

## News Release

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### **SIUE Alumni Affairs Launches STAT**

(EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.) Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Alumni Affairs kicks off its first annual Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) barbecue September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cougar Pavilion. The STAT program hopes to increase interest in alumni affairs among the student population.

SIUE's Director of Alumni Affairs, Steve Jankowski says he "hopes to strengthen the bond between students and alumni with the mentoring program." His goal is to establish a relationship with not only alumni but also current students. STAT hopes to have a big turnout at the barbecue with games, food and prizes.

The purpose of STAT is to strengthen the alumni program. STAT plans to help students become aware of the program earlier on and increase their involvement with SIUE during school and after graduation. Students are encouraged to participate in the mentoring program, build a relationship with SIUE and become active alumni.

To find out more about STAT, come to the barbecue. The BBQ takes place at 6 p.m. and it is free. All are welcome to join. If you have any questions please feel free to contact SIUE Alumni Association at 618-650-2760 or by email at [kabenne@siue.edu](mailto:kabenne@siue.edu).