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## Meet Randy Pembroke, Alumnus and SIUE Chancellor

### Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

I can't tell you how exciting it is for me to be writing to you as Chancellor of my alma mater! What a wonderful opportunity to see this great institution from the vantage points of both student and administrator. And while some things have definitely changed, others bring memories rushing back that continue to affirm my return "home."

One lesson I've learned throughout the years, and most recently in my role as Chancellor, has been that while there are differences between the "now" and "then," they are entirely dependent upon one another. It's important to know where you've come from as you navigate where you're going. SIUE's roots are deep in Southwestern Illinois, and the institution has played a key role in the development and viability of the region. With that in mind, I'd like to take a moment to highlight some of the University's recent achievements to demonstrate the strength of those roots:

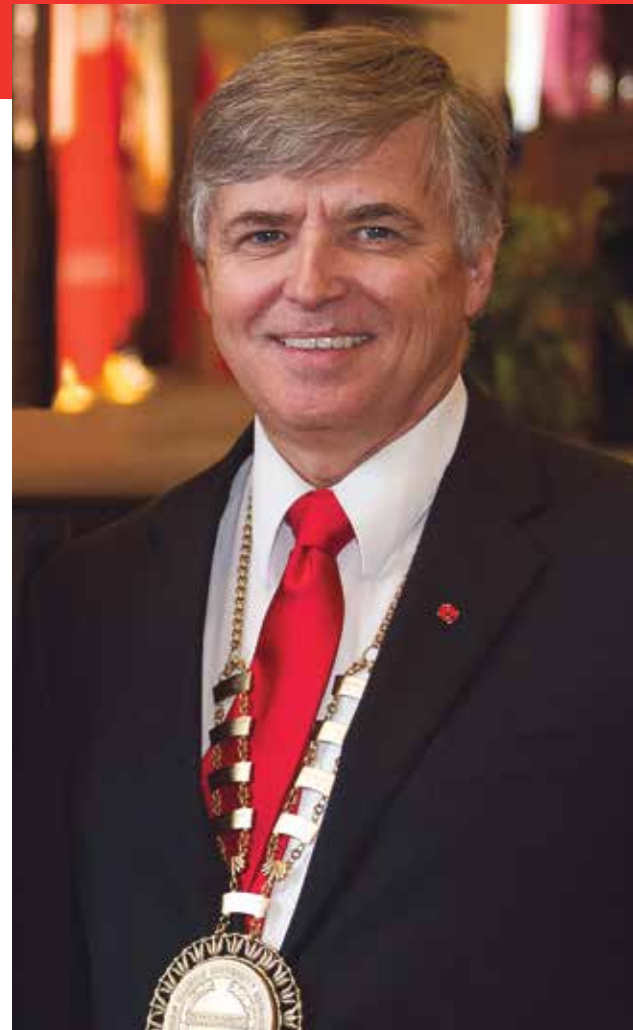
- Having started with a total enrollment of 1,776 in 1957, SIUE recorded its third-highest all-time enrollment in fall 2016 with 14,142 students.
- SIUE is in *Washington Monthly's* Top 60 for master's universities in the nation. The University is third among all master's institutions in Illinois and is listed for the seventh consecutive year.
- *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges of 2017 lists SIUE among the best Regional Universities Midwest for the 13th consecutive year.
- SIUE ranks first among all Emerging Research Institutions in the Midwest for research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation.
- SIUE received the 2016 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine for the third consecutive year.
- The University boasts a regional economic impact of more than \$514 million, annually.
- SIUE is currently ranked first among Illinois state universities and seventh among public institutions nationally in graduating student-athletes according to the NCAA.

While the "now" and "then" are profoundly meaningful, the "when" is of equal importance to the current activities of the University. We continue to plan for the future and take pride in our ability to be nimble, adventurous and forward-thinking. In the years to come, SIUE will devote itself to partnerships and community engagement to deepen the roots of the institution and further enhance the health and vitality of Southwestern Illinois.

Please join us by throwing your support behind an area of the University that has helped you forge great memories throughout the years. Rely on the "then" to enhance the "now" with your contributions and service to SIUE, ensuring that future generations will also have the advantage of an SIUE experience.

### ENGAGING FOR THE FUTURE,

Randall G. Pembroke  
*Alumnus and SIUE Chancellor*



**Dr. Randy Pembroke,  
BM '78, BM '79, MM '80,  
was officially installed as  
SIUE's ninth chancellor on  
September 8.**



