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In this issue



Make an impact on students today!



On the cover: 2014 Alumni Hall of Fame inductee Vicki LaRose stands in front of the KWMU Building at Grand Center in St. Louis. Civil Design Inc., which Vicki founded, was responsible for all site civil engineering design and construction surveying for the project.



Meet the new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

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Correction: The Traditions article in the last issue said the Goshen Lounge has been providing a place for students to relax for nearly 60 years. The MUC was constructed in 1967, so the Goshen Lounge has been around for nearly 50 years. Thank you to our readers for pointing out our math error!

THE SIUE[®] EXPERIENCE

Designed to increase freshmen success and retention, the SIUE Experience introduces the incoming freshman class to their new home-away-from-home. The Experience begins on move-in day, four days before the start of the fall semester. Just like a typical freshman welcome, students are introduced to campus and all of the resources available to them. They settle in to their residence halls and connect with their classmates at various social events. Everyone enjoys the tradition of taking a class picture by the Cougar!

What makes this four-day event different is the way SIUE faculty, staff and student leaders introduce incoming freshmen to the University's values. Through small group activities and service projects, students explore the purpose of a college education and what it means to be a member of the SIUE community.

Citizenship: After discussing the importance of community service, students participate in service projects ranging from harvesting the gardens at a historical farm to light construction projects at a cultural center in East St. Louis.

Excellence: Students discuss what excellence means to them, what contributes to and what takes away from both personal and academic excellence, and how to set goals and deal with setbacks.

Inclusion: Students discuss stereotypes and reflect upon how first impressions might impact their time at SIUE.



Students learn about SIUE's value of citizenship by volunteering for a variety of service activities during the SIUE Experience.

Integrity: Students talk through scenarios they may encounter as college students, such as dealing with roommate challenges, cheating and plagiarism, and the responsible use of social media.

Wisdom: Students discuss their strengths, the importance of lifelong learning and the benefits of sharing knowledge.

New friendships are formed at Playfair, the ultimate icebreaker.



Students had this to say about the SIUE Experience

97% felt more connected to SIUE

93% felt more at ease about starting college

96% were able to reflect on human diversity and how it enhances the campus community

98% learned about SIUE's values

98% feel confident that SIUE is the right place for them

98% understand their responsibilities as a member of the SIUE community



More than 1,100 students, staff and faculty (including SIUE Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe) set a world record during last year's SIUE Experience by simultaneously popping the top of soda cans at the men's soccer game.

Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

I've truly been looking forward to this issue and the exciting opportunities described within its pages. SIUE is embarking on a level of targeted fundraising – and global friendraising – that we anticipate will yield results with profoundly beneficial consequences. We're raising the bar, and it's time! SIUE changes lives on a daily basis, and that is what quality higher education is meant to do. We can't afford to slow the momentum, and why would we want to?

To illustrate our progress, here is just a brief sample of what we've recently accomplished:

- Freshman applications for fall 2014 have reached 10,540. Of those admitted, the mean ACT is a record 23.5, compared to 23.0 in 2013 and 22.8 in 2012. Transfer student and new graduate student enrollment has increased nine percent over last year, and new admitted international students increased a whopping 86 percent over the same date last year.
- SIUE is expanding its international presence with several global partnerships already established and more in progress. The most recent collaborations are with China and promise to offer excellent study abroad opportunities as well.
- SIUE has received the results of a satisfaction survey issued to all of our undergraduate students (approximately 10,000). The survey included 100 questions covering 12 different scales, and yielded very positive information. Of the 12 areas, the results placed SIUE well ahead of our selected group of competitors.
- The SIUE School of Pharmacy was one of four training sites selected nationally by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation for the 2014 Pain and Palliative Care Traineeship program.
- The SIUE women's golf team was listed among the top 25 collegiate golf programs in the country for collective grade point average by the Women's Golf Coaches Association. This team holds the highest GPA among SIUE's athletics teams for four consecutive semesters.

All of these accomplishments were achieved as state dollars dwindled. The University made significant strides in enhancing our reputation and the quality of our programmatic offerings, even in the face of financial challenge. But think of the possibilities for what we can achieve with additional support!

Please take time to turn the following pages to learn about SIUE's new high-impact campaigns and the opportunities you have to get involved. Some give of their time; others give their treasure. We value both and encourage you to consider how you might help SIUE continue to thrive.

We are your University, and we're doing our very best to support students, enhance the region and make you proud.

Let's join forces and commit to reaching the next level of excellence for SIUE!

All the best,
Julie Furst-Bowe, EdD
SIUE Chancellor



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High-Impact Campaigns



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Introducing our High-Impact Campaigns

Join us to make an impact on students today!



Dear Alumni and Friends,

All of the units at SIUE have created High-Impact Campaigns to directly benefit students in a tangible way.

Under the leadership of Foundation Board President Mike Wenzel, BS '70, we have revitalized the board and its committees. Camille Emig-Hill, BA '72, MBA '77, is creating a major gifts committee to help us achieve our goals. The entire campus community and Foundation Board are committed to making this campaign a success.

Take a moment to review the High-Impact Campaigns on the following pages, and please make us a part of your philanthropy this year. Visit siue.edu/give to make a gift.

I invite you to join us in supporting this campaign at whatever level is comfortable for you. No gift is too big or too small. If you would like to have a conversation with me about the importance of these campaigns, please call (618) 650-5310 or email rstack@siue.edu.

Sincerely,
Rachel C. Stack
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement

School of Business: Business Transitions Curriculum

The School of Business is seeking funding support for a leading-edge curricular program that prepares students for career success. Required for all business majors, the courses assist students with the transition into the School of Business. Students learn about career planning, resume development and initial job search strategies. They are introduced to the concepts of individual responsibility and ethical behavior, social responsibility of organizations, and global perspectives on business. Students also develop professional skills related to job searching, professional networking, interviewing and business etiquette.

Financial Goal: \$250,000

Contact: Sara Colvin, '98, '05, Director of Development, at scolvin@siue.edu or (618) 650-2317





School of Education, Health and Human Behavior: Student Research Travel

The provision of travel funds supports the School's commitment to both undergraduate and graduate student research activities. Students will have access to travel funding for the purpose of presenting their research at regional, state and national professional conferences.

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Beth Weeks at bweeks@siue.edu or (618) 650-3353



School of Engineering: Student Design Center

The Student Design Center will provide much-needed space for student competition teams to build cars, steel bridges, concrete canoes and more. Students will also use this space to work on senior design projects. In order for SIUE's students to compete at a level with other universities, they need dedicated space to build their projects. A combination of renovated space and new construction, the 14,000-square-foot space will include five work bays, a shop and student design area, hospitality room, engineer's alley to showcase projects, amphitheater seating, conference room, research areas, and a second-floor terrace. The Center will improve workflow, provide more hands-on learning and collaborative opportunities for students, and allow for better monitoring of work areas. The overall project cost is expected to be approximately \$4 million.

Financial Goal: \$2 million

Contact: Karen Wicks, Director of Development, at kwicks@siue.edu or (618) 650-5020

School of Education, Health and Human Behavior: SIUE East St. Louis Charter High School

The Charter High School is a public school of choice for families in the East St. Louis School District. The focus of the Charter High School is to prepare students who are college- and/or career-ready through a rigorous and individualized curriculum, with a recent focus on expanding the School's STEM instruction. Funding priorities focus on continuing to equip the STEM classroom with appropriate learning technology, providing faculty with professional development in STEM, ensuring all teachers have access to computers and SMART technologies, and providing all students access to updated textbooks and instructional materials.

Financial Goal: \$200,000

Contact: Beth Weeks at bweeks@siue.edu or (618) 650-3353



Scholarships

The Schools of Dental Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing are committed to attracting, retaining and advancing the education and careers of the region's most highly talented and deserving health sciences students. Private annual and endowed gifts and pledges to these funds will support outstanding education and financial aid opportunities for the region's best and brightest students through merit- and need-based scholarships.

School of Dental Medicine: Dental Student Scholarship

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Stephen Schaus, Director of Development, at sschaus@siue.edu or (618) 474-7271

School of Nursing: "Our 50th" SON Alumni Anniversary Endowed Scholarship Campaign

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Patricia McDonald, Senior Director of Development, at pmcdona@siue.edu or (618) 650-2304

School of Pharmacy: Pharmacy's Best and Brightest Student Scholarship Fund

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Patricia McDonald, Senior Director of Development, at pmcdona@siue.edu or (618) 650-2304

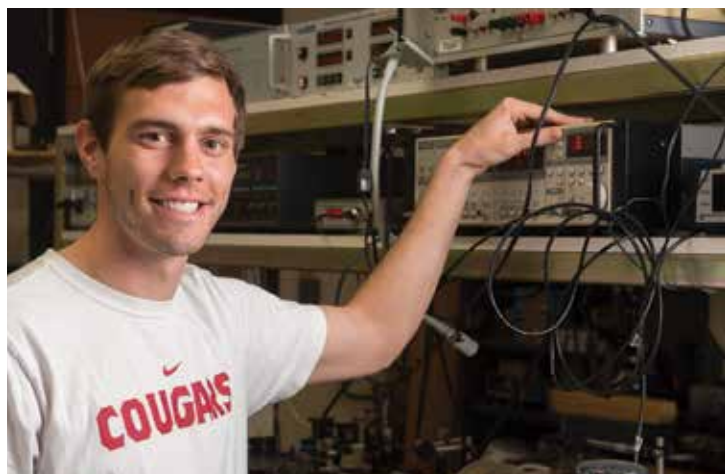


College of Arts and Sciences: International Travel Awards

Studying abroad lets students enhance their academic experience while exploring the world. By supporting this campaign, you will help more students benefit from a global, transformational educational experience. As more students study internationally, SIUE's international profile will increase, bringing more international partnerships and increasing international student enrollment.

