SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
FALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING ITINERARY
OCTOBER 12-14, 2017

Thursday, October 12

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting, Student Center, Vermillion Room
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. New Directors Orientation, Student Center, Saline Room
Presented by Rick and Molly (All Executive Committee Members are required to attend)
5:00 p.m. Executive Committee and New Directors Dinner, Student Center, Vermillion Room
7:00 p.m. Board Gathering (Optional) – Global Gourmet (102 E. Jackson St.)

Friday, October 13

8:00 a.m. Refreshments available in Ballroom B
9:00 a.m. SIU Alumni Association Full Board Meeting
Student Center, Ballroom B
12:00 p.m. Joint Board Luncheon sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation, Student Center, Ballroom D
1:30 – 2:30p Investments Committee Meeting – Mississippi Room
1:30 – 2:30p College/Professional Schools Committee Meeting – Mackinaw Room
1:30 – 2:00p Advocacy Committee Meeting – Iroquois Room
1:30 – 2:00p Constituent Organization Meeting – Sangamon Room
2:15 – 2:45p Communications Committee Meeting – Wabash Room
2:15 – 3:15p Student Relations Committee Meeting – Illinois Room
3:00 – 3:30p Member Services Committee Meeting – Kaskaskia Room
3:00 – 4:00p P&O Committee Meeting – Mississippi Room
3:00 – 4:00p  P&O Committee Meeting – Mississippi Room

5:00 p.m.  Class of 1967 Social Gathering
Student Center, John W. Corker Lounge

6:30 p.m.  Half Century Club and Class of 1967 Banquet
Student Center, Ballroom D

**Saturday, October 14**

10:00 a.m.  Homecoming Parade (Theme is “Saluki Odyssey” – Heroes, Myths, and Traditions)

11:00 a.m.  Tailgate – Practice Field, south of Saluki Stadium

2:00 p.m.  SIU vs. Illinois State - Saluki Stadium
SIU Alumni Association
Executive Committee Meeting
Student Center - Vermillion Room
Thursday, October 12, 2017
2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – Larry Mieldezis, President

II. Roll Call – Tina Shingleton, Corporate Secretary

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III. Action on Minutes of July 22, 2017 – Larry Mieldezis

IV. President’s Comment – Larry Mieldezis

- Tomorrow the Board will be asked to confirm the appointment of Kimberly Dahlen as Board representative for the School of Law

- Resignation letter received from Paul Piché

V. Executive Director’s Report -- Michelle Suarez

VI. Chancellor’s Comments – Carlo Montemagno

VII. Vice Chancellor’s Comments – James Salmo

VIII. Treasurer’s Report– Greg Wright

IX. Other Committee Reports – Larry Mieldezis

- Audit Committee – Greg Wright
- College/Professional School Relations – Rick Wysocki
- Communications – Molly Hudgins
- Constituent Organizations – Gary Heflin
- Investments – Scott Moller
• Member Services – Rick Wysocki
• Policy and Organization – Rick Wysocki
• Scholarships – Gary Heflin
• Student Relations – Laura Soucy

X. Old Business – Larry Mieldezis
• Results of Purchasing, Receiving, Disbursement Guidelines EC Vote

XI. New Business – Larry Mieldezis
• Memorial Contribution Policy Presentation

• Schedule winter Executive Committee meeting for Saturday, February 3, 2018 – SIU vs. Valparaiso

• Schedule a date for summer Executive Committee meeting in July 2018 (July 14 or 21?)

XII. Announcements – Larry Mieldezis
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• Half Century Club and Class of 1967 Banquet – Friday, October 13, 2017
• Alumni Band Group Reunion – Friday, October 13, 2017
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• SIU Homecoming Tailgate – Saturday, October 14, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
• Homecoming Football Game – Saturday, October 14, 2017 – SIU vs. Illinois State
• SIUAA Textbook Scholarship Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, January 16, 2018
• 13th Annual St. Louis Trivia Night – Friday, January 19, 2018 – St. Louis, MO
• Winter Executive Committee Meeting – February 2018 (TBD)
• Men’s MVC Basketball Tournament – March 1 – 4, 2018 - St. Louis, MO
• Student Extern Week – March 12-16, 2018
• Spring 2018 Executive Committee Meeting – Friday, April 27, 2018
• SIU Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony – Friday, April 27, 2018
• Association Board and Director Social – Friday, April 27, 2018
• Spring 2018 Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, April 28, 2018
• SIU/SIUE 5th Annual Springfield Alumni Reception – Wednesday, July 11, 2018
• Summer Executive Committee Meeting – July 2018 (TBD)
• Fall 2018 Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, October 18, 2018 (Tentative)
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XII. Adjournment – Larry Mieldezis
SIU Alumni Association
SIU Alumni Association National Board of Directors
Fall Meeting
Student Center - Ballroom B
Friday, October 13, 2017
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – Larry Mieldezis, President

- Introduction of new board members who were ratified in April. See if they would like to say a few words as they are introduced:
  - Forrest Fairall
  - Nick Harkovich
  - Darzel Price

New Student Board members:
- Kevin Jenkins, Student Alumni Council President
- Johnathan Flowers, Graduate and Professional Student Council
- Joshua Bowens, Undergraduate Student Government

- Ratification of Kimberly Dahlen as representative to the School of Law

- Resignation of Paul Piché

II. Roll Call – Tina Singleton, Corporate Secretary

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V. Executive Director’s Report – Michelle Suarez

VI. SIU President’s Comments – Randy Dunn

VII. Chancellor’s Comments – Carlo Montemagno

VIII. Vice Chancellor’s Comments – James Salmo

IX. SIU Foundation Report – Harold Bardo

X. Treasurer’s Report– Greg Wright

XI. College/School Representatives’ Reports–Larry Mieldezis

A. College of Agricultural Sciences – Mr. Rick Hiatt
B. College of Applied Sciences and Arts – Ms. Camelle Logan
C. College of Business – Mr. Drew Stoker
D. College of Education and Human Services – Dr. Hazel Loucks
E. College of Engineering – Mr. Slade O’Keefe
F. College of Liberal Arts – Mr. Stephen Wilson
G. College of Mass Communication and Media Arts – Ms. Bethany Krajelis
H. College of Science – Dr. Treg Brown
I. School of Law – Hon. Kimberly Dahlen
J. School of Medicine – Dr. Jeff Parks

XII. Student Directors’ Reports – Larry Mieldezis

A. Student Alumni Council President – Kevin Jenkins
B. Graduate & Professional Student Council – Johnathan Flowers
C. Undergraduate Student Government – Joshua Bowens
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XIV. Old Business – Larry Mieldezis

- Results of Advocacy Resolution/Scholarship Fund Guidelines Voting

XV. New Business – Larry Mieldezis

- SIU Alumni Association Support of Forever SIU Campaign
- Purchasing, Receiving, Disbursement Guidelines (Spending Policy) approved by Executive Committee
- Memorial Contribution Policy

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XII. Adjournment – Larry Mieldezis
Action Plan
2017 – 2018
(Created: August 2017)

SIUALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
FOREWORD

Three pillars were established to better communicate the myriad of Association programs and services established to foster support for SIU; tradition, pride, and opportunity. These three pillars provide a quick and easy explanation behind the value of becoming an Association member and can be tied to any and all of the programs associated with the organization*. The three pillars are again, the basic framework for this action plan. Additionally, action items regarding support of a future fundraising campaign are included.

The plan contains items that strive to improve programs and services while also continuing to focus the organization in a successful direction.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michelle Suarez
Executive Director

*(Source: SIU Alumni Association Marketing / Communications Strategy, 2015)
Objective 1: Position the membership program for growth in both member count revenue.

Action 1.1: Implement auto-renewal "required" options for all annual membership levels on the membership form within iModules.

**Measurement:** Build and test a new primary membership campaign form in iModules that contains the auto-renew "required" option.

**Responsibility:** Director of Member Services, Controller

**Completion Date:** September 30, 2017

Action 1.2: Utilize the online membership form within iModules as the primary intake method for registering memberships to support the mandatory auto-renew structure.

**Measurement:** Review and change procedures and practices of front desk membership sales by student workers, as well as off-site sales by staff, to use iModules form.

**Responsibility:** Director of Member Services, Controller

**Completion Date:** October 2017

Action 1.3: Explore a "Sustaining Life" annual membership option to benefit both the Association and Foundation.

**Measurement:** Research benchmark institutions and similar organizations that have discontinued new paid life memberships. Determine viability.

**Responsibility:** Director of Member Services, Executive Director, Controller, Foundation CFO

**Completion Date:** October 31, 2017
Action 1.4: Evaluate the 3-Year membership level.

Measurement: Analyze adoption and renewals of 3-Year memberships since implementation. Review retention and acquisition rates in comparison to other membership levels offered.

Responsibility: Director of Member Services, Controller

Completion Date: October 31, 2017

Action 1.5: Determine best practices for building a student membership program.

Measurement: Research benchmarking institutions, best practices for CASE, ASAP.

Responsibility: Director of Member Services, Director of College & Student Relations, Director of Corporate Relations, SAC members

Action 1.6: Explore alternate models for dues sharing program.


Responsibility: Controller, Directors of Members Services, Constituent Relations, College & Student Relations

Completion Date: December 2017

Action 1.7: Evaluate alternative methods for promotion for Job Jenny to member, non-members, and students.

Measurement: Review current methods to determine opportunities to reach these markets.

Responsibility: Directors of Corporate Relations and Membership and Marketing

Completion Date: December 2017
Objective 2: Engage alumni in support of the university and Association.

Action 2.1: Explore opportunities for support of the colleges/professional schools.

Measurement: Identify current models, best practices for such programs.

Responsibility: Director of College & Student Relations, Constituent Relations, Controller, SIUAA Board Directors of College and Professional Schools

Completion Date: December 2017

Action 2.2: Evaluate the current constituent organization model.

Measurement: Determine how COs can best support the organization and university.

Responsibility: Director of Constituent Relations, Controller, Executive Director, SIUAA Board Members

Completion Date: October 2017

Action 2.3: Encourage recipients of the SIU Distinguished Alumni Award to participate in student engagement opportunities while on campus.

Measurement: Examine opportunities for award recipients to engage with students within their chosen career field or area of interest

Responsibilities: Director of Corporate Relations, College Deans

Completion Date: April 2018

Action 2.4: Support Undergraduate Admissions recruitment strategy
Measurement: Develop a plan for promotion and continued collaboration

Responsibility: Directors of Constituent Relations, Student Relations, Member Services and Corporate Relations, Executive Director, and SIU AA Board Members and Scholarship Committee

Completion Date: June 2018

Action 2.5:
Explore alumni professional network.

Measurement: Develop plan for alumni to utilize their expertise in engagement with the university.

Responsibility: Executive Director, Directors of College & Student Relations, Constituent Organizations

Completion Date: June 2018

Action 2.6:
Support of the SIU 150th Anniversary

Measurement: Opportunities for Association support identified.

Responsibility: Executive Director, Director of Member Services

Completion Date: June 2018

Action 2.7:
Engage the 50 year reunion class in meaningful philanthropic support of the university.

Measurement: Work with university entities to evaluate opportunities for support

Responsibility: Director of Corporate Relations

Completion Date: June 2018
Objective 3: Manage revenue/expenses to support the Association.

Action 3.1: Negotiate a new contract with insurance program.

Measurement: Increase the guaranteed payment and percentage from sales.

Responsibility: Director of Corporate Relations, Controller

Completion Date: January 2018

Action 3.2: Explore acquiring a State of Illinois sales tax exemption.

Measurement: Secure an exemption

Responsibility: Controller, Executive Director

Completion: June 2018

Action 3.3: Review processes for membership payments.

Measurement: Identify inefficiencies to maximize revenue collection.


Completion Date: December 2017

Action 3.4: Explore new opportunities to generate increased revenue for scholarships.

Measurement: Develop a comprehensive strategy for review.

Responsibility: Controller, Director of College & Student Relations, Director of Corporate Relations

Completion Date: June 2018
Action 3.5: Improve fiscal management through monthly reporting.

**Measurement:** Create a standard monthly report to reflect actual expenses/revenues vs. budgeted expenses/revenues and dues sharing

**Responsibility:** Controller

**Completion Date:** August 20, 2017

**Objective 4:** Support "Forever SIU" Campaign

**Action 4.1:** Establish plans for upcoming Coast to Coast cities

**Measurement:** Support and analysis of events

**Responsibility:** Directors of Constituent Relations, Student Relations, Member Services and Corporate Relations, Executive Director, and SIU AA Board Members

**Completion Date:** June 2018

**Action 4.2:** Establish a plan for SIU Alumni Association Board involvement

**Measurement:** Support and analysis of events

**Responsibility:** Executive Director, SIU AA Board Members

**Completion Date:** June 2018

**Objective 5:** Enhance communication with alumni to increase engagement

**Action 5.1:** Implement a digital membership card system for members of the Association.

**Measurement:** Explore options and pricing for creating and distributing digital membership cards, with the intent to also use the systems as another channel of communication and engagement with members.
Responsibility: Director of Member Services, Controller

Completion Date: June 2018

Action 5.2: Develop updated strategies to better engage with alumni via social media.

Measurement: Examine and mimic best practices at benchmark institutions, within the alumni engagement industry, and among outside organizations that employ effective tactics.

Responsibility: Directors of Member Services, Constituent Relations, College & Student Relations, Corporate Relations, Controller, and Executive Director.

Completion Date: January 2018

Action 5.3: Utilize magazine content online in a manner that increases accessibility and encourages alumni engagement.

Measurement: Explore platforms and channels that offer the Association the opportunity to transfer or expand upon content from the magazine.

Responsibility: Director of Member Services, Controller

Completion Date: January 2018
SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION OF ALUMNI, FORMER STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, INCORPORATED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

GRAY HUNTER STEIN LLP
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Board of Directors
The Association of Alumni, Former Students and
Friends of Southern Illinois University, Incorporated
Carbondale, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Association of Alumni, Former Students and Friends of Southern Illinois University, Incorporated, a component unit of Southern Illinois University, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Association of Alumni, Former Students and Friends of Southern Illinois University, Incorporated, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Marion, Illinois
September 19, 2017
THE ASSOCIATION OF ALUMNI, FORMER STUDENTS AND FRIENDS
OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, INCORPORATED
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

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<td>($455,098)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dividend and interest income</td>
<td>$204,549</td>
<td>$264,347</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenues</strong></td>
<td>$2,748,857</td>
<td>$1,372,642</td>
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<td><strong>Expenses:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Budget expended from SIU</td>
<td>$983,409</td>
<td>$1,048,449</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administrative</td>
<td>$50,365</td>
<td>$61,365</td>
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<td>Alumni communications</td>
<td>$229,883</td>
<td>$219,414</td>
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<td>Membership services</td>
<td>$92,237</td>
<td>$62,881</td>
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<td>Alumni and public relations</td>
<td>$3,631</td>
<td>$43,285</td>
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<td>Database maintenance</td>
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<td>$53,174</td>
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<td>Board of directors</td>
<td>$31,227</td>
<td>$31,315</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chapter development and alumni programs</td>
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<td>$80,077</td>
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<td>Homecoming and reunions</td>
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<td>$37,149</td>
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<td>University master contract payment</td>
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<td>$36,279</td>
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<td>Student relations</td>
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<td>$20,108</td>
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<td>College societies</td>
<td>$4,516</td>
<td>$2,958</td>
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<td>Awards and contributions</td>
<td>$42,981</td>
<td>$60,409</td>
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<td>Operational support</td>
<td>$10,339</td>
<td>$11,124</td>
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<td>Sponsorship</td>
<td>$5,852</td>
<td>$8,899</td>
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<td>On campus programs</td>
<td>$24,981</td>
<td>$40,455</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advocacy</td>
<td>$97</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional development</td>
<td>$5,741</td>
<td>$11,795</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>$32,077</td>
<td>$32,328</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td>$1,785,634</td>
<td>$1,881,464</td>
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<tr>
<td>Change in net assets</td>
<td>$983,023</td>
<td>($508,822)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net assets, beginning of year</td>
<td>$5,750,842</td>
<td>$6,259,664</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net assets, end of year</td>
<td>$6,713,865</td>
<td>$5,750,842</td>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Cashflows from Operating Activities:

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<th>Source</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Change in net assets</td>
<td>$ 963,023</td>
<td>$(508,822)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation expense</td>
<td>32,077</td>
<td>32,328</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment (gain) loss</td>
<td>(997,815)</td>
<td>455,098</td>
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<td>Changes in assets and liabilities</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(increase) decrease in accounts receivable</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>6,369</td>
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<tr>
<td>(increase) decrease in prepaid expenses</td>
<td>31,180</td>
<td>6,347</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities</td>
<td>(52,125)</td>
<td>(42,480)</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in deposits held for others</td>
<td>7,881</td>
<td>(8,126)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue</td>
<td>(71,588)</td>
<td>(15,391)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net cash provided by (used by) operating activities</td>
<td>$ (87,266)</td>
<td>$ (74,677)</td>
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Cashflows from Investing Activities:

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<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Proceeds from sale and maturities of investments</td>
<td>$ 389,748</td>
<td>$ 1,741,071</td>
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<tr>
<td>Purchase of furniture and equipment</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(1,589)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Purchase of investments</td>
<td>(294,297)</td>
<td>(1,575,419)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net cash provided by (used by) investing activities</td>
<td>$ 95,451</td>
<td>$ 164,063</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Net increase (decrease) in cash                         |
|                                                        | $ 8,165    | $ 89,386   |

Cash, beginning of year                                   |
|                                                        | 116,389    | 27,003     |

Cash, end of year                                         |
|                                                        | $ 124,554  | $ 116,389  |
THE ASSOCIATION OF ALUMNI, FORMER STUDENTS AND FRIENDS
OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, INCORPORATED

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows.

a. Organization: The Association of Alumni, Former Students and Friends of Southern Illinois University, Incorporated (the "Association") located in Carbondale, Illinois exists for the primary purpose of cultivating support of Southern Illinois University ("SIU" or "University") in achieving its educational, research, and service goals and responsibilities through membership, alumni events, and keeping alumni informed of development at the University.

