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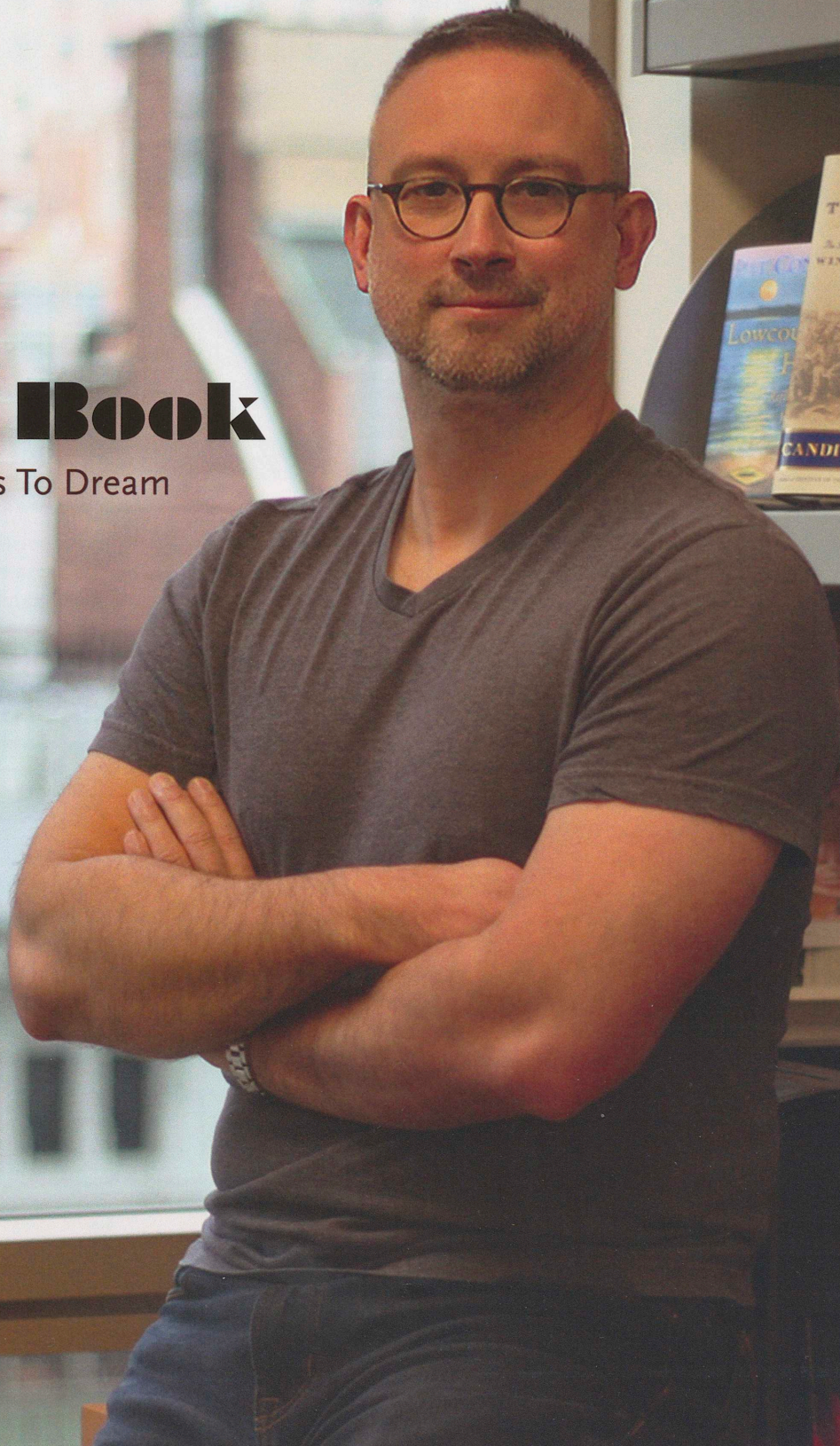
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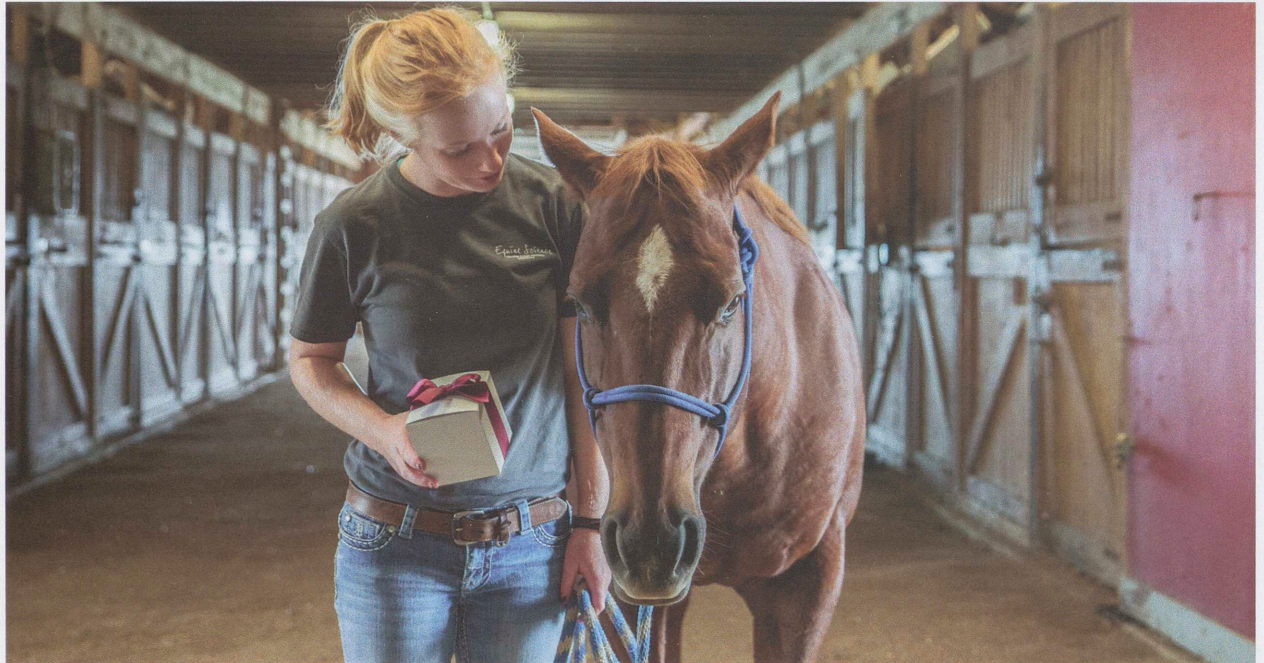
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Love Of Literature Leads To Dream Job For Southern Grad





# Save the Date – SIU Day of Giving on March 7, 2018



Join the Southern Illinois University community on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, as it comes together for the annual SIU Day of Giving, a university-wide effort to build a better, stronger SIU.

This year's theme is "Give the Gift of Experience." For 24 hours on March 7, students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community will unite to give students the learning experience of a lifetime when they make a gift on SIU Day.

SIU supporters are invited to become online ambassadors to help make an even bigger impact. Ambassadors are encouraged to share their Saluki pride with friends and family on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Last year, the School of Law received gifts from the most donors (133), while the College of Liberal Arts received the most in total donations (\$33,211). The Campus Lake Beautification Project garnered an impressive \$106,105.

On March 7, colleges and departments will compete with giveaways and games to entice students, faculty, alumni and community members to support their respective areas.

Donors and others will be encouraged to voice their support for SIU, their college or a favorite cause via social media using the hashtag "#SIUDay." School spirit is expected to run high.

Those in Carbondale on March 7 are encouraged to join in the festivities at either the foyer of Morris Library or the newly renovated campus boathouse between 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The boathouse, now named the Becker Pavilion, is being renovated thanks to the generous \$1 million donation of Ralph E. Becker, a 1955 SIU graduate. Estimated completion is scheduled for the end of February. Once it's completed, visitors will be able to rent canoes and paddleboats. Event space will also be available for a variety of purposes, including classroom and social activities, banquets and even weddings.

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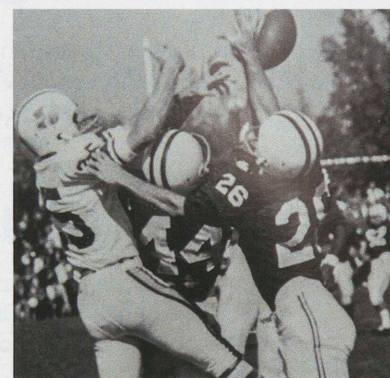
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Caleb Hale, editor



# Looking Back, Looking Ahead...

It's cliché to begin a column in December about how quickly the year has gone, so I won't (But, man, was 2017 ever fast!). In any case, it is striking to think about just how extraordinary this past year was for Southern Illinois University. Maybe it's easy to see all this from the inside. So, in case you missed any of the highlights, this issue of SIU Alumni includes a brief year-in-review to get you caught up.

In addition to the general excitement 2017 brought, it also marked what could be the beginning of a transitional moment for the university. By now many of you are probably familiar with Chancellor Carlo Montemagno's proposal for restructuring SIU Carbondale. Hopefully, you've also taken the opportunity to offer your thoughts, as surveys soliciting feedback

from alumni went out during the fall semester.

If you're unfamiliar with the plan or need updates on the latest ideas, take some time during the holidays to review them at [chancellor.siu.edu](http://chancellor.siu.edu) under the "Vision 2025" tab. The Association has heard from a number of our members and alumni. Many are excited, some are hesitant, and nearly all have questions about how the proposed changes will impact the university's future.

The discussion of restructuring SIU will continue into the spring. Even though some decisions have been made, the plan is still open to feedback. As alumni who serve as SIU's strongest advocates, you are still welcome to reach out with thoughts and ideas. Your involvement will make this era a stronger transition period.

And speaking of involvement, have you visited [siualumni.com/getengaged?](http://siualumni.com/getengaged?) In the fall edition of the magazine, the Association announced this online resource, pointing out specific ways alumni and friends of the university could get involved in activities on campus. The page remains open and new opportunities will be added throughout the year. If you haven't yet visited, please do so. There you'll also find a survey, asking about your interest in lending some of your professional expertise to helping current students on campus.

Let me close by wishing everyone the best for 2018. Yes, we'll all enjoy success and face challenges over the next 12 months, but take what you've learned as a Saluki to celebrate and persevere.

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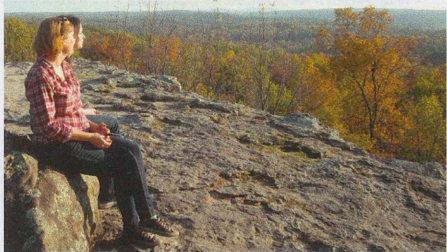
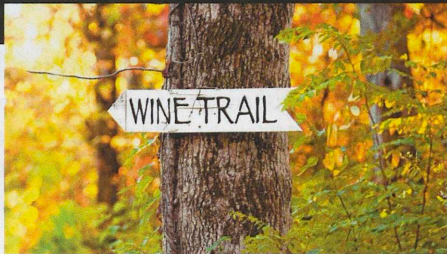
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## sip around the trail

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## revisit some of your old stomps

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.

## wine & food pairing weekends

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.

**March 3-4, 2018 / August 4-5, 2018 / November 3-4, 2018**

## winery passport program

Winter is a great time to enjoy the slower, quieter side of Illinois wine country and our NEW winery passport program gives you a fun way to enjoy the wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. With the purchase of a \$15.00 winery passport, you will receive great discounts at each of our member wineries and a chance to win great prizes along the trail. The winter season offers a unique, unforgettable experience for guests. You have to see it to believe it.

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SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**Undergraduate research**

Wow! These young folks are leading the way to a better future right here in our back yard. That's something for our whole country to take pride in.

**Carl Szulczynski**

Via SIU Facebook



Smart idea combining coal and solar powers together! Keep on working guys!

**Brittany Clemmons**

Via SIU Facebook

I'm glad to see undergraduates continuing to excel at research at SIU! Undergraduate research was what launched me into an awesome career!

**Kelsey Jarrett**

Via SIU Facebook

Great to see the program [Chemistry] still going strong... have wonderful memories of working in Neckers with Dr. Meyers and Dr. Hall in Organic.

**John Spaniol**

Via SIU Facebook

**Family Weekend**



"Family of the Weekend" mom - SIU treated us wonderfully. So happy my daughter is a student here experiencing all of this. Thank you Proud Mom xoxo

**Maureen Modelski Petraski**

Via SIU Facebook

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## SIU in General

Loved SIU, classes, professors, learning, playing, the beautiful campus and the beautiful surrounding area of Southern Illinois.....Especially loved fall....the colors were spectacular back in the 70s and I suspect they will be this year as well. :-) To all current students, enjoy your time at SIU and get out and see all of Southern Illinois country side.....take a trip down to the Mississippi river in Cairo.....try some real fried catfish in restaurants along the Muddy Mississippi.....take in all the state parks and the hiking or just being that they offer. Sure do miss SIU and Southern Illinois.....

**Bonnie Pritchard**

Via SIU Facebook

yes, a beautiful campus & a great education ... in so many ways! 75-79 [Alumni]. Thank you SIU! :-)

**Patricia Gibbons**

Via SIU Facebook

Proud to say our daughter is a second generation Saluki...and she loves it as much as we did.

**Joan Fiore Selitzky**

Via SIU Facebook

## Softball



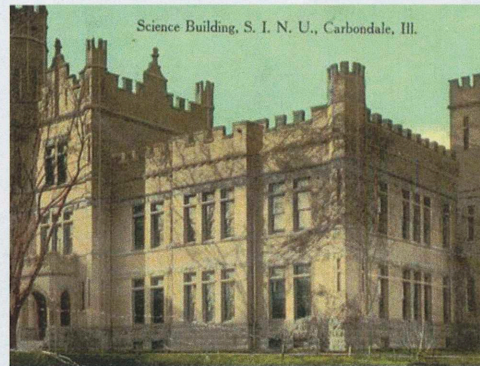
Probably my fave stat. 26 academic All-Americans in our softball program. 2nd only to Nebraska..... thanks for the shout out @SIUAlumni!

**SIU Women's Softball Coach Sewell**

Via SIU Twitter

## Homecoming: A Saluki Odyssey

*Nostalgia rules the day with favorite campus buildings and icons leading the pack:*



**MYTH:** Altgeld Hall was part of a larger castle that was cut into five pieces and moved to five different locations in Illinois.

**FACT:** Altgeld is one of five castle-like buildings, built at five different Illinois universities, at five different times.



Altgeld Hall was my home from 1962-67. That's me on the left along with the other Justin Singers (Larry Johnson, Wanda Couch, William R. Hayes and Chuck Trentham).

**Patti Greene**

Via SIU Facebook

While I was at SIU in the late 70's there was a "fire escape" on the top floor. It consist of a enclosed metal slide that cork screwed its way -round and round - down to the grounds to the outside. (fun times)

**Billy Mcglone**

Via SIU Facebook

## Flying Salukis took this year's title in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region VIII competition!

Congratulations! Way to go Dawgs! From a member of the 77-79 teams. :D

**Glen Brent**

Via SIU Facebook

You continue to make this fellow Saluki very proud! Well done!

**Jim MacKenzie**

Via SIU Facebook

Congratulations! Reminds me of the "Tom Young" as coach days.

**Raymond C. Stotlar Jr.**

Via SIU Facebook



## DEAR READERS...

Your SIU Alumni Association is always eager to hear from you. As with all magazines, we can only improve if we are being responsive to you, our readers. We encourage you to take a moment to comment on something you have read in *SIU Alumni* magazine, or to let us know what you are thinking. Letters are sometimes edited for length and style.

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## CAMPUS MOMENT

Walt Frazier, EX '67 and Chancellor Carlo Montemagno wave to onlookers during the Southern Illinois University Homecoming Parade in October. Frazier, who led the Saluki basketball team to its historic NIT Championship win in 1967, returned to campus to serve as the grand marshal for this fall's Homecoming festivities.





# Forever SIU Campaign Gets Off To Strong Start

BY JEFF WILSON

When the SIU Foundation announced Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students, there was uncertainty around the Carbondale campus.

The Illinois General Assembly was nearing the beginning of its third year without a state budget, and the university was searching for its new chancellor.

Now, with a state budget in place and Chancellor Carlo Montemagno at the helm, the campaign has kicked into overdrive.

The foundation is more than half way to reaching its goal of raising \$75 million by

December 2019. In fact, more than \$48 million has already come in.

“We’ve raised a lot in a short time, given the fact this campaign is a three-year effort,” said **Dan Korte**, campaign co-chair and 1985 SIU alumnus. “We are getting an even better response than we originally projected.”

