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As we prepare to celebrate the holiday season, please know how thankful we are for each one of you. SIUE has helped shape our lives and our careers. Thank you for all you do to support our alma mater and transform the lives of future alumni. Happy Holidays!

— SIUE Alumni Association

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Our apologies!

In the Summer 2013 issue of the eConnection, we mistakenly announced the first graduates of a new doctoral program in the School of Education. We failed to make the distinction between the new EdD in educational leadership and the previous EdD in the instructional process.

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Meet the Class of 2017

Freshman enrollment: 1,966 — 4th largest freshman class in SIUE history



Most popular majors

- Biological Sciences
- Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Music
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Chemistry

International students



- Barbados
- Egypt
- Italy
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Norway
- South Korea
- Zambia

Average ACT: 23

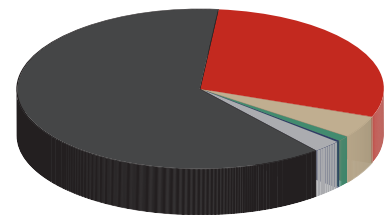
Highest in University history!

32% scored a 25 or higher on the ACT

Home away from home

1,385 students — 70% of the freshman class — are living on campus in Woodland, Bluff and Prairie Halls.

Each year, the incoming freshman class gathers around the Cougar Statue for a photo to mark the beginning of their time at SIUE.



Diversity at SIUE

- African American 19.7%
- Hispanic 4.6%
- Asian/Pacific Islander 1.3%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native .4%
- Two or More Races 2.8%

Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has spent a significant amount of 2013 reviewing the University's mission, vision, values, commitment to diversity and long-term goals. It's important to reflect on and reevaluate the goals that drive important decisions. You will find our revitalized statements on the following pages, and I'm sure you'll agree that not only are they contemporized and elevated, SIUE is already well on its way to realizing them.

The following are some recent University accomplishments that highlight the pursuit and achievement of our goals in very big ways:

- *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Colleges of 2014" issue has listed SIUE among the best Regional Universities Midwest for the 10th consecutive year and among the top 10 public universities in that category. SIUE is now **eighth** overall among public universities in that category. The *U.S. News* overall scores are based on SIUE's reputation in "higher education, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving."
- For the fourth consecutive year, *Washington Monthly* magazine ranks SIUE among the top 60 of 684 master's universities in the nation. *Washington Monthly* considers an institution's "contributions to the public good in three categories: Social Mobility, Research and Service."
- Last month, SIUE completed the first phase of the long-awaited Science Building Complex with a dedication of Science Building West. The new facility contains laboratories for faculty and student research and is home to the chemistry, biological sciences and environmental sciences departments. The second phase of the project begins in Spring 2014 with the renovation of the original Science Building to house physics, mathematics, statistics and the STEM Center.
- The University's first ever formalized Diversity Plan was approved earlier this year and implementation is underway. The Plan's goals and objectives outline SIUE's renewed commitment to a campus-wide model of inclusion and respect and to our belief that diversity enhances society. Within higher education, a diverse culture is critical to both growth and success, making us stronger as an institution, a community and a global partner.
- SIUE recently achieved a bronze rating on its first ever STARS report. STARS, the Sustainability Tracking and Reporting System, administered by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, AASHE, is a comprehensive look at how institutions of higher education are achieving sustainability goals.

Of course, SIUE's renewed mission, vision, values and long-term goals ultimately point to a singular outcome ... excellence. That will continue as we strive to steadily increase the value of your degree and the greater community in the years to come. Please join us in supporting higher education and the students of tomorrow by staying involved, today. Your commitment to helping others achieve their academic dreams helps SIUE achieve excellence for us all.

Let's celebrate the **e**!

Julie Furst-Bowe, EdD

SIUE Chancellor



Chancellor Furst-Bowe Highlights Accomplishments and New REALITY Project

During her annual address to the campus and community members in September, Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe reflected upon the many accomplishments during her first year as SIUE's leader, expressed optimism over the state of the institution and also acknowledged the challenges that are ahead.

Reimagining Excellence in Academics and Learning through Innovation, Technology and You (REALITY)

She spoke highly of "The New REALITY Project," an initiative introduced by Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ann Boyle. The New REALITY Project involves establishing campus teams to address:

- Expanding enrollment
- Retaining students and improving graduation rates
- Designing competency-based and prior-learning assessments
- Retooling processes for speed and adaptability
- Enhancing experiential learning in the curriculum and co-curricular activities
- Developing international programs and support for international students
- E-learning initiatives addressing development of online courses and programs
- Innovating pedagogies to support student learning and academic quality in all settings

Mission, Vision, Values

In 2012, a campus-wide committee was established to review the long-term goals and update the key elements of the strategic plan – SIUE's mission, vision and values. The committee solicited input from internal and external stakeholder groups to guide SIUE through the next decade. The new strategic plan reaffirms and enhances SIUE's ongoing efforts at adapting to state and national trends, promoting and achieving student success, and continuing the University's momentum amidst the dynamic evolution of 21st-century higher education.

Mission

SIUE is a student-centered educational community dedicated to communicating, expanding and integrating knowledge. In a spirit of collaboration enriched by diverse ideas, our comprehensive and unique array of undergraduate and graduate programs develops professionals, scholars and leaders who shape a changing world.

Vision

SIUE will achieve greater national and global recognition and academic prominence through innovative and interdisciplinary programs that empower individuals to achieve their full potential.

Values

SIUE fulfills its mission based on the fundamental shared values of citizenship, excellence, inclusion, integrity and wisdom.



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SIU Board of Trustees Elects New Members

The SIU Board of Trustees unanimously elected SIUE alum Randal Thomas as its chair during the May board meeting (Read more about Thomas on page 24 of this issue). Thomas was elected six days after Gov. Pat Quinn appointed him to the panel, along with former SIUE professor Dr. Shirley Portwood (BA History '70, MA History '73). Donna Manering succeeds Edwardsville School District Superintendent Ed Hightower as vice chair. Don Lowery replaces Mark Hinrichs as board secretary.

SIUE Alumni Association Selects Skoblow for Great Teacher Award

Dr. Jeffrey Skoblow is a professor of English language and literature in the College of Arts and Sciences. Skoblow is the 45th faculty member to receive the honor since its inception in 1970.

“Professor Skoblow has the rare quality of being both delicate and generous in his suggestions and advice to students, never imposing his views as ultimately the right ones,” said one of Skoblow’s nominators. “He is a dedicated teacher who is demanding, but at the same time cares about his students’ progress, which makes him highly effective.”

Skoblow joined the SIUE faculty in 1987. He has served as a Fulbright senior lecturer in American literature and culture at the University of Lleida, Spain, and at the University of Barcelona, Spain. He also was a visiting lecturer at UCLA.

“I’m truly honored and very touched to receive this award from the alumni,” Skoblow said. “I generally have at least some sense of how my current students feel about their experiences in my classes, but to know that years later this experience still matters in a powerful and positive way is very gratifying to me.”

Skoblow will speak at the 1 p.m. fall commencement ceremony on December 14.



SIUE Awarded \$1.2 Million Grant to Train Science Teachers

A \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation will allow SIUE to help address the critical shortage of qualified science teachers. During the next five years, the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program at SIUE, valued at \$11,500 per year, will graduate and certify 36 secondary science teachers to serve in high-needs rural and urban communities in southwestern Illinois. Also, 10 summer internships will be awarded annually to SIUE and local community college freshmen and sophomores with an intended or declared major in STEM disciplines. Through outreach activities, the Noyce interns and scholars will reach an additional 2,500 middle and high school students, providing “minds-on” STEM activities designed to generate interest in STEM and STEM careers. The program is a partnership of the School of Education, College of Arts and Sciences, SIUE STEM Center, master teachers, community-based organizations, local community colleges and the cooperating school districts.

PNC Director Speaks at Power Breakfast

The School of Business held its annual Power Breakfast during Homecoming/Alumni Weekend. The keynote speaker was Gordon A. Johnson, BS ’82, MBA ’84, managing director and senior portfolio manager of the select equity investment team at PNC Capital Advisors. The Power Breakfast helps to connect prominent alumni from the region and across the U.S. with their *alma mater*. The event also encourages students to develop valuable mentoring relationships with successful alumni and faculty.

Davis and Welch Named Vaughnie Lindsay Awardees

Dr. Georgiann Davis and Dr. Dan Welch are the 2013 Vaughnie Lindsay New Investigator awardees. The internal grants award \$12,500 to tenure-track faculty members in order to recognize and support individual programs of research or creative activities. Davis is an assistant professor in the department of sociology and criminal justice studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. Welch is an assistant professor in the department of growth, development and structure in the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Vaughnie Lindsay-Skinner is an emerita professor of the School of Business.

Solar Car Team Wins Spirit Award



The School of Engineering Solar Car Club won the Spirit of the Event Award at the American Solar Challenge Formula Sun Grand Prix (FSGP) in Austin, Texas, in June. SIUE claimed the spirit award for persistence and dedication throughout the event which endured through high temperatures of 108 degrees and track temperatures exceeding 140 degrees. SIUE finished eighth in a field of 12 teams by completing 10 laps and finished ahead of Georgia Tech, Northwestern University and Missouri S&T. The FSGP is a biannual track race that is held on grand prix or road style closed courses. This unique style of solar car racing is open to teams from around the world and tests the limits of the vehicles in handling curves, braking and acceleration.

Archaeological Dig Provides Insight into Ancient Cultures



Each summer since 2009, students interested in archaeology get the opportunity to excavate the soil in search of Native American artifacts and structure locations. In a 35-acre farm field on the west side of the SIUE campus, history is literally unearthed every summer. Because of the importance of their discoveries, the field was taken out of agricultural production and dedicated solely to archeological digs. Students and faculty have found axes, arrowheads, Hopewell pottery, figurines and more that were left behind by Native Americans as long ago as 10,000 years. "Since we began digging in this area in 2009, we have found more than 30,000 artifacts," said anthropology professor Dr. Julie Holt. Holt led the five-week summer 2013 archaeological dig. The dig findings are mostly from the Woodland and Mississippian periods.

SIUE Fall 2013 Enrollment

Total 2013-14 Enrollment: 13,850, which ranks fifth all-time at SIUE

Record total enrollment in

- School of Engineering
- School of Nursing
- School of Pharmacy

Undergraduate enrollment is up

- 11.8% in the School of Engineering
- 4.7% in the School of Education
- 4.5% in the School of Business
- 11.8% in the School of Nursing

New transfer students

- 2.5% increase
- Total of new transfer students is 1,252, largest since 2006

Total international enrollment is up

- 6%

New graduate international enrollment is up

- 66%



SIUE Today

Chinese Visiting Scholars Talk About Their SIUE Experience

Eight faculty members from Northwest Normal University in Lanzhou, China, are spending the fall semester on campus as part of the School of Education's International Training Program in Pedagogy. They are experiencing U.S. teaching practices, expanding their awareness of how English is used in American universities and preparing for teaching their respective disciplines in English. Regarding her experience so far, music scholar Kun Li noted, "The teacher's knowledge is very rich." Computer science and engineering scholar Honghong Chen, is "fascinated by the students sitting together to study after classes. There are so many places to converse and put their thoughts together. It is very impressive to see this before and after class."

