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75 Years Of Philanthropy

The SIU Foundation marks its 75th anniversary in 2017. A look back at the history of giving that’s helped the university grow.
Thanks to hundreds of donors, Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s inaugural Day of Giving was a resounding success.

During the unique 24-hour fundraising campaign March 1-2, donors were invited to directly support an area on campus that is meaningful to them. The campaign has raised $341,121 to date, shattering the initial goal of $150,000. The SIU Day of Giving website, showing present totals and where funds were donated, can be found at siuday.siu.edu.

“The Day of Giving was a success due to the hundreds of alumni, students, faculty, staff and supporters who realize the importance of philanthropy to the university’s success,” Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell said. “These donations not only help the university with key projects, but reveal the deep affection that many have for SIU Carbondale.”

Jim Salmo, vice chancellor for development and alumni relations and CEO of the SIU Foundation, said the funds donated will make an immediate impact on the areas designated by donors. Another purpose of the campaign was to also attract new donors, he said.

“This event exceeded our expectations and is a great beginning,” Salmo said. “We look forward to this being an annual event that continues to grow.”

Rebecca Renshaw, who oversees communications for the SIU Foundation, said students played a pivotal role in the event’s success. Information booths were set up at Morris Library, the Student Center and in the Faner Hall breezeway. A video highlighting Campus Lake and produced for the Day of Giving had nearly 100,000 views, she said.

Renshaw said that a student who was listening to a presentation at Morris Library told her, “I just want to give back to SIU.” The history major, who didn’t give his name, then opened his wallet and donated the only bill he had – $20 – and walked away.

“It was really moving,” Renshaw said.

The event would not have been successful without more than 70 Ambassadors, including about 40 students who shared fundraising progress and messaging on various social platforms. Students who called alumni raised more than $6,000 over the 24-hour period, she said.

Of the 1,334 gifts, the largest total amount from multiple donors, $106,105, was raised for Campus Lake. The participating group with the greatest number of donors was the SIU School of Law.

The Day of Giving “really made a positive impact on the entire campus for students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community,” Renshaw said. “It’s rare you can get everyone collectively supporting one effort.”

#SIUDAY STATISTICS

Total amount raised: $341,121
Total gifts: 1,334
Most donations raised by department:
Campus Lake, $106,105

Next SIU Day of Giving:
Wednesday, March 7, 2018

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It's no secret the last two years haven't been kind to Southern Illinois University. SIU and all public universities in the state of Illinois have experienced a drought in the resources critical to maintaining their missions due to a protracted debate over a budget agreement. Illinois public higher education has struggled during this period, losing students, many to campuses in neighboring states, and losing faculty to other institutions across the country. Higher education has also lost some of its perceived impact as a force for good and positive economic growth for the communities in institutions are located. Worst of all, the confidence of prospective students in public higher education as a sound investment in their futures has been shaken.

Even facing these challenges, SIU remains committed to serving our students, alumni, communities and state. The Association is often asked by alumni how they can help foster support for SIU, as many don’t want to stand by while their alma mater suffers. Information about how you can show your support can be found at the website siumatters.com. There you'll find information that details how the budget stalemate has affected SIU, as well as a handful of reminders about why this university and access to public higher education is important to the lives of so many people. In addition, you’ll find guidelines for reaching out to elected officials and can even look up your local legislator if you aren’t familiar with him or her.

As you see on the website, if you do decide to reach out to officials, be polite but be firm in your support of SIU. Also know the Association will be working to communicate with alumni about future efforts they can take, if they choose, to advocate on behalf of SIU. Alumni are a strong constituency for this university, as they are the beneficiaries and shareholders of a great educational legacy. Alumni are living proof that higher education makes differences in lives.
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During your visit to the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail take a trip down memory lane and visit some of the unforgettable places from your past. Immerse yourself in nostalgia while creating new memorable moments along the trail. Come and see how we've grown.

always a reason to applaud
Enjoy some of our local flair with creative fun dinners along the trail that match a variety of local cuisine to our delicious wines. Many wineries offer live music on the weekends or look for festivals celebrating holidays, supporting charity events or just because. We are always looking for a reason to celebrate.

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All 11 wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail have paired up to create three wonderful weekends of savory wine and food pairings. We invite you to join us for a progressive tasting along the trail and enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of our wines paired with delicious samples.

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LETTERS

SIU Alumni Earns Recognition In National Contest

SIU Alumni magazine has once again earned a merit award in the annual Educational Advertising Award contest. The magazine was among more than 2,250 entries from more than 1,000 institutions for 2017. Entries were considered by a panel of judges that included higher education marketers, advertising creative directors, and marketing and advertising professionals. SIU Alumni also earned a merit award in the 2016 contest.

Corrections:

- The spring issue contained an inaccurate headline in the feature article about alumna Kimberly Fox, who is the state's attorney for Cook County. The headline erroneously made reference to Chicago as the nation's most violent city. Per capita, Chicago does not have the highest violent crime rate in the nation and is only highest among the country’s two other largest cities, New York and Los Angeles.

- The biography for Forrest Fairall 'by listed the wrong company as his current employer. Fairall is a vice president for Key Impact Sales & Systems Inc., the leading national sales and marketing agency for a number of top food service brands.

Karen Stallman, Director Of Community Relations

Some might say she has connections. Others might think of her as a kind of matchmaker. Meet Karen Stallman, director of community relations for SIU.

Stallman's focus is on connecting members of the community with the university. While that may sound simple, it's a bit more complicated than that – and her task is to tell them how.

"People don't know where to start with questions," she said.

She hears the same thing on campus. Individuals, student organizations or faculty members may have ideas for new community outreach, but they don't know to whom they could be reaching out to.

That's where Stallman comes in. Her job is to build connections between community members and the university, to strengthen those ties that already exist, and to look for ways to forge new ones.

"SIU already has many good partnerships with organizations in the area, such as with Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, Carbondale Community Arts and the Shawnee National Forest Volunteer Corps," she said. "And we have many outreach programs, such as the Southern Illinois Children's Choir and Engineering Day. We have a good foundation. Now we want to reach out to even more communities in the region, giving more organizations access to our resources, from our faculty and staff experts to our enthusiastic and knowledgeable students – and even including our facilities. I want to launch new initiatives, too, such as a speaker's bureau or series."

Community involvement provides a win-win situation for the campus and the community, Stallman said. For example, students can gain career-track volunteer or internship hours by working with community organizations in areas from education to ecology, and from art to agriculture.

Community organizations, meanwhile, can benefit from the resources in which SIU is rich: people with expertise and experience in a wide array of fields, and thousands of young professionals eager for practical experience.

"Collaboration is more important than ever, particularly given SIU's economic impact in the region," she said.

Stallman, from Ellis Grove, Illinois, is a former director of continuing education at SIU, and she has experience in community relations. She also is an SIU alumna ('83, '87).

Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell created the Office of Community Relations from existing resources.

Contact Karen Stallman at karenstallman@siu.edu or 618/453-2425.
SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Earning degrees from SIU is a tradition for the Kabat family, including siblings Brock, Courtney and Jordan. #SalukiPride #OnceaSalukiAlwaysaSaluki

It's here! We're excited to announce Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students. To learn more about this three-year fundraising campaign benefiting the students of SIU, visit foreversiu.org. @foreversiu

Alumni Association Facebook

Amanda Wieland My husband and I are both alum and so are his parents and his brother. We were just talking about wanting our son to hopefully choose SIUC and he a Saluki with us.

Marc Chang My uncle and my auntie and my wife and my mother in law and my cousin and myself all Salukis and we all proud of it.

Carolyn Sue Sisk We can and will do this! Sharing! I want to be a local that promotes and aids to keep the Saluki dream alive! In my own backyard; I've lived here 57 years! It CAN be done.

Murry Graf I'm in. I am an alumni and graduated with a quality education. Giving back is the right thing to do.

@SalukiReaux88 Via Twitter
@MatthewJFranck Thanks for making a difference! #FavoriteTeacher #SIUC #NationalTeachersDay

@BahaComm Via Twitter
Proud to donate to my alma mater on SIU Day of Giving. GO SALUKIS! https://siuday.siu.edu/giving-day/1003?utm_source=scale-funder&utm_campaign=site_share&utm_medium=twitter ... ##SIUDAY

@nickweshinskey Via Twitter
#TheBigEvent @SIUC was incredible! A BIG thanks to @SIUChancellor, & our students, faculty, and staff for their commitment to Carbondale!

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CAMPUS MOMENT

New graduates of Southern Illinois University share a congratulatory hug during the spring commencement ceremonies, held on May 13 at the SIU Arena. This year’s class will be added to the more than 270,000 alumni of SIU worldwide. Alumni live in all 50 U.S. states and in more than 100 countries.
A History of Philanthropy

Foundation fosters relationships, fortifies SIU

SIU Foundation Board; G.O. Brown; Mrs. Louis Nelson, Ed V. Miles; and John L. East - 1952

SIU Foundation headquarters circa 1960.
The SIU Foundation has been a cornerstone of SIU for more than half of the university’s existence.

For 75 years, the foundation has played a vital role in SIU’s expansion and development. Students, faculty, staff and the community have benefited from its philanthropic mission.

Starting with a $10 gift in 1942, the foundation has evolved in the way it serves the university. From land acquisition to endowments to rare book collections and beyond, the goal has always been the same: Help keep SIU moving forward.

In the early going, the foundation collected relatively few monetary donations. It wasn’t until the 1950s that the foundation cemented itself as the driving force behind the university’s fundraising efforts.

“The warmth generated by good ideas from good people for good causes quickly melts away all barriers and leads to inevitable success,” said SIU President Delyte Morris on March 12, 1960, the date of the university’s first Foundation Day.

During Morris’ tenure (1948-70), the university saw unparalleled expansion in terms of enrollment and physical presence. SIU grew from a teachers’ college serving a few thousand students to a three-campus system with tens of thousands of students.

The foundation’s impact also expanded during this time of prosperity.

As new buildings popped up around the Carbondale campus, the foundation played a role in establishing the Edwardsville campus and the School of Medicine in Springfield. Meanwhile, the foundation increased the value of its assets. The SIU Foundation currently supports the Carbondale campus and the School of Medicine. SIU Edwardsville has its own, separate foundation.