Montemagno has outlined a plan to transform the university by the year 2025. The chancellor’s Vision 2025 plan sets its aim on revitalizing academic programs, expanding knowledge creation,

adding to the vitality of surrounding communities and serving students through outstanding programs.

“I believe having the chancellor’s new vision is invigorating people to get on board,” said **Camelle Logan**, campaign co-chair and 1989 SIU alumna. “Our alumni and donors are seeing the value of the efforts and agreeing with the vision of the chancellor.”



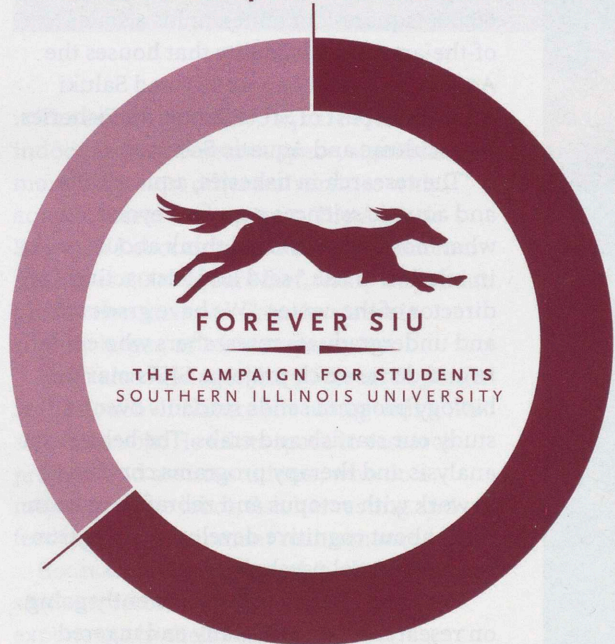


“With the continued support of our alumni and friends, I’m confident we can keep the momentum going.”

DAVID DELANEY  
Forever SIU Special Gifts Chair



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Support from alumni has made a major impact in the early success of the Forever SIU campaign. More than 56 percent of all donations have come from alumni. More than 28 percent have come from other friends of the university.

Forever SIU Special Gifts Chair **David Delaney** compared these donations to “seeds of corn,”

implying each donation has the ability to grow into something much larger.

Even with the strong start, there is much work to be done. The foundation still needs to raise more than \$27 million over the next two years.

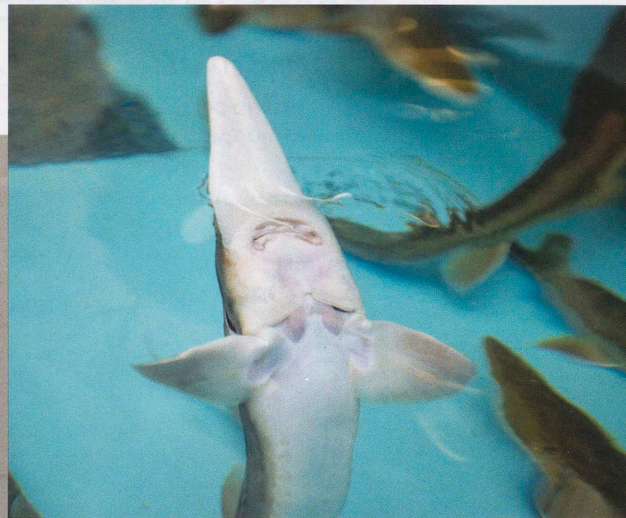
“With the continued support of our alumni and friends, I’m confident we can keep the momentum going,” he said.

For more information about the campaign, visit [www.foreversiu.org](http://www.foreversiu.org).



# Research Facility Offers Boundless Experience, Opportunities

BY REBECCA RENSHAW



Some hidden gems across campus go unnoticed because of their geographic locations. Such is the case for the McLafferty Annex research facility.

Located on the outskirts of campus, the 65,000-square-foot annex holds a state-of-the-art research facility that houses the Aquatic Research Laboratory and Saluki Aquarium, part of SIU's Center for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences.

"The research in fisheries, aquaculture and aquatic sciences goes far beyond what most people would think about in relation to fish," said Ed Heist, acting director of the center. "We have graduate and undergraduate researchers who come in and do research projects. SIU's marine biology program sends students over to study our starfish and crabs. The behavioral analysis and therapy programs come here to work with octopus and zebrafish to learn more about cognitive development, autism and behavioral psychology.

"We have a major project currently going on researching the federally endangered pallid sturgeon species," he added. "This facility is used by many disciplines, and we are proud of it."





The center has 17,000 square feet of indoor aquatic research space, significantly more than most other universities with aquatic research programs. The Aquatic Research Laboratory and Saluki Aquarium measures 7,000 square feet, while the Wetlab production facility across the street is slightly larger, at 10,000 square feet.

Heist also manages the 90 research ponds at the Touch of Nature site along with a 7½-acre reservoir. He allots space to research projects and assists students, who do a majority of the labor, fish harvesting and feeding, and equipment maintenance.

Because of the space and facility, SIU students receive plenty of hands-on experience in their major.

“Our students also have a very high success rate of receiving job offers when they graduate,” Heist said. “Many of our

graduates go directly to work for the federal and state governments, along with private companies such as Archer Daniels Midland and Cargill – just some of the big-name employers who are hiring our students.

“There is so much to be proud of,” he added. “Just a few weeks ago, Archer Daniels Midland aquatic research and development came to tour our facilities so they can update their research system to replicate SIU’s facility.”

Along with these many points of pride comes the reality of funding.

“It costs a lot to maintain infrastructure and research systems, along with funding needed to conduct high-quality research,” Heist said.

Besides funding for the maintenance, the ultimate funding dream is to finish the construction of an 8,000-gallon display

aquarium. The initial phase of the Aquatic Research Laboratory and Saluki Aquarium began in 2012 but is on hold pending additional funding. The cost to complete the aquarium stands at \$350,000.

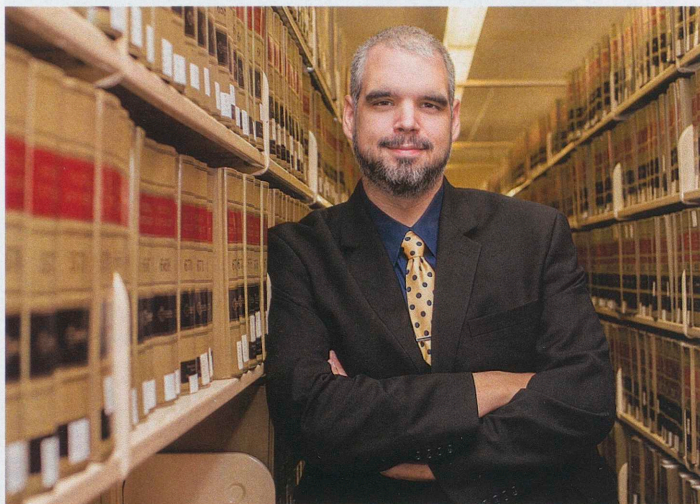
“It’s our dream that this world-class aquatic facility and aquarium will enable SIU to continue our important work in promoting greater understanding of, and education about, our precious aquatic resources,” Heist said.

To learn more about the Forever SIU campaign, visit [www.foreversiu.org](http://www.foreversiu.org).



## Law Clinics Add Value For Students, Community

BY JEFF WILSON



Nathan Davis is doing more than earning a degree from the SIU School of Law. He's gaining valuable, real-world experience.

A third-year law student, Davis is working on dozens of cases for the school's Civil Practice/Elderly Clinic.

"This is easily the best practical experience," he said. "There are not many law schools that offer an elder law clinic."

Working with the law clinic allows Davis to go out and meet clients. It's something that will allow him to hit the ground running after graduation.

"You can walk out the door and drop into a role at a law firm," he said. "You'll have a pretty good idea of what you're doing. It makes you more marketable, in-demand."

The clinic offers a variety of services, including estate planning, debt collection and powers of attorney for health care and property. It's especially vital in the rural communities of southern Illinois. All of his

clients are 60 and older, and most are very low-income.

"It's important. They have nowhere else to turn," Davis said.

Helping those who need it most is rewarding, and Davis said he appreciates the experience.

"It makes you feel good and brings a smile to your face," he said. "I say it's good for the soul."

Supporting the School of Law through the Forever SIU campaign ensures students are able to continue receiving such important training. It also helps provide the community with access to law clinics and programs that offer assistance to the elderly, veterans, juvenile, immigrants and victims of domestic violence.

For more information about the SIU School of Law clinics, visit [www.law.siu.edu](http://www.law.siu.edu). For more information about the campaign, visit [www.foreversiu.org](http://www.foreversiu.org).

## Art & Design Reaching Out, Making Impact

BY JEFF WILSON



One of the goals for the Forever SIU fundraising campaign is to further deepen community engagement. The School of Art and Design is a shining example of the importance of that mission.

Whether it's the annual Great Glass Pumpkin sale, Art Over Easy, the Visiting Artist program, Design Days or any number of other events, students and faculty are heavily involved with the community.

Rob Lopez, interim director of the School of Art and Design, hopes to continue and improve these programs.

"Through the Forever SIU campaign, these events can be given a larger scope," he said. "We can raise the profile of our school and the profiles of our students and faculty."

Art Over Easy is the school's largest fundraising event, but it is also a showcase for students, faculty, alumni and local and national artists. The Visiting Artist program brings world-renowned artists and designers to SIU for free, public forums.

"We have great faculty doing great things with great students," Lopez said. "Engaging with the community is a great way to connect and show what we can offer."

Enhancing events that showcase the School of Art and Design is also an important

recruitment tool. During the summer, the school hosts Young Artist Workshops, which give potential Salukis a chance to work with faculty and have a good experience at SIU.

"It builds positive energy," Lopez said. "We can show the value of Art and Design."

Each spring features Design Days on campus, which promotes the past, present and future of the program. Last spring, Howard Cohen, the founder of SIU's Design program, was a featured speaker.

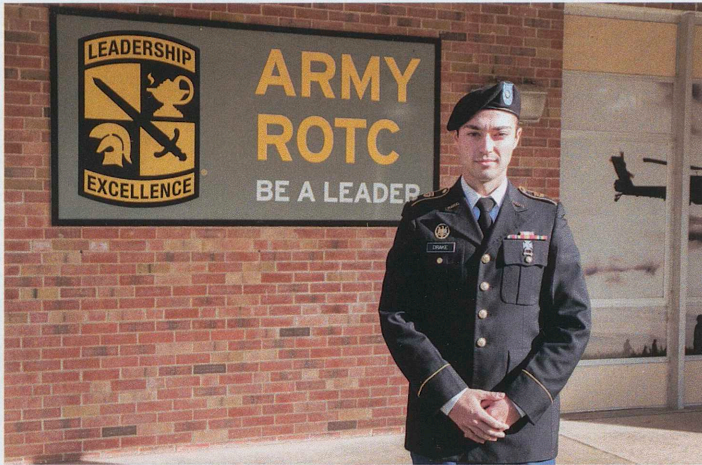
"The university is a greenhouse," he said. "There are many seeds that can grow."

By supporting the College of Liberal Arts and the Art & Design program, donors help continue these important activities. To learn more about the campaign, visit [www.foreversiu.org](http://www.foreversiu.org).



# Childress Scholarship Grows, Benefiting Business Students

BY CHRISTI MATHIS



Braden Drake had been paying his own way through Southern Illinois University Carbondale, so learning he was one of this year's James B. and Rosemary Samuel Childress Scholarship recipients was quite a relief.

Drake, a senior accounting major from Carterville, said the scholarship was a big help in paying tuition, fees, books, apartment expenses, medical and vehicle insurance bills and other costs of living. He was also excited to learn that upon their deaths, the Carterville couple added a \$2 million bequest to SIU's scholarship fund bearing their names, allowing students to benefit even more from the scholarships in the future.

"Any time I'm able to receive a scholarship, it helps me get one step closer to covering my expenses without having to take out any student loans," Drake said. "I really want to thank the Childresses for their donation to Business students and helping me be able to reach my goals."

Drake is slated to graduate in May 2018 and plans to continue his education at SIU to obtain his master's in accountancy with the goal of becoming a CPA and working for an accounting firm in the St. Louis, Springfield or Indianapolis areas. Upon graduating, he'll also be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Illinois Army National Guard; he enlisted in November 2013.

James and Rosemary "Dee" Childress married as high school sweethearts before James went off to serve as an electrician's mate with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He returned to his hometown, graduated from Carterville High School and then earned his bachelor's degree in economics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The couple lived in a small second-story apartment,

and he worked at the Carterville Post Office to put himself through school.

While their married life began with meager means, James became a successful businessman. Over the course of his career, he went on to own or co-own various steel erection, construction and sales businesses as well as motels and nursing homes in the Midwest and south, according to Robert Howerton, a relative of the couple who served as their attorney. Hard work and wise investing grew the Childress fortune, Howerton said.

"They were unable to have children but they were very successful, very devoted to each other, very family-oriented and very generous and charitable to others," Howerton said. "They also realized the value of a good education and wanted to do something to help other people, people who they hoped could also go on to be successful if they just had a little help."

Thus, the Childress' philanthropy included SIU. The couple originally endowed a scholarship at James' college alma mater in August 1989, earmarking the funds to go each year to SIU business students who are graduates of high schools in Jackson or Williamson counties or to students who graduated from community colleges and high schools within those counties. Financial

need is considered and preference goes to students who are working to help cover their college expenses. Applicants must also submit an essay. Recipients are eligible to apply for a scholarship renewal.

Receiving a Childress scholarship this semester helped Emily Kerrens of Murphysboro transfer to SIU as a junior accounting major "with a lot less stress about finances," she said. "I'm grateful for the opportunity that this and other scholarships has given me."

After completing her bachelor's degree, she plans to obtain her master's degree and become a CPA, working in the tax field.

Stephen Dickman, a junior transfer student from Marion, is a marketing major with career plans in sales. He said he's grateful to have received a Childress scholarship this fall to help pay for his tuition and books.

Dee Childress passed away in July 2015 and her husband died the following May. Both were 90 at the times of their deaths, and they had given untold amounts through the years to charitable causes, particularly education, civic, health, historical and relief organizations. Their final wish was to offer a helping hand to even more young people, so they added a \$2 million gift to SIU's James B. and Rosemary S. Childress Scholarship endowment. SIU Foundation officials estimate the fund will now generate about \$80,000 annually that can be awarded to SIU business students.

"We know scholarships make a difference in the lives of our students," said SIU Chancellor Carlo Montemagno. "We at the university witness that every day. The Childresses felt that impact while they were living. Seeing how scholarships affected students meant a great deal to them. Their bequest to the Childress Endowment will help students in the College of Business in an even more significant way for years to come. Those students and SIU are most appreciative of the Childress' generosity."



# SIU: A Year In Review

## Highlights from campus for 2017



### 1. Inaugural Day of Giving Exceeds Goals

The university raised \$341,121 during its first SIU Day of Giving on March 1. The 24-hour fundraising campaign invited alumni and friends of the university to donate to project important to them via an online portal. The event garnered 1,334 gifts, with the help of roughly 70 ambassadors (more than half students) driving the campaign message all day on the web.

### 2. 'The Big Event'

Nearly 1,000 Salukis stepped out to help the community on April 1 for "The Big Event: A Saluki Day of Service." This was the biggest one-day service project in the history of campus and entailed hundreds of students, faculty, and staff members of SIU volunteering time and effort to help non-profit organization on a range of community improvement projects in the Carbondale area.

### 3. "Forever SIU" Launched

Southern Illinois University publicly launched a three-year, \$75 million fundraising campaign for scholarships and other support benefitting students in May. Through this campaign, which will run until December of 2019, the SIU Foundation seeks to raise private funds for the expansion of opportunities, like internships and career development, as well as enhance on-campus facilities and resources used by students every day.







#### 4. Budget Stalemate Ends

An end to the legislative impasse that held up state money for Illinois public universities came in July, bringing relief to SIU, which had operated for two years without the stability of a state appropriations budget.

#### 5. Carlo Montemagno Appointed Chancellor

After a two-year search, the university's board of trustees appointed Dr. Carlo Montemagno as the new chancellor of SIU Carbondale. Montemagno began his duties on August 15 and set to work on a plan to restructure the campus aimed at addressing the future needs of SIU students.

#### 6. Solar Eclipse Draws 30K to Campus

The campus played host to 30,000 visitors for the first total eclipse of the sun over the mainland United States since 1979. Saluki Stadium filled to near capacity for a guided experience of the event. Member of the SIU community spent nearly two years planning for the eclipse, working in conjunction with NASA and other agencies for various projects related to it. The August 21 event marked the first half of the university's status as the Eclipse Crossroads of America, as the campus will be the best and longest view of another total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.





