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## **Change Presents Opportunity for Everybody**

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. – As a SIUE student, the opportunities to get involved are endless. There's an ample amount of options such as on-campus events, off-campus activities, Greek organizations, sports teams, even the not-so-popular book or chess clubs. The question is why would a current SIUE student want to get involved? What would be the reason for participating in University hosted events?

For some, these questions are fairly hard, but for Timothy Johnson the answers were simple. "Being a part of something greater than yourself is the start of change," said Johnson. "And who doesn't want to contribute to change." Johnson is a member of the University's basketball team. He is also a life-time member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. In addition, Johnson is recognized by the University's Black Student Union.

However, Johnson emphasizes that active membership is key. "Even for the right reasons, joining an organization isn't enough," said Johnson in regards to his campus involvement. "Being on the basketball team is great and representing my fraternity is amazing; but for me, actually being that positive role model that I never had for someone else is what drives me to be involved."

In Johnson's opinion being involved on campus shouldn't be about yourself but rather the people around you. He participated in on-campus events to guide those around him such as college freshmen and local high school students. "You never know who's watching you. High school students walk through our campus randomly . . . maybe them seeing me in my Greek apparel or basketball jumpsuit will open there eyes for the better."

**\*\*Off campus involvement\*\***

***Community Service***

***Volunteer***

The opportunities to get involved are endless and so is the opportunity to change someone's life for the better. Whether it's on campus or off campus Johnson encourages students to get involved. "Non-profits, fundraisers, or community service events are all opportunities to help someone other than yourself," said Johnson, "Be a part of something greater than you or those around you. Go change the world!"

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