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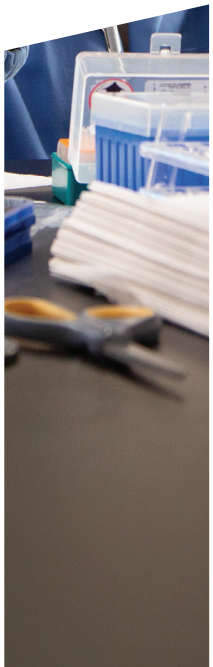
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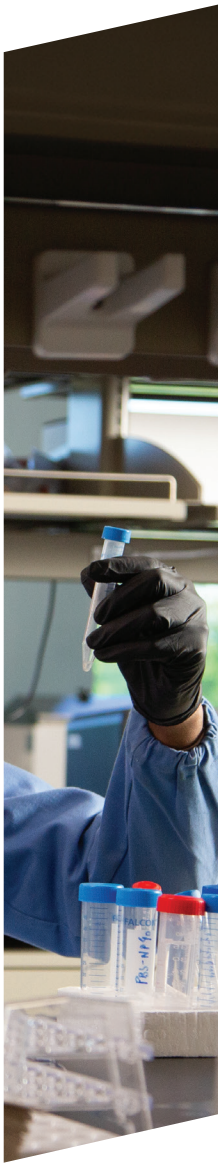














THE LETTER FROM THE DEAN

The 2025–2026 academic year was a landmark year for the SIUE School of Pharmacy, highlighted by exceptional student achievement, academic excellence, and the successful transition into the new Health Sciences Complex. Graduates continued to excel, with NAPLEX pass rates exceeding state and national averages, strong residency placement outcomes, and growing participation in concurrent degrees and pharmacy specializations. The School also welcomed a strong incoming class, reflecting its continued reputation for preparing practice-ready pharmacists and healthcare leaders.

The School strengthened its impact through innovation in research, education, and community engagement. A major milestone was reached with the graduation of the first student from the cooperative doctoral program, demonstrating the success of interdisciplinary graduate education and research partnerships. Expanded laboratory and clinical training spaces in the Health Sciences Complex are creating new opportunities for hands-on learning, drug discovery, and translational research. Students and faculty also continued to serve the region through initiatives such as the annual Diabetes Patient Education Symposium and represented SIUE on the national stage through conferences, research presentations, and academic competitions.

This year also underscored the power of philanthropy and leadership in advancing the School's mission. The retirement of founding faculty member Michael Crider, PhD, celebrated more than two decades of transformative service, while a historic gift from Professor Emerita Therese Poirier established the School's first endowed professorship. Combined with a record-breaking fundraising year of more than $500,000, these investments are strengthening scholarships, faculty excellence, student experiences, and future growth. As the School looks ahead, it does so with tremendous momentum and a shared commitment to advancing pharmacy education, research, and patient care. The accomplishments highlighted throughout this report reflect the collective efforts of students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and partners whose dedication continues to shape the future of the profession and advance the mission of the SIUE School of Pharmacy.



Mark S. Luer, PharmD, FCCP
Dean of the School of Pharmacy

BY THE NUMBERS

NAPLEX SUCCESS

Our graduates' NAPLEX exam pass rates consistently exceed state and national averages across most years since 2015.

Class of 2025 first-time pass rate was 89.2%

State and national averages were 87.2% and 86.6%, respectively.

CLASS OF 2029 RESIDENCY

75% Illinois
65% Southern Illinois
25% Central Illinois
10% Northern Illinois
25% Out of state

GRADUATION RATES 2009-2026

90% ON TIME

95% OVERALL

1,345
ALUMNI

CLASS OF 2026

87.5% residency match rate
23% graduated with a concurrent master's degree
27% graduated with a pharmacy specialization

8:1
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY

CLASS OF 2029 ADMISSION STATISTICS

Matriculation average cumulative GPA: 3.54
Pre-pharmacy average GPA: 3.54
Pre-pharmacy average math and science GPA: 3.46



INAUGURAL GRADUATE OF COOPERATIVE PHD PROGRAM

The School of Pharmacy proudly recognizes Olivia Slater, PhD, as the first graduate of its cooperative Pharmacology and Neuroscience doctoral program, since renamed the Doctor of Philosophy in Multidisciplinary Biomedical and Biological Sciences. Slater previously earned her bachelor's degree in Chemistry and a master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences at SIUE before completing her PhD with a specialization in Medicinal Chemistry.