# Reprise

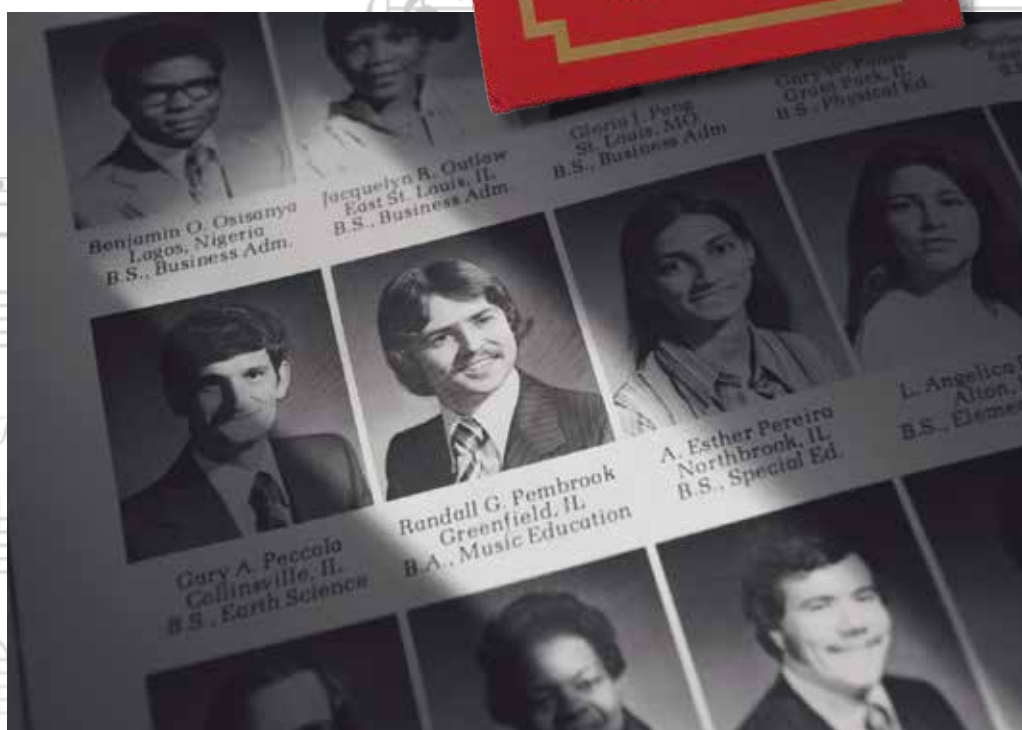
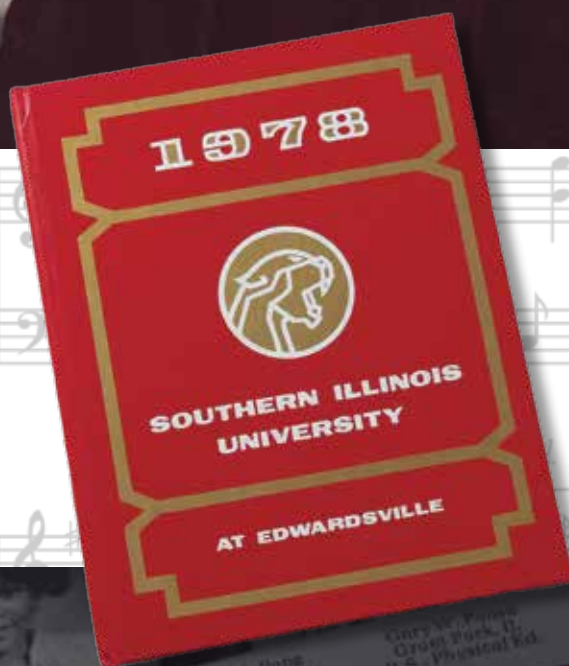
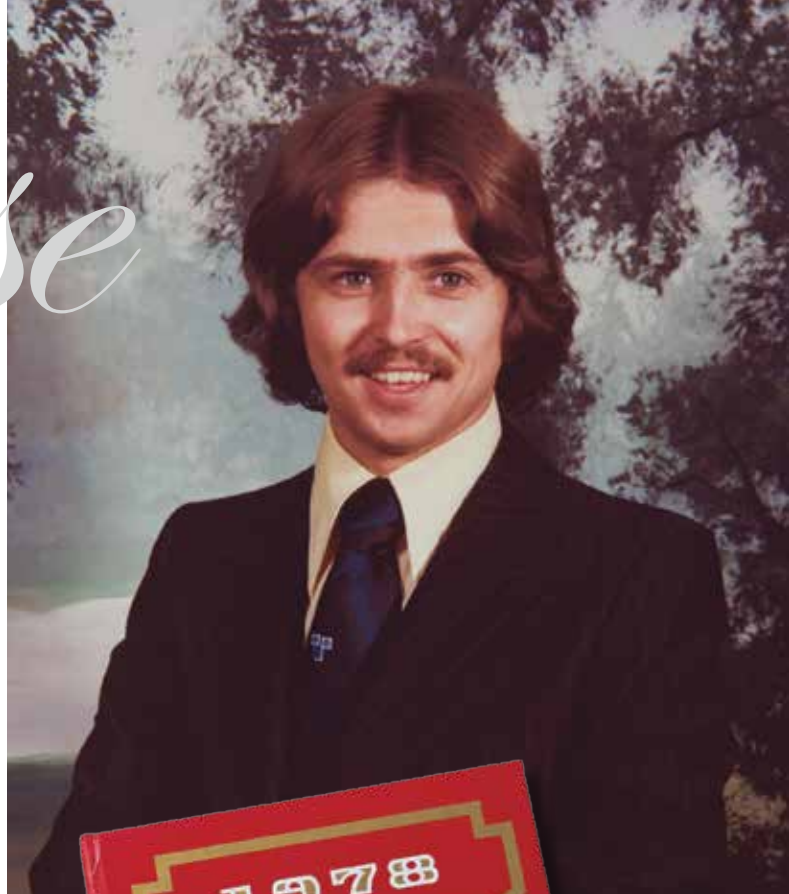
## Reprise

A reprise is a repetition of an earlier musical theme, usually with changed lyrics to reflect the development of the story. An alumnus of the SIUE Department of Music, Dr. Randy Pembroke is experiencing his own reprise as he settles in as Chancellor of his alma mater. A Metro East Illinois native, Pembroke earned a bachelor's in music education in 1978, a bachelor's in music performance in 1979 and a master's in music education in 1980.

Before his return to SIUE, Pembroke served as the vice president for academic affairs at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., from 2011-2016. He was the chief academic officer at Washburn, working with faculty, staff, students and administrators from the College of Arts and Sciences; Schools of Applied Studies, Business, Law and Nursing; the Washburn Institute of Technology; Mabee Library/Student Success Center and Academic Outreach. Before his time at Washburn, Pembroke also served as Provost at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan., and as Dean at the Conservatory of Music and Dance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He earned a doctorate in music education from Florida State University in 1984.

### **What does it mean to you to be the new leader of your alma mater?**

It is an honor and privilege, as well as a humbling responsibility, to think about working with the good people of SIUE to create an even stronger institution for the children, grandchildren, nephews, cousins and friends of the people we know and talk to every day. SIUE is an economic engine for this area. Its vitality and strength will enhance the resources and opportunities of the region in the decades to come. That is an awesome thing to be a part of, but at the end of the day, what better way to shape a changing world than by starting close to home.



### **Do you have a most memorable moment from your time as an SIUE student?**

I think it would have to be the 1978 SIUE Heritage Chorale tour under the direction of Professor Leonard Van Camp. It was my first trip abroad ... my first time traveling on an airplane! We sang in the actual settings where Haydn wrote music and where Palestrina and di Lasso have performed for centuries. We saw iconic landmarks such as Westminster Abbey in London, Notre Dame in Paris, St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice and, of course, the house used as a backdrop for Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*! It was a way of "living" the history we had studied in our music courses, and it forever changed my perception of time and how we should value our sacred relics.

### **The University has changed tremendously since you attended. What change makes you the most proud?**

There are two things that strike me most. First is the change in student life and campus housing. The campus feels residential now. In the late '70s and early '80s it was almost exclusively a commuter campus, so the University Center, Quad, athletics events, and the city didn't have the energy they do now. It is also very gratifying to see how the University has matured in its first 50 years: national rankings, awards, enrollment growth, Division I athletics, international programs and exchange agreements, the liberal arts core that has always been a foundation, AND the emergence of professional programs. SIUE has become an even more outstanding university.

### **As an SIUE alum, what are your goals in regards to alumni engagement?**

I look forward to meeting alumni in the months to come—renewing old friendships and building new ones. I encourage our alumni to share stories with me of what SIUE was like when they attended, including memories of very special faculty and staff members. I'm currently reading the 50th anniversary history of SIUE to better acquaint myself with some of the things that have occurred here, particularly during the years when I was away. I hope I can encourage fellow SIUE alumni to reflect on the difference SIUE has had on their lives and careers, and become or remain active in SIUE campus events, such as athletics, arts events, speaker presentations, etc. It is FUN to come to a concert, basketball game or Homecoming event and

connect with fellow alumni. I hope our alumni will do that. With more than 50,000 alumni in the Southwest Illinois/Metro St. Louis area, it will be a great thing to see that involvement continue to grow! When it comes to alumni engagement through giving, it isn't as important regarding how MUCH one donates, but rather that alumni give something to recognize how our higher education experiences at SIUE were a positive influence. By giving, our alumni make it possible for the next generation to have some of these same (and dare I say—even better) experiences we benefitted from as a result of attending SIUE.