Financial Goal: \$750,000

Contact: Craig Steiner, Director of Development, at crstein@siue.edu or (618) 650-5048



Graduate School: The Science and Engineering Research Challenge

The Science and Engineering Research Challenge hosts 300-400 student projects (grades 5-12) from a 10-county area. While working on these projects, students learn to apply the scientific method, which includes observing, inferring, measuring and collecting data, and forming conclusions to interpret interactions between experimental variables. Students become aware of the interdisciplinary nature of science and engineering as they apply not only reading and writing skills, but also mathematics and art to communicate their research findings. SIUE has hosted this regional competition since 1984. This competition provides important exposure for SIUE to regional parents and potential future students. The Challenge costs \$20,000 per year, and we are seeking to stabilize the program for the next five years.

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Kyle Moore, Director of Development, at kymoore@siue.edu or (618) 650-2714



Lovejoy Library: High School Writers' Contest Endowment

Each year, the High School Writers' Contest Endowment engages 30,000 high school juniors and seniors at 65 public and private high schools in 11 Southern Illinois counties. It challenges them to display their passion and showcase their skills. The four top writers are awarded \$500, \$300, \$100 or an honorable mention in three categories: fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Since 2008, this contest has served as an excellent recruiting tool for SIUE, as 34 percent of all winners have selected SIUE to continue their education.

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Kyle Moore, Director of Development, at kymoore@siue.edu or (618) 650-2714

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High-Impact Campaigns

The Gardens at SIUE: New Visitor Entrance

The Gardens at SIUE is creating a new visitor entrance, the next phase of its updated master plan. The improved entrance will include new parking for added convenience, a welcome garden, and a treetop bridge spanning the width of the Delyte Morris Bike Trail and connecting the new parking area to The Gardens. The treetop bridge will be the hallmark installation that sets the stage for an engaging entrance experience.

Financial Goal: \$125,000

Contact: James Pennekamp, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Regional Economic Development; Executive Director, University Park at SIUE Inc.; Director, The Gardens at SIUE, at jpennek@siue.edu or (618) 659-9300



Intercollegiate Athletics: Relocation of Tennis Courts and Creation of Indoor Tennis Center

Intercollegiate Athletics has identified the need to relocate the tennis courts and build an adjoining indoor facility for our tennis program. The facility will provide competitive playing surfaces for student-athletes and allow the University to be more competitive in its recruitment of tennis players. This new center, to be located in the athletic fields on the western-most portion of the campus with soccer, softball and baseball, will cost approximately \$1.2 million. We will initially seek \$500,000, with plans to name the center after former Coach Bob Meyers.

Financial Goal: \$500,000

Contact: Jason Coomer, Senior Associate Athletic Director, External Affairs at jcoomer@siue.edu or (618) 650-2841



Designing the Future

Jessica Eichhorst and her husband were living at Scott Air Force Base when she began taking classes at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). When she was ready to transfer to a four-year university, she chose SIUE. The University's affordable tuition and high-quality academic programs helped her decide among the many higher education options in the St. Louis area. Jessica was drawn to engineering because it provided an opportunity to use her creativity and offered strong career prospects after graduation.

Practical learning experiences are a cornerstone of the SIUE School of Engineering curriculum. Each year, student organizations and design teams dedicate hundreds of hours to service activities and collegiate competitions. Jessica took advantage of the opportunity to enhance her classroom learning and joined the American Society of Civil Engineers steel bridge team. Student team members are responsible for the conception, design, fabrication, erection and testing of a steel bridge. Structures are judged in a variety of categories, including construction economy, structural efficiency, lightness and stiffness. By her third year on the team, Jessica was team captain and actively recruiting students for various roles. "Being a part of this competition was a tremendous experience. We were challenged to provide a quality product on time and under budget," she said. "I learned about teamwork, leadership, scheduling, budgeting and time management."

Jessica's steel bridge team faced a challenge not uncommon to other student teams within the School of Engineering. "We had to work all the way over in the ERTC plant on the other side of campus," she said. "We had a limited amount of space and were only allowed to work when there was a student worker at the plant." While the team performed well, Jessica believes they could have done much better if they had the space and resources with which to work and practice. "We were a very dedicated team, and the design was finished on time, but competitors are judged on the speed of assembling the structure," she said. "We finished ninth in speed. It really came down to not having time to practice."



Jessica was hired by the engineering firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff in Indianapolis after graduating with a bachelor's in civil engineering in 2012. She is a water resources engineer and is responsible for preparing hydraulic reports for the Indiana Department of Transportation.

She is thrilled to learn of the plans for the Student Design Center at the School of Engineering. "We would have loved to have a space like that," she said. "The SIUE School of Engineering has developed a great reputation. The completion of the Student Design Center will enhance the competitive level of the student design teams and the School of Engineering in general."

"This enhanced reputation will lead to greater value for those of us with engineering degrees from SIUE. The Student Design Center is something I am interested in supporting, and I encourage my fellow alumni to get involved."

Support the High-Impact Campaign!

School of Engineering: Student Design Center

Financial Goal: \$2 million

Contact: Karen Wicks, Director of Development, at kwicks@siue.edu or (618) 650-5020

Supporting Student Success

A pastor's wife and mother of two from Brownstown, Ill., who is a few months away from completing her accelerated bachelor of science (ABS) in nursing at SIUE, **Gwen Lawson** understands the incredible impact a scholarship can have on one's ability to attend college.

Gwen earned a BA in psychology from McKendree University in 2006. "I had always wanted to go into nursing, but I was offered a full-ride to McKendree right out of high school." A former pole vaulter, she was offered a combination academic- and athletic-based scholarship.

"McKendree didn't offer nursing, but I couldn't pass up the opportunity," she said. "I had great experiences with my professors and internships, but I could never quite get nursing out of my mind." Gwen got married after college and moved to Kansas City while her husband was in seminary. They moved back to the Edwardsville area when her husband was offered a position with the First Baptist Church in Maryville. When he finished his master's, it was time for Gwen to realize her dream of being a nurse.

After completing prerequisites, she jumped in at SIUE. Gwen started the ABS program in August 2013. The accelerated program is designed for adults who have a bachelor's in another area of study and want to become a nurse. Students in the program don't take breaks like everyone else. "We just go through like our hair is on fire, and we earn a bachelor's in 15 months," she said. "The nursing program and faculty are amazing. It's different attending class as a non-traditional student. I'm working toward something that is going to provide a great life for my children."

A self-proclaimed adrenalin junky, Gwen would eventually like to be a flight nurse, working for ARCH Air Medical Services or a similar company. She said her heart really lies in the

emergency room, possibly the pediatric ER. "I like the high pace of life where you never know what's coming through the door at any point in time."

Right now, life for Gwen is hectic. She works weekend nights at

Memorial Hospital in Belleville, attends classes during the week, and still finds time to spend with her family and church community.

There is one area where some of the stress has been relieved. Gwen is the recipient of a \$1,000 Nursing Alumni Heritage Award. "I am very grateful to the alumni who provide the scholarship," she said. "I think every student in the program would benefit from this type of assistance."

"You know they say it takes a village to raise a child, and I think it takes a whole community to put a person through nursing school," Gwen said. "Part of the community that is helping me get through nursing school are the donors who provide scholarships."



Support the High-Impact Campaigns!

Student Scholarships

School of Dental Medicine

Financial Goal: \$100,000

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School of Nursing

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Patricia McDonald, Senior Director of Development, pmcdona@siue.edu or (618) 650-2304

School of Pharmacy

Financial Goal: \$100,000

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Seeing the World

Dr. Sorin Nastasia has a deep understanding of the value of study abroad, as well as the frustration associated with not having the opportunity. Nastasia, assistant professor of public relations in the College of Arts and Sciences at SIUE, grew up in Romania in Eastern Europe while the country was still in the grips of the communist regime. The regime kept the population in poverty and despair, trapped within the Romanian borders and isolated from the outside. “Many children learned foreign languages like English, French and German, although they did not get the chance to talk to native speakers until the overthrow of the regime,” Nastasia said.

As a counselor at the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Education of Romania, Sorin traveled throughout Europe, assisting with Romanian participation in cultural events, training programs and educational fairs. He came to the United States in 2003 as a PhD student in communication and public discourse at the University of North Dakota. “I was practically a study abroad student for my whole PhD experience in the United States,” he said. “I was very aware of my status as an international student.”

Sorin came to SIUE in 2009 and led his first study abroad trip in the Department of Applied Communication Studies (formerly known as Speech Communication) three years later. With support from an SIUE Excellence in Undergraduate Education grant, Sorin took a dozen SIUE students to Lyon, France, and Bucharest, Romania, where they had the chance to experience university settings and public relations firms. “I was attempting to offer students an understanding of international and strategic communication through exposure to two countries, one in Western Europe and one in Eastern Europe,” he said. “The idea was to help them gain a perspective on the similarities and differences among the various countries.”

Students made the following comments about their experience in Lyon and Bucharest:

- “I now see how important it is to be able to work with different cultures and within different cultures. In just three weeks, we gained cultural, practical and educational perspectives of public relations in Western and Eastern Europe. That is a remarkable feat!”
- “This study abroad trip provided a wealth of insight in transnational media. Without this course, I would not have as deep an appreciation for the cultures and the media landscapes in which we were immersed.”
- “I believe SIUE should require a study abroad experience for every student. There is nothing more beneficial to personal and professional growth.”



While the SIUE Office of International Programs is very helpful in putting together and administering the study abroad program, Sorin stresses that funding is necessary for getting the message out about study abroad programs and covering the costs associated with the travel, as well as funding the preparation of courses which are utilized in study abroad programs.

“In today’s interconnected, global society, students need exposure to international settings and experience in international issues in order to become successful, effective professionals and global citizens,” Sorin said.

Support the High-Impact Campaign!

College of Arts and Sciences: International Travel Awards

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Craig Steiner, Director of Development,
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Alumni Association Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of its members, the SIUE Alumni Association awards scholarships totaling nearly \$30,000 each year. The Association is proud to present the 2014 award recipients.

SIUE Alumni Legacy Scholarship

One incoming freshman and one current student are awarded a full-year tuition and fees scholarship.