Due to the significance of the financial relationship with the University, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, and GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units, the Association is included as a component unit of the University for financial reporting purposes. The financial activities included in the Association's financial statements are reported in a separate column in the University's financial statements to emphasize that the Association is an Illinois not-for-profit organization legally separate from the University.

These financial statements include all financial activities over which the Association exercises direct responsibility.

b. Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation: The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). Under those provisions, net assets and revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the absence or existence and nature of donor-imposed restrictions as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net assets of the Association represent resources available for transactions relating to the educational and general operations of the Association, and may be used at the discretion of the governing board to meet current expenses for any purpose. The Association's Board of Directors has designated unrestricted net assets for the following purposes as of June 30:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Net Assets</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2016</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Operations</td>
<td>$4,000,000</td>
<td>$3,641,787</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scholarship Fund – Corpus</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scholarship Fund – Undistributed earnings</td>
<td>189,266</td>
<td>63,522</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alumni Center Construction</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Designated Net Assets</td>
<td>$6,189,266</td>
<td>$5,705,309</td>
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</table>
• Temporarily restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the Association pursuant to those stipulations or that expire by the passage of time. There were no temporarily restricted net assets as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

• Permanently restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Association. There were no permanently restricted net assets as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

c. Cash Equivalents: For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Association considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

d. Investments: The Association accounts for its investments at fair value. Changes in unrealized gain (loss) on the carrying value of investments are reported as a component of investment gain (loss) in the statements of activities.

e. Furniture and Equipment: Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided for in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated service lives, on a straight-line basis, ranging from six to ten years. All items exceeding $1,000 are capitalized.

f. Accounts Receivable and Deferred Revenue: Revenue from annual and life memberships is recognized ratably over the membership period. Fees, including activities fees, and credit card royalties are recognized when earned. Deferred revenue at June 30, 2017 and 2016, represents the unexpired portion of memberships and unearned fees with a remaining contract life. The Association recognizes twenty percent of Lifetime Memberships as income in the year received, with the remaining eighty percent being recognized over forty years. The Association considers all receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary at June 30, 2017 and 2016.

g. Revenue Recognition: Revenue is recognized under the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, dues are collected annually and are recognized as revenues in the applicable membership period on a monthly pro rata basis.

h. In-Kind Materials, Facilities and Services: Donated supplies and materials are recorded as contributions and as expenses of the appropriate program or supporting service at their determinable fair value at the date of donation.

i. Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Although these estimates are based on management's knowledge of current events and actions it may undertake in the future, they may ultimately differ from actual results.

j. Income Taxes: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a determination letter, dated August 20, 1990, indicating that the Association qualifies for federal income tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code except for income taxes associated with unrelated business income. No provision has been made as management does not believe it has significant unrelated business income.
The Association has recognized in the financial statements the effects of all tax positions and continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Association is not aware of any circumstances or events that make it reasonably possible that unrecognized tax benefits may increase or decrease within twelve months of the statement of financial position date. Penalties and interest assessed by taxing authorities are included in administrative expenses, if applicable.

The Association files information returns in the federal jurisdiction and Illinois. The federal and state information returns prior to 2014 are closed.

k. **Subsequent Events:** Management has evaluated subsequent events for recognition and disclosure in the financial statements through September 19, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Through September 19, 2017, no subsequent events required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

2. **INVESTMENTS**

The following is a breakdown of investments segregated by investment type as of June 30:

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>2017</th>
<th>Fair Value</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>Fair Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mutual funds</td>
<td>$6,273,571</td>
<td>$8,418,812</td>
<td>$6,334,966</td>
<td>$7,470,977</td>
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<tr>
<td>Portfolio cash</td>
<td>71,796</td>
<td>71,796</td>
<td>117,247</td>
<td>117,247</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$6,345,367</td>
<td>$8,490,608</td>
<td>$6,452,213</td>
<td>$7,588,244</td>
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Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Accounting standards establish a fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

**Level 1** - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 1 assets and liabilities include debt and equity securities that are traded in an active exchange market, as well as U.S. Treasury securities.

**Level 2** - Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Level 2 assets and liabilities include debt securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments. This category generally includes certain U.S. Government and agency mortgage-backed debt securities and corporate debt securities.

**Level 3** - Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as
well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation. This category generally includes certain private debt and equity investments.

The following discussion describes the valuation methodologies used for financial assets measured at fair value. The techniques utilized in estimating the fair values are affected by the assumptions used. Care should be exercised in deriving conclusions about the Association’s operations or financial position based on the fair value information of financial assets presented below.

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on available market information and judgments about the financial asset, including estimates of timing, amount of expected future cash flows and the credit standing of the issuer. In some cases, the fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by a comparison to independent markets. In addition, the disclosed fair value may not be realized in the immediate settlement of the financial asset. In addition, the disclosed fair values do not reflect any premium or discount that could result from offering for sale at one time an entire holding of a particular financial asset.

The fair value of equity securities and mutual funds has been determined from observable market quotations.

The following table presents the Association’s fair value hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30:

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<th>2016</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fair Value</td>
<td>Level 1</td>
<td>Level 2</td>
<td>Level 3</td>
<td>Fair Value</td>
<td>Level 1</td>
<td>Level 2</td>
<td>Level 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mutual funds</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Index</td>
<td>$2,164,585</td>
<td>$2,164,585</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$1,927,285</td>
<td>$1,927,285</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>2,201,154</td>
<td>2,201,154</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,846,843</td>
<td>1,846,843</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Growth</td>
<td>1,151,542</td>
<td>1,151,542</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>931,835</td>
<td>931,835</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Combined (Value &amp; Growth)</td>
<td>632,615</td>
<td>632,615</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>526,973</td>
<td>526,973</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Debt income</td>
<td>2,268,916</td>
<td>2,268,916</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,238,061</td>
<td>2,238,061</td>
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<tr>
<td>Portfolio cash</td>
<td>71,796</td>
<td>71,796</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>117,247</td>
<td>117,247</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$6,490,608</td>
<td>$6,490,608</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$7,588,244</td>
<td>$7,588,244</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Dividend and interest income as presented on the Statement of Activities is shown net of advisory fees of $39,748 and $38,417 for 2017 and 2016, respectively.
3. BOARD DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT

The Association's Board Designated Scholarship Endowment was created as a means to help Southern Illinois University's recruitment and retention efforts. The Scholarship Fund is a part of the overall investment portfolio and follows the same policies such as a return objective of 6.78%. As of June 30, 2017, the Scholarship Fund is comprised of $1,000,000 of corpus and $189,266 in undistributed earnings. It is the intent of the Board of Directors to distribute the funds in excess of $1,000,000 in the form of scholarships.

At the end of each fiscal year the Association will designate, as the next fiscal year's Scholarship Fund Distribution, the Fund's proportional share of the sum of total realized and unrealized investment gains/losses and interest/dividends earned throughout the fiscal year. A scholarship proposal will be created each fiscal year outlining how Scholarship Fund monies will be distributed through scholarships and awards. This proposal must be voted on, and approved by, both the Scholarship Committee and the Executive Committee.

Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type of Fund:

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<tr>
<td>Board designated endowment funds</td>
<td>$1,189,266</td>
<td>$1,063,522</td>
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Changes in the Board Designated Endowment for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2017:

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<tr>
<td>Scholarship Endowment</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Endowment net assets, as of June 30, 2015</td>
<td>$1,152,913</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment income</td>
<td>$ 40,163</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net realized and unrealized gains and (losses)</td>
<td>( 69,145)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total investment return</td>
<td>( 28,982)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure</td>
<td>( 60,409)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Endowment net assets, as of June 30, 2016</td>
<td>$1,063,522</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment income</td>
<td>$ 28,668</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net realized and unrealized gains and (losses)</td>
<td>139,848</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total investment return</td>
<td>$ 168,516</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure</td>
<td>( 42,772)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Endowment net assets, as of June 30, 2017</td>
<td>$1,189,266</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Percent of board designated endowments in relation to total investments as of June 30, 2016 14.0%

Percent of board designated endowments in relation to total investments as of June 30, 2017 14.0%
4. BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

The Association's Board of Directors has designated $1,000,000 for the construction of an Alumni Center as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

The Association's Board of Directors has designated $4,000,000 to support the general operations of the Association's programs and services as of June 30, 2017 and 2016. The General Operations fund is part of the overall investment portfolio and follows the same policies such as a return objective of 6.78%. All earnings from this fund shall be included in the balance of the unrestricted/undesignated net asset account. The designated $4,000,000 shall only be withdrawn upon to support operations if the earnings from the investment portfolio (excluding those associated with the Scholarship Fund) and any earnings from operation have been depleted.

A budget will be created each fiscal year outlining how much of the General Operations fund or earnings on the fund will be utilized. This budget must be voted on and approved by both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

5. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

The following is a summary of furniture and equipment at June 30:

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<tr>
<td>Furniture</td>
<td>$314,447</td>
<td>$314,447</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>$241,532</td>
<td>$209,455</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6. CREDIT CARD ARRANGEMENT

The Association entered into an agreement with Commerce Bank, effective July 1, 2014. During the Year ended June 30, 2015, the Association received a $25,000 advance. In the event that the Association fails to earn royalties and new account fees during the initial term or any renewal term of the agreement, the Association will not be obligated to repay any unearned portion of the advance. As of June 30, 2017, the Association has fully recognized the entire advance as income.

7. RETIREMENT PLAN

All full-time Association personnel are University employees. Retirement benefits and post-retirement benefits other than pension are available for eligible SIU employees under a contributory retirement plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Universities Retirement System. Participants of the Plan contribute eight percent of their gross earnings, and the University annually contributes an amount determined by the State Legislature from State appropriations and amounts from other current funds based on actuarially determined rates. Information pertaining to the Plan and Plan benefits can be found in the University financial statements. The Association does not own any of the Plan assets and has no responsibility for the Plan obligations.
During the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the University contributed $289,625 and $271,753, respectively, to the Plan on behalf of Association personnel. These amounts are included in the amounts shown as Budget allocation from SIU and budget expended from SIU in the accompanying statement of activities.

8. FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Certain costs have been allocated among various categories based on the actual direct expenditures and cost allocations based upon estimates of time spent by Association personnel.

The costs of supporting the various programs and other activities are summarized on a functional basis below:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Management and general</td>
<td>$ 545,416</td>
<td>$ 540,791</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program services</td>
<td>1,092,907</td>
<td>1,183,406</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Membership development</td>
<td>147,511</td>
<td>157,267</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 1,785,834</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 1,881,464</strong></td>
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9. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The Association has entered into a master contract with the Board of Trustees of SIU that specifies the relationship between the two organizations in accordance with the Legislative Audit Commission’s University Guidelines, 1997, as amended. Among the provisions of the contract is a requirement that the Association, in return for staff and use of the facilities, agrees to annually reimburse the University for the proportionate share of costs involved. This reimbursement is computed as the annual salary cost of the University’s Alumni Services Department times a percentage (6.5% and 6.6% in 2017 and 2016, respectively), based on the total number of addressable alumni members divided by the total number of addressable alumni on file. Both the Association and the University agree to the percentage on an annual basis. The reimbursement amounted to $30,531 and $36,279 during the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The Association recognized, as revenue and expense, those on-behalf payments for salaries made by the University for personnel of the Association. For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, these amounts totaled $983,409 and $1,048,449, respectively, (including retirement payments described in Note 7) and are included in budget allocation from SIU and budget expended from SIU in the accompanying statement of activities. The Association also paid $55,280 and $86,210 during the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively for various operating expenses.

During the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the Association received $109,939 and $108,626, respectively, from the Southern Illinois University Foundation at Carbondale, primarily for the cost of printed materials distributed by the Association. The 2017 amount included $100,000 classified as revenue and $9,939 for partial reimbursement of costs incurred for special events and activities held for the benefit of both parties and the 2016 amount included $100,000 classified as revenue and $8,626 for partial reimbursement of costs incurred for special events and activities held for the benefit of both parties. The Association also paid $68,138 and $54,608 during the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, to various SIU Foundation restricted accounts. These accounts benefit SIU by providing funding for department operations and scholarships.
During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Association paid SIU Edwardsville $3,167 in reimbursements for a joint alumni reception event.

Amounts due to and due from the related parties as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

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10. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Association maintains cash balances at Regions Bank. Accounts at the institution are insured up to $250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. From time to time, account balances may exceed the insured limits. As of June 30, 2017, the Association has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

11. PENDING ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In August, 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. This guidance amends the requirements for financial statements and notes presented by a not-for-profit entity to a) present on the face of the statement of financial position amounts for two classes of net assets at the end of the period, rather than for the currently required three classes; b) present on the face of the statement of activities the amount of the change in either of the two classes of net assets rather than that of the currently required three classes; c) provide enhanced disclosures in the notes to the financial statements; d) report investment return net of external and direct internal investment expenses; and e) utilize, in the absence of explicit donor stipulations, the placed-in-service approach for reporting expirations of restrictions on gifts of cash or other assets to be used to acquire or construct a long-lived asset. The ASU will be effective for the Association's June 30, 2019 financial statements. Early application is permitted. Retrospective application is required for many provisions of this guidance. The Association is currently evaluating the effect of the new standard on its financial statements.
RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ALUMNI, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT AND FACILITATE ADVOCACY ON BEHALF AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS a thriving and accessible system of public higher education is a vital component for the prosperity, peace of mind, and long-term intellectual and economic viability of a state’s population, and

WHEREAS Southern Illinois University, first established on March 9, 1869, and expanded over the last nearly one hundred and fifty years into a system that today includes:
- A campus in Carbondale, Illinois recognized as a Research University/High Research Activity in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education;
- A campus in Edwardsville, Illinois recognized as a Large 4-Year Residential institution in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education;
- A School of Medicine in Springfield, Illinois with a mission of research focused in cancer, Alzheimer’s and audiology, as well as a focus to put doctors in rural and underserved communities;
- Numerous satellite facilities and off-campus programs across the country, including military bases, giving individuals access to an SIU degree beyond the boundaries of the system’s physical campuses,

WHEREAS the activities of Southern Illinois University and all state public institutions of higher education have a proven record of direct and indirect positive economic impacts, both short- and long-term to the State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS the current state of affairs as it relates to matters of public policy in Illinois have seriously jeopardized the resources and funding necessary for Southern Illinois University to:
- Support its academic mission in a manner that conveys quality, consistency, and accessibility to students who seek degrees of higher learning for the betterment of their lives;
- Maintain its status as an engine of the region’s economy and as a resource for services and outreach to the communities of southern Illinois;
- Combat public perception that seeking a degree from an institute of higher education in Illinois is no longer a sound investment given the state’s inability to enact a full budget for higher education and the resulting financial turmoil the university finds itself in, and

WHEREAS The Association of Alumni, Students and Friends of Southern Illinois University represents more than 250,000 individuals worldwide, including more than 104,000 alumni in the State of Illinois,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the National Board of Directors for The Association of Alumni, Students and Friends of Southern Illinois University offer immediate and continuing support to mobilize this constituency of alumni, students and friends against policy decisions that jeopardize the resources SIU and of all institutions of public higher education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorize Association staff to support and facilitate advocacy communication and efforts to alert these constituents to contact their state legislators and/or executive leaders to call for an end to such destructive policy practices.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association on June 23, 2017.

Corporate Secretary

[Signature]
SIU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund Guidelines

I. Introduction and Purpose

The SIU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund was board designated in April 2008 as a means to help assist Southern Illinois University’s recruitment and retention. The purpose of this document is to preserve the original intentions of the fund in a formal document and further develop proper procedures that will assist in ensuring this Fund continues to operate.

II. Scholarship Committee

As a result of the creation of these funds, a Scholarship Committee has been developed to determine how to distribute awards and scholarships that are a result of this Fund. The Committee Chair will be designated by the President of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. A staff member of the SIU Alumni Services department will assist the Chair with administrative duties related to the Committee. This staff member will be designated by the Executive Director of the SIU Alumni Association. The Committee will be responsible for ensuring a Proposal (See Section III) is presented to the Executive Committee no later than the Homecoming meeting each year. In addition, understanding that the financial needs facing students is constantly changing; the Committee will be expected to meet with various University departments and academic units throughout the year to better understand what is needed to recruit and retain Southern Illinois University students. Proposals must be submitted to the Chairperson by July 1 of the fiscal year in which they are to be awarded to be considered.

III. Scholarship Proposal

A scholarship proposal will be created each fiscal year outlining how Scholarship Fund Distributions (See Section IV) obtained over the course of the last fiscal year will be distributed through scholarships and awards. This Proposal shall include a brief description outlining the objectives of each scholarship and award offered and how it relates to further recruitment and/or retention of students. In addition, the Proposal shall include an estimate for each individual scholarship and award, including an estimate for amounts to be spent on ceremonies directly related to scholarship recipients (ex. Textbook award ceremony). Once approved by the Executive Committee, any changes to the estimates must be approved by the President of the SIU Alumni Association and the Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

The Proposal shall remain flexible, and not permanently restrict any of the Scholarship Funds.