SIUE's Sjursen Receives AAUW American Fellowship

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) awarded a 2013-14 American Fellowship to Katrin E. Sjursen, PhD, assistant professor of historical studies. American Fellowships, AAUW's oldest and largest funding program, date back to 1888 and support women scholars who are completing doctoral dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research or finishing research for publication. "I plan to use the grant to produce a book based on my research into the military obligations of medieval noblewomen," said Sjursen. A native of Old Lyme, Conn., Sjursen earned a doctorate in medieval history from the University of California Santa Barbara in 2010. She joined the SIUE faculty in 2009 as an instructor, advancing to her current position in 2010.



Gov. Quinn Presents \$23 Million Check to SIUE

Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe and SIUE President Glenn Poshard welcomed Governor Pat Quinn to the SIUE campus on Aug. 27, 2013. The governor presented a check for \$23 million to the SIUE administration to complete the remodeling of the existing Science Building. Poshard began by thanking the governor for his support. The recently completed \$52 million new Science Building has provided space for classrooms and laboratories as well as for faculty and student research initiatives in a state-of-the-art learning environment. The \$30 million renovation of the existing structure will involve completely refurbishing classrooms and office spaces.



Nobel Prize Winner John Mather Informs and Entertains at Shaw Lecture

NASA senior astrophysicist Dr. John C. Mather entertained a capacity crowd at the annual William C. Shaw Lecture in September. Mather works out of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and specializes in infrared astronomy and cosmology. At the lecture, he discussed a variety of topics including NASA's Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite, the Hubble Space Telescope, the lifespan of stars and the Big Bang theory. He was a co-recipient of the 2006 Nobel Prize in physics.

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School of Dental Medicine Professor Presents at World Congress of Preventive Dentistry

Dr. Poonam Jain presented at the World Congress on Preventive Dentistry (WCPD) in Budapest, Hungary in October. A professor in the School of Dental Medicine and director of Community Dentistry, Jain delivered the results of her survey of dental schools in the United States and Canada. The survey's objective

was to examine the inclusion and integration of information on soft drinks in dental curricula. Consumption of sugared beverages contributes to several non-communicable diseases, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease and dental caries, and has become a major public health issue. One of the foci of the conference was to examine the inequalities in health outcomes based on social determinants.

SIUE's Karen Kelly Receives Outstanding Friend to Nursing Award

The School of Nursing honored five recipients with 2013 School of Nursing Excellence Awards at the Nursing Excellence Gala and 50th Anniversary Celebration in October.



Triple alumna Karen Kelly was named "Outstanding Friend to Nursing."

Kelly graduated with a bachelor's in nursing from SIUE in 1972, a master's in 1977 and a doctorate in education in 1983. She has dedicated her life to the betterment of the health care industry and

nursing education. Currently serving as an associate professor and director of continuing education in the SIUE School of Nursing, Kelly has worked with many state and national organizations to promote the advancement and success of the profession. She is president of the Illinois American Nurses Association and continues to make strides towards nursing excellence in every aspect of her life.



School of Pharmacy Students Share in Interprofessional Education Event

School of Pharmacy students collaborated with St. John's College of Nursing and Lincoln Land Community College's Respiratory Therapy program to offer an interprofessional education (IPE) event in Springfield. Students were divided into teams consisting of student pharmacists, student nurses and student respiratory therapists. They learned their professional roles in the health care team and how to integrate with other professionals. "Interprofessional education (IPE) experiences allow students to gain more confidence in their roles and responsibilities on the health care team, to break communication barriers and to promote teamwork between professions with the goal of improving quality of patient care," said Dr. Katie Ronald, clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice.

Continuous Campus Improvement

SIUE is in the midst of completing its largest building phase since the initial construction of the campus began in 1963. Since 2006, SIUE has been working to complete a more than \$300 million construction and infrastructure improvement plan, adding innovative state-of-the-art buildings and enhancing existing structures. Highlights include:

- The new Science Building is complete and fully occupied
- Renovation of the original Science Building will begin in the spring semester
- The new Art & Design Building was awarded Gold LEED Certification by the U.S. Green Build Council
- Renovation of the original Art & Design Building is complete and fully occupied
- The Engineering Building expansion is nearly complete and will be ready for the spring semester
- The Lukas Athletics Annex is nearly complete and is expected to be ready by the end of the fall semester
- Replacement of the Dunham Hall windows has begun
- A new Multi-Disciplinary Lab at the School of Dental Medicine is nearly complete and will be ready for spring semester
- Renovation of the MUC Union Station is scheduled for summer 2014



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SIUE continues to be recognized for demonstrating excellence while having a positive impact on those we serve. Check out our recent accomplishments:

Washington Monthly Ranks SIUE Among Top 60

For the fourth-consecutive year, national magazine *Washington Monthly* has ranked SIUE among the Top 60 out of the 684 master's universities in the nation. SIUE is 23rd among public institutions on that list. *Washington Monthly* ranked SIUE 57th overall, nationally, among its Top 60 Master's Universities category, which includes public and private institutions. SIUE ranked No. 7 in expenditures for research, having invested nearly \$34 million in research and public service projects in fiscal year 2012.

Unlike conventional college rankings, *Washington Monthly* evaluates an institution's "contribution to the public good" in three broad categories:

- Social Mobility — recruiting and graduating low-income students
- Research — producing cutting-edge scholarship and PhDs
- Service — encouraging students to give something back to their community

SIUE makes "Best Bang for the Buck" list

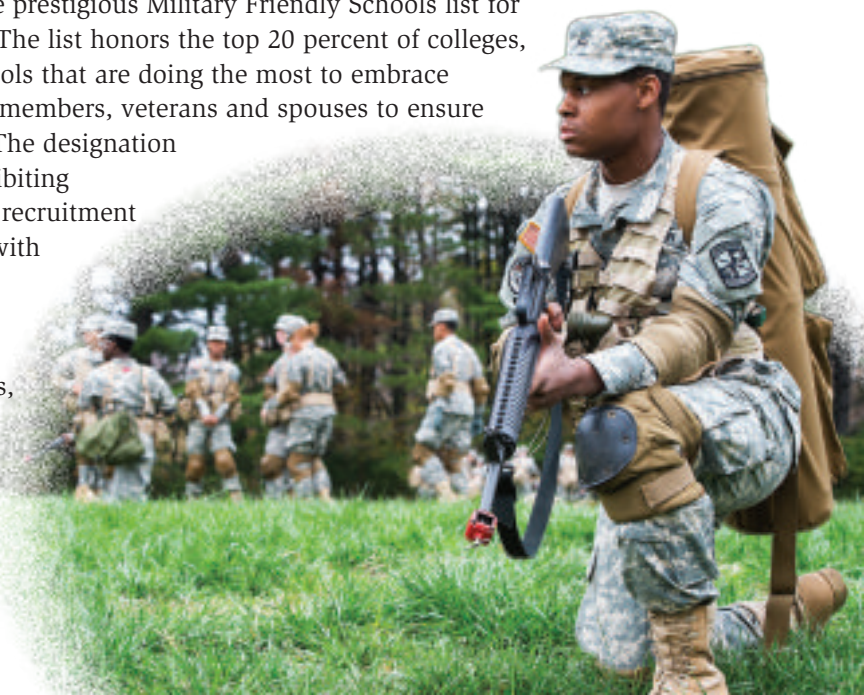
SIUE made *Washington Monthly* magazine's 2013 select list of "Best Bang for Your Buck" colleges and universities. The magazine created the "Best Bang for the Buck" ranking to identify those colleges in America that do the best job of helping non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices. Out of the 1,572 colleges and universities in *Washington Monthly*'s broader rankings, only 349 made the list. SIUE is in the top 10 percent of both all schools surveyed and public master's universities.

According to *Washington Monthly*, the list answers an important question all prospective students should be asking: "What colleges will charge people like me the least and give me the highest chance of graduating with a degree that means something in the marketplace?"



SIUE Receives Fifth Straight Military Friendly Designation

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named SIUE to the prestigious Military Friendly Schools list for the fifth consecutive year. The list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses to ensure their success as students. The designation recognizes schools for exhibiting exemplary practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. These schools offer world-class programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility and other services for those who served.





U.S. News Ranks SIUE for 10th Consecutive Year

U.S. News & World Report ranks SIUE among the best Regional Universities Midwest for the 10th consecutive year and among the top 10 public universities in that category. SIUE moved up seven spots overall in the Regional Universities Midwest category, from 49 a year ago to 42 in this year's rankings. SIUE improved three spots to **eighth overall** among public universities in that category.

The U.S. News scores are based on:

- SIUE's reputation in higher education
- Graduation and retention rates
- Faculty resources
- Student selectivity
- Financial resources
- Alumni giving



Princeton Review Tabs School of Business Among Nation's Best

For the eighth consecutive year, the School of Business is named as one of the best in the country by *The Princeton Review*. The education services company features the school in the new 2014 edition of its book "The Best 295 Business Schools." Schools are chosen to be profiled based on:



- *Princeton Review's* high regard for the schools' academic programs
- Review of institutional data collected from the schools
- Opinions of current students (students rate and report on their experiences on an 80-question student survey for the book)

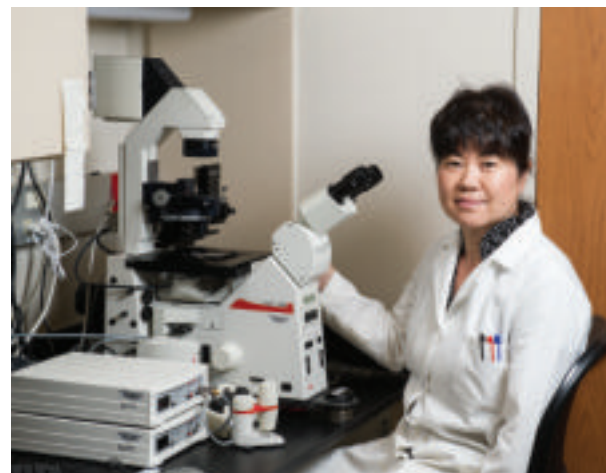
SIUE students are quoted in the publication as saying:

- "Most of my professors still consult in their respective industries. They are very current on business trends and developments."
- "They (faculty) seem to truly care about students' learning and being able to apply information in the real world."
- "(Faculty) know how to communicate their information to their students effectively."

"We recommend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as one of the best institutions a student could attend to earn a business school degree."

—Robert Franek

Princeton Review senior vice president-publisher



Pharmacy Technician Review Ranks SIUE School of Pharmacy Among the Best

Pharmacytechnicianreview.com highly ranked SIUE's School of Pharmacy in two surveys released during September. The School was ranked 63rd in the country and 19th in the Midwest. The inaugural lists were developed to:

- Promote pharmacology and its related fields as a career path for young people
- Encourage aspiring pharmacy professionals to research and understand what a career in pharmacology requires

Cougar Athletics



Cougar Basketball Renews Partnership with FOX Sports Midwest

For the second consecutive season, SIUE basketball fans across the Midwest are able to follow the Cougars on television. SIUE Athletics and FOX Sports Midwest renewed their agreement to televise SIUE Cougar men's basketball on the regional sports network which also features St. Louis Cardinals baseball and St. Louis Blues hockey, among other programs.

