EMBRACING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION NEWSLETTER
3RD ANNUAL PHENOMENAL WOMEN’S LUNCHEON

The third annual Phenomenal Women’s Luncheon was hosted on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 by the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion. The Phenomenal Women’s Program honors and celebrates women in our community who have made contributions to diversity and inclusion at SIUE, the region, nation and the world. As noted in the SIUE Marketing press release, “SIUE is Not Keeping its Phenomenal Women a Secret”, Chancellor Randy Pembrook congratulated SIUE’s 17 nominated Phenomenal Women for their contributions, stating, “thank you for the many ways you are making this campus and our community a better place.”

Guest speaker Veronica Delgado, graduate student in the art therapy counseling program and women’s studies graduate assistant said, “I have always been struck by how much power there is among the collective of women.” She added, “There are still unacceptable issues such as gender-based violence, but we have made progress. I am grateful for the women who fought, died, and been humiliated, and who continue to do so for the rights that we have today. We are all connected to women who have done and are still doing some amazing things.”

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SIUE SOFTBALL SOARS TO GREAT HEIGHTS

In honor of National Women’s History month, we celebrate the recent achievements of the SIUE Women’s Softball team. SIUE Softball is home to two of the top pitchers nationally in terms of strikeouts. SIUE softball’s senior Haley Chambers-Book was selected as the Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week after tossing her fifth career no-hitter on March 24 with an 18-strikeout effort against Tennessee State. Chambers-Book picked up her third win of the week and the 13th of the season on March 26 as SIUE and Belmont split in Ohio Valley Conference softball at Cougar Field. Freshman Emily Ingles leads the OVC in strikeouts per seven innings at 9.6 and is 21st nationally.

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10TH ANNUAL COUGAR WORLD GAMES

On Thursday, March 23, 2017 the 10th Annual Cougar World Games were hosted by SIUE Campus Recreation. The Cougar World Games are designed to promote diversity, understanding and acceptance between groups from different cultures, backgrounds and ethnicities through participation in various recreational activities offered across the globe. Students visited various stations depicted as continents, while learning about culture, sports, music, ethnic foods and more. Click Here to View Event Photos

TUNNEL OF OPPRESSION

On Tuesday March 15, 2017 the SIUE Student Government hosted the annual Tunnel of Oppression, a maze dedicated to addressing the oppression that individuals in our community face on the basis of immigration, international injustice, LGBT rights, women's rights, mental health, and more. Over 400 people walked through the Tunnel of Oppression this year. The goal of this event is to increase understanding and inclusion of individuals with diverse cultural identities through raising awareness about the issues many people in our local and global community face. Click Here to Learn More.

CURRENT MOVEMENTS

GENDER NEUTRAL & FAMILY FRIENDLY FACILITIES ADDED TO THE VADALABENE CENTER

In March, renovations were completed on SIUE’s Vadalabene Center that aim to be a step towards offering a more inclusive environment for members of the SIUE community. Campus Recreation created three additions to the space: an accessible family restroom in one of the main hallways, an individual changing room or nursing area, and an individual restroom with full shower accommodations. When interviewed for a recent SIUE Marketing press release Dave Hagedorn, assistant director of Campus Recreation, stated “We are continuously working to remove any barriers to using this space, and ensure our students and visitors feel comfortable and welcome here.” Click Here to Learn More
UPCOMING EVENTS

INAUGURAL CULTURAL TOUR TO THE LINCOLN MUSEUM IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
You are invited to travel by bus to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, IL. Lunch and tour tickets will be provided free to registered/selected participants. Students, faculty, and staff are all welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration is now open. Space is limited to 50 attendees, so please register soon to reserve your spot! Questions? Contact the the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion at ragarre@siue.edu or 618-650-5382
Click Here to Register

MASS COMMUNICATIONS WEEK 2017: DIVERSITY AMIDST ADVERSITY

Monday April, 3 2017-Thursday April, 6 2017
The SIUE Department of Mass Communications presents a four day event series consisting of talks, panel discussions, films, journalistic coverage of minority groups, question and answer sessions, a discussion of issues refugees face, and emerging trends in media. The Mass Communications Department raves that, “A stellar cast of international and national academics, practicing journalists, filmmakers, and post-graduate students will share their expertise in a week that will dig into the challenging issue of diversity, conflict, and inclusion.”
Keynote speakers include: Rokhaya Diallo, French journalist, filmmaker and human rights activist; and Dr. Jack Shaheen, Professor Emeritus and Internationally Acclaimed Media Critic. All events are free and open to the public.
Click Here to View Full Event Schedule
UPCOMING EVENTS

THE BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN EVENT: RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

Thursday, April 6, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
MUC Goshen Lounge
This informational event invites members of the SIUE community to learn about identifying child abuse and neglect, and ways in which to prevent it. The community will also learn about local services provided to child survivors of violence from the Madison County Child Advocacy Center.

AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
MUC Goshen Lounge
This informational event aims to promote autism awareness and inclusion. Members of the SIUE campus community are invited to become partners in the movement toward acceptance of individuals with different ways of thinking. Information will also be provided about becoming involved in campus organizations, such as Autism Speaks U.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DAY

Thursday April 6, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
MUC Meridian Ballroom
International Studies Day offers a day full of events that are open to the public. The day will include informational booths, a key international issues panel, an international careers panel, film showings, an African Arts performance, and an international themed trivia night. The trivia night requires ticket purchase. All other International Studies Day events are free to attend. Click Here to Learn More.
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
MUC Goshen Lounge
The Clothesline Project is a time to be creative and make t-shirts with anti-sexual assault and pro-survivor messages, either at the event or elsewhere to be strung along a clothesline, creating a visual display of support for survivors.