IV. Scholarship Fund Distributions

a. At the end of each fiscal year, the SIU Alumni Association will designate as the next fiscal year’s Scholarship Fund Distributions whichever is greater:

$30,000
10% of the sum of total unrealized investment gains/losses and interest/dividends earned throughout the fiscal year (not to exceed $100,000 total)

b. Distributions will be kept in the Association’s general investment pool until needed.

c. Any remaining amount not distributed in a fiscal year will carry over into the next fiscal year. This remaining amount shall be included in the next fiscal years’ Scholarship Proposal.

d. The Association reserves the right to not fund scholarships in any year that investment losses and or interest/dividends do not result positive net gains.

V. Scholarship Fund Reporting

Recognizing the Scholarship Fund as a board designated asset, regardless of principal and income fluctuations of total investments, the balance designated on the financial statements shall not fall below the original $1,000,000 designation. The $1,000,000 corpus plus undistributed earnings shall be reported individually as a long term asset on the SIU Alumni Association’s financial statements.

VI. Approval to Modify Scholarship Fund

Any modifications to the Scholarship Fund, its purposes, and the guidelines and procedures outlined in this document shall be voted by the Board of Directors of the SIU Alumni Association. In addition, the Executive Committee must approve any changes before it is voted on by the full board.

These guidelines were approved and adopted on June 23, 2017.
Southern Illinois University Alumni Association
Purchasing, Receiving, Disbursement Guidelines and
Processing Procedures

Overview:

To establish adequate administrative and internal controls over SIU Alumni Association funds expended by the Association fiscal officer, it is necessary that proper segregation exist between the purchasing, receiving, and disbursement functions.

Purchasing Procedures:

The SIU Alumni Association does not require purchase requisitions. All purchases over $25,000 are required to use a bidding process or show cause for sole source and be approved by the Executive Director.

Authorization and Approvals:

The Executive Director may authorize expenditures for specific party or staff appreciation functions and spouse travel and associated expenses.

Processing Procedures:

Invoices along with all packing slips should be submitted directly to the Association. The Association Director that is directly related to the expenditure and the Executive Director or the Controller must approve the invoice. If the expenditure is greater than or equal to $5,000 the Board of Directors’ President and Treasurer must approve of the expenditure.

If the expenditure benefited (i.e. reimbursement to or travel of) an employee, the document approving the expenditure must have a proprietary signature (the signature of the individual in the position above the employee).

Duties Performed:

The SIU Alumni Association will: review and approve invoices for appropriateness and propriety, adherence to unit guideline restrictions/stipulations (if any), State and University’s rules and guidelines where appropriate and proper fiscal officer approval.

The SIU Alumni Association will: apply the State and University’s purchasing rules and guidelines where appropriate and perform receiving function.

Processing Policies:

The SIU Alumni Association allows greater flexibility for certain expenditures which the University would not normally approve. Also, the Alumni Association permits some exceptions from the normal rules and guidelines of the University. These exceptions and deviations are as follows:
Contributions:

The SIU Alumni Association will not make political contributions.

Equipment and Office Furnishings:

Reasonable expenditures for equipment and office furnishings are allowed to be made from the Alumni Association funds. Equipment purchased exceeding $1,000 must be capitalized and added to the depreciation schedule.

Entertainment Expense:

Expenditures for the purchase of food and beverages (including alcohol) used to meet with or entertain alumni, donors and/or university guests, should be reasonable and proper under circumstances. Documentation of such an event should include its purpose, a listing of all individuals in attendance, whether the attendees are university employees, and the cost of event.

Memoriam:

Memoriam to alumni, alumni members, donors, potential donors, friends of the University and University employees or their immediate family for funeral, hospital, illness, or retirement can be purchased from Alumni Association funds.

Functions:

All direct and ancillary costs related to official functions, such as board meetings, seminars, retreats, retirement events, awards banquets, departmental meetings, and receptions will be permitted for reasonable and proper costs. These costs include the printing of invitations, entertainment, food and beverages (including alcoholic), room decorations, flowers, rental facilities, linen, and bartenders and servers. The cost of these events should be approved in advance by the Executive Director or Controller.

Gifts:

The purchase of gifts for awards, special recognition, and service are permitted from SIU Alumni Association funds.

Retirement recognition allows for non-cash items up to $1,600 in value to be given with no tax consequences to the recipient. However, each case must be reviewed as there are some limitations to this exclusion.

Memberships:

Membership to civic/professional/social organizations to support University/Alumni Association business and entertainment is permitted from Alumni Association funds. The organization must not discriminate based upon age, race, ethnicity, religion, or gender. Memberships require approval from the Executive Director.
Service Departments:

Utilization of the University's service departments are encouraged where economical and feasible but is not mandated by the Alumni Association.

Special Event/Fund Raising Activities:

The purchase of entertainment for official University/Alumni Association guests is permitted from Alumni Association funds.

The purchase of tickets for University or Alumni Association employees and spouses to attend events where University or Alumni Association representation is normally expected is permitted from Alumni Association funds.

Travel:

The University's travel regulations will apply to Alumni Association expenditures for an approved type of travel with the following exceptions:

1. Hotel rates at actual cost. Travelers are obligated to secure the lowest reasonable cost rates suitable and convenient to conduct University or Alumni Association business.

2. Spouse travel costs where it is deemed appropriate for the spouse to represent the University/Alumni Association.

The SIU Alumni Association may allocate travel advances to Alumni Association staff traveling seven or more consecutive calendar days for domestic travel and all foreign travel. Travel advances may not exceed $500. Travel advances should be returned and/or receipts substantiating travel expenditures should be submitted within five working days after the end of the trip. Consideration of travel advances will be determined on a case by case basis.

Paperwork for reimbursable expenses must be turned in by the last working day of the month. If the employee is traveling at the end of the month, paperwork must be turned in the first business day upon returning to the office.

Lodging expense may be paid for board members to attend board meetings. Lodging expense for the Board President's representation at Association events are allowed up to the amount approved for in the budget. If the board member is not available to attend the event when the time arrives, the board member shall make every effort to find new representation for the event.
Corporate Card Procedures:

The corporate card is a privilege extended to those staff (excluding student employees) that must travel or entertain on behalf of the University and the Association. The corporate card cannot be used to purchase items that are not reimbursable business expenses or items applicable to the Pcard.

- Each individual cardholder is responsible for verifying all charges made and filling out a corporate card request form. The original receipt must include all charges and be attached to the request form along with a description of the event/items to be purchased and names of all people in attendance.

- Corporate card request forms are due within one week of the corporate card charge.

- No personal charges are allowed to be made on the corporate card.

- Any charges over $5,000 need to have prior authorization from the Board of Directors.

Exception to these Guidelines:

If an anticipated transaction does not meet the above guidelines, prior written approval must be obtained from the SIU Alumni Association President before an expenditure is made.


[Signature]
Secretary
Memorial Contribution Policy

At the discretion of the Association Executive Director, current President, President Elect, and/or Past President, memoriam donations for the death of an individual close to the Association, its membership and/or its staff can be made, according to the Association Spending Policy.

Requests for memorial donations should be sent by the Association Executive Director or Association Administrative Assistant via email to the President, Past President, and President Elect. Approval of donation requires a majority vote from the President, President Elect and Immediate Past President. Memoriams shall not exceed $150 in value.

These guidelines were approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association on _________________, 2017.
COLLEGES/SCHOOLS and STUDENT DIRECTORS

BOARD REPORTS

SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2017
College of Agricultural Sciences  
Report for the SIU Alumni Association Board  
Fall 2017

The College of Agricultural Sciences is celebrating another successful fall semester! Enrollment in the college shows a slight decline overall, but the College is proud to boast a slight increase in new students!

- There are a total of 909 students in the College of Agricultural Sciences, a slight decrease from Fall 2016. There are 803 undergraduate students, 82 masters students, and 24 doctoral students.

- Programs of study in the College of Agricultural Sciences still include: human nutrition dietetics; hospitality and tourism; crop, soil, and environmental management; horticulture; agricultural systems and education; forestry hydrology; forest recreation and park management; urban forest management; wildlife habitat management and conservation; equine science; and pre-veterinary medicine.

- Associate Dean Karen Midden continues the responsibility of oversight of the University Farm Operations. The University Farms continues to be the foundation of the college. Every student has the opportunity to get involved in work, research labs, or class at the 2,000 acre farm system adjacent to campus. This farm system has fully functional beef, equine, swine, agronomy, horticulture and tree centers. The farm centers also continue to be the hub of our research and teaching activities to test new ideas and discoveries and to provide our students with real world hands-on experience.

- Dean Mickey Latour has communicated to SIU Administration he will return to faculty effective January 1, 2018. The college is currently waiting on additional information on a transitional plan from SIU Administration.
COLLEGE NEWS

The College had a busy summer season with several alumni events! On May 3, our first “New Alumni Party” was held at Bandanas BBQ to celebrate our spring semester graduates. The College provided a buffet meal and enjoyed the evening with students, faculty, and staff. Interim Chancellor Colwell joined the party to wish our graduates well.

*Students enjoying the New Alumni Celebration at Bandanas BBQ on May 3, 2017 with Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell.*

The summer continued with recruitment at both Illinois and Indiana FFA conventions in June. Over 500 prospective students information cards were collected at the two events combined. FFA conventions provide the college the opportunity to connect with alumni, prospective students and parents. The College’s Ambassador Team is a vital part of all recruitment efforts, and the summer conventions were a part of the duties of the team.

On Tuesday, June 20, an Alumni Reception was held at the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Conference in Bloomington, Illinois. Recruitment Coordinator Peter Dirks provided a college update to those attending with approximately 50 in attendance.

On July 12, a reception was held for alumni on the evening prior to the Belleville Field Day at Bella Milano in St. Louis. Guests enjoyed appetizers and a chance to interact with representatives from the college. The Belleville Field Day was held on Thursday, July 13 with approximately 200 in attendance. This was the 51st year for this event, and continues to grow each year.

The college then made a trip to Effingham for an Alumni Reception on Saturday, July 15. Becks Hybrids provided their facility for the day as well as tours of the research plots. Those attending enjoyed a buffet meal and an update on the college from Dean Mickey Latour. A special thank you to Alumni Jeff Probst, Sales Support Manager at the Effingham facility and Alumni Steve Wiyatt for coordinating the day for the college.
Thank you to Beck’s Hybrids for hosting our Alumni in Effingham event. Pictured is Dean Latour with three alumni that now work at the Effingham facility, and Alumni Steve Wiyatt who organized the day for the College.

The College of Agricultural Sciences was excited to again welcome our State FFA Officer team and Section Presidents to campus for the annual Leadership Training on August 2-4. In cooperation with SIU housing, and utilizing Foundation funds, the prospective students were housed in Wall and Grand apartments for the stay. While on campus the group enjoyed several events including a pizza cook-off in the Quigley kitchens, the tradition visit to Giant City Lodge for a family style meal, a twilight tour of campus and farms, and an etiquette dinner in Old Main at the Student Center. The college has provided funding through donor gifts to waive the application fee for 20 of the 29 students attending that indicated an interest in attending SIU.

Dean Latour is pictured with this year’s state officer team. Joseph Birrittier, President, Rob Janssen, VP, Ryan Reeverts, Reporter, Dalton Painter, Secretary, and Chase Clausen, Treasurer. The FFA State Leadership photo that includes Section President from all 25 state sections and the Major Officer Team.

We began the fall semester with the traditional New Student BBQ and RSO Fair sponsored by the Agriculture Student Council on Wednesday, August 23. Students were treated to a grilled pork chop meal (cooked by our very own Alpha Gamma Rho members) and were given the opportunity learn about and become involved in the college’s registered student organizations. More than 250 students, faculty, and staff participated in a fun evening. Chancellor Montemagno and his wife, Pamela, joined the college for evening and were presented with a welcome bag from the College.
This year's Ag Council Office team pictured above with Dean Mickey Latour and Chancellor Carlo Montemagno. Culinary Club was one of twenty five registered student organizations represented at the event.

The end of August was an exciting time for the College to represent SIU at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur on August 29-31. More than 250 SIU alumni signed in at our booth in support of SIU! The event saw more than 200,000 attendees and included a visit by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. An alumni dinner was held on Wednesday, August 30 at the Beach House in Decatur with more than 30 in attendance, including SIU President Randy Dunn.

Many future Saluki's enjoyed playing in SIU corn and soybeans from the SIU University Farms at the Farm Progress Show booth. The event included a special visit from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, pictured with Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, John Charles (SIU Governmental Affairs), Dean Latour, Associate Dean Karen Midden, Secretary Perdue, and Assistant to the Dean Susan Graham.

The College continued into September with many events! Tuesday, September 19 was extremely busy with the college hosting five separate events in one day - bringing almost 700 prospective students to campus! The Second Annual Transfer Field Day was held at the SIU Agronomy Center with six community colleges attending including Ivy Tech from Terre Haute, Indiana. Those attending were able to participate in a field day with plot tours and talks from industry and Agronomy Society students. Lunch was provided with presentations by department chairs and SIU Admissions. Also during the day, FFA Section Officers from District 5 (Sections 21-25) were in the Agriculture Building for a day of training and planning (STAR).
STAR participants spent the day learning responsibilities and planning for the upcoming year. Pictured at the Transfer Field Day is Interim Director of Admission and Financial Aid Director Terri Harfst speaking to the participants.

On the same evening, the traditional FFA Greenhand Workshop and COLT (Chapter Officer Leadership Training) Meetings were held at the SIU student center. A college fair was available to the over 500 attendees prior to the program. FFA Advisors/Ag teachers held a meeting in the Agriculture Building during the FFA events. Greenhands and COLT participants were welcomed to SIU by our Collegiate FFA officers, Dean Mickey Latour, and Co-Interim Provost Lizette Chevalier. It was a great first experience for many prospective students to the SIU Campus!

Co-Interim Provost Lizette Chevalier welcomes all FFA participants to campus. The SIU Student Center Ballrooms were full of prospective students, many visiting campus for the first time.

September wrapped up for the college with the Fall Career Fair events. On Wednesday evening, September 20, fifty students were provided the opportunity to network with potential employers at an evening reception at the Holiday Inn in Carbondale. Employers enjoy visiting with students in an informal environment and interact with students prior to the actual career fair.
On Thursday, September 21, the Annual Career fair was a huge success. As in the past several years, a large tent on the front lawn was the venue for 46 companies to meet with students looking for full time positions and internships. Many companies also conducted interviews on campus during the day. Over 230 students participated in the event with employers pleased with the quality of students from the college.

The College of Agricultural Sciences is known in the industry as a unique event in a tent on the front lawn of the Agriculture Building. Employers provide feedback and indicate the event provides them with quality students to fill potential positions and internships.

This year's fall festival alumni event scheduled for Friday, October 13 has been cancelled to support the campus wide effort and events held in celebration of Homecoming. The FFA Fall Festival event will still be held on Thursday, October 12 in the Agriculture Building. The event will provide the opportunity for 100 students to experience hands on activities in majors throughout the college and a tour of the SIU University Farms.

An Alumni Reception will be held at the Illinois Farm Bureau (IAA) Annual Meeting in Chicago on December 3, 2017. This event is held at Potter’s Lounge in the Palmer House Hilton from 4-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. SIU President Randy is tentatively scheduled to attend.

The College will focus on expanding the traditional signature event - the 66th Annual All-Ag Banquet, which will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the SIU Student Center. The event, hosted by the Agricultural Student Advisory Council, recognizes individuals and clubs for their outstanding work and encouraged students to network with alumni. Alumni awards will be presented this year, and the event will be expanded to include entertainment and a dance at the conclusion of the program. Giant City will be catering the banquet meal, with a cash bar available. More information will be released in the coming weeks.
UNIVERSITY FARMS

A new Director of the University Farms has been hired effective June 5. Greg Osman came to SIU from U of I extension in Dixon Springs. Greg has started harvest at the farm locations and it looks to be a productive crop yield year. Alumni are invited to contact Greg or Associate Dean Karen Midden if interested to schedule a time to visit the farm.

The University Farm had a busy summer preparing for the August 21 total solar eclipse. The farms was the location for a 'dark site' located in a remote location for scientists from many countries including Greece, Sweden, British Columbia as well as some from NASA. Additionally, two fields on the farms were utilized for public parking where visitors would catch a shuttle to the events on campus. Many months of planning was involved in advance to plant hay instead of soybeans or corn. Despite the hot weather, staff and student employees directed the parking of approximately 5000 vehicles, helping visitors very professionally. This was a good practice for the next total eclipse in 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRIBUSINESS ECONOMICS

The Department of Agribusiness Economics has continued to prosper in 2017. Farm Management has continued to expand and we recently reached over 100 students in the junior class, ABE 350, in the fall semester (2017). The department has also taken steps to revitalize the environmental and energy economics area. The ABE 300i course (Social Perspectives on Environmental Issues) was added to the spring semester and had 50 students enrolled. The Energy Economics and Policy class (ABE 442) was last taught in 2014 and had 38 students, so with this level of interest, planning is in process to bring back this area of study. However, Farm Management and Production Economics remains our first priority area.

