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Stephen Hupp, PhD,
professor of psychology,
teaches a class on the
newly refurbished Quad.



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2018 Homecoming Weekend

We hope you'll come back to campus to celebrate your alma mater!



Alumni Hall of Fame

Friday, Sept. 28
Reception 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Meridian Ballroom
Morris University Center

Eight extraordinary alumni will be honored with a reception and ceremony. To learn more about this year's honorees, check out their features on pages 12-13 in this issue.

Join us!

Tickets: \$50 per person

Register: siue.edu/alumni/hall-of-fame

Cougars Unleashed Homecoming Run and Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Sept. 29
9 a.m.

Birger Hall

Be part of the third annual 5K/10K/1-mile run benefiting SIUE Alumni Association scholarships. After the run, enjoy a delicious Chris Cakes pancake breakfast.

Registration

- 5K: \$30
- 10K: \$40
- \$5 off for SIUE alumni
- 1-mile run: \$5

Registration includes race t-shirt (if registered by September 4), pancake breakfast and family entertainment. Prices increase \$5 after September 15.

Register: runsignup.com/cougarsunleashed



Alumni Pre-Game Tailgate

Saturday, Sept. 29
4-7 p.m.

Korte Stadium Lawn

SIUE Men's Soccer
7 p.m. vs. Belmont University

Join us on the Korte Stadium Lawn and get fired up for the game while enjoying free food, adult beverages from Recess Brewing, live music from local favorite Quarter Draw Band, yard games, giveaways and more. Free commemorative glasses for the first 200 alumni attendees.

Special seating at the tailgate for the Classes of '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08 and '13

Register: siue.edu/alumni/tailgate



A Greeting from the Chancellor

Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and that the coming months hold great promise for you and yours. That is most definitely the case for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and I am very proud, once again, to offer you an update on all that is happening at our premiere institution. SIUE is healthy, thriving and on the move. We look forward to working with Dr. Kevin Dorsey, Interim SIU System President, particularly in areas of engagement relating to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Southern Illinois. We are building for the future and can point to this in many distinctive ways:

- The Science East Building will be completed and operational this Fall and a grand opening is scheduled for September 21. Please watch for details and plan to attend!
- The new 14,000-square-foot Engineering Annex Student Design Center is in use and offers students an enhanced area for applied learning and working on special projects.
- Our academic programming is expanding in response to market demand. New degree offerings include:
 - Master's in Criminal Justice Policy—online and admitting students for the first time this fall
 - Integrative Studies—allowing undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to create their own programs of study
 - Master's in Nutrition—pending approval of candidacy status from the professional accrediting body, enrollment will begin fall 2019
 - Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing—including an innovative Writer in the World component
 - Bachelor's in International Studies—now in its third year of admitting students
- SIUE's Office of International Affairs is joining forces with the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) to expand study abroad opportunities for our students, while also increasing the variety and number of international students at the University. Last year, students from 58 countries around the world attended SIUE, and we anticipate similar enrollments this year.
- As a further example of SIUE's commitment to celebrating the individual, the University has developed the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion to offer expanded resources, programming and mentoring for underrepresented students, and the Office of Graduate Admissions has introduced a new diversity recruitment initiative.
- As another example of community engagement, SIUE is partnering with Edwardsville's Sunset Hills Country Club to build the Harry Gallatin SIUE Golf Practice Facility, an indoor practice facility and driving range to be named in honor of SIUE coach and supporter, the late Harry Gallatin.

And speaking of partnerships, there are many opportunities to get involved with SIUE this year, including our Homecoming activities, September 24-29 (siue.edu/homecoming), followed by the 13th annual SIUE Community Day celebration to be held October 11 from 8-10 a.m. Please join us for these and other upcoming events to learn more about the University's many achievements.

The excitement of the fall semester is in full swing, and we hope to see you on campus soon. As we continue to set our sights higher, we invite you to be a part of shaping the future of SIUE and the world we impact. Come and learn more about our students' outstanding collegiate experience. You may want to return as a student for career development, a new professional direction, simply for fun or all of the above!

e **ENGAGING FOR THE FUTURE,**
Randall G. Pembroke, '78, '79, '80
Alumnus and SIUE Chancellor



Here are 10 reasons to be even more proud of your alma mater!

Safest College Campuses

National Council for Home Safety and Security

#1 in Illinois and Missouri **#11** in the nation



Fast Growing Public University in Illinois

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Growth in total enrollment over the last 20 years

Best Colleges of 2018

U.S. News & World Report
Regional Universities Midwest
14th consecutive year
Top 15 public universities



2018 Transfer Honor Roll

Phi Theta Kappa

Recognizing the top four-year colleges and universities creating dynamic pathways to support transfer students

Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs

U.S. News & World Report



Best Industrial-Organizational (I-O) Psychology Master's Programs

Society for I-O Psychology

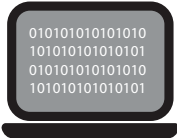


Best Value Online Master's in Health Informatics

AffordableColleges.com

Best Online Master's in Health Informatics Degree Programs

Center for Online Education



Best Sports Medicine Degrees

College Choice

School of Pharmacy Class of 2017



- Highest board pass rate in Illinois or Missouri
- Top 30% of all pharmacy programs in the country

SIUE Today

Food Sustainability Initiatives Maximize Student Impact

A newly formed food sustainability consortium, supported in part by a \$14,224 SIUE Excellence in Undergraduate Education grant, is focused on better coordinating sustainability access and education to maximize student impact. Consortium initiatives include:

- SIUE Goshen Farmer’s Market: The community-campus collaboration brings local vendors to the Quad every Tuesday afternoon in April and in mid-August through October
- Market on Wheels: A collaborative effort between SIUE and the Goshen Market Foundation provides greater access to affordable, healthy produce in food-insecure areas of the region
- Rooftop Teaching Garden: A vegetable garden on the patio of the University restaurant will be used as a teaching site for courses and will supply the Market on Wheels
- Student Food Pantry: A pantry located in the Morris University Center helps students who may lack access to healthy food
- Community Garden: Coordinated by the student organization Natural Connections, students have their own vegetable plots in The Gardens at SIUE



Ruth Slenczynska Draws Three Standing Ovations

Internationally renowned concert pianist and former SIUE faculty member, Ruth Slenczynska, performed brilliantly before a crowd of 350 in sold-out Dunham Hall in January. Slenczynska joined SIUE in 1964 as a full-time artist-in-residence, a title she retained until 1988. She married the late James Kerr, PhD, an SIUE political science professor in 1967. The 92-year-old pianist currently teaches private students in New York City, gives master classes and lectures, and is a juror for various piano competitions. This was her first performance at SIUE since 2010 and her second concert on the new grand piano that is dedicated to the memory of her late husband.