### **Your degrees are in music. How did your career path bring you to university leadership?**

It was an odd turn that led me into administration. At the University of Missouri-Kansas City, I was hired as an assistant professor of music education in 1987, but the chair of the department became ill and the Conservatory modified the position before I even began so that it was both a teaching and administrative position. I was looking forward to working WITH the previous chair, but he passed away the weekend before I started. From there, my administrative path was fairly traditional—chair, associate dean, dean, provost and now chancellor. But, that path (along with a few sidebar "excursions," such as a year as an interim vice president for student enrollment, a period as special assistant to the president at Baker



University, and a year as faculty representative to the Missouri University System/President) allows me to see university life from lots of different perspectives, which I believe is essential in being a good leader.

### **What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

Spare time?!?!##\*!?!#! Seriously, I enjoy golf, fishing, hunting, skiing, crossword puzzles, *The Big Bang Theory*, home fix-up projects, and time with friends and family. For those who don't know me, my wife's name is Mary Jo, and we have two daughters—Sarah (26) and Rachel (24). In addition, my parents and three brothers are 30-50 minutes away in Macoupin and Greene Counties. So, I am coming home to my alma mater and my extended family. By the way, I hear there are some excellent bike paths in Edwardsville ... perhaps that means a new hobby might emerge. I hope our alumni will let me know about some of the best paths to try first!



# SIUE Today

## Pembrook Seeks to Build on SIUE's Momentum

Dr. Randy Pembrook focused on both recent and historical successes as building blocks toward continuing positive momentum for the institution while presenting his first annual chancellor's address to the campus community in September. SIU President Randy Dunn introduced Pembrook, "We are excited about Dr. Pembrook's leadership, because he has integrated himself in all that's going on at SIUE in a fantastic way." Pembrook described his decision-making philosophy in a nutshell, "My North Star is the question: What is best for the students ... What's the benefit for our students?"

Watch the 2016 Chancellor's Address  
[siue.edu/chancellor](http://siue.edu/chancellor) 

## Jewell Combats Heroin Addiction in Madison County

Heroin has infiltrated Madison County, contributing to 44 confirmed overdose deaths in 2015, a 50 percent increase compared to the prior year. Jeremy Jewell, PhD, professor of psychology in the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior, is working tirelessly to combat this rapidly growing epidemic through treatment programming. Jewell and his research team, including SIUE graduate students Allison Benware and Jenna Belgard, and former graduate student assistant Meaghan Malherek, have collaborated with Nancy Cooper, chief probation officer in the Madison County Superior Court for Drug Treatment (MCSCDT) Alternative Court Division, as well as Madison County Circuit Judge Kyle Napp, to implement and measure the effects of a 14-month drug court program.

Visit [siue.edu/research](http://siue.edu/research) to read about the programming and the long-term effectiveness of drug court. 

## Sculpture Walk Inspires Visitors

Approximately 300 community members, faculty and students learned the inspiration behind 12 student-designed and installed sculptures displayed across campus during the 16th Annual Sculpture Walk. The event was part of the "Sculpture on Campus" (SoC) program. During the walk, each participating artist offered background on his or her inspiration, design, fabrication and installation processes. The newly installed sculptures will remain displayed on campus for one year.







## SIUE Records Third-Highest All-Time Student Enrollment

SIUE recorded its third-highest all-time enrollment with 14,142 students registered for fall 2016. "In the ultra-competitive higher education marketplace in which SIUE is competing, and combined with other factors beyond our control, we are proud to maintain total enrollment above 14,000," said Dr. Randy Pembroke, SIUE chancellor. Three of SIUE's undergraduate schools have record enrollment for fall 2016:

- The School of Engineering increased 8.59%
- The School of Nursing rose 4.26%
- The School of Education, Health and Human Behavior boosted enrollment by 2.88%

SIUE's professional Schools of Pharmacy and Dental Medicine each have capped enrollment capacity and have met or exceeded their enrollment goals for the fall.

### SIUE Fall 2016 Enrollment Facts and Figures

- Freshman class mean ACT: 23.4, second highest in our history
- New transfer students total: 1,403, second highest all-time
- Freshman to sophomore retention rate: 72.3%
- International student enrollment: 392 students
- Student body reflecting a diverse cultural background:
  - 13% Black or African American overall
  - 15% Black or African American in the freshman class
  - 4% Hispanic or Latino overall
  - 5% Hispanic or Latino in the freshman class
  - 3% multi-ethnic overall
  - 5% multi-ethnic in the freshman class



## Herndon Named Illinois Pharmacist of the Year

School of Pharmacy's Chris Herndon, PharmD, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, has been named Pharmacist of the Year by the Illinois Pharmacists Association (IPhA). "Dr. Herndon is truly deserving of this award," said Gireesh Gupchup, PhD, dean of the SIUE School of Pharmacy. "His pioneering work in the area of pain management, opioid addiction education and suicide prevention are extremely important. It is an honor to have a colleague of his caliber on our faculty." Pharmacist of the Year is the IPhA's oldest continuing honor, initially presented in 1950. It recognizes an Illinois pharmacist who has made outstanding contributions to pharmacy practice, the profession and the IPhA.



# POINTS OF PRIDE



SIUE is recognized for demonstrating excellence while having a positive impact on those we serve. Check out our recent accolades:

## Nationally Recognized for Excellence

- SIUE is in *Washington Monthly's* top 60 for master's universities in the nation. This is the seventh consecutive year SIUE has been listed. Unlike conventional college rankings, *Washington Monthly* evaluates an institution's "contribution to the public good" in three broad categories: social mobility, research and service.
- *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges of 2017 lists SIUE among the best Regional Universities Midwest for the 13th consecutive year. The University is 13th overall among public universities in that category. The overall scores are based on the reputation of SIUE in higher education, graduate and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving.
- Recognizing SIUE's 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 sixth consecutive year.
- SIUE is set in one of the "30 Safest College Towns in America," according to the 2016 SafeWise Report. Edwardsville ranked number 25 on the list. SafeWise cited SIUE's investment in safety technology, such as the Rave Guardian app, to maintain a secure campus. SIUE police officers are academy trained and engaged in a Community Policing program. Under the SIUE Campus Violence Prevention Plan, there are more than 80 emergency phones on campus.
- SIUE is named a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning to civilian life.
- SIUE ranks first among all Emerging Research Institutions in the Midwest for research expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation. Each year, faculty and staff receive grants and contracts for research, teaching and service initiatives from funding organizations such as National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Department of Health and Human Services and United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- Among Illinois public institutions, SIUE ranks fourth on *Forbes* magazine's list of America's Top Colleges. The magazine's criteria are based on return on investment, including success after graduation, student debt and student satisfaction. SIUE ranks second among all Illinois public institutions for lowest student loan debt, according to LendEDU. More than 42 percent of SIUE students graduate with zero student debt.
- SIUE received the 2016 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. This is the third consecutive year the University has received this recognition.
- SIUE currently is ranked first among Illinois state universities and seventh among public institutions nationally in graduating student-athletes, according to a report released by the NCAA. Eight SIUE programs earned a perfect score of 100 percent in the latest Graduation Success Rate figures.
- The University's LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate index score is 4.5 out of 5 stars for the second consecutive year. SIUE was evaluated on sexual orientation and gender identity/ expression for the first time and scored 4.5 and 4 stars, respectively.



