelor of science in nursing in 1978 and went to work as a pediatric staff nurse in Missouri and Illinois. After earning her master of science in nursing in 1982, she began a 30-year career as a leader and innovator in the nursing profession. Donna currently serves as president of the National Organization

for Associate Degree Nursing where she strives to foster advancement of nursing education on a national level. Her efforts led her to the White House this past June to participate in a discussion on "Improving Care Quality and Patient Health." Donna has served on the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association. During her 30 years with the nursing program at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Donna has substantially grown the program while maintaining a strong collaborative relationship with the SIUE School of Nursing. She has been recognized on a local, state and national level for her contributions to the nursing profession.



Staying Connected

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

Online — siue.edu/alumni

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

In person

- Social events
- Volunteering
- Lifelong learning opportunities
- Mentor a current student

Networking. Connecting. Fun!

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

Alumni Day at Busch Stadium

This is traditionally one of our most popular alumni events, and July 22 was no exception as 150 SIUE alumni and guests gathered at Carmine's Steakhouse in downtown St. Louis for a pre-game luncheon. Everyone headed to the best seats yet — Right Field Loge — for the game between the Cardinals and the Cubs. The day was made even more special with the attendance of SIUE Chancellor Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe who was honored with the opportunity to throw out the first pitch.



Upcoming Events

Alumni Night at the Lincoln Museum

Saturday, Sept. 29

This is a reprise of an event first held in 2009. The response was so overwhelmingly positive that it is being offered again. Enjoy a sit-down dinner in the rotunda of this world-class museum dedicated to the man considered our greatest president. After dinner, alumni will have private access to all of the exhibits the museum has to offer. For those who want to make a weekend of it, a block of rooms is available at the Hilton Springfield, which is within walking distance of the museum. Registrants will receive a discount with the SIUE Alumni access code. For those not wanting to make the drive to Springfield, transportation from the campus via charter bus will be available. There will be an additional charge for this service. This event is limited to a maximum of 200 guests, so be sure to register early. For more information or to register, visit siue.edu/alumni.



4th Annual Alumni Trivia Night

Friday, Nov. 16

Alton Holiday Inn

The plan is simple, get seven of your friends together to form a team and be ready for an evening of fun, food and the testing of your personal knowledge of all things trivial. Cash prizes will be awarded for first and second place. This is also a fundraiser for programs sponsored by the SIUE Alumni Association. For more information, visit siue.edu/alumni.



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A Dance St. Louis Production: New Dance Horizons

Thursday, October 11
7:30 p.m.
Wilkey Theater, Edwardsville



Nikki Giovanni Monday, November 5

7:30 p.m.
Meridian Ballroom,
Morris University Center



100 years of Broadway

Thursday, November 29
7:30 p.m.
Meridian Ballroom,
Morris University Center



Karla Bonoff

Thursday, March 21, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Meridian Ballroom,
Morris University Center



La Familia Valera Miranda

Thursday, April 4, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater



David Sedaris

Tuesday, April 16, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Meridian Ballroom,
Morris University Center

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Flight

Wednesday, May 29, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Tickets

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Online: artsandissues.com

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Fame—The Musical

Oct. 9-13, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

What the Butler Saw

Nov. 7-10, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Distracted

Feb. 20-13, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Suddenly Last Summer

March 13-16 and 22-23, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
March 17 and 24, 2013, 2 p.m.
Metcalf Theater

Dance in Concert – Carmina Burana

April 17-20, 7:30 p.m.
April 21, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall Theater

Tickets

SIUE Fine Arts Box Office
618-650-2774
888-328-5168, Ext. 2774

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*).

SIUE Alumni Association Great Teacher Award 2012

The SIUE Alumni Association established the Great Teacher Award in 1970 to recognize SIUE faculty who have demonstrated excellence and innovation in providing an education to SIUE students and whose interaction with those students has brought about a positive and often powerful impact. The SIUE Alumni Association is proud to present the 2012 Great Teacher Award to Dr. David Kaplan.



Kaplan is an associate professor of physics in the College of Arts and Sciences. He earned his B.A. from New York University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell University. His research work involves experimental physics: scintillating fibers and cosmic ray detection, in collaboration with a cosmic ray astrophysics group at Washington University in St. Louis.

One of Kaplan's nominators wrote: "I took David Kaplan's wave course as an undergraduate in 2004. Due in large part to his effective teaching and advising, I continued to write my undergraduate thesis on acoustic wave scattering, which led to a full scholarship in the University of Delaware's applied mathematics graduate department, where I earned a master's degree with emphasis on mathematical acoustics. I am currently pursuing a second advanced degree at the Institute

of Sound and Vibration Research in England. Thanks to David's recommendations with respect to my work in his waves course, I received an ISVR scholarship."

Upon being notified of his recognition, Kaplan responded "I am very grateful for this award, the existence of which illustrates once again the emphasis that SIUE and its active Alumni Association place on teaching for our students. I am proud to say that the quality level of teaching by colleagues in my own department, physics, is the highest that I have seen at any university; I can well imagine that analogous statements could be made about most or all of our SIUE academic departments."

[Read David Kaplan's full response](#)

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Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Scholarship

Eight of the ten children of Raymond and Dorothy Stahlschmidt attended and graduated from SIUE. In honor of their parents, the siblings created the Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Scholarship. Each recipient receives a \$1,500 award. The SIUE Alumni Association administers this scholarship.



Kyle DeProw of Bethalto (center) accepts the Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Award from Janet (Stahlschmidt) Hohenstein and Awards Committee member Tom McRae.



Elsa Wible of Imperial, Mo., (center) accepts the Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Award from Janet (Stahlschmidt) Hohenstein and Awards Committee member Tom McRae.

SIUE Alumni Legacy Scholarship

Part of the mission of the SIUE Alumni Association involves supporting students of our *alma mater*. Thanks to the dues paid by members of the Association, our organization is able to make several scholarships available to incoming freshmen and current SIUE students. One freshman-to-be and one current student are awarded a full-year tuition and fees scholarship. Thanks to the generous support of the SIUE Foundation, the Alumni Association awarded five \$500 awards. It is our pleasure to introduce you to the scholarship recipients for 2012-2013.