**SHIFT INTO FUTURE GEAR: A CONVERSATION WITH SHANNON MCDONALD**  
 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

We may not yet have the flying cars synonymous with visions of the future – but it’s not unrealistic to anticipate driverless vehicles. Shannon McDonald, author of “The Parking Garage: Design and Evolution of a Modern Urban Form,” envisions the impact of automated vehicles on the built environment. She organized the first workshop on the subject, “Envisioning Automated Vehicles within the Built Environment: 2020, 2035 and 2050” in 2014.

**WHAT IS AN AUTONOMOUS CAR?**

The technology is defined by levels of automation. The Society of Automotive Engineers developed a six-level classification system that includes partial and conditional automation. A key distinction is how much of the dynamic driving tasks – operational tasks such as steering and braking, and tactical tasks such as responding to events – are automated.

**WHERE ARE WE NOW IN AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY AND WHERE WE WILL BE REALISTICALLY IN 10 YEARS? IN 20?**

We can expect automated vehicles on the road in many locations within the next 10 years, and within the next 20 years, they will be quite common. Several metropolitan areas are testing automated vehicles, including San Francisco, Phoenix and New York City. Greenville, S.C. recently received federal funds to develop an automated taxi system.

**WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE AUTONOMOUS CARS A REALITY – BESIDES THE CARS?**

At this point, little else is required as the cars will be equipped with what they need to be autonomous. There was some thought about smart roads and smart traffic devices, but with automated cars, traffic devices may become a thing of the past. We anticipate that autonomous cars could be on the existing infrastructure, but others are exploring having dedicated lanes.

**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES FOR CITY PLANNERS IF A CITY WANTED TO MOVE TOWARD VEHICLE AUTONOMY?**

Automated transit is a big topic, and how it can be redefined to provide better mobility for all. Parking, drop-off and pick-up lanes are key parts of this discussion. We are also considering new ideas for how streets can be organized, potentially with more land for parks and walking or bicycle lanes. Google and Alphabet with Sidewalk Labs are planning an entirely new community in Toronto, Canada based completely on automated vehicles.

**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST APPEALING BENEFITS OF THIS TECHNOLOGY?**

The most appealing for me is the ability for full mobility for all – the mobility-impaired, blind and aging population can now have full mobility. These vehicles are created to be on demand and point to point without the hassle of ownership. And we are moving to all electric vehicles, so the ecological impacts will be tremendous. For city planners so much right now is unknown, I believe we will see a transformation in our cities like we saw at the beginning of the 20th century when the car arrived. It’s a very exciting time to be an architect and planner.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY CURRENT PROJECTS RELATING TO THIS TOPIC?**

SIU Master of Architecture students are exploring a solar-powered, automated transit system for San Jose, Calif. They are working with San Jose State University engineering students on the “Spartan Superway.” They are considering creating greenways and paseo walkways in the existing conditions, and also looking at eliminating some roads with the integration of this solar automated transit network.









# Simply Unique

## Personal Challenges Build An Inspiring Identity For Alumna

BY CALEB HALE

**F**aridah Awang '96, MS Ed. '98, Ph.D. '02 is a popular and award-winning professor of corporate communications and technology at Eastern Kentucky University. She is also the first Malaysian-American to become a full professor in her academic field in the United States. Her journey from a poor girl in Endau, Johor to a respected academic was not easy, but it was so inspiring it's become the subject of a book and forthcoming movie in her native country.

Faridah is the Arabic word for unique.

Dr. Faridah Awang learned that early in life from her grandmother, who raised her, her older brother, and a cousin in a rural community on the southeastern tip of Malaysia. Living up to her name became a personal quest, and the key to achieving it was education.

"My grandmother didn't have any education, but she instilled in me a love for it," Awang says. "She would say, 'Unlike lovers who may leave you, if you love education it will always be with you.' So I thought maybe this is something I should pursue."

Early experiences included copious study, participation in debates and lectures, sports and

student organizations – anything she could think of to build her communication skills and stand out. After college, Awang went to teach at the University of Technology Malaysia in Johor, had a child, and had a marriage end. But in the mid 1990s, she and her then-5-year-old son, Hafiz, embarked on a new and bigger journey, driven by another vision of her grandmother's that Awang would make a name for herself in a foreign country.

Awang traveled more than 9,000 miles to the U.S. to seek what would ultimately be a doctoral degree. This journey led her to Southern Illinois University and the Workforce Education Development program in the autumn of 1995.



ABOVE: Awang and her mentor, Marcia Anderson, formerly of SIU Workforce Education.





ABOVE: Awang lectures students during a class at Eastern Kentucky University. Photo courtesy of EKU.

#### A MENTOR AND A FRIEND

Marcia Anderson clicked with Awang immediately. Anderson, a professor in Workforce Education Development who has since retired, recalls the first time she spoke with Awang was over the phone.

"She called and was at a university in Oklahoma and wasn't pleased with the program she was getting," Anderson says. Awang was on a scholarship from the University of Technology Malaysia. With Anderson's help, she was able to transfer to SIU. "Immediately when I met her, she knew what she wanted to do and was ready to go."

Diligence comes to mind first when Anderson describes Awang. "Always focused, she knew what she wanted. She'd always go overboard on assignments. I don't think she ever slept."

Awang attended night classes, her son in tow. Anderson says Hafiz would sit outside the classroom doing his homework. During breaks she and other students would chat with him.

After finishing her bachelor's degree in 1996, Anderson helped Awang pursue her master's. Trouble struck, however, as an economic recession in Malaysia caused her scholarship to be pulled. Undeterred, Awang sold many of her possessions, including her computer, and took a job as a custodian in Woody Hall.

"I had said I'm not going to leave SIU without a degree," Awang recalls. "It didn't make sense to return home. I refused."

**"If I didn't have all these challenges, I might be simple Faridah. The challenges are what gave me my uniqueness."**

FARIDAH AWANG

Because Awang had been forced to sell her computer for money, she relied upon the computer labs in Morris Library.

"I love the library. That's like my second home," she says. "I would say my best memories would be spending my Saturdays and Sundays on the 4th floor, the balcony level. My son would go with me. Sometimes when we got tired of that we went to the Carbondale Public Library."

Anderson continued to help Awang, both academically and sometimes financially out of her own pocket. Awang remembers a day when Anderson had asked how long since she'd last eaten, handed her fifty dollars, and told her to get what she needed.

"She (Awang) always paid me back on schedule," Anderson says.



## MEETING CHALLENGES

In 1999, a year after completing her master's degree, Awang was involved in a serious car accident. The incident left her bed-ridden for several months. She lost some of her motor skills and had to undergo physical therapy to get them back.

Though a timely and expensive ordeal, Anderson says she was not surprised to watch Awang move through it matter-of-factly and ever focused on her end goals.

"She'd always be bouncing back," Anderson says. "She's always been so nonchalant about everything, even the car accident. If it was a challenge, you'd rarely see her wear down."

Being unique doesn't just happen, as far as Awang is concerned. "Success is not accidental, it's a mindset," she says. "Many times being comfortable can ruin you. What happened to me, I was tested by so many challenges. And it was a contributing factor for me to keep going."

"If I didn't have all these challenges, I might be simple Faridah. The challenges are what gave me my uniqueness."

Throughout her troubles, Awang was being recognized, winning awards for both her master's thesis and doctoral dissertation. In 2002, the year Awang completed her doctoral degree at SIU, she won the national Delta Pi Epsilon research award, becoming the first Malaysian-American to do so.

Awang joined the faculty of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond in 2002, enjoying many successes, accolades, and leadership roles on the campus. She obtained full professorship in 2011.

## BECOMING AN INSPIRATION

Awang returned to her home country in December of 2016 to speak as a Distinguished Scholar for series of educational forums. Part of the tour included an interview on a local radio show. Awang told her story over the air and it became one of the most listened to segments in the show's history.

She was approached about writing a book, something she finished in June of 2017. The autobiography, "Musafir Cinta 4 Musim" ("A Journey into a Four-Season Land") is currently selling well in Malaysia. Now, a director and producer have approached Awang about a movie of her life.

All of the sudden attention is strange, Awang says, but she's telling her story for a reason.

"I'm a very private person. I really don't like to make myself known for something like this. I'm not very comfortable with fame," she says. "But I understand the need to impact others so they can find strength in whatever adversity and challenges they face."

Anderson continues to be in contact with Awang. In fact, Awang made sure Anderson could watch a few of her Malaysian television appearances. Anderson admits she couldn't understand what was being said, but she was no less proud of her former student and life-long friend.



ABOVE: Awang is interviewed on television in her home country of Malaysia, where her story has become the inspiration for a book and a forthcoming movie.

"It's marvelous that she's being recognized for the work she's done," Anderson says. "She's become a well-respected business educator and leader in various associations. It's with pride that I've seen what she's been able to do over the years."

Awang's commitment and focus has also rubbed off onto her son. Now grown, Hafiz recently finished his MBA in marketing and business intelligence at Xavier University and now works at Verizon Communications. ➤





# DIGGING FOR EXPERIENCE

## Historical Site Utilizes SIU, Students For Investigation

BY ANDREA HAHN

The Center for Archaeological Investigations at SIU has hosted a summer field school for years, and this past summer the field school worked at the Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site in Randolph County on a project to help the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency.

Mark Wagner, CAI director, applied to the Lewis and Clark Foundation for a

grant to help fund the field school. Fort Kaskaskia is one of the places Lewis and Clark stopped for supplies and recruits. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency owns and maintains the site, and gave permission for the field school's activities. The goal, Wagner says, was three-fold: first, to train students by giving them hands-on fieldwork experience; second, as a public

outreach; and third, to provide the IHPA with information they wouldn't otherwise have about the site.

"If the IHPA hired an outside agency, it's likely it would cost \$20,000. But we are doing this as part of our field school," Wagner says.

The work involved geophysical surveys, which use a gradiometer and a



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## SIU President Co-Chairs State Bicentennial

December marked the beginning of a year-long bicentennial celebration for the state of Illinois, a project co-chaired by Southern Illinois University President Randy Dunn.

Illinois became the 21st U.S. state in 1818, with its first state capital located in Kaskaskia, Illinois. To mark the 200 year anniversary, a planning commission will host numerous events throughout the state, funded entirely through donations and sponsorships.

"I'm honored to have been asked by Gov. Rauner to serve as a co-chair of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission," Dunn says. "Given that the Commission was just named in January (2017) and is without dedicated resources, what you'll see is the sponsorship of some major, statewide events on our Bicentennial Constitution Day of Aug. 26, 2018, as well as a "bookend" celebration on Dec. 3, 2018 – December 3rd being the date of Illinois' admission into the Union.

"At the heart of the yearlong party, though, will be what we hope are hundreds of projects and events conducted by local groups all across the state and endorsed through the Illinois Bicentennial," Dunn says.

For more information on events or becoming a sponsor for the celebration, visit [illinois200.com](http://illinois200.com).

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ground-penetrating radar (GPR) unit. Ryan Campbell, a researcher and student in the doctoral program with CAI, conducted surveys to give the field school teams a good idea where to begin digging. He also worked with the students to give them experience with the survey equipment.

"Training on equipment like this -- that's not something you get at every archaeological program," he says. "It really does give our students a leg up when it comes to the job market. There are programs that are classroom-based but there really is no substitute for in-field training. These

students are learning to deal with some of the problems you don't encounter in a textbook."

Alice Muntz is confident students involved will have the skills required to land jobs in professional archaeology. She spent several years as a professional archaeologist but recently decided to pursue a graduate degree at SIU. Now she's one of the team of graduate assistants teaching the field school.

"The idea is to give the students exposure to academic and professional archaeological methods," she said. "They could go get a job after this field school."

The field school excavated three places at the fort site. One team worked in a corner of the fort where, according to notes made by a British soldier in the 1760s, there might have been a bakery, or perhaps a raised platform for artillery. From the artifacts the team uncovered, the artillery platform seems the more likely. Another team worked in a part of the fort near what probably was an entrance. A third team excavated outside the fort walls.

Wagner says SIU is the first archaeological team to dig just outside the fort, and the team found plenty of artifacts -- including the button from a British soldier's uniform, which is the first bit of evidence of the British's army's presence on the site.





# Study: Climate Change Could Shift Dominant Midwest Prairie Grass

BY TIM CROSBY



An important prairie grass could be strongly impacted by climate change during the next 75 years, a team of scientists, including a Southern Illinois University researcher, from the Midwest say.

Sara Baer, professor of plant biology at SIU, is part of a team that recently published a paper in the journal *Global Change Biology* on one of the Midwest's most dominant and economically important grassland plants. Scientists from the Missouri Botanical Garden and Kansas State University also worked on the study.

Big Bluestem is a common grass in natural and restored prairies extending across the central Midwestern regions of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois. The plant is an important component of forage for the region's

livestock industry. It is also commonly used as an ornamental plant, owing to its size and purplish flowers and seed heads.

Big Bluestem can grow to 4 to 6 feet tall, but the researchers found that climate change could reduce height by up to 60 percent during the next 75 years. As a result, the form of Big Bluestem that grows in the central Midwest could come to resemble the form that currently inhabits eastern Colorado on the edge of the species' range. The tall forms of the Midwest could shift to the Great Lakes region where Big Bluestem is currently smaller and less common.

The grass is commonly used in prairie restorations. But because individual plants can live several decades, restoration projects might need to consider the form

of plants that would thrive at a site several decades into the future, as well.

Baer said the study marks the first time researchers have used traits measured from multiple populations of this species across a large geographic area in order to model how the species' form and corresponding function will respond to climate change.

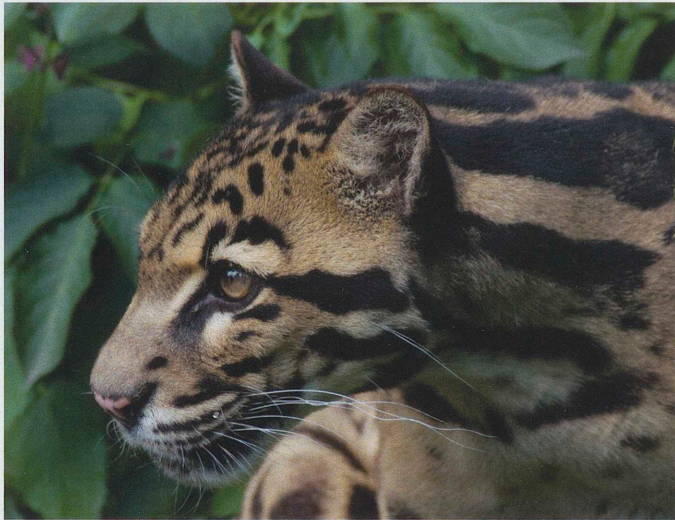
"This has important implications for future productivity of tallgrass prairie in the current core distribution of this species, where livestock production is a major agricultural enterprise," Baer says.

Worldwide, scientists say about 20 percent of plants are already on the brink of extinction with climate change only expected to add pressure on struggling species. This study indicates that common species may also be vulnerable.



# Grad Student Assisting In Clouded Leopard Reintroduction Study

BY ANDREA HAHN



Evan Greenspan, a graduate student in forestry at Southern Illinois University, was determined to find a way into conservation research even though his academic background was in history, not science. His determination paid off.

Greenspan recently became part of a team conducting popular opinion surveys in Taiwan as an early step in the possible reintroduction of Taiwan's former major predator, the elusive and increasingly rare clouded leopard. The clouded leopard is a beautiful wild cat, weighing about 50 pounds at full growth and two to three feet long, with a tail to double its length.

According to a recent discovery, there are two species. The one native to Taiwan is the mainland species; the other is the Sunda clouded leopard, which lives exclusively in Sumatra and Borneo. Though the genetic difference is as much as that between a lion and a tiger, the two species bear close physical resemblance to each other. The range of the mainland species native to Taiwan covers the Southeast Asian rainforests and extends to the Himalayans in Nepal.

Greenspan's work is part of the "human dimension study" that is generally part of major reintroduction or policy changes in environmental conservation movements. He had been a history teacher in Massachusetts. But that wasn't his real passion. So, after four years of teaching, Greenspan quit, taking a year to travel from one conservation volunteer job to another, from Peru and Bolivia to Botswana and Thailand. He was "pretty broke" by the time he got to Thailand. So he stayed a while, making money playing saxophone and later, landing another teaching job. Meanwhile, he was writing letters to faculty members at various schools, seeking a way into conservation without the burden of earning a second bachelor's degree.

"I wrote more than 200 letters," he says. "Most of the time I didn't get a response."

And then Anthony Giordano, founder of S.P.E.C.I.E.S. (the Society for the Preservation of Endangered Carnivores and their International Ecology Study) gave him a chance.