PRIDE OPENING EVENT
Monday, April 10, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
MUC Goshen Lounge
Pride Opening Event is hosted by the SIUE Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and will include a variety of activities.

VOICES CHOICES
Monday, April 10, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location TBD
Voices Choices is a theater based event in collaboration with Solid Line Productions that creates scenarios in which students can participate and change what happens.

SILENT PROTEST AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Stratton Quadrangle (The Quad)
The Silent Protest Against Sexual Assault will bring together SIUE faculty, staff, students, and community members to stand in solidarity to support survivors and end sexual assault.

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES
Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Lindenwood University in Belleville
(with SIUE involvement)
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is exactly that. This event will have music and guest speakers leading up to a walk in which all participants wear heels to symbolize what it is like to experience sexual assault. For more information about this event contact Call for Help at (618)397-0968.

DENIM DAY
Wednesday, April 26, 2017 All Day
Wear denim on this day as a stand in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence. This event grew out of response to a 1998 Italian Supreme Court ruling declaring that a survivor of sexual assault could not have been raped because she was wearing jeans. This caused a movement within the Italian government of women wearing jeans to support this survivor, and the movement spread internationally.
For more information about Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events, contact Samantha Dickens at (618)650-5492 or sdicken@siue.edu.
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WOMEN’S STUDIES EVENT SERIES

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: 'IS FEMINISM TOO...?'
Wednesday, April 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
Women’s Studies Office, Peck 3407
The Difficult Conversations series are student-led conversations for students.

COFFEE WITH COOL WOMEN:
JANA GILES
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Women’s Studies Office, Peck 3407
Jana Giles is a post-colonial studies expert and professor of literature at University of Louisiana at Monroe. As a bilingual person of Puerto-Rican and Anglo-American heritage, her interests focus on the political and aesthetic complexities of contemporary life.

SUSTAINABILITY IS A FEMINIST ISSUE: CONNIE FREY-SPURLOCK
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Peck 0405
Connie Frey-Spurlock is a faculty member in the SIUE Sociology Department.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATIE STUART ON WHY SHE WENT INTO POLITICS
Wednesday, April 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Location TBA

FEATURED SPEAKER:
EILEEN POLLACK
Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Peck Hall 1402
Eileen Pollack is a faculty member at the University of Michigan and the author of the book “The Only Woman In The Room: Why Science Is Still A Boys’ Club”

For more information about Upcoming SIUE Women's Studies events contact Veronica at vdelgad@siue.edu
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Online Learning Community is available to all members of the SIUE community through SIUE’s Blackboard site, under the “My Organizations” tab.

The Online Learning Community offers:

COMMUNITY: This area contains Community Topics on a variety of Diversity & Inclusion subjects, such as LGBTQ Pride, Women’s Rights, and African American History. You’ll also find links to the discussion board, where you can start or continue a conversation related to the topic, or share your thoughts in the Open Mic forum.

RESOURCES: This is where you can find resources on diversity and inclusion awards for SIUE students, faculty, and staff: information about SIUE’s new Multicultural Center (located in the MUC); details about mentoring programs on campus; and resources for veterans. You can also share resources through Community wikis, or simply use a private journal space for personal reflections.

TRAININGS: Anyone can take part in the online training modules in this community. Learn about how to identify and reduce bias and more with these self-paced trainings. You will receive a certificate of completion when you complete the module, which you can add to your personal or professional portfolio. Modules will continue to be added throughout the semesters.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Multicultural Center (SIUE-MCC), is a place where we celebrate the rich diversity and inclusion of our campus community. The Multicultural Center is a multi-use, professional, academic, and social space that supports positive engagement and constructive dialogue related to diversity and inclusion, and welcomes students, staff, and faculty who share those principles. We want to bring together people with different ideas, backgrounds, and talents, to foster understanding and discuss social and cultural issues. In addition, the center is a place to hang out with friends or hold meetings. A minimum of 24-hours advanced notice for events with fewer than 15 people is required to reserve the room. We currently offer 10 pages of free printing to students and student organizations.

Hours of operation are:
Monday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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FACULTY/STAFF MENTORING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The goal of the Faculty/Staff Mentoring Students with Disabilities is to enhance the learning experience for students with disabilities by assigning faculty or staff mentors to any student participating in the Disabilities Support Services. These faculty/staff mentors meet with students on a regular basis and assist students in strategizing about the complexities of university life. Specifically, the faculty or staff mentor will help students deal with curricular and co-curricular access.

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CAMPUS PRIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Campus Pride offers a database of LGBTQ-related scholarships. Campus Pride is a national nonprofit organization that serves LGBTQ and ally student leaders and campus organizations in the areas of leadership development, support programs and services to create safer, more inclusive LGBTQ-friendly colleges and universities. It exists to develop, support and give “voice and action” in building future LGBTQ and ally student leaders.

Click Here to View the Database

FACULTY/STAFF MENTORING STUDENT ATHLETES

The Faculty/Staff Mentoring Student Athletes Program is a joint program with the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and the Basketball Management Team where faculty and staff members serve as Mentors to student athletes. Faculty/Staff support is vital to helping an athlete focus on his/her academic priorities.

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See something missing from this newsletter, that you feel should be acknowledged by the SIUE community to celebrate diversity & inclusion? We want to hear from you! Please contact the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion at siueidi@siue.edu or call (618)650-5382.