Incoming Student

Josie Wright, Collinsville High School

In accepting the award, Josie wrote: "I want to thank the Alumni Association for this wonderful opportunity! I am so excited to be starting here in the fall. My brother recommended SIUE to me, because he loved it here so much. I am planning to major in psychology, and I wish to pursue a master's degree. Thanks to the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship, I have had the opportunity

to take a class this summer, so I can take courses for my major sooner. Thank you so much for this scholarship. I am so grateful."

Current Student

Mariah Huelsmann

Mariah, who also received the award as an incoming freshman, is entering her sophomore year at SIUE. She wrote: "Thank you so much for the scholarship. Last year, this scholarship was so helpful in allowing me to live on campus and really experience college life. I know that it will be just as helpful this year. Since tuition is paid for, I can really focus on my anthropology classes and how different cultures possibly interpret light. I will add that knowledge to my essay on light that I wrote for this scholarship. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, 'Nothing great has ever been achieved without enthusiasm.' Now the sun can shine on a new chapter of my college life. Thank you."

\$500 Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Karagan Taylor, Hillsboro High School

Jerra Brown, Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto

Courtney Clendenin, Belleville Township East High School

Madeline Fuehne, Belleville Township East High School

Katie Terziovski, Granite City High School



Janet (Stahlschmidt) Hohenstein and Helen (Stahlschmidt) King present their family scholarship to Jerra Brown and Katie Terziovski.

Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Scholarship

In honor of their parents, Dorothy and Raymond, the Stahlschmidt family established the Stahlschmidt Family Scholarship in 2009. The scholarship awards two \$1,500 scholarships each year to incoming SIUE students. The recipients of 2014 awards are:

Jerra Brown

Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto

Katie Terziovski

Granite City High School



SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors Scholarship

The \$1,000 Board of Directors scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. It was awarded for the first time in 2013.

Justine Hill, Gillespie High School

In accepting the award, Justine wrote: "Thank you for your generous financial support toward my higher education at SIUE. I will be majoring in nursing and pursuing both a bachelor's and master's. This scholarship has made it easier to achieve my dream of becoming a nurse. I am very honored to be getting this scholarship. With this scholarship I can set higher goals for my future and stay motivated without the financial strain. One day, I hope to assist students and make their dreams a reality the way you have mine."

SIUE Alumni Association Great Teacher Award 2014

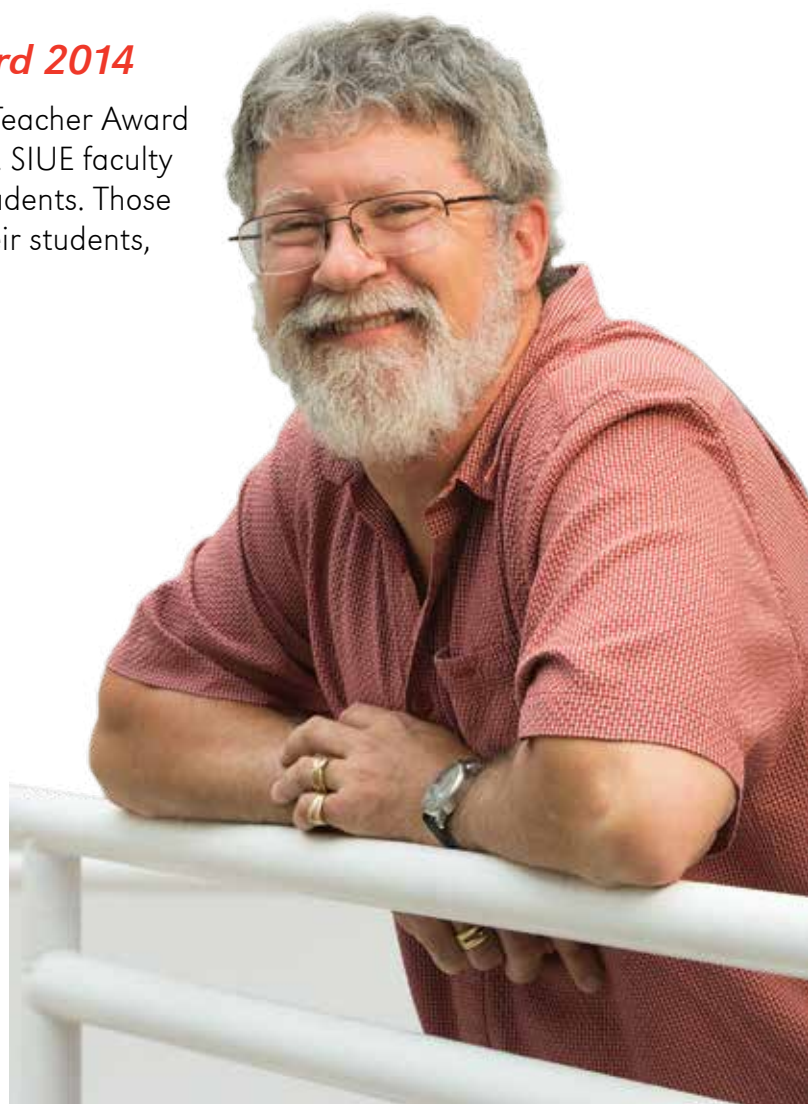
In 1970, the SIUE Alumni Association established the Great Teacher Award to recognize excellence in instruction and student interaction. SIUE faculty members are nominated by alumni, colleagues or current students. Those nominated have had a tremendous impact on the lives of their students, which carries on long past graduation.

Great Teacher Award recipients demonstrate:

- A commitment to excellence and originality in their teaching
- Superior knowledge of their subject matter
- Concern for students both inside and outside of the classroom

The SIUE Alumni Association is proud to announce the recipient of the Great Teacher Award for 2014 — Dr. Eric “Duff” Wrobbel, associate professor, Department of Applied Communication Studies. Duff joined the SIUE faculty in 1993 and teaches across most of the speech communication curriculum. In 2000, he received the SIUE Teaching Recognition Award and continues to have a tremendous impact on the lives of current and former students. He earned a bachelor's in communication and theater from Miami University Ohio, a master's from San Diego State University and a PhD from the University of Texas-Austin.

“When an alumna looks back on her college experience, there are always a few professors who stand out in her memory. Dr. Wrobbel would be one of those professors,” an alumni nominator wrote. “His passion for supporting students helped me decide to pursue a master's in communications, so I can teach in the future. Not only did Duff readily offer advice on everything from what to look for in a master's program, to the pros and cons of adjunct instruction versus professorships, he also allowed me to shadow him for a day as he prepared for and taught courses at SIUE. In both giving advice to me and instructing his students, Duff was straightforward, honest and eager to go above and beyond to be helpful, just as I remembered him from my undergraduate years.”



Duff will be presented the Great Teacher Award during the December 2014 commencement, during which he will serve as a commencement speaker. When Duff is not leading students, he serves as a local advocate in the Down syndrome community.

Did you know your family members pay in-state tuition ... no matter where they live?

If you are the parent, grandparent, sibling, step-parent or legal guardian of a soon-to-be freshman or transfer undergraduate student, your family member qualifies for in-state tuition!

The SIUE Legacy Student Enhancement Program provides a savings of nearly \$11,000 per year compared to previously published rates for out-of-state students. SIUE offers one of the lowest tuition and required fees of all four-year institutions in Illinois and is proud to provide an affordable tuition rate to help alumni legacies achieve their educational goals.

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Make a difference. Get involved. Give back.

Share your strengths and knowledge to benefit the University and SIUE students by getting involved in the Alumni Association. You'll be glad you did!



Before I introduce myself, I would like to salute our past president, SJ Morrison. SJ has been, and will continue to be, an incredible leader and representative for the Alumni of SIUE. SJ's dedication to our organization will be matched by no one, and I hope to continue his mission of making this association a strong and important part of the SIUE community. I consider SJ to be one of my mentors, and I am lucky for his continued guidance.

As for me, I am a 2008 construction management and 2013 MBA graduate who fell in love with SIUE on my very first visit. Being from Missouri, I had no idea that this amazing place was practically in my backyard and offered a high-quality education at a reasonable cost. I would not have considered visiting if not pushed by my high school math teacher, an SIUE alumnus. My story is proof of the pride our alumni have for this University and the impact that we all can have on future generations of SIUE students.

I am fortunate to represent the remarkable alumni of this University. I am continually amazed at the quality of graduates that SIUE produces, and I believe that we are all blessed to have received our education from this great place. I plan to continue to lead an organization that is focused on engaging and serving its alumni, students, and the University community. This will be achieved through social and networking programs produced by our engagement committee; additional service opportunities designed by our university advocacy and mentoring committees, and continued scholarship fundraising to be reserved for the family members of SIUE alumni.

The Alumni Association was established as a way for alumni to stay connected to the University, but also as a conduit for continued University support and service for alumni. It is our mission to support both the alumni and the University in a mutually beneficial relationship, and we will continue to focus our programs and events on this concept.

Kevin Nesselhauf,
BS Construction Management '08, MBA '13
Alumni Association Board of Directors President

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If you were a student worker or graduate assistant in the Library, or if you spent most of your days there, we would love to hear from you! Send us your stories of the good-old-days and the success life has brought you. Please email your information to Kyle Moore, Director of Development, kymoore@siue.edu.



Friends of Music at SIUE

Did you major or minor in music? Are you a music lover? Check out the Friends of Music (siuemusic.com) to see what is going on in the music department, read interviews with past and current students, and learn about events to raise funds for scholarships in the department.

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- Build lifelong relationships
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- Build stronger alumni and support your alma mater

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Questions? Contact Steve Jankowski: sjankow@siue.edu or 618-650-2346

Alumni Career Services

As SIUE alumni, you have access to a wide variety of career services and resources that can help you achieve your goals. Whether you are looking for a job, considering a career change or just in need of a little advice, we are here to help.