Going forward included becoming an SIU student working with Clay

Nielsen, professor of wildlife ecology and conservation, a friend of Giordano.

Greenspan was in Taiwan this past summer with Giordano and Nielsen overseeing the public attitudes survey. The survey, using a set of questions established as effective for this type of study, includes rural populations in the areas near where the clouded leopards would be reintroduced, and urban populations. For the rural survey, Greenspan and the team visited towns and talked with the tribal leaders of indigenous people. The urban survey will be online.

Greenspan left Taiwan with 258 surveys. He's been working through the data and will continue when the urban population surveys are compiled.

"Evan's research represents an important step in understanding reintroduction potential for large carnivores globally," Nielsen says. "This project fits well with my research program that associates human attitudes with ecological attributes of the animals themselves when conserving large carnivores."



# By The

# Book



Doubleday executive director of publicity Todd Doughty (left) clowns around with "Fight Club" author Chuck Palahniuk at Comic-Con. He says meeting various authors through his job is a dream come true.

**T**odd Doughty '95 has always loved books. Perhaps it shouldn't have been surprising that when the Carterville High School product arrived at Southern Illinois University 26 years ago, the job he landed to help with his expenses was at Waldenbooks.

"I'd been an avid reader my entire life, so working at a place surrounded by books made a lot of sense," Doughty says. "Since reading has always been a passion of mine, once that door opened I walked through and never looked back."

A better description might be that he never even considered a mere glance over his shoulder. Now Vice President, Executive Director of Doubleday Publicity in New York, Doughty is closing in on two decades as a publicist in the Big Apple. In that role, he continues to work with some of the giants in the publishing world.

Doughty's impressive career journey from southern Illinois to the largest city in the United States was fueled by a leap of faith that he and a friend embraced almost immediately after graduating from SIU.

## SIGNS OF CREATIVITY

Doughty and Jeremy Finley grew up in Carterville, and have been best friends since they were 12 years old. Both extremely inquisitive and talented, they would make a strong impression in **Sheri Hunter's** sophomore English class for gifted students in 1989.

"There was certainly something about them that stood out," recalls Hunter '76, M.S. '88, who served as national board president of the SIU Alumni Association from 2005-07. "Todd and Jeremy were clever, creative, and fun to teach – not only for their classroom antics – but because they challenged me as their teacher."

Doughty says they were challenged as well.

"Sheri Hunter our sophomore year, and Connie Church as our English teacher the next year, were

two of the many creative instructors we had in the Carterville school system," he recalls. "They pushed us hard – in the best way."

After graduating from high school, Doughty and Finley made the short trip to Carbondale. Along with Casey Hampton – a fellow SIU student from Bonnie, Illinois – the three roommates begin their college education.

Doughty, who would eventually earn a bachelor's degree in Theatre and a minor in English, had visited New York City as part of a Methodist Youth Trip when he was 16. He fell in love with the city and came home to tell his mother that someday he was going to move there.

"She sort of grinned and said that was fine, but I needed to finish high school – and college – before

## Love Of Literature Leads To Dream Job For Southern Grad

by Gene Green





From left, John Grisham with Doubleday Executive Director of Publishing Suzanne Herz, and Doughty. Inset, the letter Grisham wrote to the SIU graduate while he was a student.

I worried too much about that,” Doughty says with a laugh. “But I was more serious than she probably had any way of realizing at the time.”

#### HEAD EAST YOUNG MAN

In the spring of 1995, Doughty graduated on a Friday afternoon. By Monday, he and Hampton had loaded a U-Haul and were headed to New York.

“Casey and I were ready for an adventure. Young naiveté is a powerful thing,” Doughty notes. Knowing no one, and armed only with emergency contact information for a friend’s aunt and uncle who lived in New York, they arrived a few days later and took up residence in a youth hostel until an apartment was secured.

Finley, the roommate who went a different direction, has found great success in Nashville, Tennessee. He is now the chief investigative reporter for the city’s NBC affiliate and a 15-time Emmy Award recipient. In 2016, he was named the journalist of the year by the Tennessee Associated Press.

And even Finley’s path now has East Coast ties, as the former *Daily Egyptian* reporter landed a two-book

deal with St. Martin’s Press in New York. His first novel, “The Darkest Time of Night,” will be released in June 2018. Their other roommate, Hampton, would eventually find his way to a publishing position in Massachusetts.

For Doughty, however, his initial New York dream was to become an actor. After two years of pursuing that plan, he decided it wasn’t the right fit and that he needed to change course. While a “starving actor” in New York, he had also been working at Waldenbooks on Wall Street.

“I was 25 when I made a career move that would change my life,” he says. “A friend told me about a publicity assistant’s job at Random House that he felt I would be great at and urged me to pursue it. I was fortunate enough to get the position in June of 1998, and began to handle administrative duties for Executive Director of Publicity Carol Schneider.”

Schneider, a giant in the publishing business who served in a range of publicity and public relations roles for Random House for more than 30 years, was the perfect mentor for Doughty.

“She was my first boss and ran the entire publicity department,” he notes. “This entry level job was amazing, as I would be answering phones, and some of the most gifted writers in

the world would be calling to check in with Carol. That was pretty heady stuff.”

The spark from this first position helped ignite a rapid rise up the corporate ladder for Doughty, who soon would be taking calls from literary giants who were now wanting to talk to him.

#### FINDING HIS NICHE

Doughty rose through the ranks at Random House over the next five years, eventually becoming the company’s publicity manager in 2004. During that time, he orchestrated national publicity launches for a wide variety of hardcover and trade paperback titles with some of the most renowned authors in the United States.

After a brief stint at Warner Books a year later, he “returned to the Mother Ship” in 2005 to become Assistant Director of Publicity for publishing giant Doubleday. Now in his 12th year there – and his tenth as Associate Director – Doughty has launched and managed national publicity campaigns and national media appearances for the likes of Dan Brown, Jeffrey Toobin, David Grann, Fannie Flagg, Gore Vidal, and many others.



“Returning to Doubleday was a once in a lifetime opportunity,” he explains. “When you see the lineup of authors they have, that’s where you want to be. For a kid who always has loved books, this job has produced many incredible moments for me.”

One such moment took place more than a decade ago when Doughty began working with author Pat Conroy.

“I had read ‘Prince of Tides’ in 1991 and loved the book and the movie,” he says. “In 2005 I was with him promoting ‘South Of Broad,’ and would eventually be a part of three of his book tours. Had you told me that one day a kid from southern Illinois would be running around with Conroy, I would have told you that you were crazy.”

When Doughty worked on his first campaign with iconic best-selling author John Grisham in 2016, an old memory was rekindled.

“As that project was coming up, I remembered a letter I had written Grisham in 1992 after reading ‘The Pelican Brief,’ he recalls. “He actually wrote me back, and now almost 25 years later, I found myself involved in the first book tour he had done since then! That was an incredible full circle moment. I was – and still am – a huge John Grisham fan.”

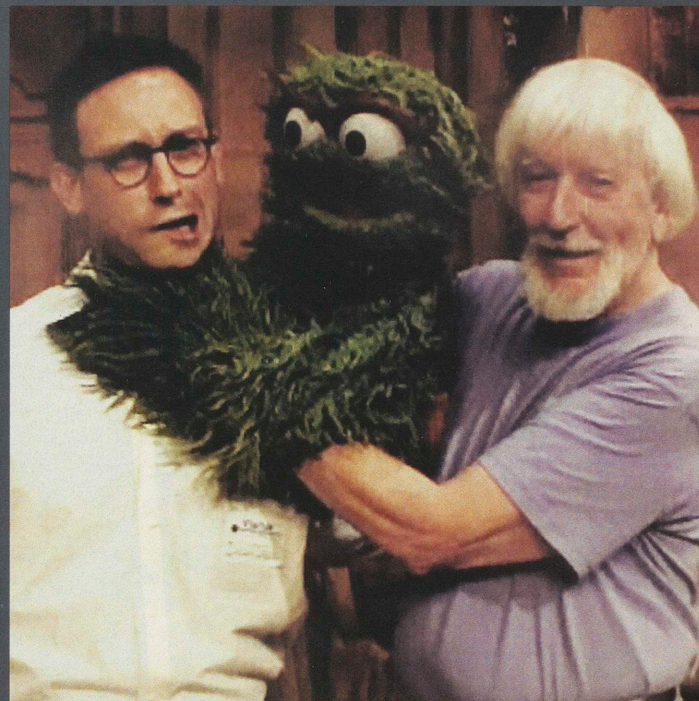
Earlier this year Doughty was surprised to read a possible homage when Grisham’s “Camino Island” was released. “At the end of the book, one of the characters finds himself at SIU,” he says. “I’m not sure how that came about, but it was a really cool thing to see included.”

The 44-year-old Southern grad also vividly recalls a night years ago in Atlanta with Maya Angelou. “She was signing books for hundreds of people, and of course her presence alone dominated the room,” he says. “Then all of a sudden the room got quiet. Her good friend Coretta Scott King had just walked in and simply sat next to her at the table.

“That was a powerful, head shaking moment. One of the booksellers next to me said, ‘Just look at the history sitting in front of us!’

Doughty, who will soon begin working on a new Grisham book launch for his new novel “The Rooster Bar,” says all these moments make the hard work and long hours more than worth it. He also is still amazed what that impulsive trip 22 years ago has created.

“Without a doubt, I have been lucky to have such an opportunity,” he says. “I could not have imagined this career in my wildest dreams.” ➤



## His Sesame Street Moment

Todd Doughty admits being obsessed with the PBS children’s show Sesame Street as a kid. So he was thrilled in 2003 when Random House announced it was publishing Caroll Spinney’s autobiography “The Wisdom of Big Bird (And The Dark Genius of Oscar the Grouch).”

Doughty was the publicist for Spinney, who created the characters with Jim Henson when the show began in 1969. “I booked a CBS Sunday Morning segment for Caroll, and they taped him filming an episode of Sesame Street for the piece,” the SIU graduate recalls.

“I got to go on the set, and Caroll and his wife, Debi, gave me a tour. They were shooting Big Bird, and during the scene one of Big Bird’s yellow feathers fell off. Debi retrieved it, gave it to me, and I still have it to this day.”

Caroll later offered up this photo opportunity as Oscar the Grouch – while choking his publicist.

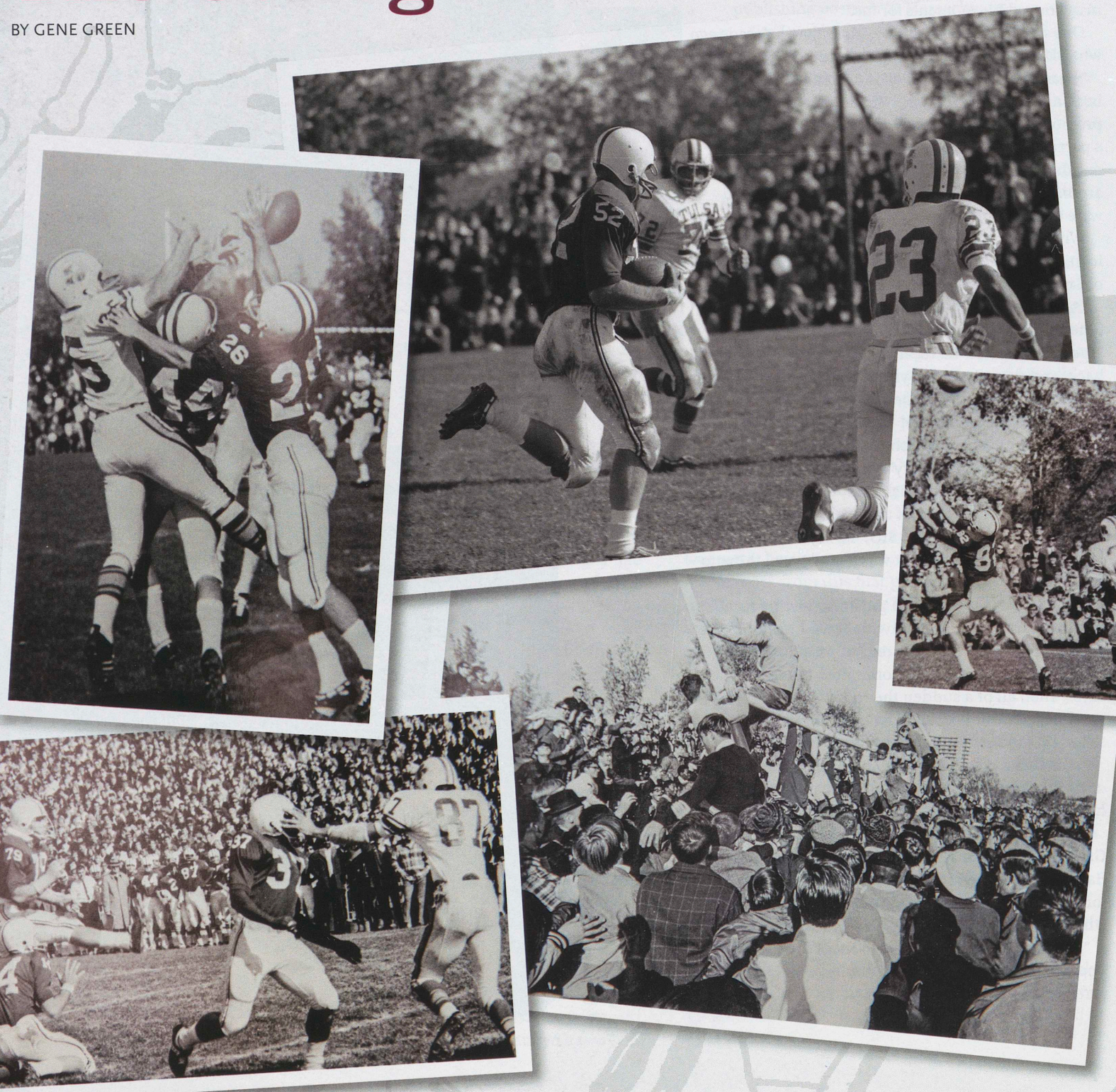
“What an experience,” Doughty says. “My childhood came to life before my eyes.”



Southern's Greatest Game?

# The Day SIU Stunned The College Football World

BY GENE GREEN



**W**hen a discussion is held regarding the best season in SIU Football history, the hands-down choice is almost always the 1983 national championship campaign. Perhaps the default answer to what is Southern's all-time upset victory should be just as obvious.

If you have any doubt regarding the answer, feel free to discuss the Salukis' 16-13 win over Tulsa with any member of the 1967 football team. Almost 30 members from that squad returned to Homecoming this year to relive a special day 50 years ago.

The win was improbable in many ways, not the least of which was that it was only the team's second win of the campaign when it occurred. The Salukis would finish just 3-7 that season, but when Southern upset the eighth-ranked team in major college football, it stunned the sports world and still ranks as SIU's highest-ever win against a nationally ranked FBS opponent.

As *Sports Illustrated* noted: "It appeared to be just another easy win for undefeated Tulsa when quarterback Mike Stripling ran and pitched the Hurricanes to a first-quarter 13-0 lead. After all, Tulsa was leading the



There was plenty of memorabilia on display homecoming weekend to help celebrate the return of the 1967 SIU football team.

nation in total offense, passing, scoring, and least yards allowed, and the Salukis were still small-college."

On this memorable Homecoming afternoon a half-century ago, however, Southern played Jack the Giant Killer in front of more than 15,000 fans at McAndrew Stadium. **Carl Mauck '69** saved the game with a tackle on fourth-and-eight that stopped the Golden Hurricanes two yards short of a winning touchdown.

Mauck had earlier intercepted a fourth quarter pass from his middle linebacker slot and returned it 24-yards, setting up Randy Galloway's game-winning 41-yard field goal – one of three he would kick that day. Southern's lone touchdown came on a Charlie Pemberton seven-yard run, and on the other side of the ball, Johnny Quillen had a strong defensive performance with three interceptions.

Recalling the game-saving tackle, Mauck says Tulsa put all the receivers all on one side and flared the running back to the other side. "The running back was my guy, and I tackled him on a screen pass just short of the end zone. The place went nuts!" the SIU Hall of Famer says. "When we won, fans tore down the goalposts and took them up and down Illinois Avenue. If I had a vote, it would be the best game in SIU football history."

Local sportswriter Lon Eubanks called it a "miracle win," and used this as the lead paragraph in his story: "A Little Leaguer struck out Carl Yastrzemski, Jackie Gleason beat Jim Ryun in the mile, and Slippery Rock State hung one on the Green Bay Packers. Anything's possible. Southern Illinois proved it."



Carl Mauck (center, chatting with former teammates), who made the game-saving tackle, considers the unlikely win the best game in SIU football history.