Offered in partnership between the SIUE School of Pharmacy and the SIU School of Medicine, the cooperative PhD program provides interdisciplinary training in innovative drug development and design, pharmacodynamic and translational research, and prepares graduates for careers across industry and academia.

Although the PhD is conferred through the SIU Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience, Slater's research was rooted in computational chemistry. Her dissertation, "Targeting Toll-like Receptor 4 with Computational Chemistry Methods and Rationally Designed Glycoconjugates," focused on designing small molecules to target proteins involved in inflammation and cancer.

Slater began her research at SIUE as an undergraduate in the lab of Maria Kontoyianni, PhD, professor of pharmaceutical sciences, whose mentorship played a pivotal role in her development.

"I chose to attend the program so I could work under the direction of Dr. Kontoyianni," said Slater. "It has been a privilege and an honor to be her student and the first graduate of the co-op program."

"Olivia was never satisfied with being merely good enough," said Kontoyianni. "She continually strived to improve, delving more deeply into research questions, considering all possible angles, and analyzing data in a highly comprehensive manner."

The School of Pharmacy congratulates Slater and looks forward to the continued success of future graduates of the program.

"My hope is that the current PhD students will be inspired by Olivia's impressive work ethic, unwavering dedication to science, and excellent seminar presentations, and above all, will be motivated to realize their fullest potential."

Maria Kontoyianni, PhD
Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Learn more about the cooperative PhD program.
siue.edu/mbbs



WHERE THEY'RE HEADED: THE CLASS OF 2026

As the School of Pharmacy Class of 2026 prepares to take the next step, graduates are heading into a variety of roles and opportunities. From hospital and community pharmacy to residency training, here is a brief glimpse into what comes next for our graduates and the memories and experiences that shaped their time at SIUE.

"The faculty always pushed us to be involved and enjoy our time."

Natalie Winn, PharmD, MBA
Graduate Intern, CVS, and studying for board and law exams

"My pharmacy practice professors were great role models for the profession."

Madison Kelley, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident, University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and OU Health

"My favorite part was the community. Our class became pretty tight-knit."

Darius Brent, PharmD
Staff Pharmacist, Decatur Memorial Hospital

"Everyone in the School is just so personable, and you can come to them about anything."

Sydney Hall, PharmD
Pharmacist, CVS

THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY'S NEW HOME

The new state-of-the-art 176,000-square-foot Health Sciences Complex (HSC) marks a major milestone for the Schools of Pharmacy and Nursing. The facility expands research capabilities, enhances teaching and clinical training spaces, and provides a modern environment that supports future generations of students.

Pharmacy students began classes and labs in the HSC in fall 2025, with SIUE officially celebrating the completion of the complex during a commemorative ribbon-cutting ceremony in April 2026.

During the ceremony, Mark Luer, PharmD, FCCP, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, remarked, "If we can do all of this in what has only been temporary housing, imagine what we will be able to do with a permanent home in this state-of-the-art facility."

"As I've started my journey here, I can already see how much this space impacts our learning," said Class of 2029 pharmacy student Katie Glaser. "Being able to practice skills in realistic settings makes such a difference. Our new compounding lab and patient counseling rooms give us confidence in an environment that feels like real patient care, helping prepare us for our futures."

The HSC will not only enhance pharmacy practice education, but the expanded research labs and advanced instrumentation will also strengthen opportunities for students to participate in cutting-edge research. The facility supports hands-on training in drug design and synthesis, and cell and molecular pharmacology while advancing innovation and externally funded research, leading to increased publication opportunities and potential patent development. The expanded research capabilities will help attract additional graduate students and elevate workforce development across the region.