Current Student

Tobi Drilling, Edwardsville

"It has always been my dream to become a teacher. When I was younger, I wanted to be a kindergarten teacher, then an astronomy professor, and as I grew older, I settled upon wanting to be a high school English teacher. I chose SIUE

because it has an excellent education program. I also chose SIUE because I am paying for college on my own and SIUE is affordable.

On December 8, 2009, my father unexpectedly passed away. I was in my freshman year of college and I missed the last two weeks of the fall semester to go home and be with my family. It was the hardest thing that I have ever had to go through and am still going through. I stayed at home until it was time for spring semester to start. When I got back to school after winter break, I still had to take my finals. I had worked really hard throughout my fall semester and there was no way I was going to let all of my hard work go to waste. I studied every night as much as I could for both my finals and the five new classes that I was taking. I took my finals, continued my spring semester and finished my freshman year with a 4.0 grade point average.

I returned to school in the fall and received one of only three Rising Sophomore Awards at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and remained on the Dean's list for the fall semester. Since my dad passed away I have held two different positions in my sorority, Alpha Phi, become a tour guide for incoming freshmen, worked in the Chancellor's Office, worked as a Springboard Student Leader, stayed on the Dean's List every semester, and maintained above a 3.75 GPA.

It was always my dad's dream for me to go to college and graduate with a degree. And, even though he will never get to see me graduate, I want to succeed in school because I know it is what would have made my dad proud. This scholarship is making it possible for me to continue at SIUE. Every year, it has been a constant struggle and I worry about making sure that my bill was paid on time. However, school is too important to me to not continue attending SIUE.

The SIUE Alumni Legacy Scholarship is helping me to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a teacher so that I can make a difference in someone's life. In the spring of 2013, I will graduate from SIUE with a bachelor's in English education and it is because of this scholarship that I will be able to complete my senior year only having to worry about my course work and not about how I am going to pay for my tuition. Thank you to the SIUE Alumni Association!"

Incoming Freshman



Devon Gunn, Nokomis

"I would like to send a huge thank you to the SIUE Alumni Association for awarding me the full-tuition scholarship. Receiving the SIUE Alumni Legacy Scholarship was a great honor to me. I had hoped that SIUE would recognize

my hard work and dedication, and this scholarship has been a wonderful reward for my time and effort throughout high school. I was overjoyed when I received the letter in the mail, and my parents were very happy as well!

The financial burden of paying for college my freshman year has been lessened tremendously. My parents and I are very thankful for this scholarship because it has reduced some of the stress that accompanies sending two children to college at the same time. Reading the award letter was a burden lifted off my shoulders with the knowledge that I could enter college as debt-free as possible. I will be able to spend more time on my studies and improve as a musician.

The SIUE Alumni Legacy Scholarship will help me achieve my academic and musical goals in college and beyond. Once again, thank you to the SIUE Alumni Association for awarding me the full-tuition scholarship. I will definitely put it to good use!"

\$500 Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Nicholas Caban, Glen Carbon

Lily Costello, Metamora

Matthew Horton, Moro

Elsa Wible, Imperial, Mo.

Irene Zollars, Bethalto

★ SIUE Love Connection

The stars aligned for Blake and Sara (Guarino) Salger, two SIUE alums whose love story started right here on campus in 2001.



“Blake was my tour guide when I visited SIUE and I noticed him right away,” Sara said. “He was part of the STARS program, something I would later join when I became an SIUE student.” (See the *Traditions* article at the end of this issue.)

As STARS volunteers, Sara and Blake became good friends but didn’t start dating until after college. “He already had a girlfriend!” Sara said.

“I did ask Sara to help me out with a writing assignment once,” Blake said. “My excuse was that I needed to interview someone who was very involved in campus activities, but I might have had a small crush at the time.”

Blake and Sara even lived in adjacent buildings in Cougar Village, but their romance was put on hold until after graduation when each of them moved across the river to St. Louis. Sara was attending law school at Saint Louis University and Blake was working downtown when they reconnected.

“Our official first date was in May at SqWires restaurant in LaFayette Square,” Sara said. “Even though we had already

“Blake was my tour guide when I visited SIUE and I noticed him right away.”

— Sara Salger, '84

known each other for quite a while, we had so much to talk about. We were basically inseparable from then on.”

The couple got engaged in the spring of 2009 and married nine months later at Trinity Lutheran Church in Soulard. They just welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Sophia Grace. The Salgers are adjusting to the new schedule but say they have never been happier.

“We are normally very scheduled people, but Sophia has other ideas,” Blake said. “It’s all worth it to see her little smile.”

The Salger family is still very involved with SIUE. Sara sits on the SIUE alumni programming committee and is also involved in the mentor program.

Sara said that if she could give one piece of advice to SIUE students, it would be to get involved. “Blake and I had an amazing college experience in part because we were involved in so many different activities. The connections I made back then are still paying off now.”

And you never know, you might just meet your soul mate.

Sara, '04 BS, business and marketing, is an associate at Gori, Julian & Associates law firm. Blake, '04 BA, mass communications & marketing, owns his own web-based daily deal business.



STAT — Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

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

STAT is the student alumni organization formed by the Office of Alumni Affairs and the SIUE Alumni Association in 2008. The mission of the organization is to enhance the personal, academic and professional development of SIUE students—past, present and future—by establishing and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with SIUE alumni, the SIUE Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Affairs.

The alumni mentoring program offers students numerous opportunities to network with alumni, and STAT has also proven itself to be an effective model for student engagement. Thanks to the hard work of its members, its leadership, and former adviser Katie Bennett, STAT was named the 2011-12 Outstanding Student Organization of the Year by the Kimmel Leadership Center. We celebrate this accomplishment and congratulate STAT—Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow!