- Career counseling
- Resume development and critique
- Personal assessments (DWYA, Focus 2, Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Campbell Interest and Skill Survey, Self-directed Search)
- Job listings and search strategies
- Career fairs

- Interview preparation and mock interviews
- Career Resource Center research
- Mock networking
- Guest speakers and workshops
- Kaplan practice exams
- Graduate application and personal statement assistance

Some Career Development Center services require a nominal fee. A complete fee schedule is available online at siue.edu/cdc. Contact us to meet with one of our dedicated career counselors and get started.

Travel Opportunities

Annual Ski and Snowboard Trip

December 14-19

Copper Mountain, Colo.

SIUE Students: \$435

SIUE Alumni, Faculty, Staff and their immediate family members: \$465

Guests: \$495

- The package includes five nights lodging and four day lift tickets
- Ski lessons and equipment rental available for an additional cost
- Optional round-trip charter bus transportation from SIUE: \$185 per person

For more information or to register for the trip, contact the SIUE Student Fitness Center: 618-650-2348.

Visit siue.edu/crec for additional details.



Photographer's Tour of Prague, Vienna and Budapest

The response to the photographer's tour of Cuba was so overwhelming, we are offering another opportunity.

May 1-10, 2015

Enjoy

- Austrian wine and Czech beer
- The beauty of Budapest by night
- Artists and artistry on the Charles Bridge
- The opulent Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna
- The whimsy of Art Nouveau architecture
- Dark coffee and flaky pastries in bohemian cafes

Premium Members: \$3,800

Basic Members: \$4,000

General Public: \$4,100

Be watching siue.edu/alumni for more details and registration.



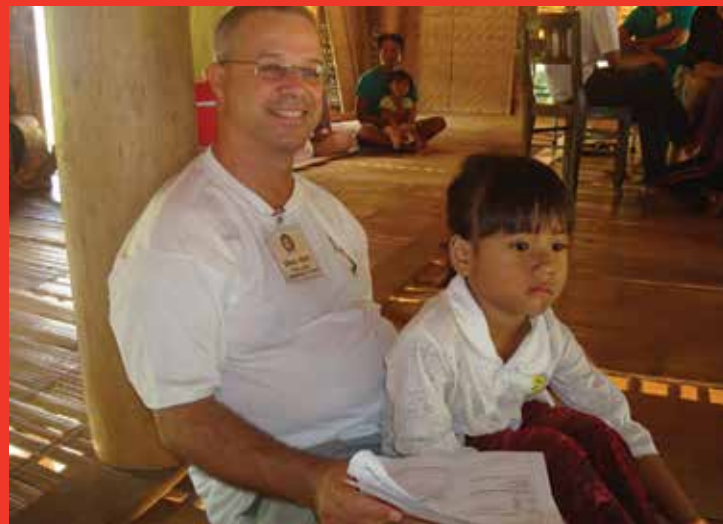
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Join us for a great weekend of activities in Tampa, Fla.

May 1-3, 2015

Be watching for details



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—Chuck Ward, BA Business Administration '75,
Executive Director, Vets With A Mission

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May 14-June 6, 2015

Hoi Chi Minh City/Saigon-Da Nang-Hue-Hanoi-Ha Long Bay

A unique travel and humanitarian service opportunity during the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War (1965-2015).

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Upcoming Events

Grafton Winery Alumni Gathering

Sunday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m.

Come enjoy a glass of wine on us! We'll be on the covered patio.

Alumni Speaker Series: LinkedIn 101

Thursday, Oct. 23, 6 p.m.

Alumni Hall, Room 1203, SIUE campus

Learn the basics of LinkedIn, and find out how social media can assist you in your job search, how to present yourself online, and more.

An Evening with Alumni Artists

Muralist Gonz Jove '78

Chef Karol Hatton '98

Guitarist Rick Haydon '82, '87

Thursday, Nov. 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Crystal Garden Banquet and Event Center, Edwardsville

Enjoy dinner, host bar and exclusive performances by our featured alumni.

For a full listing of upcoming alumni events, visit siue.edu/alumni





Friday, Oct. 3

SIUE English Education Alumni Reunion

4-7 p.m.

Global Brew, Edwardsville

Alumni Hall of Fame Cocktail Reception and Awards Banquet

6:30-9:30 p.m.

Morris University Center
Invitation Only

Turn the page to
read about this
year's inductees

SIUE Women's Soccer vs. Murray State

7 p.m.

Korte Stadium

Saturday, Oct. 4

Step Out! Walk to Stop Diabetes

8:30-11:30 a.m.

On the SIUE campus

Join the SIUE Alumni Association's team! Corey Wenzel, BSA '02, MBA '03, is serving as the corporate recruitment chair for 2014 Step Out: Metro East.

Visit siue.edu/alumni to register 

SIUE Volleyball vs. Tennessee State

1 p.m.

Vadalabene Center

Community Engagement and Scholarship: A Dialogue between Faculty and Alumni

1-3 p.m.

Birger Hall

SIUE Men's Soccer vs. Bradley

7 p.m.

Korte Stadium

Coronation will be held during halftime

SIUE Alumni Hospitality Tent and Tailgate

4 p.m.

South end of Korte Stadium

Join us during the second half of the men's soccer game for food, drinks and fun!

12th Annual Chili Cook-off

6 p.m.

South end of Korte Stadium

Sunday, Oct. 5

SIUE Women's Soccer vs. Tennessee Martin

1 p.m.

Korte Stadium

You'll find a complete schedule online:

siue.edu/homecoming 

Past Events: Summer 2014

Happy Hours

Alumni and friends gathered several times throughout the summer at various locations in Illinois and the St. Louis area to enjoy after-work socializing and fun. We shared stories, made professional connections and bonded with new friends.

On July 23, a special alumni happy hour was held in conjunction with SIU Carbondale. Cougars and Salukis were given a unique opportunity to meet new SIU President Dr. Randy Dunn, as well as the SIU Board of Trustees, at an intimate gathering in Springfield, Ill. Guests met at the top of the Hilton in downtown Springfield to enjoy conversation and a breathtaking view of the Illinois State Capitol.

Dr. Dunn, pictured at far right, welcomes alumni to the happy hour.



Alumni Hall of Fame

The SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame was created in 2008 to recognize many of the outstanding graduates produced by our University. Honorees represent a prestigious group of alumni who reflect great credit and honor upon our University by:

- Establishing an outstanding professional career
- Making significant contributions to their chosen field
- Demonstrating civic awareness and concern for their community
- Establishing a distinguished reputation at either the local, state, national or international level

Each year, an inductee is selected from each college or school, with a plaque in their honor placed in an area established to serve as an inspiration for current SIUE students. We are proud to present the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2014.



School of Business



John Oeltjen,
BS Business Administration/General
Accounting '75

John is highly respected with a professional career that spans 30 years. He currently serves as a shareholder and director of Risk Advisory Services with Mueller Prost PC in St. Louis. John is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Missouri Society of CPAs. He is an active participant in numerous professional, civic and charitable organizations, including the SIUE Foundation, having served as board president and chair of the audit committee. He completed the executive management programs at Stanford University and Washington University in St. Louis.

College of Arts and Sciences



Congressman William Enyart,
BA Mass Communications/
Government '74

Congressman Enyart earned a Juris Doctor from SIU Carbondale in 1979. He is a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S.

Air Force and a member of the Illinois National Guard. In 2000, Bill earned a master's in strategic studies from the United States Army War College in Pennsylvania. He was named the adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard and oversaw the largest overseas deployment of Illinois National Guard troops since World War II. After retiring in 2012, Bill ran a successful campaign for the Illinois 12th Congressional District Seat.

College of Arts and Sciences



Deborah Slagle,
BS Biology '89

Deborah joined Sigma Aldrich as an analytical laboratory technician prior to graduating from SIUE. During the next 25 years, she moved up the ranks of the corporation, serving in roles ranging from technical recruiter, director of process improvement, director of operations and new product transfer. She is currently vice president of North American Operations. Deborah has opened the door at Sigma Aldrich for SIUE students seeking internships and full-time positions. Deborah earned an MBA from Washington University in 2013.

School of Dental Medicine



**Luanne McClean,
DMD '80**

Dr. McClean maintains a private dental practice in Quincy, Ill. She is an active participant in all levels of organized dentistry. She is currently the immediate past president of the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS), president of the T.L. Gilmer Dental Society, and a delegate and an alternate to the ISDS House of Delegates. Luanne is also the past president of the American Academy of General Dentistry and the Illinois Academy of General Dentistry, a fellow in the International Academy of Dentists, and an alternate delegate to the Academy's House of Delegates.

School of Education, Health and Human Behavior



**Mary Kay Armour,
EdD Instructional Process '87,
MEd Elementary Education '75**

Dr. Armour's career spans teaching elementary school in Illinois to adjunct professor teaching law enforcement topics at Johns Hopkins University and University of Maryland. She currently serves as a supervisory instructional system specialist in the Academic Process Branch with the Department of Homeland Security — U.S. Secret Service.

School of Engineering



**Vicki LaRose,
PE, BS Civil Engineering '90**

Vicki began her professional career as a project manager with Sverdrup Corporation in St. Louis (now Jacobs Engineering). In 1996, she founded Civil Design Inc., which provides responsive, quality-driven civil engineering services. She currently serves as the company's president. A registered professional engineer in Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky, she serves the SIUE School of Engineering through her role on the School's Advisory Council. Vicki earned a master's in engineering management from the Missouri School of Science and Technology (formerly University of Missouri-Rolla).

School of Nursing



**Barbara Wagner,
BSN '66**

Barb was a member of the SIUE School of Nursing's first graduating class. She devoted her career to providing outstanding health care to the residents of the Red Bud, Ill., area. Barb served as vice president of patient care services at St. Clement Health Service and Red Bud Regional Hospital. She was named the chief nurse officer at Red Bud Regional Hospital, a position she held until her retirement. She has been a dedicated supporter of the SIUE School of Nursing, serving as a long standing member of the School's Advisory Council. She currently serves as secretary of the Council.