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SIUE Students, Faculty Unearth 1,000-year-old Mississippian Home on Campus

The bottom of the semi-subterranean structure was uncovered on the west side of campus, near Korte Stadium, by students participating in an eight-week archaeological field school led by Julie Zimmermann, PhD, professor of anthropology. Along with the foundation of the 1,000-year-old Mississippian home, the field school students and faculty researchers have also found shards of Mississippian, and Middle and Late Woodland-era pottery and arrowheads. These findings, along with the soil and plant samples, will be taken to the SIUE Anthropology Laboratory on campus for analysis.



School of Pharmacy Adds Clinical Training Center

The School of Pharmacy dedicated its new Clinical Training Center in late April. The center features five consultation rooms which are equipped with a computer, a phone and camera. Students can use the computer to access electronic health records and drug information and write notes for documentation of care. They can interact with patients or other healthcare providers over the phone, in person or via videoconferencing in these encounter rooms. Those interactions can be recorded, so students can self-evaluate their own performance as well as provide feedback through peer evaluation.



Spring 2018 Enrollment Highlights

- Freshmen retention from fall 2017 to spring 2018 **improved by 2% to reach a record 92%**
- African-American student retention
 - **Increased by 4.25%**
 - Matched overall student retention for the first time
- Census headcount enrollment of **12,976 ranked eighth all-time** for a spring semester
- Graduate enrollment **increased 2%** (led by growth in the School of Nursing and the integrative studies program)
- Latinx enrollment **increased 2% and reached 541 students**, an all-time high for any spring term

SIUE Mission Trip to Costa Rica Provides Transformative Experiences

Chancellor Randy Pembroke introduced Central American Mission Projects to SIUE during 2017 as an active element of his focus on community service and the University’s mission to shape a changing world. During Spring Break 2018, a group of more than 30 students, faculty and staff from SIUE’s Schools of Nursing; Pharmacy; and Education, Health and Human Behavior upheld the University’s mission, arriving in Costa Rica on Saturday, March 3 for a week of service and educational activities.

Pharmacy students visited Carara National Park along the Tarcoles River to study medicinal plants. They also visited the Pharmacy at the University of Costa Rica in San Jose where they interacted with the Schools of Microbiology and Pharmacy faculty and students.

Nursing students served approximately 80 patients in the Santo Tomas Clinic at Santo Domingo de Heredia and assisted local organizations with health assessments of more than 200 children from the community. Students also visited an orphanage and delivered shoes and backpacks. Along with providing clinic assistance, they helped with home renovations.

Public health students traveled to the Village of Parismina on the Caribbean Coast to help clear the beach in preparation for the turtle nesting season, and study public and environmental health issues. They worked with the Association to Save the Turtles of Parismina (ASTOP), an organization founded by community members to help reduce turtle egg poaching.



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Cougar Athletics

Local Athlete Thrives at SIUE



Julian Harvey’s journey carried him along a successful trail that made the recent SIUE graduate the most decorated athlete in the university’s growing NCAA Division I history.

Harvey, who earned a bachelor’s in psychology with a minor in exercise sports psychology, is the Cougars’ first six-time NCAA Division I All-American athlete, thanks to his prowess in the high jump, long jump and triple jump. He went from good at Edwardsville High School to great at SIUE.



“Nothing is done without purpose, and nothing is done as an accident. That kind of work ethic has always been there with Julian. He is always trying to get the best out of himself.”

— **Joey Pacione**
SIUE assistant track coach

“When I graduated from high school, SIUE was the only college to give me a chance,” Harvey said. “I wanted to make the most of it and start something new at SIUE. Things started happening for me.”

By the time he finished his Cougar career in May 2018, Harvey had put some big numbers on the board. He owns SIUE records for:

- Indoor high jump: 7-3
- Outdoor high jump: 7-1.5
- Indoor triple jump: 51-9
- Outdoor triple jump: 51-5.75
- Indoor long jump: 26-9.75

Harvey also posted the nation’s best indoor mark in the long jump (26-9.75) in February 2017.

“The biggest thing for me when I was growing up is that I wasn’t the fastest or strongest guy,” Harvey said. “But I wanted to make a name for myself, and my mom and dad really encouraged me. I’ve been an underdog for most of my life. That’s why I worked so hard. If you work hard, good things can happen.”

“Nothing is done without purpose, and nothing is done as an accident,” said SIUE

assistant track coach Joey Pacione. “That kind of work ethic has always been there with Julian. He is always trying to get the best out of himself.”

“There’s so much pride that comes with it,” Harvey said, reflecting on his SIUE accomplishments, particularly against track powers from the Big Ten or Southeastern Conference. “It’s nice to look back now and see what happened. I know I wouldn’t be where I am without Coach Pacione.”

The four-time OVC long jump champion isn’t ready to call it a career in track; there’s more jumping to do. He qualified for the Olympic Trials in 2016 and hopes to qualify for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.



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game day updates

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Albertsen Named SIUE Women’s Tennis Head Coach



Adam Albertsen

Adam Albertsen has been named head coach for the women’s tennis program. He is the 10th women’s tennis head coach in program history. “There is such tremendous support and excitement on campus for SIUE tennis, I am honored to be a part of it,” he said. “We look forward to a culture of success in the classroom and on the courts. I can’t wait to get on campus with the team and get to work. Go Cougars!”

Albertsen has been a tennis head coach since 2010 when he led St. Norbert College (Wisconsin) to a Midwest Conference North Division men’s title. In 2011, he jumpstarted the men’s and women’s tennis program at Adrian College (Michigan). Since 2014, he has been the head men’s and women’s tennis coach at University of Montevallo (Alabama), achieving program best performances on the women’s side (21-3) and men’s side (16-6).

Albertsen earned a bachelor’s degree in sport management from Quincy University in 2008 and master’s in sport management from Western Illinois University in 2010.