Volunteer to be a mentor

The primary component of STAT involves the connection between current SIUE students and SIUE alumni. The program calls for the pairing of a student with a graduate working in the field in which the student is currently studying.

If you would like to provide inspiration, a helping hand and direction that could last a lifetime, please consider serving as a STAT mentor.

For more information on the STAT mentoring program, visit siue.edu/alumni.



Nearly Naked Mile

Plans are being made for the 2012 Nearly Naked Mile, one of the most popular STAT events of the year.



STAT members and their alumni mentors gather for a night of pizza, bowling, and socializing at Cougar Lanes in the Morris University Center.



For photos of previous events, visit siue.edu/alumni/stat (click on Events Photo Gallery).



Meet Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe

On July 1, Julie Furst-Bowe (BO-vee) became the eighth chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, filling the position vacated with the retirement of Vaughn Vandegrift. Furst-Bowe was selected as the top candidate following a four-month national search. Upon the recommendation of SIU President Glenn Poshard, the SIU Board of Trustees approved her appointment.

While introducing the native of Chippewa Falls, Wisc. to the campus community, President Poshard said “Julie Furst-Bowe has the right combination of skills and experience to continue the momentum that SIUE has built during the past decade. I am confident she will bring the leadership necessary to keep this growing campus community moving in a positive direction.”

Furst-Bowe graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1985 with a bachelor’s in journalism. A master of science in media technology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout (UW-Stout) followed in 1986. She then earned an Ed.D. in work, family and community education in 1995 from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis where, that same year, she achieved a professional certificate in human resource development.

Furst-Bowe comes to SIUE after having served as provost and vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at the UW-Stout in Menomonie since 2005. In that role she supervised the academic colleges, as well as enrollment services, student services, international education, Stout Online and the Discovery Center: Applied Research, Economic Development and Technology Transfer.

She joined UW-Stout as a faculty member in 1990 and progressed through the administrative ranks as chair of the department of communications, education and training; associate vice chancellor for academic and student affairs; and assistant chancellor for assessment and continuous improvement; and provost and vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

Furst-Bowe has provided leadership to the nationally-recognized quality improvement program at UW-Stout and has served as a senior examiner for the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program. UW-Stout was the first higher education institute to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. She currently serves as



higher education chair for the American Society for Quality and is providing leadership to STEM education initiatives on a nationwide basis.

Furst-Bowe is recognized nationally and internationally for her expertise in quality higher education and has authored several articles and books on the topic of quality and performance excellence in higher education. She is a founding board member of the National Consortium for Continuous Improvement in Higher Education and served on the Wisconsin Center for Performance Excellence and Sacred Heart Hospital boards of directors. Furst-Bowe has also served as a quality improvement consultant for numerous colleges and universities and is currently under contract to provide consulting services to Singapore’s Ministry of Education, Hamdan Bin Mohammed e-University in Dubai and Ahlia University in Bahrain. She was recently selected as a Fulbright Scholar and has worked with a new university in Azerbaijan through the Fulbright Program.

Her credentials are impressive, but we also wanted to learn more about the person now leading our *alma mater*; which she describes as “a vibrant, growing campus with unlimited potential as a premier Metropolitan University.” Chancellor Furst-Bowe was gracious enough to make time in her extremely busy schedule to answer questions about who she is, how she got to where she is today and what we might expect from her as chancellor of SIUE.

eConnection: Going back to the days when you were a college student, what got you involved in journalism?

Furst-Bowe: Like many 18 year olds, I was really undecided about my career plans as an undergraduate. I think I majored in just about everything at one point or another. I received a lot of positive feedback from my professors in my writing classes. They encouraged me to think about a major in writing, whether it be in English, business communication or journalism. I decided on journalism.

eConnection: Did you work in journalism when you were in college?

Furst-Bowe: Yes, I did. The campus newspaper was *The Spectator*, and I was the arts and entertainment reporter when I was working on my undergraduate degree. It was enjoyable as I got to see movies, theater performances and concerts and write reviews for the paper.

eConnection: What created the interest in media technology and the master's that followed?

Furst-Bowe: When I graduated from college in the '80s, the job market wasn't any better than it is now. So I considered the possibility of a master's and began to look at programs in instructional technology. I actually took a field trip for one of my journalism classes to the campus media production center. I watched the people doing photography and graphic design and writing scripts and felt this would be a great place to work. A conversation with the director let me know that everyone there had a master's in instructional technology. Given the job market at the time and the fact that what they were doing looked like an enjoyable career, I earned my master's. Once I began teaching media technology and media production courses, I wanted to earn my doctorate, and a doctorate in education made sense. I was also interested in moving into administration, and that's why I took that route.

eConnection: What led to your decision to seek a position as a university chancellor?

Furst-Bowe: I was always asking, "What is the next step?" I had been at the same institution for a long time, but I had changed jobs there frequently. When I was named provost, I felt I could do that for about five years and, if it works out, I'll probably be looking for a chancellor or president position. I started talking with my chancellor at the time about my desire to move forward to the next level, and he was very supportive. He expressed that he felt I was doing a great job as provost, but stressed that there is a different



skill set needed for the position of university president or chancellor. He said I would need to get more involved in alumni relations, government relations, fundraising and all of those things that are in a presidential portfolio that provosts don't have a lot of experience with at a typical college campus. So I started shadowing him and independently hosting alumni events, meeting with donors and building my resume so I was competitive for chancellor or president positions.

eConnection: How did you learn of the opening at SIUE?

Furst-Bowe: When I was looking for a chancellor position, several people told me about SIUE and what a great school it is. They said that I had to look at this school and put in my application. I thought it would be a great fit, and it is already turning out that way.

eConnection: What were your thoughts when you saw all that is happening at this university?

Furst-Bowe: It was really impressive. SIUE does a great job with marketing and student recruitment materials. SIUE also has a fantastic story about how the campus has moved from primarily a commuter campus to one which has a large residential base and new residence halls. There is a nice student life component that is expanding. The enrollment is moving in the right direction and there is a great program array with offerings in liberal arts, business and engineering and the health-related fields of nursing, pharmacy and dental medicine. It just looked like a complete package.

eConnection: What would you say is the number one challenge facing you as SIUE's chancellor?