What was a small college team doing playing a national university power? Head Coach Dick Towers, now 86 and retired in Manhattan, Kansas, explains that SIU was considering a move to the university division, and was discussing a larger football stadium. With that in mind, Southern began to play bigger programs should those things occur.

Towers, who went 30-37-2 at SIU before becoming Kansas State's athletics director, says when the Salukis won the game it was the greatest win in program history at the time.

"While certainly SIU has enjoyed great success since then, winning a national championship and several league titles, the Tulsa win was unprecedented for the program. It's a thrill to be back at SIU again with former players who still mean so much to me, as we relive a game we will never forget."



Former Saluki Coach Dick Towers returned for the reunion.



## Young SIU Women's Squad Tabbed Fourth In Valley



Senior Kylie Giebelhausen is a MVC preseason all-conference selection.

The SIU women's basketball team has been picked to finish fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll, with senior Kylie Giebelhausen selected to the five-member preseason All-MVC Team. Defending MVC champion Drake is projected to finish first, followed by Missouri State, Northern Iowa, SIU, and Indiana State.

SIU opens the conference season on the road, playing at Evansville Dec. 29 and at Indiana State Dec. 31, before the MVC home opener against Northern Iowa Jan. 5.

The Salukis, under the direction head coach Cindy Stein, finished 16-15 overall and earned the fourth seed in the MVC Tournament with a 10-8 mark a year ago. Southern advanced to the Women's Basketball Invitational for the second-straight season.

"I am excited about the conference," Stein says. "Although we are young, there is some good talent – we just have to put it all together. Ten of our 14 players are freshmen

and sophomores, so we will try and avoid the up and down roller coaster that can come with youth."

And when it comes to proven performers, Stein knows she has a great player to lead.

"Giebelhausen returning means so much to our program," she says. "She is our all-everything player and is someone who will probably leave Southern as one of the best three-point shooters and shot blockers in SIU history."

The East Peoria, Illinois, product had a breakthrough junior campaign, leading the league in three-pointers made (82), finishing second in minutes played (35.0/game), third in three-point field goal percentage (38.7%), and seventh in scoring (13.8/game). The Salukis talented newcomers include freshmen Rachel Pudlowski, Abby Brockmeyer, and Makenzie Silvey, all who figure to earn significant playing time.

The fifth-year head coach hopes to see a gritty style of play on the floor this season.

"I think you can measure toughness through different stats like steals, getting on the floor for loose balls, creating turnovers, deflections, defense, and who is attacking the basket on rebounds," she says. "Those are the things you look for, and we have kids who can do it."

Stein thinks the Valley race could be quite interesting.

"That's because there really isn't anybody that I think is just going to run away with it," she notes. "I think the league is going to be competitive, although I agree that Drake and Missouri State are the teams to aim for heading into the season."

For the women's basketball schedule, go to [siusalukis.com](http://siusalukis.com).

### MVC Women's Poll

Drake (356 points)

Missouri State (323)

Northern Iowa (311)

**Southern Illinois (256)**

Indiana State (231)

Bradley (216)

Illinois State (139)

Evansville (132)

Valparaiso (131)

Loyola (105)



# Salukis Picked Fifth In MVC Men's Hoop Poll

The Southern Illinois University men's basketball team has been picked to finish fifth in the 10-team Missouri Valley Conference in a preseason poll. The Salukis begin league play Dec. 28 at Northern Iowa, and open their home MVC schedule Dec. 31 hosting Drake.

For the first time since joining the league, Missouri State is the favorite to win the title, as the Bears return four starters from last year's team.

SIU figures to also be a strong contender, boasting 10 upperclassmen on one of the most experienced rosters in the league. Headlining the frontcourt will be 6-foot-8 senior shot-blocking specialist Thik Bol, who in first season at SIU blocked 76 shots (third-most in a season in school history). He was also a factor on offense, chipping in 9.1 points-per-game.

Head coach Barry Hinson has one of his deepest backcourts in his six seasons at SIU. The most tested player in the group is athletic junior wing Armon Fletcher, who has scored

496 points in his first two seasons and is still developing his versatile skill set. Sophomore guard Aaron Cook will also look to for leadership in the backcourt, as will junior Sean Lloyd.

Hinson is optimistic about the season.

"What excites me is that we have a group coming off the best finish in eight years," he says. "Most of those guys are back, and we have some great additions to the program. Tyler Smithpeters, who hurt his knee in the first game last year, returns as one of our best perimeter shooters. We've also added point guard Marcus Bartley (who started at St. Louis University, but is battling an early season injury), and junior college transfers 6-10 center Kavion Pippen and guard Eric McGill."

In addition to the experience, Hinson likes the size of his lineup.

"We have length and size among as starters and also coming off the bench," he notes.

"There is an opportunity start a lineup that is 6'4", 6'4", 6'6", 6'8", and 6'10". The top MVC

## MVC Men's Poll

Missouri State (381 points)

Northern Iowa (337)

Loyola (321)

Illinois State (256)

**Southern Illinois (226)**

Valparaiso (214)

Bradley (182)

Indiana State (116)

Evansville (88)

Drake (79)



Barry Hinson at SIU Media Day.

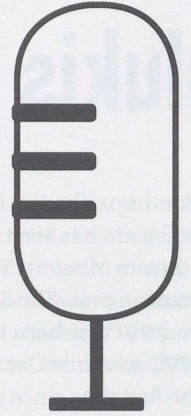
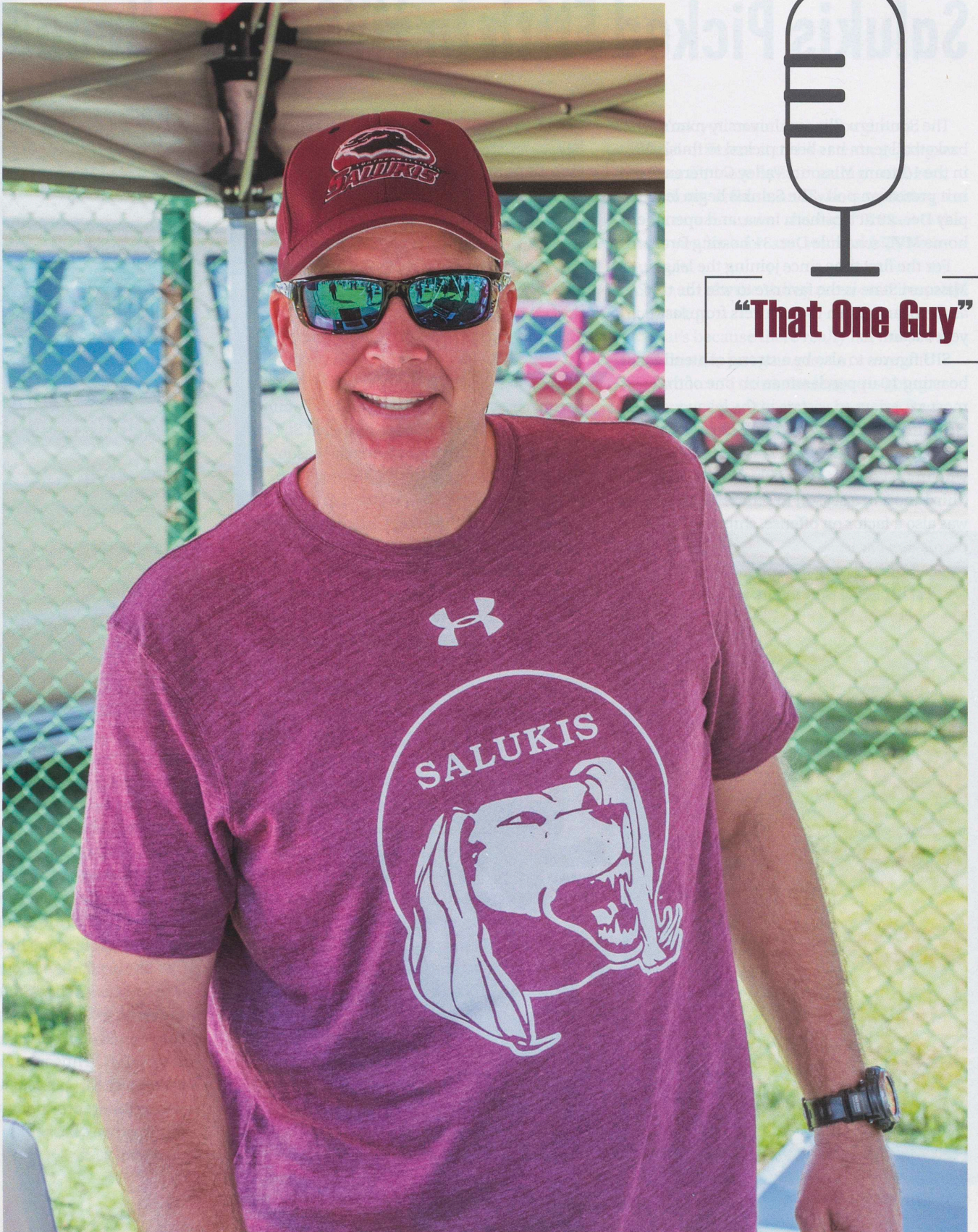
teams in recent seasons – Wichita State and Illinois State – had that sort of size on the floor. It was a dominant factor."

The season begins a new chapter in the 111-year history of the Valley, as Valparaiso became the league's 34th member on July 1 when Wichita State left to join the American Conference. With the addition of the Crusaders, the league's new configuration now spans Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri.

"As soon as Wichita State announced that they were leaving the league, I would guess all 10 head coaches felt they now had a chance to win the MVC," Hinson says. "I don't care where we were picked. Our goal – our expectation – is win a conference championship."

For the men's basketball schedule, go to [siusalukis.com](http://siusalukis.com).





**“That One Guy”**



# Alumnus Returns To Entertain His Alma Mater At Homecoming

BY BARB EIDLIN

The evening after Homecoming, **Todd Thomas '92** published a picture on his Twitter account of himself and SIU's new chancellor, arm-in-arm, smiling with this message:

"What a difference 25 years makes! That's the Chancellor of my alma mater SIU-Carbondale with his arm around me. 25 years ago, if the Chancellor of my college had his arm around me, I wouldn't have been smiling!"

Thomas, also known as "That One Guy", the endgame emcee for the St. Louis Cardinal's, served as part of the Homecoming tailgate entertainment on Saluki Row, where he enthusiastically helped muster Saluki Spirit for thousands of fans.

"Emceeing, both for my own business and for the Cardinals was a natural outgrowth of my studies at SIU, and though it seems impressive to some, I got there by a lot of hard work and some very good timing."

Thomas earned his bachelor's degree in communication studies, but like many undergrads, that's not where he began.

"I started out in Radio/TV and wanted to be a DJ or an anchor, but after a few years of studying I figured out that between the credits I had earned and my love of public speaking and debate. I was more in alignment with a degree in speech communication, so that's what I did," Thomas says.

During his freshman and sophomore years, Thomas befriended and roomed with some of SIU's top basketball players, counting among his friends some of the greats from the late '90s: Matt Wynn, Rick Shipley, and Sterling Mahan.

Thomas relays that this close relationship to the team came with its perks and its downfalls.

"The downfall being the semester I spent as our "Brown Dawg" mascot, which I loved. But the basketball team knew who I was, so during my first official men's sports game, they surrounded me and

"Emceeing, both for my own business and for the Cardinals was a natural outgrowth of my studies at SIU, and though it seems impressive to some, I got there by a lot of hard work and some very good timing."

pounded on the costume. Which is really not supposed to happen," Thomas laughs.

Thomas began his full time entertainment work in 1993, got married in 1995, started his DJ business in 1996 and got the Cardinals job in 1997.

His stint with the Cardinals, now in its 21st year, began when Thomas was asked to substitute for a friend of his who did entertainment for Rams Football.

"Because I didn't want to show my "newbie" hand to the Rams, I ended up calling the Cardinals to see what kind of equipment I could use, and after a short conversation, the Cardinals guy asked to meet me. Amazingly, he ended up hiring me within the week. Sometimes things are just meant to be," Thomas says.

Thomas said that the broad range of skills he gained while working on his degree at SIU helped him navigate his post-college world and gave him the footing to start his successful "Porta Party DJs" entertainment business as well as become co-owner of the motivational speaking and corporate training business "EnterTRAINing International."



# How Encouragement Changed A Life

BY REBECCA RENSHAW



Ryan Gougis is living proof of the adage, “Nine tenths of education is encouragement.” Raised in south Chicago, Gougis did not come from a wealthy background.

“I faced adversity growing up and there weren’t a ton of resources in my community to help. But inside my household, my parents encouraged me. They always told me that education is the key to escaping hardship so they were very supportive of me attending SIU Carbondale,” he said.

During his junior year at SIU, Gougis came into contact with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute when someone encouraged him to apply for an internship. He knew it would be a great way to get a feel for the workforce and build up his resume, so he applied, interviewed, and ultimately accepted the Gene Callahan internship.

“The internship involved working at the state capitol in Springfield to gain experience working in state government. From day one, I was thrown into the mix of actual work. I would draft press releases, write letters to constituents, and assist in the process of government before legislation would be sent to the governor. It

was eye opening and exciting,” Gougis said.

After graduating in May 2016 with a Criminal Justice degree, Gougis accepted a job as a program specialist with the Illinois House of Representatives. “Because of my affiliation with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, I am always running into a fellow Saluki in Springfield. It gives me a real sense of connection knowing that I am part of a family.”

Besides his parents support, Gougis credits the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute with

giving him the keys to opening doors of opportunity for his career.

“There are so many students who are pursuing success but they just don’t have the key. Paul Simon Public Policy Institute gave me that key. The people there were and still are supportive of my career. It’s like a family model. Once you are a part of them, wherever you are in life, even outside the walls of SIU, they are always there to support you. I still get calls from people like Dr. Baker or Carol Greenlee checking in to see how I’m doing.”

Gougis is also active with his fraternity, Phi Rho Eta, a group that promotes the principles of pride, respect, and excellence. Their national program, Mentor Teacher Brother engages youth from single parent homes or disadvantaged backgrounds and helps mentor them to set the standard of manhood and exemplary positive behavior.

“I really want to pay it forward and give to those who may not have come from the best environment. Because I had encouragement from my family and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, I am a living testament as to how philanthropy can change the life of a young man. I would highly encourage donors to give to the Institute.”

## TO LEARN MORE

To learn more about the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, visit <http://paulsimoninstitute.siu.edu/>. To learn more about the needs of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, visit <http://foreversiu.org/colleges-units/paul-simon.php>.



# Business College Honors 'Emerging Saluki Leader Award' Winners

BY CHRISTI MATHIS



Pictured, left to right, are Bryan Mullins, Angela Dowel, College of Business Dean Terry Clark, Kendrick Coleman, and Darla Krause.

The College of Business at SIU has chosen four alumni as 2017 Emerging Saluki Leader Award winners.

The award honors alumni who have graduated from the college within the past 15 years for their outstanding work within business, academia or government sectors, nonprofit organizations, and their community service.

This year, the college honored Kendrick Coleman of Belleville, Illinois, as well as Angela Dowell, Darla Krause and Bryan Mullins, all of Chicago.

Coleman, a double alumnus, earned his bachelor's degree in accounting in 2010 and his Master of Accountancy in 2011. He is a staff accountant at Rubin Brown LLP, working primarily as a business adviser and CPA for Rubin Brown's Entrepreneurial Service Group with assurance and tax planning. Through various avenues, including InSight St. Louis, The Accounting Career Awareness Program, the St. Louis Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants, the NAACP East St. Louis

Executive Committee and the United Way Charmaine Chapman Leadership Society, Coleman mentors young people and helps them become better equipped as begin their accounting careers.

Dowell earned her bachelor's degree in accounting at SIU in 2008 and completed her MBA at DePaul University in 2014. She started as an accounting rotational business associate for CNA Insurance and is now vice president of finance for Chicago Community Loan Fund. She is active in her community and in giving back to future young professionals -- serving as finance co-chair for the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Chicago and as a member of the college's Minority Advisory Board. In addition, she has taught small business and nonprofit accounting classes.

Krause is also a double alumna of SIU, receiving her bachelor's degree in finance in 2002 and completing her MBA the following year. She serves as a talent acquisition manager for Wintrust Financial Corporation and engages in a variety of

philanthropic activities, including serving as the chief operating officer for Zambia Tomorrow Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports an elementary boarding school in Macha, Zambia.