2018 Men’s Soccer Schedule Highlights

- 10 home games
- 4 games against 2017 NCAA Tournament participants
- 2nd Mid-American Conference
- 1st regular-season match with Saint Louis University (SLU) since 1995

The much-anticipated resumption of the series with SLU takes place Saturday, Sept. 22, in St. Louis. It will be the first regular-season meeting between the two sides since SIUE returned to NCAA Division I status. Not counting exhibition play, SIUE and SLU have faced off 35 times.

“The tipping point of the schedule is that game at Saint Louis,” said SIUE Head Coach Mario Sanchez. “Just as a soccer fan, I couldn’t be more excited to have that game back on the schedule.”

The Billikens’ first-year head coach Kevin Kalish spent six seasons as the Cougars’ head coach from 2008-2013.

“With Kevin there, it is going to be fun for fans and alumni of both schools,” Sanchez said. “I am excited to be a part of it.”

SIUE Men’s Soccer vs. Saint Louis University Saturday, Sept. 22

The Bronze Boot rivalry returns when SIUE men’s soccer faces Saint Louis University for the first time since 1995!





Dear Alumni and Friends,

Thank you for having confidence in SIUE. These have been interesting times in higher education, but we have a shared mission to educate the next generation of Cougars!

I am pleased to share with you that this has been a very good year for the SIUE Foundation in terms of alumni engagement, student engagement, endowment

management and fundraising. We have started on the second phase of the Engineering Student Design Center, engaged more students in philanthropy with the STAT program, and have had generous donors create more endowed scholarships than any year in the past five.

The "Culture of Philanthropy" we are working toward is gaining momentum. Thanks to our faculty, staff, alumni and friends, we are making SIUE stronger in so many ways. If you are not currently involved but would like to be, please reach out. We will be happy to help.

In addition, please visit our beautiful campus! We want you to be part of our vibrant community!

Best regards,

Rachel Stack

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and
CEO of the SIUE Foundation

Senior Campaign Supports Student Scholarships

The Senior Campaign gives graduating students the opportunity to make their first philanthropic gift in the amount of their graduating year (\$20.18) to their soon-to-be alma mater. Participating students are recognized at commencement with a red and black philanthropy cord.

In just its second year, the Senior Campaign raised close to \$10,000 for student scholarships, and the number of students participating nearly doubled!

The new STAT executive board plans to continue this momentum by rolling out new philanthropic and volunteer opportunities for the 2018-2019 academic year.



The SIUE Alumni Association's student organization, Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) is dedicated to:

- Enhancing the connection between students past, present and future
- Strengthening lifelong loyalty to SIUE
- Creating a culture of philanthropy on campus by encouraging students to participate in programs that inspire a positive culture of volunteering and giving



Do you know a current SIUE student who might be interested in STAT?

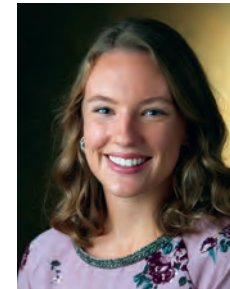
Contact Rich Mann at rmann@siue.edu or Nick Niemerg at nniemer@siue.edu

2018 Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients

Each year the SIUE Alumni Association proudly supports deserving SIUE students by awarding more than \$30,000 in scholarships. Our 19-member review committee was impressed by the 625 applications received and worked diligently to identify the top students.

Alumni Association scholarship applications are accepted September 1-January 31 each year. To apply, visit siue.academicworks.com.

SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors Scholarship Recipients



Katelyn Hardieck
Newton, Ill.
School of Nursing

"I am so grateful for this scholarship because it will allow me to worry less about the financial aspects of college and focus more on my studies and enjoying my final year at SIUE."

Brett Kaufman
St. Rose, Ill.
College of Arts and Sciences

Ali Alsamir
Alton, Ill.
School of Engineering

Arianna Kampwerth
Highland, Ill.
School of Engineering

SIUE License Plate Scholarship Recipient

Emily Switzer
Marshall, Ill.
School of Nursing

Help make the future a bit brighter for SIUE students by contributing to the SIUE Alumni Scholarship Fund. Gifts of all sizes can make a difference. Visit siue.edu/give to donate today.



Chicago Chapter Update

In 2017, the SIUE Alumni Association successfully launched the Chicago Chapter! With nearly 4,000 alumni living and working in the Chicago area, we are thrilled to expand our reach in this area, SIUE's largest constituency group outside of the St. Louis area. Through this chapter, SIUE alumni are able to stay connected despite their 300-mile distance from campus.

Let us know if you are in the Chicago area and want to connect with fellow alumni through events, programs and service opportunities!

In July, the Chicago Chapter hosted 100 SIUE alumni at a sold out Wrigley Rooftop viewing of the Cubs vs. Cardinals game. See picture on page 11.

SIUE Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Recipients



Isaiah Jackson
Undergraduate Student
Edwardsville
School of Engineering

"Thank you for choosing me for this incredible gift. I cannot fully express in words what a blessing this scholarship is for my life."



Taylor Stratton
Graduate Student
East Alton, Ill.
School of Education, Health and Human Behavior

"I am sincerely honored to have been selected. Thank you for your generosity, which allows me to complete my master's in speech-language pathology."

Haley Inyart
Belleville, Ill.
College of Arts and Sciences

Khyla Mumphard
Belleville, Ill.
School of Nursing

Jacqueline Richardson
Millstadt, Ill.
School of Nursing

Kimberly Daum
Centralia, Ill.
School of Nursing

Luke Thiede
Edwardsville
School of Business

Mark Your Calendars for Family Fun!

Join the Chicago Chapter for a day at Kuipers Family Farm on Saturday, Sept. 15 in Maple Park. Enjoy:

- Apple picking
- Haunted barn and maze
- Corn maze
- Pig races
- And more!

siue.edu/alumni/fall-fun



Upcoming Events

Meridian Scholars Day

Friday, Feb. 15
SIUE annually awards 20 Meridian Scholarships. This premier opportunity is an eight-semester, renewable scholarship covering tuition, fees, and room and board. During Meridian Scholars Day, the top 160 applicants are interviewed and recruited.

If you are a past Presidential, Chancellor or Meridian Scholarship recipient or Honors program participant and would like to volunteer for an interview team or discussion panel, contact Nick Niemer at nniemer@siue.edu. 



Mentor Mixers

The SIUE Mentor Program is excited to continue connecting current students in the School of Engineering and now the School of Business with alumni professionals. Snacks will be provided at both events.