Furst-Bowe: I think the number one challenge is maintaining all that has been done in the last decade. I want to make sure enrollments stay healthy. I also think there is an opportunity to improve retention and graduation rates. This is an opportunity that exists at every campus and is at topic that is being examined statewide and on a national level.

eConnection: What do you see as the most exciting opportunities for you and SIUE?

Furst-Bowe: When I interviewed for the position, I met with several on- and off-campus groups. I did hear that there was an opportunity for greater community involvement. I think we're seeing that already as part of freshman orientation this year. We will literally have hundreds of our students doing community service at several different sites during their orientation program. I have not had a chance to take a deep look at it, but feedback from alumni and the community demonstrated there is a need to do more for adult learners, those who possibly started college at one point but didn't finish their degree, or someone who did finish a degree and is now looking at a career change or an advanced degree. The question is, how can we provide further education without having them quit their jobs to come back to school full-time or for a year or two—something that just isn't feasible for most working adults.

eConnection: Please describe your goals for your first 90 days and your first year.

Furst-Bowe: I will spend my first 90 days getting to know people. The fall events here are designed to welcome back students, faculty and staff, and I think that will consume much of the first 90 days. There have been a lot of fine traditions started here at SIUE, and I'll be able to plug into those in the first 90 days. I think the entire first year will involve a lot of listening, learning and seeing where the campus stands. It's my understanding that we're coming to the end of a major strategic planning phase. Within the next year, we will probably gear up for another strategic plan that can carry us into the next decade and work with the campus community to redefine some of the goals, priorities and initiatives that we'll want to advance.

eConnection: How would you describe your management style?

Furst-Bowe: It's a very participative management style. I'm not saying I have all of the answers. I had been at UW-Stout 20 years and had done a number of jobs on campus, from faculty member to various administrative positions, and here I see a lot of similarities. But I realize SIUE has unique qualities and I'm definitely going to rely on key individuals to help me identify and build on our strengths, while addressing opportunities for improvement.



SIU President Glenn Poshard (left) and SIU Board of Trustees Chair, John Simmons (right) introduce Julie Furst-Bowe to the SIUE community at a press conference on April 26.



Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe welcomes students to campus at the start of the fall semester.



eConnection: How would you describe yourself in terms of accessibility?

Furst-Bowe: I think I'm very approachable, accessible and responsive. If I'm not meeting with someone, I'm on the phone or answering email. I don't like to keep people waiting to hear back from me. I'm really eager to get to know the campus. Having been at UW-Stout for several years, I felt I knew everybody from the faculty to the local merchants. Coming into a new community and starting over, I want to feel established in a short period of time.

eConnection: How do you view your role as Chancellor in working with SIUE alumni?

Furst-Bowe: I'll be very involved. Alumni are critical stakeholders. Some of them were part of the search process for chancellor. I would like to continue to meet with our alumni and find out what they thought of their experience and how we can continue to meet their needs now that they are in the workforce or thinking about sending their children to SIUE. I plan on making alumni visits, which is one thing we did at UW-Stout. We had alumni reunions in different parts of the state and across the country. We even hosted a few international alumni events. Those types of activities are excellent relationship builders and people who attend them are happy to see representatives from their *alma mater*. It is an opportunity to connect with people who went to the same institution, whether they graduated the same year or not. You still have those common bonds, and those are some of the most enjoyable events to attend.

eConnection: As you may know, Chancellor Emeritus Vandegrift was a huge supporter of Cougar Athletics, as well as the regional professional sports teams. As a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan, how do you think you will embrace local teams?

Furst-Bowe: I have been looking at the Rams schedule, and I see they play the Packers in October, so that will definitely be on the agenda. I also really like women's sports, so I hope to attend SIUE women's basketball, soccer and softball games. My schedule is filling with all types of student events, so it will be a busy fall.


eConnection: Speaking of the seasons, you started at SIUE during one of the worst heat waves on record. Having come from Wisconsin with a more moderate climate, how do you think that part of your transition will go?

Furst-Bowe: I think it will be just fine. I had to laugh when I moved here. I believe it was hot everywhere during that period. I was getting phone calls and emails from friends and family in Wisconsin saying, "It's so hot here we can't stand it," and I was saying, "Well, it was 106 here yesterday!" I'm also not a big fan of snow. Two years ago, we had snow to the top of our garage. I can certainly live without that for the rest of my life! It will be nice to experience winters that are less cold and snowy.

eConnection: Any final words for our readers?

Furst-Bowe: I look forward to reaching out and getting to know everyone. As alumni, you can be very proud of what is happening at your *alma mater*. I hope to continue to make good things happen.

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. 



From Where I Sit Steve Jankowski's Perspective

Our *alma mater* can easily be compared with a living organism. It grows, evolves and improves with age. The variety of individuals, or cells if you will, who have flowed through our *alma mater* have added to the strength of this

organism, enabling it to weather sometimes dramatic shifts in the environment that is higher education. The living being, which is our university, has not only fostered thousands of exceptional alumni, but also engaged hundreds of those graduates with employment. Because of a variety of factors, a portion of the diversity which makes SIUE strong was impacted with the retirement of 124 of these individuals in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. According to the SIUE Office of Human Resources, that is approximately twice the number of retirees in a given year. Among those leaving our campus are 33 employees who can also call SIUE their *alma mater*. For all that these individuals have done to make our university what it is today, and establish it on the path to tomorrow, we offer our thanks and let a few of them share their perspective on being educated and employed at SIUE.

"I've been working with the museum collections and moving artwork around the campuses of SIUE for 30 years. In that time, the collection has grown from around 5,000 works to around 100,000. I have moved them all...three times. It's time for me to go. By the way, if you haven't noticed, you do work in a museum/art gallery. Stop and take a look around sometime. I'm guessing you're surrounded by about 6,000 pieces on display. Hope you enjoy it. I enjoyed working with you."

