

SUAA/SIUE Chapter Newsletter

Message from Your Chapter President

Because the national news has been filled with significant events recently, we wanted to be sure that you were aware of the importance of the recently adopted state budget for the state pension systems, including the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). The budget adds an additional \$500 million to the Pension Stabilization fund, which is in addition to the annual mandated state funding. A supplemental appropriation of \$898 million is targeted to eliminate payment delays in the employee and retiree health insurance program.

Higher education will benefit from a five percent increase in public universities operating budgets for fiscal year 2023. The Monetary Award Program administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission received \$601.5 million, an increase of \$122 million. This will provide funding for an additional 24,000 Illinois students who demonstrate financial need. Finally, the budget includes \$230 million to cover the unfunded liability of the College Illinois Program for the remaining life of the prepaid tuition program.

Please consider attending the SUAA SIUE Chapter meeting on June 21st. Illinois Representative Katie Stuart, Chairperson of the House Higher Education Committee, is our guest speaker. You can register on our chapter website <https://tinyurl.com/3b82864x>

We are grateful for your continued membership and support of SUAA.

Your colleague,

John Jennetten, President
SUAA SIUE Chapter

Campus Information

SIUE's inaugural One Day, One SIUE Day of Giving on April 21 was a huge success raising more than \$572,000 and setting 'a new standard for alumni engagement and community partnership as the University defines its future.' Your Chapter was a proud partner sponsor of this event. Read more

and see photos of the campus turning red at <https://bit.ly/3Nzt9i7>

SIUE University Staff Senate

USS is again sponsoring 'Understanding Social Security for SIUE' presentation via zoom June 14. Register here <https://bit.ly/3azXCbs>

SUAA Annual Meeting

The state annual meeting will be held June 16 in Springfield. The usual two day meeting has been compressed into a one day in-person meeting, allowing for discussion of the SUAA ByLaws 5 year review updates and election of Board of Directors officers and regional directors.

SIUE has been well represented on the state SUAA Board of Directors. These Chapter Board members served two terms each: David Steinberg (2014-2018), Jo Gibson (2018-2022). Now Chapter Board member Randy Dunn is running unopposed for the University Region 3 Director position.

SUAA Foundation

Be sure to check out Award Year 2022-23 for Foundation Scholarships & Professional Development Grants at <https://www.suaa.org/suaa-foundation>

SUAAAction

The 2022 Primary Election Guide is available. Go to www.suaa.org Members Login, click on Legislation, then on Elections.

Stay Up to Date Checklist

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

✓ Call the State SUAA office (217) 523-4040 with all contact updates ESPECIALLY your email address. This allows us to communicate more directly with you and limits the Chapter expense of mailing information to members without an active email address.