## Campus Growth Continues on the Upswing

SIUE continues to experience tremendous campus growth. The University's most recent building plans and endeavors include:

- **Engineering student project design and fabrication addition:** The project will build a new two-story Student Project Design Center onto the existing Engineering Building. The addition will include workshop space for engineering students' design teams working on various projects used in academic competitions. Activities in the space will include the design and fabrication of competition autos such as Baja, formula and solar, as well as structures from steel, concrete and other materials. The space will also be used for capstone senior design projects that require design, fabrication and assembly.
- **Science Building East renovation:** The original Science Building on campus was constructed in 1966 and is undergoing a major renovation. The renovated building will be home to classrooms, instructional laboratories, research laboratories and faculty offices for the Departments of Mathematics and Statistics, and Physics, and the SIUE STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Center. The tremendous changes in technology and teaching methodology, SIUE's enrollment growth, the effects of age, and Americans with Disabilities Act considerations have brought about the need to renovate the existing building.
- **Art & Design East window replacement:** The project will replace the original glass block windows, many of which are cracked, damaged or leaking. The project will use a combination of windows, metal panels and limestone to replace the window systems and will be similar in appearance to the new Art & Design West building. The



*Engineering Student Project Design Center*

result will improve the building's energy efficiency, quality of lighting and comfort.

- **School of Dental Medicine Edwardsville Clinic renovation:** The major renovation of a building in University Park on the Edwardsville campus will provide additional laboratory and clinical space for the School of Dental Medicine. The laboratory space in the clinic will be used to accommodate the Clinical Certification Course of the School of Dental Medicine's International Advanced Placement Program. The space will house various clinical rotations. Additionally, the space will accommodate expansion of the School's existing postdoctoral training programs.

## Powerful 'Send Silence Packing' Exhibit Raises Awareness about Suicide Prevention

The Stratton Quad was blanketed with 1,100 backpacks on September 12 to raise awareness about suicide prevention. The empty backpacks and the stories displayed on them offered an emotional representation of the number of college students who die by suicide each year. The Send Silence Packing display is presented by Active Minds, the leading national nonprofit that empowers students to speak openly about mental health in order to educate others and to encourage seeking help. The powerful exhibit was sponsored by SIUE's iCARE (Initiative to Create Awareness, Recognition, and Education on Suicide Prevention).







## SIUE Ranks Highest in State in Core Structural Engineering Courses

*Structure Magazine*, a national publication from the leading associations of structural engineers, has ranked the School of Engineering's civil engineering structural program among the top 16 percent in the nation in its latest curriculum survey of more than 250 engineering schools. The survey indicates that SIUE's program is the only one in Illinois to offer all 12 courses comprising the structural engineering core curriculum, which includes both undergraduate and graduate offerings.

## SIUE is Most Affordable in Illinois

OnlineColleges.com ranks SIUE as the No. 1 most affordable four-year college in Illinois, among 69 institutions. "The more important aspect is the high-quality education provided by SIUE for the investment," said Scott Belobrajdic, associate vice chancellor for enrollment management. "More families and employers are understanding that all of our Schools, and the College of Arts and Sciences, have the same exact national and international accreditations as private institutions charging \$40-50,000 annually in tuition and fees. When they compare our accreditation, tuition and fees (approximately \$10,700 annually), residential campus experience and starting salaries head-to-head, SIUE is an extremely attractive option."

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—Scott Belobrajdic,  
Associate Vice Chancellor for  
Enrollment Management





# Cougar Athletics

## Fall Sports Update

### Volleyball

Entering the third weekend of Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) play, SIUE volleyball was the last remaining undefeated team in the league with an OVC mark of 4-0. Holding an 11-4 overall record, the Cougars also had the best overall winning percentage (.733) in the OVC.

The Cougars led the league in kills per set at 13.26 and assists per set at 12.41. SIUE ranked in the top five in every statistical category in the OVC and ranked in the top three in six categories.

Individually, the Cougars boasted defensive specialist Katie Shashack (Edwardsville) as the league leader in digs with 4.79 per set. Middle blocker Taylor Joens (Johnston, Iowa) was third in the OVC in hitting percentage at .322 while outside hitter Emily Harrison (Thorntown, Ind.) checked in at No. 7 with a .291 hitting percentage. Middle blocker Carley Ramich (Neenah, Wisc.) was fifth in the OVC in blocks with 1.07 per set.

### Women's Soccer

With two weekends of conference play complete, SIUE women's soccer is just one point off the lead with a 3-1 record in OVC play. At 5-5-2 overall, just three other OVC schools have more wins than the Cougars.

SIUE, long known for its defensive prowess, has been the offensive leader in the conference so far in 2016. The Cougars lead the league with 61 points. SIUE is second in the league with 21 goals and leads the league with 19 assists.

Sophomore Avery Anderson (Omaha, Neb.) leads the team and is fourth in the OVC with 13 points. She has scored five goals, which is tied for fourth in the OVC and has three assists, good for fifth. Teammate Emily Grahl (Washington, Mo.) also is tied for fifth in the league with three assists.

### Men's Soccer

SIUE men's soccer seems to be rounding into form at the right time. With a 2-1 overtime win over Drake on Homecoming, SIUE moved to 1-1 in Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) play. The Cougars enter the third weekend of MVC play having won three straight games overall and had evened their record at 4-4-2.

The Cougars had a goals against average of 0.91, which was good for third in the MVC.

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

Senior Keith Meyer (Bloomington) and junior Haley Miller (Tremont) paced SIUE Cross Country at their home event held on Homecoming weekend. Meyer won the men's 8K race in a time of 25 minutes, 2.84 seconds. Miller turned in SIUE's fastest time in the women's 6K run in 22:29.47, which was a personal best.

Meyer has finished two first-place finishes and a second-place finish in three meets this season.

Aside from Miller, senior Erin Kennedy (Wilmington) also has had a strong season. Kennedy has been SIUE's top finisher twice this season.

### Golf

SIUE Golf played host to 14 other teams at Gateway National Golf Links in Madison, Illinois, for the fourth annual Derek Dolenc Invitational, presented by DoubleTree hotels. The Cougars took home second place in the event.

SIUE has two other top-10 finishes including a third-place finish this fall.



Volleyball vs. Eastern Illinois



Men's soccer vs. Drake



SIUE Derek Dolenc Invitational



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game day updates

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## From your Alumni Association Board President

### Fellow SIUE alumni,

Before sharing a bit about myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our past-president Kevin Nesselhauf for his servant leadership over the last two years. Kevin successfully guided the Alumni Association through challenges and transition during his presidency. Due to Kevin's commitment and hard work, the Alumni Association has become a very integral, involved part of the SIUE community. I look forward to Kevin's continued counsel and service to the Alumni Association.