Undergraduate enrollment in ABE continues to be near an all-time high with over 100 students enrolled. ABE graduates are finding rewarding careers, with many students having multiple job offers before graduation. ABE is also recruiting for our new Master’s program, with seven students recently graduating in this new accelerated MS program, a professional track designed to have students graduate with an MS in ABE in 12 months. This program has brought total MS enrollment up to 16 students, near an all-time high of 19 students achieved spring 2017. The department is also in the later stages of recruiting for the online MBA with a concentration in ABE. Currently there are five students admitted for that separate program, administered through the College of Business.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

The Department of Forestry is pleased to report that is has continued to be successful in our educational, research, and outreach programs. Enrollment continues to be strong especially in our nationally accredited Bachelor of Science program with 181 students enrolled with a 5-year average of 183, 4th nationally in enrollment of 48 programs and 2nd nationally in B.S. degrees earned. We are very proud of our graduates and their achievements.
We are also proud of our current students as they are involved in many activities that enhances their education and serves SIU and the region. Currently a group of undergraduate volunteers led by Dr. John Groninger is rehabilitating the forest plantings and stands on the Tree Improvement Center grounds by removing invasive exotics, especially autumn olive and honeysuckle supported by an SIU Green Fund grant.

Dr. Eric Holzmueller has been busy continuing to work on forest management issues in southern Illinois. His most recent project involved working with Dr. Clay Nielsen and Brent Pease (MS Forestry 2017) on a project that investigated how wildlife are influenced by forest species composition. He is planning on working on similar projects in the future.

Dr. Clay Nielsen, wildlife conservation specialist, has expanded his research program further into the international realm. Dr. Nielsen was an invited speaker at the 64th International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation General Assembly held in Montreux, Switzerland, in April. He spoke on challenges to urban deer management in North America and was received warmly by a primarily European audience of wildlife managers. Working with graduate student Evan Greenspan, Dr. Nielsen traveled to Taiwan during August to distribute surveys to local people regarding their attitudes toward clouded leopard reintroduction. New international wildlife conservation projects are being planned for Paraguay. In more local news, Dr. Nielsen finished Phase I of a long-term study on deer impacts on oaks and hickories at nearby Trail of Tears State Forest; this research is being conducted in collaboration with Drs. Holzmueller and Groninger. Graduate students Ryan Leeson (deer and forests at Trail of Tears SF), Becca Lyons (mammalian wildlife in Brazil), Andrew Rutter (river otters in southern Illinois), and Julie Brockman (bison in northern Illinois) all successfully defended their M.S. theses during the past year and have moved on to gainful employment. Dr. Nielsen is looking forward to his 22nd year of affiliation with SIU.

![Suitable clouded leopard habitat in southern Taiwan](image)

Dr. Kofi Akamani has served as Principal Investigator (PI) on an interdisciplinary research project on sustainable agriculture and its implications for the food, energy and water nexus in the southern Illinois region. Along with his graduate students, Kofi’s domestic and international research focuses on the resilience of resource-dependent communities and the adaptive governance of forests, water resources and agricultural landscapes in the Midwestern US, sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere. He has also been working with two graduate students, Jodie
(Delany) Hancock and Rachel (Sheeley) Boucher on a National Institute of Food and Agriculture-funded research project that examines the process and outcomes of transitions in water governance mechanisms in the Cache River watershed of southern Illinois. Kofi is also currently serving as co-PI, alongside Dr. Kristin Floress (a Departmental alumna), on a United State Forest Service-funded research project aimed at understanding conflicts in stakeholder interactions on the Shawnee National Forest.

Dr. Jim Zaczek continues to serve as Chair of the Department of Forestry at SIU. Professor Zaczek is in his 20th year on the faculty at SIU. He maintains a great deal of enthusiasm and joy in teaching students in his Ecology of North American Forests and Forest Ecosystems courses as well as continuing to advise undergraduate and graduate students in research. In recent years, his research has included ecological restoration of giant cane, a native bamboo species whose canebrake habitat has greatly declined. He also serves as Chair of the Illinois Forestry Development Council which, guided by Director Bill Gradle and with the involvement of council members, was lead partner in securing a $23 million Regional Conservation Partnership Program grant to help forest landowners entitled “Improving Oak-Hickory Forest Health in Illinois” from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. Jim has recently participated as a researcher in the “Oak Ecosystem Recovery Program Science and Management” meeting hosted by the Morton Arboretum. The meeting brought together researchers and land managers to identify priority research goals and potential collaborators for oak ecosystem management and research in the Midwest.

Dr. Andrew Carver has been appointed to serve as the Executive Director of International Affairs at the Center of International Education at SIU. In this role Dr. Carver leads the campus for international student recruitment and enrollment management, educational support services and community outreach, immigration services, and study abroad programs. The Department wishes Andrew well in his new administrative role at SIU.

We welcome back Dr. John Burde, professor emeritus, who is teaching Forest Economics this fall semester as he did last year. It’s great to have John back teaching and sharing his experiences with students and faculty and staff alike.

Dr. Jon Schoonover and Gurbir Singh presented at the Belleville Field Day on July 13. The research presentation focused on nutrient management from a hydrologist’s perspective. Dr. Schoonover has offered his Tree Identification course during the summer semester for the second year to offer scheduling alternatives to students outside of the traditional academic year.

Dr. Charles Ruffner reports that the last year has been a busy one for him and the Forest History lab! Some of the more exciting events of course centered around prescribed burning with local landowners and agencies as well as doing some research across the southern Illinois landscape. The Forestry burning program was able to coordinate nearly ten prescribed burns last year with the Southern Illinois Prescribed Burn Association, Illinois Department of Natural Resources at Trail of Tears State Forest and Giant City State Park and several private landowners. During last spring’s Fire in Wildland Management class, 40 students were trained and credentialed as Fire Fighter Type 2. Several took advantage of their training and served on fire crews out west during this terrible summer wildfire season.
There are two new MS students in the department, Leah Harper and Ashley Bergman, both doing collaborative work on the diversity of wildlife habitat and effects of land-use history on vegetation at Touch of Nature Environmental Center. In addition, Leah and her undergraduate assistant, Jeremy Schumacher are working with Dr. Holzmueller and Dr. Zaczek to develop a Land Use Management Plan for all of Touch of Nature and its acres of outdoor education lab space.

RSO Update

The Forestry Club placed 1st in the Midwestern Conclave this past spring in Iowa and are already practicing for next spring's event at Stevens Point. The shooting Team continues to practice and compete at several regional events at the Sparta shooting complex and our membership has grown. In addition to setting the woods on fire, the Fire Dawgs were contracted to retrieve two NASA funded weather balloons during the 2017 eclipse in Carbondale. Undergraduate students Eugene Balance and Kevin McIntyre worked with the LSU Space Consortium students and faculty during the lead up to release and capture of these important research opportunities. The students were provided the opportunity to see the eclipse from off campus and then spend the afternoon fording streams and climbing trees to recover the balloons and their payloads.

International Travel

Dr. Charles Ruffner led 12 students to Ireland last summer for a Study Abroad trip. This past spring, he also traveled to the Lithuania to tour some of their historic oak-pine forests and parklands as well as interact with several of their faculty and students on some ongoing fire history research.

SILUC Shooting Team competing at Sparta World Shooting Complex. Drs. Gediminas Brazaitas and Ruffner visit an old-growth Quercus robur stand in Lithuania.
UCOWR Update
UCOWR is a national professional water resources organization with 65 member universities. UCOWR’s home office is at SIU in the Department of Forestry. Main activities of the center include planning and conducting an annual national water conference each June, publishing three issues of our Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education, and hosting a Saluki Water Workshop for local high school students in the spring.

The SIU Department of Forestry continues to have a significant educational and research program along with the many alumni that serve the forestry and natural resource management needs nationally and internationally.

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE, FOOD & NUTRITION
In 2017, the Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition have numerous faculty recognized for their outstanding contributions to the department, college and discipline: Lynn Gill, Non-Tenure Track Teaching Award; Sylvia Smith, Civic Engagement Award, Gary Apgar, College Excellence Award; Eduardo Gastal, Research Scholar Award; Rebecca Atkinson and Sylvia Smith, each recognized as Ibendahl Excellence Awardees; John Farrish, Katherine Witrick, and Gary Apgar recognized for Innovation Challenge entitled “Determining the Attributes of the Optimal Barbecue Hog”; and Eduardo Gastal was promoted to Full Professor.

The department continues using its Facebook page to help highlight activities and events in the Department and College of Agricultural Sciences. The page is utilized as a tool to provide information about the Animal Science, Food & Nutrition department to alumni, potential students, and the public.

Dr. Dawn Null joined the department in August 2017 as an Assistant Professor in Human Nutrition & Dietetics. Dr. Null has served as Wellness Coordinator at Student Health Services Wellness & Health Promotion Services, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Dr. Null earned her Ph.D. degree in Health Education from Southern Illinois University and has recently been involved in the following grant funded projects: the NCAA Choices grant; the Carol M. White Physical Education Grant awarded to Carbondale Elementary District #95; the United Healthcare Student Resources award to address stress reduction at SIU; and the Chris Labyk Student for Promising Student Health Initiatives to fund the Peer Educators Empowering Responsible Salukis (PEERS) program. Dr. Null’s office is located in Quigley and can be reached at dawnnull@siu.edu.

Animal Science
We had many successful events in the Animal Science (ANS) program and its related clubs. Highlights of these include:
—The 1st Annual Saluki Enrichment Pre-Vet Program (SEPP) was held this July and was designed to give high school students some hands on experience with alumni veterinarians. The students who attended found it to be very valuable and were able to confirm that they did want to aspire to be veterinarians and were able to claim 48 hours of the 500 they need with veterinarian supervision. The alumni had a great time and enjoyed being back at SIU and
sharing their experience with the students both at SIU and as a veterinarian. We hope to host two SEPP camps next year with one targeted toward high school students and another targeted toward transfer students.

—On September 8, SIU hosted the Annual FFA Horse Judging Contest. Attendance was record breaking with over 400 contestants! The Equestrian Show Team will be hosting an Intercollegiate Huntseat Horse Show on the weekend of Sept. 30/Oct 1. The show will be held at Le Cheval Stables in Carbondale and we expect 10 Universities to compete for top honors and qualifying regional points.

—The Livestock Judging Team had good showings at multiple judging events, and a successful apparel fundraiser.

—The Block & Bridle club organized the 6th annual Testy Festy, as well as a successful apparel fundraiser with it.

—Dr. Erin Perry was recently deployed to TX to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief with her search K9 partner Zorro. We appreciate Dr. Perry’s efforts.

**Hospitality and Tourism Administration**

The Hospitality and Tourism Administration (HTA) program had a very productive year and has fully implemented the Online HTA degree. The HTA program continued the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) High School Challenge program. The HTA program also provided many educational, research, and service activities with the goal of enabling students, as well as industry and community professionals, to function in an ever-changing environment.

Highlights from the HTA program over the past year include:

—The 2017 Solar Eclipse offered a unique opportunity for three SIU students in the Hospitality and Tourism Administration program to gain real-world experience. In partnership with SIU Housing Department, three students helped transform a dormitory into lodging facilities to accommodate visitors from all over the world.

—The FBLA Hospitality Business Challenge continues with area high schools. In partnership with the College of Business, this year’s challenge is “Corporate Social Responsibility: Best Practices in Illinois.”

—The HTA Minor was approved by the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees to promote the HTA discipline to non-majors in business and fermentation science.

—With support from the Jean and Cal Ilendahl Award, the Sustainable Meals Multicultural Cooking project had professional training workshops on August 28. The cooking demonstrations are set to begin on WSIU River Regions in late September.

—HTA and HND student clubs have been selected, along with Dr. Smith, to cater the Chancellor’s box at five SIU home football games in 2017.

—Drs. Farrish, Apgar, and Witrick developed a research proposal to determine the attributes of the perfect hog for competitive barbecue purposes. It was based on the notion that, since the drive to eliminate fat from diets, the pigs being bred for sale in the US had had most of the fat bred out of them. They attended the Big Apple Barbecue Block Party in New York - a gathering of some of the finest pitmasters in America - to survey the barbecue experts there in order to refine a survey questionnaire we will now administer to the 80-odd pitmasters gathered here in Murphysboro for their barbecue competition. Once the survey data are compiled we will be able
to determine whether there is consensus among pitmasters as to what the perfect barbecue hog looks like.

—The HTA program has also secured a sizable donation for the eventual creation of a student-run Competition BBQ registered student organization. The purpose of the organization will be to train students on food preparation and serving, as well as competing in various BBQ contests. Details will be forthcoming.

**Human Nutrition and Dietetics**

Highlights from the Dietetic Internship Program (DI) and Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) include:

—The HND program exceeded national rates of acceptance into dietetic internships.
—Survey results indicate 100% of dietetic intern directors rate SIU graduates as very well prepared for the internship process.
—SIU exceeds accreditation standards for passage rate on board exams to become a registered dietitian.
—The Student Nutrition Academic Council (SNAC) has been assisting Gum Drops, a non-profit organization, in providing weekend backpacks containing child-friendly food for at-risk children in Southern Illinois.
—SNAC has also participated in several community health fairs in the region, as well as many other community outreach events.
—HND student Katie Garver received the Timothy Chamness Memorial Scholarship as well as the George Delaney Scholarship for 2017-18.
—A men’s nutrition and health committee consisting of undergraduate males embarked on developing a program to address nutrition concerns of college men. They are currently in the assessment stage of development and hope to survey two hundred SIU males to determine their interests and concerns regarding nutrition.
—In the DI Program, Dietetic Intern Alyssa Tripp received the graduate nutrition scholarship award from Southern Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
—We have 7 Dietetic Interns on rotation in the St. Louis area and throughout Central and Southern Illinois.
—The Dietetic Internship program secured a new site with Monsanto and placed our first intern there in January 2017.
—We had our annual DPD/DI Advisory Board meeting at the end of March. In this meeting, the preceptors provided recommendations on the new accreditation standards that will begin in July 2017. In addition, new Dietetic Interns were selected for admission into the program in the Fall.
—The Dietetic Interns toured dairy farms in the region this past Fall to learn about different dairy farms and how they produce milk and cheese for the consumer. It was a true farm to fork experience! The Dietetic Interns also toured the Monsanto Headquarters. They learned about the history of genetic modification in crops and were able to participate in a forum and ask questions specifically about how food is grown.
—This Spring, the Dietetic Interns are working with schools across Southern Illinois to provide nutrition education by way of health fairs or classroom education to elementary school aged children (K-8). Lastly, we are continuing the successful Peer Nutrition Education program and
the Dietetic Interns continue to provide free nutrition education to SIU students, staff, and faculty.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT, SOIL AND AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

The PSAS program received approval to teach at the Belleville Research Station with courses to being Spring 2018. Stay tuned for more information and details.

Assistant Professor, Dr. Karla Gage, spoke at five field day events throughout the summer, engaging land managers in discussions on current issues in the field of Weed Science. Dr. Gage’s lab is currently working on projects funded by several industry partners including the Department of Interior, the United Soybean Board, and the USDA. The lab supports two full-time researchers, seven MS students in three departments, and five undergraduate researchers in two departments.

Agronomy undergraduate student Ben Westrich was responsible for the first confirmation of the Southern Corn Rust for 2017 in Illinois on July 19. This confirmation led to an early warning for corn producers in the Midwest. Ben is a double major in Crop Science and Environmental Management and Agribusiness Economics. He was working as an intern with Syngenta and Southern FS at the time of his finding.

The teaching greenhouses located in the courtyard of the Agriculture Building were demolished in July 2017 due to safety concerns. Plans continue to replace the facility in the near future.

Ahmad Fakhoury, associate professor of plant pathology and fungal genetics in the college, published a new article in “Phytobiomes,” the transdisciplinary journal of The American Phytopathological Society, detailing his latest research into the ability of soil to suppress the soilborne fungal disease Sudden Death Syndrome (SDS) in soybeans.

Congratulations to Dr. Khalid Meksem, Professor in Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems. His soybean research has discovered major genes for resistance to soybean cyst nematode. His research in addition to the article in the Illinois Agrinews, has also been featured in articles in Nature and Nature Communications. (http://www.agrinews-pubs.com/news/new-soybean-cyst-nematode-solution/article_12056856-9310-55dd-83d1-01c57aac0152.html)
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Terry Clark, Dean

A. Students

1. Honors Day April 2017 – Students from every department within the College of Business who showed their hard work and dedication throughout their time at SIU Carbondale earned recognition for their efforts on April 8 at the college’s Honors Day ceremony. Each department selected its Outstanding Senior based on a number of criteria, ranging from academic achievement and high GPA to involvement and service to the department.

   - Abigail Myers: Department of Management
   - Brooke Cusumano: School of Accountancy
   - Ryan Sabo: Department of Finance outstanding senior
   - Arielle Stevenson: Department of Finance outstanding senior for business economics
   - Thomas Becker: Department of Marketing. Mr. Becker was also named the outstanding senior in the College of Business
   - Dan Quisenberry: The online Business and Administration degree completion program
   - Paige Logan: College of Business 2017 Outstanding Student Worker Award

2. Scholar-Athlete Students - Five SIU Carbondale College of Business students who compete on the university’s swimming and diving team have been named to the 2017 Missouri Valley Conference’s Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete Team.

   - Lauren Clark: School of Accounting
   - Alex Crawford: Department of Finance
   - Savannah Henry: Department of Finance
   - Jacqueline Rose: Department of Management
   - Lauren Stockton: Department of Finance and Business Economics

3. May 2017 Graduation - SIU’s May 13 graduation at the SIJ Arena marked the end of a successful semester for students. U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-East Moline, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony for the College of Business and the
College of Education and Human Services. Key student comments following commencement:

- “The College of Business and the opportunities it provides have been invaluable in my development both professionally and personally. I have taken leadership positions in my registered student organization (RSO), and I worked in the Business Placement Center office at the College of Business. Both of these opportunities have instilled in me a sense of situational awareness within the professional world, an ability to communicate with people in many different environments, an appreciation for the necessity of organization, and many more transferable skills which I will carry with me throughout my career.”