School of Pharmacy

The School of Pharmacy will induct its first member in 2019 on the 10th anniversary of its first graduating class.

Graduate School

The Graduate School will welcome its first inductee in 2015.

Global Awareness Week

Each year, SIUE students, faculty and staff celebrate Global Awareness Week in March. A variety of speaker and panel presentations, performances and events aim to celebrate diversity and multiculturalism, while also inspiring dialogue and informing the University community about international issues. Various organizations with a strong international component, including the United Nations, the U.S. Department of State, the International Trade Administration, Monsanto Corporation, the Peace Corps and SIUE faculty who have received Fulbright awards participate in events. **Highlights of the week are the Cougar World Games and the Great Disability Challenge.** A special event designed to promote diversity, understanding and acceptance between groups, the Cougar World Games features recreational activities offered across the globe. The Great Disability Challenge includes sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, cane travel and a hearing simulation.



SIUE Gains NASAD National Accreditation

The National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) has accredited SIUE. Accreditation is achieved through both self-study and peer review processes. The comprehensive evaluation process began in 2011. The next comprehensive review is scheduled during the 2021-22 academic year. NASAD has certified the following undergraduate degree programs in SIUE's Department of Art and Design: art history, studio art, art education, and art and design. NASAD certified the following graduate programs in SIUE's Department of Art and Design: art therapy counseling and studio art.



SIUE Head Start Receives Federal Funding

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start has awarded a cluster of grants worth \$11,621,178 annually to the SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start Program. The five-year funding is known as "Birth to Five" programs, named for the ages of the children who will receive services through SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start. "One of the SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start Program's primary goals is for happy, healthy children to achieve academic success, not only in kindergarten, but also throughout their academic careers," said Program Director G. Lynnie Bailey. "Through the Birth to Five program, the SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start Program will positively impact the lives of more than 7,500 children and their families in East St. Louis and throughout St. Clair County during the course of the next five years." The SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start Program provides instructional services to children and families, as well as health and nutritional supports. The program also offers services to expectant families. The program actively participates in Illinois Race to the Top collaborative work, spearheaded by Children's Home and Aid.

School of Business Students Win Third Straight ACG Cup Competition

School of Business graduate students won the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Interuniversity Cup for the third-consecutive year. Washington University in St. Louis Olin School of Business and the University of Missouri-St. Louis placed second and third, respectively. The ACG Cup is a case study competition organized to provide business students with experience in mergers and acquisitions, investment banking, financial advisory and private equity experience, as well as valuable real-world insights. Team member Mark Webster, a master's student in economics and finance from O'Fallon, Ill., said the win is a reflection of the quality of the education offered at SIUE. "It is a very humbling feeling to win against such prestigious business programs in our geographic region. This accomplishment shows the depth and weight of the SIUE School of Business," said Webster. "This win solidifies my belief that one does not need to pay a fortune to receive a great education."

Alum Named to 30-Under-30 List

Elizabeth Sheley, BS Business Administration '05, is among the St. Louis Business Journal's 30-Under-30 honorees for 2014. The awards recognize the future leaders of the region. Sheley began her career in the financial services industry working for Wells Fargo. In 2007, she joined Morgan Stanley as a financial advisor. She was among just 10 percent of wealth managers in the St. Louis area to be chosen as FIVE STAR wealth managers in St. Louis Magazine in 2012 and 2013. She was also a recipient of the NABCAP Top St. Louis Wealth Managers award featured in the St. Louis Business Journal in 2011. "SIUE gave me a strong foundation to pursue my business goals," Sheley said. "The professors at SIUE, particularly in the School of Business, were just amazing – extremely passionate about the courses they were teaching. They taught me not what to think, but how to think, and provided me with transferrable skills, leadership, and the foundational knowledge that has applied to so many phases of my personal and professional life."

Support the High-Impact Campaign!

School of Business: Business Transitions Curriculum

Financial Goal: \$250,000

Contact: Sara Colvin, Director of Development, at scolvin@siue.edu or (618) 650-2317

East St. Louis Charter School Alumna Earns Doctorate in Chemistry

Chasity Bre'Shay Love-Nkansah, an East St. Louis Charter High School (CHS) alumna, recently earned a doctorate in chemistry from Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind. Her research focused on using analytical chemistry to characterize and detect small biological compounds, while also developing mass spectrometry methods to improve ion sensitivity. Love-Nkansah graduated as valedictorian from CHS in 2005. The mission of the SIUE East St. Louis Charter High School is to prepare students who are career and college-ready upon graduation.

Support the High-Impact Campaign!

School of Education, Health and Human Behavior: SIUE East St. Louis Charter High School

Financial Goal: \$200,000

Contact: Beth Weeks at bweeks@siue.edu or (618) 650-3353

SIUE Campus LGBT Approval Rating Continues to Rise

When it comes to the overall institutional campus climate score for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) community, SIUE made the honor roll. SIUE's LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index rose to 4.5 out of 5 stars. The University was ranked with more than 400 campuses across the country, using the LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index. The Index is a "national assessment tool for assisting campuses in improving the environment for people on campus who are LGBT and ultimately shapes the educational experience to be more inclusive, welcoming and respectful of LGBT and Ally people." SIUE submitted information to the national assessment tool in 2012. The University's overall score was 3 out of 5 stars in 2012 and 4 out of 5 stars in 2013. "Due to your overall rating of 4.5 stars, it is evident that your campus has already made a significant commitment to LGBT and Ally people on campus," according to the written report. "It is recommended that you focus on the remaining areas of improvement highlighted by the assessment tool. Use this report as a way to honor your achievements and to further examine what you can do for positive LGBT change over the next year."



School of Education Announces Name Change

The School of Education officially changed its name to the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior. The name change was effective Tuesday, July 1. The new name more accurately reflects the breadth of the School's academic program offerings. The School offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as licensure programs in:

- College student personnel administration
- Curriculum and instruction
- Early childhood education
- Elementary education
- Educational administration
- Instructional technology
- Kinesiology and health education
- Learning, culture and society
- Psychology
- Secondary education
- Special education and communication disorders

In Fall 2013, there were nearly 2,000 enrolled in the School, and 74 percent of the School's undergraduate student body were majoring in health- and human behavioral-related areas.



"This change is a long overdue acknowledgement of several popular and fast-growing programs in our School such as psychology, speech-language pathology, exercise science and community health,"

—Interim Dean Curt Lox, PhD

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Albert Luo Receives 2014 Distinguished Research Professor Award



Dr. Albert Chao-Jun Luo, professor in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering in the School of Engineering, recently was named the 2014 recipient of the Distinguished Research Professor Award. The award is an academic rank rewarding faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding and sustained

contributions to research and creative activities. Luo achieved international recognition in the field of nonlinear dynamics with his theory of flow barrier vector fields. His colleagues credited him with developing methods of calculating chaotic motion, as well as pioneering theories of dynamic physical changes that were previously unexplained. In his own production, Luo's work in nonlinear dynamics has been published approximately 125 times in refereed journals. He also published 12 research monographs and more than 30 pieces in proceedings, special issues, chapters and edited books. External sponsors such as the National Science Foundation and local industrial partner Amsted Rail have funded his work.

SIUE Professor Emeritus Millett Receives 2014 Perry Award



The Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University annually selects individuals and/or institutions to receive the William J. Perry Award for Excellence in Security and Defense Education. The 2014 individual recipient is Dr. Richard Millett, an SIUE professor emeritus of history. The award recognizes significant contributions in the fields

of security and defense education that reflect the Center's mission: conducting educational activities for civilians and the military in the Western Hemisphere to build capacity and to foster trust, mutual understanding and regional cooperation. Millett is vice president of both the American Committees on Foreign Relations and the St. Louis Committee on Foreign Relations. He was a Senior Fellow at the North-South Center and former Oppenheimer Chair of Modern Warfighting Strategy at the U.S. Marine Corps University. Millett taught at SIUE from 1966 through 1999. He has published more than one hundred items, including *Searching for Stability* (2010), co-editor of *Latin American Democracy* (2012), *Columbia's Conflicts: The Spillover Effects of a Wider War* (2002), *Beyond Praetorianism: The Latin American Military in Transition* (1996) and *Searching for Panama* (1993).

Prospective Students Learn About SIUE at Summer Preview

Approximately 190 students and 350 of their guests attended SIUE's first Summer Preview in July. "I learned how friendly and straightforward some of the professors are," said Timothy Noble of Chicago. The senior at St. Patrick High School came to SIUE with his parents, James and Patricia Noble. "I also got to tour the new Science Building. It was pretty awesome. Just knowing that I can be exposed to all the new technology makes me want to come here." Noble said he still has several colleges on his list, but SIUE definitely made a good impression.

"SIUE offers a quality education at an affordable price," said Ryan Downey, assistant director of admissions. "We felt it was time to offer Summer Preview SIUE." The decision was partly made because last year, the University had an increase in student visits during the summer, and because more students expect college campuses to offer such a program, Downey said. "Rising seniors" or students who will be seniors next year enjoyed a daylong program that included:

- All academic units providing sessions that explained their programs, degrees and more
- A general session, "SIUE Essentials," that featured representatives from the Offices of Admissions, Student Financial Aid and University Housing
- Two separate student panels, consisting of current students, who answered any questions pertaining to SIUE
- Information booths, representing all colleges, schools and departments at the University

"The campus is just beautiful, and I'm impressed with the safety record," said Patricia Noble, mother of Timothy. "We live in the city (of Chicago), and we appreciate that students can concentrate more on their studies. I was also impressed with the diversity I see here on campus. I see people from all types of communities and points of view, and I think that's great."

Botball Tournament Showcases Creative Young Minds

Middle and high school students engaged their minds and their robots when SIUE hosted its annual Botball tournament in April. This was the 17th Botball season and the 12th year SIUE hosted the region's tournament. The event, coordinated through the KISS Institute for Practical Robotics, pits teams against one another in two-minute rounds. A team's student-created robot must demonstrate its ability to perform a number of tasks worth varying points. The regional competition is open to the public and typically draws approximately 200 spectators with teams from Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Arkansas.