I am a 1992 business administration graduate with a specialization in management. Like many freshman commuter students at that time, I chose SIUE for its value compared to other universities, as well as its proximity to home and work. From the first time I picked up my books at Textbook Services, SIUE and the greater Edwardsville area began to feel like my home. In my sophomore year, I moved to campus where I made many friends and even more great memories.

Following graduation, I immediately began working for the May Company's Famous-Barr division. The human resource manager who put my resume on top of the stack and recommended my hiring was actually an SIUE alumnus. Two weeks after starting my professional career, I married my wife Tammy, who is also an SIUE alumnus. Today, we live just minutes from the beautiful SIUE campus with our two children.

Throughout my career, I have been incredibly appreciative of the education and skills I acquired during my undergraduate experience in the School of Business. The solid foundation I received helped propel me both personally and professionally. I always had the desire to pursue a master's in business administration. After attending several Alumni Association



networking events and meeting with SIUE faculty and staff, I enrolled and completed my MBA in 2012.

As president of the Alumni Association, I am both honored and excited to serve and represent the impressive alumni of our University. Our Alumni Association board of directors is focused on organizing and hosting events that engage alumni. We invite you to return to campus and get involved. We are working with the Career Development Center to grow our top-notch mentoring program to help students and graduates leverage a powerful alumni network. We are committed to positively impacting the lives of SIUE students through generous giving combined with efforts to award scholarships. We are also partnering closely with the deans and their teams to support learning, while assisting with the continued challenges that face the University.

I invite you to reconnect with SIUE and the Alumni Association. Visit our website at [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni) and follow the SIUE Alumni Association on Facebook to learn about upcoming events and activities.

**Alan Kehrer**, BS Business '92, MBA '12  
SIUE Alumni Association Board President

## Upcoming Events

### Meridian Scholars Day

**Friday, Feb. 10, 2017**

Each year, SIUE awards 20 Meridian Scholarships, an eight-semester, renewable scholarship covering in-state tuition, fees, and room and board. During the event, 160 applicants are recruited and interviewed. If you are a past Presidential, Chancellor or Meridian Scholarship recipient and would like to volunteer for an interview team or discussion panel, contact Ryan Perryman at [rperryman@lkeelely.com](mailto:rperryman@lkeelely.com).



### Trivia Night

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

We need to raise \$10,000 for scholarships, travel programs and local programming for dedicated alumni! Cash prizes (\$500 first place, \$250 second place), silent auctions, 50/50 raffle and more! Online registration opens January 2. To become a sponsor or volunteer, contact Cathy Taylor at (618) 650-5176 or [cattayl@siue.edu](mailto:cattayl@siue.edu).

**Visit [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni) to learn about more upcoming events**





# Past Events

## 2016 Homecoming Activities

### Alumni Hall of Fame

**Friday, Sept. 30**

Seven remarkable graduates were honored at the 2016 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony. The eighth honoree was honored on October 15 at the School of Dental Medicine's Scholarship Gala. Turn the page to read about the honorees.



**Cougars Unleashed Homecoming Run**

**Saturday, Oct. 1**

Approximately 280 SIUE students, faculty and alumni took part in this inaugural event, which was co-hosted by the Alumni Association, Campus Recreation and Campus Activities Board. More than 25 community sponsors got involved, and approximately \$10,000 was donated. Proceeds will benefit SIUE Alumni Association scholarships and The Gardens at SIUE.



**Alumni Pregame Tailgate**

**Saturday, Oct. 1**

Hundreds of SIUE alumni enjoyed live music and a hog roast featuring sides and drinks from Bella Milano, Big Daddy's, Recess Brewing, Sloan's Pub House and Mastermind Vodka.



**Goshen Market**

**Saturday, May 7**

SIUE hosted a weekly booth at the Land of Goshen Community Market in Edwardsville this summer. The Alumni Association hosted the first booth. We connected with the community and shared details about upcoming events and programs.

## Springfield Alumni Reception

**Wednesday, July 13**

The SIUE and SIUC alumni associations co-hosted the annual event at the Inn at 835. We welcomed more than 300 alumni guests and celebrated the many great things happening on each campus.

**Mark your calendar for next year's event: July 13, 2017.**



**McGurk's Happy Hour**

**Thursday, Aug. 11**

More than 50 SIUE alumni gathered to reconnect and celebrate summer.

# Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

SIUE honored seven remarkable graduates at the 2016 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony, *A Night Among the Stars*, on Friday, Sept. 30, in the Morris University Center. The School of Dental Medicine inductee was recognized at a separate ceremony on October 15. These alumni have achieved exploits in their respective fields, are role models and are testaments to SIUE's educational excellence.

*"Those selected for the Alumni Hall of Fame represent the best of SIUE.  
It is our honor to induct these outstanding individuals."*

*—Alan Kehrer, SIUE Alumni Association President*



## College of Arts & Sciences

**David Williams**  
**BS Sociology '71**

David Williams is a distinguished professor at the School of Policy, Government and International Affairs, as well as director of the Center for Organizational Performance and Integrity, at

George Mason University in Arlington, Va. Before joining the faculty at George Mason University, Williams served as the inspector general (IG) for the U.S. Postal Service.

Williams has also served as IG for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Social Security Administration, Department of the Treasury, Tax Administration of the Department of Treasury, and acting IG for HUD. He was appointed by the White House to serve on the Inter-Agency Advisory Committee in 2015 and as vice chair on the Government Accountability and Transparency Board in 2011.

He served in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence and began his civilian federal career as a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service. He was director of operations in the Office of Labor Racketeering at the Department of Labor; the President's Commission on Organized Crime and as director of the Office of Special Investigations at the U.S. General Accounting Office. Williams was honored as one of Federal Computer Week's 2013 Federal 100 leaders from government, industry and academia who had the greatest impact on the federal IT community. He was also recognized as one of Fierce Government's 2013 Fierce 15, which honors federal employees and teams who have done particularly innovative things. Williams is the recipient of the U.S. Bronze Star and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor for service in Vietnam.



## College of Arts & Sciences

**Fred Irby III**  
**MM Music Education '74**

Fred Irby III is a professor of music at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Irby is the coordinator of instrumental music, trumpet instructor, and founder and director of the internationally

acclaimed Howard University Jazz Ensemble. He is also principal trumpet of the Kennedy Center Opera House Musical Theater Orchestra and has recorded several films for the History Channel. He has served as music director for the Northwest National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Oklahoma, and Maryland State All-State Jazz Ensembles. He serves as an adjudicator for the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Performing Arts Committee and the National PTA Composition competition.

Irby performed in the orchestras for the Twentieth Century Fox movie *Alvin and the Chipmunks*, the ABC-TV hit show *Dancing with the Stars*, the NBC-TV show *America's Got Talent*, the 2000 Democratic National Convention, the 56th Primetime Emmy Awards, and most recently the 87th and 88th Academy Awards Gala (Oscars). He also performs annually in the orchestras for the nationally televised Kennedy Center Honors Gala and the Christmas in Washington Gala. Irby travels internationally giving lectures and charity concerts for disadvantaged children and families.