By 1967, the foundation’s assets were valued at more than $3 million. In 1971, the foundation gained more than $1 million in a single year. In 1974, the foundation began the Living Endowment campaign, which was the university’s first long-term fundraising event. It proved to be a success, raising more than $2 million in monetary and other gifts. In 1989, the foundation helped the College of Business and Administration raise $4 million during a yearlong campaign.

The efficacy of the foundation has allowed the numbers to rise continually – which, in turn, has led to expanded influence on campus.

In 2016, the foundation awarded 1,565 students more than $2.8 million in scholarship money. More than $2.3 million was earmarked for university and community programs. Nearly $2 million was designated for academic and research support.

On March 1, 2017, the foundation hosted the inaugural SIU Day of Giving. It was the university’s first 24-hour online fundraising campaign. After receiving 1,334 gifts totaling $341,121, excitement already is building for 2018’s Day of Giving, scheduled for March 7.

From the beginning, SIU has been a place of opportunity. It has been a place to learn, teach, grow and enrich. For the past 75 years, the SIU Foundation has led the charge.

This spring, the foundation continued that mission by announcing “Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students.” Over a three-year period, the campaign aims to bring at least $75 million to the students of SIU Carbondale. Campaign co-chairs Dan Korte ‘85 and Camelle Logan ‘89 have announced that the campaign already has raised $33 million toward that goal.

Donors may give to any number of worthy causes, ranging from scholarships to particular projects, and to colleges or other departments. For more information, visit www.foreversiu.org.
$10 In 1942, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hubbs gave the FIRST DONATION to the SIU Foundation.

FIRST FOUNDATION DAY: MARCH 12, 1960

On March 12, 1960, the first Foundation Day — the foundation's first major appeal for financial aid from private sources was held. The drive started out with a check for $7,800 from Alpha Xi Inc., alumnae branch of the former Pi Kappa Sigma local sorority. The foundation also received $6,804 to establish four-year scholarships for freshman girls, preferably those entering science study.

"The warmth generated by good ideas from good people for good causes quickly melts away all barriers and leads to inevitable success."
— President Delyte Morris, March 12, 1960

$341,121 RAISED
1,334 GIFTS

SIU DAY OF GIVING
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
SIU's first 24-hour online fundraising campaign

HEY DOG! In 1962, SIU added a mascot called "Hey Dog," a gymnast named John Rush who entertained fans with his impersonations of the famed Saluki mascot dogs. "We think 'Hey Dog' will become a fixture on the SIU campus and we wanted to honor John Rush, originator," said Kenneth Miller, executive director of the foundation.

$10 first donation: Southern Illinoisan, March 13, 1960
2. First Foundation Day: Southern Alumnus, May, 1960
5. Rare Books: St. Louis Post-Dispatch, January 5, 1959
6. Art Galleries: Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette, June 16, 1960
7. Delta Airlines: St. Louis Globe-Democrat, October 21, 1974
8. $4 Million Raised: Southern Illinoisan, April 21, 1989
10. Patents: The Egyptian, July 13, 1959
11. Percentage of Americans that give to charity: Bank of America Study of High Net Worth Philanthropy
12. Percentage of online donations: Blackbaud, 2016 Charitable Giving Report
RARE BOOKS
The foundation has been instrumental in the acquisition of rare books valued at thousands of dollars. This includes the H.K. Croessman collection of James Joyce works.

SIU's University Art Galleries received an anonymous gift worth $5,000 — a painting by American nature, abstractionist Milton Avery. Avery is regarded among the important American pioneers in abstract painting.

DELTA AIRLINES DONATES
Delta Airlines donates a Convair 880 jet aircraft simulator, valued at $1.8 million, to the SIU Foundation on October 21, 1974.

$4 MILLION RAISED
for the College of Business and Administration
April 21, 1989: Despite being launched just two days before the second-largest stock market crash in the nation's history, SIU Carbondale's first capital campaign raised more than $4 million in cash, pledges and gifts for the College of Business and Administration.

UNIQUE GIFTS TO THE FOUNDATION
The foundation was once the recipient of 24 prize Arabian horses. Salukis have also been donated to the university.

PATENTS
The foundation has benefited from the support of innovation in the form of patent royalties. The "mouse house" created by Isaac Shechmeister and Harold Cohen is the one of the university's most profitable.

2016 National Giving Statistics
95.4% percentage of Americans that give to charity.

17% percentage of online donations made on MOBILE DEVICES.

7.9% The amount online giving grew in 2016 compared to 2015.

Female-headed households are MORE LIKELY TO GIVE to charity than male-headed households.
SIU Board Approves Plans To Demolish High-Rise East Campus Housing

The high-rise residence halls Neely, Mac Smith and Schneider, which have been noted features of the east Carbondale campus since the 1960s, are set to be demolished and replaced in the next decade.

The university’s board of trustees approved a plan this past spring to level the three six-story towers and build, in phases, a smaller set of modern structures that will be four or five stories tall. The first building scheduled for demolition is Schneider Hall, although the tower will be used one last time as lodging for visitors of this summer’s eclipse event. It then will be shuttered for good.

Officials say that while they recognize the fondness alumni have for the towers, new generations of students have been less excited about them as a housing option. Given the lack of interest, there was little benefit in undertaking a renovation project of the towers.

At the time they were built, the structures represented state-of-the-art amenities and housed thousands of students in more than four decades. Neely Hall opened in 1965, with Schneider and Mac Smith following in 1966.
Fermentation Science Degree Program Earns MBAA Approval

BY TIM CROSBY

The Master Brewers Association of the Americas has conferred its full recognition upon Southern Illinois University's new bachelor's degree program in fermentation science. Recognition followed a full and careful review of the 1-year-old program and its facilities by MBAA officials.

Matt McCarroll, professor of chemistry and biochemistry and director of SIU's Fermentation Science Institute, says the recognition is an important step because it signals the high quality of the program to students.

"With the significant growth in the number of breweries over the past five years, there are a number of universities that are trying to incorporate brewing-related programs," McCarroll says. "Inclusion of SIU in this inaugural recognition is not only an indication that our program is designed and supported in a way that is desired by the industry, but also provides an external validation of the program to prospective students."

The MBAA review process began in October and was managed by volunteer professionals from the brewing industry and academia. The recognition is valid for three years and is renewable.

As a result of the MBAA recognition, a major brewery has approached the program to explore establishing a recruiting relationship, McCarroll says.

"The MBAA requirements were very rigorous in terms of the facilities, the qualifications of the instructors and the content of the coursework, so it is a strong testament to the commitment SIU has made in developing the program," McCarroll says.

Students who sign up for the program spend much of their first two years heavily immersed in science, chemistry and mathematics, though they also have the opportunity to take some foundation courses that touch more directly on the art of brewing, wine making and distilling. Faculty from several disciplines, including various agriculture and horticulture areas, microbiology, hospitality, chemistry and others, all teach classes aimed at creating highly trained, well-rounded professionals to work in – and lead – the fermentation industry.

The market needs new brewers and advanced training for existing brewers, McCarroll says, and the new SIU fermentation science program can meet both of those needs, especially considering the strong chemistry, biochemistry and microbiology foundation students will develop in the program.

The Big Event

On April 1, hundreds of students and volunteers gathered for "The Big Event: A Saluki Day of Service." It was the largest one-day, student-run service project in the history of Southern Illinois University. The project involved volunteers performing various community improvement projects on and off campus. In this photo, students walk along the path at Campus Lake during their time spent planting new trees in the area. SIU has a noted history in volunteerism. More than 3,000 students contribute an average of more than 30 hours of community service each year.
Solomon Adufah is the winner of the 2017 Rickert-Ziebold Award. The award is the most prestigious honor offered by the SIU School of Art and Design and is open annually to graduating seniors majoring in art. Adufah, a native of Ghana living now in Olympia Fields, created four large-scale portraits of African individuals, each with a unique patterned background for his winning piece.

"Not every art student participates in this competition," he says. "Only those of us who have done this know how much goes into it, the planning and the work. I think we all deserve recognition for that. I'm very humbled to be selected for this award."

The annual Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award honors the late Joseph Rickert, a prominent lawyer and former state senator from Waterloo, who loved the arts and appreciated SIU Carbondale's place in the cultural life of the Southern Illinois region. His family established the award in 1974.

SIU Moves Up In Princeton Review’s Game Design Ranking

BY PETE ROSENBERY

The Princeton Review has recognized SIU for having one of the nation's best undergraduate programs in game design. The magazine recently ranked SIU 43rd among the top 50 undergraduate schools for game design for 2017—a rise of three spots from a year ago.

"We've seen growth in interest and enrollment in the gaming classes both in MCMA and other parts of the university," says John Reid Perkins-Buzo, assistant professor of animation and game development in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

Courses in game design and development are offered through the multidisciplinary efforts of MCMA and the School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

The ranking was based on the publication's 2016 survey of administrators at more than 150 institutions that offer game design coursework, programs or degrees in countries including the United States and Canada. The survey gathered data ranging from game design academic offerings and lab facilities to their graduates' starting salaries and career achievements.

Perkins-Buzo says the curriculum for the minor is undergoing revision to include new courses. The changes will make the pursuit of game design studies much easier. He is teaching two new Radio, Television, and Digital Media classes associated with the minor—"Gaming Narratives" and "Writing for Game Production"—that have 16 and 14 students enrolled, respectively.
NASA, Partners In Final Stages Of Prep For Eclipse Event

BY TIM CROSBY

With the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21 fast approaching, the planning group at Southern Illinois University has been nailing down details on how the university and its partners will handle one of the highest-profile celestial events in the country in years.

Officials from NASA, the Adler Planetarium in Chicago and a solar instrumentation company recently made a two-day visit to campus to prepare for the event, which may draw as many as 50,000 people. The visiting contingent included officials from the NASA EDGE webcast program, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and Lunt Solar Systems. They previewed plans and logistics for the eclipse education program, which will have great implications for sky watchers not only in Carbondale on the day of the eclipse, but those all over the world.