Engineering Mentor Mixer
Wednesday, Oct. 17
4:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Conference Center
Morris University Center

• Student/Alumni Time

Students will be matched in small groups with alumni based on professional interests and disciplines. Alumni will share their career stories and expertise, and students will have the opportunity to ask questions.

• Panel Discussion: Autonomous Vehicles–The Future is Here

Interested in attending?

Register online: siue.edu/alumni/emm 

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Business Mentor Mixer
Thursday, Oct. 18
4:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Conference Center
Morris University Center

• Student/Alumni Time

Pre-business students will be introduced to the various business disciplines by interacting with alumni.

• Panel Discussion: Making Yourself Marketable

Alumni from a diverse set of businesses and professional backgrounds will discuss their organizations, their individual path to success and focus on the topic “Making Yourself Marketable.”

Interested in attending?

Register online: siue.edu/alumni/bmm 

Past Events

Top 40 Under 40 Networking Breakfast

Thursday, April 26

We had the pleasure of honoring the four SIUE alumni named in *St. Louis Business Journal's* 2018 Top 40 Under 40. The networking breakfast and panel was sponsored by our friends at L. Keeley Construction in St. Louis.

Jonathan Fowler '10, Devin Gates '10, Ryan Poettker '05, and Dr. Theresa Schwartz '99 '00 offered insight and commentary into their respective careers and how their time at SIUE helped shape their current success. You can read more about Jonathan Fowler and Dr. Theresa Schwartz in this issue.



Cougars on the Move: Orlando

March 2-4

The Alumni Association traveled to the Sunshine State for a fun-filled weekend with Orlando area alumni and their families. We enjoyed a private IlluminiNations: Reflections of Earth viewing party at Epcot and watched the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Atlanta Braves during spring training at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World.



Cubs vs. Cardinals at Wrigley Rooftops

Saturday, July 21

Our Chicago Chapter hosted 100 alumni and friends on the Wrigley Rooftops for a showdown between the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals. Alumni reconnected, networked and enjoyed some great baseball.



Goshen Market

Saturday, May 19

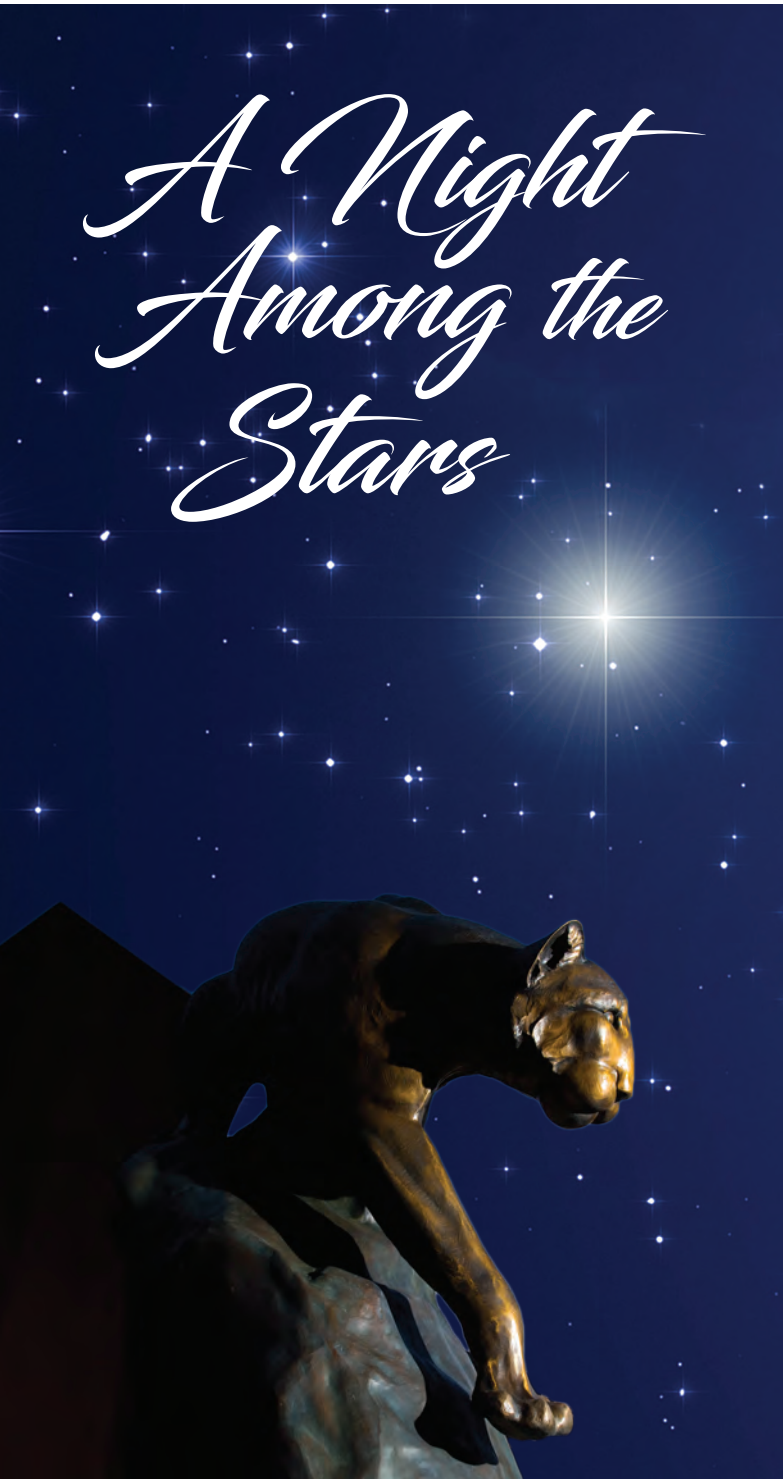
Over the summer, SIUE hosted a weekly booth at the Land of Goshen Community Market in downtown Edwardsville. The Alumni Association hosted the booth in May. We connected with the community and area alumni, and shared details about upcoming events and programs.

Have an idea for the next Cougars on the Move?
Contact Nick Niemer at nniemer@siue.edu

2018 Alumni Hall of Fame Honorees

SIUE will honor eight remarkable alumni on September 28 during the Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony, A Night Among the Stars. These impressive alumni who, through their leadership, character and hard work, have made exceptional contributions in their chosen fields, in their communities and at SIUE.