Mullins, a 2009 graduate with a bachelor's degree in finance, is the director of recruiting and player development for the Loyola University men's basketball team. He coaches, mentors, and manages players' schedules to help them achieve academic and athletic success. As a member of the Saluki men's basketball team, Mullins helped the team win two Missouri Valley Conference titles and reach the NCAA Tournament. He went on to play NBA Summer League basketball with the Chicago Bulls and Boston Celtics, play professionally for four seasons in France for Bourgen Bresse and Chalons Reims, and on the Irish national team in the European Championships.

Nominations for ESLA are accepted year-round and recipients are chosen by the college's external advisory boards.



## Class of 1967 Returns For 50-Year Reunion



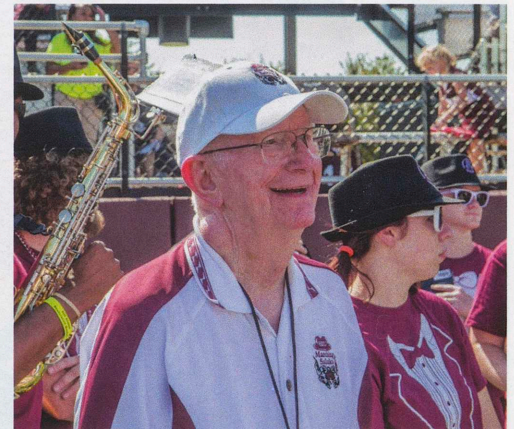
Members of Southern Illinois University's Class of 1967 return to campus for its 50-year reunion during Homecoming in October.

Attendees were treated to a campus tour, a social, and seats for the SIU football game against Illinois State. In addition, returning alumni were inducted into the Half Century

Club during an evening dinner and ceremony in the Student Center.

The Class of '67 also chose a renovation to the Woody Hall patio as its gift to the university. More information about donating to this project can be found online at [siuf.org](http://siuf.org).

## Alumni Band Group Hosts Annual Reunion



Alumni of the SIUC Marching Salukis came back to campus for Homecoming once again this year to participate in festivities surrounding the annual Alumni Band Group Reunion.

Events include an evening social and the opportunity to play with current members of the Marching Salukis during the half-time show of the Homecoming football game.

The Alumni Band Group is a constituency organization of the SIU Alumni Association, representing hundreds of former marching band members. The group's reunion is held each year during Homecoming weekend.



## Chicagoland Chapter Gathers at Hailstorm

The Chicagoland Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted a casual event at the Hailstorm Brewing Company in Tinley Park, Illinois in early October.

Alumni gathered at the brewery to reminisce and network, as well as gain

updates about happenings on the SIU Carbondale campus.

This was the second time Chicagoland alumni have hosted an event at Hailstorm.

## Upcoming Events

Visit [sialumni.com/events](http://sialumni.com/events) for more information

**Jan. 9, 2018** – SIU Vs. Bradley, Pre-Game Gathering

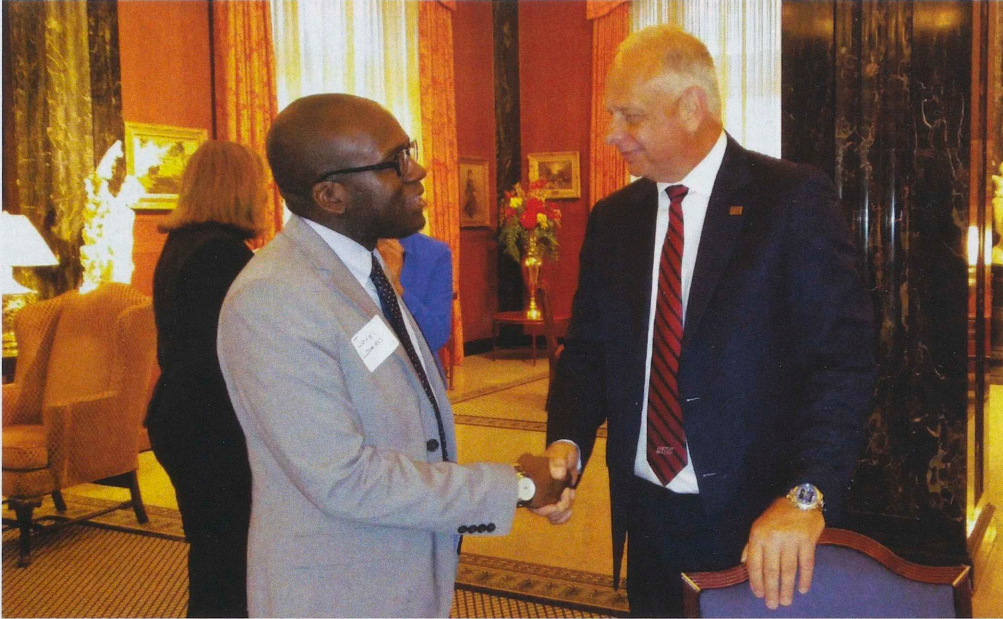
**Jan. 17, 2018** – SIU Vs. Loyola, Pre-Game Gathering featuring Chancellor Carlo Montemagno.

**Jan. 19, 2018** – 13Th Annual St. Louis Trivia Night

**March 1-4, 2018** – MVC Weekend



## Association, Foundation Host Meets With New Chancellor



The SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation co-hosted events in St. Louis and in Memphis, Tennessee in September aimed at introducing alumni to the Carbondale campus' new chancellor, Carlo Montemagno.

Chancellor Montemagno met with groups of alumni at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis Sept. 13 and at the Railgarten in Memphis on Sept. 23, prior to the Salukis' football game against the University Memphis.

Both events were open to all alumni and friends of SIU, and they gave people the opportunity to interact with Montemagno and gain some insights into his plans for the Carbondale campus.

### Nashville, TN Salukis: Save The Date, June 22-24

SIU is hosting a series of events for area alumni. This is a new and exciting opportunity for Tennessee alumni to gather and network! Look for more information in early 2018.

### Association Forming Hispanic Latino Alumni Group

The SIU Alumni Association is in the beginning stages of forming a Hispanic Latino Alumni Group and looking for people to be active volunteers and members of this constituency. For more information, please contact the Association's Director of Constituent Relations, Zoe Owens, at [zoeo@alumni.siu.edu](mailto:zoeo@alumni.siu.edu).

## Association Launches Advocacy Program

The SIU Alumni Association has launched an advocacy program, aimed at educating alumni and friends of Southern Illinois University on matters important to the university and higher education in general. As a part of the program, it is also inviting them to become advocates on behalf of SIU to their local state legislators.

This summer, the Association's board of directors approved a resolution to create the advocacy program. The action was spurred, in part, by the two-year budget impasse that severely impacted Illinois public universities. SIU is one of 11 state universities seeking to mobilize alumni as a collective voice for these institutions.

"We learned during the extended budget struggle that SIU benefits from a strong voice in Springfield," says Larry Mieldezis, president of the Association's board of directors. "As the university rebounds and continues to work with legislators on a variety of issues, the Association believes alumni represent significant proof

that investment in higher education is a worthwhile effort."

The Association will work with campus leadership and the SIU Office of the President to educate and guide alumni interested in advocacy on actions they can take to communicate with legislators and others on issues ranging from the state budget and state support for higher education to student loan debt and the need to increase student financial aid programs in Illinois.

### Become An Alumni Advocate

Visit [siualumni.com/advocate](http://siualumni.com/advocate) to register as an advocate. More information will be available in the spring of 2018.

Learn more about why Southern Illinois University matters at [siumatters.com](http://siumatters.com).



ROSS, Rolla R., '39  
10/1/2016, Osterville, Mass.

MARGERUM, Audrey K., ex. '42  
7/12/2017, Belleville, Ill.

PARRISH, John R., ex. '42  
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RICCI, Jean M., '42  
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MCSMITH, Patricia G., '45  
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TERRY, Glenn A., '47  
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MITCHELL, Sarah J., '48  
9/18/2017, Symsonia, Ky.

BELTZ, George W., '49, M.A. '50  
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THOMAS, Benjamin F., M.S.Ed. '50  
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ALLRED, Nancy J., '51  
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MILEUR, Jerome M., '55, Ph.D. '71  
9/5/2017, Hadley, Mass.

VANETTI, LaVinia C., ex. '55  
9/8/2017, Parkville, Mo.

BOHANNON, Bette C., '56  
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CHANEY, Lonnie B., '56  
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NORRIS, Lester D., '56  
5/30/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

PLANINC, Virginia M., '56  
8/3/2017, Carterville, Ill.

SMOLTZ, Joseph J., '56  
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GOLDSMITH, Ronald L., '57, M.S.Ed. '62  
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QUINDRY, Kenneth E., '57, M.A. '58  
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CAIREL, Andrew C., ex. '58  
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KREBS, Alan, '58, M.S.Ed. '60  
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MCBAY, William T., '58, M.S.Ed. '59  
8/11/2017, Scottsdale, Ariz.

PEEL, Donald W., '58, M.M.Ed. '64  
7/21/2017, O'Fallon, Ill.

ROMBACH, Jerry, '58  
7/27/2017, Elyria, Ohio

STETTLER, Herman E., '58, M.S.Ed. '61  
9/25/2017, Marion, Ill.

WALKER, Lindell E., '58  
7/20/2017, Marion, Ill.

BURNS, Milton R., ex. '59  
9/6/2017, Sparta, Ill.

CLARK, Raymond A., '60  
12/31/2016, Omaha, Neb.

DEASON, Margaret A., '60  
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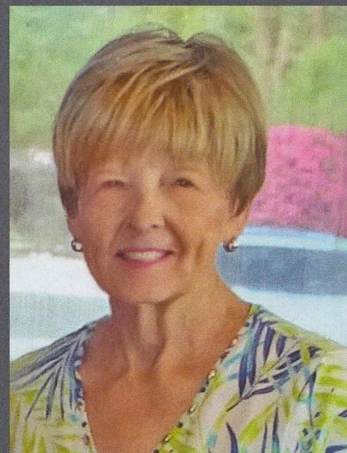
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MCCAMISH, Val G., '60  
7/15/2017, Carterville, Ill.

BRYANT, Joe B., '61  
9/20/2017, Metropolis, Ill.

## Mary DeJarnett Passes Away



Mary DeJarnett '62, an educational philanthropist and frequent supporter of Southern Illinois University, died Oct. 6, 2017 among family and caregivers at her home in California. She was 76.

DeJarnett, who studied elementary education at SIU, was a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, along with her husband, Larry, who survives. They met as new students at freshman orientation on campus and were married for 55 years.

DeJarnett, along with her husband, is a charter member of the Chancellor's Council at SIU, as well as a founding member of the Henry J. Rehn Society. She also served as a founding member and co-chair of the Morris Library Board of Visitors. Both she and her husband were honored simultaneously as Distinguished Alumni by the Association.

Memorial services were planned for November at St. Peters by the Sea Presbyterian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

HURT, Glenn C., '61  
4/14/2017, Fort Myers, Fla.

JOHNSON, Carole A., ex. '61  
10/9/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

KEIM, John D., '61  
8/18/2017, Du Quoin, Ill.

LAMER, Walter T., '61  
7/14/2017, Jerseyville, Ill.

OLSEN, Rita J., '61  
8/12/2017, Shelbyville, Ill.

SPENCER, Donald R., ex. '61  
7/17/2017, McKinleyville, Calif.

TAYLOR, Richard L., '61  
7/18/2017, Rantoul, Ill.

GUTZLER, Carole A., '62  
7/21/2017, Lerna, Ill.

JOHNSTON, Margaret A., '62  
8/14/2017, West Frankfort, Ill.

SELVIDGE, Lewis R., '62, M.S. '64  
9/17/2017, Phenix City, Ala.

SPENCE, Clarence F., '62  
8/16/2017, Greenfield, Ind.

ADREON, Terry L., '63  
8/15/2017, Kissimmee, Fla.

BOLLHEIMER, Janet A., '63  
5/4/2017, Aviston, Ill.

KNAPP, Clifford E., M.S.Ed. '63, Ph.D. '73  
9/17/2017, Oregon, Ill.

FLORENT, John J., '64  
8/22/2017, Eugene, Ore.

MCALLISTER, William N., '64  
8/22/2017, West Chester County, N.Y.

PARK, Chull, M.S. '64  
6/4/2017, Oxford, Ohio

POLLARD, Carl R., '64  
7/26/2017, Lafayette, La.

STODDARD, John H., '64  
9/19/2017, Miramar Beach, Fla.

ZELSDORF, George A., '64  
7/13/2017, Vienna, Va.

CARTER, William K., '65, M.S.Ed. '74  
9/22/2017, Mount Vernon, Ill.

CLENDENIN, Allen C., '65  
7/11/2017, Rockwood, Ill.

COOPER, Carole D., ex. '65  
9/10/2017, Clemmons, N.C.

HUGHEY, Thelma J., '65, M.S.Ed. '69  
10/10/2017, Thonotosassa, Fla.

LABUDA, Janice A., '65  
3/5/2017, Hartford, Wis.

MILLER, Ora P., M.S. '65  
5/28/2017, West Palm Beach, Fla.

PROCTOR, Robert J., M.A. '65  
9/9/2017, Fairfield, Conn.

BRUHA, Fred S., '66  
7/29/2017, Racine, Wis.



**GORMAN**, William A., '66  
8/18/2017, Broomfield, Colo.

**HARTMAN**, Evelyn L., '66  
7/31/2017, Bloomington, Ill.

**KUHL**, Francis A., '66  
8/9/2017, Miami, Fla.

**LUNDSTROM**, Gene E., '66  
9/22/2016, Salem, Ky.

**MAHATHEY**, Nadine C., '66  
9/19/2017, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**NOLEN**, Ernest L., '66  
8/21/2017, Herrin, Ill.

**PHILLIPS**, Nelson W., '66  
7/21/2017, Meridian, Miss.

**CRAIG**, Althea M., '67, M.S. '70  
3/26/2017, Charleston, Ill.

**DARDEN**, Theodore E., '67  
9/27/2017, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**MOORLEGHEN**, George F., '67  
8/18/2017, Belleville, Ill.

**NALL**, Helen M., M.S. '67  
8/4/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**OSCHWALD**, James L., '67  
8/29/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**RODGERS**, Dora S., '67  
8/15/2017, Oswego, Ill.

**SCHERRER**, Raymond L., '67  
2/20/2017, Shawneetown, Ill.

**SEARCY**, Charles W., '67  
9/5/2017, Carterville, Ill.

**WRIGHT**, Hillel A., M.A. '67  
8/1/2017, Courtenay, B.C.

**ALTHOFF**, Michael E., '68, M.A. '71, Ph.D. '74  
9/17/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**ARNOLD**, Don S., '68  
9/26/2017, Benton, Ky.

**BLAIR**, James H., '68, M.S.Ed. '76  
6/21/2017, Woodlawn, Ill.

**KACHEL**, Thomas J., '68, M.S. '72  
9/15/2017, Whitewater, Wis.

**KAYE**, Connie M., '68, M.S. '82, Ph.D. '89  
7/12/2017, Peoria, Ill.

**KNIGHT**, George N., '68  
8/14/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.

**ROSS**, Tommy R., '68  
7/29/2017, Denver, Colo.

**BITTLE**, John F., '69  
9/10/2017, Marion, Ill.

**DOBRASKI**, Robert B., '69, M.S.Ed. '84  
8/14/2017, Johnston City, Ill.

**JANELLO**, Pamela S., '69, M.S.Ed. '73  
7/1/2017, Bellevue, Wash.

**GHEHT**, Linda D., '70  
9/24/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.

**HALTER**, William J., M.S. '70  
9/13/2017, Anna, Ill.

**KUTTRUFF**, Carl, M.A. '70, Ph.D. '74  
7/23/2017, Baton Rouge, La.

**LEE**, Albert Y., Ph.D. '70  
7/24/2017, Turlock, Calif.

**MANIER**, Carl R., M.S.Ed. '70  
10/1/2017, Goreville, Ill.

**NOVAK**, Frank R., '70  
6/8/2017, Moline, Ill.

**SCHNEIDER**, Elizabeth A., Ph.D. '70  
10/2/2017, Davenport, Iowa

**SCHUSTER**, James B., '70, M.S. '74  
1/23/2017, West Jordan, Utah

**SEARCY**, Patricia A., '70, M.S.Ed. '71  
9/5/2017, Carterville, Ill.

**WHITAKER**, Beverly J., '70  
8/31/2017, Marion, Ill.

**KOESTER**, Omar H., '71  
5/11/2017, Red Bud, Ill.

**MCCORMICK**, Gwyneth D., '71  
5/14/2017, Mount Prospect, Ill.

**RITCHESON**, Burl E., '71  
8/14/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

**SPENCER**, Michael S., '71  
8/21/2017, Cedar Falls, Iowa

**BARMANTJE**, Paul M., M.B.A. '72  
10/9/2017, West Chicago, Ill.

**GERL**, Robert A., '72, M.A. '78  
8/25/2017, Lincoln City, Ore.

**HUMES**, Paul B., '72, M.S.Ed. '97  
11/21/2016, Belleville, Ill.

**ROBINSON**, Stephen M., '72, M.S.Ed. '80  
8/20/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

**SAMPSON**, Barbara M., M.S.Ed. '72  
8/28/2017, Little Egg Harbor Twp., N.J.

**VINCENT**, Michael R., '72  
8/9/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**HOFFMAN**, Richard A., M.S.Ed. '73  
8/9/2017, St. Louis, Mo.