Grand Lecture Suites
Flexible learning spaces for interdisciplinary education, conferences, and events.



Clinical Training Center
Simulated patient care setting that prepares students for real-world practice.



Two-Story Atrium
A central gathering space designed for connection, collaboration, and community.

> "The opportunity to do world-class research in the HSC is very attractive and offers top experiences that will have an impact on the early careers of new graduates. Students can learn key elements in the early stages of drug development, like design, synthesis, and cell and molecular pharmacology."
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> *Joseph Schober, PhD*
> *Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

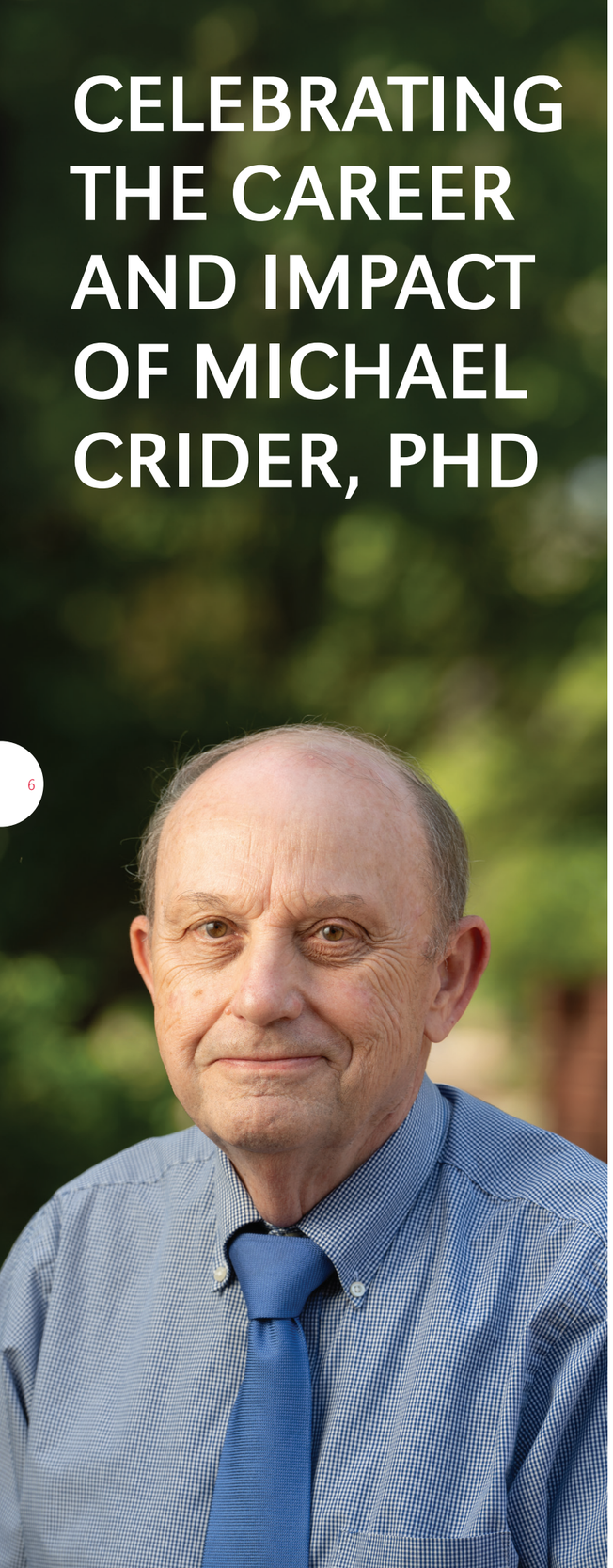


Expanded Research Labs
Twice the research space for drug design, discovery, and innovation.



Compounding Laboratory
Advanced lab space focused on personalized medicine and safe medication delivery.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND IMPACT OF MICHAEL CRIDER, PHD



The School of Pharmacy celebrated the remarkable tenure of one of the School's first faculty members, Michael Crider, PhD, with his retirement in the fall of 2025. Crider was hired in 2004 by inaugural Dean Philip Medon, PhD, as Department Chair and Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Associate Dean for Research. What he expected to be a 10-year chapter at SIUE became a 21-year career marked by lasting contributions to the School and its students.

