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Welcome to your new **SIUE** **ALUMNI** **ASSOCIATION!**

As the University changes, so do the more than 90,000 alumni who call SIUE their *alma mater*. To better serve you, we have made a BIG change, as well. We are no longer a dues-based organization. As a graduate of SIUE, you are now automatically a member of the SIUE Alumni Association, and we are here to serve you (*read more on page 28*).

A New Chapter Begins

It's an exciting time for SIUE and the Alumni Association! We can't wait to tell you about some of the changes we've been working on.

We're growing.

- SIUE is in the midst of the largest building phase since the initial construction of campus began in 1963. We have completed nearly \$300 million in construction and infrastructure improvement, adding new state-of-the-art facilities, and enhancing and expanding existing structures.
- Last fall, we welcomed the largest freshman class to date, with 2,075 first-time freshmen enrolling. Total enrollment has surpassed 14,000 for the third consecutive year.

We're demonstrating excellence.

- Last year, SIUE faculty and staff received more than \$43 million in grants and contracts for research, teaching and service initiatives.
- Last year, SIUE students completed more than 100,000 service hours.
- Recognizing our commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement, the Corporation for National and Community Service named SIUE to the annual *President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll* for the fourth consecutive year.

People are noticing.

- For the third-consecutive year, *Washington Monthly* ranks SIUE among the Top 50 out of the 682 master's universities in the nation.
- *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges of 2013* lists SIUE among the top 15 public universities in the best Regional Universities Midwest (master's granting) category for the ninth consecutive year.

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



Moving Forward, Together

As an SIUE alum, you are a member of a growing community. We want to help you connect with your fellow alumni and alma mater. Eliminating the dues-based membership program will expand the alumni network and allow you to connect, engage and strengthen your relationships with fellow Cougars.

Engaging, Educating and Empowering Cougars for Life

Alumni like you play an important role in ensuring a successful future for SIUE. Through your dedication and generosity, you support the University and its students in countless ways, and the Alumni Association is here to support you!

Moving to an inclusive membership model will allow us to focus all of our attention and efforts on providing you with even better benefits and services. The Alumni Association is your source for:

- Lifelong learning
- Career services
- Travel opportunities
- Exclusive discount programs
- Social events to connect with other alums

When you contribute financially to the University through the Alumni Association, your support will provide programs and services to all alumni and create even more scholarship opportunities for SIUE students.



Tell us your story!

We love hearing from alumni. Give us a call, stop by our office or submit Class Notes to keep in touch.

Stop by our office in Birger Hall. We'd love to see you! Visit siue.edu/maps for directions.



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The SIUE University Bookstore is excited to expand the benefits available to our SIUE alumni. Show your membership card at the register to save on your next purchase. Basic members will be eligible for a 10% discount. Premium members will be eligible for a 20% discount.

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Be powerful. Make a difference. Get involved. Give back.

Share your strengths and knowledge to benefit the University and SIUE students by getting involved in the Alumni Association.

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Become a Mentor

The Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow mentoring program allows current SIUE students and alumni to connect in one-on-one mentoring relationships. As a mentor, you can serve as a guide, a friend and a resource. Connecting with students and sharing your experience and expertise can make them more successful as they earn their degree and join the alumni family.

Whether you're around the corner or across the country, you can be an invaluable resource to a student. A mentoring relationship built solely on e-mail, phone calls or letters can be just as effective as talking with a student in person. While your role as a mentor is to encourage and foster the development and growth of a student, you do not have to live and work in the St. Louis area to get involved.

Join a Committee

The Alumni Association Board of Directors manages committees that design and build the programs and services of the Alumni Association. These committees, in conjunction with the Alumni Association Strategic Plan, also help set the course of the Association moving forward.

- Awards and Scholarships Committee, chaired by Stephanie Renken ('97, '07)
- Mentoring Committee, chaired by Kevin Nesselhauf ('08)
- Finance and Audit Committee, chaired by Jeremy Plank ('05, '08)
- Alumni Engagement Committee, chaired by Christine Jackson ('06, '08)
- Advocacy Committee, chaired by Bev George ('76, '79)
- Bylaws Committee, appointed on an as-needed basis

To become a mentor or join a committee, contact us at 618.650.2760 or sieualumni@siue.edu.



"Mitch helped me grow professionally and personally, and I still have a great relationship with her."

—Kaylee Krischel

Mara "Mitch" Meyers,
BS Business
Administration '77,
MBA '80

Kaylee Krischel, BS
Business Economics
and Finance '11

Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

The 2012-2013 academic year was one of achievement and positive change. As I complete my first year as Chancellor, I am pleased to report that there are numerous key initiatives underway as we plan for the future of SIUE, including a recent update to the University's Strategic Plan, an increased focus on internationalization, the renewal of the academic and enrollment plans, and the implementation of SIUE's first Diversity Plan.

A significant step toward enhancing the alumni experience was the discontinuation of Alumni Association membership dues. The new, inclusive Association will allow you to connect with even more fellow alumni as the University provides you with expanded benefits and services.

Here are some other recent University achievements:

- The Illinois Board of Higher Education approved the Health Care Informatics master's degree program last fall. The program brings together computer technology and clinical expertise to meet a growing need in hospitals and healthcare organizations.
- The College of Arts and Sciences is leading a partnership initiative between SIUE and the University of Havana in Cuba through the Cuban & Caribbean Center. The institutions will collaborate on a variety of exchanges, including courses from a number of fields, research, academic projects and opportunities for guest scholar visits.
- An International Education Plan has been developed over the past two years and is now in the implementation stage to increase the number of students who study abroad, as well as the number of international students at SIUE.
- In fall 2012, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) named the SIUE School of Pharmacy as one of only 12 National Centers of Excellence in Pain Education, making it the only such Midwest NIH designated center.
- The SIUE School of Education partnered with Northwest Normal University in China last fall to provide faculty development in U.S.-style pedagogy for faculty members.
- Former major league pitcher Jason Isringhausen joined SIUE's staff as a pitching coach for the Cougars. He spent several years pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals, and we are excited to have him working with our student-athletes!

With so many exciting developments underway, it's more important than ever that we work together to benefit our current and future students. I encourage you to look for ways to get involved with the University and be part of SIUE's exciting future.

Let's celebrate the 🎓!
Julie Furst-Bowe, EdD
SIUE Chancellor



Updating the Strategic Plan

A review of the University's strategic plan began in October 2012. The SIUE strategic plan is a living document that undergoes regular review to adjust to the changing higher education environment. Through the strategic planning process, the campus community defined the goals and direction of the University. The strategic plan outlines SIUE's:

- Mission and Vision
- Statement of Values
- Diversity Statement
- Short-Term and Long-Term Goals

"In the ten years since our strategic plan was updated, there have been many changes on campus and in the students and communities we serve," explained

Chancellor Furst-Bowe. "This process allowed us to update our mission, vision, values and goals in light of the changes in our environment. It will allow us to position SIUE for the future."

Review of the strategic plan was a campus-wide effort led by the Chancellor and the Strategic Plan Update Committee. Members of the committee included representatives of the student body, alumni, the community, and each academic and administrative unit. SIUE alumni were represented on the committee by Bev George, immediate past president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

As sections of the Strategic Plan are finalized, they will be posted at siue.edu/chancellor/strategic. 



New University Seal Unveiled

Another feature of the Installation Week activities was the culmination of the University Seal Design Competition. Chancellor Furst-Bowe and the University Seal Committee hosted the competition to create a visual representation of SIUE's mission, vision and values.

All members of the SIUE community—students, faculty, staff and alumni—were encouraged to submit designs. The University Seal Committee narrowed the field to four finalists. After collecting feedback, the final design was chosen and unveiled during the Installation ceremony.

The winning design was submitted by Carol Dappert (BA Art '81), a graphic designer in the university marketing and communications department.

The University seal will be used primarily to signify the importance of special occasions and historical events.

Chancellor Furst-Bowe Formally Installed

On Friday, April 19, Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe was formally installed as the eighth Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Chancellor Furst-Bowe was welcomed to SIUE by featured speakers:

- Glenn Poshard, SIU President
- Ann Boyle, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Gary Niebur, Edwardsville Mayor
- Rhonda Comrie, Faculty Senate President
- Keith Becherer, Staff Senate President
- Erik Zimmerman, Student Body President
- SJ Morrison, Alumni Association Board of Directors President
- Dennis Terry, Foundation Board of Directors President

The ceremony followed a week of academic events illustrating the Installation Week theme, "Planning for Our Global Future." The week's festivities included colloquium presentations, dance performances, open houses and exhibits.





St. Louis Rams Commend ROTC Professor

Lieutenant Colonel Dave Motes, SIUE professor of military science and ROTC commander, was honored as an “Everyday Hero” by the St. Louis Rams. The Rams’ “Everyday Heroes” program brings attention to the meaningful, daily contributions of the United States military and local police and fire departments. The Rams recognize the honorees’ work through in-game celebrations and visits to the team’s training camp and Russell Training Center.



Pharmacy Faculty Member Awarded for Community Involvement

Dr. Lakesha Butler, a clinical associate professor in the School of Pharmacy, received the Salute to Young Leaders Award from the St. Louis American Foundation, which recognizes professionals under 40 who are committed to building and bettering communities. Butler was recognized because of her hard work and ability to “balance the many roles she has to fill.” Butler’s extensive community involvement includes working as the coordinator for the School of Pharmacy’s Diversity Summer Camp, serving on the board of directors for RX Outreach Inc., contributing to the local chapter of the American Diabetes Association as a member of the Speaker’s Bureau, and serving as vice president of the Christian Women Walking in Victory Board of Directors.

RCGA Identifies SIUE as one of Greater St. Louis Top 50

SIUE has been named among the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association’s (RCGA) 2012 Greater St. Louis Top 50. The 50 companies that receive the award are recognized for their positive economic impact within the local business community. “We take great pride in being considered a key contributor to the regional economy,” said Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe. “With nearly 50,000 alumni working in the St. Louis metropolitan region on a daily basis, SIUE has a major influence in business at all levels.”



School of Engineering Co-Hosts International Conference in Turkey

In November 2012, The School of Engineering co-hosted the second International Engineering Education Conference in Antalya, Turkey, with Atılım University and Ankara University, both located in Turkey. The focus of the conference was “New Trends and Expectations” and featured professors Dr. Ryan Fries and Dr. Sohyung Cho and Associate Deans of the School of Engineering Dr. Cem Karacal and Dr. Chris Gordon as invited speakers. Karacal served as the conference co-chair and chaired the “Engineering Education and R&D Relations” section. Karacal expressed that the conference brought the School of Engineering “recognition and visibility” and that “being an organizing partner and attending the event as a group left a lasting impression on several Turkish and international academicians.”

