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Hooding Ceremony & Graduation: Milestones For SIUE School of Pharmacy

(EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.) On Saturday, May 9, the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy will send 80 pharmacists into the world.

The candidates for graduation will be honored at 11 a.m. that day in the Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom during a pre-commencement event known as a Hooding Ceremony.

“The members of the SIUE School of Pharmacy’s inaugural class, the Class of 2009, have spent 4 years serving as ambassadors for both SIUE and the profession of pharmacy,” said School of Pharmacy Dean Philip Medon. “They will play an integral role on the health care team for patients throughout the region.

“This is a crucial point in their lives; the culmination of years of studying and hard work, and we are proud of their accomplishments.”

During the ceremony, which is a special recognition ceremony for doctoral degree candidates dating back to the middle ages, faculty and students will don academic attire. The doctoral designees will wear a hood with olive green facing, indicating the wearer’s pharmacy discipline. A red and white lining represents the academic institution from which the individuals are graduating.

“We are blessed to have attracted and retained students who relish change, strive for the highest levels of achievement, embrace diversity and strive to lead,” said School of Pharmacy Associate Dean for Student Affairs Gireesh Gupchup. “They represent our inaugural class, and the future of pharmacy, and we look forward to their successes.”

Jane Ellen Henney, former commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and senior vice president and provost for health affairs at the University of Cincinnati.

At 5 p.m. that afternoon, the graduation candidates will walk in a commencement ceremony in the SIUE Vadalabene Center.

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