Tickets for the Alumni Hall of Fame reception and dinner can be purchased online: siue.edu/alumni/hall-of-fame 



College of Arts and Sciences
The Honorable David R. Herndon
BA Government '74

David has served as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois since 1998. His federal tenure followed seven years as an associate judge in the Third Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Illinois. Prior to that, Herndon worked as a trial attorney, specializing in plaintiff's personal injury cases, with an emphasis on FELA litigation, for fourteen years. He earned a law degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1977. Judge Herndon served as Chief Judge from 2007-2014 and currently serves as chair of the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Security. He was inducted into the Trial Lawyers' Hall of Fame in 2017.



School of Business
Tania Seger
BS Accountancy '87, MBA '96

Tania is vice president and chief financial officer for Monsanto's North America commercial business unit, which covers business analysis and long-range planning, credit and manufacturing for the U.S., Canada and Latin America North. Prior to joining Monsanto in 2008, Tania worked for Solutia and Ameritech Mobile Communications. Tania is a certified public accountant and a member of the St. Louis Federal Reserve's Agribusiness Industry Council. Tania is an active alumni member in the SIUE School of Business providing presentations on career development and participating in industry networking events for students. She also enjoys volunteering her time with Operation Food Search and KidSmart.



College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Roderick Nunn
BM Jazz Performance '93

Roderick serves as executive vice president and head of education and employment for the St. Louis-based Concordance Academy of Leadership, a national organization that works to reduce recidivism for returning citizens. He also is an adjunct professor in the doctor of management program at the University of Maryland University College. David previously served as president of St. Louis Community College-Forest Park. Under his leadership, the college won several national, state and local awards for excellence and innovation in workforce development. He also led workforce development for three governors in Missouri and Illinois.



School of Education, Health and Human Behavior
Dr. Fredna Carlson Scroggins
EdD Instructional Process '81

Fredna retired from St. Louis Community College at Meramec, where she was a professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and served as department chair for 10 years. Before joining St. Louis Community College, she taught in the teacher education program at Blackburn College, Westminster College in Salt Lake City and Missouri Baptist University. Prior to teaching in higher education, Fredna taught 3rd and 5th grade in Bethalto. She was named to Who's Who in America's Teachers and received the Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Meramec Faculty Lecture Award. Fredna is a member of the SIUE Meridian Society and serves on the board of the Friends of Music.



School of Engineering
Angela L. Heise
BS Computer Science '96

Angela is president of the Civil Group at Leidos, where she is responsible for providing solutions to U.S. Cabinet-level civil agencies and major elements of the public and private sector across the globe. Focus areas include air traffic automation, energy and the environment, federal infrastructure and logistics, information technology and cybersecurity, and transportation security. She previously served as vice president of commercial markets for Lockheed Martin-Commercial Cyber. Angela is an alumna of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. She was named to Washington Exec's Top 25 Executives to Watch in 2018.



School of Dental Medicine
Dr. Patricia "Tish" Nihill
DMD '82

Tish served as a faculty member in the School of Dental Medicine from 1984-2000. During this time, she completed the gerontology certificate program at SIU and earned a prosthodontic certificate and master's degree at Northwestern University. Tish has also served as a faculty member at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry and the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, where she served as the Division Chief of Comprehensive Care until her retirement. In retirement, she volunteers at the Chicago Dental Society Foundation clinic in her hometown of Wheaton and teaches part time as an adjunct faculty member at Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois.



School of Nursing
Lisa Klaustermeier
BS Nursing '93, MS Nursing '01

Lisa is chief nursing officer (CNO) at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, a position she has held since 2009. She has been instrumental in mentoring staff and students, expanding and improving patient care service lines, providing leadership to more than 400 nurses and other staff members, and leading performance improvement programs. She is an adjunct faculty member in the SIUE School of Nursing and a member of American Organization of Nurse Leaders, American Nurses Association and Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders. She is a member of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce and American Cancer Society board of directors. Lisa received the Bunker Hill High School "Wall of Honor" in 2016.



Graduate School
Dr. James D. Campbell
BA Sociology '68, MA Sociology '70

James earned a PhD in sociology from the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC). He began his career as an instructor at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He recently retired as professor emeritus from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at UMC. James was a pioneer in developing innovative curricula for medical students that incorporates the social and behavioral sciences. He played a key role in developing and implementing an innovative longitudinal inter-professional experience at UMC, as well as developing videos that are used widely for training in educational institutions and public health departments. Jim and his wife, Anne, were instrumental in creating the Central Missouri Kidney Association.

Stay Involved!

From your Alumni Association Board President



Fellow Alumni,
This is my final year as your Alumni Association Board President, and our alumni’s pride, passion and commitment to SIUE continues to amaze me. I also have been repeatedly impressed by the leadership, vision and dedication of our 30-member volunteer alumni board, as well as our partnership with SIUE faculty, administration and staff. Together we continue to engage, educate and empower both alumni, students and our greater community.

The Alumni Association is coordinating and hosting many exciting events this fall, including alumni happy hour networking opportunities, student-alumni mentor mixers in the Schools of Business and Engineering, and Homecoming. Over the last several years, Homecoming has grown to become a signature event designed to invite all alumni to come home and see how SIUE has continued to grow and impact the region.

Homecoming weekend begins Friday, Sept. 28, with the Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony and celebration. Our third annual Cougars Unleashed Homecoming 10K/5K Run takes place Saturday morning. Event proceeds support student scholarships which are awarded by the Alumni Association. Saturday wraps up with an exciting Alumni Tailgate at Korte Stadium before the Men’s Soccer game. Enjoy great local food, music and family fun. Additional details about all Alumni Association events are available at siue.edu/alumni and on social media.

Take a few minutes to read about the many available ways you can connect, engage and get involved with your alma mater. On behalf of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, I encourage each of you to come home to SIUE and get involved in ways that suit your personality and fit your availability.

See you at Homecoming!

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

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Mentor Program

The SIUE Alumni Association works with the Career Development Center to connect students with alumni for mentorship. In addition to mentor relationships, alumni are encouraged to participate in various Mentor Mixer events. We are hosting School of Business and School of Engineering mixers in October. If you are interested learning more about how you can build a mentor relationship or participate in a mentor event, visit our website.



To find out how you can get involved in the Mentor Program, visit siue.edu/cdc and select the “Alumni” link.