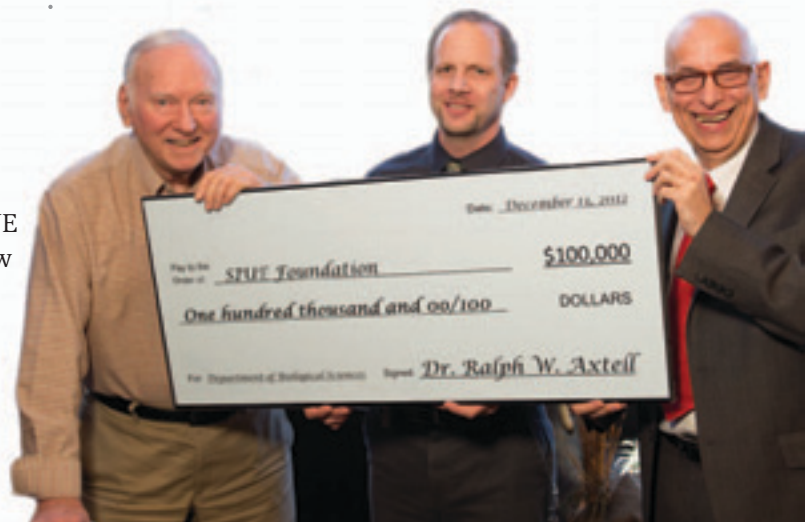
SIUE Earns Bronze Rating for Sustainability

SIUE was awarded a bronze rating in a national sustainability assessment based on the University’s environmental initiatives. Sustainability Officer Kevin Adkins submitted information about SIUE’s environmentally friendly programs to the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) Report in March 2013. The University has implemented green initiatives including campus recycling, a Bike Share Program and green roofs. The University’s 380-acre Nature Preserve and status as a founding member of the Saint Louis Higher Education Sustainability Consortium (STLHESC) also helped earn SIUE the STARS bronze rating. To view the University’s sustainability report, visit stars.aashe.org.



Longtime Faculty Member Donates \$100,000 to Biological Sciences

Dr. Ralph Axtell, professor of biological sciences, donated \$100,000 as an endowment to the SIUE Foundation for the enhancement of teaching and research in biological sciences. The endowment will be used for the department’s ecology and organismal biology teaching laboratories and creating a central location for the department’s vast collection of biological materials. Axtell has been part of the SIUE faculty since 1960 and has the longest continuous record of service to the University for a faculty member. During his seasoned career at SIUE, he has published approximately 100 illustrations, maps and peer reviewed papers describing eight new species or subspecies. A Texas and Mexican lizard, *Sceloporus poinsettia axtellii* was named in his honor.

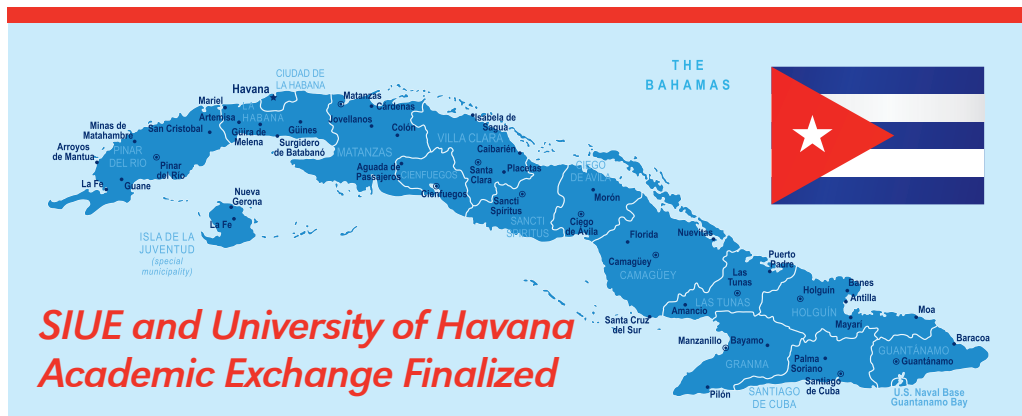


Riverfront Times Dubs WSIE-FM Best St. Louis Radio Station

The *Riverfront Times* (RFT) named WSIE (88.7 FM) the Best Radio

Station in St. Louis in its annual Best of St. Louis edition. WSIE is a 50,000 watt NPR-affiliate with the only all-jazz format in the St. Louis-area.

In its accolade to WSIE, RFT stated, "This year marks the re-birth of the Cool. In 2009 financial hardship reduced WSIE (88.7 FM) ... to running syndicated content 24/7. But its parent institution, (SIUE), was committed to revitalizing the beloved station, and in 2012 WSIE has hit its stride, offering a full spectrum of jazz programming, along with university news and sports." Listeners can tune in at 88.7 FM or online at wsie.com.



In September 2012, Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Aldemaro Romero and Mass Communications Instructor Cory Byers traveled to Cuba to finalize an academic exchange agreement between the SIU Board of Trustees and the University of Havana. With the alliance established, the Cuban & Caribbean Center will strive to offer exchange courses and arrange for Cuban scholars to visit the University as guest scholars.

The Princeton Review Praises School of Business



The Princeton Review has recognized the SIUE School of Business as one of the top business schools in the nation. The School of Business is featured in the *Review's* 2013 edition of *The Best 296 Business Schools*. *Princeton Review* editors describe the SIUE School of Business as offering an "exceptional and...convenient" MBA program, noting the availability of evening and weekend classes, and as having an overall "well-rounded program taught by professors with real world experience."

SIUE Chapter of PRSSA Receives Awards at National Conference

In October 2012, The SIUE chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) received three awards at the 2012 PRSSA National Conference in San Francisco. One of the awards won by the SIUE chapter was the Star Chapter Award, which recognizes PRSSA Chapters for involvement in national initiatives, relationship-building and community service. Five SIUE students attended the conference to represent the SIUE chapter: Natalie Pitzer, Laynie Richardson, Sarah Rohner, Jeni Ross and Heidi Wickenhauser. Rohner, a member of the SIUE Chapter executive board, received the prestigious Lawrence G. Foster Award for Excellence in Public Relations, which included a \$1,500 prize.



MABDA Recognizes School of Business and Health Informatics Program

Dr. Mary Sumner, professor of computer management and information systems, received the runner-up award for Innovation in Business Education by the MidAmerica Business Deans Association in October 2012. SIUE's collaborative project with BJC Healthcare, the Master in Health Informatics: An Interdisciplinary Program for Healthcare, was also recognized by the Association. BJC Healthcare began collaborating with the School of Business in 2009 for a certificate program. Since then, a master's program that provides in-depth knowledge in informatics has been developed.



School of Education Hosts Visiting Chinese Scholars

Through a partnership with Northwest Normal University in China and the SIUE School of Education, four Chinese faculty members spent the fall semester at SIUE. During this visit, the faculty experienced United States teaching practices, expanded their awareness of how English is used in American universities and prepared for teaching their respective disciplines in English. As part of an International Training Program in Pedagogy, SIUE provided opportunities for faculty and student interactions with the Chinese faculty that facilitated cultural understanding and helped to develop potential curricular and research collaborations.



English Professor Awarded \$400,000 NSF Grant

Dr. Kristine Hildebrandt,

associate professor of English languages and literature, received a \$400,000 five-year Early Career Development (CAREER) grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to continue her 15-year research and documentation of endangered tribal languages in the Menang district of Nepal. Having received the grant in spring 2012, Hildebrandt and her team made their first trip to the Menang district to complete field work during summer 2012 and will travel again to the district in 2013 and 2014 with two additional SIUE faculty members: Dr. Shunfu Hu, professor of geography, and Dr. Jessica Krim, professor of curriculum and instruction.

For more information about SIUE faculty research and creative activities, visit siue.edu/research.



SIUE East St. Louis Charter High School STEM Classroom Awarded Bronze Citation

The SIUE East St. Louis Charter High School's William Frederick Graebe Sr., Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Learning Center received a bronze citation in *American School & University*, a national magazine for education facilities administrators and business professionals. The STEM Learning Center received the accolade for its "good use of technology" and "variety of collaboration/presentation spaces and seating options," among numerous other features.

School of Nursing Receives Nearly \$700,000 AENT Grant

The SIUE School of Nursing was awarded an Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) program grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. With the two-year grant, the School will receive \$349,920 per year to help fund traineeships for nurses pursuing advanced degrees as primary care nurse practitioners. While the School has received funding for nurse traineeships before, this sum from the Health Resources and Services Administration is the largest to date. The grant money will support 80 graduate nursing students, who will each receive \$4,050 to assist in tuition, fees, books, and room and board costs.

Cougar Athletics



Estate Gift Benefits Women's Basketball

Longtime women's basketball supporter, Lee Wagner, assured support would continue for the program she loved when she passed away in July 2012. Wagner's estate included a donation totaling more than \$250,000 to women's basketball. The gift includes a \$200,000 endowment to support women's basketball players attending summer session and a donation to a special program enhancement fund.

"Lee began her relationship with Cougar athletics back in the early 90s when her neighbor (then head men's basketball coach Jack Margenthaler) invited her to her first game. She quickly became a season ticket holder for both men's and women's basketball and also supported tennis and softball," said Brad Hewitt, SIUE Director of Athletics. "I was always greeted with a smile, often a hug, and words of wisdom from Lee at every encounter."



"She loved our team. She loved athletics and felt a connection to women's basketball. But it wasn't just the athlete; it was the whole person she cared about. She cared about our students and how they became part of the community. Their education was her focal point."

—Paula Buscher,
Women's Basketball Head Coach

Men's Soccer Accolades

SIUE men's soccer enjoyed its most successful season since returning to the NCAA Division I ranks. The Cougars finished the year with 13 wins, their most since making the transition, earned a Top 25 national ranking during the year and narrowly missed a return to the NCAA Division I Tournament. The Cougars finished 4-2 in Missouri Valley Conference play, earning the league's second seed in the postseason tournament.

Head Coach Kevin Kalish was selected by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) as the Midwest Region Coach of the Year. Kalish and his staff also were honored as the Missouri Valley Conference's coaching staff of the year.



"I want to thank our staff and obviously the players themselves. It is humbling to be selected by the other coaches in the region considering the quality of coaches that run first-class programs in the Midwest."

—Kevin Kalish,
Men's Soccer Head Coach

Basketball Wraps First Division I Season

Men's and women's basketball have each wrapped up their first seasons as fully certified NCAA Division I members.

Women's Basketball

Under Coach Buscher's direction, women's basketball finished with a 16-15 record. The Cougars were 9-7, earning them third place in the Ohio Valley Conference West Division. The Cougars earned the No. 6 seed in the OVC Championships. SIUE defeated Tennessee State in the first round, for their first-ever OVC Tournament win. The Cougars fell to Belmont in the OVC quarterfinals.

Senior Raven Berry (Collinsville, Ill.) and freshman CoCo Moore (Indianapolis) were each honored by the OVC following the season. Berry earned First Team All-OVC honors.

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball finished with a 9-18 record under sixth-year Head Coach Lennox Forrester. The Cougars were 8-5 at home, marking the most home wins since making the jump to Division I.

The 2012-13 season also saw the rebirth of a basketball series between SIUE and Saint Louis University. The two schools met in St. Louis, December 28, exactly 30 years since their last meeting. The two local rivals will continue the series in 2013-14 when the Billikens come to Edwardsville for the first time ever on Wednesday, November 13.