Tune in for the remainder of the Men's Basketball schedule:

Dec. 2	Texas-Pan American	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	Eastern Kentucky	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	Austin Peay	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	Murray State	1 p.m.
Feb. 8	UT Martin	8 p.m.
Feb. 26	Belmont	7 p.m.
March 1	Eastern Illinois	7 p.m.

The deal began with a five-game television package during the 2012-2013 season and has expanded to include seven games during the 2013-2014 season. In addition to the Cougars'

television package, the Ohio Valley Conference office has included the March 1 SIUE game against Eastern Illinois in its schedule. That game also will air on FOX Sports Midwest. The Cougars' home opener, November 13 against Saint Louis University, was the first televised game of the new season.

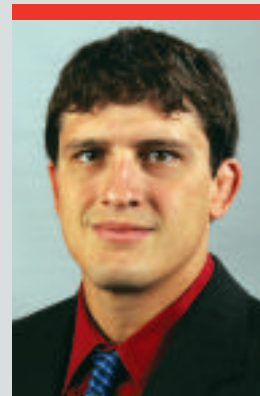
Spates Settling In

New SIUE Wrestling Head Coach Jeremy Spates is becoming acclimated to life in his new role. Hired in July from Cornell, Spates credits *eConnection* and the SIUE Student Handbook as two resources that helped him learn about his new home.

"I was on a plane back to New York to move my wife out here," Spates recounts. "I read the *eConnection* and the student handbook cover to cover. They really gave me some good insight into the University and an idea of what to expect."

Spates also believes strongly in keeping Cougar alumni involved. "If they never hear from us except when it's fundraising time, then it's going to be a strained relationship," Spates said. "I'm trying to get alumni involved in other things, like coming back for matches."

The athletics department and the wrestling program hosted several events in the fall to connect the new coach with some of the alumni and wrestling supporters. "We did some socials where we just got together and hung out. They got to know me, Assistant Coach Donovan McMahon and our staff," Spates said. "It is important to make the alumni a part of what we're doing. We're not going to go very far without them."



*"SIUE alumni
have been
invaluable."*

—Jeremy Spates
head wrestling coach

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Cougar Athletes Get Involved

SIUE student-athletes were hard at work during the fall semester, and some of the work occurred away from the field of competition. Several Cougar teams were involved in numerous community service events and projects throughout the fall.

Cougars Shine at Fall Festival

Women's basketball, women's tennis and baseball all volunteered at the Glen Carbon Elementary School Fall Fest. The student-athletes worked booths, managed games and interacted with the Glen Carbon Elementary School students.

"It was fun to be able to give back and help out with the kids in our community," said junior women's basketball player Tierny Austin. "We enjoy these opportunities and appreciate being able to be a part of the event."

"It was awesome. We had so much fun with it. The festival only comes once a year, and I know the kids were really looking forward to it," said junior women's tennis player Lindsey Raymond.

Glen Carbon Elementary School principal Curt Schumacher (BS Elementary Education '92, MEd Education Administration '01) said it was a great benefit to have SIUE student-athletes at the event. "We were very excited to have the student-athletes be part of what we are doing," Schumacher said. "Anytime they volunteer, they are excited. I think the student-athletes have as much fun as our kids do."

"It is a good cause and a great event for the local area," said senior women's basketball player Valerie Finnin. "Our teammates enjoyed playing the games and just being able to interact with the kids."



Schumacher said the school appreciated the support from Cougar student-athletes. "Their willingness to be a part of our Glen Carbon School community is outstanding."

Cougar Reading Program

SIUE men's basketball players and coaches visited local elementary schools in September to kick off its annual reading program. Now in its fifth year, the Cougar reading program promotes reading by encouraging students in grades 3-5 to read regularly. Students who reach their reading goal are rewarded with a ticket voucher to an SIUE basketball game.

"Our players are expected to be leaders on the court, in the classroom and in the community," said SIUE Basketball Head Coach Lennox Forrester. "This is a great way for our guys to get out and be a part of this community."

The area school which has the most students reach their goal is rewarded with a fun day in the spring, where members of the SIUE basketball team participate in recess and games with the students at the school.

Edwardsville Rotary Club's Playground Construction



The SIUE wrestling team helped with the Edwardsville Rotary Club's playground construction on September 17. The Rotary Club coordinated the effort to rebuild the demolished playground at Township Park (aka Airplane Park).

The Cougar wrestlers placed playground equipment around the site and filled 180 holes with vertical supports. Each of the 15-foot long, composite wood posts will help support the playground. During the remainder of the week, intercollegiate athletics programs worked alongside SIUE Greek organizations, student groups and community volunteers to complete the project.

What I Learned on the Radio at SIUE

During my sophomore year at SIUE, I found a job working as a DJ at the campus radio station, WSIE-FM (88.7) The Jazz Station. It was an almost ideal situation. I liked to hear myself talk. I needed an audience. I needed a job. And, the station was in the basement of Dunham Hall where most of my classes were held.

Only one small problem: I neither liked nor knew anything about jazz and had little desire to learn. Nevertheless, determined to become the next Casey Kasem, I overlooked reality, took the job and just faked it.

Every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 to 9 p.m. I went on the air and played tunes that I didn't like by musicians I had never heard of. What's worse ... I had the audacity to feign familiarity with the genre by reading details from CD liner notes to an audience who had an encyclopedic knowledge of the music and very quickly saw (or heard) right through me.

Sometimes you have to learn these things the hard way.

It all fell apart one evening when I began to speak on-air – again, to one of America's greatest jazz cities – about the incomparable SAXOPHONE styling of Mr. Miles Davis. (For those who don't know, Davis was a legendary jazz TRUMPETER, who made an indelible mark on jazz and culture, and who just happens to be from the St. Louis area.) Needless to say, the phones lit up. Some callers offered gracious correction, some mocked, some scolded, others screamed, and really, they had every right. I was a sham and was fairly humiliated.

It was time for me to take this seriously or quit.

So I started asking the other DJs questions about the music, started researching various artists, and even held my nose and listened to jazz when I wasn't on the clock. But the music didn't follow patterns like other music I knew. It didn't appear to have a simple melody or structure. It was just chaotic. Half the time there weren't even words! Then, like so many great love stories, something happened. The music seduced me. Certain tunes and the sounds of certain instrumentations drew me in. Suddenly, I was having long conversations with callers about specific recordings, sitting in smoky jazz clubs to hear a musician and scouring record stores for old jazz albums (it sounds better on vinyl).

It could happen to you.

Now, to my point: WSIE-FM represented a small but important facet of my time at SIUE. I learned about my future career in classrooms and through internships, but I learned about myself at the radio station. I don't work in radio, and jazz hasn't helped me find a job or advance my career. But my eyes were opened to an art form I had previously ignored — one that I came to love. My experience at WSIE-FM not only added texture to my existence, it revealed to me, with 50,000 watts of clarity, that I was not a static character. My tastes were capable of evolving, my ideas could change and I had a lot to learn.

SIUE has played a much greater role in my life than just career training and a diploma, and I suspect that the same is true for you. I've mentioned to many of you that I want the SIUE Alumni Association to give a tangible gift to this campus. Not something static like a bench or a monument; something that will create culture and will engage students and community, something that will enhance the SIUE experience, and add texture to a young person's life. Much like WSIE did for me.

So noodle on that. Next time I'll share with you what we have in mind.

Until then, this is SJ Morrison, thanks for listening (or reading).

SJ Morrison, BA Mass Communications '02
Alumni Association Board of Directors President



Alumni Attitude Survey

In the spring of this year, the SIUE Alumni Association contracted with the Performance Enhancement Group to survey alumni and learn more about how you view your *alma mater*, the experiences you had at SIUE, and what you want from your Alumni Association moving forward. To everyone who participated in the survey, thank you! We achieved a 2.9 percent response rate (national average is 14 percent). While this is not a statistically significant sample, your input is extremely valuable and will help us better understand what we are doing right and where improvements can be made.

Here's what you told us:

- **90%** of you feel your decision to attend SIUE was either **good or excellent**
- **92%** of you described your time at SIUE as **good or excellent**
- **51%** of you **promote SIUE** to others (Keep it up! Word-of-mouth advertising is very effective!)
- **90%** of you have an **excellent or good** opinion of SIUE
- **60%** of you are **pleased** with your alumni experience

SIUE Loyalty: You are most loyal to your major or academic department. SIUE was an extremely close second.

What Impacts Your Opinion of SIUE: Two things that impact your current opinion of SIUE are knowing the value of your degree is higher now than when you graduated, and knowing the University is committed to providing scholarship support to students. (The value of your degree continues to increase! See pages 8-9.)

Communication Efforts: You told us we need to do a better job of communicating the benefits and alumni services available to you. Our email communication and use of social media needs improvement.

Supporting our Alumni: You told us we must do a better job of identifying job opportunities for our graduates. You also want more opportunities to mentor students and serve as an ambassador for the University.

Barriers to Participation in Alumni Activities: Time or other commitments is what keep most of you (more than 70 %) from joining us at alumni activities. Not knowing anyone and geographical distance were listed as barriers by more than 40 % of you.

How we are responding:

- The Alumni Association currently awards more than \$25,000 a year in scholarships. Alumni Association Board President SJ Morrison ('02) is committed to increasing that amount by \$10,000 this year.
- We are reviewing our events offerings from a personal, education and professional standpoint. We are also developing an annual event calendar so you can plan ahead and fit an alumni event or two into your busy schedule.
- Thanks to the generosity of alumnus and Hall of Fame inductee Dewayne Staats ('75) and his business partners, we are launching an Alumni Association mobile app. (See page 27 to download the new app!)
- We will continue to enhance our free career webinar series and work closely with the SIUE Career Development Center on career fairs and networking opportunities.
- Thanks to the efforts of Alumni Association Board President-Elect Kevin Nesselhauf ('08, '13), we are launching an online mentoring site and working with the academic units at SIUE to offer alumni speakers and mentors.

Performance Enhancement Group (PEG)

- An organizational development consulting firm located in Houston
- PEG has conducted alumni attitude surveys for more than 200 colleges and universities. More than 500,000 alumni have shared their insights

Distribution and Response	
Response Rate	2.9%
Returned Email (bad addresses)	3,472
Presumed Delivered	28,775
Number of Responses	836

Survey Respondents by Graduation Year

Prior to 1973:	18%
1974-1980:	17.7%
1981-1993:	23.1%
1994-2000:	9.7%
2000-2008:	18.1%
Since 2008:	13.4%

Past Events

As you read this, we are preparing to close the book on our event schedule for 2013. It has been an extremely busy year as we have engaged, educated and empowered Cougars for life. We offer alumni events so that you can:

- Socialize with your fellow SIUE graduates
- Build a professional network
- Gain new insights and skills
- Experience opportunities that you might not otherwise seek on your own

2013 was a busy year!

We have presented **Happy Hour** events throughout the region, but we didn't keep our outreach limited to the local area. We launched our **Cougars on the Move** program with an alumni trip to **San Francisco**. We were joined on that journey by Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe. We thank her for her on-going support of our alumni efforts! In the spring of 2014, we are planning a trip to visit our alumni in the **Washington D.C.** area—just in time for the arrival of the cherry blossoms.