NASA EDGE is a video podcast discussing the latest technology and research going on at NASA centers across the country. New episodes appear monthly and are transmitted to the public through several websites, including NASA TV, iTunes, YouTube, USTREAM and other podcast sites. The show, which combines humor and education, provides an insider's view of NASA while also updating the public on the most innovative and groundbreaking research. On the day of the eclipse, NASA EDGE is planning a four-hour broadcast that will include live interviews and video of the eclipse as it crosses the country.

Blair Allen, co-host of NASA EDGE, says the trip was an important planning event for the show. The NASA EDGE team also will work with Lunt Solar Systems, maker of solar telescopes and ultra-high-definition heliostats, to determine the best solar observation sites near the program's set, and to run other tests for the day of observations, he says.

On Aug. 21, the eclipse viewing path and shadow will sweep across the country from northwest to southeast, with its point of greatest duration a few miles south of Carbondale. The total solar eclipse is the first over the mainland United States since 1979.

The university's planning, led by a campus-community committee, has been underway for more than two years. Plans call for activities throughout the weekend before and day of the eclipse.

Lou Mayo, planetary scientist with NASA and program manager for the agency for the event, says NASA selected SIU as its site to cover the eclipse for a number of reasons.

"SIU has excellent infrastructure that can accommodate a large number of people," Mayo says. "It has an engaged community, (and) it is on the center line and is the center of the eclipse (for greatest duration). It also has reasonable chances for clear skies."

As program manager for NASA's eclipse activities, Mayo says he will be helping coordinate operations while also staffing the NASA booth at SIU on the big day.

Mayo says solar eclipses are "wondrous events," but they often are too remote to attend. Many occur over the oceans that cover so much of the Earth's surface.

"This one is right in our backyard, so millions in North Americans will have a chance to see it," he says. "NASA often uses celestial events that capture the interest and imagination of the public to promote science education."

Michelle Nichols, master educator with Adler Planetarium, will act as a "roaming correspondent" in Saluki Stadium during the NASA coverage. She says the eclipse will connect millions of people through shared wonderment and experience, and through the past and present.

"When you see a total solar eclipse, you are immediately and personally connected to the countless people who have seen them in the past – and you instantly understand why people were awed and frightened of them," she says. "You are also immediately connected to the concept of the precise alignment of sun, moon and Earth that makes this possible. It is incredible to be able to share this event with many people gathered together in a large group, so I am especially looking forward to that aspect of this event at SIU."

A complete schedule of activities at the Eclipse Crossroads of America can be found at eclipse.siu.edu

Eclipse 2017 Events

Crossroads Festival
Carnival, food, music – South of SIU Arena
Friday, Aug. 18-Monday, Aug. 21

Eclipse Comic Con
Comic Con event – Student Center
Saturday, Aug. 19-Sunday, Aug. 20

Crossroads Eclipse 2017 Research Workshop
Selected Eclipse Research Talks – Student Center
Saturday, August 19

Planetary Radio Live with Mat Kaplan
National radio show taping
- Shryock Auditorium
Sunday, Aug. 20

Crossroads Astronomy Science and Technology Expo
NASA Village, exhibits, demonstrations
- SIU Arena
Sunday, Aug. 20-Monday, Aug. 21

Crossroads Art and Craft Fair
Art, crafts, eclipse items
- North of SIU Arena
Sunday, Aug. 20-Monday, Aug. 21

Eclipse Day at Saluki Stadium
Guided eclipse viewing event
Tickets available at 877/725-8547 or online at eclipse.siu.edu/tickets
- Saluki Stadium
Monday, Aug. 21

For questions or additional information, email eclipse@siu.edu
LOOKING FORWARD TO RETIREMENT
TIMOTHY MARLO, CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FINANCE

People often spend their whole lives working in the hopes of someday retiring, but they don’t necessarily plan for that day. Marlo offers tips to help make retirement a reality.

WHY SAVE FOR RETIREMENT?

Many well-educated adults don’t understand why they need a retirement account. Society has distorted the concept of retirement, equating it to moving to a Florida gated community. It’s not about saving for an ultimate vacation. It’s about saving to maintain your standard of living when you no longer have a job or aren’t capable of working.

A retirement account isn’t a substitute for a savings account. First, set aside a minimum of $1,000 in a “rainy day” savings account. Financial advisors recommend this account be able to cover three to eight months of your living expenses. Then do the math. Evaluate your finances and interest/investment rates to determine how much income should go toward debts and your retirement investment. Remember, there are hefty penalties if you withdraw retirement funds before you are eligible.

Now, if you don’t pay yourself first, something else will always claim your money. Investing early pays because of the magic of COMPOUNDING — interest earnings on interest. It’s your money working for you. Invest $5,000 per year for 40 years in a stock mutual fund with annual earnings averaging 7 percent, and $200,000 becomes $1 million. The extra $800,000 is compounding. If you delay saving 15 years to buy a house, start a family or pay off low-interest debt, you have to put in $15,800 annually ($395,000) to reach $1 million with compounding. You’d pay nearly twice as much.

WHEN SHOULD I START SAVING FOR RETIREMENT?

Now, if you don’t pay yourself first, something else will always claim your money. Investing early pays because of the magic of COMPOUNDING — interest earnings on interest. It’s your money working for you. Invest $5,000 per year for 40 years in a stock mutual fund with annual earnings averaging 7 percent, and $200,000 becomes $1 million. The extra $800,000 is compounding. If you delay saving 15 years to buy a house, start a family or pay off low-interest debt, you have to put in $15,800 annually ($395,000) to reach $1 million with compounding. You’d pay nearly twice as much.

HOW DO I START SAVING FOR RETIREMENT?

Make it a goal to invest 15 percent of your income. Discuss your retirement needs and your best investment mix with a CPA or trusted financial advisor. Investing is easier if your employer has a 401(k) retirement plan or other defined contribution plan. When you enroll, your employer automatically deducts from your paycheck and invests for you. Some employers even match contributions. Otherwise, open a retirement account with an established broker. Consider different options.

WHAT IF I HAVEN’T SAVED MUCH YET?

Unless you can adjust your current lifestyle to save more, unfortunately this means you will have to work longer and possibly lower your retirement expectations.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

A retirement account isn’t a substitute for a savings account. First, set aside a minimum of $1,000 in a “rainy day” savings account. Financial advisors recommend this account be able to cover three to eight months of your living expenses. Then do the math. Evaluate your finances and interest/investment rates to determine how much income should go toward debts and your retirement investment. Remember, there are hefty penalties if you withdraw retirement funds before you are eligible.

ANY LAST WORDS OF ADVICE?

Warren Buffett suggested that a key to investing wisely is understanding exactly what you are buying. If you don’t understand a recommended investment, Google it. Websites such as Investopedia or The Motley Fool can really help you understand the basics. Goodfinancialcents.com, a website/blog by distinguished SIU alumnus Jeff Rose, also offers great tips and advice. Happy investing — and good luck!
Allison Joseph writes her poetry longhand. She claims, charmingly, to be “in love with (her) own handwriting.”

But it’s a good thing she also types and archives her work on a computer once a poem is finished.

During a computer shuffle from old to new, Joseph discovered she had “a backlog of work” she’d forgotten about. Her husband, poet and Crab Orchard Review editor Jon Tribble, was helping shift her files to the new computer.

“He asked me, ‘Do you realize you have 300 poems on this old computer?’ I did not,” Joseph said.

A still more pleasant surprise, she said, is that they were better than remembered.

“It’s a good feeling to see something you wrote a while ago that has validity,” Joseph said.

In addition to the poetry, Joseph found essays, a few attempts at fiction and the beginning of a guide for writers.

“They feel like old friends,” she said, noting that some of the poems date back as far as 2008.

The result of this find has been books – eight of them in 2016 and 2017. Many of the poems had been published but never were included in a collection. Joseph’s poems embrace form as well as free-verse narrative; they are musical when read aloud and meditative when read in quiet. Reviewers compare her to Walt Whitman, refer to her as “mistress of the sonnet form” and describe her as “a writer who exhibits exceptional talent on the printed page as well as meaningful social commitments on the public stage.”

Authors often go on reading tours to promote their new books, but Joseph’s recent upsurge in public reading activity has another cause as well: her receipt of the inaugural New Georgia Arts Literary Achievement Award from the New Georgia Arts Collaborative, a $10,000 award. As the award recipient, Joseph is resident artist at the Newman Art Rez and AIR Serenbe programs, and is giving poetry readings in and around Atlanta.

The award honors not only Joseph’s poetry, but her devotion to poets themselves, especially young ones.
who are just beginning to explore the world of words. Joseph founded the Young Writers Workshop nearly 20 years ago. Most years, it has been a residential camp for high school-aged writers. This year, the camp moves to a day camp format. The goal, though, is the same: to give young writers a workshop environment with their peers and the opportunity to work with graduate student writers, as well as with Joseph herself.

The guidebook for writers, which Joseph intends to finish in time for a fall 2018 release, comes from the same place in her heart. "It's part memoir, part writing guide," she said. "The target audience is teenage girls. It's not that I don't like teenage boys, but there is a special spot in my heart for teenage girl poets."

The guide will include poems Joseph has written through the years as examples to her young workshop writers about using particular forms, as well as the versatility of formal poetry they may not have encountered.

Joseph shares many of her reading dates with Tribble nowadays. His two poetry collections came out in publication last year. Tribble has been a poet for many years, but finally took the time from editing other poets' works to collect his own.

Joseph is exuberant in her praise. "His role was more that of editor, but I kept pushing the identity of him as a writer," Joseph said. "His work is a really wonderful discovery for many people. When we read together, it's a very special thing."

She also cherishes the master of fine arts of creative writing program she was instrumental in building. The program has a strong reputation among writers throughout the nation. When co-director Beth Lordan, a university museum. Not every university has a museum. We have to support these things and not take them for granted."

Joseph appreciates what she has by doing more. She is the inaugural winner of the Rachel Gordon Fischoff Faculty Curatorial Fellowship. The fellowship provides a stipend and the opportunity to create an exhibition in the University Museum. Details are not final, but Joseph's idea is an ekphrastic writing festival. Ekphrastic writing focuses on a particular piece of art, describing it or interacting with it in some way.

"I'm looking forward to visiting the museum archives to see what we have there," she said. "I'm always ready to see what I haven't seen yet."