Cougars Support Cancer Research

SIUE women's basketball, the SIUE athletics department and the campus community came together on February 16 for the annual Pink Zone basketball game to raise awareness for breast cancer research and treatment. The event raised \$8,602 for the St. Louis affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

"Pink Zone is an excellent example of how individuals can work together to make a real impact in the local fight against breast cancer. Every dollar raised through these efforts will help provide breast health and breast cancer care for women and families in our community who otherwise may not have access," said Helen Chesnut, Komen St. Louis executive director and breast cancer survivor.

At the game, 16 runners and bikers received pledges to exercise for five-minute intervals in honor of, or in remembrance of, someone close to them who has battled breast cancer. The event also included a bucket raffle and silent auction to raise funds.

During the game, 23 breast cancer survivors were honored in front of 2,436 fans – the largest women's basketball home crowd of the season. They were welcomed by Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe and Chesnut.

"We work with young female athletes day in and day out, so it was a natural cause to embrace. Our goal is that someday we will find a cure so the student-athletes, who I am blessed to work with, will never have to fight this battle," said Paula Buscher, SIUE Women's Basketball Coach.



Standout STATS



Raven Berry, Junior

Raven Berry, Junior

118 career games, more than any player in SIUE history

1,499 points

1,040 rebounds

14.5 average points per game (7th in conference)

10.0 average rebounds per game (2nd in conference)

First female player to record more than:

1,000 career points

1,000 career rebounds



Mark Yelovich, Senior

Mark Yelovich, Senior

1,467 points (3rd leading scorer in SIUE history)

579 rebounds (6th in SIUE history)

111 steals

309 free throws (4th in SIUE history)

106 three-pointers (7th in SIUE history)

1st player in school history to record more than:

- 1,000 points
- 500 rebounds
- 100 steals

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

Last September, we asked the SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors a simple question: “Why are you here?” In other words, “What is it that prompts you to support the Alumni Association with your time and resources?” Not surprisingly, the Board’s feedback was varied and incredibly encouraging. Interestingly, all of the responses fell into three categories:

1. Helping students
2. Helping SIUE
3. Helping fellow alumni

Simple, yes. Too simple? No.

As a result, we have restructured our committees to focus on these three tasks. So far, so good. In the next three issues of the eConnection, I’ll discuss one of these tasks. Today I’ll discuss our plans for task #1, helping students. There are two areas where we’d like to see improvement: Scholarships and Mentorships.



Scholarships

Financial support from the state is shrinking, fees are increasing and students are having a harder time paying for college. Yes, SIUE remains one of the most affordable undergraduate institutions in Illinois, but students are struggling. As alumni, we have the ability to step in and help. The SIUE Alumni Association awards approximately \$25,000 in scholarships every year, but I think we can do better. My goal for this year is to increase alumni scholarships by another \$10,000.

By expanding the scholarship fund, we can help students overcome financial barriers and achieve their goals.

Mentorships

I bet you had a mentor – maybe several – who offered encouragement, acted as a sounding board and helped prepare you for challenges. It helped, didn’t it? Not all students have the luxury of knowing a family member or friend who has experience in their field, but chances are there is a successful alum who does.

A few years ago, we initiated a mentorship program, matching SIUE students with an alum in a related field. To make this program more effective, it’s time to expand and enhance our efforts.

Our president-elect Kevin Nesselhauf (BS Construction Management ’08) has made this his personal mission and is building an impressive team of alumni who want to make an impact on the lives of students. We’d like to see SIUE become known for its mentoring, but we need your help.

This is your Alumni Association and SIUE is your university. Contact us and get involved.

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



Get Involved in the Alumni Association

Be a part of the Alumni Association by attending an event or taking advantage of some of the valuable programming offered exclusively to SIUE alumni.

Alumni Happy Hours

Kick back and connect at our monthly Alumni Happy Hour! Have a drink, find out what's new with the Alumni Association and network with fellow Cougars. The Alumni Association hosts Happy Hour on Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Locations vary.

August 8 – Wooden Nickel, Glen Carbon, Ill.

September 12 – McGurk's, Soular, Mo.

Alumni Speaker Series

Join us for a new monthly series highlighting alumni like you. Each month, the Alumni Speaker Series will feature a new alumni speaker who will share their knowledge and expertise. Stick around after the presentation to network with your fellow alumni.

August 19, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

September 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

Cultural Events

The SIUE Alumni Association offers many cultural events to facilitate learning, fun and, of course, networking. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more details about our 2013 cultural events.

August 11 – SIUE Alumni Day at Busch Stadium

September 7 – Wine Tasting at Copper Dock Winery in Pocahontas, Ill.

October 4-6 – SIUE Alumni Weekend (see page 15)



Cougars on the Move

In May 2013, the Alumni Association launched a new travel program, Cougars on the Move. On our first trip, a group of SIUE alumni visited San Francisco and Napa Valley. Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe joined us, as well.

On our trip, we enjoyed a number of exclusive events and activities with our fellow alumni, including a dinner cruise on the Bay, winery visits, a bike tour and much more.

We have more travel opportunities coming up soon. Visit us online at siue.edu/alumni to learn more.



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Past Events

SIUE Alumni Association 2012 Alumni Hall of Fame

During an elegant banquet on October 12, 2012, the SIUE Alumni Association inducted 15 alumni into the Hall of Fame. The members of the 2012 class were recognized for their contributions to their career field, the community and SIUE. Through their leadership and character, they demonstrate the values of SIUE and inspire students and fellow alumni.

Visit us online at siue.edu/alumni  to see photos from the banquet and learn more about the 2012 Hall of Fame inductees.



Alumni Night at the Lincoln Museum

On September 29, more than 100 alumni gathered in Springfield, Ill., to enjoy dinner in the rotunda of the world-class Lincoln Museum. After dinner, alumni enjoyed private access to all of the exhibits in the museum.



Alumni Association Trivia Night

The Fourth Annual Alumni Association Trivia Night at the Alton Holiday Inn was a great success. The event, emceed by Alumni Association Board President SJ Morrison, brought alumni together to enjoy fun trivia questions, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and cash prizes.

We look forward to seeing you next year!

Special thanks to business and organizations that provided door prizes – SIUE Arts & Issues, SIUE College of Arts & Sciences, The Gardens at SIUE, Green Earth Grocery, Edwardsville Auto, 222 Artisan Bakery, Crushed Grapes Wine Shop, Domino's Pizza and Edison's Entertainment Complex.

Alumni Speaker Series

March 18 marked the first installment of the new Alumni Speaker Series. Alumni Association Board President SJ Morrison served as the first speaker, discussing the benefits of volunteering and serving on a board in his presentation, "All A-Board: Serving on a Board of Directors." The presentation was followed by a student/alumni networking reception. The Alumni Speaker Series will feature a new speaker each month. Visit us online at siue.edu/alumni  for the schedule of upcoming speakers.

Campus Events

Theater and Dance 2013-14 Season

Fast and Loose: an Ethical Collaboration

by Jose Cruz Gonzalez, Kirsten Greenidge,
Julie Marie Myatt and John Walch
October 9-12, 7:30 p.m.
October 13, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall

Student Dance Concert

presented by the University Dance Organization
October 23-26, 7:30 p.m.
October 27, 2 p.m.
Metcalf Theater

The 39 Steps

by Patrick Barlow
November 13-16, 7:30 p.m.
November 17, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall

Jekyll & Hyde

presented by the SIUE Student Experimental
Theater Organization
December 4 – 7 at 7:30 p.m.
December 8, 2 p.m.
Metcalf Theater

Black Theater Workshop

January 31- February 1, 7:30 p.m.
February 2, 2 p.m.
Metcalf Theater

Dance in Concert 2014

February 12-15, 7:30 p.m.
February 16, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall

Spring Awakening

presented by the SIUE Student Experimental
Theater Organization
February 19-22, 7:30 p.m.
February 23, 2 p.m.
Metcalf Theater

The Caretaker

by Harold Pinter
March 21-22, 7:30 p.m.
March 23, 2 p.m.
March 26-29, 7:30 p.m.
March 30, 2 p.m.
Metcalf Theater

Life is a Dream

by Pedro Calderon de la Barca
April 23-26, 7:30 p.m.
April 27, 2 p.m.
Dunham Hall



Save the Date for Alumni Weekend!

Join us October 4-5 to reconnect with your alma mater, see all the changes on campus, celebrate the 2013 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame inductees and take advantage of some exciting continuing education opportunities!



Visit siue.edu/alumni for updates and the full schedule of events.



Spring 2013 Commencement: Celebrating Success

In May, the SIUE Alumni Association welcomed the first graduating class to automatically be inducted as members. SJ Morrison spoke to the graduates at each ceremony about the importance of continuing to take an active role in the University community.



The Spring 2013 Commencement marked the first time that the Board President was invited to deliver remarks to the graduating class and welcome them to the Alumni Association.

Class of 2013 by the Numbers

Eligible to graduate – 1877

Undergraduate Students

570	College of Arts and Sciences
203	School of Business
301	School of Education
128	School of Engineering
118	School of Nursing

Graduate Students

479	Graduate School
78	School of Pharmacy



Four Generations of SIUE Grads

During Commencement, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ann Boyle welcomed a very special guest. Millie Prange, a 1964 graduate, attended the ceremony to see her great-grandson, Alex Wolff, earn his bachelor's degree from the School of Engineering. At 93 years old, Prange is believed to be the oldest living SIUE alumna and member of the SIUE Alumni Association.

Prange, who was a nontraditional student, attended SIUE alongside three of her six children. She also has grandchildren who attended and graduated from SIUE. Her granddaughter, Laura Wolff, has been a faculty member in the Department of Economics and Finance for more than twenty years.

Millie Prange, pictured with her family

First Doctoral Graduates

Among the many achievements celebrated at Commencement, the Graduate School, the School of Education and the School of Nursing recognized the first students to graduate from two new doctoral programs.

Doctor of Education

The first group of students to earn doctor of education (EdD) degrees were recognized during a hooding ceremony on Friday, May 3, and participated in Commencement on Saturday, May 4.

“This group is particularly significant because the EdD is SIUE’s only research doctorate. This graduating group is a first for the University, as well as for the School,” said Bette Bergeron, dean of the School of Education. “Housing a doctorate within the School of Education reflects the high caliber of our faculty and programs along with our commitment to developing leaders for our region.”

“We are very proud of this class, whose members hold important educational leadership positions in school districts throughout Illinois and Missouri,” said Dr. Linda Morice, associate professor and chair of the Department of Educational Leadership. “We are confident they will capitalize on their SIUE experiences to make a positive difference for students.”

Doctor of Nursing Practice

The first doctor of nursing practice (DNP) students graduated from the SIUE DNP program on Friday, May 3. The online post-master’s program, which began in 2011, consists of 30 credits over five-semesters and is designed for nurses holding a nursing master’s degree in an advanced nursing practice specialty area or in health care administration. Coursework incorporates advanced concepts in epidemiology, theory, evidence-based practice, health care policy, leadership, theory, informatics and ethics.

The program begins with a one-week immersion experience on campus and culminates in development, implementation and evaluation of a high-quality clinical practice project. The SIUE DNP program currently has a 90 percent retention rate, with plans to enroll 12-15 new students for the fall 2013 semester. Ten DNP students received their doctoral hoods at the Nursing Convocation, which was held prior to the Friday night Commencement.