Alumni Recruitment Ambassador

We hope you will consider volunteering to connect with prospective students by:

- Attending college fairs in your area
- Writing letters
- Making phone calls
- Visiting high schools

Visit siue.edu/alumni/stay-involved to volunteer. A representative from the Office of Admissions will contact you.

Student Referral Program

Do you know any students who may be interested in attending SIUE? Visit siue.edu/alumni/stay-involved to complete the Refer a Student form, and we’ll waive their \$40 undergraduate application fee when they apply. After you complete the form, we will contact the student(s) and share the good news!

Thank you!

The following alumni and friends of SIUE submitted student referrals during the 2017-2018 academic year. Thank you for your contribution to our fall 2018 freshman class!

Melissa Alexander	Triniece Cummins	Bryon Hartley	Jean Lugge	Lori Saathoff-Huber
C. Lucas Altenberger	Teresa Dankenbring	Robert Havard	Clarissa Maag	Brad Sandefer
Monique Arrington	Karrie Denney	Carol Hayes	Bruce Malone	Phyllis Schneider
Catherine Austin	Marvin Donaldson	Tracey Hayes	Toskey Marshall	Tonya Sears
Kalani Aydt	Matthew Ebbeler	Jake Henson	Jennifer Martin	William Smith
Christopher Bagwell	Nick Edwards	Lisa Hildebrand	Stacy Martin	Joshalynn Starks
Carla Batton Eliff	Tricia Eilerman Benker	Tracey Hill	Eileen Martindale	Jennifer Stenger
Stephanie Bauer	Ruth Ann Elik	Alexa Hillery	Meghan McClimon	Christine Stewart
Theresa Baum Verstreater	Carla Elliff	Heidi Houchins	Kirsten Melton	Christine Sthair-Reynolds
Taryn Beal	Taylor Emerick	Monnica Jennings	Kim Merz	Gary Swearingen
Renee Belt Ottinger	Samantha Evans	Michelle Jennings Bigley	Jane Messmore	Anthony Talia
Xinhe Bi	Tia Ewing	Brian Jones	Amber Morris	Patrica (Meyers) Take
Jackie Bloemer Tabbert	Amanda Fisher	Kathleen Jones	Kristina Moseley	Charles Taylor
Kevin Bowman	Christine Fitzpatrick	Kelly Jo Karnes	Ann Mumphard	Christopher Thurmond
Sean Brady	Emile Flowers	Alan Kehr	Kevin Nesselhauf	Shawn Todd
Kamra Brandi	Gretchen Fricke	Stephanie Kerber	Elisha Nevois-Akridge	Michelle Travnicek
Kate Brendel	Ann Fromme	Melissa King	David Newcomb	Jason Turkington
Mary Brenner	Paul Galligos	Christine Kirchhofer	Kayla Newton	Jane Vieth
Laura Bridick	Calli Germain	Brenda Klostermann	Joseph Nilges	John Voda
Bethel Buerk	Brandae Gill	Jayne Knoebel	John Odle	Candy Wagner
Christina Calentine	Jodi Gilmore	Laura Koch	Jodi Olson	Heather Wallace
Donnell Campbell	Timothy Goldman	Brittany Knobloch	Gina Patkus	Jane Behrns Westjohn
Lynette Diane Campbell	Joseph Graham	Jenna Kot	Justin Pattison	Claire Willenborg
Susan Carpenter	Edmond Gray	Daniel Kreher	Nathan Pfleger	Clifford Williams
Ramona Clayton	Richard Gresens	Keagan Kristoff	Rachelle Phillips	Linda Williams
Jason Corey	Amanda Griffiths	Chimika Lambert	Heather Randall	Brittany Williams
Amanda Couch	Kourtney Hake	Ollie Langhorst	Pamela Rice Weber	Kimberly Wirts
Edward Cowley	Jordan Harr	Trisha Lohman	Leann Rinderer	Mary Witte
Andrew Crider	Carrie Harris	Rachel Lopez	Jerry Roberts	Dennis Wobbe

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Thank you!

Thanks to the following alumni and friends of SIUE who have expressed interest in this new program. We look forward to working with even more SIUE alumni in the future!

Lisa Adden	Angela Burgess	Carrie Harris	Olivia Morris	Robin Telle
Seth Anato	Jennifer Carrato	Torrie Harris	Michael Needles	Denise Thomas
Christopher Arceneaux	Kendra Castelow	Nelson Hellwig	Tara Nesbitt	Brittany Tounsel
Parker Arnholt	Katia Coleman	Joseph Hinton	Cassandra Philips	Michael Varady
Monique Arrington	Robert Crockett	Malauna Hudson	Amanda Russo	Sarah Von Kampen
Jeremy Asiedu	Brandon Crouch	Kyle Jackson	Andrew Sanson	James Wallace
Rachel Aubrey	Tia Ewing	Keith Kurrus	Rhonda Schaefer	Vincent Warren
R. Andreyra Ayers	Ben Fia	Robert Kyle	Maracus Scott	William White
Shauna Bayles	Carissa Fowler	Callie Lankford	Amy Sholar	Cyndy Wilson
James Beutel	Nikith Reddy Gelivi	Jessica Levy	Luis Solano	Michael Yancey
Sarah Bivens	Patrice Greenwood	Toskey Marshall	Tiffany Stellhorn	Michael Yerion
Charlene Blair	Darryl Haire	Morgan McDaniel	Brianne Stinchfield	Brandia Young
LaTavia Bowens	Nicholas Hanna	Frank Miles	Gabe Szymarek	
Claire Brown	John Hardaway	Jeanne Milton		



Theresa Schwartz, MD, MS, FACS
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Saint Louis University

Alumna Champions for Women’s Health

An SIUE double alumna, Theresa Schwartz earned a bachelor’s in biological sciences/medical science, with a minor in chemistry in 1999 and a master’s in biological sciences in 2000. She joined SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital as a physician and surgeon in 2011. As a result of her leadership efforts to create coordinated multidisciplinary care, the number of breast cancer diagnoses at the hospital has increased eleven-fold.

Theresa’s commitment to reducing disparities in breast cancer diagnosis and treatment benefits countless women outside the walls of the hospital. She has been a part of multiple research initiatives with the Ghana Collaborative Project to study differences in breast cancer tumor biology between women of different ethnicities. With the help of the Show Me Healthy Women program in Missouri, Theresa supports women who are under insured or don’t have health insurance to ensure they have access to breast cancer screening and subsequent treatment.