— Jerry Fahey, '79 BA Art/Studio Art, Museum Exhibits Designer,
University Museum
(message to the campus community upon his retirement)

Congratulations to all alumni/ employees who are moving on to the next phase of their lives.

Otha Blackburn, '80 MEd, SIUE Counselor/Tutor

Bill Brinson, '76 BA Mass Communications, University Photographer

Tom Dehner, '75 BA Mass Communications, '87 MS Speech Communications, News Director, WSIE-FM

Pat Devine, '80 BS Education, Office Manager, SIUE Post Office

Patricia Early, '82 BS Elementary Education, Instructor, Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Jerry Fahey, '79 BA Art/Studio Art, Museum Exhibits Designer, University Museum

Pamela Feters, '92 MA American & English Literature, Academic Advisor, School of Education

Susan Grimes, '02 MPA, Nurse Administrator, Health Service

Peggy Guiliacci, '95 BS Psychology/Sociology, '99 MPA, Manager, Student Financial Aid

Julia Hansen, '01 MA American & English Literature, Associate Professor, Lovejoy Library

Cheryl Heard, '80 MEd, Assistant Director Kimmel Leadership Center

Theo Jamison, '77 BA Theater, Program Director, East St. Louis Center

Lora Jones, '70 MEd, Instructor, Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Fran Karanovich, '71 BS Education, '74 MEd, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership

Emily Krohn, '73 MEd, '76 MS Psychology, Professor of Psychology, Director of the Clinical Child and School Psychology Program

Lisa Kusmanoff, '82 BS Business, Office Support Specialist, Office of the Chancellor

Patricia May, '82 MEd, Office Support Associate, East St. Louis Center

Thomas Mentzer, '69 BS Math, '72 MEd, Instructor, Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Danny Moseley, '69 BS Education, '75 MEd, Instructor, Department of Social Work

Norman Mueller, '73 BA Anthropology, Cook, MUC Food Services

James Murphy, '78 BA English, '83 MA American & English Literature, Lecturer, Instructional Services

Hope Myers, '80 BS Education, '98 MPA, Library Operations Associate, Lovejoy Library

Bruce Ooten, '87 BS Anthropology, Shipping Clerk, MUC Administration

Thomas Ostresh, '84 BA Art/Studio Art, Manager, Print and Design, MUC

Jay Patrick, '92 MBA, Laboratory Manager, Department of Chemistry

Rex Pierce, '87 MBA, Instructor, Department of Civil Engineering

Diane Schaefer, '91 MBA, Academic Advisor, School of Business

Andrea Smythe, '80 BS Theater, Staff Assistant, East St. Louis Center

Peter Theodore, '84 MA Philosophy, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Leadership

Karen Trone, '78 BS Business, Lead Specialist, Office of Financial Affairs

Sherry Venturelli, '98 BA Language/History, Office Support Specialist, Department of Foreign Languages & Literature

Susan Wilkinson, '72 BS Business Education, Office Support Specialist, SIU School of Dental Medicine

Jane Yontz, '68 BS Elementary Education, Lecturer, Instructional Services



Builder's Plaza on dedication day.

"I immensely enjoyed my time here as an undergrad student. I feel like I received a great education, and I praise the excellence of each of my instructors. My department, foreign languages and literature, has been my home away from home for more than 24 years, and I couldn't ask for better colleagues."

— Sherry Venturelli, '98 BA Language/History,
Office Support Specialist,
Department of Foreign Languages & Literature

"I will remember SIUE fondly for many things, but I will mostly remember the many friendships I forged among the faculty and staff and the extreme honor, privilege and pleasure of serving and knowing the hundreds of students I encountered during my tenure."

— Cheryl Heard, '80 MSED, Assistant Director, Kimmel Leadership Center

"I take great pride in identifying myself as an alumna of SIUE. Recognizing and appreciating the value of my personal educational experiences inspired me to work hard to make our University a success."

— Julia Hansen, '01 MA American & English Literature,
Associate Professor, Lovejoy Library

College of Arts and Sciences

1960s



Twesten

Gary Twesten (BA '66, MSED '73) is a retired teacher for the Belleville Township High School. He has also published six textbooks over the course of his career. One of his textbooks "Wildlife Ecology," was used at Belleville West High School. He is responsible for the writing, photography and the sketch drawings in the book.

1970s



Bragga

Rick Bragga (BA '77, MS '82) received the Award of Excellence for exemplary service and extraordinary leadership in the field of health care development. He is a senior consultant for Corporate DevelopMint in Charleston, S.C.

Dean Burns (MS '78) has been named vice president of real estate and community development at the St. Louis Economic Council.

Dr. Andrew Dykeman (BA '90) was named the recipient of the 2012 Biofreeze Humanitarian Award by the Logan College Alumni Association.

William Enyart (BA '74) is a retired adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard and a Belleville attorney. He is currently running for Congress in the 12th District.

Sam Guarino (BA '75), along with his business partner Craig Kalogerou, opened a third location of their popular Bella Milano restaurant in O'Fallon, Ill., off the Green Mount Road exit.

Ron Harris (BS '73) recently retired after a 31-year career at Westwood One Radio Networks. He was the senior director of technical operations for the Westwood One's West Coast production complex.

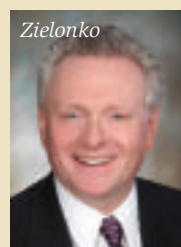


Lambert

Jerry Lambert (BA '74) has been a WICS Channel 20 anchor and reporter since 1995 and retired in July.

Dennis Schutzenhofer (BA '71, MS '75) is the St. Louis Cardinals' batting practice pitcher. He joined the Cardinals in 2001 after a 20-year career as a chemistry/physical science teacher and baseball coach for Belleville East High School.

Stephen Trosley (BS '71) is the editor-in-chief and general manager of *The Catholic Telegraph* in Cincinnati.