The DNP students’ personal commitment to doctoral education and leadership in nursing practice will help shape the practice of evidenced-based nursing in the region.

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—Dr. Linda Morice
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Paying It Forward



When Mike Rouhani came to SIUE from Iran in 1970, he knew he wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. Although he originally applied to attend SIU Carbondale, he visited SIUE and immediately fell in love with the campus. He began classes here in January 1971, living with a host family, that of Dr. Zahaleski, the chair of the biology department at the time. Rouhani said Zahaleski demonstrated the nature and value of mentoring through his own example, guiding and supporting him when he came to the University.

Rouhani was an active student at SIUE, participating in intercollegiate athletics as a member of the SIUE wrestling team. Although his studies would be interrupted by marriage, the birth of three children and the establishment of his career, he returned to SIUE and completed his degree in math studies in 1982.

Just as Zahaleski recognized Rouhani's leadership ability when he arrived at SIUE, faculty members throughout his academic career noticed his skills and invested in his success. That led Rouhani to make a promise to himself. "In honor

of those teachers who mentored and led me to be a better student and citizen, I pledged to share my talent, knowledge and time with students in need to help them pave their way for the future."

Rouhani's opportunity to use his gifts in the role of mentor came when he accepted an invitation to attend an SIUE alumni networking breakfast. During that networking breakfast he learned about the alumni mentoring program offered to members of STAT (Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow). Rouhani was told about a student who could use his expertise and agreed to be paired with a young man named Dan Burton.

Burton began his college career by earning an associate degree at Lewis and Clark Community College. He transferred to SIUE to major in biology with a concentration in ecology, evolution and environmental sciences.

Looking back, Burton admits that he was struggling academically. He explained, "My mind seems to jumble around a lot with different ideas making it hard to focus."



"A mentor doesn't work for their own fame. When the person I mentor is famous, then I'm famous. If he falls down, I fall down. The most satisfying thing is seeing their talent recognized."

—Mike Rouhani

That, in addition to an ongoing struggle with a stutter, led to nervousness and anxiety. Burton's grade point average suffered, and he was carrying a C-average when he and Rouhani met for the first time.

According to Rouhani, the secret to an effective mentoring relationship rests in understanding the difference between *leading* the student and *managing* the student. Rouhani believes the first thing a good leader does is build trust with the person they are mentoring, and so he did with Burton. Once that trust was established, Rouhani and Burton went to work on developing good communication and ways of providing support. With Rouhani's support, Burton created a mission statement, vision statement and strategic plan to achieve his goals. To keep him on track, they created a system of regular communication which involved meeting face-to-face. Burton also provided Rouhani with bi-monthly reports on how he was doing.

In just one semester, Rouhani helped Burton improve from a C-Average to a B-Average student. He even helped Burton

overcome the stuttering problem with which he had struggled much of his life. Burton developed from a struggling student who was terrified to speak before an audience, to a confident, involved student who was able to position himself for a career in the field he loves.

"Working with Mike has not only impacted my grade point average, but it has also impacted my social life," Burton said. "He helped me become grounded and provided me with a good foundation."

Rouhani estimates the two have spent about 100 hours together in the last 14 months, but the impact of their relationship will last a lifetime. Rouhani will watch with pride as Burton graduates with honors this August. Rouhani modestly reflects, "A mentor doesn't work for their own fame. When the person I mentor is famous, then I'm famous. If he falls down, I fall down. The most satisfying thing is seeing their talent be recognized."

After graduation, Burton hopes to become a mentor himself. As someone who understands the challenges students face and the impact a mentor can have, he intends to pay it forward. Burton also knows he has more to learn. "I can say I'm not done yet. I'll be done the day I die," he said.



Rouhani invites anyone who believes they have the gift to lead a student to success to get involved in the mentoring program through the Alumni Association. He also offers his assistance to anyone who wants to

learn more about what he has discovered regarding being an effective mentor. He welcomes questions and conversation via email at mrouhani@prodigy.net.

If you would like more information about becoming a mentor, please contact the SIUE Alumni Association at 618-650-2760, or siuealumni@siue.edu.



Bragging Rights

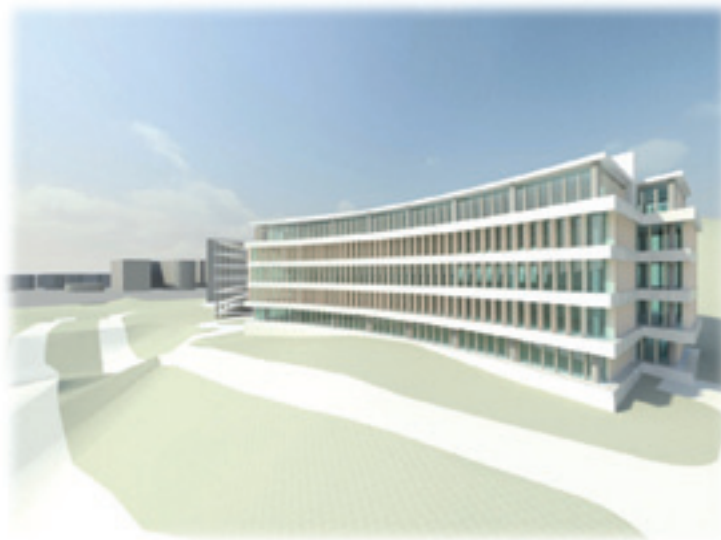
SIUE students, faculty, staff and alumni are making news and achieving success on a regional, national and international scale.

Engineering Alums Receive High Honors in National Competition

Luke Potthast (BS Civil Engineering '12) and Ryan Holdener (BS Civil Engineering '12) recently placed third in the 2013 Student Structural Design Competition hosted by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Structural Engineering Institutes (SEI) Structures Congress.

The pair designed a multi-story steel structure to be built in China with an estimated cost of \$53.7 million. Among the many issues to consider when designing the model were the weight of the structure, the weight that might be applied to the building and environmental factors.

The engineering faculty selected Potthast and Holdener's project in January of this year and submitted it to the SEI Structures Congress.



Project rendering

"It was pretty daunting when we submitted our project to the competition, knowing that we would be up against some of the largest engineering schools in the country. So, it was very exciting when we learned that we were picked in the top three and were able to represent SIUE at the Structures Congress."

—Luke Potthast, BS Civil Engineering '12

Theater and Dance Alumnus Enjoys Broadway Success

Tim Eaker (BA Theater Performance '03) is currently working as the stage manager for the Tony Award winning production of Disney's *Newsies, the Musical*. The show made its Broadway debut in March 2012 in the Nederlander Theatre and has since become a runaway hit.

Eaker originally studied electrical engineering at Northern Illinois University. To achieve his Broadway dream, he changed his major and came to SIUE to study in the Department of Theater and Dance while beginning his career as an intern at the Muny in St. Louis. After working his way up from a driver, to production assistant, to assistant stage manager, Eaker welcomed his first opportunity as stage manager for the 2009 production of *The Music Man*.

Since moving to New York, Eaker has continued to find success working as a stage manager on productions including *The Country Girl*, *Rock 'n' Roll*, *Jersey Boys*, *Avenue Q*, *Frost/Nixon* and *Les Misérables*. He has also worked on several benefit productions for "Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids."

SIUE Steel Invited to Travel to Trinidad

In February 2013, students in the SIUE steel band, SIUE Steel, traveled to Trinidad for a unique learning experience. The group had the opportunity to play and work with Jeannine Remy, senior lecturer at the University of West Indies at St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago; perform with the Petrotrin Hatters Steel Pan Orchestra, and visit a local steel pan maker.

The educational experience culminated at the international steel pan competition, Panorama, an annual competition held at Queen's Park Savannah, a park in Port of Spain, Trinidad.



Business Alumnus Wins \$50K Startup Grant



Jeffrey Harrison (BS Finance, BS Entrepreneurship '12) is one of 20 winners in the 2013 Arch Grants Global Startup Competition. The global business startup competition provides \$50,000 non-dilutive grants to early stage ventures. Arch Grants created the competition to help grow businesses and create a more robust entrepreneurial culture and infrastructure in St. Louis.

Harrison's RoverTown concept gives more than 2,000 businesses direct access to 1.4 million college students through their mobile devices. RoverTown's student discount program allows actively enrolled students at nearly 70 institutions to earn exclusive discounts and rewards at rovertown.com.

"The Arch Grants winners are the best of a terrific group and are exciting young companies," said Jerry Schlichter, co-founder and president of Arch Grants. "Arch Grants' vision has become a reality. We are building an entrepreneurial ecosystem and have great partners who, through their support of Arch Grants, have put St. Louis on the international map as a great place for entrepreneurs."



This year's competition attracted 707 applicants from 15 countries and 40 states. The 20 grant recipients will receive \$50,000 each in funding and free support services. Starting in July, the out-of-town companies will relocate to St. Louis and begin immersing themselves into the entrepreneurial community.

SIUE Takes Top Honors in ACG Cup Competition

For the second consecutive year, graduate business students have been recognized for excellence in the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Interuniversity Cup competition. The team, composed of four MBA students, placed first in the Mid-America Regional competition held during the ACG Mid-America Corporate Growth Conference. The team earned first place over University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Missouri – Kansas City.

The team advanced to the Mid-America Regional after earning first place in the St. Louis regional round over teams from Washington University, Saint Louis University and University of Missouri – St. Louis in April 2013. This marks the second consecutive year SIUE has won the St. Louis regional competition.

Organized to provide business students with valuable real-world insights, the case study opportunity allows participants the chance to interact and work with professionals in the ACG community.

"We were very proud to represent SIUE at the regional level after beating the other top-tier business schools in the St. Louis-based competition. There's a deep satisfaction in knowing that SIUE's Business School can prevail over programs throughout the country."

—Eric Robert



The SIUE team was comprised of School of Business graduate students Kirin Satwani, Eric Robert, Anne Peterson and Stan Blustein (not pictured).

STAT — Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

Since its inception in 2008, Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) has been working to build and strengthen relationships between current students and alumni, with the ultimate goal of fostering life-long loyalty to the University.



Aaron Hanks, a senior in the School of Business and the current president of the Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT), realized the benefits of STAT early, joining the first semester of his freshman year to participate in the mentor program. “I wanted some guidance related to what I could do after receiving my degree,” said Hanks. Then he stayed to help others. President since 2012, Hanks organizes officer meetings, plans events such as mentor mixers and keeps the organization running smoothly.

In addition to his STAT duties, Hanks also serves on other campus organization committees, including Lutheran Campus Ministries and Beta Alpha Psi. He volunteers for the Income Tax Assistance Program that helps students prepare their taxes and the Supplemental Instruction Program, an academic assistance program that increases student performance and retention by targeting traditionally difficult courses and providing regularly scheduled, student-led sessions. Hanks is also the recipient of multiple scholarships and the 2013 Senior Standout Award in accountancy.