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Allison Joseph's Book List

"Confessions of a Barefaced Woman" – forthcoming from Red Hen Press
"Corporal Muse" – 2017 – Yellow Chair Press
"What Once You Loved” – 2017 – Barefoot Muse Press
"Double Identity” – 2017 – Singing Bone Press
"The Purpose of Hands” – 2016 – Glass Lyre Press
"Mercurial” – 2016 – Mayapple Press
"Mortal Rewards” – 2016 – White Violet Press
"Multitudes” – 2016 – Word Press
"My Father’s Kites” – 2010 – Steel Toe Books
"Imitation of Life” – 2003 – Carnegie Mellon Press
"In Every Seam” – 1997 – University of Pittsburgh Press
"What Keeps Us Here” – 1992 – Ampersand Books
Dylan Kosma '02, '05 is on a mission to understand the science behind the billions of dollars potato farmers lose each year due to storage problems. Now, with a $1.37 million grant from the National Science Foundation, he'll spend the next four years investigating the molecular and biochemical reasons for this phenomenon.

Kosma runs Kosma-Santos Lab with his wife, Patricia Santos, at the University of Nevada Reno's College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. The couple established the lab in 2014 and set off to work on the question of why some potato varieties store better than others. Potatoes represent the most prevalent vegetable crop farmed in the United States, and losses can add up quickly. In 2013, for instance, Kosma says farmers lost roughly a third of their potatoes in storage, an amount worth $1.2 billion.

It's important to note that potatoes don't go from farm to table immediately; they can sit for months in storage. Depending on storage practices, some of the crop is inevitably lost to rot.

"There are cultural practices about maintaining proper temperatures and humidity controls, of course, but we are coming at it from a molecular-genetic and biochemical perspective," Kosma says.

Primarily, he is looking at the lipid polymer called "suberin," a substance found in many forms of plant life. On the potato, suberin covers a large portion of the skin and acts as a healing agent when the skin is wounded. If you've ever seen raised bumps that look like scabs on a potato, Kosma says you're seeing the work of suberin, which keeps sugars and water from leaking out of the tissue.

Despite the prevalence of suberin in the plant world, Kosma says there are many unanswered questions about the polymer.

"I want to understand suberin, how it's made, how it is regulated," he says. "I think suberin can be a source of renewable monomers for the polymer industry, so I'd really like to move my research into those applied directions."

Along with his wife, Kosma also is collaborating on this research with potato breeder Dave Douches and plant pathologist Ray Hammerschmidt, both at Michigan State University, as well as Karen Schlauch, a member of the research team at UNR.

Kosma says he developed his love for science while earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at SIU, working with faculty members such as Stephen Ebbs, Karen Renzaglia, Andrew Wood and David Lightfoot.

"I have to say I learned how to be a scientist at SIU," Kosma says. "I had excellent mentorship and very patient mentors. They really firmly planted my feet on the path to science. They helped me to gain a huge appreciation for plants and the natural world, and for science, how it's done and how it benefits society."
Graduate Student Wins Fulbright Scholarship

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

Southern Illinois University graduate student Justin D’Agostino is the recipient of a J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship award to study the origins of language flexibility by investigating how globalization affects primate vocalizations.

D’Agostino, a doctoral anthropology student, will spend a minimum of 10 months in Indonesia, flying into Jakarta in September to do field work in Sikundur and Batang.

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Toru on the island of Sumatra. His project, titled “Effects of anthropogenic noise on the natural calling behavior of wild siamang,” involves testing how human-induced noise affects the loud, long, almost daily duets of the siamangs – the largest of the gibbons.

D’Agostino says the implications of his study extend well beyond the black furry mammals.

“One of the most important parts of my doctoral education here at SIU is learning how to put this into an evolutionary perspective,” he says. “It is possible, but at the same time quite difficult, to clearly show that if a close relative to humans, with a similar vocalization system, is impacted by noise, then all modern humans are also likely susceptible. This project also has important conservation implications and could show that these animals are impacted not only by direct deforestation, but also by subtle things like human noise.”

D’Agostino, in partnership with Syiah Kuala University, Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari and the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program, will also work with local field guides and make educational presentations in local schools and villages, engaging the community in his work and explaining the research.

D’Agostino, a native of Alexandria, Virginia, grew up in Bowie, Maryland, and the surrounding Washington area. He moved to San Francisco at the age of 17 and earned a bachelor’s degree in biology at San Francisco State University in 2009. He completed his master’s degree in anthropology in 2015 at California State University in Los Angeles before coming to SIU, where he has focused on primatology as he works toward his doctoral degree.
A national organization promoting economic opportunity has ranked Southern Illinois University Carbondale among its top 100 in the country for technology transfer.

The Milken Institute's Center for Jobs and Human Capital placed SIU at No. 76 out of 225 in the nation in its Technology Transfer and Commercialization Index of Universities and Research Institutions ranking, which it released in April.

The Santa Monica, California-based Milken Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that seeks to grow global prosperity by advancing collaborative solutions that widen access to capital, create jobs and improve health. The Center for Jobs and Human Capital promotes prosperity and sustainable economic growth around the world by increasing the understanding of the dynamics that drive job creation and promote industry expansion.

The report's authors point out that innovative activities, along with their commercial applications, drive long-term economic growth in the country. Although research and development push innovation, the main catalyst remains the American research university.

"In the 21st century, public and private research universities are the seed capital for creating knowledge that fosters scientific- and technology-based economic development," the report states.

The reports add that "creating human capital and conducting research, along with its efficiency as measured by output (patents, licenses executed, licensing income and startups) relative to input (research expenditures), depict the production of good universities delivering on their mission."

Robert Patino, director of SIU’s Office of Technology Transfer, said the report confirmed that the university's efforts in those areas compare favorably with other top universities with far more research funding – in some case six to eight times more – at their disposal.

"The report underscores the continued need for funding in our research and investment in our economic development centers to remain economic hubs in our respective communities, and to attract scientists to pursue innovative endeavors," Patino says.
Poll Explores Public's Awareness Of Human Trafficking

Illinois ranks eighth in the nation in the number of cases of human trafficking, including many child victims. Yet an overwhelming majority of citizens in Illinois remains uninformed about this important human rights issue, according to the results of a recent poll from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU.

The poll provided voters the definition of human trafficking from the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (2000) as the act of recruiting, harboring, moving or obtaining a person, by force, fraud or coercion, for the purposes of involuntary servitude, debt bondage or sexual exploitation. This definition was provided to inform voters on the issue and remove potential bias.

More than half (51 percent) of voters surveyed disagree or strongly disagree that sex trafficking affects their area, with 28 percent reporting that it does. One in five voters (21 percent) did not know or refused to answer. Support is strong for legally required human trafficking training for law enforcement. Six in seven voters (86 percent) said there should be mandated training on human trafficking in Illinois. This data was replicated across all demographics, including region, education, party affiliation, age and employment. Ten percent of voters said training on human trafficking should not be legally required.

"Illinois' large population centers like Chicago, major airports, interstate highway networks and Midwestern location make the state a prime location for human trafficking," says Kimberly Palermo, the institute's Celia M. Howard Fellow. "Pimps, traffickers and family members exploit runaway and homeless youths to infiltrate the multibillion-dollar criminal enterprise, and we have a duty to protect and prevent this through training and public education efforts."

In 2016, Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law a bill that created a task force to address this human rights issue statewide, including development of a statewide plan to combat human trafficking, create methods to protect the rights of victims and explore public awareness approaches to educate the state.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline recorded 198 cases of human trafficking in Illinois in 2015, and has learned of more than 8,000 cases nationwide in the past year alone.

People can receive help or report a tip of suspected human trafficking by calling the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 888/373-7888 or by sending a text to "BeFree" (233733).
Former SIU Assistant Coach Derek Johnson Follows Unconventional Path To The Big Leagues

Johnson chats with Milwaukee Brewers pitchers during spring training. He says sharing the proper amount of information with his squad is an important part of making them better players.

The process started early May 9 for Milwaukee Brewers pitching coach Derek Johnson. Since it was the first game of a series, the former Saluki left his apartment and arrived at cavernous Miller Park at 9 a.m. to begin preparation for a 7:10 p.m. game. As much as six hours of studying video was followed by meetings with coaches, pitchers and catchers before the first pitch was thrown in the interleague contest with the Boston Red Sox.

The Brewers used six pitchers that night in an 11-7 victory that took an interminable 3 hours and 38 minutes to play. By the time Johnson arrived back at his residence, it was well past midnight and the end of a grueling 15-hour workday.

But he wouldn't trade it for any other job in the world.

"Coaching at this level can be challenging, stressful and exhausting," Johnson says, "but I wake up each morning knowing that this is the realization of a dream. Being in the major leagues is the culmination of a series of incredible events that has allowed me to follow an amazing path."
THE ROAD TO SIU

Growing up in tiny Arrowsmith, Illinois (population 286), Johnson attended high school in Bloomington and starred as a left-handed pitcher. He then enjoyed two strong seasons at nearby Lake Land College, where he caught the eye of Eastern Illinois University head coach Dan Callahan.

Johnson spent the next two years as an all-conference Panther hurler, quickly developing a strong bond with his head coach.

"Callahan had been a pitcher both in college and in the minor leagues, so he was able to help me a great deal on the mound," Johnson recalls. "But it was much more than that. I looked at him as a mentor in so many ways. We worked well together. He taught me so much about how you treat people."

When Johnson graduated from EIU in 1994, he joined the university's staff as a student assistant before arriving in Carbondale when Callahan was named head coach at Southern Illinois University. He served as the Salukis' pitching coach from 1995 to 1998 while he worked on his master's degree and cut his teeth as a coach.

"Those were certainly my baby years," the man most simply call "D.J." says, laughing. "I had a lot to learn, and people like Cal and assistant coach Ken Henderson played major roles in me being where I am today. They had me when I was really learning the ropes."

Henderson, now the head coach at SIU, says that while Johnson may have been a bit raw in the coaching profession, his intellect for the game stood out immediately.

"From day one it was obvious that he was extremely bright and had an incredible baseball IQ," Henderson recalls. "When you have that kind of mind, work hard, and mix in maturity and experience, the sky is the limit. D.J. has proven that."