Our alumni gathered at **wine tastings**, at **networking breakfasts** and our **alumni speakers series**, where the subjects ranged from time management and public speaking to changing careers. We led groups behind the scenes at the



Bay area alumnus Larry Dahm (left) escorts Edwardsville area alumni on a bike tour of San Francisco



Alumni enjoy a behind the scenes look before the performance of Spamalat at The Muny.

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Muny for a performance of Spamalat and provided alumni the opportunity to get up close and personal with lemurs, snakes and chinchillas at the **St. Louis Zoo**.

We teamed with Edward Jones to present a **meet-and-greet** with SIUE administrators and alumni working for this company that is such a fantastic partner to SIUE.

Homecoming/Alumni Weekend featured an outdoor concert with **Erin Bode** in **The Gardens at SIUE**. That event literally, and figuratively, set the stage for a project which has been taken on by the Alumni Association—the provision of a space for outdoor concerts on a regular basis. We also returned to the Illinois Governor's mansion for our **Holiday Reception**.



Homecoming/Alumni Weekend featured an outdoor concert with Erin Bode in The Gardens at SIUE



Alumni in our "best seats ever" for the Cards vs. Cubs game

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead to 2014. The calendar is almost set. Here are some highlights:

- **January:** A financial workshop will get the year off on good footing
- **February:** An event with one of our corporate partners is in the works
- **March:** Join us for brunch and a performance of Jersey Boys at the Fox
- **April:** We're headed to Washington D.C. and will begin to offer regular alumni networking breakfasts
- **May:** We are making plans to return to the Lincoln Museum
- **June:** A family-friendly gathering with the Sky Zone Trampoline Park is on the agenda

We will be updating these events on a regular basis, so keep a close watch on siue.edu/alumni for the latest on dates and registration. We hope these events will help grow stories of how your connection with SIUE and its graduates continues to impact your life.

If you have thoughts or suggestions on events you'd like to see planned, please contact our office: 618-650-2760 or sjankow@siue.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!



Attention Amateur & Professional Photographers!

The SIUE Alumni Association, in partnership with the SIUE Office of Educational Outreach, offers you a once in a lifetime experience

Photographic Tour of Cuba

March 9-15, 2014

We have teamed with Global Arts Media and Common Ground Education & Travel Services to offer SIUE alumni the opportunity to experience Cuba's land and people. The trip includes the chance to photograph sites and scenes unavailable to U.S. citizens until recently.

Alumni Association Premium Members: \$2,600

Alumni Association Basic Members: \$2,800

Cost includes roundtrip air fare from Miami to Havana. Travelers will be responsible for their own arrangements to and from Miami. **A nonrefundable deposit of \$300 is due by Jan. 9, 2014.**

For more information or to register, visit siue.edu/cubatrip.



Space is limited to the first 24 travelers who register.



SIUE Scholars ... Where are they now?

Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, SIUE students are equipped to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. The profiles on the following pages feature alumni who benefited from scholarship support. These alumni are wonderful examples of how an SIUE education prepares students for successful careers and lives of purpose.



Last year, SIUE awarded more than 1,600 competitive merit-based scholarships with a four-year value ranging from \$8,000 to full tuition.

SIUE Meridian Scholars Program

The Meridian Scholars Program (previously known as Chancellor's and Presidential Scholars) offers 20 scholarships each year to students with strong academic ability and a record of personal achievement, leadership, service and special talents.

Students who have earned at least a 27 ACT (1210 SAT) and at least a 3.75 high school grade point average or rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes compete for this award.

Meridian Scholars receive tuition, fees, and room and board for four years at SIUE. In addition, Meridian Scholars

automatically are admitted into the Honors Scholars Program, in which they can help design a curriculum to explore their intellectual interests.

Donor support of scholarships such as the Meridian Scholars Program helps keep SIUE's excellent education affordable for all students and build on the foundation of state appropriations, which have declined significantly from 46 percent of our budget in 2000 to 22 percent of our budget in 2013. By offering scholarship support, we create opportunities for deserving students to receive a top-ranked education — many of whom would not otherwise have access to college.

Dr. Jeffrey Colligan

His perspectives may have changed over the years, but Dr. Jeffrey Colligan still rides a motorcycle to the office in much the way he rode a motorcycle to classes as a student at SIUE. He still recalls barely escaping collisions with deer on campus. His connection with SIUE began early on as a child growing up in Glen Carbon and attending school in Edwardsville.

“I have great memories related to SIUE, including swimming in Tower Lake as a kid and going to concerts at the MRF as a teenager. What a special time and place!” Jeff said there were numerous factors that led him to consider attending SIUE. “My situation was such that I never seriously considered going away to school. I needed a quality education at an affordable price, and SIUE met those criteria.”

He applied for the Presidential Scholars Program in 1980. In those days, Jeff had long hair and a bit of an anti-establishment attitude, or as he explained it, “I was young and dumb.”

During the application process, Jeff’s parents strongly encouraged him to do more to conform, a recommendation he says he naturally ignored. “I figured I would get a nice letter thanking me for my interest,” Jeff said. “When I received notification that I was chosen as a Presidential Scholar, it was a pleasant surprise.”

Picking a major was a fairly easy decision for Jeff. “I had decided in the eighth grade that I wanted to be a dentist, and I always enjoyed sciences, so biology/chemistry proved to be a good choice for my career path.” Jeff earned a bachelor of science in 1985 and enrolled at the SIU School of Dental Medicine. He was awarded his DMD in 1988. Upon graduation from dental school, Jeff attended the Indiana University School of Dentistry for specialty training in periodontics. In 1991, with his master’s and a specialty certification in hand, Jeff moved back to Edwardsville. He began teaching part-time at the SIU School of Dental Medicine while building the private practice that has been his career for the past 22 years.



While being a Presidential Scholar has influenced several things in Jeff’s life, he said the experience taught him an important lesson. “Have your opinions and your beliefs, but keep an open mind, work hard and stay focused, and you can expect to achieve your long-term goals.”

This motorcycle-riding periodontist learned another important lesson along the way. “The generosity of others gave me the chance to be in the position where I can also be generous to others. It seems natural to pass the opportunity along to the next generation.”

Melissa Glauber



Photos by Chris Trotter

Melissa (Mel) Glauber knew she wanted to be a patent attorney from the time she was in eighth grade. She wasn't sure where she would go to fulfill that dream, until she applied for a Chancellor's Scholarship at SIUE.

"I went through the interview process and saw that there were a lot of good candidates. When I was notified that I had been awarded the Basler Electric Chancellor Scholarship, I was ecstatic!" she said. "It was a full ride and, given the tough candidate pool, I felt pretty good about my credentials and I felt that SIUE really wanted me to come there."

Mel was very familiar with the SIUE campus, thanks to her mother's work on a degree in geography. "My mom brought

me to campus when I was still in single digits, and all through grade school and high school I would go to Lovejoy Library when I had research to do."

She adds, "I had scholarship offers to other schools, but I didn't have any other full ride scholarship offers, so I was definitely swayed to come to SIUE as opposed to U of I or other, bigger, engineering schools."

Mel selected a major in mechanical engineering, because she enjoyed building things and all things mechanical. She knew she would need a hard science background in order to be a patent attorney. Mechanical engineering would provide the broadest background and would be a good fit in case she decided not to attend law school.

All of the Chancellor Scholars lived together in a wing of the then newly constructed Prairie Hall, and Mel quickly became involved within the SIUE community. “We all got to know each other and bond even though we were in different majors,” she said.

She would also discover how much SIUE supports its students. Mel’s horse fell on her during her first semester, rupturing her gall bladder. The surgery and recovery that followed kept her out of class for almost six weeks. “I remember disability services coming to my house, administering tests and quizzes, and collecting my homework. I only had one incomplete and still made the Dean’s list that semester.” That interaction further strengthened Mel’s connection with SIUE. “I don’t think I would have gotten that same level of attention and caring from some other university, and I know SIUE would have done that even if I weren’t a Chancellor’s Scholar.”

Mel served as a student senator, on the parking and traffic committee, and as a student trustee with the SIU Board of Trustees. “That was a life experience that has helped me to this day,” she said. “As a student, it is easy to get upset about fees going up or other things even without knowing the whole story. Serving on the Board of Trustees helped me understand every reason for the decisions being made. I got a broader understanding of how the University works, and how SIU is regarded on the state and national level. I also gained a deeper appreciation for the hard, and sometimes unpopular, decisions which have to be made by people who really care about the University.”

A co-op with the Ameren Corporation resulted in Mel taking five years to complete her degree, but she calls that two semester experience one which gave her the chance to have a “grown-up” engineering job in a major corporation.

After graduating in 2003, she enrolled at the St. Louis University (SLU) School of Law. She was awarded the 1843 Scholarship, which provided her another full ride to complete her dream. Mel credits her experience at SIUE with helping

to make that possible. “SIUE gave me the opportunity to explore all of my interests and create rich experiences,” she said. “When I applied to law school, those experiences gave me a depth that helped me during the scholarship interview process and helped me stand out among other applicants.”

Mel graduated from SLU in May 2006. Two months later, she passed the Missouri bar exam and assumed the job she was promised while serving as a summer associate at Armstrong Teasdale LLP, a law firm based in St. Louis. In 2007, she passed the Illinois bar exam and the patent bar exam, completing her dream to become a patent attorney.



“These scholarships allow the University to pull in a higher caliber student, as well as a more diverse student body.”

As a patent attorney, she focused on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the United States and internationally. Mel found the more mundane projects to be the most interesting.

“People file patent applications on things you would never realize,” she said. Among those projects was a box to rival the box used to carry Dominos Pizzas. “People would laugh when they learned I did pizza box applications, but to those clients, it was a big deal and helped differentiate them in the marketplace.”

In October 2012, Mel left Armstrong Teasdale for a position managing the patent portfolio for The Boeing Company. That encompasses work she cannot discuss for both the defense and commercial divisions of the aeronautics giant. She calls the work extremely satisfying. “It’s like that broad overview I got as a student trustee,” she said.

Mel understands how fortunate she has been to be the beneficiary of the generosity of others. She routinely donates to the SIUE School of Engineering, serves on the School of Engineering advisory board, as vice president of the SIUE Alumni Association board of directors and is a donor to that Board’s scholarship fund. As for her future, “I look for opportunities as they arise, and I hope I recognize the good ones and take advantage of those.”

Help another SIUE student reach their potential with your financial support

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Tiffany Edwards

As a 2009 recipient of the Meridian Scholarship, 2013 SIUE graduate Tiffany Edwards exemplifies everything Meridian donors could hope for. From working as the corporate recruiting assistant at Asynchrony Solutions Inc. to her induction into the National Business Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma, Tiffany has always felt an extra push to achieve.

“My entire time at SIUE, I felt the need to live up to the expectations of the Meridian scholarship,” she said. “This motivated me to perform my best on every assignment, actively participate in every class and take the time to cooperate with and support my peers.

“Academically, I feel like I have lived up to the awards’ expectations. I managed to make the dean’s list every semester. In addition, and perhaps more importantly, I have also tried to uphold the character that I feel a Meridian Scholar should have through my actions and treatment of others.”

Tiffany found SIUE’s treatment of her exceptional, as well. “I was so impressed with the interest professors took in my education. I had at least one professor in each of my fields of study make an extra effort to speak with and support me outside of the classroom.”