While his schedule is busy, and balancing his many commitments can be tricky, Hanks appreciates all the opportunities SIUE has offered him, especially STAT. “My favorite part is working with the officers of STAT and the Alumni Association,” said Hanks. “Everyone is committed to improving what we offer to our members.”

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—Aaron Hanks

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



Founded by the Alumni Association, STAT offers students the chance to connect and network with alumni through a mentoring program.

The mentor program allows students to:

- Ask questions
- Receive advice on building resumes
- Create a network of contacts in their desired career field
- Develop a plan of action for reaching education and career goals with the help and guidance of alumni

STAT works with the SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors to provide students and alumni many opportunities for networking, learning and connecting throughout the year. Through STAT, students have the opportunity to participate in these programs and even help to decide the direction of the Alumni Association by serving on a committee.

SIUE Love Connection

Brian Hamel met Amy Ramlow on their first day of freshman year. He was planning to attend dental school after earning his bachelor's, so it didn't seem strange to him that his first conversation with Amy was about teeth. She had her wisdom teeth removed right before move-in day. It may have been a funny thing to talk about, but that was all it took.

After that, Brian and Amy were rarely apart. Both Meridian Scholarship recipients, they also both lived in Bluff Hall, so they often found reasons to get together. One late night, Brian and Amy were still awake talking in the study lounge of the residence hall when the fire alarm sounded. It went off three different times in two and a half hours, requiring Brian and Amy to evacuate the building with the rest of the students. Though the alarms were caused by a faulty sensor and the building was fine, something had changed between Brian and Amy.

The couple continued to date while they completed their education. A normal date night consisted of dinner at 54th Street Bar and Grill and a movie at the former Showplace 12 Theater in Edwardsville. Brian asked Amy to marry him during a fireworks display on July 4, 2010. Though the fireworks had to end early due to rain, the couple didn't mind. "The night seemed so perfect to us," Amy said. Brian and Amy were married on May 26, 2012, in Amy's hometown of Lincoln, Ill. The couple also both graduated from SIUE that year.

Brian and Amy now live in Edwardsville and still enjoy going to dinner and movies in town. They also enjoy cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers, going for walks together, visiting their families and playing with their new kitten. After graduating from SIUE with an accounting degree, Amy was hired by The Boeing Company in St. Louis in the finance division as a member of the Business Career Foundation Program. The program provides fast-paced development to new employees, enabling them to experience several aspects of the company within two years. Brian is now a second-year dental student at the SIU School of Dental Medicine. He is a member of the SIU Rural Scholars Program, which provides extracurricular training to students planning to practice dentistry in small communities in rural Illinois.

When they look back on their time at SIUE, Brian and Amy remember it fondly. "Over our four years at SIUE, we got to enjoy many wonderful events and be a part of several amazing activities, both as Meridian Scholars and as proud SIUE students," Amy said.

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—Amy Ramlow



Do you have an SIUE love story? Visit siue.edu/alumni and tell us about it. We may feature you in the next econnection!



Building a Legacy

For 18 years, Kenn Neher has served SIUE as the Vice Chancellor for Administration, overseeing many of the University's administrative units including Financial Affairs, Human Resources and the University Police. Neher has also led the University's largest building phase since the initial construction of campus in 1963. He is a self-described "blue collar kid" from Dearborn, Mich., whose father was a sheet metal worker and welder for General Motors. That provided him with what he calls, "an appreciation for people who can actually do something useful."

Neher graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in anthropology, a subject which fascinates him to this day. When his U.S. Army draft notice arrived for the war in Vietnam, he decided to join the U.S. Air Force instead. That decision led to a 27-year career in the military, taking him all over the world. As a deputy commander for one of the largest Air Force bases in Europe, Neher gained experience in managing the activities of a large organization to support an overall mission. He would eventually leave the Air Force and bring his wealth of experience and knowledge to SIUE.



econnection: What brought you to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville?

Kenn: While in the Air Force, it occurred to me that I really liked what I was doing. Then I had an epiphany that every college or university in the United States that had a campus, had to have somebody who could do the kinds of things I had done in the military. Thanks to a search of the *Chronicles of Higher Education*, I discovered the opening at SIUE. It was maybe the 15th resume I sent out, but it landed me an interview. It was a laborious eight months before I actually got the job. That was 1994.

econnection: How has campus changed since you first arrived?

Kenn: There have been tremendous improvements over the last 18 years thanks to the support, encouragement and funding support from four successive chancellors who were committed to investing in campus. Not only from the standpoint of the physical facilities, but in the way business is taken care of, like being open and supportive of students, faculty and staff, and attempting to be as effective and cost efficient as possible.

econnection: There is a lot of construction underway on campus right now. Where do things stand with some of these projects?

Kenn: In the construction area, there are a number of on-going projects, and I would really like to see those completed. The Engineering Building should be completed this fall. There is a laboratory building in Alton that will be done about the same time as the Engineering Building, maybe sooner. We're doing the build out of the remaining two floors of Lukas Annex of the Vadalabene Center, and although we don't control the Science Building project, it has taken a tremendous amount of time and effort from people with the University to get

continued

Campus Growth at SIUE

SIUE is in the midst of its largest building phase since the initial construction of the campus began in 1963. Since 2006, the University has completed nearly \$300 million in construction and infrastructure improvement, adding new state-of-the-art buildings, and enhancing and expanding existing structures.

Some of the projects include:

- State-of-the-art Science Building and renovation of the existing Science Building
- Dental Laboratory
- Engineering Building addition and renovation
- Lukas Athletic Annex (addition to the Vadalabene Center)
- Replacement of windows in three of the core buildings on the Edwardsville campus
- South University Drive and University Park Road improvements
- Soccer turf replacement at Korte Field

These projects, as well as numerous other infrastructure improvements, allow SIUE to continue to provide cutting-edge facilities for students, faculty and staff.

New Science Building



Peck Hall



Dental Laboratory



Engineering Building



Korte Field





it where it is. Once it's finished, we will launch into the renovation of the old building, and that will be about a two-year process. Then, that is the pivot for the next big thing which is the 21st Century Building Renovation Program. About 34,000-square-feet of the old Science Building will be used to rotate people through as, over the next 15 to 16 years, all buildings on campus will be renovated in sequence with all of the building systems updated.

ecconnection: What is it like to look back over the changes you seen in your 18 years as Vice Chancellor for Administration?

Kenn: I think it is absolutely phenomenal, but I really can't take credit for it. A lot of the time, I was just along for the ride. But the pivotal decision for SIUE, what has driven so much transformation, was Earl Lazerson making the decision to build the first residence hall here. Also, somebody in the process hired Mike Schultz, who may be the only housing director I've ever known in higher education, but I think we'd be hard pressed to find anyone better. The residence hall transformed this university from a commuter school into a truly residential university with a climbing reputation in all sorts of areas. The residence halls were transformational, and they helped make this an attractive place for students.

A Work of Art

The SIUE Art & Design building first opened on October 14, 1993. Twenty years later, the results of a major expansion and renovation project were unveiled at a ribbon cutting for the new facility. The \$15.3 million project allows studio arts, art history, art education and art therapy to unite in one location for the first time.

Renovations to the existing space and the construction of a new addition have added 29,000 square feet to the building. The addition features a new art gallery, graduate student studio space, classrooms, an auditorium and lecture hall, and painting and drawing studios.

In addition to its impressive aesthetics, the new construction is on track to be Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) certified. LEED certified construction minimizes the impact on the surrounding environment. Specific LEED features of the Art and Design Building include:

- Restoration of native prairie landscaping and grasses adjacent to building
- Highly reflective roof to avoid heat absorption
- High-performance glass that allows for better visibility with less solar heat gain
- Exterior sun screens to further reduce solar heat gain and glare
- Point-of-use ventilation and capture for containment of art-related pollutants

The new facility will allow faculty, staff, students and community members to experience the University's artistic culture in a modern, sustainable space.



econnection: In your time here, what makes you the most proud?

Kenn: I really am proud of what has happened with the physical facilities, especially the Art & Design Building and renovation project. I am also really proud of what has happened with Human Resources and the University Police. We've been recognized as one of the safest campuses in the country. The University Police are a very effective community policing organization. They have a good rapport with the students and the campus community. They are looked upon as protectors. I also think we have a reputation for very good financial management. Dave Heth is a phenomenal financial officer and a very effective manager.

What I guess I'm most proud of are the people who work for me. They've done miracles. They are some really, really smart people. There are a lot of unsung heroes out there.

econnection: People who work for you say you're a good manager because you hire good people and let them do their job. Do you feel that way?

Kenn: That comes out of the military. There is this perception that the military is a very hierarchal or dictatorial institution. It really isn't. There is this really strong tendency to listen to the people who actually know what they're doing. They train people and invest in them. Like I said, I have some really fine people, not just at the first level, but at the second and third level, who go out there and do miracles every day.

econnection: For you personally, what has been the most satisfying aspect of this job for you?

Kenn: I think being able to do things for people. It really is to make things better, to do good things for people. The collection agents in the Bursars Office get thank you notes because of how they operate and how they work for people. It's those kinds of things

that are most satisfying. In the Air Force, I was a support officer, so my job was to support the mission of the unit. There are four Vice Chancellors here. The Provost is responsible for the academic mission of the University, and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs is responsible for the housing, care and feeding of the students, both physically and emotionally. The job of the other two, Patrick Hundley and me, is to make it easier for those two to do their jobs. That really is it. I am really here to support the rest of the mission.

econnection: How much longer will you keep doing this, Kenn?

Kenn: I've been saying I'm going to retire in the next three years for quite a while, but it's been a rolling three years. I now say I would really like to see the Science Building completed and the 21st century Founders Hall renovation beginning before I retire. I made myself a promise that I would leave SIUE better than how I found it, and I think we can safely say that will be the case.



Art & Design Building



From Where I Sit

It's been said that no one likes change but a wet baby. Yet change or adaptation is something which is critical to the survival of everything from the smallest creature to the largest organization. So change is coming to the SIUE Alumni Association and from where I sit, the change is a good one, an adaptation that will ensure the future of the SIUE Alumni Association. This adaptation is a blending of what has been with what is yet to come. The SIUE Alumni Association is looking forward without losing sight of where we've been.

The Association was formed in December 1972 by a small group of dedicated alumni who, among other things, wanted graduates of our university to have an identity distinct and separate from our sister institution in Carbondale. To fund the operation and build relationships with fellow alumni, it was determined collecting dues was the best way to function. Those dues, most of which were paid by individuals making a lifetime commitment to the Association, helped cover the costs of everything from events to the scholarships awarded each year. Wise investment of those dollars also created a fund which has supported alumni operations for decades.

Now, in the 40th year of its existence, the Alumni Association is becoming an all-inclusive, non-dues paying organization which will be funded by a graduation fee. In essence, students will pay in advance for their membership in the Association. That funding mechanism will enable us to better plan financially, with the knowledge there is a consistent revenue source available. Under this new structure, every alumnus is automatically considered a Basic Member of the SIUE Alumni Association upon graduation, and past graduates will be retroactively awarded Basic Membership. Those individuals who made that lifetime commitment to the SIUE Alumni Association through the purchase of a lifetime membership or by completing a lifetime installment plan will be recognized as Premium Members, with a special tier of benefits unavailable to Basic Members. Going forward, Premium Membership status will also be granted to alumni who make a minimum \$500 donation to the SIUE Alumni Association.