Crider played a key role in establishing the professional Doctor of Pharmacy program, the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences program, and the cooperative PhD program with the SIU School of Medicine. He was also instrumental in recruiting faculty, expanding research capabilities, and mentoring countless students.

"I owe so much gratitude to Dean Medon for hiring me, my faculty and staff colleagues in the School of Pharmacy, and the over 800 professional students I taught at SIUE," said Crider.

"It has been my pleasure to receive mentorship under Dr. Crider for the past 20 years. He has influenced my life as an educator, researcher, colleague, and person. The way he consistently managed administrative duties, an active research program, and a full teaching load is a roadmap for effective department leadership."

Tim McPherson, PhD
Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Crider's research career, spanning six decades, focused on the discovery of novel compounds with potential therapeutic effects in the central nervous system, as well as prodrugs and peptidomimetics. During his tenure, he directed the research of six PhD students, 10 MS students, and numerous professional pharmacy students.

"My belief is that you are a much better teacher when your research can be incorporated into your classes," Crider said. "My philosophy has been to set high standards, be thoroughly prepared, and treat students with respect."

The impact of Crider's leadership, mentorship, and scholarship will continue to be felt throughout the School for years to come.

Mike has been a great example for me. He has been an excellent mentor both in my professional and personal life. I very much like his leadership style, always encouraging us to do better and making sure our needs are met.

Marcelo Nieto, PhD
Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences



Dr. Crider saw potential in me as a young pharmacy student and helped me instill confidence in myself early at the SIUE School of Pharmacy. Working in Dr. Crider's lab allowed me to think creatively when it came to chemical compounds. His patience helped me grow as a student and into the pharmacist I am today.

Kristen Lindauer, PharmD '21, BCPS, AAHIVP
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Sentara Health and Vice President and Co-Founder of RxTeach



Dr. Crider's impact on my academic and professional life is immeasurable. His advice was always practical and insightful, providing me with the tools and perspective needed to navigate the complexities of research. He had a unique ability to empower me to pursue ambitious goals, making me feel confident in tackling challenges I might have otherwise considered out of reach.

Lacey Rodgers, PharmD '11, MHS, BCSPC
Hospital Pharmacist at St. Louis Children's Hospital

MAJOR GIFT ESTABLISHES FIRST PHARMACY ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP AND HONORS INAUGURAL RECIPIENT



To close out 2025, the School of Pharmacy announced its first endowed professorship, made possible by a major contribution from Therese Poirier, PharmD, MPH, FASHP, FCCP, BCPS, professor emerita of pharmacy practice. The Therese Poirier Endowed Professorship in Pharmacy is the largest single gift in the School of Pharmacy's history.

The Therese Poirier Endowed Professorship in Pharmacy

- Recognizes and supports a distinguished scholar-educator
- Provides financial support for faculty research, teaching innovation, and scholarly activities

Poirier was recruited to the SIUE faculty in 2004 to help establish the pharmacy program. She is a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist and a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

"The Endowed Professorship is not only for pharmacy, but for people involved in pharmacy education, with the idea of stimulating innovation and research," said Poirier. "I'm about investing in people. To invest in people, to invest in our faculty, to do greater things, to benefit the School and ultimately, the students."

"Dr. Poirier's gift reflects a profound belief in people, their ideas, their leadership, and their capacity to transform what is possible," said Dean Mark Luer, PharmD, FCCP. "It is a natural extension of the way she has engaged and uplifted others throughout her career, and a powerful expression of her conviction in our program and its mission."

In April 2026, the inaugural recipient of the Therese Poirier Endowed Professorship in Pharmacy was announced at the One Day, One SIUE giving day and celebration. The recipient is Radhika Devraj, PhD, professor of pharmaceutical sciences.

"Being selected for this professorship is a tremendous honor, and I am sincerely grateful for Dr. Poirier's generosity, support, and confidence in my work," said Devraj.