- “I have the College of Business to thank for most of my achievements during my time here. My first job at the Business Placement Center taught me organizational skills and allowed me to learn how to work autonomously, and the connections it provided were crucial in obtaining my job after graduation. I would be remiss if I neglected to mention the professors in the College of Business. Their recognizable sincerity when dealing with students made them instantly approachable.”

- “The College of Business provided me with a foot in the door of my dream company. The Business Placement Center held the annual Accounting Career Fair where I was able to meet recruiters from KPMG. The center made sure I was ready for my interview and gave me all the tools I needed to succeed. The courses I took in accounting prepared me for my internship, allowing me to excel and obtain a job offer at its conclusion.”

4. Welcome Back Fall Fest — The CoB annual Welcome Back Fall Fest was attended by nearly 300 students, faculty and staff members. It featured an RSO table and recruitment competition that was won by the American Marketing Association (AMA) for the second year in a row.

B. Faculty

1. Greg DeYong, Assistant Professor of Management — DeYong was recently featured in Manufacturing & Service Operations Management for his work on copycat products in the fashion and technology industries. Co-authored by Hubert Pun, assistant professor and doctoral program coordinator at Western University of London, Ontario, the published article is entitled “Competing with Copycats When Customers are Strategic.”
DeYong and his co-author were also asked to submit a blog post for the Manufacturing & Service Operations Management blog. https://www.informs.org/msomreview

C. Alumni

1. **Jeff Rose – SIU Distinguished Alumni Award, Young Alumni Achievement** – Jeff Rose graduated from SIU Carbondale’s College of Business with a bachelor’s degree in in 2002. He is a certified financial planner, CEO and founder of Alliance Wealth Management LLC, an investment advisory firm. Rose served in the Army National Guard for nine years, including a 17-month deployment to Iraq in 2005 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as a squad leader while conducting military police maneuvers in central Baghdad. In 2007, he earned the designation of Certified Financial Planner practitioner. Since then, Rose has written the best-selling book, “Soldier of Finance,” which combines his military background with his financial planning knowledge. In 2010, he was recognized as a top financial advisor and named to the LPL Financial Freedom Club. In 2015 and 2016, he was voted “The Best Financial Advisor” by the Readers’ Choice Awards of the Southern Illinoisan. CNBC has nominated Rose to be part of the Digital Financial Advisor Council, and Financial Advisor Magazine pegged him as one of the “Top 10 Young Advisors to Watch.” In addition, he contributes to Forbes, CNBC, Business Insider, Entrepreneur, U.S. News & World Report and the Huffington Post.

2. **Emerging Saluki Leader Award** - The SIU College of Business is proud to present the 2017 Emerging Saluki Leader Award (ESLA) to:
   - **Kendrick Coleman**: BS Accounting 2010, MAcc 2011
   - **Angela Dowell**: BS Accounting 2008
   - **Darla Krause**: BS Finance 2002, MBA 2003
   - **Bryan Mullins**: BS Finance 2009

This award honors these recent graduates of the college for their outstanding accomplishments and service. Alumni of the SIU College of Business who have graduated within the previous 15 years and are deserving of recognition for their outstanding achievements in business, academia, government, not-for-profit organizations or service to their community are eligible for the award.
D. College of Business

1. **Management Panel Hosted for Students** – The Department of Management hosted a panel for students on April 27 in Morris Library. Nearly 100 students attended one of the two panel sessions. Members of the panel were from the Department of Management External Advisory Board and included:
   - Jennifer Olson, loan officer and vice president of Farmers State Bank.
   - Richard Brodkorb, president and principal consultant with REB Management Co.
   - Lily Sugathan, accountant at Martz & Wilson LLP.
   - Penny Clancy, vice president of human resources, Sentinel Technologies Inc.
   - Herby Voss, director of marketing, public relations and business development for Heartland Regional Medical Center.

2. **2017 Student Etiquette Dinner** - The College of Business is hosting its annual Student Etiquette Dinner Oct. 5. Thanks to the generous support of the college’s advisory boards, alumni and corporate partners, the dinner provides a successful learning experience for students. More than 150 individuals are expected to attend the event. Students begin the evening at a reception where they learn how to make proper introductions, initiate appropriate conversation starters and work on their networking techniques. A three-course meal will be provided by Mary’s Restaurant from Herrin, Illinois, following the reception. During the dinner, Melanie Broyles of Etiquette Saint Louis will provide students with the do’s and don’ts of proper manners.

3. **Mentor Program** – The College of Business is dedicated to providing exceptional educational experiences for our diverse student body. To help our student’s professional development, we created an alumni Mentor Program. The Mentor Program allows us to personalize business training and preparation for our students. Participation in the program helps students build a Saluki network that will be with them throughout their educational experience and career. We have 24 business alumni mentors who are all successful business professionals and current or former board members. Students enter the program as freshmen and stay in the program until graduation. Each mentor is assigned new students every year, growing the mentor’s family. The program started in 2015 with 13 students and grew to 24 students in the 2016-2017 school year. As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, an additional 18 students applied for and have been accepted into the College of Business Mentoring Program. Mentoring students and mentors participated in Touch of Nature Team Building activities on Friday, September 8 and will have a Mentor-Mentee Mix and Mingler on Thursday, October 5 prior to the College of Business Etiquette Dinner.
4. **2017 Accounting Career Fair** - The College of Business's Annual School of Accountancy Career Fair took place on September 21 at the SIU Arena. The career fair was geared toward accounting students who are seeking internships or full-time positions upon graduation or networking with employers. Recruiters, students, faculty and staff got a chance to socialize and network with each other. The companies at the event were Anders CPAs + Advisors, Banterra Bank, Becker CPA Review, BlytheWhite, Deloitte, DHHS/OIG/OAS, Enterprise Fleet Management, Federal Bureau of Investigation, H&R Block, Kemper CPA Group, Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, KPMG LLP, Krehbiel & Associates, LLC, Mueller Prost, Pepsi MidAmerica, PWC, Republic Finance, Roger CPA Review, Rubin Brown, Sikich, LLP, Scheffel Boyle-Drop Box, Williams, Williams & Lentz LLP.

5. **Letter from the Dean, September 2017** - I have begun my second year as dean of the College of Business at SIU. In many ways, it’s been a tough year. I affectionately refer to our Illinois budget crisis as the “tunnel,” and to our approach to dealing with the losses and setbacks we have endured as the “Duct tape and bailing wire” strategy! However, we are coming out of the tunnel! Campus leadership has stabilized, and resources look likely to improve. The sun is starting to come out! The energy level in Carbondale is palpably on the rise.

Yet, while in the “tunnel,” we certainly weren’t hunkered down and cowering. In this brief note, I’d like to tell you about a few of the forward-looking initiatives we’ve been working on.

First, we reinvented the Pontikes Center, turning it from 1980s-style “Information Management” focus, to a 21st century Analytics focus. Reflecting this, the center has been officially renamed the *Pontikes Center for Advanced Analytics and Artificial Intelligence*. With Professor Jim Nelson at the helm, the Center has begun assembling a world-class advisory board, including the top analytics people from Nike (Al Perez), Edward Jones (Andy Greenberg) and Presence Health (Ian Stewart). We hope to have the inaugural board fully in place by the end of October. The first of its kind on campus, the center makes it possible for our college to pioneer cross-campus alliances, corporate partnerships and innovative curriculum development to prepare our students to compete in the job market against graduates from any university. Hand-in-hand with this analytics initiative, we will soon begin planning on a logistics/supply chain initiative (of which, more to come). We have begun a college-wide pivot into the 21st century!
The “butcher’s bill” paid by the college while in the tunnel has been permanent budget cuts, losses of faculty lines (retirements and resignations), and a promise to reduce administrative costs through a college-wide reorganization. During normal times, such losses would be an unmitigated disaster. However, we see it as a unique, once in a lifetime opportunity. Our faculty vacancies make it possible for us to achieve a clean-sweep analytics, logistics/supply chain pivot more effectively than what could ever have been possible had no one left. Once our faculty lines begin to return to us, we will be able to go to market to hire faculty specifically trained to help us achieve that pivot.

We are also ramping up on career preparation opportunities for our students. Our third Etiquette Dinner is scheduled for October. We use this event to help build professional confidence in our students as they pursue their career dreams. This event is sponsored by our alumni, many of whom remember their own halting steps into confident professionalism. You know who you are! We can’t thank you enough. Because of this event, our students can interview and enter internships with more conviction and confidence.

In the past, we took students on career trips to St. Louis. Thanks to the generous gift of an alum, we are planning our first ever student career trip to Chicago! Career trips help bring students face-to-face with the realities of corporate life. They get to meet decision makers and recruiters and gain a far better understanding of what professional life looks like, from the most helpful side—the inside.

A few years ago, I started SIU’s own internal advertising agency, Barking Dawg Productions, in an effort to tell our university’s wonderful story in a variety of compelling ways. In that endeavor, I employed a crew of wonderfully creative cinematographers, sound designers, after-affects specialists, as well as project managers from our own college. I am in the early stages of reproducing that effort specifically for the College of Business. We live in a dazzling media-rich world, and I want to find compelling and resonant ways to tell our college’s story to a variety of audiences. What this space for updates on this project!

I am a Saluki, and I am the first dean of the College of Business at SIU to be able to say that. My pride in my roots is deepened every day I walk into Rehn Hall. So, whether you are thinking about our College of
Business as your future home, or, you are one of my fellow alumni, let me invite you to come to visit us. If you can’t visit us on campus, join us on social media. We want to talk to you and learn what SIU means to you.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the College of Business.

Sincerely,

Terry Clark, Dean of the College of Business
The College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) is THE original college at SIU and that means we have nearly 150 years of experience in shaping the educators who make a difference in the world. With our expanded role in human services, we continue our mission, helping students explore possibilities, fulfill dreams and change lives. We are a leader in off-campus and online education. You can achieve your career goals on campus or in classrooms, agencies, military bases and organizations around the world. Our programs and initiatives continually earn national recognition and our students enjoy the best of both worlds--strong academic programs combined with hands-on field experience in real work settings. At SIU, you will enjoy close interaction with our award-winning faculty and our supportive academic advisors and staff. Your research and hands-on study possibilities are boundless, even as an undergraduate. Learn at our world-renowned Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, our acclaimed Rehabilitation Institute and numerous other facilities located right on campus. We are a diverse college, offering more than 28 majors. With undergraduate, master's, doctoral and certification programs, we can take you as far as you want to go.

CoEHS Leadership:

Dr. Matthew Keefer is Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Prior to his arrival at SIU Carbondale Dr. Keefer was Professor of Educational Psychology in the College of Education at the University of Missouri St Louis (UMSL), part of the University of Missouri (UM) System. During his time within the UM System Dr. Keefer undertook a wide variety of academic and administrative roles providing leadership on several strategic initiatives and programmatic decisions for his college, the UMSL campus, and UM University System. has also published Dr. Keefer has been the Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI for several different research projects, including four National Science Foundation awards and three from the James S. McDonnell Foundation. He earned his Ph.D. in Education from the University of Toronto. Dean Keefer's vision for the CoEHS future reflects the successes of our past. The College of Education and Human Services (CoEHS) is remarkable for both its quality and its breadth. Regardless of the areas of specialization, the CoEHS is dedicated to the goal of advancing the health, well-being, learning and development of others, throughout our regional community and beyond. We do this through research (we are SIU's most productive unit in regard to extramural funding), through deep engagement with our community, through strong partnership with our public schools, and through education—training leaders who will teach and serve others, and effect change. We provide our students with meaningful educational experiences that connect knowledge to practice. This work is recognized by our peers. In terms of ranking, the U.S. News and World Report raised the CoEHS up 27 spots this year, as we jumped into a tie for No. 72 on the “2018 Best Education Schools”, up from last year's ranking of No. 99. worldwide!
Cynthia Sims, Ed.D., Associate Dean, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Workforce Education and Development, where she served as the Department Chair during 2014-2016. She has served in faculty and staff positions in institutions of higher education for over 25 years. Dr. Sims is an active member of the Academy of Human Resource Development (AHRD) and has presented and published numerous papers and articles in the areas of diversity & inclusion, unearned privilege in the workplace, and the impacts of lookism and colorism on women's careers. Dr. Sims has been a governor-appointed Commissioner for the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service for seven years, and in 2012, she received a Service Award from the Association for Career and Technical Education. Dr. Sims was also presented the Lifelong Learning Award from the School for New Learning at DePaul University in 2014.

Associate Dean Sims earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Louisville, a Master of Science in Public Service Management from DePaul University, and a Master of Arts in Social Work from the University of Chicago. She received her Doctor of Education in Adult and Higher Education from Northern Illinois University.

**COEHS Executive Council**

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A quick overview of the College includes:

- **8 Academic units:**  
  - Curriculum and Instruction (CI)  
  - Educational Administration and Higher Education (EAHE)  
  - Counseling, Quantitative Methods & Special Education (CQMSE)  
  - Public Health and Recreation Professions (PHRP) formerly Health Education and Recreation (HER)  
  - Kinesiology (KIN)  
  - Rehabilitation Institute (RI)  
  - School of Social Work (SSW)  
  - Workforce Education and Development (WED)

- **1 Other unit:**  
  - Teacher Education Program (TEP)

- **59 Degrees offered:**  
  - 26 Undergraduate degree programs  
  - 26 Master's degree programs  
  - 7 Doctoral degree program
(7) Centers:

**Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (RI)**
The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders is housed in the Rehabilitation Institute and the Center's mission is to provide exemplary professional development opportunities for undergraduates and graduate students on the SIUC campus who have career interests in autism. The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders is committed to serving as a vehicle for student and faculty research into the assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and best practices in service delivery for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders, as well as their family and other caregivers.

**Center for Workforce Development (Springfield, IL) (WED)**
The SIU Center for Workforce Development (CWD) in Springfield, Illinois has been implementing statewide education, leadership and technology advancement projects for over 20 years. Currently, the CWD has a primary role with carrying out several projects for the State of Illinois.

**Elena M. Sliepcevich Center for Health Education Studies (PHRP)**
Works collaboratively with Morris Library's Special Collections Research Center, to offer an intriguing look at the health education profession as it has evolved through the years.

**Evaluation and Developmental Center (RI)**
Provides the rehabilitation services to people with disabilities that help them live more self-sufficient, productive lives. The center is also home to various research activities and serves as a training site for SIU students and for rehabilitation.

**Child Development Laboratories (CI)**
The CDL provides high quality childcare for children ages six weeks to six years and also gives our early childhood students hands-on training and educational experience.

**The Southern Region Early Childhood (CI)**
The Southern Region Early Childhood programs encompass a number of grant-funded initiatives that have had a significant impact on the children and families of southern Illinois.

**Safety Center (PHRP)**
Provides training throughout the Southern Illinois region about the proper use of child safety seats, safe driving programs to area high schools, and the motorcycle rider program.

(14) **COEHS Projects:**

**Challenge to Excellence**
Started in 1984 in response to the needs of academically talented middle school and high school students in our region. Over the years, the courses offered have been mathematic problem solving, genetics, biology, art, creative writing, architecture, journalism, photography, and many more. Perhaps the greatest appeal of Challenge to Excellence is the many friendships that are established that last a lifetime.

**Education and Training on Feeding Young Children**
A special website for early childhood professionals, parents, family members and caregivers focuses on the feeding of young children, providing relevant information not available elsewhere to have a positive impact on the feeding experiences of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers as well as on their development.
Illinois Institutes of Higher Education (IHE) Partnership
The IHE Partnership is responsible for increasing the number of undergraduate and graduate educator preparation programs at IHEs that implement response to intervention (RtI) content in their curricula. The work connected to this objective involves integrating the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTS) into educator preparation programs and increasing the field placements of candidates in settings where RtI is implemented with fidelity.

Illinois Office of Educational Services
Provides curricular resources and training opportunities for career and technical teachers.

Illinois workNet
Participates in this free online resource offering career, training, education and work support information to Illinois residents and businesses.

P.R.I.D.E. Training Program
Parents’ Resource for Information, Development, and Education (PRIDE) is a statewide training program that provides standardized competency-based training, in support of the preparation, selection, licensing, and re-licensing of foster, and adoptive parents.

Project 12 Ways
Works with parents and their children in an 11 county region of Southern Illinois, to improve social functioning of children and families through skills training and language development. The Project operates on the premise that it can achieve this mission by directly training family members in a variety of child-care, self-help, and interpersonal skills. As well as, providing communication and social skills training to children diagnosed with, or at risk for, receiving a diagnosis for a disability.

The Illinois Nurse Assistant Testing Program
Is responsible for administering the written competency exam required by the Illinois Department of Public Health for the required certification of Nursing assistants/aides working in licensed and/or certified skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities and home health agencies in the state of Illinois. Manages certification testing, program evaluation work and the criminal background checks for Illinois nursing assistants.

Rural Schools Collaborative
The Rural Schools Collaborative is comprised of people who recognize the value of local schools and small communities. We believe innovative instruction, thoughtful collaboration, and targeted philanthropy strengthen the fabric of rural places.