Some of his recent accolades include being named conductor of the 2011 NAfME All-National Jazz Band, the Ronnie Wells Jazz Service Award from the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival and a Lifetime Achievement Award during the 2016 DC Jazz Festival Gala at the Kennedy Center.



# A Night Among the Stars



## **School of Business**

**Raj Kumar**  
**MBA '84**

Raj Kumar began working for Nestlé Purina in February 1982. He started his career in the Corporate Engineering Department as a design engineer. In his current role as director of operations

performance in product supply in the corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Kumar directs technical and management support for 18 dry pet food and canning pet food production plants throughout Nestlé Purina PetCare Company North America. He is responsible for the energy and water conservation and reduction of waste in Purina businesses.

Kumar is a certified energy manager with the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE). Due to his work in resource conservation and environmental sustainability, AEE gave him a Lifetime Achievement Award by declaring him a Legend in Energy in North America. He has coached and mentored numerous young engineers to become certified energy managers. Because of his initiatives and leadership, Nestlé Purina has been named the Best Energy Program in the state of Missouri and the Best Energy Program in the U.S. by the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. Kumar received the International Energy Manager of the Year Award from the Association of Energy Engineers.

Passionate about community service, he has been a working member of the board of directors of Hosea House, an interfaith community service organization that provides assistance to needy and poor families in South St. Louis, and he has volunteered for various fundraising events for Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation in St. Louis.



## **School of Dental Medicine**

**Darryl Pendleton**  
**DMD '86**

Dr. Darryl Pendleton joined the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry (UIC) in 2002. He currently serves as associate dean for Student Affairs and Diversity Affairs, and

clinical associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. He is the director of the College's Urban Health Program, an Honors College Faculty and Fellow, and co-chairs the College of Dentistry Admissions Committee, Diversity Advisory Committee, Student Faculty Relations Committee and Student Disciplinary Committee.

While at UIC, Pendleton has served as the principal investigator (PI) for the Health Career Opportunity Program Health Professions Navigator Program; PI and co-program director for the Comprehensive Minority Faculty Development Program; co-director for the Access to Dental Careers Program and Dental Pipeline Program; and PI and Liaison for the Dental Pipeline Connections Mentoring Program.

Pendleton recently served on the American Dental Education Association's Diversity Accreditation Standard Working Group, helping to create the current diversity standards for dental education. He is a member of the National Dental Association, Hispanic Dental Association, American Dental Association, International College of Dentists, American Dental Education Association, Chicago Dental Society, Illinois State Dental Society, Omicron Kappa Upsilon and numerous others. In May 2016, he was inducted as president of the Chicago Dental Society's Kenwood Hyde Park Branch.



***School of Education,  
Health and Human  
Behavior***

**Thelma Mothershed Wair  
MSEd Counselor Education '72,  
Educational Administration  
Certification '78**

Thelma Jean Mothershed Wair made history as a member of the

Little Rock Nine, the African-American students involved in the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School in 1957. The world watched as they braved constant intimidation and threats from those who opposed desegregation of the formerly all-white high school. This followed the landmark Brown vs. the Board of Education decision in which it was determined that state-sanctioned segregation of public schools was a violation of the 14th Amendment and was therefore unconstitutional.

Wair dedicated her career to community outreach and education, working as a home economics teacher and guidance counselor for the East St. Louis school district until her retirement in 1994. Her classroom efforts earned her the Outstanding Role Model Award from the East St. Louis Top Ladies of Distinction. She also worked at the St. Clair County Jail's Juvenile Detention Center and was an instructor of survival skills for women at the American Red Cross shelter for the homeless. Her lifelong service earned the 2005 National Humanitarian Award from the National Convention of Top Ladies of Distinction.

As a brave member of the Little Rock Nine, Wair has been the distinguished recipient of numerous awards, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Spingarn Medal in 1958, the Pere Marquette Discovery Award and the Congressional Gold Medal—the highest civilian award. Wair received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from SIUE in May 2016.



***School of Engineering***

**Thomas Niedernhofer  
BS Civil Engineering '80**

Thomas Niedernhofer worked as a highway design engineer and a building design engineer before going to work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1986. In 1992, Tom was accepted into the

first federally sponsored structures specialist training class in California and became a member of the small group of volunteer rescue engineers across the country that support what is known today as the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System. In 2002, Niedernhofer was asked to help manage the San Francisco-based US&R program during an office restructuring. He never left that position and relocated to California where the program is still based.

The Corps of Engineers' US&R program provides technical and operational support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) US&R program and other state, local and international US&R programs. Niedernhofer travels the world to provide leadership and guidance with doctrinal development and delivery of specialized training of individuals, both civilian and military, who qualify to become a structures specialist. A structures specialist's technical expertise and guidance is intended to keep the rescue specialists safe in catastrophic circumstances.

Niedernhofer has received numerous awards for his response efforts with Loma Prieta Earthquake, Hurricane Andrew, Midwest Floods, Northridge Earthquake, Oklahoma City Bombing, World Trade Center attacks, Hurricane Katrina, Haiti Earthquake and New Zealand Earthquake. In 2013, he was named U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Emergency Manager of the Year.





### **School of Nursing**

#### **Nelma Shearer MS Nursing '88**

Dr. Nelma Shearer is a passionate advocate for advancing the health and well-being of older adults, and for advancing nursing education. Her work has made a sustained impact on the nursing care of

older adults, and her health empowerment research tests a theory-based intervention to promote an older adult's awareness of and engagement of strengths and resources to achieve individual health goals. Her widely published work has guided intervention studies both nationally and internationally. She has co-authored three editions of a widely used graduate-level nursing theory text, *Perspectives on Nursing Theory* and another nursing theory textbook, *Nursing Knowledge and Theory Innovation*.

Shearer is emerita associate professor at Arizona State University and emerita director of its Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence. As the director, she played a significant role in increasing the number of high-quality doctoral and post-doctoral level faculty working in geriatric nursing for graduate and undergraduate academic nursing programs throughout Arizona and surrounding Southwestern states. Shearer currently serves as faculty and faculty advisor with the National Gerontological Nursing Leadership Academy.

Degrees, honors and awards include: PhD Nursing, 2000, University of Arizona, Tucson; M Ed Guidance and Counseling 1977, University of Missouri St. Louis; BS Nursing, 1972, South Dakota State University, Brookings; Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing; Regional Geriatric Nursing Research Award-Western Institute of Nursing; and Hartford Institute/AJN Geriatric Nursing Research Scholar; Outstanding Researcher Award-Arizona State University College of Nursing; Pamela A. Kidd Faculty of the Year Award-Graduate Nurse Organization; Ada Sue Hinshaw/American Nurses Foundation Scholar.



### **Graduate School**

#### **Bill Luan BS Electrical Engineering '84, MS Electrical Engineering '85**

Bill Luan is a senior program manager and regional lead in developer relations team at Google. He is currently responsible for Google developer outreach

programs in the Greater China Region. As a student, he was the recipient of 1984 SIUE Lovejoy Library Award for his contribution in the development of the AV lab usage tracking software for the University library.