Radhika Devraj's research focuses on improving health outcomes through patient education. Her body of work spans health literacy, health-related quality of life, community pharmacy practice, qualitative research in leadership, gender equity, and, more recently, community-based participatory research in Parkinson's disease.

"The greatest gift a leader can bestow is the empowerment of others."

Mark Luer, PharmD, FCCP
Dean of the School of Pharmacy

"This award will provide an important opportunity to expand my research in two areas further," Devraj added. "It will support the continued growth of my work in Parkinson's disease to improve patient outcomes and quality of life. It will allow me to explore opportunities for the School to further expand its engagement and scholarship in rural health. I am excited about the potential for this support to foster meaningful research collaborations and community impact."

"I am so pleased with the selection of Dr. Devraj for this award. She is very deserving," said Poirier. "The investment in her will benefit both Dr. Devraj and the School of Pharmacy and its programs. I look forward to seeing great accomplishments from her."







BRIDGING THE GAP IN DIABETES CARE

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, 11.5% of individuals living in Madison County have been diagnosed with diabetes. With limited access to specialized diabetes care in the area, the School of Pharmacy is working to address this gap through its annual Diabetes Patient Education Symposium.

The Diabetes Symposium offers free health screenings, diabetes management counseling, education, resources, and information on current treatment topics. This year marked the 16th anniversary of the symposium, with nearly 70 registered attendees. The symposium is made possible with support from the SIUE American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists and BJC HealthCare. It includes expert-led speaker sessions and a vendor fair.

"The Diabetes Symposium gives pharmacy students the chance to put our knowledge into practice, performing point-of-care testing on patients, and providing recommendations for further actions to take regarding their health."

Noah Sutliff, Fourth-Year Pharmacy Student

"The Diabetes Symposium is one of the largest patient-centered care events in the region," said Karigan Harvey, a fourth-year pharmacy student. "At this annual free event, community members are offered A1C testing, diabetic foot infection screenings, blood pressure checks, depression and risk screenings, and extensive diabetes education."

The symposium is not only an opportunity to provide access to care to the community; it is also a chance for pharmacy students to learn and grow in their field.

"Our roles as drug experts dictate that we know not only the medications themselves, but the nuances of the diseases we're using them to treat," said fourth-year pharmacy student Noah Sutliff. "It comes as no surprise that diabetes is a complicated topic, with students needing to stay up to date with the latest research and practice guidelines so that we can provide our patients with the highest level of care possible."



REPRESENTING SIUE ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

Throughout the year, School of Pharmacy students and alums represent the University at national pharmacy conferences, gaining valuable opportunities for professional development, networking, and research presentation.

This year, among the many conferences attended, students participated in the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting in Los Angeles and the Pediatric Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting in Arlington. Students and alumni also showcased their research at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas.

For fourth-year pharmacy student Charlyse Roy, conferences provide opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom.

"Participating in conferences allows me to step outside my comfort zone, learn, connect with others, and build my confidence as a future pharmacist," Roy said.

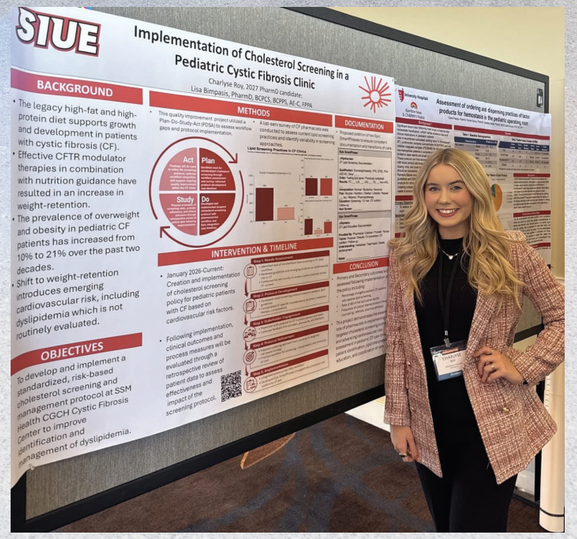
Roy highlighted the APhA product showcase as one of her favorite experiences, where students can interact directly with pharmaceutical companies, organizations, and innovators shaping the future of healthcare.