Strong Survivors SIU Cancer Rehabilitation Laboratory (KIN)
The Strong Survivors Exercise and Nutrition Program for Cancer Survivors and Caregivers is a free program that utilizes exercise as a therapeutic tool to help cancer survivors and caregivers get through the treatment and recovery process. Exercise programs are individualized for each participant and are based on medical and fitness histories, initial fitness assessment results, and quality of life goals. All programs are created and administered by SIU student staff members who have completed the Strong Survivors Staff Training Class. The Program accomplishes 3 objectives; the collection and analysis of research data pertaining to cancer rehabilitation and survivorship, hands-on experience for graduate and undergraduate students, and most importantly, offers cancer survivors and caregivers the opportunity to improve their quality of life through improved physical fitness/wellness and the management of cancer and cancer treatment-related physical and psychological symptoms/side effects. For more information, please visit our website: strong-survivors.siu.edu
Suicide Prevention SAMHSA
Is a federal funded grant worth $306,000 to prevent suicide on college campuses and in communities by changing the culture and helping to take away the stigma of talking about suicide.

Working closely with the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) the grant will bring necessary resources to the University and the School of Social Work to help with further training and research programs.

Trauma Based Behavioral Health Fellowship (TBBHF)
Is a concurrent 16-week training program for social work graduate students during the advanced year of their degrees when they are already placed with a community-based behavioral health agency working with, either at-risk children, adolescents, or transitional youth. The Fellowship will focus on trauma based understanding and practice of behavioral health which will train students on how trauma transforms the microstructure of a child's brain.

Teaching with Primary Sources
A resource for K-20 teachers, teacher educators, history faculty, and curriculum directors for utilizing free resources to teach and assess with informational sources from the Library of Congress on topics ranging from local to world history.

Tracking Rare Incidence Syndromes
Offers valuable information about family services, treatment options, and educational assistance and more for families affected by Trisomy 13, 18 and related disorders.

(13) College of Education and Human Services Registered Student Organizations (RSO)

Educators for Excellence (EFE)
This organization help members develop professional skills that they will be able to use moving forward into their respective education careers. We also help members foster relationships with professionals in the field.

Physical Education Teacher Education Club (PETE)
The PETE Club's mission is to facilitate the educational and professional development of Physical Education majors at SIUC. The club organizes activities to build a collegial team to grow together educationally and socially. As well as, acquaint members with professional and personal associations for future needs related to teaching and coaching.

Higher Education Student Association (HESA)
HESA is the student organization for the graduate students in the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education (EAHE) to enhance the professional education of the membership outside of the classroom, assistantships, and internships.

National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (NSSLHA)
Is a pre-professional membership association for students interested in the study of communication disorders and sciences, to encourage students to get involved, and reach out to the community, while building professional relationships.

Organization of Sport and Exercise Science (OSES)
The mission of OSES is to help exercise science students learn more about the physiology of exercise and to teach members of the organization how to become role models and leaders in their field.
Promoting Respect through Inclusiveness and Diversity Excellence (P.R.I.D.E.)
Is to provide students an opportunity to learn about and experience views from a multicultural perspective. P.R.I.D.E. is a unique RSO dedicated to diversity and inclusiveness issues.

Social Work Student Alliance (SWSA)
This is a service-oriented group for social work majors and other students interested in social work.

Sport Studies Association (SSA)
Provides professional development experience for Sport Studies students and encourages them to pursue community involvement through service.

Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)
SCEC provides professional development for students in the College of Education or Liberal Arts working with students with special needs in K-12 settings.

Student Leadership Program, College of Education & Human Services (SLP, COEHS)
Selected students serve as official representatives of SIU and the College of Education and Human in a variety of public relations, student recruitment, and retention programs, as well as other outreach efforts.

Student Recreation Society (SRS)
The Student Recreation Society focuses on Recreation majors. SRS plans fun activities for members, provides service projects for the community, and offers scholarships for students to attend professional conferences.

Students Together Advocating Rehabilitation Services (STARS)
STARS is a student-run organization that performs a number of activities on the SIUC campus and the Southern Illinois community aimed at improving the lives of individuals with disabilities and raising awareness of issues related to disability and accessibility in society.

Bta Sigma Gamma (ESG)
Bta Sigma Gamma is a national professional health science honorary for undergraduate students, graduate students, and practicing health professionals. The primary purpose of the honorary from its beginnings in 1967, has been to further the professional competence and dedication of individual members of the health science profession. These three elements form the basic purposes of the organization and the profession; teaching, research, and service.

Faculty, Staff, Student and College Update(s)

U.S. News and World Report raised the CoEHS up 27 spots this year, as we jumped into a tie for No. 72 on the “2018 Best Education Schools”, up from last year’s ranking of No. 99. worldwide! Rehabilitation Counseling ranks fourth; Technical/Vocational Education ranks fourth; Social Work ranks 103rd while the Speech-Language Pathology program ranks 120th.

The Rehabilitation Institute is one of the largest, most comprehensive university-based programs in the country. The Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration (RCA) program faculty is ranked in the top three for research productivity over a 10-year period.
The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders provides invaluable services for affected children and their families, community service providers and the public as it serves as a teaching facility for SIU students. The center also conducts valuable research.

SIU is ranked among the top 25 percent of undergraduate secondary teacher preparation programs in the United States by the National Council on Teacher Quality.

Drubodhi Mukherjee, social work associate professor, received a $1.2 million federal grant from the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services to fund a Trauma-Based Behavioral Health Fellowship, providing final-year graduate students the opportunity to enhance their education through advanced training and a paid fellowship.

Rural Schools Initiative brings various SIU colleges together to meet the needs of Southern Illinois school districts by offering educational opportunities to students and teachers from these schools. The project covers 29 counties including 136 rural schools and more than 200,000 students.

REC 302, Program Design and Group Dynamics, will be responsible for planning and facilitating Haunted Hollow at Touch of Nature this semester. REC also has several students doing fieldwork with the Shawnee National Forest providing accurate and consistent signage along the 160-mile River to River Trail.

Rec 303, Rec for Individuals with Disability will be doing service learning hours at Camp Beta (a camp at Touch of Nature for Children with Diabetes).

Guy Renzaglia, the late founder of SIU’s Rehabilitation Institute and Rehabilitation Counselor Training Program, was recently selected by unanimous decision as the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award winner by the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-Illinois Chapter. http://ehs.siu.edu/about/journeys/e-news/guy-r.html

Study Explores Practice in a Virtual Environment: Koleton Cochran, a senior exercise science major from Decatur and Jared Porter, associate professor of kinesiology and director of the Motor Behavior Lab, are conducting research to determine if simulated virtual reality practice equates to improvement in skills just like real-life practice does. http://news.siu.edu/2017/06/060917ejm17078.html

Dr. Loh is Professor of Learning System Design & Technology and the Director of the Virtual Environment Lab – a research lab created through the Defense University Research Instrument Program (DURIP) grant by the Army Research Office (ARO). He has designed and developed serious games for research, Information Trails for telemetric performance measurement, Performance Tracing Report Assistant (PeTRA) for performance improvement via gameplay data visualization.

SIU to offer workforce development degree at John A. Logan. For the first time ever, people in the Southern Illinois region will be able to complete a bachelor’s degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale at John A. Logan College in Carterville. http://news.siu.edu/2017/07/073417ejm17093.php

Professor Mark R. Dixon, BCBA-D, Behavioral Psychology and Coordinator, Behavior Analysis and Therapy (BAT) program, an expert in behavioral addictions, appears in Bill Nye Saves the World. As Bill Nye, a.k.a. the Science Guy prepares to launch a fact-filled show into a fact-challenged world, he is looking on the bright side with a little help from Professor Mark R. Dixon, BCBA-D, Behavioral Psychology and Coordinator, Behavior Analysis and Therapy (BAT) program in the College of Education and Human Services at SIU. http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/7-7-17.html
SIU professor out to help hitters train their brains. Dr. Peter Fadde, a professor at SIU that is the director of the learning systems design and technology graduate program, has helped develop a computer program that can help advanced players hit something they see for less than the blink of an eye. According to Fadde, the average hitter has 200 milliseconds or less to decide if he's going to swing against a 90-mile-an-hour fastball.

SIU Alumni, Rocky Haynes, has been named new Project 12-Ways Clinical Director: Rocky Haynes will become the new Project 12-Ways Clinical Director in July, 2017. Haynes received his master’s degree in Behavior Analysis and Therapy from Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Rocky has almost a decade of experience working in the field of ABA within a variety of contexts including autism, gerontology, prevention of child abuse and neglect, organizational behavior management, school settings, and positive behavioral interventions and supports.
http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/6-14-17.html

Christie McIntyre, Department Chair Curriculum and Instruction, has been elected to the executive committee of a national organization devoted to the improvement of teacher education. McIntyre will serve as second vice president of the Association of Teacher Educators for 2017-2018. She will move up to first vice president before becoming president for the organization’s centennial year, 2019-2020.
http://news.siu.edu/2017/06/060717cm17082.php

Cheng-Yao Lin, Curriculum and Instruction, was recently elected to the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics board of directors. His three-year term runs ends in 2020. One of 11 board of directors, he represents the university/community college section

Jane Nichols, Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration, is recipient of the 2017 Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Award presented by the university's Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies program and University Women’s Professional Advancement. She will be recognized at the 21st annual Celebrate Women Reception and Award Ceremony, March 30, in Morris Library.

If you would like any additional information about the College or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact Pamela Rathe, Interim Director of Development College of Education and Human Services, via phone 563-210-9210 or by email at pamelar@foundation.siu.edu
College of Engineering Brag Points – 2017

"What's been happening at my College??"

We offer fully accredited degrees in these departments:

- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering and Energy Processes
- Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering
- Technology

- We offer seven undergraduate degrees, six master's degrees, and Ph.D. degrees in engineering sciences and electrical and computer engineering. An on-line degree for a Master's in Manufacturing Systems was recently added.

EXCERPTS FROM THE COE WEBSITE COLLEGE NEWS SECTION – For additional reading please visit http://engineering.siu.edu/ for full story coverage.

APRIL 2018
Southern Illinois University Carbondale will proudly host the American Society of Engineers - 2018 Mid-Continent Student Conference! This will include the Steel Bridge Building and Concrete Canoe Competitions on Campus.

March 17, 2017
Robotics teams take top spots in Midwest contest
by Tim Crosby

CARBONDALE, Ill. – Two robotics teams at Southern Illinois University Carbondale came home with the top spots after competing at the Midwest Robotics Design Competition last weekend.

The two teams from SIU’s College of Engineering – a team from the registered student organization affiliated with the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering and the SIU Robotics team – placed first and second, respectively, at the competition, held March 10-11 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. A third SIU team, Absaluki, did not place in the competition.

The two-day competition tested the skills and creativity of engineering students who participated in one of the longest-running robotics competitions in the country.

It was just the second time SIU participated in the competition. Last year, the ATMAE team from SIU made its debut at the MRDC and captured second place.
Jan. 17, 2017

Sam Oltman: Hats Off To NASA

Sam Oltman was 7 years old when he first visited NASA's Kennedy Space Center. His parents bought him this hat, which he then had signed by an astronaut.

Seven-year-old Sam Oltman from Putnam, Illinois, looked down at what would become one of his most prized possessions. The baseball cap he held wasn’t from a game -- it was a gift from his visit to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida with his parents. The trip became even more memorable as Sam stood in line to have his hat signed by an astronaut. Little did young Sam know that his journey to NASA would eventually come full circle.

Sam’s involvement with NASA began while studying mechanical engineering at Southern Illinois University. For three years, he was a member of a team that participated in the annual NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge in Huntsville, Alabama. Through this challenge, the students were tasked with designing and racing rovers -- essentially moonbuggies -- over simulated extraterrestrial terrain.

Full STEAM Ahead!
July 17 – 19, 2017

Girls in Engineering & Science Day Camp is a three-day program designed for middle school girls to explore science, technology, engineering, agriculture and math during the summer break from school. Faculty and students from the College of Engineering, College of Science, and College of Agricultural Science will lead students through hands-on experiments, exploring the natural environment and engaging demonstrations. The goal is to explore the world around us, to enhance confidence in problem solving, to meet new people and to spark our students' interest in important careers that can improve the world in which we live.

Sponsored by College of Engineering, College of Science and the College of Agricultural Science.
November 10, 2016
SIU team sweeps national robotics competition
by Tim Crosby

CARBONDALE, Ill. -- The robotics team from Southern Illinois University Carbondale swept the Association of Technology Management and Applied Engineering national robotics competition Nov. 2 in Orlando, Fla., winning nearly half of all the possible points available to teams competing.

This year’s competition featured both an obstacle course and a course in which the robot had to run autonomously during a relay race. The SIU robot, dubbed “Dusty 2.0,” dominated the head-to-head competition, which was worth 40 percent of the overall scoring. The team also took first place in all the remaining categories, which included Best Electronic Control Methodology, Best Fabrication/Innovation, Best Poster, Best Technical Presentation and Audience Favorite.

Bruce DeRuntz, professor of technology and faculty adviser for the team, said SIU’s Industrial Management and Applied Engineering degree in the Department of Technology is an ATMAE-accredited program, and the organization is known across the country for bringing the leading university and college robotic teams together annually for this intense competition.

April 25, 2016
$1 million NSF grant fuels energy scholarships
by Tim Crosby

CARBONDALE, Ill. -- A national research agency has awarded Southern Illinois University Carbondale a new $1 million grant aimed at helping community college students prepare for careers in the energy sector.

The National Science Foundation awarded the grant from its Division of Undergraduate Education to SIU, said Lizette Chevalier, associate dean of the College of Engineering. The grant, which also serves as a research project in the area of STEM education, is a collaborative, cross-disciplinary effort that involves several academic departments on campus. STEM stands for “science, technology, engineering and mathematics,” which is receiving a major push by education leaders throughout the country.

Students can apply now for the Southern Illinois Energy Scholarship, which on average will be worth about $7,000 a year for two years, Chevalier said...
CoLA Report to the Alumni Board

This Fall 2017, we welcomed five new faculty members: Sujung Cho, Shannon McCrocklin, Alfred Frankowski, Douglas Knutson, and Kathleen Schmidt.

This Fall we also welcomed 283 undergraduate students for an overall total of 1861 undergraduates; and 158 new graduate students for an overall total of 634 graduate students (including 324 at the Masters and 310 at the Doctoral level).

During week two of the new semester, we hosted a College Connection event for the new and continuing students and had a good turnout of faculty, staff and students. The new Chancellor stopped by to meet and greet us. We have about 65 freshmen living on the 15th and 16th floor of Mac Smith hall and these two floors are the Living Learning Community floors for our college. The Resident Advisors for these two floors brought the new students over for our gathering.

CoLA Award Winners

*Professor Kevin Sylwester (Economics) won the CoLA Teaching Excellence Award and
*Professor Ryan Netzley (English) was awarded the CoLA Scholar Excellence Award.

*Michael Forst (Communication Studies) and Florian Stange (Languages, Cultures & International Trade) have been awarded the 2017 CoLA Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award!

*Mont Allen, Assistant Professor of Art History & Classics, and Gretchen R. Dabbs, Associate Professor of Anthropology, were named the College of Liberal Arts' Undergraduate "Mentors of the Year" by the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities.

Listed below are some of the accomplishments of our faculty and students:

ARTS

*Jiyong Lee, Associate professor, heads the Glass program in School of Art and Design, during the summer Lee’s glass sculptures were acquired by three notable public collections including Barry Art Museum (BAM) of the Old Dominion University, Norfolk Virginia, Imagine Museum in Saint Petersburg Florida, and a special commission for the French fashion brand Chanel for their corporate collection. The commission work exhibited in Chanel’s Mademoiselle Prive exhibition in Seoul Korea from June 23 till July 19 2017.

*Congratulations to David Dillard, associate professor in the School of Music, who was invited by Union Avenue Opera (St. Louis) to perform a role in Benjamin Britten’s opera Albert Herring, alongside internationally acclaimed soprano Christine Brewer. Performances were in July.

*Congratulations to Professor Edward Benyas, School of Music, who was awarded a grant from Illinois Arts Council from Federal funds for Youth Employment in the Arts.
*Associate Professor Junghwa Lee, School of Music, was invited to perform at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in Singapore. Congratulations!

*Professors Michael Barta, Edward Benyas, Associate Professors Douglas Worthen and Eric Lenz, and Senior Lecturer Jennifer Presar were invited to perform and teach at the Festival Suoni d'Abruzzo in Pescara, Italy. Congratulations!

HUMANITIES

*Congratulations to Jordan “Jori” Bonadurer, who won Top Poster Presentation at the St. Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium. Jori has been pursuing research on Roman sarcophagi over the last year as Mont Allen’s undergraduate research assistant in the Department of Languages, Cultures, and International Trade. Jori is a chancellor’s scholar, Honors student and triple major in Classics, Art History and English. She will present her research today at SIU’s CURCA forum. Stop by to see her award-winning poster!

*Congratulations to the SIU Debate Team, under Coach Todd Graham, which once again finished out the season in the top ten in the country, making it eleven consecutive years the SIU Debate Team has finished in the top ten in the country! Special congratulations to Arielle Stephenson, who finished ninth place in the nation in her first crack at a new style of debate for Saluki competitors, a solo style called “Lincoln/Douglas debate.” SIU finished top in the state. Next year the team will move to a British Parliamentary style of debate.

*Congratulations to undergraduates Clayton Killion (Classics) and Sarah Orkin (Classics and English), who were awarded first runner-up in the “Business, Education, and Humanities” category of CURCA’s Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Fair last week! Their project, “Decoding SIU’s Meditationes Vitae Christi Manuscript,” seeks to determine the origin of SIU’s copy of this popular Latin devotional text. SIU’s copy, likely dating to the fourteenth century, is one of the earliest copies of the text; check it out at SIU’s Special Collections Research Center! Sarah and Clayton will both be continuing their work in this area: Clayton as an MA student in English next year, and Sarah as a curatorial intern this summer with the Frist Center in Nashville, TN.