Congratulations on being named to the St. Louis Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 Class of 2018. How does it feel to be recognized for your career accomplishments?

As a physician and surgeon, it is a tremendous privilege to be acknowledged by the St. Louis Business Journal, as this list tends to have very few representatives from my field.

You have been instrumental in expanding breast cancer diagnoses and treatment since joining SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital in 2011. What has inspired you to instill such change?

Simply put, our patients deserve it. Breast cancer is such a common disease and affects every aspect of a woman’s life. Creating a system in which women can be diagnosed and treated in a timely fashion is paramount to ensuring they have the best outcome possible.

How did your time at SIUE prepare you for a successful career?

In addition to giving me the educational foundation needed to successfully navigate medical school curriculum, my undergraduate and graduate years at SIUE helped me to be an organized and efficient lifelong learner.

How are you able to balance your career, your passion for supporting women’s health and your own personal life?

We are trained to put our patients’ needs ahead of our own. I have learned that if I don’t practice continuous self-compassion, I am unable to be the best version of myself. My patients and my family deserve to have the best version of me. I prioritize the aspects of my personal life that make me happy and I don’t let my professional life take over. The people I love are what make all of this worthwhile.

What’s the best part about your job?

When someone is scared and anxious about a new cancer diagnosis, they tend to feel as if they have lost control. After our initial visit when we discuss the disease process and treatment options, I can see a sense of relief and calm, because they know what is in store and they know they have the tools to take it on and a team around them to offer support and guidance.

You are chairing SIUE Day, the University’s annual fundraising drive. What excites you most about SIUE and its future?

Seeing the growth and expansion that SIUE has experienced over the last 20 years is simply amazing. You can feel the enthusiasm from faculty and leadership. That spirit is what excites me. That spirit is what should excite our potential incoming students and their families. Any university can offer courses that allow you to earn a degree. But the spirit and energy at SIUE are unmatched.



All in the Family

SIUE pride runs deep in the Fowler family. Siblings Jonathan Fowler, BS Electrical Engineering '10, and Mandy Fowler, BS Business Administration '14 are the latest generation in their family to have called SIUE home.

Jonathan and Mandy, along with their father, recently spearheaded a generous family gift to complete construction of the School of Engineering's Student Design Center. The new center provides much-needed space for students involved in senior design projects, collegiate competition teams, clubs and organizations. The two-story, 14,000-square-foot addition includes design team workspaces, a project prototyping workspace, design labs and an engineer's alley to showcase projects.

Supporting your alma mater doesn't have to be monetary. Jonathan encourages all SIUE alumni to reach out, and volunteer in any way you can. "Volunteering is so important," he said. "Giving your input is a great way to go about making your mark as an SIUE alum."

According to their father, Greg Fowler, president and CEO of Edwardsville-based J.F. Electric, there has been a strong Fowler family connection to SIUE dating back to the University's early years through the Fowler Company, which was located in Centralia, Ill.

In 1969, Jim Fowler (Greg's father), purchased the electrical division from the Fowler Company and relocated to Edwardsville to form what is now known as J.F. Electric.

"J.F. Electric was also very involved in the early projects at SIUE, including two of the current residence halls and various other projects," Greg said. "One of the projects I am most proud to have been a part of is the construction of Birger Hall, as J.F. Electric made a significant donation toward the construction costs and has a space dedicated to the Fowler family."

Vice president of J.F. Electric, Jonathan always knew where his career would take him. "I worked part-time with my dad at J.F. Electric while going to school," he said. "There was never a doubt in my mind what I wanted to do."

Named to the 2018 *St. Louis Business Journal's* Top 40 Under 40, Jonathan is proud of the many projects J.F. Electric has directed since he began his tenure as vice president, including a new 100-mile 345 kV transmission line for Ameren, electrical construction for two Amazon fulfillment centers in Edwardsville, major projects at the P66 Refinery, and restoring power to Texas and Florida residents affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Mandy enjoyed the well-rounded approach to the business world that the School of Business provides. She was recently named operations coordinator at Donco Electrical Construction LLC, which is located in Edwardsville and owned by her mother, Candy Fowler.

"SIUE is important to our family as well as our business, and we are proud to support it in any way we can." Greg said.



Professional advice for young alumni

"Value your relationship with the University, your professors and classmates. You'd be surprised how often you run into them again in the professional world. Continue to build a strong network of people you can contact for advice, introductions and opportunities. Remember to give back and help fellow alumni in return!"

—Mandy Fowler, BS Business Administration '14

"Always be willing to learn. If you aren't willing, you'll be left behind."

—Jonathan Fowler, BS Electrical Engineering '10

A Passion for Dance ... and Life

Theo Jamison, BS Theater '77, is known around the world for his masterful work in dance, including being a certified Katherine Dunham Technique instructor. Theo praises Dunham as one of his former instructors and credits her teaching style for his successful dancing career.

"The Dunham Technique is universal and will survive forever," Theo said. "My greatest accomplishment is being recognized as a master teacher of the Dunham Technique, sanctioned by Miss Dunham, which was no easy accomplishment."

Katherine Dunham revolutionized American dance in the 1930s. Credited for bringing Caribbean and African influences to a European-dominated dance world, the Dunham Technique is the first formal technique created by a woman of color.

Theo was familiar with Dunham's influence when he visited the SIUE East St. Louis Center as a college student. A pre-med major at another state university at the time, he decided to transfer to SIUE while watching a professional dance class with live percussion for the first time.

"My favorite experience as a student at SIUE was the opportunity to train under the original members of the Katherine Dunham Company, including Miss Dunham," Theo said. "The influence Miss Dunham had on my dancing and teaching career is priceless. She taught me that dance, activism and self-development are a way of life. I have committed myself to not only live that way, but to pass it on."

Theo has passed his love and passion for dance on to countless dance companies throughout the U.S., countries in South America and Europe, and parts of the Caribbean. He also trained as a scholarship student at the world-renowned Alvin Ailey School of Dance in New York City.

His career eventually brought him back to SIUE, where he served as program director of the East St. Louis Center (ESLC) for Performing Arts. Founded by Katherine Dunham in 1967, the ESLC for the Performing Arts provides instruction to countless youth and became a training ground for professional artists of all disciplines. Theo also taught in public schools through the Arts and Education Program and provided classes for senior citizens through Katherine Dunham's curriculum developed for the aging.