**HOUGH**, Theresa, '73  
9/25/2017, Palatine, Ill.

**JACKSON**, Gregory E., '73  
7/20/2017, Davidson, N.C.

**LECHIEN**, Robert P., '73, J.D. '76  
8/31/2017, Belleville, Ill.

**ESES**, Micheline, '74  
8/11/2017, Casselberry, Fla.

**FAFOGLIA**, Michael A., '74  
9/5/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**PROFFER**, Phyllis J., '74  
8/11/2017, Greenville, S.C.

**REAMS**, Phillip B., '74  
9/21/2017, Lexington, S.C.

**SATTERFIELD**, Stephen R., '74  
9/22/2017, Benton, Ill.

**COMISKEY**, Yolanda D., '75  
8/29/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**GOODMAN**, Scott R., '75  
7/6/2017, St. Louis, Mo.

**MCMNAMARA**, Thomas C., '75  
8/18/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**ANDERSON**, Robert L., '76  
8/12/2017, Drexel Hill, Pa.

**FLETCHER**, Nancy J., '76  
8/5/2017, Zeigler, Ill.

**GRIFFIN**, John G., '76  
10/4/2017, Scottsdale, Ariz.

**HEISE**, Sharon L., '76  
10/2/2017, West Frankfort, Ill.

**KUSCHEL**, Albert W., '76, M.B.A. '77  
7/30/2017, Chicago, Ill.

**MUSOUI**, Marian I., Ph.D. '76  
9/22/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**VOGEL**, Lyle, '76  
5/29/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**COYNE**, Mark D., '77  
7/19/2017, Wheeling, Ill.

**HERZOG**, Daniel C., M.A. '77  
5/25/2017, Vauxhall, N.J.

**WRIGHT**, Ralph K., M.S.Ed. '77  
1/2/2017, Fairfield, Ill.

**DAVIDSON**, Robert C., '78  
9/6/2017, Jacksonville, Fla.

**FASSINO**, Michael J., '78  
8/9/2017, Media, Pa.

## Former Big Red Voice Bill Wilkerson Dies



Bill Wilkerson '68, a former SIU football player who became a major St. Louis radio personality for more than 35 years, died in November at the age of 72. He first gained popularity on KMOX in 1969 as a morning-drive host, but became a household name as the play-by-play announcer for St. Louis Football Cardinals from 1973 until the team left for Phoenix after the 1987 season.

The former Saluki also broadcast Mizzou Football, St. Louis Blues hockey, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, and even partnered with a then

relatively unknown Bob Costas on broadcasts of Spirits of St. Louis basketball games in 1975-76. In all sports, a strong baritone voice was his trademark.

"Bill was one of the most underrated football announcers I've ever known," says NFL Hall of Famer Dan Dierdorf, who worked with Wilkerson. "And that voice of his was golden; what a great set of pipes." Wilkerson was also a member of the first crew to broadcast an NFL event outside the U.S., working pro football games in Tokyo and London.

KMOX morning host Charlie Brennan, who met Wilkerson when he joined KMOX in 1988, told the St. Louis Post that he will always remember the excitement the Southern graduate brought to each broadcast.

"No one – absolutely no one – could get you more excited by calling a touchdown run on radio," Brennan says. "Many people probably don't realize he was the first black play-by-play voice for an NFL team, as well as the first black announcer to do color commentary for an NHL team when he partnered with Dan Kelly on Blues games."

Wilkerson, who earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at SIU, was a member of the 1967 Saluki Football team that celebrated their 50th reunion at this year's homecoming game.

Members like you make what we do possible. Keep the Association strong in 2018. Urge your fellow alurani to join!



**HARAM**, Scott R., '78  
9/22/2017, Austin, Texas

**MANN**, Kent B., '78, J.D. '81  
8/24/2017, Energy, Ill.

**PORTER**, Michael D., '78  
8/18/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

**WITTWER**, Arthur S., '78  
9/20/2017, Sycamore, Ill.

**CUMMINGS**, Patricia J., '79  
10/9/2017, Dennis Port, Mass.

**FURLONG**, Dennis J., '79, '81  
9/16/2017, Macedonia, Ill.

**BALZUWEIT**, Kurt A., '80  
9/15/2017, Crestview, Fla.

**HUNT**, Donna M., '80  
8/29/2017, Lubbock, Texas

**MCCLAIN**, Robert A., '80  
7/27/2017, Altus, Okla.

**OHDE**, Ruth A., '80  
9/27/2017, Manning, Iowa

**BUCK**, Fred W., '81  
7/15/2017, St. Peters, Mo.

**KRETSCH**, John P., '81  
8/25/2017, Denver, Colo.

**VINSON**, Donald O., ex. '81  
7/26/2017, Herrin, Ill.

**BEAUCHAMP**, Wilfred A., '82  
8/19/2017, Schererville, Ind.

**FRIER**, Betty J., '82  
10/5/2017, St. Louis, Mo.

**MATKIN**, Ralph E., Rh.D. '82  
7/24/2017, Northridge, Calif.

**ROBERTSON**, Beverly Y., '82  
8/15/2017, Belle Rive, Ill.

**WALTON**, Stephen R., M.S. '82  
8/26/2017, Fishers, Ind.

**WEED**, George A., M.S. '82  
9/9/2017, Benton, Ill.

**BRAY**, Laura L., '83  
7/28/2017, La Salle, Ill.

**GEE**, Gilbert S., M.S.Ed. '83  
8/1/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**WOLF**, David M., '83  
9/1/2017, Powder Springs, Ga.

**CURRY**, Jeffrey A., '84  
7/24/2017, Freeport, Ill.

**BLAIR**, Julie A., '85  
6/24/2017, Auburn, Calif.

**POTTER**, Denise L., '85  
5/22/2017, Yadkinville, N.C.

**HAND**, Terry L., '86  
7/25/2017, Fillmore, Ill.

**WILSON**, Verna, '86, M.S.Ed. '03  
8/27/2017, Waukegan, Ill.

**COCKRUM**, Penny A., '87  
8/19/2017, Benton, Ill.

**WEAVER**, Doris A., Ph.D. '87  
10/8/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**DOUGLAS**, William J., '88  
7/21/2017, Orlando, Fla.

**ENDSLEY**, Johnna L., '88  
9/12/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.

**LYKINS**, Donald W., '88  
9/5/2017, Astoria, N.Y.

**PAGE**, Linda K., ex. '88  
8/16/2017, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**MARTIN**, Glenn F., M.S.Ed. '89  
7/16/2017, Mulberry Grove, Ill.

**BURTON**, Todd L., '90  
7/10/2017, Apache Junction, Ariz.

**DAVIS**, Brian S., '89, '90  
9/1/2017, Ottawa, Ill.

**HICKS**, Clarence A., '90  
5/6/2017, Avondale, Ariz.

**KENT**, Gary W., Ph.D. '90  
8/18/2017, Marion, Ill.

**MERIDETH**, Sandra J., '91  
8/28/2017, Alpha, Ill.

**WEIDNER**, Stephen C., '91  
8/27/2017, Auburn, Maine

**RUEFFER**, Ronald A., '92  
7/17/2017, Naperville, Ill.

**SLATER**, Amy M., '93  
8/9/2017, Blue Springs, Mo.

**GORISZEWSKI**, David E., '94  
7/29/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**SMITH**, Michael, '94  
11/23/2016, Yorktown, Va.

**BECKER**, Keith L., '96  
8/25/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**CALVERT**, Kelli J., '96  
8/2/2017, Hurst, Ill.

**WOMACK**, Ellen L., '96  
8/18/2017, Fairview Heights, Ill.

**RICE**, Melissa R., '98, M.S. '01  
7/29/2017, Washington, Pa.

**FLOYD**, James L., '99  
9/2/2017, Kalispell, Mont.

**KELLEY**, Nellie J., '99  
5/27/2017, Benton, Ill.

**HERR**, Melissa K., '00  
8/2/2017, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**TIPPEY**, James A., '00  
8/1/2017, Benson, Ill.

**ARBEITER**, Benjamin D., '04  
8/6/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

**BERGMANN**, Nathaniel P., '04  
7/14/2017, Okawville, Ill.

**RICKMAN**, Troy D., '05  
9/22/2017, Metropolis, Ill.

**DUNK**, Matthew L., '08  
10/10/2017, Chicago, Ill.

**SEALS**, Ean J., '08, M.S. '09  
8/19/2017, Francisco, Ind.

**FLYNN**, Jodi L., '08  
5/30/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**EVERSDEN**, Adam L., '09  
9/18/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**SEWARD**, Richard L., '13  
8/23/2017, Jonesboro, Ill.

**FACULTY/STAFF**

**BROOKENS**, Constance M.  
Civil Service, Nurse  
Internal Medicine Clinic – School of Medicine  
8/27/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**BURKS**, Nancy J.  
Civil Service, Building Service  
Physical Plant Service  
9/13/2017, Herrin, Ill.

**COBB**, Robert  
Emeritus, Civil Service, Sub-Foreman  
Transportation, Physical Plant Service  
9/26/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

**FLYNN**, Jodi L., '08  
Teaching Assistant  
Animal Science Food and Nutrition  
5/30/17, Carbondale, Ill.

**HARTSOCK**, Karen Y.  
Emerita, Civil Service, Nurse II  
Licensed Practical, Family and Community Medicine  
10/12/2017, Cobden, Ill.

**HATCHETT**, LaKeatha A.  
Civil Service, Aide II  
Ambulatory Care, Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic  
7/27/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**MORGAN**, Glenn R.  
Emeritus, Civil Service, Building Service  
Physical Plant Service  
8/16/2017, Royalton, Ill.

**PRICHARD**, Karen K.  
Emeritus, Faculty, Associate Professor  
Educational Psychology and Special Education  
10/15/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**SCHNIRRING**, Patricia E.  
Civil Service, Extra Help  
Education and Curriculum  
8/5/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**SHARP**, Ronald D.  
Civil Service, Extra Help, Technical/Paraprofessional  
Office of Economic and Regional Development  
5/1/2017, Centralia, Ill.

**STRADER**, April D.  
Faculty, Associate Professor  
Physiology  
10/3/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**TAITT**, Billy J.  
Civil Service, Extra Help  
Skilled Crafts, Physical Plant Service  
10/7/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**YOUNG**, Norris  
Civil Service, Extra Help  
Skilled Crafts, Physical Plant Service  
9/25/2017, Pulaski, Ill.

**MCKINLY**, Sandra T., '60, Ph.D. '88  
Faculty, Instructor  
University College  
10/9/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**BARONE**, Crystal M., '07  
Civil Service, Extra Help  
Technical/Paraprofessional, Touch of Nature  
9/10/2017, Carbondale, Ill.



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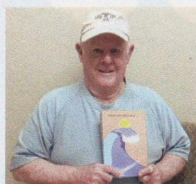
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1960s

**GLENN R. "DICK" KING '62**

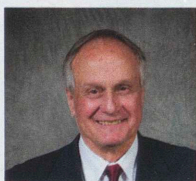
has written an autobiography about his career in the sport of tennis. The 576-page book, "Riding the Tennis Wave," details his life as a tennis player and a high school and college coach. King is a former tennis coach of Temple College in Texas. During his time there, he coached three women's national championship teams.



**ARTHUR PETERSON '67**

has been elected executive vice-president of the Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division (8th Air Force). The organization honors Americans who served in World War II from bases near Norwich, England during the fight against German occupying forces. More than 41,000 members of the 8th were killed in action during the war.

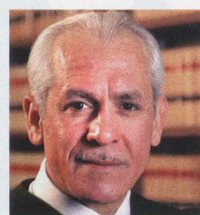
**DENNIS SLUGA '67** was recently honored by Re/Max, LLC for nearly four decades as a franchisee in northern Illinois.



Sluga opened the first Illinois Re/Max site in Elmhurst in 1977, was given a special Ruby Award during the company's annual awards ceremony at Navy Pier in Chicago. Sluga worked with the company for 29 years and remains affiliated with Re/Max Action in Lisle, Illinois. Prior to opening his business, he served in the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

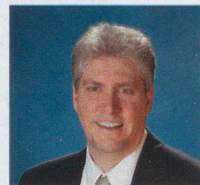
1970s

**JULIO FUENTES '71** was recently honored at a portrait ceremony in Newark, New Jersey



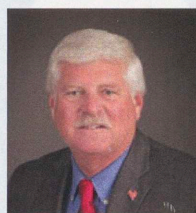
marking his ascension to senior status on the 3rd U.S. Court of Appeals. Fuentes worked as a lawyer in private practice from 1975 to 1981, then as a judge in the Newark municipal court until 1987. He moved to the New Jersey Superior Court from 1987 until 2000, when he was nominated by then-President Bill Clinton to the Court of Appeals. Fuentes currently hears appeals from district courts in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**JOSEPH BOOR '77, EX '78** has been awarded the distinguished Ferguson Reinsurance Prize for



Best Paper by the Casualty Actuarial Society for his paper, "Unbiased Development for Individual Claims – Taming the Wild Burning Cost." Boor is an actuary at the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation in Tallahassee, Florida. His paper was judged on originality, understanding of complex concepts, and thoroughness among other qualifiers by the society.

**BRADLEY GILES '76, '78** was awarded earlier this year with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. In addition, he was recognized as a Fellow by the



American Society of Safety Professionals. Giles is currently principal at safety consulting firm Bradley Giles and Associates based in New Meadows, Idaho and has worked for more than 40 years in environmental health and safety management.

1980s

**DONNA ERBS '80** has been named on the list of the St. Louis Business Journal's Most Influential



Business Women of 2017. Erbs is the chief marketing officer at Anders CPAs and Advisors, running the firm's social media, web site, and managing other promotional materials. She was the first marketing director hired by the firm and has built the department from the ground up, helping Anders grow in the region and in the nation.

**DEBORAH LIVESAY '81** has rejoined Taylor English Duma LLP as its counsel in the Labor and



Employment practice group, representing company management in all forms of labor-management relations, equal employment opportunity, and other related issues. Taylor English Duma is a full-service law firm in Atlanta, Georgia. Livesay's experience includes employment

discrimination, wage and hour compliance, Family and Medical Leave Act compliance, unemployment compensation, drug and alcohol policies, severance agreements and restrictive covenants.

**CHARLES MCBARRON '82** has retired from his position with the Illinois Education Association.



He joined the IEA in 1996 as the media relations director and was named director of communications for the operation in 2003. Prior to IEA, McBarron was a reporter, news director, and statehouse correspondent for several Illinois radio stations and was a Senior Account Executive for Bozell Public Relations in Chicago.

**DAVID BECCUE '83** was named one of ten Illinoisans of the Day during the 2017 Illinois



State Fair by the Illinois State Fair Foundation. Beccue and others were

honored during a ceremony in August. He is the assistant site superintendent for Rock Cut State Park in Loves Park, Illinois. Beccue previously lived in Botswana, Africa through a National 4-H Foundation International Foreign Youth Exchange, setting up a youth foundation and economic development projects for locals.

**KEVIN PERKINS '83** has started his 34th year as an agriculture teacher. Most of his career has been spent at Beecher City High School in Effingham



## August Eclipse Brings Together Thompson Point Alumni

The August 21st total solar eclipse over southern Illinois brought together several alumni for a mini reunion with **WILL TRAVELSTEAD '69, PH.D. '74** and **JUDY TRAVELSTEAD '68**. Will is a retired administrator of the former Student Life Office and served as assistant dean of students for on-campus housing during the 1970s, before becoming an assistant dean in the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts in 1988. Judy is currently on the board for the Friends of Morris Library.



**MARK MEYER '74, '75**, **RICHARD STRIBLING '74** and his wife **GRETA STRIBLING '79**, **JON VOELZ '75** and wife **SHARON VOELZ '76** were among roughly a dozen alumni who gathered at the Voelz's home in Vienna to view the eclipse and host a lunch at Giant City the following day.

Meyer says planning the event was a nearly two-year process but worth the effort, as it resulted in a couple days of reminiscing and visiting nostalgic places in and around Carbondale, Illinois.