For Johnson, the years with Callahan and Henderson served as the foundation for greater things to come, and he will never forget that experience — or their mentoring.

"I just loved being at SIU," Johnson says. "The area is beautiful, and there are little things that still cross my mind. I think about running Campus Lake with Cal, having breakfast at Mary Lou's and walking across the main campus. It's all with me to this day."

SPREADING HIS WINGS

After three years as a graduate assistant at SIU, Johnson's first full-time position came in 1998 when he was hired as an assistant at Stetson University. The baseball program already was strong when he arrived, and the team thrived with him as pitching coach, winning one Atlantic Sun Conference Championship (2000) and earning two NCAA Tournament slots (2000 and 2001).

After four years with the Hatters, Johnson had a chance to interview for a job at a Southeastern Conference school, but he admits that he almost didn't take the plunge.

"The coach at Stetson (Pete Dunn) was a good friend of Vanderbilt head coach Roy Mewbourne, so when the pitching coach job there opened up, I knew I at least might get an interview," Johnson recalls. "The problem was I was happy at Stetson, and Vanderbilt's program was really struggling at the time."

Johnson would embrace the challenge, however, and in 2001 he was hired as the Commodores' pitching coach. One year after he arrived, Clemson assistant Tim Corbin became Vanderbilt's head coach and retained Johnson as his assistant. Together, they began an incredible 11-year run of transforming the Nashville, Tennessee-based school from a perennial SEC doormat to an NCAA elite program.

How successful was Johnson during this span? He was named the NCAA National Pitching Coach of the Year in 2004, National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2010, and the last three seasons he was the associate head coach. Four of his last five staffs at Vanderbilt led the SEC in ERA, and nearly 30 of his pitchers were drafted.

Johnson helped develop 11 pitchers who went on to the major leagues, including David Price, Sonny Gray, Mike Minor, Jeremy Sowers and SIU's Jason Frasor. In 2012 he wrote
“The Complete Guide to Pitching,” a widely acclaimed book that Baseball The Magazine called “the most comprehensive pitching resource available.”

The Commodores made it to their first College World Series in 2011 with Johnson guiding the pitchers, but when Vanderbilt won the national championship three years later, he already had left his legacy to chase a dream. The Chicago Cubs had come calling.

“When I had the opportunity to try for the job, I saw it as a challenge that I had to go for.”

ENTERING THE PRO GAME

Before the 2013 season rolled around, Johnson was in his 11th year at Vanderbilt and felt that probably was where he would stay.

“The next step for me in college was to become a head coach, but that never was my goal,” he admits. “I was getting better each day as a pitching coach, and that is what I wanted to continue to do. Dealing with all the other things a head coach must handle was not something I wanted.”

While a next possible step for Johnson was professional baseball, he realized he didn’t fit the mold of someone who gets a chance in that arena. Although he was lauded by his peers as the top pitching coach in the NCAA, the fact remained that he had never played or coached in the pros.

“I was intrigued by professional baseball and thought I could take what I had learned in college to the next level, but also realized it was a long shot — and that someone would have to be thinking outside the box to give me a chance and trust that I could handle it.”

That person ended up being Theo Epstein, president of the Chicago Cubs.

Epstein had heard about Johnson’s incredible run with pitchers at Vanderbilt, and he contacted the former Saluki to interview for the position as the Cubs’ minor league pitching coordinator. The job would guide the organization’s entire minor league pitching plan as the National League Club begins its rebuilding efforts.

“When I had the opportunity to try for the job, I saw it as a challenge that I had to go for,” Johnson says. “I prepared well, had a good interview and was selected. Now the realization sets in that I have to earn the trust of pro players — and their coaches — who must feel at the end of the day that I know what I am talking about, and that I can help them.”

One of the first endorsements he received in Chicago helped bridge the gap. When Johnson was hired Cubs pitching coach Chris Bosio was more than on board.

“People I’ve talked to who know him say this guy has an unbelievable mind; he’s extremely creative and innovative,” the former major league pitcher said. “I’m anxious to work with him.”

Johnson served in this capacity from 2013 to 2015, and he hit the ground running.

“Being a coordinator meant being in charge of more than 100 players — and I had to get to know all of them,” he says. “There was no time to do anything but dive right in.”

By all accounts, players and coaches alike quickly recognized his ability, and the position appeared to be a great fit. Once again, Johnson figured he was in a role that he could continue to grow into and enjoy for years to come.

But following the 2015 season, he received a call from Epstein that had a surprise ending.

THE MAJOR LEAGUE CALL

Johnson’s contract was up after the 2015 season, and Epstein was beginning negotiations on a new agreement. The two
been there for 17 years — that's the only home our kids have known," he says), the former Saluki assistant coach was ready to take his next big step.

Johnson says he is much more relaxed in his second season with the Brewers, and that the game has slowed down enough where he can enjoy his surroundings more.

"It's still a process, but we all know one another well now, and I can help them better because of that," he says. "You've got to stir things up now and then and poke the beehive, telling players to think about this approach or consider this on the mound. As Don Cooper, the longtime pitching coach of the Chicago White Sox once told me, it's also a good idea to sometimes make them think what you are suggesting is their idea!"

As a voracious consumer of data and video information, Johnson knows that part of his challenge is sharing the right amount of material with players.

"We have more information than we've ever had before, so it's important to try and filter it into something that makes sense on the field," he says.

The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel recently noted that "it's one thing for Derek Johnson to process all that information, but another to relay it to his pitchers without causing sensory overload. Or, as the saying in baseball goes, 'paralysis by analysis.'"

His manager, however, sees no danger of traffic accidents on the information superhighway.

"I love that D.J. keeps it simple for his pitchers," Counsell says. "He is incredibly conscientious, and when he sees something on the field once, he immediately gets it. I don't want to understate those qualities. He has a gift."

spoke for several minutes when, almost in passing, the Cubs president added one more comment.

"Hey, I do have some other news for you," Epstein said. "The Brewers contacted me for permission to interview you for their major league pitching coach position. Would you be interested in going through that process?"

At first, Johnson was stunned. Although coaching in the majors had always been a dream, he also was realistic enough to know that the chances of getting there were not great.

"I had only been in pro baseball for three years, and certainly had not made a name for myself at that level," he says.

After thinking it over, he told Epstein he did want to interview for the job. Johnson reasoned that, if nothing else, it would be a great experience. The Cubs' top executive agreed, and pledged he would do whatever he could to help.

A few moments after Johnson hung up the phone, however, the thought of interviewing for simply the experience held no appeal.

"I decided that if I was going to interview, I was going to do everything I could do to get the job," he says. "I might not be the guy they hire, but it wouldn't be because I didn't go in more prepared than everyone else they talked to."

Johnson left nothing on the table when he interviewed in Milwaukee, with an answer and plan for almost any scenario that Brewers general manager David Stearns, manager Craig Counsell and others threw at him. He left feeling that he had done his best — and that if he didn't get the job, it wasn't for lack of preparation.

In November 2015, the club announced that it was hiring this innovative coach and communicator who had struck a chord with the organization. With his wife, Tasha, their son, Teague (13), and daughter, Taite (10), keeping their home base in Nashville ("We've
Jim Hart To Be Honored By Football Cardinals

BY GENE GREEN

It's been almost 50 years since Jim Hart appeared on this cover of Sports Illustrated. The Nov. 27, 1967, edition called him one of the top rookie quarterbacks in professional football.

Former SIU athletic director Jim Hart '67 will be recognized during the 2017 Arizona Cardinals season when he becomes just the 17th member of the organization's Ring of Honor. His induction will occur at a home game that will be determined at a later date.

When Hart began his professional career in 1966 as an undrafted rookie free agent out of SIU, there were five quarterbacks ahead of him on the depth chart. He went on to play 19 years in the National Football League and retired as one of the most talented players in franchise history.

“I was excited when I heard the news – and I still am,” the SIU Alumni Association life member says of the Ring of Honor plans. “It is a nice gesture that I really appreciate.”

The franchise also saluted Hart recently when they flew him to Philadelphia in April to announce the team's second-round selection in the NFL Draft on national television.

Hart earned the starting quarterback job in 1967 and was the primary signal-caller for most of the next 15 years. The Cardinals won double-digit games in three straight seasons from 1974 to 1976 (Hart was the NFC Player of the Year in 1974), and he led 10 game-winning drives during that span for a group nicknamed the "Cardiac Cards." He played more seasons with the Cardinals than any other player in franchise history, before playing a final year in 1984 with the Washington Redskins.

The former Saluki star returned to campus years later to serve as athletic director from 1988 to 2000. He will become just the second quarterback in Cardinals history to enter the Ring of Honor, joining Kurt Warner, who will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in August. Like Hart, Warner was an undrafted free agent (from Northern Iowa) who found tremendous success during his NFL career.

“The Ring of Honor is reserved for those who have made the most extraordinary contributions to the Cardinals organization, and Jim Hart is absolutely in that category,” says team president Michael Bidwill. “When you look back at his career, two things really jump out: excellence and longevity.

“He is our franchise's career leader in nearly every passing category, which is commendable in its own right. But being an undrafted quarterback going on to play 18 seasons for the team and 199 games may be even more remarkable, and unlikely to ever be duplicated.”

Hart and his wife, Mary, reside in Naples, Florida.

Other Salukis In MVC Championships

Earlier in the spring, several SIU programs competed in league championship action. The SIU men's golf team finished fifth in the Valley, while the Saluki women were sixth in the MVC Tournament. On the courts, the Southern men and women had a strong second-place showings in the Valley. SIU men's golf finished fifth in the conference, while the women finished sixth in league tournament action. At press time, the SIU men and women's track and field teams had finished third in the MVC Outdoor Championships and qualified 15 athletes for competition as the NCAA West Preliminary Championships hosted by the University of Texas. The Saluki baseball team was playing as the fourth seed in the league tournament in Springfield, Missouri. For results on these league championship events, go to siusalukis.com.
Softball Secures 11th NCAA Tournament Appearance

The SIU softball team won the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championship in mid-May, securing the 11th NCAA tournament appearance in program history. The Salukis knocked off top seed Northern Iowa 4-3 to win their first conference tournament title since 1991. Accomplishing that was certainly sweet for 18-year Saluki head coach Kerri Blaylock, who despite great success at SIU had never won the MVC tournament title that secures the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals.