*Alejandro Cáceres, associate professor of Spanish, was invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Uruguay and the Uruguayan ambassador to the Organization of American States to give a lecture at the Museo de Arte de las Américas in Washington DC this week. The lecture is in observance of the 100th anniversary of the death of Uruguayan philosopher and writer José Enrique Rodó. Prof. Cáceres addressed the diplomatic ambassadors of South and Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico, as well as US diplomatic representatives.

*Allison Joseph, Professor of English is the first recipient of the Rachel Gordon Fischoff Faculty Curatorial Fellowship. The fellowship provides a stipend and the opportunity for a member of the SIUC faculty to curate an exhibition using the University Museum’s collection. Congratulations!

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

*Center for Archaeological Investigations**: WSIU-TV aired a half-hour documentary called "Mr. Crenshaw's Yard" on archaeological investigations that CAI conducted at Crenshaw House Historic Site (the Old Slave House) in Gallatin County for the State of Illinois from 2010–2013. This is the first time the documentary has been shown on television anywhere in Illinois and includes footage of SIU Dept. of Anthropology students and CAI staff conducting research inside and outside the house. The documentary was aired on April 6 and April 17.

*A team of 23 interdisciplinary researchers led by **Gretchen R. Dabbs**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, won the Saluki Innovation Annex Grand Challenge put forth by the Vice Chancellor for Research for ideas on how to utilize the newly open space at the Innovation Annex (McLafferty Annex). Congrats!

*Congratulations to **Virginia Tilley**, Professor of Political Science, with her co-author Professor Richard Falk, published a study of international law regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that was commissioned last year by the United Nations Economic and Social Council of East Asia. The report is titled Israeli Practices toward the Palestinian People and the Question of Apartheid.

*Congratulations to **Guangxing Wang**, Professor of Geography, who was awarded a research grant from the US Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory titled "Multi-Source and Multi-Scale Data Analysis and Quality Assessment for Mapping and Dynamically Monitoring Permafrost Vulnerability for the Installations of Alaska". The project provides $159,489 over 4 years.

*Congratulations to **Leslie Duram**, Professor of Geography, who was presented with the Donald Q. Innis Award for Research Excellence at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers. The Innis Award is given for excellence in research related to agricultural and food geographies.

*Congratulations to **Kristyn Stauber**, a graduate student in the Department of Geography and Environmental Resources, who was named the recipient of the U.S. Forest Service 2016 Regional Volunteer and Service Award in the Cultural Diversity Category. The award is based upon her work at the Mark Twain National Forest. Forest Service representatives formally presented the award to Ms. Stauber on May 4th, 2017, here at the Carbondale campus.

*The **GIS Club** (Geographic Information System) secured a $3,700 Green Fund Award to develop a comprehensive digital trail map of public, natural, and urban areas in southern Illinois. The project was submitted by students **Megan Brown**, **Katie Holtsclaw**, and **Brandon Polk**, under the guidance of Dr. **Ruopu Li**, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Resources. Congrats!
MEMORANDUM

Date: September 16, 2017

To: Tina Singleton, Administrative Aide and Corporate Secretary to the SIU Alumni Association Board

From: Dr. Deborah Tudor, Interim Dean College of Mass Communication and Media Arts

RE: College News

Enrollment
College enrollment at the tenth day of the semester was 547, including on and off campus students. This includes 30 Masters students and 25 Ph.D. students. We are down overall from last fall, when our total enrollment was 645 students.

Department News

The Department of Cinema and Photography debuted a new integrated curriculum this fall. All students will take a sequence of foundation courses in photography, cinema, audio, and performance that integrate theory and practice as an interdisciplinary introduction to media arts. Then students may select from intermediate and advanced courses to specialize in cinema, photography, or media arts.

The School of Journalism introduced new online programs in Summer 2017. They offer both a Bachelor of Science, and an online certificate in Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Department of Radio-Television-Digital Media recently completed an overhaul of the Game Design and Development Minor that they offer in collaboration with the Department of Information Systems and Technology, in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

College Events
All of these events are part of the value-added learning experience we offer, and they work as retention events as well.

Ice Cream Social, Kellogg Hall
We held an Ice Cream Social at our Living Learning Community on August 23. The event was attended by our students, faculty and advisors. This icebreaker event allowed new MCMA students to mingle with returning students, meet more faculty and relax after the first few days of classes.
**College Involvement Fair:** We held our annual Involvement Fair on August 25. This event gives new students a chance to meet current members of Student Organizations and sign up for work with The Big Muddy Film Crew, alt.news, Movie Camera Movement, National Association of Black Journalists, The Daily Egyptian, River Region Evening News or WSIU.

**Graduate Faculty Symposium, September 8.**
Twelve of our faculty presented their current research and creative work to new and continuing graduate students. This gives students deeper insight into the intellectual and artistic work the faculty creates.

**Brown Bag:** September 20, “The Market Value of Who We Are” presented by Dr. Dong Han, School of Journalism.

**Film Fridays, September 22:** Screening *My Winnipeg* (Guy Maddin, 2008) and discussion with Prof. Jennida Chase, Cinema and Photography.

**Film Fridays, September 29:** Film Screenings: Animation Shorts. Communications 1116, 4:00-6PM PM. Dr. Michele Leigh, Cinema and Photography.

**Brown Bag:** October 5, “Myanmar and the Rohingya Refugees”. Dr. Lisa Brooten, Department of Radio-Television-Digital Media.

**Film Fridays, October 13:** Screenings of a selection of films from Radical Media Conference held in New York in summer 2017. Communications 1116, 4-6PM. Dr. Angela Aguayo, Cinema and Photography.

**Visiting Artist, October 19-21:** “The Present and Future of Media”. Alum Michael Cioni, of Lighttron and Panavision will lecture and hold workshops for students.

**Visiting Artist, October 30:** Preston Rescigno, Photographer whose work explores the ephemeral and ethereal, using the smartphone’s ability to record moving and still images and sound. His work deals with the traditional still image, as well as new ways images are now consumed in emerging media such as Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram. Communications 1116: 7PM.

**Grants:** Jennida Chase, CP and Hassan Pitts, MCMA were awarded a Puffin Grant to edit their multimedia project on the history of the Civil Rights Movement, in Richmond, Virginia.

**Student News**

Cinema and Photography and Radio-Television-Digital Media student Kelechi Agwuncha’s short film *Predator* was picked as a finalist in the Toronto International Film Festival’s TIFFFXInstagram Short Film Festival.

MCMA, May, 2017 Graduate Amanda Neuhaus produced a short animation about the solar eclipse that was featured on University and college web pages.
Our Master of Fine Arts student Lauren Stoeltze has been named a 2017-18 Celia Howard Fellow at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Fellows assist in the planning of the Institute’s many civic education and community outreach programs.

MCMA, May, 2017 graduate Morgan Timms, a School of Journalism major specializing in photojournalism, received a 2017 Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting International Reporting Fellowship. After graduation in May with a double major in psychology and photojournalism, she returned to her native Australia for several weeks to document the role of cultural identity in the health and well-being of Aboriginal youth.

Anna Spoerre, a senior in the School of Journalism, is MCMA’s nominee for Lincoln Laureate. Here are some of her accomplishments to date:

- Local news intern at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette from May — August 2017, thanks to scholarship funding from the School of Journalism and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.
- Editor-in-Chief, Campus Editor, Reporter, Photographer, Daily Egyptian.com August 2015 — Present.
- Student Fellow, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, November 2015 — November 2016, Washington, D.C. Traveled to Lima, Peru, for three weeks to report on the effects of education on migration in the greater Lima area as part of a $2,000 student grant.

Alumni News

Tom Desch is a film producer and Saluki. His movie “An American Home” will be shown this Wednesday evening, 9/20 at 7pm at the Lake Theater in Oak Park. The documentary film is a story about a Frank Lloyd Wright House built in Kankakee. Many other Salukis participated in this production including Justin Hayward, Director of Photography, and several sound and camera people who went to SIU. To see the trailer, please visit the movie’s website: www.anamericanhomefilm.com.
Report for the SIU Alumni Association Board
Fall 2017

The College of Science experienced a big change over the summer with the retirement of Dean Achenbach. Although she will be missed dearly, the College will continue to prosper. Academic Year 2018 was ushered in with an event of astronomical scale, and great optimism. On the first day of classes SIUC hosted tens of thousands of people to watch the Great American Eclipse. It was a wonderful event that attracted over 200 media outlets from all over the world. NASA Edge put SIUC center stage as it streamed its megacast globally to close to 1 billion viewers (http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/107134828; http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/107129244). The semester also began with a long-awaited state budget passed. To add to the optimism, the new chancellor, Chancellor Montemagno, was welcomed to campus on August 15. The College looks forward to providing the foundation on which his vision for the university is built.

The College of Science continues to demonstrate its excellence through the accomplishments of its students, faculty and staff exemplified below.

College Highlights

- Three of the FY 2017 University Excellence Awards were presented to members of the College of Science:
  University Scholar Excellence Award, Mike Lydy, Department of Zoology
  University Tenure-Tenure Track Teaching Excellence Award, Kathy Pericak-Spector, Department of Mathematics
  University Staff Excellence Award, Robert Baer, Department of Physics

- On July 15, 2017, the SIU Alumni Association hosted its inaugural SIU Day at the Brookfield Zoo. Interim Dean Ishman attended this event along with Drs. Boyles, Eichholz and Lovvorn from the Department of Zoology who served as “zoo tour topic specialists”. Also in attendance was Dr. McCarroll from the Department of Chemistry and Director of the Fermentation Science Institute.

- John I. Ejembi, a graduate student in the Department of Geology, received the 2017 SEG/ExxonMobil Student Education Program Award: Every year, ExxonMobil in collaboration with the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) Annual Meeting, invite applications from students pursing Master’s degree or Ph.D. in Geosciences from around the world for a fully sponsored, intensive 2½ day short course called the Student Education Program (SEP). The selection process for the SEP is rigorous and highly competitive as only few students are picked.

- Dr. Nina Marhamati, Fall 2016 Computer Science Doctoral Graduate, was the recipient of the 2017 North American Fuzzy Information Processing Society (NAFIPS) Best Dissertation Award. Her PhD Committee Chair was Dr. Shahram Rahimi, Chair of the Department of Computer Science. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Winona State University. Her 2016 dissertation titled "Integration of Bayesian Decision Theory
and Computing with Words: A Novel Approach to Decision Support Using Z-Numbers" was chosen from among all researchers who received their fuzzy-related PhD in the last two years from a university in North America or Brazil.

- Distinguished Professor in our Dept. of Plant Biology and Plant Ecologist David Gibson has a Special Feature in a recent British Ecological Society's Journal of Ecology, Plant Ecological Solutions to Global Food Security, with an accompanying Blog Entry and Editorial discussing the Special Feature in more detail.

- Dr. Frank Anderson was lead author on a paper in the journal BMC Evolutionary Biology entitled "Phylogenomic analyses of Crassiclitellata support major Northern and Southern Hemisphere clades and a Pangaean origin for earthworms". The paper casts new light on the evolution of earthworms. His email explains "...this week we published a paper about earthworm evolution that's getting some attention. I'm the lead author, and my PhD student Kevin Horn and former SIU postdoc Bronwyn Williams are two of the coauthors. Here's a link to a guest blog post that we wrote for the BMC Series blog that explains some of the highlights of the work (and the animals) in normal English (it also has some pretty pictures!). Here's a link to the paper itself (the paper is open access)."

- Carly Haywood, an undergraduate majoring in Zoology received the Cordia-Porter-Stewart Undergraduate Paper Award for best undergraduate platform presentation from the Southeastern Society of Parasitologists. The award was for her recent presentation of her research at the 2017 meeting of the Southeastern Society of Parasitologists: HAYWOOD, CARLY, AND AGUSTIN JIMENEZ- Evolutionary relationships of members of Vianaiiidae. An abstract of her presentation can be found here on page 16. In a nutshell, her research in the parasitology lab has been to determine the evolutionary relationships of Nematodes that infect marsupials. She says "Using molecular data (DNA), we found that nematodes of Australian and South American marsupials most likely had a common ancestor that existed prior to the split of Gondwana. When the supercontinent split and marsupials underwent separate evolutionary paths on Australia and South America, their nematode parasites underwent their own evolution within their hosts."

- The College of Science was in the top 5 most dollars raised for the SIU Day of Giving held March 1, 2017.

- Campus Lake Clean-up: From October 2014 to fall 2016, SIU closed the lake to all recreational use because of high levels of a toxin sometimes produced by a natural cyanobacterium *Microcystis aeruginosa*. In September 2016, SIU began the process of partially draining and dredging the compost from around the lake shoreline using heavy equipment. Approximately 2/3 of the shoreline was cleared of compost with heavy equipment. The Shawnee Chapter of the Sierra Club organized two workdays, and cleared an additional 1/4 of the shoreline across the riprap dam where heavy equipment operations were impossible. Heavy rains this spring resulted in the filling of Campus Lake before the end of Spring Semester. Dr. Marj Brooks, Department of Zoology, is heading up a new program in Sustainable Eco-Recreation funded by the SIU Green Fund. Through the program, students are designing new forms of recreation. Their recreational designs will cool, aerate, or remove nutrients using sustainable solar or wind energy.
Plans are underway for an obstacle course of fountains for paddle-boarders, pedal-powered water guns, and wetland treatment of recreational waters.

- Dr. Ken Anderson, Professor in the Department of Geology, and Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Thermaquatica announced that Thermaquatica has signed its first international license for Oxidative Hydrothermal Dissolution (OHD) to GreenPower Energy Ltd (Australia) with an agreement to work towards construction of the first commercial scale OHD production facility. OHD was developed at Southern Illinois University.

- The SIUC Department of Mathematics proposal to host the annual meeting of the Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America in Spring 2019 has been accepted. This meeting is held annually at sites throughout Illinois, but has not been in Southern Illinois since it was held in Edwardsville in 2014, and before that not since 2002 at McKendree College.

- The second "Langenhop Lecture and SIU Mathematics Conference - LLMC2017" was hosted on May 15-16, 2017. Eighty scholars (faculty and graduate students) from all over USA (including SIU) participated in 55 talks.

- Francesca Sanchez (ILSAMP Undergraduate student in Department of Microbiology) was the recipient of a Poster Presentation Award at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Tampa, FL (November 9-12, 2016).

- Dr. Boyd Goodson (Department of Chemistry) had 5 lab trainees participated in 6-week trips to a collaborator's lab at ITC Novosibirsk, Russia for research and cultural exchange, as part of his funding under the NSF ICC Program. Graduate students Max Gemeinhardt and Jamil Mashni went as part of the first trip, and postdoc Dr. Bryce Kidd and undergraduate students Liana Bales and Jonathan Gesiorski went as part of the second trip.
SiU School of Law Activities Update
(October, 2016 – September, 2017)

Recognitions

- The School of Law was recognized as a "Best School for Practical Training" by National Jurist magazine (fourth year in a row).

- Willie Lyles III ’15 was recognized as one of National Jurist magazine’s 25 “Law School Students of the Year” for 2016-2017.

- 3L Ashley Moya ’18 was one of just nine students from law schools across the country selected for the American Bar Association’s Judicial Clerkship Program.

- 3L Sheena Hart was one of 45 law students from across the country selected to participate in the inaugural Ms. JD’s National Women’s Law Students Organization (NWLSO) Leadership Academy at Harvard Law School.

Programs & Activities

- Held Constitution Day program “Supreme Court Preview” (September 18, 2017). 

- Interdisciplinary Ethics Day (September 9, 2017)
  More than 230 professional and graduate students (SIU School of Law, the SIU School of Medicine medical degree program and physician assistants program) came together to confront and discuss critical and ethical issues faced by professionals in their work.

- Welcomed 116 first-year J.D. students for the second annual Week One-L in August, 2017. Students came from 22 states, 5 foreign countries, and 71 undergraduate institutions.

- Spring 2017 semester-long Facebook Live campaign featuring faculty and students, and highlighting a variety of programs.
  https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxg0UKITvs9zseu8sJT04Wg

- The School of Law was the participating group with the greatest number of donors during SIU’s inaugural “Day of Giving” fundraising event.
• Held 18th annual SIH/SIU Health Policy Institute “ObamaCare After Obama: The Future of U.S. Health Care at a Crossroads.”
   http://law.siu.edu/academics/center-programs/health-law-policy/health-policy-institute.html

• Student Success in Advocacy Competitions

  National Moot Court team advanced to the semifinal rounds in their regional competition in Milwaukee.

  National Asylum and Refugee Law team reached the semifinal rounds at UC-Davis.

  National Child Welfare and Adoption Law team reached the quarterfinal rounds and received a plaque for their Third Place Brief score.

  Teams reached the elimination rounds in the National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition and the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

  BLSA Mock Trial Team won the Midwest Regional Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial competition. 3L Myron Grant won the Best Advocate Award.

• Through Legal Globalization courses, students studied in Australia and Germany during the 2016-17 academic year.

• Hosted 10th Annual Joint CLE Conference (co-sponsored with Jackson and Williamson County Bar Associations) on April 28, 2017.


• Dean’s Colloquium speaker Carol Pauli presented “A Civil Rights Remembrance,” sharing her personal experiences that are part of a memoir set against a civil rights class action lawsuit that originated in Cairo and reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973. http://news.siu.edu/2017/04/042017par17066.php

• Welcomed Inaugural Practitioner in Residence Peter C. Johnson, former general counsel for Anheuser-Busch, to campus in April, 2017.