"This opportunity allows students to learn about emerging advancements in healthcare and encourages the growth of new ideas," she said.

She also emphasized the value of collaboration, noting that SIUE often joins other Illinois pharmacy schools at regional meetups during national conferences.

"Overall, it is a great experience to reconnect and celebrate schools of pharmacy together," Roy said.

Through conference participation, SIUE students and alumni continue to expand their knowledge, share their research, and strengthen professional connections that will support them throughout their careers.







GREETINGS!

This past year has truly been one for the books for the SIUE School of Pharmacy. From welcoming our largest-ever first-year class to completing our first full academic year in the Health Sciences Complex, you can feel the excitement and momentum throughout the School.

One of the greatest joys of my role is welcoming alumni and friends back to campus. Time and again, I hear how impressed they are by our students, faculty, and the enhanced learning opportunities made possible through our new facility. If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit the Health Sciences Complex, I encourage you to do so. Our doors are always open, and we welcome your insight, expertise, and engagement as we continue building an even brighter future for the School.

As we look ahead to the School's 25th anniversary in 2030, we hope you and your family will be part of this milestone celebration. To ensure you receive future updates and invitations, please take a moment to update your contact information at siue.edu/alumni/stay-connected.

This year also marked a remarkable milestone in philanthropic support. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our alumni, friends, clinical partners, and corporate supporters, the School of Pharmacy raised more than $500,000 during the past fiscal year — the largest fundraising year in the School's history — to support student scholarships, faculty initiatives, innovative programming, and facility enhancements.

At a time when higher education and the healthcare workforce face significant challenges, this level of support is both inspiring and meaningful. It reflects a shared belief in the value of an SIUE Pharmacy education and the critical role our graduates play in improving the health and well-being of communities throughout the region and beyond.

As you read the stories and accomplishments highlighted throughout this Dean's Report, I hope you take pride in all that we have achieved together. Every scholarship awarded, every student supported, and every milestone celebrated is made possible through the commitment and generosity of alumni and friends like you.

If you've ever considered how you might give back to the School of Pharmacy, there has never been a better time to get involved. As we build upon this extraordinary momentum and look toward our 25th anniversary, your support can help shape what the next generation of SIUE Pharmacy students will achieve. Whether your passion is supporting student scholarships, expanding experiential learning opportunities, investing in cutting-edge facilities, or helping us recruit and retain exceptional faculty, your philanthropy can make a lasting impact on the future of the profession.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss how your interests and support can help shape the next generation of pharmacists and advance the School's mission for years to come.

On behalf of everyone at the SIUE School of Pharmacy, THANK YOU for your continued support, advocacy, and belief in our students. We are excited for what lies ahead and look forward to building on this momentum together.

Nick Niemerg
Director of Development

Connie Collins
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement

THE IMPACT OF GIVING

With support from alumni and friends, the School of Pharmacy awarded 29 students scholarships totaling nearly $33,000. Thank you! Your contributions are helping us meet the needs of our students. Are you interested in creating a new scholarship or contributing to one? Contact Connie Collins, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at conniecollins@siue.edu or 602-402-4212.



"I had the privilege of sitting next to Dakota during class as a P1 and calling him a friend. His example taught me lessons about kindness, humility, and caring for others, and his genuine compassion continues to influence how I approach both life and patient care. I am deeply grateful for this scholarship and hope to honor Dakota's legacy throughout my career by providing compassionate, individualized care to my patients."

Claire Deterding, P3 Student
School of Pharmacy Scholarship in memory of Dakota Tucker

"The generosity and continued support for students in SIUE's pharmacy program is greatly appreciated. Because of this support, I am able to focus more fully on my clinical rotations next year and contribute the knowledge I have learned during didactic and apply it to a variety of patients and their needs.

Raven Weathers, P4 Student
Dr. R. Worthington Award of Excellence





"I am extremely honored to receive this award. The generosity will help support my clinical training and allow me to continue expanding my knowledge and skills as I work toward my goal of becoming a clinical pharmacist.