"We've been second a lot in my 28 years at SIU, so I can't even describe this," Blaylock says. "I was so impressed by the way our kids played and fought. Their heart during the last part of the season was incredible."

UNI scored the game's first run in the bottom of the third inning, but SIU didn't trail for long, putting four runs on the board in the top of the fourth inning. SIU held the 4-1 lead before the Panthers got one run back in the bottom half of the fifth inning to make it 4-2.

A sacrifice fly in the sixth inning cut SIU's lead to one, setting up the seventh-inning drama. The favored Panthers got the leadoff batter on with a walk, but Savanna Dover then settled in and retired the next three batters, securing SIU's win while earning her first career save. The Saluki junior finished the weekend with a 0.00 ERA in 8.1 innings.

"I can't say enough about Savanna Dover," Blaylock says. "She pitched in the last two games of the conference tournament and did an amazing job. I'm proud of our entire pitching staff and what they've done this season."

Dover, Shaye Harre, Sydney Jones and Merri Anne Patterson were selected to the All-Tournament team. Harre also was named as the tournament's most valuable player and the Elite 18 award winner. She and Patterson were later named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete First-Team for the third consecutive year. Both hold a 3.9 GPA in the classroom.

NCAA Regionals

The win earned the Salukis an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals, and SIU, playing in its sixth post-season action in the last 15 years, was placed at the regional located in Oxford, Mississippi, with Arizona State, Ole Miss (No. 12 seed) and North Carolina. SIU played the host team in opener, and the Salukis' bats went silent.

The Salukis were run-ruled 8-0 in five innings as the nationally ranked Rebels blew the game open in the bottom of the second inning, plating five runs on four hits. SIU's season came to a close the next day with a 4-0 loss to North Carolina.

The Salukis finished with a 33-24 overall record and earned Blaylock's praise for the strong season.

"The seniors gave me something I thought would never happen: an MVC tournament championship," she says. "That had eluded us for so long, but this group provided great leadership to get us there. I'm proud of the way we battled and the strong showing we had in the league action to get us to another NCAA tournament."

Thompson Named SIU Volleyball Coach

SIU has named Kari Thompson as its new volleyball head coach. Thompson led North Dakota State to two NCAA Tournament appearances during seven seasons as the school's head coach. She replaces Justin Ingram, who resigned in April to accept the head coaching position at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Thompson has a 102-98 career record, including a 66-38 mark in the Summit League. In 2011 she was named the league's top coach after guiding the program to a 26-9 mark and a fourth straight conference title with a 16-2 record. The Bison climbed to a program-high No. 42 ranking in the NCAA's RPI index, and again advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

"We feel fortunate to attract a head coach of Kari's caliber to build upon the recent success Saluki volleyball has experienced," says Tommy Bell, SIU's director of athletics. "I am impressed with her passion for coaching and the commitment she has demonstrated to developing young women as students, athletes and people."

Thompson feels her background will allow her to succeed with the Dawgs.

"I am grateful to North Dakota State for the opportunity they gave me," she says. "The success we achieved and the lessons I learned along the way will be invaluable as I begin an exciting new challenge at Southern."
The SIU Alumni Association added four more accomplished individuals into the annals of its Distinguished Alumni during a ceremony April 28 at Morris Library on the Carbondale campus.

Three living alumni were given awards and one was recognized posthumously by the university. Each year, the Association honors alumni in the areas of career achievement, humanitarian effort, cultural impact and young alumni achievement.

Nominations for the 2018 SIU Distinguished Alumni Awards accepted at siualumni.com/distinguishedalumni. Deadline for nominations is Aug. 4.
WHAT THIS YEAR HONOREES SAID OF THE AWARD ...

John Hubert Dunn  
B.S., Education and Human Services '43  
Career Achievement  
Posthumously

"It's a tremendous honor for me to receive this award from my alma mater. I was here in the late '50s, and the school put me on my career path. I was able to work, and I was able to develop skills that have been with me through the rest of my life. I owe a lot to this institution, and I am very grateful for everything the faculty and staff did for me while I was here."

Gilbert Kroening  
B.S., Agricultural Sciences '59  
M.S., Agricultural Sciences '60  
Humanitarian Effort

Harrison Scott Key  
Ph.D., Mass Communications & Media Arts '03  
Cultural Impact

"It means that whatever I was trying to do, I did it. Honestly, what it means is an opportunity to come back here, talk to students and share what very little bit of wisdom I have about my journey and how I got to this point. As a student, (the best thing) was the faculty members; they're all just so nice, even when I was a jerk. I was just reminded of how loving and compassionate they were. Everything I wanted to do, I was supported in."

Jeff Rose  
B.S., Business '02  
Young Alumni Achievement

"I think that SIU is a great university. It definitely has a sense of community, that small-town feel that I think is great. Everybody is connected, and everybody knows everybody. You just don't get that in big cities. But even though it has a small-town feel, you have the opportunity to do more, to chase that big corporate job. I have nothing but good things to say about SIU. It helped open doors for me."
D.C. Dawgs
Washington/Baltimore Chapter Keeps The Saluki Spirit Going Year Round
BY CALEB HALE

More than 4,200 alumni of Southern Illinois University reside in the area surrounding our nation's capital. They live, work, and play in the Washington-Baltimore area, and the local chapter, led by Jarrod Echols '10, MPA '13, often gathers as many of them as possible to keep Saluki pride strong.

Echols likes to keep most of the events informal, with regular happy hours in the spring, summer and fall.

"Some of these are on event nights at bars, which include trivia or billiards," he says.

The idea is to engage alumni in casual settings, but always with an eye toward fostering pride in the alma mater. That's why the Washington/Baltimore chapter often conducts watch parties of Saluki sporting events.

Echols also has organized SIU alumni teams for the AlumRun 5K and 10K events, sponsored by Active Life D.C. The runs are aimed at getting alumni from various universities active and running for a chosen charity. The race offers a chance for people to represent their universities and run for a good cause.

Recently, the Washington area was the focus of a visit by leaders of SIU to engage area alumni and offer them updates on what is happening on campus. Alumni and university officials attended a pair of Washington Nationals baseball games, hosted a reception at the Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building, gathered for drinks at 3 Stars Brewing Co. and had a Sunday brunch at The Boathouse restaurant in Midlothian, Virginia.
Alumnus Joins White House Information Tech Team

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Jarrod Echols '10, MPA '13 joined the staff of the White House earlier this year as a member of its information technology team, tasked with identifying and combating threats to the security of the network covering the office of the president.

Echols says he was introduced to technology early in life, when his parents bought a desktop computer. He was supposed to use the computer just for homework, but he quickly figured out how to bypass his family's password lock.

"It was the beginning of an amazing evolution of computer technologies, and I was in the middle of it," he says. "I was completely hooked."

Knowing he wanted to study computers, Echols first attended John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois, then moved on to obtain an undergraduate degree in information systems technologies from SIU's College of Applied Sciences and Arts. His next achievement was a Master's of Public Administration from SIU.

The road to Echols' current job began in 2012, when he accepted an internship with the U.S. Senate's cybersecurity department. He accepted a position with a contractor that allowed him to remain with the Senate, working in its cybersecurity operations center. Echols then was promoted to a full-time federal employee post, leading the Senate's Cyber Threat Intelligence Team. Earlier this year he moved to his current post in the White House.

Echols credits the work of his father, Paul Echols '80, '81, MPA '02, a highly decorated police investigator, as the inspiration for his career choice.

"As I learned more about computers and helped others, I noticed that some of the computer problems were being caused by the malicious actions of others," he says. "All of my life, I heard the stories of how my father helped find clues from crime scenes and sought justice for victims. That appealed to me. Therefore, I decided I would focus my studies in the area of computer and network security. From a cyber standpoint, it is very similar to what my father did."
Four Elected To Serve On Association's Board Of Directors

Members of the SIU Alumni Association voted this past spring to elect four individuals to serve on the Association's national board of directors. Each director will serve a four-year term. Voting was done via mail-in and online ballots.

Scott Moller '85 (Re-elected)

Scott Moller is a founder of Marketing Werks Inc., an experiential marketing firm focused on consumer/brand relationships based in Chicago. During his tenure, the company listed clients such as Verizon, PlayStation, Walgreens, Hershey's, LEGO, Bridgestone and United Health Care. After selling the firm in 2014, Moller now works with the Moller Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to supporting programs that preserve and protect the environment, as well as promoting healthy living and advancing science to benefit society.

Forrest Fairall '81

Forrest Fairall has been in the food service brokerage business since graduating from SIU in 1981. He is the vice president, east central zone for KeyImpact Sales & Systems Inc., the leading national sales and marketing agency representing many of the top brands in the food service industry. Fairall was a partner at Durst-Insight Food Brokers, which merged with KeyImpact in 2007. He has been active with SIU in the Chicago area, serving on the Chicagoland Golf Committee for more than 20 years, and SIU Day at Sox Park for 10 years. He also has been involved with many other fundraising events and is a board advisor at-large with the Delta Chi Alumni Association. Fairall and his wife, Michele, have two grown children, Alex and Emily. They reside in St. Charles, Illinois, along with their two dogs, Hank and Scarlett.

Nicholas Harkovich '76

Nicholas Harkovich is a retired educator, having spent 24 years teaching in the northern suburbs of Chicago. After leaving the field, he home-schooled his two sons through high school and did volunteer work for Rainbow Hospice, as well as alumni events in the Chicagoland area. He has participated in fundraising efforts for the SIU Chicagoland Golf Fundraiser and has contributed to Saluki Way.

Darzel Price '80

Darzel Price is a senior quality assurance technician for Merisant Inc. in Manteno, Illinois, which manufactures and markets tabletop sweeteners and other products. He previously worked in various capacities for the Wrigley Manufacturing Co. in Chicago from 1983 to 2009. In addition to his career, Price also volunteers as a youth motivational speaker, engaging with youths and young adults in the inner city and suburbs about long-term goals and staying away from negative influences, such as drugs and gangs.