"Jerry Weinberg (associate provost for research, dean of the Graduate School and professor of computer science) originally started the regional tournament," said Gary Mayer, assistant professor of computer science in SIUE's School of Engineering. "The goal is to use hands-on robotics programs in order to communicate the excitement, knowledge and practical understanding of technology, engineering and math."



Support the High-Impact Campaign!

Graduate School: The Science and Engineering Research Challenge

Financial Goal: \$100,000

Contact: Kyle Moore, Director of Development, at kymoore@siue.edu or (618) 650-2714



Cougar Athletics



Academic Success

SIUE student-athletes reached another milestone — 16 consecutive semesters (that's eight years!) with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) better than 3.0. "The academic support staff makes sure each student-athlete stays on track, not only during the semester but also as they progress toward their degree," said SIUE Director of Athletics Dr. Brad Hewitt. "We have an outstanding study space for our student-athletes in the Vadalabene Center, which gives them the resources needed to aid in their education."

A look at the 2014 spring semester

- 66.7% earned 3.0 or above GPA
- 29% earned a spot on the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.5 or above
- Women's golf team had the highest GPA (3.79) for the 4th consecutive year

Molly Marcum



2013-14 Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Cup

1. Eastern Kentucky (115 points) Commissioner's Cup Champion
2. Eastern Illinois (111.75 points)
3. Southeast Missouri State (107.5 points)
4. Jacksonville State (106 points)
5. Belmont (102.5 points)
6. SIUE (95 points) our highest finish

Points are assigned to team finishes in OVC sports

"We don't mirror the traditional OVC school, because we do not have football, and men's soccer and wrestling are part of other conferences. That makes this a difficult benchmark for us. Finishing in the upper half means we are having our successes in the right places."



—SIUE Director of Athletics
Brad Hewitt, PhD

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In just its second year of full NCAA Division I status, all SIUE athletics teams qualified for a postseason championship.

Athletics Success

From cross country in the fall through baseball in the spring, the 2013-14 year was filled with success for Cougar athletics. The highlight of the year came when the SIUE softball team became the first team to win an Ohio Valley Conference championship, earning a bid to the NCAA Division I Softball Championship.

Support the High-Impact Campaign!

Intercollegiate Athletics: Relocation of Tennis Courts and Creation of Indoor Tennis Center

Financial Goal: \$500,000

Contact: Jason Coomer, Senior Associate Athletic Director, External Affairs at jcoomer@siue.edu or (618) 650-2841 or visit: siue.edu/give



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Postseason Results

- **Softball:** Won the OVC championship
- **Volleyball:** Began as the No. 7 seed for the OVC championship and collected a pair of upsets en route to a spot in the championship finals
- **Men's Soccer:** Advanced to the semifinals of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament
- **Women's Soccer:** Advanced to the OVC semifinals for the second consecutive year
- **Men's Cross Country:** Placed sixth in the OVC championship
- **Women's Cross Country:** Placed eighth in the OVC championship
- **Men's Indoor Track and Field:** Placed fourth in the OVC championship
- **Women's Indoor Track and Field:** Placed fifth in the OVC championship
- **Men's Basketball:** Advanced to the OVC championship for the first time
- **Women's Basketball:** Advanced to the OVC championship for the second consecutive year
- **Men's Tennis:** Made its' first appearance in the OVC championship
- **Women's Tennis:** Made its' first appearance in the OVC championship
- **Men's Golf:** Placed sixth at the OVC championship
- **Women's Golf:** Placed eighth at the OVC championship
- **Men's Outdoor Track and Field:** Placed third in the OVC championship held at SIUE
- **Women's Outdoor Track and Field:** Placed sixth in the OVC championship held at SIUE
- **Baseball:** Made their first appearance in the OVC championship with the fourth best conference record during the regular season
- **Wrestling:** Placed sixth overall in the Southern Conference championships and advanced its first wrestler through to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships since moving to Division I

Meet Dr. Parviz Ansari

Dr. Parviz Ansari assumed the role of provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at SIUE on July 1. Ansari had been serving as dean of the College of Science and Mathematics and founding dean of the School of Biomedical Sciences at Rowan University in southern New Jersey.

This professor of physics and native of Iran readily admits he knew very little about Illinois, let alone SIUE, before he discovered our University and applied for the position he now holds. But it is clear he knows a great deal about leadership, following your passion and making a difference in people's lives, especially the lives of the students served by SIUE. He insisted we refer to him as Parviz.



econnection: Parviz, what led to your fascination with physics and the desire to study the subject to the extent you have?

Parviz: From the time I was very small, I was fascinated by the stars. I started collecting articles about space and what NASA was doing. As I learned more about those dots in space, I discovered the way to understand more was through physics. I applied to and attended Pahlavi University. It was one of the best universities in the country in so many areas, including science. I learned about the beauty of space and how it works, and I was hooked.

One of my professors showed me the side of physics that had nothing to do with the vastness of space, but dealt with atomic space. I went from the macro level to the micro level and realized that nature is intriguing at all levels. Once I got through learning about the intricacies of how it all works, I figured it was my future to study physics.

econnection: What brought you to the United States?

Parviz: I was being interviewed by a number of high-profile physicists, including Nobel Laureates, who wanted to recruit students for PhD programs in the United States. I happened to be one of the lucky ones selected, so I came here in 1976 to study physics. I was invited to go to Tufts University, where I earned a master's in 1976 and a PhD in 1983. It was a great opportunity for me, because I came here as a 21-year-old kid with a suitcase and a lot of hope. Unfortunately, along the way, we had the revolution in Iran which changed some of my plans.

econnection: Had you planned on returning to Iran after earning your PhD?

Parviz: Ordinarily, when a foreign student graduates from a university in the United States, that student would go back home, in order to give back to their society. That was my plan. I was planning on becoming a university professor and researcher in Iran. The revolution made me, along with everyone else that I knew from Iran, revisit their plans. It was a no-brainer to stay here.

The United States gave me all kinds of opportunities, and allowed me to grow and become the person I am today. I am very grateful for that. I became a U.S. citizen and found a pathway for myself and my family. This is a message I like to deliver; realistically, the United States is the land of opportunity, and you should take advantage of the opportunities the best you can.

econnection: Describe the experiences you've had which have prepared you for the position you now hold.

Parviz: I find myself diving into things that I have a passion for or a love affair with. I found physics a good starting point for me. I learned so much about myself; the way I handle things, the way I look at concepts and ideas. As I say with students and life, we need to open ourselves to learning more about what goes on and be sensitive to other people and their needs. We need to be able to make good decisions for better outcomes down the road.

Early on in my career as a faculty member, I learned so much about discipline, my students and my colleagues. I also saw myself interested in other people and what goes on beyond my circle. I became chair of the physics department, and that paved the way for me to gain a good understanding of the skills I have in management and leadership; management is about doing business, and leadership is about having a vision for the future and being able to realize goals. I developed a sense for both. In 2005, I was named an American Council of Education Fellow.

During that year at George Washington University, I learned what fuels my passion and how things work at every level of higher education. From Seton Hall, I went to Rowan University and, in five years there, I experienced a great deal and grew in confidence.

econnection: What about the position at SIUE enticed you?

Parviz: I wanted to make a difference in my next job, and for that reason, I was very selective. There are so many provost positions out there, but you have to find one that speaks to your heart. What spoke to my heart about SIUE was the initial advertisement. As I read the ad more carefully, I noticed there were certain elements that spoke to my skills and what I could bring to the University. I extensively studied SIUE. I wanted to learn more about its leadership and its future.

It was clear Edwardsville has been able to grow substantially within the past decade. That sends a message about the people who are making that possible. It tells you about the people who are devoting their time, their lives and their future to making this a better place. This is why I absolutely wanted to come here.

econnection: How would you describe your philosophy about education?

Parviz: My strongest view, and I have a lot of passion for this, is that we are all here for the students. The reason higher education exists is to mold and shape the minds of the citizens of the future. In that regard, I see myself as someone who will work closely with the campus community and beyond. I also want to communicate that none of these things can be done single-handedly. We require strong teams with people who are devoted to the cause and good outcomes.

I'm a facilitator, and I want to make sure that we are able to create outcomes that are here long after we are out of these offices; outcomes that make us very proud of what we've accomplished. For me, the fulfillment of one's life is to make sure that you devote your life for passion and for seeing improvement in others.

econnection: How does your passion apply to SIUE alumni?

Parviz: Students come here and graduate, but they are still a part of us. We should recognize their importance as part of our family. I would love to get to know our alumni, and see what they would like to see happen. I'd also like to learn what thoughts, ideas and plans they have. Each can bring their strength to the University for our students.

SIUE Love Connection

Jim and Anne (Richardson) Campbell met in March 1967, when the SIUE campus was still very new. "We used to stand on the top floor of the then General Classroom Building and watch the construction on the Student Union Building," said Anne.

After getting married in December 1967, they both graduated from SIUE with degrees in sociology. Anne went on to earn a master's in public health, and Jim earned a PhD, both from the University of Missouri Columbia, where they have lived since 1975. Jim is a professor in the University of Missouri School of Medicine, and Anne recently retired after spending 35 years as a renal patient educator.

The couple shared an article that Jim wrote for *Reminisce* Magazine in 2009. "The magazine that brings back the good times," *Reminisce* is a nostalgia magazine featuring heart-felt stories about the 1930s, '40s, '50s, '60s and early '70s written and submitted by readers.

How I Met My Spouse

In March of 1967, I was a student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. I decided to transfer to the Edwardsville campus for spring quarter, so I could be near my family. I wanted to be able to race cars and motorcycles with my brother.

I signed up for a statistics class. During the first day of that class, I sat next to a young lady. I practically tripped over a desk trying to get out of class so I could walk with her to the parking lot. I quickly found out that this was also her first day at SIUE. She had transferred in from Seattle so she could help out at home where several family members had been ill.

