

SUAA/SIUE Chapter Newsletter



Holiday Wishes

Reconnecting with Our Members

The SIUE SUAA Chapter felt privileged to finally meet in person with members at several of our campus events. Evident at our 50th Anniversary Kickoff, participants enjoyed renewing friendships and making new ones. The camaraderie was a feeling we have all missed. We recognize the value of social interaction as important element in supporting of our chapter's ongoing mission, including our quarterly newsletter, which helps us to stay in touch with those unable to attend meetings.

Our board continues demonstrating leadership, serving in key roles on the state SUAA board and on committees. In coordination with the state office, our chapter members participate in advocacy efforts to protect our benefits and the overall funding of higher education.

As we reflect on the past year, we realize we have much to be thankful for. In particular, we are especially grateful for your continued support as a SUAA member.

The SIUE SUAA Board you joy and peace during the upcoming holidays.

John Jennetten, President

SUAA Fall Meeting Recap

SUAA 2023 budget was presented and the SUAA 2023 Legislative Platform was adopted. The Platform will be available at <http://suaa.org/> in January with more insight forthcoming from our Chapter Legislative Affairs Chair Keith Becherer.

Guest speakers Dr. Kent Redfield, professor emeritus with UIS and the Institute for Government and Public Affairs and legislative analyst, reviewed the results of the Illinois legislative elections while Dr. Ken Kriz, a nationally recognized scholar for his work on public finance and quantitative data

analysis, spoke about economic forecasting and the economic future in Illinois.

CMS Illinois News

Be Well Illinois is the state's comprehensive approach to physical, mental, financial, and social wellness. Access resources (including previously recorded webinars) and sign up for future webinars here <https://tinyurl.com/c7e5sthx>

SUAA State Office

State office staff have been extremely busy responding to and advocating for Medicare eligible members encountering challenging issues with the 2023 change from United Health Care to Aetna.

Remember ancillary benefits are available to you and your family through SUAA (ie: hotel/car rentals, ID protection, etc.). When you use these benefits you receive significant savings AND the SUAA state office receives income – it's a 'win-win' situation! Click <https://tinyurl.com/ynpt742y> to learn how to access and use these ancillary benefits – don't miss out!

SUAA SIUE Chapter in the News!

Our 50th Year kickoff
<https://tinyurl.com/4kvuddb7>

SUAA Foundation Scholarship awarded to SIUE student
<https://tinyurl.com/mp3y8pxw>

Stay Up to Date Checklist

✓ Visit your SIUE Chapter website often
www.siue.edu/suaa

✓ Keep the State SUAA office apprised of changes to your contact information, ESPECIALLY your email address.

Call the State Office at (217) 523-4040 with all contact updates.