Zielonko

Fred Zielonko (BA '79) is the St. Louis regional Manager at Christian Stations 91.5 FM and 1320 AM. He has served 20 years at KMOX and nine years with KTRS and WIBV Radio.

Class & Faculty Notes

1980s

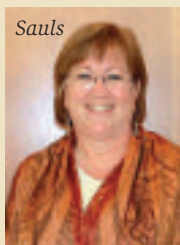


Brandt

David Brandt (BFA '89) is the owner of Sips n Splatters in Belleville and just opened another store in Maryville.

Natalie Mentrup (MA '81) has taught music in St. Louis, as well as multiple countries throughout Europe. She is now the lead conductor of the Spring Music Festival of Schools in Germany.

Edna Patterson-Petty (BFA '84, MFA '88) co-authored the book "Quilt Designs and Poetry Rhymes." She works as an artist and art therapist and is nationally recognized for her art quilts and the stories associated with her work.



Sauls

Jill Sauls (BS '82) is a visual arts educator at Lewis and Clark Elementary in the Wood River-Hartford School District #15. She is currently working on her National Board of Professional Teaching Certificate.

Diane Schuette (BA '84, MPA '99) was recently nominated a 2012 Women of Distinction Honoree by the YWCA of Alton. These nominees are citizen-driven females within the community.



Williams

Dennis Williams (MS '88) recently received a lifetime achievement award from the National Society of Black Engineers and works for the Systems Engineering Operations Analysis group with Boeing Defense, Space & Security in St. Louis.

1990s

Dennis Bland (BA '92) is employed at Spry Digital as the creative director. He is an award-winning graphic designer and establishes creative direction for the entire line of services offered by Spry Digital.



Blevins

Jeffrey Blevins ('95 BS, MS '98) has been named the head of the Department of Journalism at the University of Cincinnati.

Jane Burnett (MPA '94) is the executive director for the Watershed Nature Center in Edwardsville.

John C. Crossley (BS '95) was named *Ingram's Magazine* 40 Under 40 Class of 2012. He is a real estate agent attorney in Kansas City, Mo.

Julie Echols (MPA '98) is the human resources manager for the City of Brentwood, Mo.

Jennifer Ladd (BS '99, MPA '08) owns Ladd Agency, an Allstate exclusive agency. She was designated an Allstate Premier Service Agent for 2012.



Silkwood

Joe Silkwood (BA '87, MPA '97) has been named the 2012 Small Schools Baseball Coach of the Year by the *Alton Telegraph*.

Roy Wright (MPA '92) is the new Richmond Heights Police Chief. He has been serving as interim chief since January 2012.

Deborah B. Von Nida (BA '95) is the supervisory investigator for the Madison County Coroner's Office. She is married with two sons and lives in Granite City, Ill.

2000s



Contarino

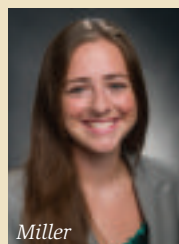
Cathy Contarino (MPA '93) was recently recognized with several major awards for the work she has done as executive director of IMPACT CIL.

Tim Eaker (BA '03) is the stage manager for the Broadway production of Newsies.

Navy Airman Dustin R. Garner (BA '09) joined other sailors from the aircraft carrier ESS Ronald Reagan in assisting in the Special Olympics-Washington Competition in Tacoma, Wash.

Luann Locke (BA '07) is the owner of Afterwords Books in Edwardsville. She has two daughters and one son. Her eldest daughter works with her at the bookstore.

Brad Gruen (BA '03) is a high school math teacher at Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto, Ill., and sponsors the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the school.



Miller

Dr. Mallory M. Miller (BS '08) entered her residency at Good Samaritan Hospital Bethesda in Cincinnati after graduating in 2012 from the SIU School of Medicine.

Rob Moginot (MA '06) has been named the 2012 Small Schools Girls Soccer Coach of the Year by the *Alton Telegraph*.

Mike Scott (BS '09) is a teacher in the Carrollton School District, teaching chemistry and an elective engineering class at the high school.

Dr. Jacob Sherer (BA '07) is a chiropractic physician practicing out of Alton, Ill. In addition to chiropractic care, he offers acupuncture and nutritional counseling, focusing on enzyme therapy.

Brett Stawar (MA, '05) is the president and CEO of the Alton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau. He manages the official destination marketing efforts for northwestern Madison, Jersey and Calhoun counties. He was recently named chairperson of the board for Riverbend Head Start & Family Services.

Yolanda Williams (MPA '04) is the director of human resources for the city of Bellaire, Texas. She was selected by the Bellaire City Manager.

Matthew Wilkin (BS '06) has been hired as a police officer with the Village of Rochester, Ill.

School of Business

1970s

Mary Mueller (BS '79) is the new director of finance for the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois. She has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of accounting and finance.



Reding

Bob Reding (MBA '75) is the senior advisor to the chief executive at FlightSafety International. Prior to joining FlightSafety International, he successfully led and managed several airlines over the course of 30 years.

Randy M. Smith (MBA '77) is CEO of Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union in Live Oak, Texas.

Carl Wolf (BS '74, MS '80) after 42 years in law enforcement, he recently announced his retirement from the City of Hazelwood as police chief. He spent more than 26 years with the City of Hazelwood.



Wolf

1980s

Elizabeth Arro (BSA '84, MBA '91) was recently named to the board of directors of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants and the St. Louis Society of Association Executives.

Vicki (Kloke) Borrer (BS '85, MBA '93) successfully passed the Advanced Proadvisor QuickBooks test with Intuit.

Dion C. Joannou (BS '89) is the CEO for Advantix Systems in Miami. Advantix Systems is a leading manufacturer of energy efficient dehumidification and air conditioning technology.

Dr. John Mosser (BS '81) has been named vice president for the Office of University Advancement at the University of Findlay in Ohio. He held a similar position at Bentley University in Mass.