Emma Beck, PharmD '26
The Wuller Scholarship for Future Pharmacy Leaders

INAUGURAL SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED



Rising Star

The Rising Star Award honors distinguished alumni who have graduated within the past 10 years and made a significant impact on the field of pharmacy through service, leadership, and dedication to advancing the profession. The inaugural award was presented to Brentsen Wolf, PharmD ’21.

Wolf has emerged as a leader in the pharmaceutical industry, currently serving as a senior medical science liaison with AbbVie following a highly competitive postdoctoral fellowship with Merck and a role as a medical science liaison with AstraZeneca.

“I try my best to give back as much as I can, not only in my professional career but through my nonprofit,” said Wolf. “Having that effort recognized means that someone out there is benefiting from the work, and that’s what I care about most. I feel it is my responsibility to be the kind of person who I relied on throughout my journey and provide that resource for others.”

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Wolf co-founded RxTeach, a nonprofit educational platform that provides free, evidence-based healthcare and pharmacy education while funding pharmacy student scholarships. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to expanding access to education, mentorship, and scholarship opportunities for SIUE students, reflecting his passion for advancing the profession and giving back to the School of Pharmacy community.

“Attending the School of Pharmacy is one of the best decisions I have ever made. The number of friends, mentors, coworkers, mentees, and relationships that I owe to my time at the SOP are countless,” said Wolf. “I was given the space to learn anything I want in a supportive environment, and there is genuinely no greater gift in the world.”



Distinguished Service to the Profession

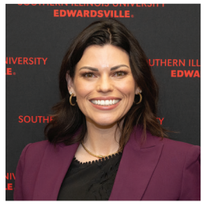
The Distinguished Service to the Profession Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made exceptional contributions to the profession of pharmacy. Honorees are selected for their distinguished careers, dedication to advancing the field, and meaningful support of the School of Pharmacy. The inaugural award was presented to Julie Bickers, RPh.

As a healthcare supervisor with Walgreens, Bickers has influenced pharmacy practice across multiple sites while mentoring and developing the next generation of pharmacy leaders. With more than three decades of leadership in community pharmacy, she has demonstrated a dedication to advancing patient care and supporting the mission of the School of Pharmacy.

“Being a community pharmacist is sometimes personally demanding,” said Bickers. “This award wasn’t just about me. Including my family in the ceremony reinforced the values of hard work and dedication to service. Professionally, this award is a pinnacle of my career journey.”

Her service as a clinical preceptor and member of the SIUE School of Pharmacy Advisory Board reflects a deep commitment to experiential education and strengthening the profession’s future workforce.

“SIUE has continuously developed me with academics and new skill sets and opportunities. They believed in me, challenged me, and helped make me a better pharmacist and leader,” said Bickers.



Distinguished Alumni

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors alumni who are at least 10 years beyond graduation and have demonstrated a sustained record of impact, leadership, and excellence throughout their careers in pharmacy. The award was presented to Casey Reed, PharmD, PhDc, MBA, MSc, MS, CSP, FAMCP, ’12.

Reed’s career spans community practice, managed care, and executive leadership in the biopharmaceutical industry. She currently serves as Head of Strategic Solutions at Sanofi, driving national population health strategy and innovation.

A nationally recognized leader, researcher and award recipient, Reed has advanced patient outcomes through evidence generation, product launches and value-based care initiatives. She also continues to serve SIUE as an advisory board member, educator and mentor to current students and fellow School of Pharmacy alumni.





SCHOOL OF PHARMACY’S 2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE DRIVES SUPPORT FOR FUTURE PHARMACISTS

The School of Pharmacy hosted its 2nd Annual Golf Scramble in April at Stonewolf Golf Club in Fairview Heights. More than 30 teams of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends came together to support the Classes of 2027 and 2028.

“This year’s event was a big success,” said Tessa Keys, MA, ImPaCT coordinator and Class of 2027 co-advisor. “We nearly doubled the amount of money that was raised last year.”