Luan has worked as an industry automation system engineer at several consumer product companies in the U.S., including Owens-Illinois, Reynolds Metals and Siemens. In the '90s, his computer programming skills led him to a new career path of software development at Motorola and Microsoft. As a project manager at Microsoft, he led the development of several key Microsoft products, including ActiveSync and Windows Embedded operating system. Luan joined Google in 2008 to help promote technology innovations based on open web and open source technologies. Over the past decade, he has organized many technology conferences, and built a large community of developers for web and mobile innovations, with applications being used by millions of users around the world.

Luan is a frequent speaker at technology conferences, has published two best-selling books on software project management, and taught IT classes at the University of Phoenix for several years. Luan is an artist and photographer. He won a national design contest for U.S. coinage design in 1998, had photos selected by Microsoft for the Windows 7 North America Edition wallpaper in 2007, and had a photo selected by Google for its homepage in 2010.

# Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients

The SIUE Alumni Association supports academic excellence through student scholarships. Each year, the Alumni Association awards more than \$30,000 in scholarships to incoming and current SIUE students. More than 600 applications were received this past year for Alumni Association scholarships.

## SIUE Alumni Association Legacy Scholarships

**Emily Kauffman**

Junior, Mahomet

**Jett Durr**

Sophomore, Alton

**Daniel Robinson**

Senior, Marion

**Ben Krausz**

Senior, New Baden

**Ryan Guldener**

Sophomore, Moro

**James Tscherney**

Freshman, Highland

**Jason Votrain**

Freshman, O'Fallon, Ill.

"I am extremely grateful for the generosity of the donors who have made this scholarship possible."

—Ben Krausz



Back row left to right: Emily Kauffman, Lejla Garic, Ryan Guldener, James Tscherney, Cathy Taylor, Ann Frank  
Front row left to right: Megan Grove, Jason Votrain, Courtney Reyman and Jett Durr

## Board of Directors Scholarship

**Megan Grove**, Sophomore, Godfrey

**Courtney Reyman**, Senior, Edwardsville

**Ariel Manion**, Sophomore, Beaufort, Mo.

**Lejla Garic**, Sophomore, East Moline

"I am very grateful to receive this scholarship. I look forward to the opportunity to attend SIUE, where I will be the third generation in my family to graduate."

—Megan Grove

"I can't wait to see what my time here has to offer and all of the things that I will achieve, which will be made possible by your generous donations."

—Ariel Manion

"Receiving this scholarship is a great reminder to me that my hard work does not go unnoticed in my community, and further motivates me to go above and beyond what is expected."

—Lejla Garic

## Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Scholarship

**Lauren Hull**, Junior, Pittsfield

**Jennifer Herpel**, Senior, Chatham



Helen Stahlschmidt King, (left) and Janet Stahlschmidt Hohenstein present their family's scholarship to incoming freshman Jennifer Herpel (left) of, Chatham, Ill.; and incoming freshman Lauren Hull of Pittsfield, Ill.

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## Mentor Program

The Mentor Program provides the opportunity for SIUE alumni to connect with current students who are looking for encouragement and guidance with career choices.

Managed by the SIUE Career Development Center, the Mentor Program is designed to cultivate meaningful professional mentor/mentee relationships between SIUE's accomplished alumni and students. Alumni from all academic areas may participate as mentors. Mentoring relationships are meant to provide valuable support and guidance to student mentees as they navigate future career aspirations or consider graduate school.

We are looking for alumni who are passionate about helping students develop skills for the workplace and expand their professional networks.

To find out how you can get involved in the Mentor Program, visit [siue.edu/cdc](http://siue.edu/cdc) and select the "Alumni" link.



## Refer a Student

### *You can inspire others to explore SIUE!*

Do you know any prospective undergraduate students who would benefit from the same high-quality education you received at SIUE? Encourage them to apply to your alma mater! If you recommend them to us on our website, we'll waive their \$40 undergraduate application fee.

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and click on the "Stay Involved" tab to refer a student today!

## STAT

Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) is back and is now a student organization of the SIUE Alumni Association and SIUE Foundation. STAT is dedicated to enhancing the connection between students past, present and future, while strengthening lifelong loyalty to SIUE.

STAT helps create a culture of philanthropy on campus by encouraging students to participate in programs that inspire a positive culture of volunteering and giving. STAT members plan, promote and execute events that demonstrate the impact of giving and create awareness for SIUE's philanthropic efforts. Do you know a student who may be interested in learning more about STAT? If so, contact [siuestat@siue.edu](mailto:siuestat@siue.edu).



## New SIUE Alumni Career Community Site

Land a new job, advance your career, improve your soft skills!

Explore the new SIUE Career Management Community and the valuable tools it has to offer for our most recent grads to those exploring retirement.

Access to this site is one of the many benefits we are offering to our alumni. The new Career Community provides access to 150 hours of live and recorded webinars featuring the nation's top career authors. These webinars are geared to fit your unique career needs, no matter where you are on the corporate ladder.

- Career Search for Job Seekers: A rich collection of webinars for students and alumni who are interested in building their job search skills
- Career Discussions for Working Professionals: A showcase of authors who provide sage advice on how to successfully handle the workday issues we all face
- Career Skills for Working Professionals: Fascinating presentations by authors who will "tune up" your soft skills
- Career Encores for Boomers: A series featuring nationally recognized authors who are experts on the transition to the retirement years



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# Meridian Scholar's Day 2017 Volunteer Opportunity

February 9, 2017

Spend less than a day creating an impact that will last a lifetime for many deserving students



2016 Meridian Scholarship interviewees

Each year, SIUE awards 20 Meridian Scholarships to high-achieving students. Recipients receive an eight-semester, renewable scholarship covering in-state tuition, fees and room and board. Last year, more than 800 prospective students met the criteria for this premier scholarship, and 160 were invited to participate in Meridian Scholars Day 2016. During this event, applicants are recruited and interviewed while their families explore excellence at SIUE.

As we plan for Meridian Scholars Day 2017, Friday, Feb. 10, we are looking for past recipient, alumni volunteers who are interested in participating on interview panels along with faculty and current Meridian Scholar students. If you would like to give back by participating in this important event, contact Cathy Taylor at [cattayl@siue.edu](mailto:cattayl@siue.edu) or call (618) 650-5176 for more details.

## Have you registered for Cougar Tracks?

We continue to update Cougar Tracks, your alumni and donor portal. Registering with Cougar Tracks allows you to:

- Register for events
- Give a gift more easily
- Update your profile information (once we have your current email address, you will start receiving the online *eConnection*)

As the interest in creating alumni groups in other regions continues to grow, we will be able to create opportunities within Cougar Tracks for these alumni groups to communicate with each other, as well as other alumni outside the region.

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# Traditions

## Meet Me on The Quad

"Meet Me on The Quad" is a phrase heard often at SIUE. Hosting events such as SpringFest, Earth Day, Homecoming, Paint the Rock, fundraisers for campus clubs and organizations, and more, The Quad is the hub for student interaction and campus involvement.