In fact, Tiffany’s educational experience was so positive that she is still conducting research at SIUE, despite graduating in May 2013 with a bachelor of science business administration and minors in Spanish and psychology. She currently researches sexual harassment with two other industrial/organizational psychology graduate students under the guidance of Dr. Joel Nadler, assistant professor of psychology.

“I am interested in learning more about, and expanding my experience in, all areas of human resources and industrial/organizational psychology,” Tiffany said. “I’ve always felt it was important to have experience in addition to learning the theories and procedures taught in the classroom, so I plan to continue working in my current position in recruiting at Asynchrony. After I’ve gained some solid experience in a corporate environment, I want to go on to graduate school for industrial/organizational psychology.”

No matter what the future holds, Tiffany will never forget the importance of the Meridian Scholarship in helping achieve her goals. “More than anything, I think the scholarship motivated me to do better. Of course, not having to worry about the financial obligation of my education was a true blessing, but I’m also not sure I would have been the same type of student without the scholarship,” she said. “To the Meridian Scholarship donors, I would like to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to have someone believe in me and something to live up to.”



“I would tell prospective students that having the opportunity to develop relationships with professors definitely makes a difference in the educational experience.”

**Learn more about the SIUE
Meridian Scholars Program**

siue.edu/honors 

Daryl Beetner

Daryl Beetner's parents made it very clear he was going to attend college. They also let him know very early on that the burden of paying for it would be his. So he took on a part-time job at the age of 15 and began saving for the day when he would become a college student. Even with his savings, Daryl knew he was a long way from being able to afford that college education. So scholarship applications would be included in his plans. Daryl applied to many schools and for many scholarships in the hope of obtaining the financial assistance that would be vital to his success. SIUE was among those schools.

"I chose SIUE in part because it was a financially viable option. It was also close to home, and the tuition costs were reasonable," Daryl said. "I could keep my current job while going there and could stay close to my family and friends."

SIUE contacted Daryl with the offer of a Chancellor's Scholarship. "I was ecstatic!" Daryl explains. "This was the best scholarship I had received from any university. It gave me the freedom to focus my attention on my studies rather than spending all of my time working to pay for college."

Daryl came to SIUE with his mind set on a degree in the sciences or engineering. He describes making the decision on the specific direction a difficult one. "Chemistry and biology were fun," he said. "But I also loved working with my hands, building and programming computers, and electronics, so it wasn't a matter of deciding what I liked, but what I liked best."

Childhood experiences led Daryl in the direction he would ultimately take. At the age of 10, he built a device so he could listen in on his sister's telephone calls without her knowledge. Daryl claims he only used it once or twice. Daryl and his father also worked together building their own computers, as well as writing programs for them. "With a degree in electrical engineering, I would have the opportunity to get involved in the building of computer hardware. How cool would that be?" he said.

Daryl's choice to study electrical engineering at SIUE did not disappoint. "Going to a smaller school has its advantages. You get to know your professors and classmates very well, while having the opportunity to get involved in ways you couldn't at larger institutions." That close relationship led Daryl to a research position through the Undergraduate Research Academy, as well as a position as a lab assistant in the electrical engineering department.

Daryl said his close relationships with his classmates led to a job with a St. Louis area consulting firm, where he worked in factory automation while in school. "Because I had this great relationship with faculty and students, I was given great

recommendations when I applied to graduate school. These recommendations ultimately led to a full ride graduate fellowship and eventually a PhD in electrical engineering."

Before he started his advanced studies, Daryl said it had become very clear that he had only scratched the surface of what there was to know in the field of electrical engineering. "I wanted to understand the material more completely, more deeply," he said. "Luckily, I received a PhD Fellowship from Washington University in St. Louis before I graduated from SIUE."

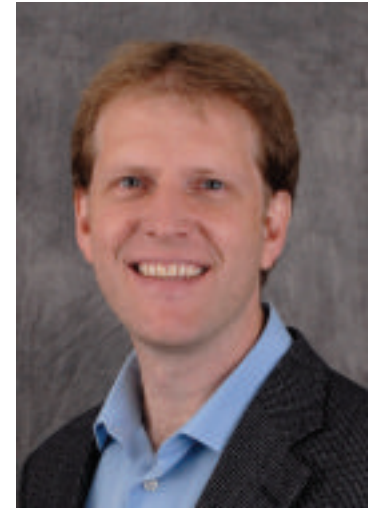
After earning his PhD, Daryl returned to SIUE and taught for a year before becoming a professor at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. "As a professor, I'm still working on understanding the material more completely and more deeply."

There is more that Daryl has come to understand through his academic journey. He put it this way. "Much of what I've been able to achieve, first academically and now professionally, is a direct or indirect result of the scholarships I've received along the way."

"These scholarships freed me to focus on my academic performance and allowed me to stay in school far longer than I could have if I had to worry about paying back student loans. As a result, I have a much greater ability to contribute to society than if I had to cut my education short."

Daryl is more than a professor of electrical engineering. He sits on the S&T Electrical and Computer Engineering Scholarship committee because he understands the impact scholarships had on him and could have on others." He also serves as the chair of the University of Missouri Research Board which funds the research of promising young faculty, because he knows the importance of investing in people early in their careers.

"My experience emphasizes the importance of investing time and effort in our promising young people. I am a professor, in part, because I want to help develop promising young engineers. I am motivated to give back to society as it has given to me," he said. "I want to help others do well, to see others develop healthy, happy and productive lives, and to see them making the world a better place."



"Electrical engineering is huge! There are a million interesting things going on in the area."

Alumni Hall of Fame



The SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame was established in 2008 as a means of recognizing and honoring SIUE alumni who, through their leadership, character and hard work have made exceptional contributions in their chosen field, in their communities and at SIUE. This year, six individuals joined the 71 current members of this distinguished group. The SIUE Alumni Association is proud to present the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2013:

School of Business



Mike Wenzel, BS Business Administration/General Accounting '70

In 1976, Mike was a founding partner of Teel, Heller & Wenzel, CPAs. He formed Wenzel & Associates Ltd., CPAs in 1982. He is involved with numerous organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Camp Ondessonk,

Main Street Community Theatre Inc., Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, and Blessed Sacrament Parish.

College of Arts & Sciences



Helen Damon, BA Biological Sciences '72, MS Biological Sciences '75, MS Environmental Studies/Science '81

Helen ran several laboratories at SIUE and performed biochemical research at the SIU School of Dental Medicine and Washington University School of Medicine. Her work

with the Illinois Department of Health earned her the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Waste Water Professionals of Illinois.



Dr. Beth Stroble, MA History '80, MA American & English Literature '84

Dr. Stroble was named president of Webster University in 2009. She is a published author and speaker and has been recognized throughout her career for professional contributions to education, women and

leadership, and community engagement.

School of Dental Medicine



Dr. William Schmidt, BA Biological Sciences '73, DMD '76

Dr. Schmidt has lectured nationally and internationally on various prosthodontic, restorative and implant topics. For more than 30 years, Dr. Schmidt has enjoyed his private practice in Seattle, specializing in fixed and

removable prosthodontics and implant restorations.

School of Education



Margaret Blackshere, BS Elementary Education '65, MEd Elementary Education '72

A former classroom teacher, Margaret has served at all levels of the labor movement. She was the first SIUE alumna to be named Distinguished Alumna of the Year in 1974.

Since retirement, she has traveled the world teaching women about equality and engaging them in efforts to improve working conditions and become active politically.

School of Engineering



David Brammeier, PE, PTOE, BS Civil Engineering '75

A principal at Crawford, Bunte, Brammeier, David's responsibilities include project management, technical and design guidance, and overall administration of the traffic and transportation engineering firm.

School of Nursing

SIUE School of Nursing alumni, faculty and partners who have been monumental in the advancement of the School were recognized at the SIUE School of Nursing Excellence Gala and 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 5.

School of Pharmacy

The SIUE School of Pharmacy will induct its first member to the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame in 2019 to mark the 10th anniversary of the first graduating class.

Read more about the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2013.

Nominate a fellow alum for the Class of 2014.

siue.edu/alumni



Scholarships

SIUE Alumni Association

2013 SIUE Alumni Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the Alumni Association awards two one-year Alumni Legacy Scholarships to family members of SIUE alumni. The scholarship covers tuition and fees to an incoming freshman and a current SIUE student. The Association also awards five \$500 scholarships. The awards and scholarship committee of the Alumni Association board of directors selects the recipients.

Current SIUE Student

**Matthew Horton
Moro, Ill.**

An industrial engineering major with minors in economics and math, Matthew is a Springboard to Success leader, resident assistant and member of student government.



"This scholarship has really taken a financial burden off my shoulders. I want to thank the SIUE Alumni Association for this award, the time and the opportunity. I am blessed to have all of these opportunities."

Stephanie Renken, chair of the scholarship and awards committee of the Alumni Association board of directors, congratulates this year's scholarship recipients.

Incoming Freshman

**Mariah Huelsmann,
Alton, Ill.**

"Thank you for granting me this wonderful Legacy Scholarship. The name of the scholarship, the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship, brings to mind reasons behind my intended field of study. Anthropology is the study of people. With this scholarship, I will now be able to live in the residence hall; thus I will experience dorm life and the way people interact in a dorm environment. Life is truly all about experiences."



\$500 Award Winners

**Kristina Copeland, Wood River, Ill.
Elijah Counts, Highland, Ill.
Madison Frank, Alhambra, Ill.
Caroline Sepe, Pacific, Mo.
Elsa Wible, Alton, Ill.**



2013 Stahlschmidt Scholarship Recipients

Helen (Stahlschmidt) King (center) presents the 2013 Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Scholarship to **Emily Fabry** (left) and **Alyse Duncan** (right). Emily is a graduate of Granite City High School and hopes to earn a degree from the School of Pharmacy. Alyse is a graduate of Highland High School who plans on majoring in marketing and hopes to open her own marketing firm someday.



SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors Scholarship

Committed to supporting SIUE students, the SIUE Alumni Association board of directors created the Board of Directors Scholarship, funded entirely through donations made by each member of the board. Emily Fabry is the recipient of the inaugural \$1,000 scholarship.

Emily Fabry

"I am so very honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the Board of Directors Scholarship. It means the world to me that alumni of my college of choice selected me among the other applicants and also that they believe enough in me to help me further my education and pursue my dream of becoming a pharmacist."



Major General Randal Thomas



Major General (retired) Randal Thomas, BS English '73, MEd Instructional Technology '80, was selected in July 2013 to serve as the next chair of the SIUE Board of Trustees. The path that led to his appointment to the Board and his selection as chair has taken him from service as a member of the Army Special Forces during the Vietnam War; to two degrees from SIUE; to 30 years in secondary education at the Hillsboro, Illinois High School; to service in the Illinois National Guard, where he rose from the rank of lieutenant to the adjutant general and to retirement as a two-star major general.

General Thomas was born in Glen Carbon, but moved around while his father was still in the military. A move back to the area placed his family and him in Maryville. Randal graduated from Collinsville High School in 1965. A job with the Norfolk & Western Railroad was interrupted with the arrival of his draft notice in 1966.

connection: How much did your service in the military shape the person you are today?