Sponsorship opportunities focused on funding student initiatives and activities, including the annual graduation banquet and the School of Pharmacy Scholarship in Memory of Dakota Tucker.

“The School of Pharmacy is grateful to the sponsors, participants, and volunteers whose support made the event possible and will help strengthen opportunities for future pharmacists,” said Keys.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 3rd Annual SIUE School of Pharmacy Golf Scramble
Sunday, April 18, 2027

SOPGolfScramble3.eventbrite.com





PAVING THE PATH FORWARD FOR FUTURE PHARMACISTS

The SIUE School of Pharmacy invites alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends to become a lasting part of the School’s future through its commemorative brick paver program. Personalized engraved pavers installed at the School of Pharmacy provide a meaningful way to celebrate a graduate, honor a mentor, recognize a loved one, or commemorate a special milestone while supporting the School’s mission.

Proceeds from the program help enhance opportunities for current and future student pharmacists and strengthen the School’s continued growth. Whether recognizing an individual achievement or creating a lasting tribute, each engraved paver reflects a shared commitment to advancing pharmacy education at SIUE.

connect.siue.edu/g/sop-brick-pavers

LEAVE YOUR MARK

Scan the QR code to learn more about the SIUE School of Pharmacy Brick Paver Program and create your personalized tribute.

Faculty Awards, Recognitions, and Initiatives

Awards

- Jenny Rosselli, PharmD, BCACP, BC-ADM, CDCES, IPhA Bowl of Hygea Award
- Deja Finley, PharmD, SIU System Faculty Collaboration Award; First Time External Grant Submitter Award from SIUE Graduate School
- Keith Hecht, PharmD, BCOP, 2026 Rho Chi Faculty Award
- Jared Sheley, PharmD, BCPS, SIUE Excellence in Teaching Award
- Sydnie Twillman, PharmD, BCACP, SIUE School of Pharmacy Distinguished Service Award
- Chris Herndon, PharmD, BCACP, FASHP, FCCP, SIUE School of Pharmacy - Pharmacy Practice Teacher of the Year
- Sunny Chang, PhD, Pharmaceutical Science Teacher of the Year
- Radhika Devraj, PhD, School of Pharmacy Scholarship Recognition Award

Leadership

- Jen Arnoldi, PharmD, Immediate Past Chair, ASHP Section of Pharmacy Educators
- Deja Finley, PharmD, Chair, IPhA New Practitioner Network
- Kelly Gable, PharmD, BCPP, FAAPP, Board of Directors Member-at-Large for American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists, St. Louis Region Breast Health Navigator Lead
- Chris Herndon, PharmD, BCACP, FASHP, FCCP, Advisory Board Member, BPS Council on Pain Management Specialty
- Stephanie Hunziker, PharmD, BCMTMS, Chair, Laboratory Instructors Special Interest Group for AACP, Nexus IPE Emerging Leadership Fellows Program
- Jess Kerr, PharmD, CDCES, Board of Directors IPhA
- Kate Newman, PharmD, Program Chair, AACP Experiential Education Institute April 2026
- Jared Sheley, PharmD, BCPS, Vice Chair, ASHP Section of Pharmacy Educators
- Miranda Wilhelm, PharmD, Chair, IPhA Annual Conference Planning Committee 2026

ACCP CLINICAL RESEARCH CHALLENGE TOP 10 NATIONAL FINALISTS

Congratulations to P2 students Karleigh Dahle Melsaether, Kameron Metzger, and Austin Burgio, who represented SIUE as Top 10 National Finalists in the 2026 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge.

New Faces, Faculty Promotions, Retirements

New Faces



Dawn Dankenbring
PharmD, BCPS
Assistant Director of Experiential Education
Clinical Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice



Cathryn McIntosh
PharmD, BCPS, BCCP
Clinical Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice



Deanna Seiler
PharmD
Clinical Instructor, Pharmacy Practice

Promotions



Jared Sheley '12
PharmD, BCPS
Clinical Professor

Retirements



Mike Crider
Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Associate Dean for Research
21 years of service



Rosie Gogue
Office Support Staff
Pharmaceutical Sciences
20 years of service

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