This adaptation will enable the Office of Alumni Affairs to focus firmly on the development and delivery of programs, events and services achieving the mission of the Association—to engage, educate, and empower Cougars for life.

Steve Jankowski, BS Mass Communications '74
Director of Alumni Affairs
Executive Director of the Alumni Association



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

Gene Ursprung (BA Art & Design '62, MSED Secondary Education '73) had several pieces featured at Alton Square Mall and one included in a March 2013, photographic exhibition, "Photo Op," at the St. Louis Artists' Guild and Galleries in Clayton, Mo.

Ed Gray (BM Music Performance '67, SD Education Administration '87) was inducted into Alton High School's Wall of Fame in April 2013.

Donald R. Smith (BA History '68, MA History '72, MSED Instructional Technology '78) attended the biennial Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Convention in St. Louis representing the University of Louisiana at Monroe chapter.

Marjorie E. Brody (BA Spanish '69) released a psychological suspense novel, "Twisted," in paperback and e-book with Bell Bridge Books in March 2013.

1970s



Stephen A. Trosley (BA Mass Communication '71) was hired as the editor and general manager of the Catholic Telegraph newsletter for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kevin W. Hale (BS Art & Design '73) retired after 27 years with Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc.

Thomas "Thom" Gipe (MFA Art & Design '72) was featured in an art exhibition, "DDD&G," at the Edwardsville Art Center in February and March 2013. The show featured pieces by four current and past SIUE faculty.

Jacqueline R. Settles (BA Sociology '72, MSED Counseling '88) was recognized by the Center for Racial Harmony as a Phenomenal Woman of Metropolitan St. Louis at its October 2012 awards banquet.

James "Calvin" Jarrell (BFA '74) directed the production of "Carmina Burana" at SIUE in April 2013 after more than two years of planning.

Dr. William C. Heintz (BS Biology '76) received Premier Elite status with Invisalign.

Prince Wells III (BM Music Education '76) was appointed the new director of the black studies program in the College of Arts and Sciences at SIUE.

John Celuch (MFA Art & Design '76) was named as a 2012 Paul Harris Fellow by the Edwardsville Rotary Club.

Dr. Stephen V. Coggeshall (BA Music '78, BS Math Studies '79) has joined the BrightScope Advisory Board in an ongoing capacity as an advisor to the company and its executives.

Reverend Sherrell Byrd Jr. (BA Art Education '79) was named this year's Madison County Living Legend by the Madison County Board.

Robert A. Lenhardt (BS Music '79, MSED '91) was a recipient of the 2012 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Rick J. Faccin (BS Social Work '79) was re-elected as the Madison County auditor for 2012-2014 and was sworn into office on Monday, December 3, 2012.

1980s

Jeff Cacciatore (BS Geography '89) will be inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame on October 17, 2013.

David Newell (BS English '89) was selected as a 2013-2014 Children and Family Fellow by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Alan J. Dunstan (BS Government '80, BS Business Administration '82) was appointed chairman of the Madison County East-West Gateway Council for a one-year term.

Ruth McMullen (BS Sociology '83, MSED Counselor Education/Community Counseling '85, SD Counselor Education '89) retired in June 2012 after 31 years in higher education.

James C. Bowman (BS Medical Science '85, DMD '89) was named a charter member of the OrthoAccel Key Opinion Leadership Group.

Sherie Gottlob (BLS '87) was SIUE's employee of the month for May 2013.

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the passing of a number of our fellow graduates and former faculty. We invite you to visit our In Memoriam section on our website to learn more about these individuals and share your recollections. siue.edu/alumni



Linda L. Havlin (BS Mass Communications '88) was recognized by the Center for Racial Harmony as a Phenomenal Woman of Metropolitan St. Louis at its October 2012 awards banquet.

Evadine "Cheryl" Houck (BM Music Education '88) graduated with a degree in music therapy from Maryville University in May 2012.

Neil T. Shroeder (BS Math Studies '89) was sworn in as associate judge in Illinois' 3rd Judicial Circuit in February 2013.

1990s

Dr. Andrew W. Dykeman (BA Philosophy '90) was recognized by the Illinois Chiropractic Society (ICS) as a recipient of the 2012 President's Award.

Jerry R. Estes (MM Music Education '91) received the prestigious 2013 Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award from Yale University's School of Music.



Terri S. Andrews (BS Speech Communication '91) was named the director of development at Shriner's Hospitals for Children - St. Louis.

Dr. Gary M. Rull (BA Chemistry '92) was selected as the 2013 Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the SIU Academy for Scholarship in Education.

Deanne W. Holshouser (BA English '92) is one of two candidates nominated for president of the Illinois Library Association. Holshouser will be retired from her position as director of the Edwardsville Public Library on April 30, 2013, after a 33 year career.

Brian D. Ledford (BS Mass Communications '92) has received his third Emmy Award from the Mid-America chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) for his work as the photographer for an arts/entertainment story on "The Firecracker."

John L. Meinzen (BS Mathematics '93, MS Electrical Engineering '99) was a recipient of the 2012 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Bill D. Hatcher (MA Geography '94) published a memoir titled "The Marble Room" on November 6, 2012.



Grady S. Hanrahan (MS Environmental Studies '96) was promoted to the rank of full professor, effective September 1, 2013, at California Lutheran University.

Andrew M. Dobson (BS Anthropology '97) had four pieces displayed in the "Graphic Content" show at Jacoby Arts Center in Alton, Ill. from March-April 2013.

Tisha L. Daech (BA Art '97) was named one of the 2012 20 Under 40 by The Telegraph and the RiverBend Growth Association.

Laura K. Reed (BS Political Science '97) was named one of the 2012 20 Under 40 by The Telegraph and the RiverBend Growth Association.

Jason Swagler (BM '97, MM '00) held an album release show for "Rough Stuff" on Thursday, February 7, 2013, at Jazz at the Bistro in St. Louis.

2000s

Ryan Jones (BA Geography '12) was hired as a GIS specialist in the Swansea office of Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen Inc.

Lindsey Naylor nee Hamilton (BS Chemistry/Biochemistry '08, BS Nursing '11) married Steven Naylor of Godfrey, Ill. on Saturday, May 4, 2013.

Tim T. Staples (BS History '00) was hired as the assistant director of training and leadership development programs at American University.

Bradley A. Lavite (BS History '00) was named Illinois' Veteran of the Month for December 2012, by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

James "Jim" Davidson (BLS '00, MPA '02) was appointed a Ward 4 alderman on the Belleville City Council in June 2013.

Class & Faculty Notes

Patrick J. Swierczek (BA Social Work '00, MSW '05) was honored with the Outstanding Alumni Award at the SIUE Department of Social Work's 7th Annual Scholarship Gala in March 2013.

Michael E. Beckmann (BS History '00) is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

William Mannaberg (BS Sociology '00) and his wife Dina welcomed their son, Liam Patterson Mannaberg, on January 25, 2013.

Jon L. Parkin (MS Geography '01) was a recipient of the 2012 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Jennifer Melton (BS Mathematics '01, BS Electrical Engineering '10, MS Electrical Engineering '12) graduated with a master of science in electrical engineering in December 2012, her third degree from SIUE.

Steve Matzker (BLS '02) was selected in April 2013 as one of the recipients of an international reporting fellowship from the Pulitzer Center. He was also the 2013 recipient of the John H. White Keep in Flight Award from the Illinois Press Photographers Association (IPPA).

Nicole J. Munden (BS Mathematics '02, MS Mathematics '04) was nominated for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association 2013 Outstanding Faculty Member Award.

Kimberly J. Vrooman (MA English '02) was recognized by the Center for Racial Harmony as a Phenomenal Woman of Metropolitan St. Louis at its October 2012 awards banquet.

Chad Woodman (BS Criminal Justice '03) was a recipient of the 20 Under 40 Award, presented by The Telegraph and RiverBend Growth Association.

Michelle Welter nee **King** (BS Political Science '03, MPA '05) and **Ryan Welter** (MPA '07) welcomed their son, Carson Joseph Welter, on April 11, 2012.

Brian Pohlman (BS Speech Communication '04) graduated with an associate in applied science (AAS) in computer graphics from Lewis and Clark Community College in May 2013.

Emily Hejna (BS Mass Communications '04, BS Speech Communication '04) was appointed the Alton Police Department's first public information officer in May 2013.

Chad Nelson (BFA Art & Design '05) and **Felicia Breen** (BFA '04 Art & Design) participated in an exhibition at the Quincy Grey Gallery at Quincy University in March 2013.

Kenneth O. Johnson, Jr. (BLS '05) is engaged to Johnetta Johnson of St. Louis. The two are planning a wedding date of September, 7, 2013.

Summer Murphy (BA Speech Communication '05, BA Psychology '05, MA Speech Communication '08) was SIUE's Employee of the Month for June 2013.

Desiree M. Bennyhoff (BLS '06) was promoted to executive director of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce.

Lauren Hopkins (BA Mass Communications '06) was recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as a member of the 2013 class of 30 Under 30.

Emily Morrison (BS English '07) was recognized as a 2012 Paul Harris fellow by the Edwardsville Rotary.

Melissa Wesley (BSW '09) graduated with a master of arts in school counseling from Lindenwood University in December 2012.

Brandon Crouch (BS History '09) has been accepted into the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California to pursue a master's of public administration (MPA).

Greg M. Fenner (BS Theater & Dance '09) received two nominations for the 2012 Louie Awards by the St. Louis Theater Circle – one for Outstanding Actor in a Comedy for "Fully Committed," and a second for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a drama for "Angels in America." Both productions played at the Stray Dog Theatre in St. Louis.

Kristen N. Golianis (BS Sociology '09) was hired in December 2012 as the part-time executive director of the Granite City Complex Youth Center.

Jane Drake (MS Biological Sciences '09), director of The Gardens at SIUE, appeared in the Winter 2013 issue of The Telegraph's Homestyle Magazine.

Bradley J. Carril (BS Speech Communication '09) married **Chelsey R. Dubson** (MA Speech Communication '09) on June 22, 2013.

Michelle L. Graham (BS Social Work '09, MS Social Work '10) has joined Family Life Consultants of Collinsville as a behavioral health therapist.

Timothy J. Harmon (BS History '09, MA History '11) published a fantasy novel titled "Everlost: Lights in the Dark" through Tate Publishing in Spring 2013.

Anna M. Skidis (BA Theater & Dance '10) was nominated for the 2012 Louie

Awards by the St. Louis Theater Circle for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a musical for her performance in "Spring Awakening" at the Stray Dog Theatre in St. Louis.

Jason Braun (BA English '10) launched an online "homophone" checker at www.homophonecheck.com to allow writers to proofread for errors that word processing software can't find.

Kyle D. Williams (BS History '10) is engaged to Rachel Fox of Alton, Ill. The two are planning a wedding date of September 9, 2013.