General Thomas: The military at that time was a different part of American culture than it is today. In the mid to late '60s, a high school graduate had two choices. You could go into the Army and go to Vietnam, or you were going to find a way of not going into the Army and not going to Vietnam. It dominated everyone's thinking at the time. I was not a particularly good student in high school. I had no aspirations to go on to college. I hadn't even looked at colleges, and the military was out there. The two most shaping influences

in my life, besides my wife and family, were the fact that I went to Officer Candidate School for 24 weeks and became a commissioned infantry lieutenant. Then I went to Vietnam and spent a year as an infantry lieutenant in the Army Special Forces. Nothing shapes you like those kinds of experiences.

connection: What led to your decision to attend SIUE?

General Thomas: When I got out of the Army and put those uniforms away, I came back to live with my parents in Maryville. There was this college being built right here on the bluffs. We used to ride our bicycles out to Poag Road and

get melons there when I was young. So I said I was going to go to school there. I had the GI Bill, and I believe there was a military scholarship, so I applied for a state of Illinois scholarship. SIUE was close and convenient and the brand new thing, so it was a perfect fit.

econnection: How would you describe your experience at SIUE?

General Thomas: I had just a great, great experience. I met my wife there. I had met her on the way to Vietnam, and when I came back, I met back up with her and we started dating. She graduated in 1971, and we were married in the Buckminster Fuller Dome (Religious Center). I was a Vietnam veteran, so I wasn't a particularly good candidate to be drafted by any of the fraternities, but I had a lot of good friends who were Collinsville High School graduates who had been in the Army. They all came back and were living around Edwardsville and Collinsville and attending SIUE, so we had great campus life. The professors I met were just outstanding. I worked as a student janitor in the Peck Building and Lovejoy Library, and the vice-president's home was on my work list. Then, of course, there was the great Mississippi River Festival. When the Vietnam War protests occurred on other college campuses, SIUE allowed an open exchange and dialogue. This prevented a lot of the issues which had impacted other university campuses.

econnection: What led to your decision to major in English?

General Thomas: I had a great friend in the military at Fort Bragg. We were roommates for a few months and went to Vietnam essentially at the same time. He was a literature major who had earned an English degree from Brown University. He was older than us, so everyone called him professor. He and I talked often about literature, and I really got turned on to American novelists. So I decided to major in English. I didn't really know what I wanted to do with it, but in my second year at SIUE I met some interesting people in the School of Education. In those days, social consciousness was a dominating force. It became pretty evident that a good way to serve your fellow man and make a difference in the world was through education. Not only did I decide I wanted to major in English, but I decided I also wanted a teaching degree. The English Department was very good, and the people in the School of Education were cutting-edge; doing the things they needed to do to prepare people for teaching careers.

econnection: How did you get involved with the Illinois National Guard?

General Thomas: It occurred after my teaching career. I started out as a classroom English teacher and went back

to SIUE in the evening to earn a master's in instructional technology and a certification to be a school librarian. I took over the Hillsboro High School library in 1983. With my master's in hand, I wanted to do some new things. I talked it over with my wife and joined the Illinois National Guard. I was assigned to a unit in Litchfield as a lieutenant and executive officer, and my career with the Guard began. For the next 20 years, I was running the library and doing National Guard drills on weekends, and as much of the summer as I wanted.

econnection: You moved up quickly in the ranks, commanding the state Officer Candidate School, as well as an infantry battalion and brigade. What transpired that led to your appointment as the adjutant general?

General Thomas: My commander at the time encouraged me to apply to the U.S. Army War College. I told my wife that if I got selected to go, I would be attending the Harvard of the Army. You couldn't get any better than the Army War College. When I was selected, I felt this would be the culmination of my career. There were about 200 students participating in this 11-month course in Carlisle, Pa. It's where the Army's future leaders are grown. Of the 16 Guard officers who were in my class, eight of us became Generals. After completing the college in 2000, I was initially promoted to full Colonel and assigned to a command in Decatur. Governor Blagojevich had been elected, and several of us sat down and talked about who was going to run the National Guard. I went through the process of meeting the governor, his staff and the political leadership around me. I went to my school district and told them they might have to replace me. At the end of May 2003, the governor announced that I would be the new Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard. I left Hillsboro High School and started in Springfield the next Monday. Thus began four years as the commander of the Illinois National Guard.

econnection: Those were some very eventful years.

General Thomas: Those were four very remarkable years! I commanded the Guard that at the time, included about 10,000 Army members and 3,000 members of the Air Guard. We had four major Army commands, including the infantry brigade, chemical brigade, state headquarters and three air bases. I had five one-star Army generals and two Air Guard generals. Then the wars became much larger in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2004 the Illinois National Guard was heavily invested in the war, and we began to transform the force. The National Guard was no longer going to be what it had been through the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s. With great leadership from the Army and the National Guard Bureau, we began to



transform the Guard from a strategic force into an operational force. It was a complete transformation. We were fighting the war and changing the Guard at the same time.

econnection: That involvement in the war became extremely personal for you, did it not?

General Thomas: Yes, in one big way it did. We were asked to provide an infantry battalion for the war effort, and as it turned out, my son was in the unit. He completed his officer basic course and joined his unit at Fort Stewart, Ga., as the unit was preparing for deployment to Iraq. They went to Iraq in May 2005. I signed the orders for those soldiers. It's just what we did. The battalion we sent to Iraq was about 750 soldiers. They had a lot of kids wounded, but they did not lose a soldier. I was able to visit my son's battalion while they were in Iraq, but was not able to be in Illinois when he returned home.

econnection: When did your service with the Guard come to an end?

General Thomas: I retired in 2007 as a two-star major general, but I was not done with public service. I was appointed to the executive ethics commission. That appointment ended in 2011, so I was done with everything.

econnection: How did your appointment to the SIU Board of Trustees come about?

General Thomas: I was asked to officiate at the ceremony at which General Bill Enyart, who followed me as adjutant general, was relinquishing his command to the new Adjutant General Dan Krumrei. I was approached by a senior member of the governor's staff who told me that my name had been put into discussion for possible service on the Board of Trustees. I said I would be happy to serve. It's really something to serve these great students, the great faculties and the communities our universities serve. I was named to the Board in July 2013. I was elected chair at my first board meeting.

econnection: What do you bring to the Board of Trustees?

General Thomas: I bring leadership skills, strong management skills and an analytical background. I've been an analyst and a problem solver. I'm not a particularly detailed person. I'm not the guy who writes good plans, but I am the guy who builds teams and coalitions, properly sets long-term goals and prepares the environment for continued success. What I bring to the Board is the ability to identify issues we need to approach, develop solutions to those issues or problems we want to solve, build the team and identify those individuals who are going to help us move forward. That's what I did as adjutant general. I was able to articulate a mission and vision, get the right people in the right places to do the job, and apply the resources needed to solve the problems.

econnection: What are some of the most critical issues facing the system?

General Thomas: We have issues with enrollment, the presidential search and campus climate. We've got all of the issues related to finding funding while we have restricted financial support from the state and federal government. We also need to consider how we leverage assistance through our legislators to find money to allow the University to continue to be the excellent standard-bearer of education for Illinois. It's not really like trying to reinvent the National Guard structure in training and personnel while equipping and fighting a war, but it is very serious. And I feel my wartime record will serve me well in these challenges.

econnection: Where do you think the Board stands in terms of moving forward?

General Thomas: When I allowed myself to enter into the discussion regarding my service on the Board, I was looking forward to it and did not know that I was walking into a fractured board environment. I wasn't there at that time, so I don't spend much time dwelling on it when it is brought up. We're not looking to the past, we're looking to the future.

What I intend to do is help guide the Board to make sure we stay focused on where we need to be and not where we've been. We really need to solve the problems of the future. We must deal in the strategic. I'm focused on how we are going to set the climate for this university system to have success.

econnection: How big of a loss is the retirement of Dr. Poshard?

General Thomas: Replacing him is going to be a daunting task, but we're looking forward to it, and Dr. Poshard is ready to retire. He's happy, and he feels comfortable that the University is in a good place. He's put it in a good place. We are in the search process and have been meeting in executive committee. We have a strong direction we want to take. We are seeking answers as to what the new president needs to be.

econnection: What are your goals and aspirations for the campuses?

General Thomas: When Delyte Morris began the development of SIU, he pushed it to the realm of a research University, a PhD-granting institution second to the University of Illinois. We're not going to change that vision. Unfortunately, I do not know the Carbondale campus very well, so I'm learning about that campus. I am astounded at all of the growth and success the Edwardsville campus is enjoying. Now that I'm back here in some official capacity and seeing the figures, it is indeed an excellent campus. I'm personally happy with that, but of course the challenges are on both campuses, so I keep focused on that. I also spent some time on the medical school campus in Springfield. I know it is an integral part of the whole medical community in Springfield, and it's enjoying great success as well.

econnection: General, you'll be serving a six-year term. At this point in your life are you happy with that?

General Thomas: Absolutely! My wife and I will start involving ourselves in some of the social events in Edwardsville and Carbondale. My wife is very supportive.

econnection: What do you do when you're not running a University system?

General Thomas: The first thing I did after I retired was enter the master gardener program through the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service. I completed the course, and I am certified as a master gardener. I currently volunteer at several of the historic sites in Springfield, including the Abraham Lincoln neighborhood, the Elijah Iles



Cougars—and follow the U.S. World Cup team. I am also a Chicago Cubs fan, which is kind of a disease you get from your father and grandfather, and I happily passed it along to my two sons.

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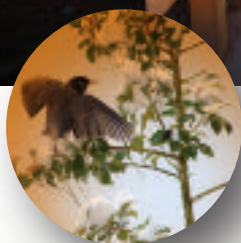


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From the Director of SIUE Alumni Affairs



From Where I Sit

We are now nearly a year into the transition from a dues-paying Alumni Association to an all-inclusive, non-dues paying model. The process has been a bit bumpy at times, but overall the response has been a positive one. All members of the SIUE Class of 2013



have received their membership cards, as have each one of you who graduated from SIUE in years past. If you haven't received your membership materials, please contact our office and we'll fix that. We are also working on increasing the benefits available to those individuals known as Premium Members; alumni who chose to purchase membership for life before we eliminated dues. I hope each of you carefully read the pages found earlier in this edition regarding the programs and services available to you. I also hope you will take advantage of those programs and services. I also want to express my appreciation to the hundreds of you who responded to our call for feedback through the surveys we sent to you earlier this year. It is our plan to seek out your opinions on a regular basis so our office knows we are doing right by you. Together, we will indeed find the best ways to engage, educate and empower Cougars for life.

Steve Jankowski, BS Mass Communications '74
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Class Notes

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

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

1960s

June E. Branding nee **Nightwine** (BM Music '62) died at age 74 on Aug. 23, 2013. Memorials may be made to Nameoki United Methodist Church or First United Presbyterian Church.

Oliver J. Hughes, Jr. (BA Government '63) died at age 84 on Aug. 11, 2013. Memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church or American Cancer Society.

1970s



Holbrook

Rep. Thomas A. Holbrook (BA Sociology '71) accepted an offer in June 2013 to serve as St. Clair County Clerk.

Thomas L. Norris (BS Math Studies '71, MBA Business Administration '78) died at age 72 on June 26, 2013. Memorials may be made to the Scholarship Fund of College Avenue Presbyterian Church, Alton Area Animal Aid Association or Camp Mound Ridge Presbyterian Church Camp.

Donald E. Shawl (MM Music Education '72) died at age 77 on May 7, 2013. Memorials may be made to Tidewell Hospice at tidewell.org.