Theo has garnered countless awards and accolades throughout his career. In January 2018, he was honored for his dance contributions at the 30th Annual International Conference and Festival of Blacks in Dance in Los Angeles. One of seven honorees, he was recognized alongside actor, dancer, choreographer, television director and producer Debbie Allen.

Katherine Dunham is just one person whom Theo acknowledges as having impacted his success. He speaks passionately about his mentors—the late Rudy Wilson, a retired SIUE faculty member and administrator; and Eugene Redmond, SIUE

emeritus professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, author, editor and Poet Laureate of East St. Louis. He also said Renee Smith, retired ESLC department information supervisor, was a "guiding light" in his administrative years at ESLC, Jeanell Stovall introduced him to the study of foreign languages, and Robert Lee served as a father figure to all of the young, struggling students who committed their lives to Miss Dunham and SIUE.

"I was blessed to know Miss Dunham's husband, Mr. John Pratt, who shared many life lessons with me," Theo said. "I feel fortunate to have developed a friendship with Marie-Christine Dunham Pratt, the daughter of Miss Dunham and Mr. Pratt, who is now guiding me in the keeping of the Dunham-Pratt legacy, which is my passion and mission in life."

Theo is an SIUE student once again and is enrolled in the museum studies post-baccalaureate certificate program.

"I am continuously thinking of ways to preserve and promote the work of Miss Dunham," he said. "SIUE's wisdom to attract Miss Dunham to the area changed the direction of my life. Miss Dunham, her dancers and SIUE have forever shaped my career path and professional success."

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Seated graduating students looking west toward the platform party and speakers on June 8, 1968



Celebrating Golden Graduates

SIUE hosted its second annual Golden Graduation Reunion during the May 2018 commencement weekend. The event celebrates and welcomes back to campus those who graduated 50 or more years ago from the University.

“SIUE’s reputation continues to grow in the region and across the country. This positive recognition is due, in large part, to our esteemed alumni,” said Cathy Taylor, director of constituent relations and special projects with the SIUE Foundation. “This new SIUE tradition honors this distinctive connection between the University and its golden graduates.”

More than 30 golden graduates and their guests enjoyed an honoree reception and campus bus tour. The graduates then donned gold regalia and participated in the final commencement ceremony of the weekend. Each was honored with a commemorative medallion as they crossed the stage.

“I will forever cherish that momentous occasion of the golden medallion being draped around my neck,” said Dr. Gail Howard, ’62, ’64. “I enjoyed meeting the other Golden Alumni and sharing

reminiscent conversations with them. I’m still feeling a sense of euphoria from such a memorable event.”

Chancellor Randy Pembroke brought the idea to SIUE based on similar experiences at previous campuses. “It is an honor to shake hands with this distinguished group of alumni,” he said. “The memories they hold are to be cherished, and this milestone anniversary allows for a grand celebration of their life accomplishments.”

“When we graduated in 1967, we graduated in a field,” recalled Darlene Roy, who attended last year’s inaugural event. “There was not a building large enough to hold us. Now, I actually got a chance to cross the stage at the University I graduated from.”

Roy remembers applying to attend college at the East St. Louis campus with a group of her friends.

“A group of us got together and decided we’d apply for this new college down in East St. Louis,” Roy said. “We got accepted, and we started in September. We got engaged in all of the activities on campus, having a good time and meeting new people.

“I got the basic training, made the correct connections and have been able to give back in a lot of different ways, and I’m incredibly proud of that,” she said.

Prior to inviting them to cross the stage, Chancellor Pembroke thanked the Golden Graduates for choosing SIUE and spoke to them about their time as students.

“You witnessed the start of SIUE’s intercollegiate athletics program during

your senior year. Chimega, the original live Cougar mascot, arrived on campus in February 1968,” Pembroke said. “And, shortly after your graduation, the Board of Trustees appointed John Rendleman the first Chancellor of SIUE, making the University operationally independent for the first time.”

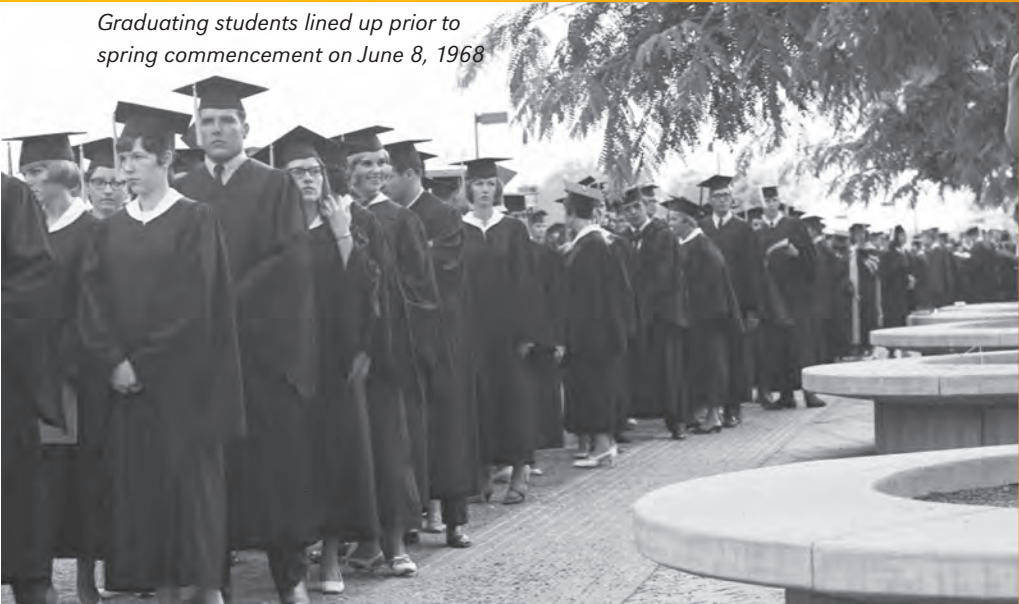
“But, one thing has stayed the same,” Pembroke continued. “The world in which we live is rapidly changing, and our graduates—those who graduated 50 years ago and those who are graduating today—continue to shape our changing world.”



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—Chancellor Randy Pembroke, BM ’78, BM ’79, MM ’80

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Graduating students lined up prior to spring commencement on June 8, 1968



New General Office Building (later Rendleman Hall) under construction, May 16, 1968



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