County, Illinois, where he has taught roughly 1,200 students. During

his time Perkins has also taught consumer economics, computer courses, woodworking, horticulture, ag business, ag

science and history, as well as junior high shop.



**VINCENT KRAMER '84** is enjoying success as co-author of the

book, "Mastering the Art of Success," with Jack Canfield of the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series. The new book recently ranked on the Amazon.com best-seller list. Kramer is chairman of Spirit Wind Inc., the parent company of Imagine Miracles and the Sophia Retreat Center in Dolores, Colorado. The company aids people in a variety of self-improvement courses. He is also a graduate of Air Force Officer and Pilot Training and an Airbus Captain with a major airline.

**DAVID SHANK '88** has joined Forbes Media as its Midwest sales director based in Chicago. In this role, Shank is responsible for managing the company's Chicago office and leading the Midwest sales team in managing accounts and revenue growth. Shank has nearly 25 years of advertising sales experience, including digital marketing for financial, technology, telecom, retail, and consumer packaged goods firms. Prior to joining Forbes, he was senior director at Yahoo and spent more than a decade at Dow Jones.

### 1990s

**PATTI WHITE FULLER '91** has been honored as a distinguished alumna of Hillsboro High School.



Fuller was recently honored by the Hillsboro Education Foundation for her work founding a business to help hearing impaired people enjoy major sporting events. Fuller started Good Sport Captioning in 2006. Her first client was the St. Louis Cardinals, which needed text translations of public address announcements at its

then-new stadium. Subsequent clients included the New York Mets, New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs, Miami Marlins, and Atlanta Braves among other teams. She is currently breaking into the college football market, providing captioning for the University of Missouri and University of Illinois.

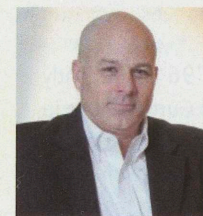
**JASON JENNE '93** has been appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer of Fred's,



Inc. He took over the position in August. Jenne joined the company in September

2016 as senior vice president of finance. He is a Certified Public Accountant with more than 25 years of operations and finance experience. Jenne previously president and chief executive officer of True Temper Sports, the world's leading manufacturer of golf club shafts.

**SEAN KNAPP '93** was recently named vice president of North America, plan nutrition at



Compass Minerals. Knapp will oversee the continent's business strategy

in sales, marketing, product management, and distribution. He joined Compass after nearly 20 years with Syngenta, a global agricultural product company. Prior to that, Knapp worked in agricultural retail sales in southwestern Illinois.



## Alumni Farmers Find Success In Podcasting



After nearly going broke in hog farming, **ROBERT SHARKEY '98** and **EMILY SHARKEY '96**, have found renewed success in a weekly podcast listened to by thousands of farmers across North America. "Shark Farmer" is a weekly show that takes farming and talks about various challenges, emotional or otherwise, associated with the profession. The podcast, done from their home in Bradford, Illinois, sometimes veers into deep subjects, but farmers from the U.S. and Canada have found comfort in the conversation. And the advertisers are flocking in to reach the Sharkeys' audience.

"Farmers are becoming a bit isolated," Sharkey recently told a reporter for The Stark County News. "They want to hear about what other farmers are facing in agriculture, a world changing faster than anyone can absorb."

The "Shark Farmer" podcast is released every Tuesday.

**ALAN RODE '96** has recently written "Michael Curtiz: A Life in Film," a book examining the career of the Academy Award-winning director best known for his work in films like "Casablanca" and "White Christmas." The book is being published by the University Press of Kentucky and is the first biography of Curtiz. Rode works as a writer and film scholar. He is the host and producer of the Arthur Lyons Film Noir Festival in Palm Springs, California, and director-treasurer of the Film Noir Foundation.

**TROY REISER '96** and wife **JACKIE REISER '88** have opened a franchise location for Measure, a provider of drone services for business consumers, in Springfield, Illinois.



Measure is the largest U.S. provider of drone service technologies for enterprise customers, offering best-in-class pilots and data collection. The

Springfield location is the first franchise for the company, based in Washington, D.C. The franchise will focus on services inspecting structures, like cell towers and wind farm turbines, as well as assessing crop yields, irrigation problems, and pest issues for farmers.

**BOMANI SPELL '99, '04** has been named vice president and dean of student life at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. Spell was previously dean of students at Tuskegee University in Alabama, performing responsibilities similar to his current role. He began his academic career as a term instructor in the Africana Studies Department of SIU, teaching courses and handling college orientation and students' first year experience.



## 2000s

**LEAH HOFFERKAMP '00** has been named a future leader in the interior design profession by the American Society of Interior Designers. Hofferkamp, an architect in HOK's St. Louis studio, was given a "One to Watch" award. Her design work is primarily focused on the healthcare industry. Recent projects include the BJC HealthCare Washington University School of Medicine Campus Renewal Project, as



well as development for Indiana University Health and the Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis.

**KELLY MONTGOMERY '01** was recently named Commander, U.S. Army ROTC at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Montgomery began his military career in 1994, serving at Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia. He initially sought entrance to the FBI but changed his path once he became involved in the ROTC. Kelly served in combat in both Afghanistan and Iraq in the wars following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Prior to his current role, Montgomery worked in the Special Operations Command Central in Tampa, Florida.



**SEAN DONAHUE, J.D. '04** was recently selected to replace Judge Richard McCoy in the 10th



Circuit Court in Peoria, Illinois. He was sworn into office in September. Donahue will primarily be presiding over small claims and probate cases in Tazwell County. Donahue's career began in the local state's attorney's office. He opened a law practice with a partner in 2006 and went solo in 2011, also serving as an assistant public defender until 2014.

**KRYSTAL (EISENBATH) HALL '05** recently won a National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Mid-America



## Alumna Named Illinois Teacher Of The Year



**LINDSEY JENSEN '05** has been named Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois State Board of Education. Jensen, a high school English and literature teacher at Dwight Township High School, was one of ten finalists chosen from 234 nominations for the award given annually.

Jensen was announced as the winner in October during the "Those Who Excel" banquet in Normal, Illinois, which acknowledged the work of more than 230 teachers and other school staff across the state. Teacher of the Year is awarded to the educator who continuously goes above and beyond the basics of the job to make students feel welcome and cared for in the classroom.

As this year's winner, Jensen will represent Illinois at the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama and in the Council of Chief State School Officers' National Teacher of the Year Program. She has been an educator for the last 12 years.



EMMY award for sports editing. Hall currently works at Fox Sports Midwest, where she edits for all four professional teams – St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Blues, Indiana Pacers, and Kansas City Royals – along with additional programming. Her work is primarily in pre-game and

post-game content, with teases and features throughout game production. Hall has worked for Fox Sports Midwest since 2007.



**JASON EMERT '07** was recently elected national chairman of the Young Republican National Federation. Emert is an adjunct

professor of American government at Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tennessee. The Young Republican National Federation represents more than 15,000 voting-age young, registered Republicans in the nation.

**CHANTELL EVANS '09** has been awarded a \$1.4 million fellowship from the Howard



Hughes Medical Institute. Evans, Ph.D., a researcher at the University

of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia who studies the underpinnings of brain diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, was one of 15 people to receive an award. Evans is currently studying what happens to the brain when it fails to get rid of cellular "trash," or mitochondria that have become damaged. Such flawed brain cells may be factors in a variety of neurodegenerative diseases.

**KENDRICK GREEN '10**

has been awarded the Navy-Marine Corps. Commendation Medal. Green is a Navy Chief Petty Officer. The medal is awarded for meritorious service or heroism in a combat or non-combat role. Recipients have either demonstrated consistently superb performance or a single exceptional act of heroism, service or professional leadership that contributed to the unit's mission.

**TYLER ROSSDEUTCHER '13**

has been promoted to national sales manager at Gold Eagle Company based in Chicago. In his role, Rossdeutcher will oversee strategic national and

regional retail accounts and be responsible for cultivating and maintaining relationships with key customers. He began his career with Gold Eagle as a sales intern in 2011 and has since filled several job duties, including consumer contact associate, customer field representative, and regional sales manager.

**LISA BADGLEY '15** has been appointed to the regional board of directors for the American Red



Cross of Chicago and Northern Illinois. Badgley is a vice president

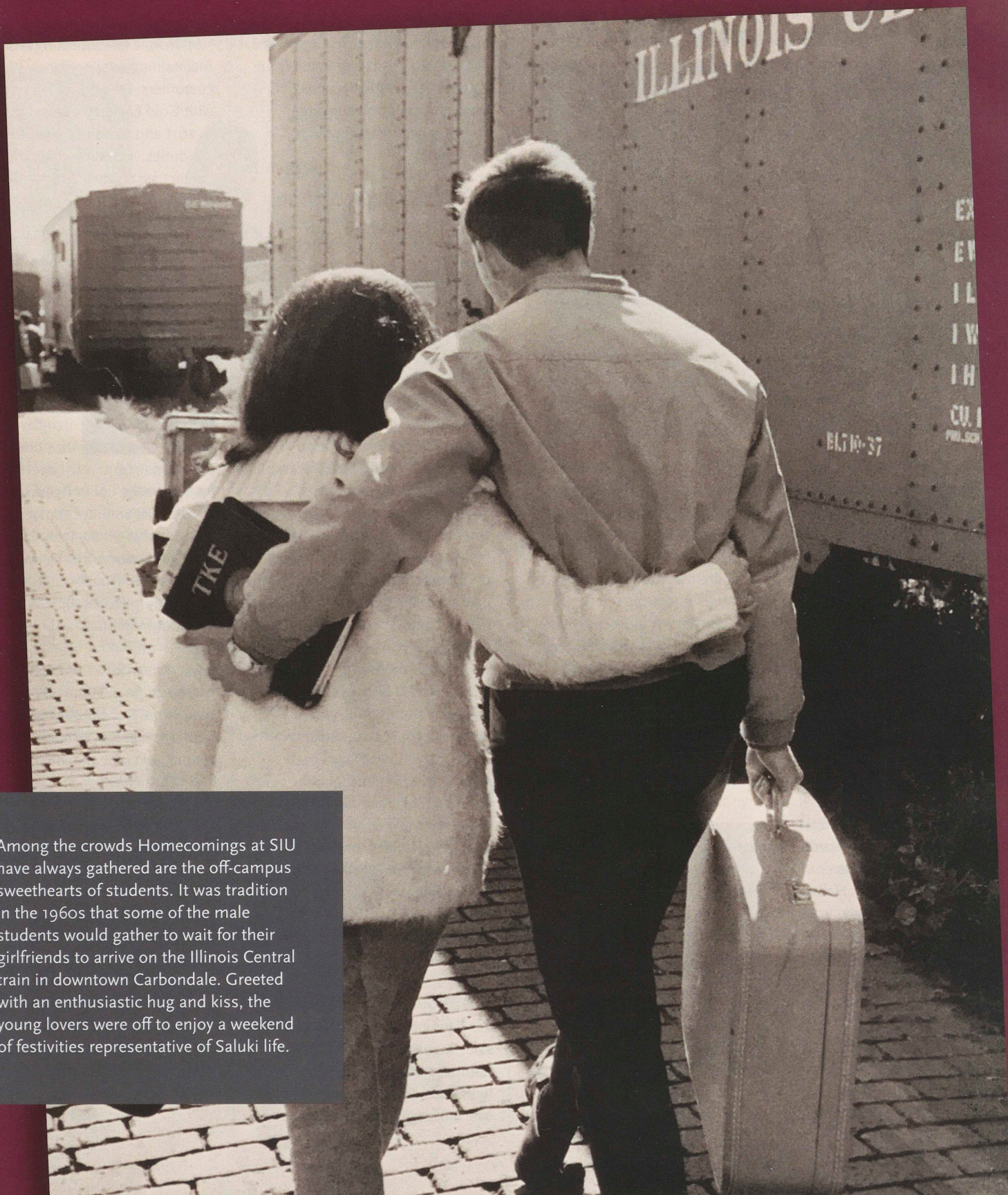
of pharmacy and retail operations for Walgreens Co. in Deerfield, Illinois. The volunteer board includes more than 30 civic and corporate leaders from a range of professional backgrounds and serves 9.5 million people in a 21-county region.

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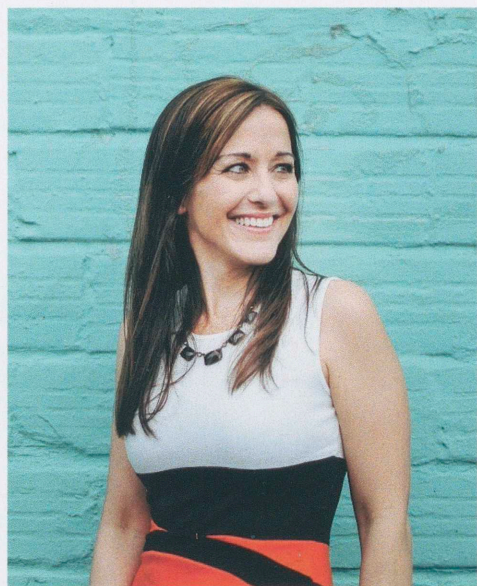
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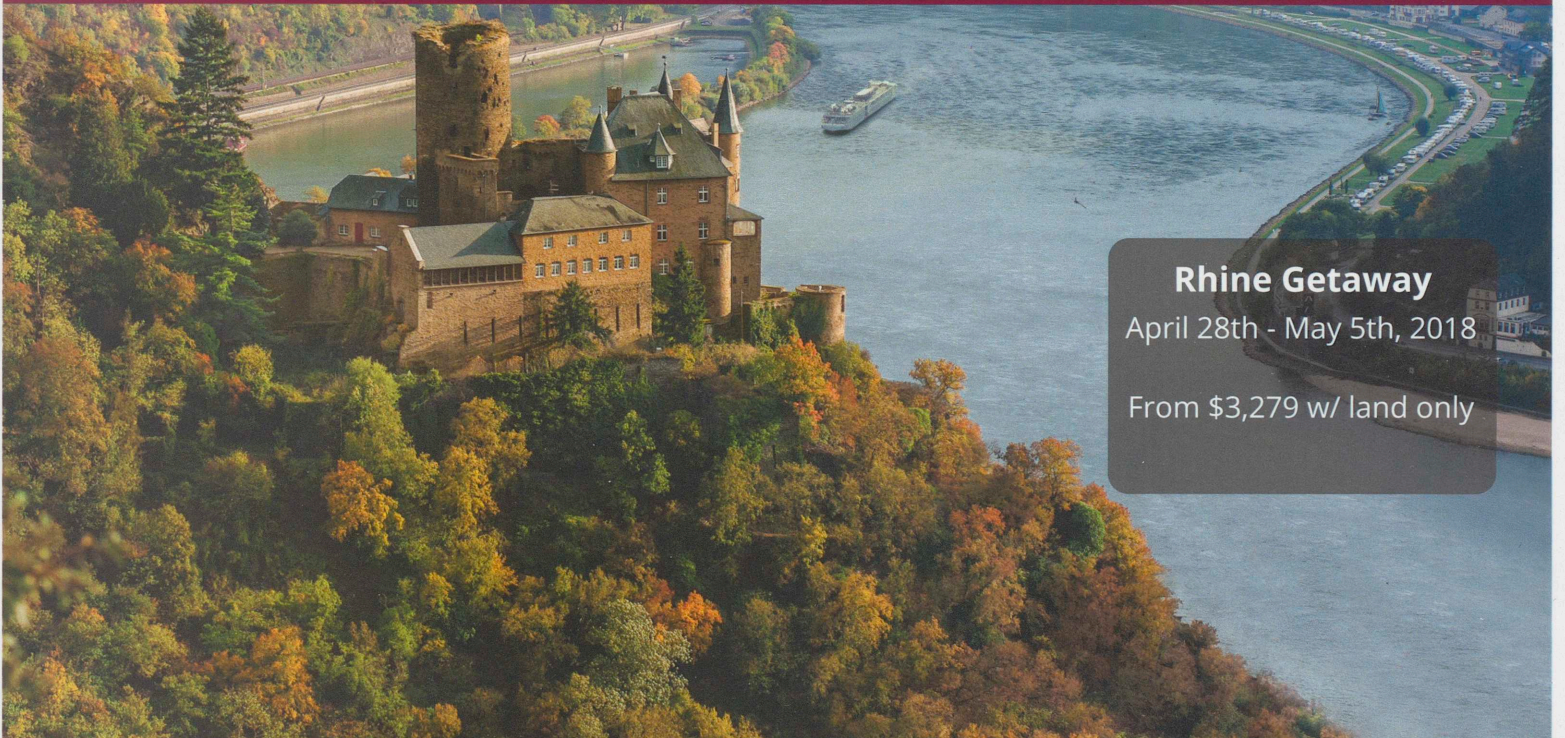


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