• Jason Marsden, executive director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation, presented “A Discussion About Hate Crimes” as part of the SIU School of Law Diversity and Inclusion Week. http://news.siu.edu/2017/02/022117par17023.php
• Held 7th annual Women in Leadership program, "Diverse Leaders for a Diverse Workforce." http://news.siu.edu/2017/01/010317par17002.php

• Hosted 25th annual National Health Law Moot Court Competition.  

• Leigh Turner, associate professor at the University of Minnesota’s Center for Bioethics and School of Public Health, served as the 2016 John & Marsha Ryan Bioethicist-in-Residence. He presented “Direct-to-Consumer Marketing of Unproven Stem Cell Interventions: Ethical, Legal, and Scientific Concerns,” as part of his visit to SIU Law.  
  http://news.siu.edu/2016/10/101416par16114.html

• Induction Ceremony for the Class of 2019 with IL Supreme Court Justice Lloyd Karmeier for administering the oath. (October, 2016)

• Restarted the Veterans Legal Assistance Program to provide legal assistance to local veterans. http://law.siu.edu/news/2017/08-16-2017.html

Faculty

• Faculty Activities (Publications, Presentations, Etc.)

  Fall, 2016
  Spring, 2017
  Summer, 2017

Alumni

• SIU Law alum Denis Orsey ('79) was elected Third Vice President for the Illinois State Bar Association.

• SIU Law alumna Alisha Biesinger ('15) won the race for the Under Age 37 Outside Cook County seat on the ISBA Board of Governors.

• SIU Law alumna Carey Gill was appointed Circuit Judge in the Illinois First Judicial Circuit.

• SIU Law alumna Dr. Marsha Ryan was named to the SIU Board of Trustees.

• SIU Law alumna Kim Foxx was sworn in as the Cook County State’s Attorney. She is the first African American woman to hold that office.
• SIU Law alum John Sanders was appointed Resident Circuit Judge of Williamson County in the First Judicial Circuit.

• See more Alumni Class Notes here.

• Participated with the SIU Alumni Association in their alumni reception in Springfield, IL. (July, 2017)

• Held alumni reception in Chicago following the July administration of the IL bar exam. (July, 2017)

• Held group swearing in ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court for SIU Law alumni. (March, 2017.)

• Held alumni reception in Paducah, KY. (January, 2017)

• Held alumni holiday receptions in St. Louis, Springfield, and Chicago. (December, 2016).

• Perica Law Firm hosted a reception for SIU Law alumni in Wood River, IL. (October, 2016)


• Tailgate for students and alumni before the Homecoming football game. (October, 2016)
September 25, 2017

TO: Jeffrey Parks, MD
    School of Medicine Alumni Representative to the SIU Alumni Association Board

FROM: Julie Robbs, MA
    Director of Alumni Affairs

RE: Fall 2017 SIU-C Alumni Association Board Meeting

Listed below are news items to report from the School of Medicine (SOM) at the Fall Alumni Association Board meeting.

1. There are a total of 293 medical students, 67 MEDPREP students, 80 Physician Assistant students, 332 current residents and fellows, 125 students in four graduate research programs (Pharmacology, Physiology, Biochemistry and Medical Microbiology, Immunology & Cell Biology), 2,818 medical school alumni, 2,644 exited residents and fellows, and 1,487 MEDPREP students. Of the 2,818 medical school alumni, 2,184 graduates are in practice; 910 (42%) are practicing in 72 Illinois counties; 819 (38%) are in primary care. The SOM alumni cover every state except Vermont, and the largest number practices in Illinois. To view more information about SIU School of Medicine: http://www.siumed.edu/quick-facts.html

2. SIU Center for Family Medicine-Decatur Earns Federal Recognition - Decatur-area patients will have access to more health care services, thanks to a federal grant that allows the Southern Illinois University Center for Family Medicine-Decatur to become a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) under the scope of service of the Center for Family Medicine in Springfield. The US Department of Health and Human Services grant was effective July 1, 2017 http://www.siumed.edu/pr/highlights/siu-center-family-medicine-decatur-earns-federal-recognition.html

3. SIU School of Medicine Welcomed the Class of 2021 with White Coat Ceremony - Seventy-four medical students began their medical training in August at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Carbondale. Wendi Wills El-Amin, MD, associate dean for equity, diversity and inclusion, presented the medical students. Elizabeth Cavanagh,
4. MD, an anesthesiologist in St. Louis and a member of the Class of 1998, gave the students their first white coat, which is provided by the school’s Alumni Society. The students also received a pin containing the words “Compassion, Respect and Integrity” from the SIU Foundation.
http://www.siumed.edu/pr/highlights/siu-welcomes-class-2021-white-coat-ceremony.html

5. The SIU School of Medicine Alumni Society Board of Governors chose Dr. Janet Albers, MD, class of 1987, to receive the 2017 Distinguished Alumna Award at the 43rd Commencement. The Decatur native earned bachelor’s degrees in biology and German from Illinois Wesleyan University. She received a Fulbright Scholarship and spent a year in Germany after college, and decided “at the last minute” to go to medical school. She chose SIU School of Medicine, with its strong focus on providing primary care to the underserved populations in downstate Illinois. After graduating from SIU in 1987, Albers did her residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She returned to Springfield in 1997 and in 2014, became the chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine. She has received numerous awards for her patient care and teaching skills and was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (2008), received the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors Silver Level Program Director Recognition Award (2007) and was one of 53 finalists in the national Humanism in Medicine Award, sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges and Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative (2002). SIU School of Medicine students awarded her the Humanism in Medicine Award (2001), sponsored by The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. http://www.siumed.edu/pr/highlights/full-siu-experience.html

6. Legal assistance helps SIU patients deal with non-medical challenges - Studies show that helping patients improve their economics, safety and emotional well-being - part of the “social determinants of health” - can lead to better physical and mental health, according to SIU officials. After beginning in January 2016, the medical-legal partnership, funded with $215,000 in federal grant funds for last year and this year, has helped SIU patients in almost 300 cases. Plans are in the works to request more federal funding to continue the program in 2018 and beyond. http://www.sjr.com/news/20170923/legal-assistance-helps-siu-patients-deal-with-non-medical-challenges.
Student Alumni Council Board Meeting Report

Hello, my name is Kevin Jenkins, and I am the SAC President for the 2017-2018 school year. It is an honor to represent SAC as well as other SIU students as an ex-official member. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the luncheon due to previous commitments regarding my future career opportunities. Our Vice President Karli will be present for this week’s events so please address any questions to her.

In other news, I want to extend a thank you to the entire SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors for all of the continuous support that you provide to the SAC team and family. Without you, we would not be able to plan and effectively execute our community service, academic, leadership, and social activities. We are also grateful for the opportunities to network and learn from our amazing Alumni.

This year has been full of fun and team building. We have elected and relied on a spectacular EC board. The SAC EC Board Members for the 2017-2018 school year are as followed.

**President**- Kevin Jenkins  
**Vice Pres.**- Karli Illum  
**Secretary**- Rachel Seay  
**Treasurer**- Anna Radecki  
**Student Engagement**- Cornelius Moore  
**Community Service**- John Lindt  
**Academics**- Jena Adreasen  
**Leadership** - Vacant

Our SAC goal for this year has been to focus on team building, community outreach, and alumni relations.

At the beginning of the year we had our first SAC leadership retreat. I wanted to start an annual event that would bring the EC members closer together. Touch of Nature hosted the event, and it was collectively decided we should do the retreat again this upcoming spring semester, after election of the new EC board. To increase number of student participants, we hosted a bowling night in the student center. Several new students joined us for an evening of fun. We were also able to discuss the great opportunities available to them when they join SAC. Recruitment and team building are ongoing events.

In order to meet our goals for community outreach, we have been volunteering, as a team, every Tuesday at the local Gum Drops Organization. The goal of Gum Drops is to provide an at-home meal to over 2000 local elementary students who may not get to eat after school hours. Gum Drops has been our main community outreach project for the fall semester. We have also participated in other miscellaneous service projects on and off campus, such as Green Earth. We lock to partner on a full time basis with another organization for the spring. SAC has also assisted with the Alumni Association tailgating events.

Currently, SAC is working with Kayla Bredar on developing a bridge program that will close the gap between current students and SIU alumni. We are working on pairing our professional alumni with our SAC members. This will help support our SACers in the career advancement as well as introduce our past salukis with our current salukis. It is a great idea in progress. I hope to give you the success stories from this program next semester.
Being the leader of the best RSO on campus has helped me learn who I am and how exciting it is to call myself a Saluki. In SAC we all work together to help improve not only the campus but also each of our personal lives. Each Saluki has a purpose and our SACers have shown they all are extremely ambitious and excited to change the world. Again thank you all, for allowing SAC to change people’s live with our community, leadership, and alumni outreach. Remember, we have only just begun changing tomorrow’s world.

Thank you and GO SALUKIS!

Respectfully,

-Kevin Jenkins, Student Alumni Council President
To: SIU Alumni Association Board  
From: Johnathan Flowers, President of the Graduate and Professional Student Council  
Date: September 2017  
Re: Constituency Report

This report is a synopsis of the activities of the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for the dates of April 6th, 2017 to September 25th 2017

Since the last submitted report, GPSC has continued to advocate on behalf of graduate and professional students in matters pertaining to student welfare, student activities, student participation in campus affairs, student participation in institutional planning and administration, and student opinion.

Student Welfare

- GPSC has maintained its participation on the SIUC Diversity Council, formed last year by interim chancellor William Bradley Colwell to address issues of Diversity and Inclusion on SIUC's campus.
- GPSC participated in one academic grievance and sent participants to two Student Academic Grievance Committee appeals boards.
- GPSC created and published a DACA Information Page for DACA students located on the GPSC website. The page provides information from SIUC, the Department of Homeland Security, and immigrant rights organizations in order to better support our DACA students.

Student Activities

- GPSC has continued to fund graduate student research through its research awards. After reviewing 83 proposals, GPSC selected the following six students:
  - James O'Donoghue
  - Hannah Giang
  - Gabriel Torrelba
  - Sudip Pandey
  - Lindsey Roberts
  - Justin D’Agostino

- During the summer semester, due to increased requests for travel support, GPSC exhausted its travel support monies, resulting in an inability to provide travel support for graduate and professional students over the summer semester. GPSC believes that a new budgeting strategy, adopted in part due to changes in the allocation of funds to GPSC, will resolve this issue going forwards.
Student Participation in Campus Affairs, Institutional Planning, and Administration

- The GPSC Executive Committee joined the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council in issuing a statement urging the Board of Trustees to extend the chancellor search process into the fall semester. Among the reasons provided by GPSC for the extension was the lack of participation of the student body in the open forum sessions hosted over the summer, due to lack of student presence on campus, and the resolution of the Illinois State Budget. The Board of Trustees subsequently ignored this statement and proceeded to appoint Carlo Montemagno.

- GPSC intends to host Chancellor Montemagno for a town hall style open forum. The forum is tentatively scheduled for October the 17th, from 7:30 to 9:30 and is intended to provide students with the opportunity to ask questions of the Chancellor who has yet to address the student constituency bodies in any public fashion.

- GPSC has appointed representatives to 43 of its 45 university wide committees, including providing representatives to the five subcommittees of the Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation process. These positions were granted after GPSC successfully lobbied for the inclusion of graduate and professional students, citing the lack of student participation in the previous reaccreditation process.

- In keeping with a resolution passed last academic year requesting that SIUC administration to reduce their salaries before calling for layoffs, GPSC President Johnathan Flowers has taken a 50% reduction in his salary. The monies from his salary will be used to bolster GPSC travel support.

Since the last report, GPSC has elected new officers: Johnathan Flowers, a doctoral candidate in Philosophy, was elected president; Clay Awsumb, a doctoral student in Sociology, was elected vice president for graduate affairs; and Dianah McGreehan, a doctoral student in Communications Studies, was elected vice president for administrative affairs. All three officers assumed their responsibilities last May and have been serving in their new capacities since.

Moving forwards, GPSC is organizing initiatives along the following goals: shared governance, diversity, student support, maintenance of graduate education enterprise. In support of the “shared governance” goal, GPSC President Johnathan Flowers requested meeting with the deans of each of the academic units on campus. Only three deans responded to the request, with a fourth declining the meeting on the basis that the dean had no additional information to provide about the status of her college. Additionally, GPSC reached out to SIUC central administration in an attempt to update its list of committee appointment responsibilities. The resulting updated list added ten additional committees to GPSC’s current list, increasing the amount of participation in campus decision making by graduate and professional students.

In the process of increasing GPSC participation in shared governance, GPSC also encountered resistance to its efforts. In many cases, administrative units were receptive to GPSC requests; in others, GPSC reminded units of their responsibilities under Board of Trustees Policy 3.6.3, to include GPSC as the designated representative body of graduate and professional students in their committee organization. In so doing, GPSC observed that administrative understanding of the roles of students in the operation of the institution was inconsistent, with some units welcoming our participation, and several units declining to respond or responding dismissively.
Of concern with regards to shared governance is the relegation of GPSC communication to the office of Interim Vice Chancellor Lori Stettler. While GPSC has complete faith in the capacity for Vice Chancellor Stettler to address our issues, as the Vice Chancellor has proven instrumental in resolving several of the concerns of GPSC constituents, it is the position of GPSC that this change from our previous access to the Office of the Chancellor constitutes the position of Chancellor Montemagno that student opinion is not relevant in institutional decision making, a position which is contrary to Board of Trustees Policy.

GPSC continues to move forwards on its “diversity” goal, expanding its understanding of diversity to include socio-economic status. In so doing, GPSC is currently engaged in developing mechanisms to support graduate students who do not have a socio-economic support structure to fall back upon. Further, GPSC is in the process of indicating its concern to the administration regarding the provision of GA funding, specifically to international students, who are unable to work outside the institution as a condition of their visa. The failure of the institution to provide sufficient support to this population is no longer acceptable to GPSC.

Further, GPSC is additionally concerned over the lack of progress on the search for the new Associate Chancellor for Institutional Diversity. GPSC representatives to that search recommended that it be paused for the summer semester due to the lack of student presence on campus, which is vital in appointing the position. It was the position of GPSC that this position required the full participation of the student constituency bodies, which could not be guaranteed over the summer, in order to select the best possible candidate. As a result, the search was paused until the fall. Thus far, GPSC has heard no indication that the search will resume in a timely fashion.

Coupled with the above, GPSC is concerned with the commitment of the Chancellor where diversity at the graduate level is concerned. Last semester, GPSC successfully passed a resolution in Graduate Council that resulted in the creation of the Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusivity at the graduate school, a position which would oversee all of the funding, recruitment, retention, and advisement of underrepresented graduate students. The position proceeded to the search phase and was to bring candidates on campus when Chancellor Carlo Montemagno, through Associate Provost David DiLalla, canceled the search. GPSC views this as contrary to the commitment of the chancellor, and the institution, to diversity.

GPSC’s efforts towards student support and the maintenance of the graduate student enterprise are entering their initial phases. At its next meeting, GPSC intends to convene ad-hoc committees on mental health and graduate student mentoring, both areas of concern within the institution. Coupled with this, GPSC intends to develop a Graduate Student Satisfaction Report which it intends to use to present the position of the graduate and professional students to the Office of the Chancellor, in keeping with our responsibility to provide student input in the operations of the institution.

This goal is of particular import to GPSC as the majority of the initiatives developed on campus to support students are aimed at undergraduate students. While we value the university’s commitment to undergraduate students, GPSC is concerned that the institution is failing to live up to its obligation to provide the best possible educational experience for its graduate student population. Specifically, as mental health among graduate students has become an area of concern for the Council of Graduate Schools, and the American Association of University Professors, it is incumbent upon the institution to address this rising problem. GPSC intends to spearhead these efforts at SIUC towards a positive resolution.
To: SIU Alumni Association
From: Joshua Bowens, President, Undergraduate Student Government
Re: Constituency Report

This semester, Undergraduate Student Government (USG) is continuing its work towards goals that were set during the spring semester. For example, it has always been our intention to increase student participation in USG throughout campus. Our primary objective associated with this task has been to fill the Senate with passionate undergraduate students to represent the student body as a whole. Currently, there are fifteen students in the Senate, which is about thirty-six students short of having the Senate be at capacity. While we have fallen slightly short in this respect, fifteen student senators is a clear indicator that we have tons of recruitment to do.

Additionally, USG has been extremely productive this year in our service to SIU students. For example, we have taken a deep look at some of the resolutions and guidelines passed last spring, and revised them. We have also recognized one Registered Student Organization (RSO), eSports over the summer semester. USG continues to work towards finding efficiencies in our practices in order to serve our constituents as effectively as possible.

Furthermore, while USG has spent a lot of time allocating funds to RSOs, our primary mission is to be the voice of undergraduate students in “matters pertaining to student welfare, students activities, and student participation in University planning and administration.” Some of the main issues that have been addressed on behalf of students include student parking, diversity and inclusivity on campus, increasing awareness and participation of University sponsored events, and the sustainability of SIU moving forward with significant budget cuts.
These are just a few of the issues that have been addressed, as USG is represented on more than thirty committees throughout campus in service to undergraduate students.

Overall, USG has had a very interesting start for the beginning of the year in service to undergraduate students. Our dedication prevails through increasing student participation on campus generally, focusing on proper procedures, and representing the student body on committees as the voice of student issues. Currently, USG is in the process of seeking out to potential senators from all colleges, and we are excited to see the direction that USG is going to move in going forward.

USG thanks the Alumni Association for their service and dedication to SIU. We look forward to be involved with the Association this year, and we also cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us.