I was amazed to meet someone else who had not only transferred into a university in March (which was unusual enough), but who also deliberately signed up for statistics. We were both new transfer students, and not knowing anyone else, sat right next to each other.

We became good friends that spring quarter and discussed every topic imaginable out in Parking Lot 7, never dreaming we would be more than just friends. The funny thing was, we constantly talked about why we weren't going to get married right then. We each had plans to go to graduate school and travel abroad before settling down.

Well, wouldn't you know it, by July 1, I asked that girl to marry me. Anne and I married in December 1967. We ended up doing all the things we had planned to do separately, but



Jim, BA Sociology '68, MA Sociology '70, and Anne, BA Sociology '69, (Richardson) Campbell met at SIUE in 1967. Both transfer students, they met in statistics class.

we were able to do them together, even including camping in Europe and graduate school.

Unbeknownst to me at that time, I carried a hereditary kidney disease that caused my kidneys to fail in 1973. Anne was my assistant for home dialysis in the early '70s. She helped me through the next nearly 29 years with a kidney transplant from a deceased donor, with each of us working full time. In my wildest imagination, I would never have dreamed that on that spring day in 1967, I would sit down next to a lady who not only has been my wonderful wife for more than 41 years, but was also the person who donated her kidney to me for my second transplant in June 2003!

That is how I amazingly met my spouse, the girl who would someday save my life and whose kidney and life I still happily and thankfully share.

"We don't get to Edwardsville much, but we follow with interest and affection everything that SIUE is involved with, and we share the joy for how it has grown and prospered over the years, affecting many more lives than our own."

—Jim and Anne (Richardson) Campbell



From Where I Sit

As the Executive Director of the SIUE Alumni Association it is my job to ensure a lasting relationship exists between our University and each of you. That means creating and maintaining clear channels of communication, partnerships, and opportunities for service and advocacy. That involves maintaining a two-way street which ultimately benefits each of us, through the recruitment and support of outstanding students, the enhancement of the value of our degrees and the future stability of this institution. You have read a great deal in this issue about the High Impact Campaign initiatives which target critical areas of need across this campus. I hope each of you will consider where your passion lies and how that passion can be expressed through participation in one or several of these initiatives. SIUE helped to ensure a better future for each of us. Please consider ensuring SIUE and students to come have a better future thanks to you.

Cougars for Life!

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



From the Alumni Association Board of Directors President

Class Notes

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



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

1960s



James Broadway (BA Professional Writing '69, MS Mass Comm '78) received the 2014 Friend of Education Award from the Illinois Education Association.

1970s

Peter Maer (BA Mass Comm '70), CBS News White House Correspondent, was the recipient of his fifth Merriman Smith Award for Presidential Coverage Under Deadline Pressure for his coverage of President Obama's visit to Virginia during the 2013 budget debate. The President congratulated Maer at the 2014 White House Correspondents' Association Dinner.

Richard Goodwin deceased in 2011, was inducted into the Alton High School Wall of Fame in recognition of his many accolades in the education field, as well as his efforts to protect the rights of the disabled. His wife, Jan Goodwin, accepted the award on his behalf.

Tom Caffey (BA Sociology '75) was one of eight recipients of the Alton School District's Distinguished Alumni Award at a ceremony held at the Alton High School Commons.

Richard Bragga (BA Mass Comm/TV-Radio '77, MS Mass Comm '82) received the 2014 National Alumnus of the Year Award at the National Eagle Scout Association's Americanism breakfast.



Walter Hunter (BA Sociology/Special/SIP '77) is serving as United Way's 2014 community investment chair. He is the department administrator for the Madison County Development department, where he has worked for almost 30 years.

1980s

John Bracamontes (BS Biological Sciences '82) has been named vice president of digital strategy for Evolve Digital Labs, in Maplewood, Mo.

Frank Miles (BS Government '83, MPA '88) was named manager of Madison County Community Development in July 2014.

Mark Von Nida (BA Government '85), Madison County Circuit Clerk, was presented with the Liberty Bell Award at an honorary dinner sponsored by the Madison County Bar Association. The Liberty Bell is awarded to a non-lawyer who promotes a better understanding of the rule of law, encourages respect for law enforcement, and stimulates a sense of civic responsibility.

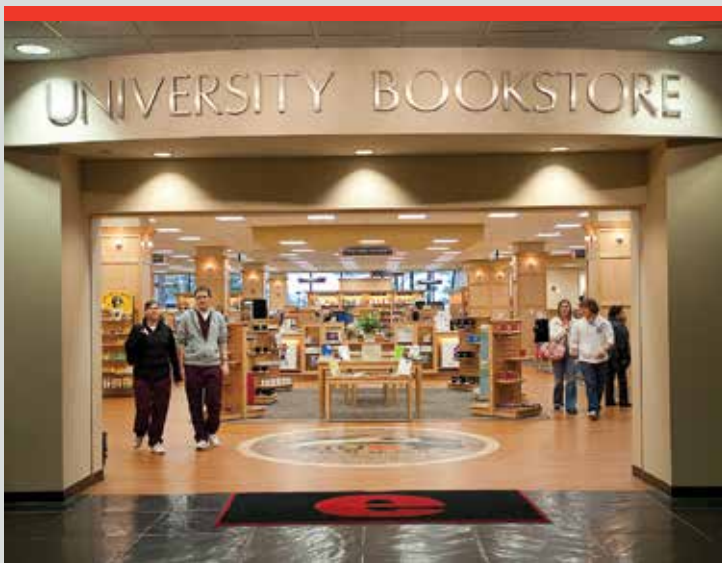


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Charles "Chuck" Tosovsky Obituary

SIUE has lost a dear friend and benefactor. Charles J. "Chuck" Tosovsky passed away Saturday, July 12, 2014, at the age of 83. Chuck was the chair of the board of Home Nursery Inc. and a past president of the SIUE Foundation. His passion for giving back to his community was remarkable. Chuck

was an instrumental force in the development and growth of The Gardens at SIUE. His family's connection with SIUE is a deep one. His parents were among the first property owners impacted by the development of the Edwardsville campus and gave their land so this institution could become reality. Chuck has been described as a true gentleman who dedicated his life to making his community a much richer place in which to live. We extend our sympathies to Chuck's family, as well as our thanks for a life well lived.

1990s



Thomas

Reggie Thomas (MS Music/Music Education '92), past professor of jazz studies and director of black studies at SIUE, has accepted the position of coordinator of Northern Illinois University School of Music's internationally renowned jazz studies program.

Debra Mize (BS Sociology '93) was one of four women honored as TOCO's Making a Difference: Women of the Year in March 2014.

Doug Koch (MS Chemistry '95) has accepted a position as packaging manager for Brake Parts Inc.

Nancy Friederich (BFA Art and Design '96) was one of four women honored as TOCO's Making a Difference: Women of the Year in March 2014

Danielle Niebrugge (BS Sociology/Business Administration '96) has joined First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust (First Mid) as senior VP, director of human resources.

2000s

Kim Vrooman (MA English/Teaching of Writing '02), executive director of The Tapestry of Community Offerings, a local non-profit organization that assists single parents with education through raising funds for college scholarships, held the 10th annual Herstory Weekend March 21-22. This family-oriented event featured music, dance, film, art and food via women artists and women of work.

Shaun Dannenbrink (BS Sociology '04), Illinois State Trooper, was recognized in the Belleville News-Democrat for his exceptional work that included 36 DUI and 65 alcohol arrests.



Hejna

Emily Hejna (BS Mass Comm/Speech Comm '04) a current police officer of the Alton Police Department, was honored by the YWCA of Alton as a Woman of Distinction. The award based upon leadership, outstanding personal achievement and supportive volunteer and professional activities toward Alton's YWCA's mission.

Matthew Gorton (BS Economics/Finance '05), previously a financial advisor with Bank of America, is a financial consultant with Scheffel Financial Services.

Dr. Veronica Schwartz Gould (BS Biological Science/Medical Science/Chemistry '06) is an associate veterinarian at Hawthorne Animal Hospital in Edwardsville.



Patterson

Kenneth Patterson (BS Criminal Justice '07), Illinois State Trooper, was honored with the award of the District 11 Officer of the Year by Major Christopher Trame.

2010s

Dr. Richard Austin (BS Biological Sciences '10) received his Doctor of Medicine from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in May. He entered an emergency medicine residency at SIU School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals also in Springfield, IL, in July.

Brad Bincsik (BS Criminal Justice Studies '10) is a police officer in Edwardsville.

Dr. Lauren (Spencer) Croft (BS Biological Sciences '10) received her Doctor of Medicine from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in May. She entered a pediatrics residency at East Carolina University/Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC, in July.

Michael Vogel (BS Political Science '10) joined HeplerBroom LLC in the Edwardsville office as an associate attorney. He graduated cum laude from SIUE and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the St. Clair County Bar Association.

Adam Young (BS Mass Comm '10) was named to the People's Choice Top 30 Sportscasters Under 30 by the Sportscasters Talent Agency of America. He is currently the Gateway Grizzlies play-by-play broadcaster and director of media relations. He is also on staff with four area universities, including SIUE.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

1960s

Ralph Korte (BS Business Administration '68) was the keynote speaker for Southwestern Illinois College's GED certification ceremony at the Belleville campus in May.

1970s

Mara (Mitch) Meyers (BS Business Administration '78, MBA '81), long-time marketer from Zipatoni and considered a co-founder with Jack Thorwgen, have opened a new firm called Proof Agency. Proof Agency will assist with marketing, packaging, and creativity to enterprising brewers and distillers.

1980s

Kim Schaefer (BS Business Administration/Accountancy '82, MBA '90) is the president and COO of Mitchell Humphrey & Co. Having worked her way up from Consultant in 1991, her current responsibilities will be to manage the company, formulate and execute long-term strategies for client, employee, and stakeholder interaction.

Dr. Charles Wentz Jr. (MBA '86) and his wife, Joan, hosted a barbeque at their home on May 10 for the parents and Edwardsville High School recipients of the 2014 Charles Alvin Wentz Jr. and Dirty Dozen Scholarship.