Michael C. Teer, Sr. (BA Geography '72) was appointed as the 2014 director of the National Association of Realtors from California.

Dr. Gary O. Molyneaux (MA Geography '73) was elected the 2012 Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Seattle Center and received a commendation from the Secretary of the Army for



Molyneaux

his commitment to education and military students in December 2012.

William K. Siglar (BA Government '75) died at age 82 on May 25, 2013.



Carnley

Peggy A. Carnley (BA Theater '77) was the recipient of the Highland Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Bob Hardy Citizen of the Year Award in June 2013.

Dr. Scott H. Logan (BS Medical Science '79) was inducted into the 2013 East Alton-Wood River High School Oiler Alumni Hall of Fame in October 2013.

1980s

Otis T. Hudson (BS Sociology '80) died at age 73 on Aug. 14, 2013.

Matthew J. Andrew (BS Mass Communications '81) was hired as the vice president for university advancement at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota in August 2013.

Ruth A. McMullen (BS Sociology '83, MSED Counselor Education '85, SD Counselor Education '89) retired in June 2012 from Sonoma County Junior College District as dean of matriculation and student development after 31 years in higher education.



Miles

Frank O. Miles (BS Government '83, MPA Public Administration '88) was appointed executive director of Southwestern Illinois College's Sam Wolf Granite City Campus in August 2013.



Andrew



Armouti

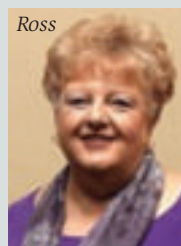
Veronica L. Armouti (BS Sociology '86, MS Policy Analysis '88) founded the Senala Group, a company that provides consultations, arranges speaking engagements, and provides speakers to companies for diversity and inclusion topics in May 2013.

Heidi L. Edinger (BS Speech Communication '88) was hired as CASE Regional Director of Sales Midwest with the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau (DCVB) in July 2013.



Edinger

Robert K. Raymond (MM '89) was one of the featured organists at Lewis and Clark Community College music department's Organ Spectacular IV in September 2013.



Ross

Veronica R. Ross (BS Speech Communication '89, MA Speech Communication '90) was the 2013 Richard W. Stephens Outstanding Faculty Member awardee at Greenville College in May 2013.

1990s

Kirk A. Potillo I (BS Mass Communications '92) died at age 51 on May 19, 2013.

Andrew J. Feller (BA Geography '94) was honored as a Mental Resources Hero by WellSpring Resources in May 2013.



Blevins

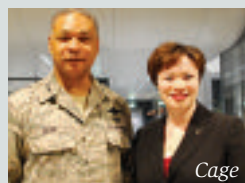
Dr. Jeffrey L. Blevins (BS Mass Communications '95, MS Mass Communications '98) was hired as founding head of the Department of Journalism at the University of Cincinnati. He spoke on a panel with FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn about minority ownership of U.S. telecommunication facilities at the Association of Education in Journalism & Mass Communication conference in Washington, D.C. in August 2013.



Feller

Brian J. Henry (BS Mass Communications '95) was one of the featured speakers for the SIUE Alumni Speaker Series, presenting on time management in May 2013.

John F. Betten II (MPA Public Administration '96) died at age 54 on Sept. 22, 2013. Memorials may be made to Big Brothers, Big Sisters or Backstoppers.



Sonya R. Cage (BS Chemistry '99) was awarded the 2013 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year for the U.S. Air Force in Spring 2013.

Dionna M. Raedeke nee **Boner** (BFA Art & Design '99) had an art exhibit featured in the Edwardsville Arts

Center's Student Gallery in September-October 2013.

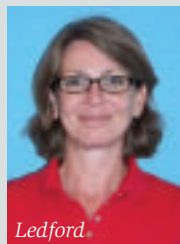
Kathy D. Turner (BS Speech Communication '99, MA Speech Communication '02) presented "Getting to Know Your Regional Animal Rescue Facility" at SIUE in August 2013 as part of the Work-Life Brown Bag Lunch Series "Taking Care of your FURever Friend".



Raedeke

Class & Faculty Notes

2000s



Robin L. Ledford (BS Biological Sciences '00) was promoted to senior scientist in Geotechnology Inc.'s Environmental Group in May 2013.

Lori L. Franke-Hopkins (BS Speech Communication '00, MSED Secondary Education '02, EDS Educational Administration '11) was hired as superintendent for Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100 in July 2013.



Dr. Jennifer K. Stenger (BS English '00, MA American & English Literature '05) self-published her first non-fiction book, "The Life That Chose Us: Educators with Tourette Syndrome", in September 2013 and was the keynote speaker at the Illinois Education Association fall conference in October 2013.

Jasmine N. Moran nee **Raimundi** (BA Political Science '02) married Allan G. Moran on May 18, 2013.

Deborah R. Johnson (BS Mass Communications '03) was appointed senior manager of field communications at Charter Communications in St. Louis in June 2013.

Jennifer L. Ratliff (BA English '03, MA American & English Literature '09) died at age 44 on July 13, 2013. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Bonnie M. Richardson (BS Mass Communications '04) received her Master of social work in health/gerontology from Loyola University Chicago in May 2013.

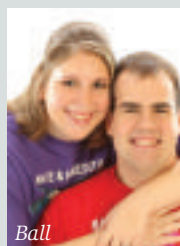
Dawn I. Bell (BS Speech Communication '06, MA Speech Communication '07) presented "Natural Answers to Pet Problems and Needs" at SIUE in August 2013 as part of the Work-Life Brown Bag Lunch Series "Taking Care of your FURever Friend."

Megan M. Gilbreth (BS Social Work '07) was hired as an associate at Blake Law Group in Belleville, Ill. in August 2013.

Patrick J. Marvin (MPA Public Administration '09) married **Ashley A. Boatman** (BS Biological Sciences '10) on Aug. 31, 2013.

Cassandra L. Reaka nee **Wible** (BS Biological Sciences '09) married Jason Reaka of Troy, Ill. on April 20, 2013.

Kristi E. Shaffer (BA History '09) received her master of arts in American History from Saint Louis University in May 2013.



Nathan J. Ball (BM Music '10) and **Meredith L. Ball** nee **Niemeyer** (BS Special Education '10) were married on June 22, 2013.

Benjamin M. Motil (BA Political Science '10, MPA Public Administration '12) was hired as director of economic development and tourism for the village of Pontoon Beach in April 2013.



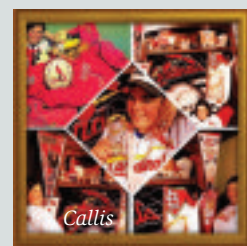
Rosemary W. Githinji (BA Mass Communications '11) died at age 28 on July 23, 2013.

Andrew J. Novara (BM Music '11) was hired as the music teacher at Saint Paul's Lutheran School in Troy, Ill. in September 2013.



Justin K. Sandbach (BS History '11) was hired as the high school social science teacher and the junior high/middle school boys basketball coach with Greenfield School District in August 2013.

Emily A. Callis (BA Political Science '12) won an expense-paid trip to Major League Baseball's Fan Cave in New York through a photo contest in May 2013.



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

1960s

Thomas N. Macias, Jr. (BS Business Administration '66) joined 87 fellow veterans for the famed Land of Lincoln Honor Flight from Springfield, Ill. to Washington, D.C. in May 2013.

1970s

Joyce I. Beerup (ABUS Executive Secretarial '73) died at age 81 on Aug. 16, 2013. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Bunker Hill.

Kenneth J. Wieduwilt (BS Business Administration '73) died at age 66 on Aug. 5, 2013. Memorials may be made to Louis Latzer Library or St. Paul Education Foundation.

Charles W. Zinkhon (MBA '74) died at age 70 on July 27, 2013.

1990s



Denise L. Suhrenbrock nee **Brown** (BS Accountancy '93, MBA Business Administration '95) died at age 47 on July 9, 2013. Memorials may be made to the Metro East Humane Society or the ALS Foundation.

2000s

Christopher M. Donjon (BS Business Administration '01) and wife Angie welcomed daughter Samantha Adele Donjon on Aug. 29, 2013.

Justin K. Chapman (BS Business Administration '04) was promoted to commercial banking officer with TheBANK of Edwardsville in October 2013.

David A. Droege (BS Business Economics & Finance '04) participated in the 2013 Ironman Competition in Louisville, Ky., in August 2013.

Kyle M. David (BS Business Administration '06) was promoted to commercial banking officer with TheBANK of Edwardsville in October 2013.

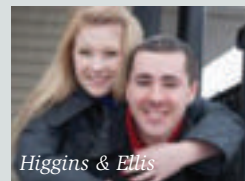
Ryan M. Tallman (BS Business Administration '06) was promoted to Loan Officer with TheBANK of Edwardsville in October 2013.

Peter G. Visintin Jr. (BS Business Administration/Management '07, MBA Business Administration '08) was named Macoupin Made Young Leader of The Year by the Macoupin Economic Development Partnership in July 2013.

Adam R. Saltgaver (BS Business Administration '09, MBA Business Administration '13) was promoted to loan officer with TheBANK of Edwardsville in October 2013.

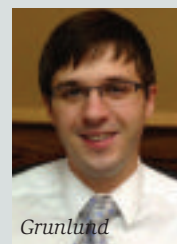
Lauren N. Smith (BS Business Administration '09) was promoted to commercial banking officer with TheBANK of Edwardsville in October 2013.

Jason M. Grunlund (BS Accountancy '12) was appointed staff accountant at Scheffel & Company PC in Edwardsville in July 2013.



Alexandra C. Higgins (BS Business Administration '12) married **Casey S. Ellis** (BA Philosophy '12) on Oct. 13, 2013.

Timothy M. Schelp (BS Mechanical Engineering '10, MBA Business Administration '12) was hired as a project engineer with EPIC Systems Inc. in October 2013.



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

1960s

Jeanne D. Langford nee **Dulaney** (BS Elementary Education '62, MSED Special Education '71) died at age 91 on June 12, 2013.

Norma L. Judkins nee **Clark** (BS Elementary Education '60, MSED Elementary Education '67) died at age 89 on Oct. 1, 2013.

Janet S. Kutter nee **Klopmeier** (BS Elementary Education '64, MSED Elementary Education '71) died at age 70 on Aug. 5, 2013. Memorials may be made to the Janet Kutter Memorial Scholarship Fund for Zion Lutheran School in Bethalto, Ill.

Margaret J. O'Neil (MSED Elementary Education '64) died at age 100 on Sept. 4, 2013. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, Fla., First Presbyterian Church of Edwardsville, Ill., or to the M. Josephine O'Neil Women in the Arts Scholarship Fund (c/o Sharon Binson, 11966 Tresemer Road, Roco, IL 61073-7708).

Gertrude A. Beary nee **Mount** (BS Elementary Education '65, MSED Education Administration '69) died at age 90 on Aug. 19, 2013. Memorials may be made to the Westview Baptist Church or the donor's choice.

Ray T. Bentley (BS Elementary Education '65, MSED Education Administration '68) was one of the featured organists at Lewis and Clark Community College Music Department's Organ Spectacular IV in September 2013.

Dorothy J. Dodson nee **Downey** (MSED Elementary Education '69) died at age 92 on June 23, 2013. Memorials may be made to the Edwardsville Public Library.