Richard (Rick) H. Hiatt '70

Rick Hiatt is a 1970 graduate of SIU in agriculture education. He is the owner of Hiatt Enterprises, which does farm management, consulting, income tax preparation, land evaluation and bookkeeping. He also is a financial advisor with an independent branch of Wayne Hummer Investments of Chicago. Hiatt, who lives in Pontiac, Illinois, also does volunteer work for various scholarship committees and charitable organizations, including serving as executive secretary for AGR Alumni Association, president of Good Samaritan nursing home, immediate past president of the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, and immediate past chairman of Community Bankers of Illinois Education Foundation.

Andrew (Drew) Stoker '75

Drew Stoker is a retired 34-year veteran of The Boeing Co. in its defense, space and security unit. He managed contracts with the Department of Defense and with foreign governments and companies regarding aircraft and logistics support programs. Stoker served eight years in the Navy, flying A-4 and F-14 aircraft.

Stoker, from Murphysboro, Illinois, received a bachelor's degree in finance from SIU's College of Business. He also has been a member of the college's Department of Finance External Advisory Board, and he participates in mentoring programs and makes presentations to classes several times a year.

Stoker was inducted into the SIU College of Business Hall of Fame in May 2016.

Board Representatives Appointed For Colleges Of Agricultural Sciences, Business

Two individuals have been appointed to the SIU Alumni Association's board of directors as representatives of their respective colleges. Representatives serve as liaisons between the board and the deans of each college. They are tasked with aiding and promoting efforts to engage alumni with activities happening within their designated colleges.
Alumni Join Association For Spring Events

The SIU Alumni Association hosted hundreds of alumni this past spring for a slate of events across Illinois and beyond.

1. The Association hosted its traditional alumni hospitality suite during the Missouri Valley Conference “Arch Madness” basketball tournament March 3. Alumni joined the Association and university leaders for refreshments and socializing at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark hotel, and cheered on basketball team members as they left for their first tournament game.

2. Chicagoland Salukis enjoyed a new event March 10, when the Association hosted SIU Day with the Chicago Bulls. Alumni gathered at the United Center as the Bulls took on the Houston Rockets.

3. The Greater Phoenix Chapter hosted its annual spring training event at Camelback Ranch March 17.

4. The Association hosted the 2017 class of externs during a recognition ceremony March 28 on the SIU campus. The extern program has assisted nearly 4,000 in getting students paired with employers for career experience during spring break since 1984.

5. The Student Alumni Council, the registered student organization of the Association, hosted its annual end-of-year banquet at Giant City Lodge in May.

6. St. Louis and Southern Illinois alumni joined the Association for its annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium May 12. Attendees gathered as the Cardinals played the Chicago Cubs.

Upcoming Events

- **July 13-16** – Black Alumni Group Reunion, SIU campus
- **July 15** – SIU Day at Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield, Illinois
- **July 27** – SIU Day at Guaranteed Rate Field (White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs), Chicago
- **Sept. 23** – Alumni football event, SIU vs. Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee
- **Sept. 29-Oct. 1** – SIU Family Weekend, SIU campus
- **Oct. 13-14** – Homecoming Weekend (Tailgate, Class of ’67 Reunion, Alumni Band Group Reunion, Parade, SIU vs Illinois State)
University School’s Class Of ’67 To Host Reunion This Fall

University School’s Class of 1967 will host its 50-year reunion Friday, Oct. 13, through Sunday, Oct. 15, giving participants the opportunity to join in Southern Illinois University’s 2017 Homecoming festivities.

Among the reunion highlights will be:
- A Friday evening social at the Stone Creek Golf Club in Makanda, Illinois.
- The Homecoming parade.
- A tour of Pulliam Hall, the former University School building.
- The Homecoming tailgate and football game.
- Boat rides and a casual meal Saturday evening at Touch of Nature.
- Sunday brunch at the Sunny Street Café.

For more information, and to register, please visit www.uschool-alumni.org.

For details and to register online visit siualumni.com/1967 or call 618-453-2408.

Registration deadline is September 27.
As a nationally renowned researcher and current SIU provost, Susan Ford understands the powerful impact that giving back has on the future. Since she came to SIU in 1978, Ford has served as a mentor to many graduate students and taught thousands more.

Even though Ford’s schedule as interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at SIU is full, she also still manages to teach a core curriculum online course.

“For almost 40 years I have been teaching,” she said. “I have a true passion for it and for my students here at SIU. Through my teaching, I can help to positively impact the next generation.”

During SIU’s first Day of Giving on March 1, Ford donated $25,000 to establish an endowed scholarship in SIU’s Department of Anthropology, her academic home, noting that she has been considering making a significant gift for some time.

“While I grew up and went to school on the East Coast, SIU has always been special to me,” Ford said. “SIU let me build my career and has been home to my research. I have a deep connection to this university and believe strongly in this institution. I have made lifelong friendships. All of my immediate family members are also SIU alums. It just has a special place in my heart and my family’s heart.”

A glance around Ford’s office reflects her passion for SIU, her research and for life. Her lifelong dedication to researching South American primates is evident in the mementos and photographs of research expeditions. Her interests in photography and travel are evident as well. But one item that hangs at the entry of her office reveals a generational pattern of a philanthropic heart. A framed message sent in 1940 from Ford’s great-grandmother to her grandson during Christmas reads, in part:

“We are told that brotherhood and love are the paramount features of the Christmas message. Giving gifts is merely a method of expressing such sentiment. ... My wish for you is that you may find a sense of brotherhood for all those who touch your life — that love may become the motive of a life lived largely and fully. These are the things that make life worthwhile.”

Ford’s generosity, her love for SIU and her firm belief that SIU will continue to stand strong and offer a great education to students is a direct reflection of her great-grandmother’s words so eloquently expressed nearly 80 years ago. It’s against that backdrop that Ford urges others to join her in sharing their collective passion for SIU.

“I believe in this institution with all my heart,” she said. “I certainly would not be establishing an endowment for the future if I did not believe we aren’t still going to be attracting the best and the brightest for decades to come.”
Nature Photographer Tom Ulrich Dies

Highly acclaimed nature photographer Tom Ulrich '71 passed away Feb. 10 in St. Louis following a short illness. He was 68.

Ulrich, a freelance photographer since 1975, had many of his 600,000-plus images appear in major publications such as National Wildlife, Audubon, Outdoor Oklahoma, Sierra, American Hunter, Ranger Rick, Alaska, National Geographic, Montana Outdoors and Life, as well as on calendars and greeting cards.

Ulrich was a self-taught photographer, and he lived in West Glacier, Montana. He published seven nature books: “Mammals of the Canadian Rockies,” “Birds of the Canadian Rockies,” “Mammals of the Northern Rockies,” “Birds of the Northern Rockies,” “Once Upon a Frame,” “Photo Pantanal,” and “Mt. Reynolds: The Story.”

The Chicago native arrived at SIU to compete on the Saluki swimming and diving team in the late 1960s, later earning a degree in biology. That degree served him well when photographing nature scenes and wildlife.

During his 40-plus year career, Ulrich was named the International Wildlife Photographer of the Year, the National Wildlife Photo Contest winner and grand prize winner of the National Wildbird Photo Contest, and was honored four times as the top nature photographer by the Outdoor Writers Association. In 2005 he received the North American Nature Photography Association’s Fellow Award.

Ulrich led photography tours to remote parts of the world, such as Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica and East Africa. He also conducted seminars and workshops across the country and lectured at numerous universities. His favorite stop, however, was Carbondale, where he returned annually to narrate a free presentation of his images and watch his beloved basketball Salukis.

The SIU Alumni Association life member appeared on the June 2003 cover of Southern Alumni magazine, and he was internationally known for a prolific collection of bird images from around the world. The genre became the staple of his incredible portfolio.

The kind and humble SIU graduate took great comfort in the road he had chosen in life.

“I’ve been fortunate to travel to some of the most remote places on the planet,” Ulrich noted in the alumni magazine interview. “Just realizing that I’ve witnessed things most people will never get to see is quite satisfying.”
Chicago Fire Chief, Alumnus Passes Away Suddenly

Chicago Fire Department Office of Fire Investigations Chief Michael Vincent Murphy died suddenly in early May after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was 56.

Murphy, a two-degree graduate of Southern Illinois University’s College of Education and Human Services – B.S. ’83, M.S. Ed. ’84 – had been with the Chicago Fire Department since 1996. He moved up the ranks to become deputy district chief and became commanding fire marshal in 2015.

Murphy led the Office of Fire Investigations, charged with determining the causes and origins of fires reported in the city. Murphy was credited with the push for a city ordinance that required vehicle fire victims to make reports to police and fire officials prior to any insurance claims, a move meant to decrease instances of fraudulent claims.

Prior to becoming a firefighter, Murphy was a physics teacher at St. Rita High School, an all-male Catholic school on the southwest side of Chicago. He also coached and was a past recipient of the Cross Country and Track Catholic League Coach of the Year.

Murphy is survived by his wife, Sarah, and three children.
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1960s

SCOTT HARRINGTON '62 recently had his book, “They Called It Naked Fanny,” published by Hellgate Press, an Oregon-based publishing company specializing in military history and travel books. The book chronicles a series of helicopter rescue missions flown during the early years of the Vietnam War. Harrington, a graduate of the radio/television program in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts at SIU, was a first lieutenant in the Air Force. He was a weapons controller in support of helicopter rescue detachments flown from Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Base in Thailand. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his service in Thailand. Harrington worked as a radio news reporter and anchor before moving into a 26-year career in public relations with Gulf Power Co. in Pensacola, Florida.

1970s

ROBERT PORSCHE '71 has been named Thermoformer of the Year by the Society of Plastics Engineers. The award will be presented to him during a September ceremony in Orlando, Florida. Porsche, a graduate of the College of Business at SIU, is the president and owner of General Plastics Inc. in Milwaukee. He purchased the company in 1987, taking it from an 11,000-square-foot facility with six employees to what is now a business employing 75 people full time in a 93,000-square-foot space that houses some of the largest plastic forming equipment in the industry. General Plastics was named Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year earlier this year, and in 2014 as well. Porsche is an active member of the Society of Plastics Engineers, having served in various leadership roles on the thermoforming division board.