This campus landmark received a significant summer makeover. The William J. Stratton Quadrangle, popularly referred to as "The Quad," has been revitalized with new brickwork, replacing the original bricks laid in the 1960s during the campus' construction. As part of a \$1.1 million budget planning and approval by the SIU Board of Trustees in 2013, the annual facilities fee was earmarked to complete the bricklaying project in summer 2016.

"Because of wear and tear, the original bricks were deteriorating and heaving, thus needing to be removed," said Rich Walker, interim vice chancellor for administration. "Oates Associates, a civil engineering consultant from Belleville, created the new brickwork design, which includes replacing the existing pavers and sand base with a permeable brick paver system. The existing seating and large planters were retained, additional seating was added and trees were replaced on the perimeter."

The Quad has been an important part of University life since it was built. Photographs, printed programs, a campus yearbook, issues of the *Alextle*, and more were placed in a stainless steel capsule and buried beneath The Quad in 1967. A plaque on the capsule was inscribed: "Dedicated to Instruction, Research and Service" was placed on what was then referred to as the campus core mall area. The time capsule was unearthed during SIUE's 50th anniversary celebration in 2008.

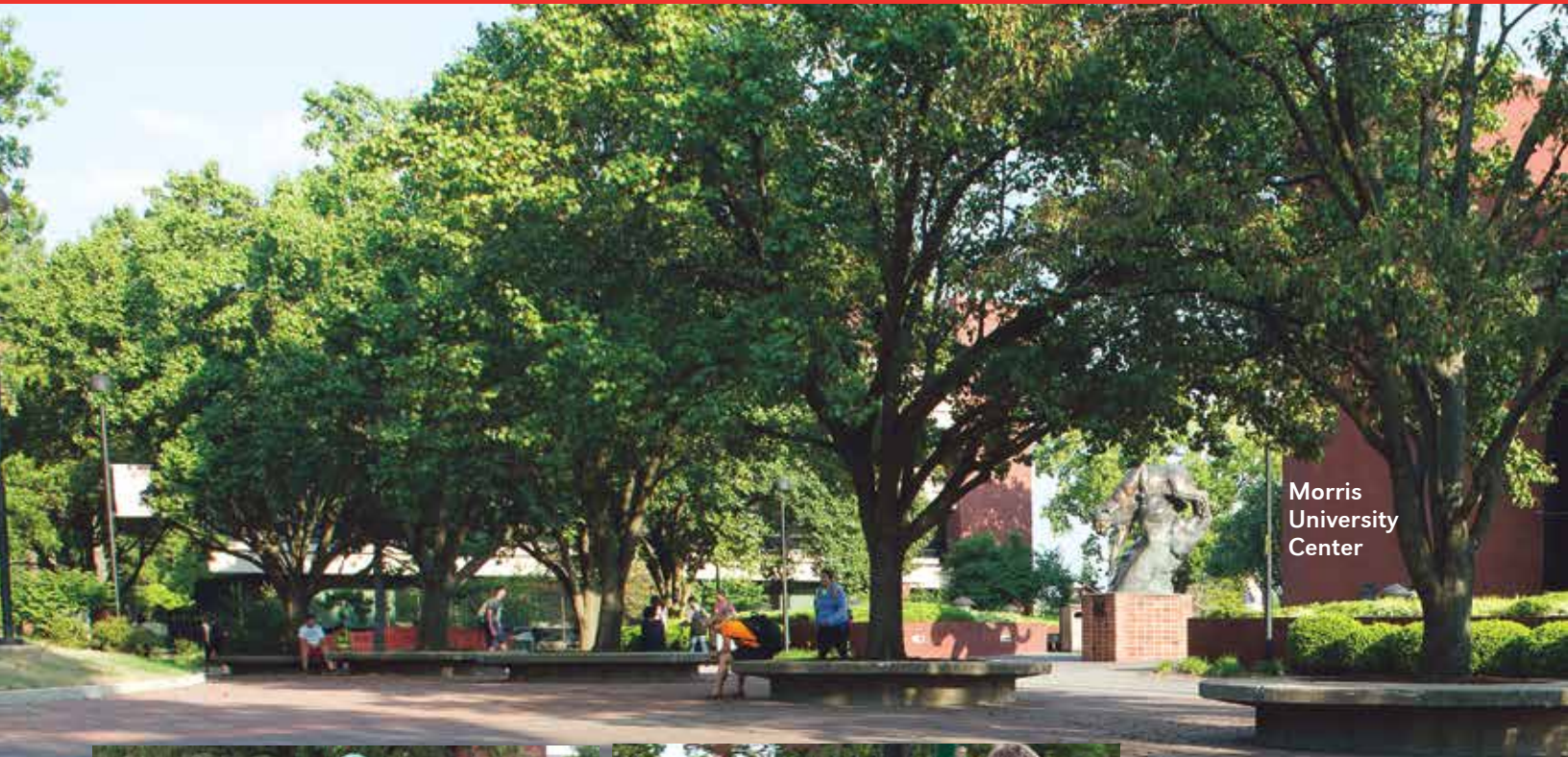
In 1969, SIUE hosted Pique Nique on The Quad. The festive event welcomed Mississippi River Festival attendees with a picnic and a variety of entertainment, including music, dancing, gymnastics, fortune telling and more. Affluent St. Louisans dressed in their finest clothes visited campus to attend the party on SIUE's magnificent campus core mall area.

When it came time to name this popular section of campus, the University chose to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Delyte W. Morris, PhD, former SIU president. The campus core mall area was named the "Delyte W. Morris Quadrangle" in 1978.

Upon the naming of SIUE's university center as the "Morris University Center" in 1998, the Delyte W. Morris Quadrangle was renamed the "William J. Stratton Quadrangle," in recognition of the former governor's contributions to developing the SIUE campus.







Morris  
University  
Center



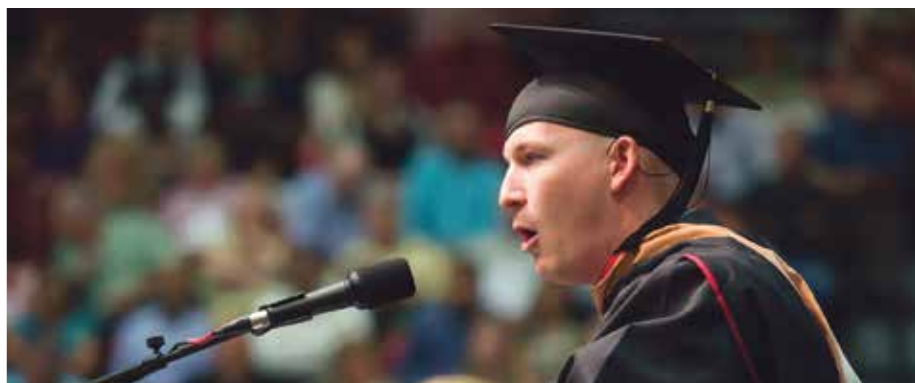
The Quad is designed without a direct pathway between two buildings, ensuring students have some exposure to nature as they walk from one building to another.



The Renovated Quad Today



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