1990s

Amy Sholar (BS Business Administration '98) was named as a 2014 fellow for the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series. She is also currently precinct committeewoman and president of a local Republican Women's Club.

Bryan Gonterman (BS Business Administration/Finance '99) began a new position as the vice president and general manager for New England with AT&T in April.

2000s

Daniel Kennedy (BS Computer Management & Informational Systems '03) has been promoted to associate at Lawrence Group in St. Louis. He serves as project manager for IT initiatives.

Elizabeth Sheley (BS Business Administration/Marketing '05) was selected as one of St. Louis Business Journal's 2014 30 Under 30 honorees.



Harrison

Jeffrey S. Harrison (BS Business Administration '12), co-founder of Rometown, the St. Louis-based startup that provides discounts and coupons for more than 100 colleges in 30 states across the country, announced its pairing with Budweiser Black Crown to be featured as part of a new marketing campaign for Anheuser-Busch InBev's Black Crown. The St. Louis Business Journal reported that Budweiser will cut several footage spots to be featured in a future marketing campaign on YouTube.

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

1980s

Dr. Harvey H. Breckner (DMD '83) was named Doctor of Excellence by the board of the Leaders in Healthcare Network for his demonstrated success and leadership in the dental profession.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

1950s

Dr. Robert Denby (BS English '59, MA English '71) was honored in May as one of eight recipients of the Alton School District's Distinguished Alumni Award at a ceremony held at Alton High School.

1960s

Pearl Washington (BS Business Education '67, MSED Secondary Education '69) was one of four women honored as TOCO's Making A Difference: Women of the Year for 2014.

1970s

Dr. Edward Hightower (BS Physical Education '74, MSED Administration '77, Education Specialist Administration '91) was presented a "game ball" from the Illinois Senate with all of their signatures as he retired his position as college basketball referee. He served as an NCAA basketball official for 36 years. Hightower announced he will retire as superintendent of the Edwardsville School District 7 at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. He was honored by Rep. Rodney Davis in June after he announced his intent to retire.

Sharon Fiehler (BS Psychology '77) has been named to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

1980s

Sally Mullen (BS Social Work '82, MSED Education Administration '91) was selected from a nation-wide search as SIUE's new director of Student Financial Aid.

Dr. Nancy Spina (MSED Speech/Speech Pathology '85, Education Specialist Administration '12) received her Doctorate of Education from SIUE in May 2014. She is currently the assistant superintendent of personnel for Edwardsville School District 7.



Young

Henrietta Young (MSED Education Administration '87, Education Specialist Administration '08) is the new superintendent of Brooklyn Unit School District 188 after serving seven years as the principal of East Elementary School in Alton, Community Unit District 11. In addition, Young will serve as principal of Lovejoy Elementary, Lovejoy Middle and Lovejoy Technology Academy.

1990s

Lynda Andre (MSED Elementary Education '91, Doctor of Education Instructional Process '98) has been selected by the Edwardsville School District 7 as successor to Superintendent Ed Hightower when he retires at the end of next school year.

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Class & Faculty Notes

Lanea (Peters) DeConcini (BS Elementary Education '92, MSED Elementary Education '98) has been appointed the next principal of East Elementary School by the Alton School Board beginning July 1, 2014.

Lori Thurston (BS Math Studies '92) was chosen Teacher of the Year at the annual Silver Medallion Dinner at Lewis & Clark Community College. She is a teacher at Jerseyville Community High School.

Dr. Cornelia A. Smith (BS Elementary Education '93, Education Specialist Administration '12) received her Doctorate of Education from SIUE in May 2014. She is currently the principal of LeClaire Elementary School in Edwardsville.

Barbara Gillian (MSED Secondary Education '96) was inducted to the Alton High School Wall of Fame. Gillian was recognized and honored as an outstanding graduate of Alton High and for significant contributions to the school district.

Matthew Herndon (BS Physical Education '96, MSED Kinesiology '07) a physical education teacher at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Wood River, Ill., where he has worked for 16 years, was selected by the Illinois Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance as Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Beth A. Renth (MSED Administration '97, Education Specialist Administration '12) received her Doctorate of Education from SIUE in May 2014. She is the principal of Worden Elementary School.

Dr. Dennis Cramsey (MSED Administration '99, Education Specialist Administration '12) received his Doctorate of Education from SIUE in May 2014. He is the principal of Edwardsville High School.

Edmund Langen (MSED IT '99) was named the Illinois PTA Outstanding Principal of the Year Award. He is the principal of Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Belleville.

Matt Noyes (BS Elementary Education '99, MSED IT '07, Education Specialist '09) is now principal of Triad Middle School in St. Jacob.

2000s

Dr. Tara R. Wells (BS Elementary Education/English '01, MSED Elementary Education '04, Education Specialist Administration '08) received her Doctorate of Education from SIUE in May 2014. She is the principal of Goshen Elementary School in Edwardsville.

Dr. Tanya E. Patton (MSED Administration '03, Education Specialist Administration '11) received her Doctorate of Education from SIUE in May 2014. She is the principal of Nelson Elementary School in Edwardsville.

Lisa Patterson (BS Elementary Education '04) was named "K-8 Great Mentor of the Year" by the McKendree University School of Education. The award is given to teachers who have gone above and beyond mentoring and supporting the university's student teacher candidates during their classroom learning experience. She is a teacher at Twin Echo Elementary School in Collinsville.

Sandra Casson (BS Elementary Education '05) was awarded with the Peabody Energy Leaders in Education for 2013-2014 for outstanding dedication and commitment to students. She is a reading and English teacher for Cathedral Grade School in Belleville.

LaTasha LeFlore-Porter (MSED Administration '05) is one of eight recipients of the Alton School District's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Christopher Muth (BS Special Education '05) was named 2A boys and girls Coach of the Year and overall boys Coach of the Year. He is the cross country coach at Yorkville High School.

William Krause (BS Psychology/Business Administration '09) was named alderman of Ward 5 to the Edwardsville City Council in Edwardsville. He will be serving on the public safety committee and the administrative and community services committee.

2010s

Dr. Hillary Stanifer (Education Specialist Degree Administration '12) received her Doctorate of Education from SIUE in May 2014. She is the principal of Liberty Middle School in Edwardsville.

Jennifer Jones (BS Health Education '13) has been named the first associate executive director of JDRF Greater Missouri and Southern IL Chapter to assist in raising funds and awareness to better treat, prevent and eventually cure Type I Diabetes.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

2000s

Corey Noder (BS Construction/Business Administration '01) accepted the position of project manager with S. M. Wilson & Co. in St. Louis.

Jesse Phelps (BS Computer Science/Math Studies '08) has been named chief technology officer for Madaket Growth LLC, a privately held holding company in St. Louis. He is also planning to complete his master of science in electrical engineering from SIUE in August, 2014.

2010s

Brandon Ratermann (BS Civil Engineering '12) has accepted the position of junior engineer at the civil and structural engineering/architectural design firm Oates Associates in Collinsville. He will support Oates Associates' Transportation Group.

Adam Nanney (BS Construction Management/Business Administration '13) has been promoted to project superintendent at S. M. Wilson & Co in St. Louis. Under their employment since 2008, Nanney has spent the past several years serving as project engineer on a variety of projects and has ten years of construction industry experience.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

1980s

Dr. Jodene Scheller (BS Elementary Education '83, MS Nursing/Medical and Surgical Nursing '92) was honored by the Alton YWCA as one of ten Women of Distinction.

1990s

Sharon (Beare) Aach (MS Nursing/Nurse Anesthesia '96) was honored, along with her husband, Doug, with a Community Champions Award at Heartworks St. Louis. The Marfan Foundation presented the couple with the award.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

2000s

Dr. Trenton Grimm (Doctor of Pharmacy '09) received his Doctor of Medicine from the SIU School of Medicine in May. He entered an internal medicine residency at SIU School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals in Springfield, Ill., in July.

Sustainability

Sustainability and living green have become an SIUE tradition. The University is continually looking for ways to ensure a healthy and sustainable campus life.

Students can choose from more than 100 courses with a sustainability focus in fields as diverse as biology, engineering, business, anthropology and philosophy.

The Student Organization for Sustainability (SOS) gives students the opportunity to promote sustainability awareness on campus and in the community. SOS hosts an educational radio show and coordinates activities such as campus clean-up days and an annual Earth Day celebration.

The Gardens at SIUE is a 35-acre public garden dedicated to supporting education and research. Environmental sustainability and stewardship are cornerstones of The Gardens' vision, providing a unique opportunity to research and implement innovative green technologies.



The 380-acre SIUE Nature Preserve features a dedicated location for student and faculty research, lab projects and class assignments. The area—protected from construction—contributes to the University's sustainability and energy plans.

The campus bike share program gives students, faculty and staff an easy way to explore the many nature and biking trails available on, or adjacent to, SIUE's campus, while ultimately developing an increased reliance on non-carbon modes of transportation.

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- The new Art and Design Building has achieved a LEED gold rating and the Science Building and Lucas Annex have achieved a LEED silver rating.
- SIUE is second in the region for the number of LEED buildings on university campuses, placing only behind Washington University in St. Louis.
- SIUE has achieved a bronze rating based on the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System for campus-wide sustainable practices from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.



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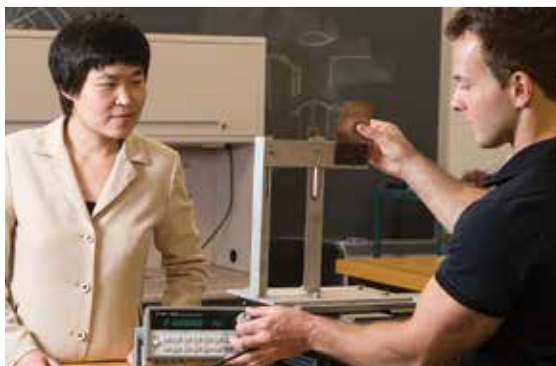
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