KENT KLEINSCHMIDT '74 has been named a 2017 Master Farmer by Prairie Farmer magazine. Each year the publication honors individuals who exhibit excellence in agricultural production and leadership. Kleinschmidt and others were honored during a ceremony this past March in Springfield, Illinois. He farms about 1,300 acres spread out over 20 miles, but he started with just 175 acres after graduating from SIU in 1974. In addition to his own successful farming operation, Kleinschmidt has been president of the Illinois Corn Growers Association and the Illinois Corn Marketing Board. Prairie Farmer has been giving the Master Farmer award since 1925.

1980s

BRENDA PHEGLEY '80 recently completed and published her first book, “Prescription for a Cheerful Heart: Scripture Lessons in Happiness A to Z.” In the book, Phegley, a graduate of the College of Education and Human Services at SIU, uses Scripture, classical literature and stories of modern-day heroes to illustrate a concept of finding faith, hope and love. The book was published by WestBow Press, and is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Phegley has taught English, literature and speech at Wabash Valley College in Mount Carmel, Illinois, for more than three decades. She was selected as an Outstanding Transfer Instructor of the Year by the college and has been the advisor to Phi Theta Kappa for 30 years.

KEVIN WHITE, PH.D '83 has been inducted into the 2017 Irish America Hall of Fame. The hall of fame, established by Irish America magazine in 2010, recognizes the accomplishments of Irish-American leaders and their preservation of the Irish heritage. White, vice president and athletic director of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, since 2008, has won seven NCAA championships and 17 ACC titles. He was named athletic director of the year by the NCAA in 2016. In addition, White has taught graduate-level courses since the early 1980s. He is teaching a sports business course in the Fuqua School of Business at Duke. He is a second-generation Irish-American whose ancestry can be traced back to Dungloe in County Donegal in the northern tip of Ireland.

DAVID COLO '84 has been named president and chief executive officer of SunOpta Inc., a company focused on sourcing, processing and packaging organic, non-genetically modified and specialty foods. His appointment became effective in February. Colo joins SunOpta from Diamond Foods Inc., where he was executive vice-president and chief operating officer. Colo has worked for 30 years in the industry in general management, operations and supply chain management. He also has worked for ConAgra Foods Inc. and the Nestle-Purina Pet Care Co.

JEFF ELWELL, PH.D. '85 was recently appointed as president of Eastern New Mexico University. He will begin his term in August. Elwell was most recently dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. He was one of four candidates vying for the chancellor's post at SIU's Carbondale campus this past spring. Elwell received his doctoral degree from the College of Liberal Arts. In addition, he holds a bachelor's degree from California State University-Bakersfield and a master's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

JIM WRIGHT '85, MBA '87 was recently appointed to the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory
Alumnus Thrives Teaching Atypical Course For Half A Century

WILLIAM BUSCH '61, MS. ED. '61 has been holding class underwater for the last 53 years. Now at age 79, Busch has been teaching a course on scuba theory at the University of Missouri in Columbia since 1964.

Busch has been in the water since he was 12, when he began snorkeling, and has been diving with air tanks since he was 17. He started teaching scuba diving while a student at Southern Illinois University. He then moved on for a brief stint at Indiana University in Bloomington before going to Mizzou.

Busch taught a scuba theory course alone for two decades. These days he has a handful of assistants on hand to help with instruction. The course remains a popular one even now, as Busch limits the class size to about 44 students per semester.

The Columbia Daily Tribune recently featured Busch and his class, but the atypical course has been the subject of several articles and related features over the years. Busch says he's proud of many of his former students, some of whom have become diving instructors themselves, not to mention several who have become part of the Navy SEAL team.

WISCONSIN, Chamber of Commerce. Brown recently founded Brownfield Environmental Engineering Resources LLC, which aims to provide environmental consulting services to the commercial and industrial business sectors.

Brown is a licensed professional engineer with more than 20 years of experience and has been the lead engineer on multiple projects involving Phase II site investigations, emergency cleanup and construction oversight, with extensive knowledge of construction management.

BRAD NALL '88 has been promoted to chief financial officer of Exeter Finance Corp., a specialty auto finance company based in Irving, Texas. His promotion became effective in February. Nall joined Exeter in 2012. Before that he had more than 25 years of experience in senior leadership roles in the finance industry, including 12 years at Citi Financial.

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1990s

DANA SCHWIEGER '90, PH.D. '01 was honored this past spring with the Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Education. Schwieger is a professor of management information systems in the department of accounting at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The annual award goes to an individual demonstrating superior classroom teaching and commitment to student learning and excellence. Schwieger has been with SEMO since 1996 and has received numerous other awards during her career, including the Outstanding MBA Teaching Award, Harrison College of Business Copper Dome Research Award, Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Award and the Missouri State Phi Beta Lambda Advisor of the Year.

SONJA FEIST-PRICE '92 was recently named vice president for institutional diversity at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. Feist-Price has worked on the campus for the last 25 years in various capacities. In her new role, she is formulating ideas and plans to make the campus inclusive for people from a diverse set of backgrounds, even those not necessarily tied to race and ethnicity. In a recent profile piece in the campus' student newspaper, the Kentucky Kernel, Feist-Price credits her time and experience at SIU for giving her the background and capability to address the important issues of diversity and inclusiveness now critical to her role.

JEF EBERS '94 recently joined HOK as an environmental graphic designer. HOK is a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm based in St. Louis. In his role, Ebers will...
ULISH CARTER '73 retired as the managing editor of a black newspaper, the New Pittsburgh Courier, this past March. Carter worked for the paper for more than 30 years, beginning his career as a sports writer. In a feature article in the Courier earlier this year, Carter detailed how he graduated from SIU and set out for Pittsburgh to follow in the footsteps of two of his idols, Bill Nunn Jr. and Wendell Smith. Shortly into his career at the Courier, Carter got the opportunity to work on a project with Nunn. As a newsroom leader, Carter was heralded for giving reporters the chance to flourish or flounder. He was known for a deep knowledge about the history of African-American athletes.

Asked in the Courier piece what Carter hoped he had imparted on the writers he'd worked with, he said, "I hope that I have helped writers become journalists. In the media world today, ... personalities are profiled more than journalism. I hope that I have helped journalists understand that it is more important to tell the story than to be the story."

MAHMD KHAN '01, '04, PH.D. '07 received a Junior Faculty Scholar Award from Miami University this past spring. Khan is an experimental condensed matter physicist, researching the properties and characteristics of magnetic materials called Huessler Alloys. The labs required to test such materials can take years to setup and a few more years to produce results, but Khan's recent work, for which he was honored, took just three years. Khan, who has been at Miami University since 2013, teaches courses in physics.

KELLY CHANEY MS.ED. '04, PH.D. '10 has been named associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies at Marian University in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. His appointment becomes effective in July. Chaney is currently the dean of the school of education at Marian University. She has worked as a professor and interim provost at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois. Chaney received her master's degree in workforce education and doctoral degree in educational administration and higher education from SIU.

JASON DAUGHERTY '08 took the lead writing role for an episode of Fox TV comedy "New Girl," which aired in February. Daugherty has been a writing assistant on the show, now in its sixth season. In addition to "New Girl," Daugherty has worked in the production of sitcoms such as "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," "Cougar Town" and "Scrubs." Daugherty earned his bachelor's degree from the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

DAVID FABIANSKI '09 has been named chief executive officer of Apex Cos., which specializes in full-service water resources, environmental services and safety specialists. Fabianski joins Apex from Rite-Solutions Inc., where he served as president during a successful period of growth and transformation. Prior to that he was senior vice president of Vangent Inc., where he led the commercial and international division. His industry experience includes work in aerospace, financial services, government, oil and gas, retail and international markets. Fabianski received his bachelor's degree in workforce development from SIU and an MBA from Northeastern University in Boston.

CHRISTOPHER SPRY '09, an executive television producer based in New York, played a role in the development of the recent ABC reality competition series "The Toy Box." Spry has been working in television since he graduated from the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts at SIU, first working in Los Angeles on shows like Bravo's "Million
Dollar Listing,” Animal Planet’s “American Stuffers” and WETV’s “Joan and Melissa: Joan Knows Best?” Spry works for Hudson Media in its New York office.

TOMMY HOLDER ’10 has recently hired as the new head men’s basketball coach at Rend Lake College in Ina, Illinois. Holder played basketball for both RLC and SIU, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in community recreation. Prior to joining RLC, Holder was an assistant coach at Brehm Preparatory School in Carbondale, Illinois.

THOMAS MARTEN ’11 has been hired as director of advancement for the FarmHouse Foundation based in Kansas City, Missouri. In his role, Marten will lead efforts to identify and cultivate donors to support the FarmHouse mission, which supports educational and leadership programs of FarmHouse International Fraternity. Marten was manager of the Stark County Farm Bureau in Illinois. He is a founding member of the Southern Illinois FarmHouse Chapter, which was established in 2011. Since 2014, Marten has been a FarmHouse fraternity regional director.

TODD DUGAN ’14, M.P.A. ’16 has been named manager of the Pekin Municipal Airport in Pekin, Illinois. In his role, Dugan, native of Peoria, Illinois, will oversee daily operations at the city-owned airport. Dugan graduated from SIU with a bachelor’s degree in aviation management and received his Master of Public Administration degree in December 2016.

If you would like a Class Note to be considered for publication, please contact the SIU Alumni Association at 618/453-2408 or by email at alumni@siu.edu, and use the subject line: “Class Note.”

Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.
Winston Mezo, otherwise known as "The Bagel Man" began selling bagels from a kart to late-night, bar crawling SIU students Thursday through Saturday nights (weather permitting). It was a simple business, one that successfully helped him overcome alcohol addiction, as he told Daily Egyptian editor-in-chief Anna Spoerre in a recent profile. However Mezo -- himself a '71 graduate from the College of Education and Human Services -- his bagel kart, and his light-hearted rapport with students became a fixture of the SIU experience for many students who've attended since 1983. This past April Mezo, age 75, officially retired his bagel kart. He now plans to spend more time at the Rec Center, playing pool, and doing more work with the local 12-Step program. Mezo says he'll miss interacting with the students, but he's glad to put an end to staying up past 4 o'clock to restock his kart (especially in bad weather). (Photo Credit: Anna Spoerre, The Daily Egyptian)
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