Earl W. Stafford (MBA '84) is a member of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He is the CEO of the Wentworth Group LLC and Chairman of The Stafford Foundation Inc. which he founded in 2002.

Richard Watson (BS '88) is executive vice president at TheBANK of Edwardsville.

1990s

Frank Dickerson (BS '95) is the director of operations for FW Warehousing. He was the customer care manager at FW Warehousing previously, as well as a project manager for Dial Corp and mayor of the village of Worden in Madison County.

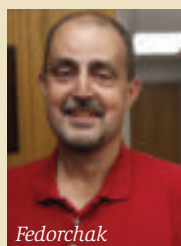
Stephanie Elliott (BSA '96) is the Alton city comptroller and was recently offered the opportunity to be a keynote speaker at the NAACP Alton branch annual banquet.



Emery

Tom Emery (MBA '95) has written 15 books and booklets on topics of local interest. He recently published a piece on the CCC Camp in Carlinville titled "Soldiers with Picks and Shovels."

Ron Fedorchak (MBA '97) was appointed from nine other candidates to fill an open position on the Mehlville School Board. He has nine months experience on the Mehlville School District Board of Education and is running for public office for the first time.



Fedorchak

Donald M. Flack (BS '93) is a Wood River-based personal injury lawyer and has been appointed associate judge in the 3rd Judicial Circuit. He currently is associated with the Flack Law Office in Wood River and the Madison County State's Attorney's office.

Erin M. Phillips (BS '98) is employed by Unsell & Schattnick and has been selected as a 2012 Illinois Super Lawyer Rising Star.

Vern Van Hoy (BS '95) has been inducted into the Alton High School Wall of Fame.



Warnecke

Linette Warnecke (BS '96) is employed with TheBANK of Edwardsville as a vice president and commercial lender of the commercial banking group.

Trish Warner (MBA '93) is employed by Terril & Company, an independent money management firm in Sunset Hills as a research assistant.

2000s

Rachel Aubrey (BS '05, MMR '06) is employed with Millward Brown as the director for client services.

Kevin Bruemmer ('05 MS) has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president of management information systems with Heartland Bank.

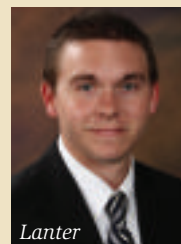
Ali Downing (BS '11) was recently hired as the marketing coordinator for Louer Facility Planning Inc. in Collinsville.

Denise Engelke (BSA '09, MSA '10) is employed with Scheffel & Company

as a Certified Public Accountant. Her practice areas include audits with financial institutions, not-for-profit organizations and governments.

Patrick Hack (BS '00) was recently promoted to assistant vice president/electronic banking at TheBANK of Edwardsville. He lives in Maryville with his wife Susan.

Dr. Shrikant Jategaonkar (MS '04) had his working paper, "If it's good for the firm, it's good for me: Insider trading and repurchases motivated by undervaluation," highlighted in the January 21, 2012, edition of the *Wall Street Journal*.



Lanter

Adam Lanter (BS '07, MSA '09) joined the firm of Schowalter & Jabouri P.C., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, as a staff accountant in the audit department.

Matthew Portell (BSA '08) is employed by Wells Fargo in St. Louis.

Sara (Guarino) Salger (BS '04) and her husband Blake Salger (BA '04) welcomed their first child, a daughter, Sophia Grace Salger on January 11, 2012.

Jared Siebert (BS '06) is assistant vice president/Glen Carbon 159 Center manager at TheBANK of Edwardsville. He is active in the community as president of Glen Carbon Kiwanis, treasurer of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Relay for Life, and a member of Edwardsville Rotary, Ed/Glen Chamber of Commerce, SIUE Alumni Association and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Kathryn Tandy (BSA '09) is employed with Scheffel & Company as a semi-senior accountant with a main focus on governmental and employee benefit plan audits.

Randy Venhaus (BS '07) is employed with the Collinsville-based Oates Associates. He was recently honored by the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers for earning his Professional Engineer license.

Mia Vieregge (BS '06) is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual in Edwardsville.

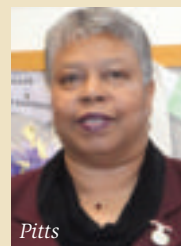
Corey Wenzel (BSA '02, MBA '03) has completed the development of the student residential complex adjacent to the SIUE campus known as The Enclave and has announced that construction will begin on Phase II-Enclave West this fall.

School of Education

1970s

Dave Beiermann (BS '72) has opened two martial arts schools, one in Jerseyville and the other in White Hall. He teaches Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan, the original martial arts of Korea.

Wanda LeFlore (BS '77, MEd '79) is the principal at Kennard Classical Junior Academy in St. Louis. She was named a Peabody Logos Leader in Education for the 2011-2012 school year.



Pitts

Debra Pitts (BS '75, MEd '83) is the principal at Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto. She is also the auxiliary board chair for United Way of Greater St. Louis' Southwest Illinois Division.

Jeannie Krause-Taylor (BA '74) is a social worker, educator and founder of Pathways for Aging. The company provides counseling for older adults, care management for families with aging parents and coaching for adult children.

George Terry (MEd '76) is an administrator at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey.

Class & Faculty Notes

Martha Warford (BS '75, MPA '04) is the RiverBend Growth Association's new chairperson for 2012. She has been involved with the RiverBend Growth Association since 2000.

1980s



Blade

Lori Blade (BS '88) is the head coach for the Edwardsville Tigers girls' basketball team. She has accomplished more than 500 wins for the Edwardsville team.

Mia Smith (BS '86, MEd '96) is the head coach for women's basketball at Illinois Wesleyan. She recently led the women's team to win the NCAA Division III national basketball championship.



Smith



Vernatti

Brenda Vernatti (BS '86, MEd '96) is the principal at North Elementary in Alton. Prior to North Elementary, she was the principal at Eunice Smith Elementary, also in Alton.

1990s



Allen

Jesse Allen (BS '99, MEd '07) has recently opened the Social School in Edwardsville to help students deal with behavioral problems.