1970s

Birdia R. Hawthorne nee **Woods** (BS English '70) died at age 65 on July 6, 2013. Memorials may be made to Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry.

Cleo V. Kronenberger nee **Davis** (BS Elementary Education '70, MSED Elementary Education '74) died at age 89 on July 4, 2013. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice or St. Augustine Catholic Church in Belleville, Ill.

Glenda M. McBride nee **Stone** (BS Elementary Education '70, MSED Elementary Education '75) died at age 73 on June 28, 2013, of pancreatic cancer. Memorials may be made to KOA Care Camps.

Dr. Michael R. Smith (BA Psychology '70, MSED School Counseling '72) died at age 66 on April 22, 2013.



Stern

Ron E. Stern (BS Recreation '70, BS History '79, MSED Education Administration '88) retired as director of secondary education with Granite City School District in June 2013.

Stephen A. Paynic (EDS Education Administration '72) died at age 89 on Jan. 16, 2013. Memorials may be made to the memorial fund at Roxana School District or to Holy Angels Catholic Church.



Paynic

Connie E. Williams nee **DiGrazia** (BS Elementary Education '77) died at age 90 on June 26, 2013. Memorials may be made to the Surgery for Needy Children's Fund of the Junior Wednesday Club or Holy Trinity Catholic Church Building Fund.

1980s

Dr. Edward N. Brady (MSED Counselor Education '80) died at age 61 on July 7, 2013. Memorials may be made to a Southwestern Illinois College Psychology Scholarship in honor of Dr. Edward Brady.

Dr. Johnny B. McLaughlin (BS Psychology '80, MSED Counselor Education '86) was hired as the 7th and 8th grade teacher at Saint Paul's Lutheran School in Troy, Ill., in September 2013.

Daniel C. Fuhrman (BS Psychology '86) died at age 51 on Aug. 23, 2013. Memorials may be made to the Granite City Animal Protective Association.

Dr. Joyce C. Ragland (SD Education Administration '87, EDD Instructional Process '88) was selected to head the Missouri Region of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

1990s

Dr. Jeffrey N. Dosier (MSED Education Administration '91) joined the McKendree University Board of Trustees in February 2013.

Marjorie F. Burgett nee **Smittkamp** (MSED Elementary Education '95) died at age 69 on Oct. 8, 2013. Memorials may be made to the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.



Marler

David B. Marler (BS Psychology '98) published "Triangular UFOs: An Estimate of the Situation" with Richard Dolan Press in June 2013.

2000s

Amy L. Siebert nee **Keel** (BS Elementary Education '06, MSED Elementary Education '10) and **Jared W. Siebert** (BS Business Administration '06) welcomed son Grant Steven on June 13, 2013.

Jessica M. Gibson (BS Psychology '07) died at age 28 on Sept. 24, 2013 in a car crash.

Chad M. Skinner (BS Kinesiology '07) and **Valerie M. Martinez** (BS Mass Communications '10) married on Oct. 4, 2013.

Amanda L. Daniels (BS Elementary Education '09) was hired as the four-year-old preschool teacher at Saint Paul's Lutheran School in Troy, Ill. in September 2013.

Stephanie L. Berry (MSED Curriculum & Instruction '12) was selected as one of the top 10 history teachers in the state of Illinois and received a certificate of excellence from the Illinois State Board of Education in August 2013.

Johnathan M. Mehrtens (BS Psychology '13) married **Jamie L. Mehrtens** nee **Wilson** (BS Special Education '13) on July 20, 2013.



Berry

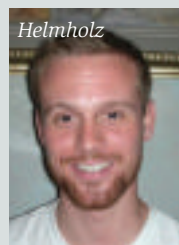
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

1990s

Tracy N. Butler (BS Civil Engineering '93) was inducted into the 2013 East Alton-Wood River High School Oiler Alumni Hall of Fame in October 2013.

2000s

Kurt T. Muth (BS Civil Engineering '03, MS Civil Engineering '06) and **Jeannie L. Muth** nee **Armintrout** (BS Economics/Finance '05) welcomed son Barrett Frederick on May 7, 2013.



Helmholtz

Wesley R. Helmholtz (BS Industrial Engineering '08) graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law with a high tech law certificate (intellectual property specialization) in August 2013. He will join the Los Angeles office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in September 2013.

Jeffrey A. Dinkelman, Jr. (BS Civil Engineering '13) was hired as a project engineer at the Maryville, Ill. office of Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates (BLA) in September 2013.

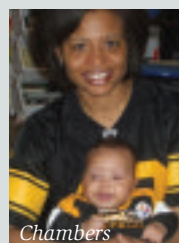


Dinkelman

SCHOOL OF NURSING

1990s

Maxine E. Barth nee **Ennen** (MS Nursing '95) died at age 64 on Sept. 5, 2013. Memorials may be made to German Cemetery, Payne Cemetery or The American Heart Association.



Chambers

Randy J. Lautner-Zanger (BS Nursing '95) died at age 57 on Aug. 10, 2013.

Timika S. Chambers (BS Nursing '98) published her first book, the nonfiction "A Mother's Words of Wisdom: From my heart to yours. Building within." in March 2013 with Balboa Press.

2000s

Michael P. Hentze (BS Nursing '09) graduated from Illinois State Police Cadet Class 121 and was appointed a trooper with the Illinois State Police, District 11 in August 2013.

SIUE Love Connection

A Match Made in Speech Class

Like all the great love stories, the connection between Adam Colvin and Sara (Stroud) Colvin is anything but traditional. Call it a match made in speech class—with someone else. “No, it was not love at first sight,” Sara said with a laugh. “We worked on a group project together in a graduate class, and Adam asked us to help him plan his date with his girlfriend at the time. After they split up, something changed between us, and we started dating.”

Sara considered it fortunate that she was even at SIUE at all: “At first I swore I’d never go to SIUE since I grew up with it in my backyard, but after discovering what they could offer and that I would be the third generation in my family to go there, it just seemed like the best choice for me and my future,” she said. “Coming back and getting my master’s was a personal goal, so I naturally came back to my roots where I got my bachelor’s and dove right in. It felt like home again.”

Adam agreed, “We both joke now, but had she not come back to SIUE for graduate school while in her career and listened to advice to get a degree only if the profession called for it, we would have never met. Dating was kind of hard to manage with her full-time work schedule, but we made it work.”

“We worked together on course work and did projects together,” Sara said. “We kept our relationship quiet with the faculty for fear they wouldn’t let us work together!” Once Sara and Adam had both earned their master’s in speech communication, one could say Adam kind of “stumbled” onto the proposal. “All of sudden, I look over, and he’s on the floor,” Sara said. “I didn’t realize what was going on. I thought he fell! I said, ‘get up!’”

For Adam, however, the proposal was part of a carefully planned, month-long strategy. “Every day I would give her a different colored rose and attach a word that described something I liked about her (caring, giving, etc). At the end of 30 days, I gave her a red rose with a corresponding compliment and took her to dinner at The Melting Pot. I got up to use the restroom, and when I got back, I got down on one knee to propose to her. Luckily she said yes!”

After dinner, he blindfolded Sara and drove her to a mystery location. “We drove for what seemed like forever,” Sara said. “We got to the destination, and I realized I was standing in the middle of my parents’ house surrounded by all of our nearest and dearest at our engagement party!”

The couple wed on Feb. 18, 2006, at Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville. They welcomed their son Jackson almost four years later on Feb. 9, 2010. The couple and their “future Cougar” live in Glen Carbon, Ill.



Sara (Stroud) Colvin, BS Speech Communication/minor Business Administration '98, MA Speech Communication '05, Director of Development, SIUE School of Business

SIUE Family Legacy: Mother Vicki (Roberts) Stroud, BS Business Administration '94; Grandmother Sarah (Roberts) Rogers, EDS Counselor Education '69

Adam Colvin, BA Speech Communication/minor Sociology '02, MA Speech Communication '04, Financial Aid Compliance Specialist, Goldfarb School of Nursing, Barnes-Jewish College

SIUE Family Legacy: Brother Andrew Colvin, BS Nursing '96

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Traditions

SIUE has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the fourth consecutive year. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) included SIUE among 690 institutions to receive the highest honor possible for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. However, long before this prestigious award, the tradition of citizenship has been part of SIUE's values.

"SIUE has a long history of community service and believes strongly in preparing our graduates to be active leaders and participants in an ever-changing world," SIUE Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe said.

The number of volunteer opportunities for students is endless. Examples include:

- The Kimmel Leadership Center coordinates 6-10 on-going volunteer projects each month, most occurring on Saturdays.
- The SIUE wrestling team helped with the Edwardsville Rotary Club's playground construction at Edwardsville Township Park.
- School of Dental Medicine students helped provide free dental care to area children in need. First-year dental students hosted a "Smile Station" featuring fun, educational activities and games to help children learn the importance of a good diet and oral hygiene.
- Student volunteers helped with spring cleaning by planting tulips, raking sweet gum balls and cutting back warm season grasses.

Not only do SIUE students volunteer for various local organizations, they also help within their own University community. Each fall, current SIUE students volunteer to be "Movers and Shakers" and help incoming freshmen move into the residence halls.

For students at SIUE, citizenship means preparation for successful careers and lives of purpose.

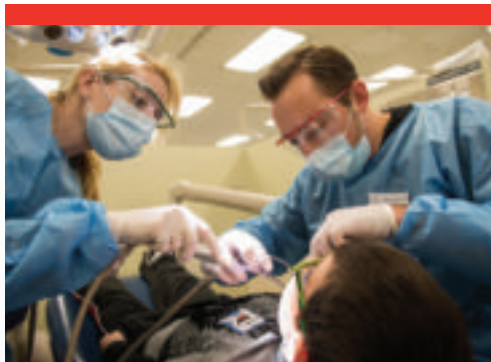
"Service and community engagement activities enhance student learning and heighten students' awareness of people's unique circumstances, gifts and insights," said Sarah Laux, assistant director of civic engagement, Kimmel Leadership Center. "When students volunteer, they improve their own critical thinking and communication skills, while focusing on civic responsibility and global awareness."



The SIUE Experience

Students have made volunteering a tradition at SIUE. They are able to dive right in from day one with the help of The SIUE Experience. The four-day event helps incoming freshmen connect with each other and the University, and introduces them to the University's values of citizenship, excellence, integrity, inclusion and wisdom. Throughout the weekend, freshmen engage in volunteer-based activities in places such as Greenwood Cemetery, Watershed Nature Center, Granite City Community Garden and Sunshine Cultural Arts Center.

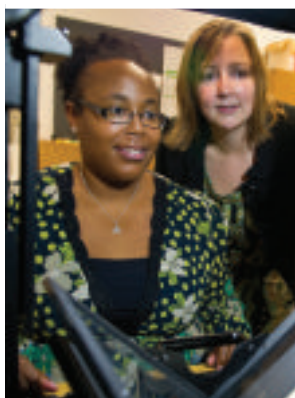
"Those who were involved in the service project were overwhelmingly positive," said Kara Shustrin, program specialist in the Office of Student Affairs. "They were tired, but said it felt good to go out and help the community."



"It's nice to contribute my time to better our SIUE campus. The Gardens is such a great place."

—Stephanie Lee,
sophomore
civil engineering major

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