Cory Bosco (BA History '11, BA Political Science '11) was accepted into the master of education (EdM) in the college student affairs (CSA) program at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

Rachel N. Fenton (BS Theater & Dance '11) received two nominations for the 2012 Louie Awards by the St. Louis Theater Circle – one for outstanding actress in a drama for "Oleanna" at HotCity Theatre, and a second for Outstanding supporting actress in a drama for "Killer Joe" at the St. Louis Actors Studio.

Alyssa Eason (BS Speech Communication '11) has been hired as a public relations associate at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill.

Erin A. Hilligoss-Volkman (MS Environmental Studies '11) was named one of the 2012 20 Under 40 by The Telegraph and the RiverBend Growth Association.

Kathleen Easlick (BA '12 Foreign Language & Literature) was awarded a \$27,000 Rotary Ambassador Scholarship and is spending a year in Northern England studying translation and interpretation at the University of Manchester.

Stephanie LeMaster (BA Biological Sciences '12) was the recipient of the Hertweck Scholarship and Landecker Memorial Award from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Stephanie B. Vernier (MS Biological Sciences '12) is engaged to Priyam Chakravarty of Ranchi, India. The two are planning a wedding date for October 26, 2013.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

1960s

Judge Milton Wharton (BS Business Administration '69) was a recipient of the 2013 Christian Service Award from Christian Social Services of Illinois (CSS).

1970s

Robert W. Reding (MBA '75) was named to Global Eagle Entertainment's board of directors.

Mark N. Schroeder (BS Business Administration '79) was named senior vice president of financial planning at Patriot Coal.

1980s

Grant B. Walsh (MBA '80) was interviewed on the Stock Legends Radio Show.

John Grizzle (BS Business Administration '80) completed 50 marathons in 50 states between October 2004 and February 2011.

James S. Halstead (MBA '81) began a new teaching position as an accounting instructor in the business program at San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico in January 2013.

John M. Steitz (MBA '84) was named president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Avantor Performance Materials.

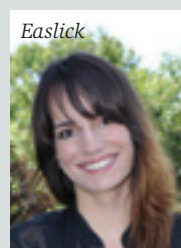
Charles A. Wentz, Jr. (MBA '86) was named to the board of directors of the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis, Ill.

1990s

Jay A. Keeven (BS Business Administration '91) was named the director of police for the city of Edwardsville.

Cathy Marchesi (MMR '91) has been appointed as research director on the automotive team at Morspace Inc.

Rob Knight (MBA '91) was ranked the #15 chief financial officer (CFO) among S&P 500's Top 25 CFO's by the Wall Street Journal.



Easlick



LeMaster



Schroeder

Barry J. Kauh (BS Business Administration '91) was named director of information technology at the Korte Company.

Abe A. Adewale (MBA '92) was named Engineer of the Year 2013 by the St. Louis chapter of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers.

Bryan Belt (BS Accountancy '93, BS Recreation '93) was hired as assistant commissioner for business affairs at the Missouri Valley Conference.

Brian Jones (BS Accountancy '93) has been promoted to vice president of TheBank of Edwardsville - Troy Center.

David Cisler (BS Accountancy '95) was voted the 2012 Scoutmaster of the Year for the Lewis & Clark Council and was named the 2013 Realtor of the Year by the Greater Gateway Association of Realtors.

Erin M. Hendricks nee Phillips (BS Business Administration '98) has been named a partner in the law firm of Unsell & Schattnik in Wood River, Ill. The firm will now conduct business as Unsell, Schattnik & Phillips.

Sandra K. Dowdy (BS Accountancy '99) has opened SKD Key Accounting & Tax Services in Edwardsville, Ill., after more than 25 years in public accounting.

2000s

Julie Bishop nee Lutz (BS Accountancy '01, MSA '02) married Scott Bishop of Belleville, Ill. on November 17, 2012.

Corey M. Wenzel (BS Accountancy '02, MBA '03) spearheaded the development of the student-only housing complex Enclave West off New Poag Road and North University Drive near SIUE.

Nicole E. Kline (BS Business Administration '04) was named one of the 2012 20 Under 40 by The Telegraph and the RiverBend Growth Association.

John E. Oeltjen (BS Business Administration '05) has been named as a 2012 Top Small Business Accountant by St. Louis Small Business Monthly.

Benjamin J. Martin (BS Computer Management & Information Systems '05) is engaged to **Keesha Dhaene** (BS Speech Communication '04, MA Speech Communication '06).

Katie N. McCulley (MBA '06) was named the Illinois Girls Volleyball Coach of the Year for 2011-2012 by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

Kristopher Steffen (BS Business Administration '06) was recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as a member of the 2013 class of 30 Under 30.

Cassie Barr (BS Accountancy '07, MBA '08) was hired as an associate attorney at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. with their corporate practice group in April 2013.

Pete G. Visintin, Jr. (BS Business Administration '07, MBA '08) has created a clothing company called "Fight the Fight" that donates half its profits to people overwhelmed by medical expenses.

Brandi Kyro (BS Business Administration '08, BS Accountancy '11) is engaged to Sean Harris of Edwardsville, Ill. The two are planning a wedding date of October 5, 2013.

Jonathan Frech (BS Computer Management & Information Systems '09, MBA '12) was recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as a member of the 2013 class of 30 Under 30.

Lauren N. Jalinsky (BS Business Economics and Finance '10, MS Economics & Finance '11) was married to Derik Schwaegel of Freeburg, Ill. in June 2013.

Megan A. Lester (BS Business Administration '11) was named the new director of Greater Alton Community Development Inc.

Jeffrey Harrison (BS Business Administration '12) was one of 20 winners in the 2013 Arch Grants Global Startup Competition for his business RoverTown.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

1960s

Roger Kratochvil (MSEd Secondary Education '66) was reappointed to the Eastern Illinois University board of trustees in February 2013.

E. Dean Browning (EdS Education Administration '68) was inducted into Alton High School's Wall of Fame in April 2013.

1970s

William Grogan (BS Geography '71) earned his transit safety and security program certificate from the Transportation Safety Institute of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Peter Schumacher (BS Physical Education '72) was a recipient of the 2013 Christian Service Award from Christian Social Services of Illinois (CSS).

Linda Basden (BS Elementary Education '72, MSEd Counselor Education/

School Counseling '74, EdS Secondary Education '76) hosted her first exhibition in June 2013 at her newly added exhibit space in Stone Bridge Valley Art Center and Gallery in Michael, Ill.

Susan Delano (BS Elementary Education '73) was named one of the YWCA of Alton's Women of Distinction Award recipients in May 2013.

Jim Greenwald (BS Education '75, MS Educational Leadership '97) has been promoted to Granite City School District superintendent in Granite City, Ill.

George C. Terry (EdS '76) had the River Bend Arena on the Lewis and Clark Community College campus named George Terry Arena in his honor.

Jane B. Westerhold (BS Elementary Education '77, MSEd '80) was selected as the 2013 Illinois Superintendent of the Year by the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA).

LaDonna Whitner (BS Special Education '77, MSEd School Counseling '79) was named a Peabody Energy Leader in Education for the 2012-2013 school year and was awarded \$1,000 in recognition for her devotion as a mentor and role model to students.

US Magistrate Judge Donald G. Wilkerson (MSEd '78) has been reappointed to a new eight year term as a magistrate judge in the Southern District of Illinois.

Jill Hardimon (BA Speech Pathology & Audiology '79, MS Speech/Speech Pathology & Audiology '80) retired after 33 years with Alton School District in June 2013.

1980s

Mona R. Meyers (BS Business Education '80) released a book entitled "A Guide to Assist You and Your Parents in the Aging Process."

Mary Pat Venardos (BS Special Education '82, MSEd Education Administration '85, EDS Education Administration '03) retired as principal of Gilson Brown Elementary School in July 2013 after almost 30 years as an administrator with the Alton School District and was hired as the assistant principal at St. Mary's in Alton, Ill. in June 2013.

Barbara Humphrey (MSEd Secondary Education '84) retired in June 2013 as principal of Dunbar Elementary School after 35 years with East St. Louis School District 189.

Janice Kunz (BS Elementary Education '85, MSEd Elementary Education '90) was appointed the Greenview School District superintendent.

Ann McLaughlin (BS Special Education '85, MSEd Special Education '92, EdS Education Administration '06) was appointed assistant principal of North Elementary School starting July 1, 2013.

Joanne M. Curvey (BS Elementary Education '88, MSEd Elementary Education '04, EdS Education Administration '08) was appointed principal of Gilson Brown Elementary starting July 1, 2013.

1990s

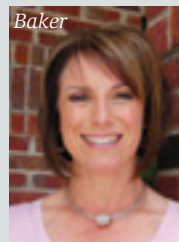
Lauren A. Parks (MSEd Elementary Education '91) was recognized by the Center for Racial Harmony as a Phenomenal Woman of Metropolitan St. Louis at its October 2012 awards banquet.

Cindy E. Inman (BS Elementary Education '93, MSEd Elementary Education '98, EdS Education Administration '07) has been promoted to kindergarten-through-fifth-grade curriculum coordinator at Lewis and Clark Elementary School.

Marjorie Barban (MSEd Elementary Education '94) received the 2012 Lambda State Achievement Award from the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society.

Brian Saenz (BS Special Education '94, MSEd Instructional Technology '01, EdS Education Administration '08) was promoted to principal of West Elementary School in Alton, Ill. in July 2013.

Kimberly J. Richey (MSEd Secondary Education '95) was recognized by the Center for Racial Harmony as a Phenomenal Woman of Metropolitan St. Louis at its October 2012 awards banquet.



Jennifer M. Baker (MSEd Instructional Technology '96) was one of 97 teachers selected as 2011 Presidential Awardees for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Class & Faculty Notes



Melodee J. Hughes (BS Elementary Education '96) participated in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Fest at the end of July 2012, in Washington, D.C.

Lynne M. Burns (BS Special Education '97) was a recipient of the 2012 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Sue E. Schmidt (MSEd Education Administration '98) will be retired as assistant principal of North Elementary School in July 2013.

Michelle A. Moore (BS Elementary Education '98) was recognized by the Center for Racial Harmony as a Phenomenal Woman of Metropolitan St. Louis at its October 2012 awards banquet.

Jill Griffin (BS Elementary Education '99, MS Instructional Technology '01, EdS '07) was a recipient of the 20 Under 40 Awards presented by The Telegraph and RiverBend Growth Association.

2000s

Caitlin Breuer nee Lake (BS Psychology '08, MA Psychology '11) married Matthew Breuer on February 16, 2013.

Tresa L. LaBoube (MSEd Elementary Education '02) was named the 2012 Girls Golf Coach of the Year by the Alton Telegraph.

Sandra D. Perkins (MSEd '02) was a recipient of the 2012 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Karen Perry (EdS '02) has been promoted to superintendent of the Oakland school district in Vermilion County in Illinois.

Jeremy Shubert (MSEd Secondary Education '02) was promoted to Central High School's new head boys' basketball coach in May 2013.

Alberto Friedmann (MSEd Kinesiology '03) will be honored in Germany in October 2013 as one of the Top 50 Martial Artists Alive Today by the Kuntaiko International Association of Budo.