Bob Dahm (BS '94, MEd '00) is Alternative Day School Program director and grants administrator for the Alton School District. Prior to his new position, he was principal at Belleville West High School.



Gillian

Mark Eichenlaub (MEd '93) has been named the vice-president for community services at Southwest Illinois Community College.

Barbara Gillian (MEd '96) was recently nominated a 2012 Women of Distinction Honoree by the YWCA of Alton. These nominees are citizen-driven females within the community. She retired June 30 from the job of Alton High School principal.

Kimberly Harrick (BS '92) is the administrative intern of Uthoff Valley Elementary School in the Rockwood School District.

Dr. Russ Tepen (BS '93, MEd '01, MEd '05) is the principal at Alton High School. Prior to that, he taught history and science in the Carlinville School District before being hired in 2007 as the seventh grade principal at Southeast Middle School in Hazelwood, Mo.

2000s

Jeff Busch (MEd '02) is the new McGrath Elementary principal for the City of Brentwood. He has spent 12 years teaching at both the fourth and fifth grade levels.

Tatum Darr (BS '09) is a fifth grade teacher in the Collinsville School District. She is currently pursuing her Master's in literacy education at SIUE.



Funkhouser

Tim Funkhouser (MEd '00) has been named the 2012 Large Schools Baseball Coach of the Year by the *Alton Telegraph*.



Mahanay

Aubrey Mahanay (BS '08) is employed at Our Health and Spa in Glen Carbon as the fitness and marketing director.

Rich Mertens (MEd '01) has been named principal of Belleville West High School for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Michelle Smith (MEd '11) has been named the 2012 Small Schools Softball Coach of the Year by the *Alton Telegraph*.



Smith

Tron Young (MEd '09) is principle at Schiller Elementary School in Centralia.



Zembruski

Lauren Zembruski (BS '10) has been named director of softball operations at SIUE. Zembruski was a member of the 2007 national championship team.

School of Engineering

1980s

Andy Kovarik (BS '83) is the inventor of the Siding and Gutter Swab.

1990s

Somnath Bhattacharyya (BS '98) has been recognized by *America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals* for his contributions and achievements in the field of construction/highway design. He is a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Military Construction.



Johnes

Rob Johnes (BS '97) is the president of Helmkamp Construction Co. Inc. He has coordinated numerous technology improvements, including the integration of systems for project management, account and customer relationships.

Vicki LaRose (BS '90) owns a small private engineering practice with her husband called Civil Design Inc. She has offices in both St. Louis and Collinsville.



LaRose

2000s

Alicia DeShasier (BS '07) participated in the U.S. Olympic trials in Eugene, Ore. She finished fifth in the javelin throw, which did not qualify her for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team.

Maisie Graser (BS '07) is employed with the Collinsville-based Oates Associates as a junior engineer. She was named the 2012 Young Engineer of the Year by the St. Clair Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers.

Randy Venhaus (BS '07) is employed with the Collinsville-based Oates Associates. He was recently honored by the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers for earning his Professional Engineer license.

School of Nursing

1980s

Dr. Julie Adkins (BSN '85) has been appointed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to a two-year term on the State Board of Health. She is also president of the Illinois Society of Advanced Practice Nurses.

1990s

Elizabeth Zurliene (BSN '91) has been named director of Southwestern Illinois College's Programs and Services for Older Persons department. She previously worked as the director of home care and grants for Touchette Regional Hospital and the Southwestern Illinois Healthcare Foundation.

STARs

Who better to tell prospective students why SIUE is a great place to learn and grow than current students?



“The reason I chose SIUE was because of my own tour as an incoming student. I wanted to be that inspiration for others.”

— Katie Jerbie, Junior, Elementary Education, Wheeling, Ill.
(pictured at left)

For nearly 30 years, STudents Assisting in Recruitment (STARs) have played an important role in the success of new student enrollment at SIUE. STARs are student volunteers who love SIUE and feel strongly about the University. As volunteer tour guides, STARs introduce prospective students and their families to campus and promote the University through their own positive experiences.

“I’ve never met a person on a tour who didn’t fall in love with our campus; it is so beautiful and offers a lot to students.”

— Erik Zimmerman, Sophomore, Philosophy, Morton, Ill.

The STARs program has evolved over time, from just a few volunteer tour guides giving one tour a day, to nearly 60 volunteers giving tours three times a day, five days a week.

“I became a STAR because it lets me give back to my University,” said Erik Zimmerman, a sophomore philosophy major and student body president from Morton, Ill. “My favorite part about being a STAR is sharing how much I love SIUE with prospective students and their families.”

Director of Admissions Todd Burrell believes the STARs are an important part of the University. “Without our student tour guides, I fully believe we would not be where we are in regards to the success in new student enrollment,” he said. “The STARs are often the first impression for guests, and they do a great job.”

Unlike many university tour groups, one thing that stands out about the campus tour program at SIUE is that it is volunteer-based. “We give our time because we love SIUE and want to show it off, not because we are getting paid to do it,” said STAR Jennifer Ross, senior speech communication major from Springfield, Ill.

During these tours, the STARs walk prospective students and their families around campus, showing them the many facilities and beautiful grounds. “Students and parents really like how big the campus is and the residence halls,” said STAR Katie Jerbie, a junior elementary education major from Wheeling, Ill. “A goose chased one of my groups; obviously, they weren’t thrilled about that, but, overall, people really love the campus!”

For most student tour guides, being a STAR means more than just giving campus tours. “Being a STAR means I can help others with decisions regarding their future,” Ross said. “Choosing a college is a bigger decision than I think high school students realize. I like being able to answer their questions and ease their concerns by sharing my personal insight.”

“I became a STAR because I love SIUE. I love interacting with prospective students and helping them with their college search.”

— Jennifer Ross, Senior, Speech Communication, Springfield, Ill.

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amazing scholarship opportunities."

Jessica Thompson
Senior, Industrial Engineering
Troy, Ill.



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