Malinda D. Bertels (BS Elementary Education '03, MSEd Elementary Education '09) wrote a fictional novel called "Just Pete" and hosted a series of book signings in the Edwardsville area in March 2013. The book was released by Tate Publishing in May 2013.

Cynthia Schuenke (MSEd Education Administration '04) was promoted to Alton School District's early childhood director in July 2013.

Latasha C. Leflore-Porter (MSEd Education Administration '05) was appointed principal of Lewis and Clark Elementary School starting July 1, 2013.

Chris L. Muth (BS Special Education '05) was named the Illinois Track and Cross Country Association's (ITCCCA) Girls AA Coach of the Year for the third time.

Linda Grinter (MSEd Elementary Education '06) retired in June 2013 after 23 years in Edwardsville schools.

Patrick J. Anderson (MSEd '06, EdS '10) has written "The Kid in Purple Pants: Structured Approaches to Educating Underprivileged Students" and held a book release and signing in the SIUE Morris University Center in December 2012.

Donna K. Whitaker (MSEd Secondary Education '06) was one of 93 educators in the St. Louis area awarded the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award at a ceremony in November 2012.

Kevin J. Kalish (MSEd Kinesiology '06) was named NCAA Division I Midwest Region Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Therese B. Hembruch (BS Elementary Education '08) was named one of the Peabody Energy Leaders in Education Award winners for the 2012-2013 school year.

Collin C. Bedard (BS Psychology '09) started a six-month wellness program called "Personal Health Solutions" after completing training with the Institute for Integrative Nutrition in December 2012.

Jackie R. Thaxton (BS Psychology '09) has been hired as program manager at Little Star Center in Carmel, Ind.

Bob Baird (MS Educational Leadership '09) has been appointed as assistant principal at Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, Ill.

Brittney McVey (BS Psychology '10) was honored with the Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the SIUE Department of Social Work's 7th Annual Scholarship Gala in March 2013.

32 Summer 2013

Eric D. Anderson (MSEd Educational Administration '10) married Ashley Williams of Wood River, Ill. on June 29, 2013.

Lucas M. Novotny (BS Exercise & Wellness '10, MSEd Kinesiology '12) was hired as an assistant coach at Lindenwood University.

Melissa J. Hertz (MS Speech Language Pathology '11) is engaged to **John Robert J. Keller** (DMD '13). The couple was married in July.

Jennifer B. Boyd (MSEd '12) was a recipient of the 2012 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Aiesha Pettis (BS Psychology '12) was awarded the \$500 Graduate Alumni and Friends Scholarship at the SIUE Department of Social Work's 7th Annual Scholarship Gala in March 2013.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

1980s

Darryl Seering (BS Computer Science '86) has been a manager at The Boeing Company for 26.5 years. He is married to his high school sweetheart and has twin daughters who are juniors at SIUE.

1990s

Matthew J. Pfund (BS Construction '96) was named as one of the St. Louis Business Journal's 2013 class of 40 Under 40.

Derek A. Guardiola (BS Computer Science '99) was named as Gremln's new chief technology officer.

2000s

Melissa A. Glauber (BS Mechanical Engineering '03) started at The Boeing Company in intellectual property management at the St. Louis facility.

Luke E. Wojcicki (BS Civil Engineering '04) was promoted to senior engineer with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly Inc. (CMT).

Josh M. Dalechek (BS Computer Science '05) is engaged to Sara Oddi of Belleville, Ill. The two are planning a wedding date of September 28, 2013.

Adam Pallai (BS Civil Engineering '06) earned his professional engineering license in the state of Illinois.

Oliver Coulson (BS Construction Management '07) was recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as a member of the 2013 class of 30 Under 30.

Ross A. Mead (BS Computer Science '07) competed in the Syfy Channel's "Robot Combat League" reality show in February 2013.

Brian Schuh (BS Civil Engineering '09) married Adrienne Witte on December 1, 2012.

Patrick J. Barud (BS Electrical Engineering '09) is engaged to **Ashley N. Bux** (BS Business Administration '10). The two are planning a wedding date of August 10, 2013.

Brian Derrow (BS Electrical Engineering '11) will 'kickstart' DeulEX in Fall 2013.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

1970s

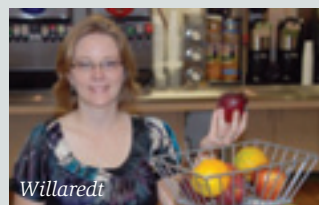
Sandra L. Steppig (BS Nursing '75) gave a presentation entitled "My Life with Parkinson's Disease: Disclosure and Coping" to students from the St. Louis University occupational therapy program on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

1980s

Mark Eavenson (BS Nursing '84) and his wife Barbara donated \$30,000 to the Granite City High School Performing Arts Center for the high school band practice field in February 2013. The Eavenson's have contributed more than \$1 million to the Granite City community since 1988.

2000s

Shana Weston (BS Nursing '08) was the recipient of Children's Hospital of Illinois at the OSF St. Francis Medical Center's "Locking Down the Challenge."



Julie Willaredt (BS Nursing '09) has lost 70 pounds in the last two years and was nominated as the Alton Memorial Hospital (AHM) representative in the 2012 BJC Health Hall of Fame.

Traditions: SIUE in Song

The use of music and school songs to create enthusiasm, nostalgia and pride is a long-honored tradition in higher education. The school song, known as an *alma mater*, is often a hymn-like ballad whose lyrics take an emotional look at the past and demonstrate a love for the university. Fight songs, in contrast, are upbeat and commonly used to inspire excitement at athletic events. Today, the SIUE community is embracing the musical traditions of the past and creating new ones for future students.



The University's *alma mater*, "Hail SIUE," is a reverent ballad composed by George Mellott, professor emeritus of music. The lyrics of "Hail SIUE," also written by Mellott, are a fond reflection on the friendships and opportunities experienced as an SIUE student. SIUE graduates first sing the *alma mater* at the closing of each commencement ceremony to mark their transition from students to alumni.

*"To college life we bid adieu and
wend our separate ways, yet
college friends and mentors too
are with us all our days."*

—Hail SIUE

To celebrate SIUE's transition to NCAA Division I athletics, Vaughn Vandegrift, chancellor emeritus, commissioned a new fight song in 2010. "The Mighty Roar" was composed by Kim Archer, professor of music, with lyrics written by Darryl Coan, professor of music. The new fight song is quickly becoming one of SIUE's newest traditions, being performed or played at most athletic events. Vandegrift also established the fight song as a daily reminder of SIUE pride. "The Mighty Roar" is played daily on the Stratton Quadrangle at exactly noon and can be heard across campus.

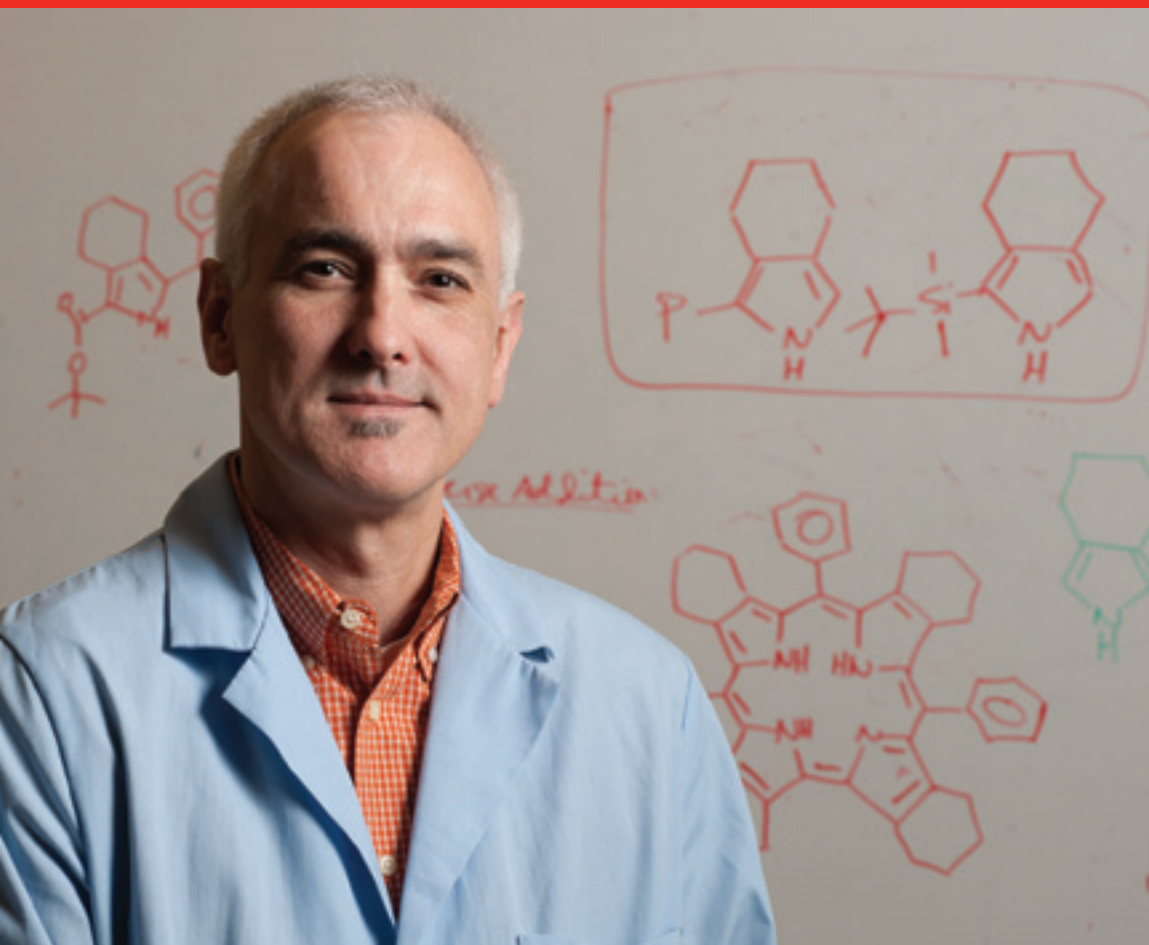
*"Mighty Cougars, fearless Cougars!
Show your claws of might!
S-I-U-E! S-I-U-E! Ready for the fight!
Mighty Cougars, fearless Cougars!
Cougar pride forevermore!
See the charge and feel the fury!
Hear the mighty Cougar roar!"*

—Mighty Cougar Roar

View the sheet music and hear the fight song online at siuecougars.com/spirit/fightsong.html.



Learning is a Lifelong Process



A graduate degree from SIUE creates opportunities for career advancement and an enhanced learning experience through high-quality programs. The SIUE Graduate School offers students access to distinguished faculty and a supportive learning and rich intellectual environment.

A graduate education from SIUE provides students the capacity to understand, create, integrate and apply discipline-specific knowledge.

Graduate students can pursue their master's, work to obtain a graduate certificate, or take graduate classes as a full-time or part-time student.

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siue.edu/graduate.



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Number of trees saved: 25 trees, **Total energy saved:** 11 million BTUs, **Greenhouse gases prevented:** 2,198 lbs., **Wastewater reduction:** 11,920 gallons, **Solid waste reduction:** 798 lbs.

