

Southern Highlights

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Programs

Beginning with the summer 2008 semester, students at Southern have the option of including a Native American Studies minor in their course of study. The minor includes a core of required courses from the anthropology and history departments supplemented by courses in English and sociology.

The Southern softball team has earned a Public Recognition Award by the National Collegiate Athletic Association for earning a high score in the latest Academic Progress Rate. The team's score was in the top 10 percent of all NCAA softball teams, and was one of 29 teams to be honored.

For the second consecutive year, Saluki volunteerism captured a spot on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes American college and university students for their hard work and dedication.

The SIU Wind Ensemble performed on March 26 at Carnegie Hall as part of the New York Band and Orchestra Festival. They were one of two ensembles to give a performance. The ensemble earned its spot through competitive audition.

SIU's aerobatic team won the International Aerobatic Club's Collegiate Team Award in March. Andrew Bochnovic, a senior in aviation technologies, won the 2007 IAC Individual Collegiate Trophy as the top scoring aerobatic pilot.

A delegation from SIU recently returned from Taiwan, where they met with officials at several universities. One major accomplishment was an invitation for 30 SIU architecture students and faculty members to visit a Taiwan university for a course in comparative architecture.

People Student Accomplishment

Senior art major Ryan Jansen took the 6,000-pound prize in the James Dyson International Design Awards for his garden rake. Entries from a total of 14 countries were included in the contest.

Saluki freshman Nick Evans was one of nine players selected to play on the Reach USA traveling basketball squad that played in China during May. Reach USA is a division of Sports Reach, which is a Christian sports ministry founded 22 years ago for the purpose of reaching the world for Christ through sports.

Bryant Hale, a freshman from Pinckneyville, is a member of the men's softball junior Olympic team. The team will compete in the world championships in Canada, June 20-29.

SIU junior catcher Mark Kelly earned first-team all-Missouri Valley Conference honors and was awarded the MVC Good Neighbor Award. Kelly ranked first on the team in batting average, runs scored, doubles, RBIs and on-base percentage. Senior designated hitter Adam Hills and junior pitcher Cody Adams were named to the 2008 MVC All-Tournament Team.

Junior sociology major Ashley A. Grimes is a 2008 William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Award winner. The National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association award honors students for their efforts in the field of recreation, in the classroom and for participation and volunteerism involvement on and off campus.

Saluki men's basketball player Bryan Mullins won the Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year award. Randal Falker and Mullins were also named to the all-conference and all-defense teams.

Emily Harris, a senior fashion design student, earned a one-year internship with a top New York bridal gown designer at a design competition. The Peoria native claimed the AMSALE internship at The Circle City Showcase in January.

SIU student Jarin E. Dunnigan is the 2008 State of Illinois Student Employee of the Year. He received a \$400 scholarship from the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators. Dunnigan joined the Department of Public Safety Saluki Patrol in 2006.

Jamie M. Douglas of Cottage Hills won \$1,000 from Alltech, a global corporation specializing in animal and human nutrition, for her paper on the ill effects of fescue poisoning on beef cattle reproduction.

Erin Pauk (women's basketball), Krystal Stein (softball) and Abby Blank (women's swimming & diving) were three of 38 student-athletes in the MVC to earn the league's highest academic achievement by capturing the President's Council Academic Excellence Award. The award requires a minimum 3.8 cumulative grade point average and athletic participation.

Salukis named to the 2008 MVC Track & Field Scholar-Athlete Team: Jason Brosseau, Kevin Doran, Justin P. Kozak, Greg McBride, Jason Ordway, Joe Paradiso, Jeff Schirmer, Judeka Adams, Kendra Deck, A'Seret Dokubo, Sasha Leeth, Andrea Norris, Bianca Stuart, Toni Whitfield and Nefeteri Williams.

Senior first baseman Lauren Haas was named the 2008 Missouri Valley Conference Softball Player of the Year and selected First Team All-MVC. Freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson was named to the MVC All-Tournament Team. Haas was also selected as a member of the 2008 Great Lakes All-Region Softball First Team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Haas, Krystal Stein and Tiffanie Dismore were selected to the 2008 MVC Scholar-Athlete Team.

Fresnel Houecande of the Republic of Benin, a School of Accountancy student, has won a National Association of Black Accountants scholarship. Winners must have high GPAs and leadership experience.

Saluki men's golfers received the following MVC honors:

- Junior John Danielson was named to the 10-player All-MVC First Team.
- Sophomore Jordan Cox was named Newcomer of the Year.
- Blake Driskell and Todd Obergoenner were named to the Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete First Team.

Southern women's golf team member Kelly Gerlach was named to the 2008 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team. Gerlach boasts a 3.71 GPA while working on her master's in public administration.

SIU placed swim team members Emily Duerringer, Kelly Dvorak, Emily Gable, Tovah Gasparovich, Lisa Jaquez, Julie Ju, Isabel Madeira, Therese Mattsson and Marcela Teixeira on the All-MVC First Team. Salukis earning spots on the Valley's Scholar-Athlete Team were Abby Blank, Duerringer, Dvorak, Jaquez, Keli Kramer, Madeira, Mattsson, Natalie McLean, Karen Mullendore and Lindsey Smith.

Senior softball player Krystal Stein has been awarded the Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics by the NCAA and the MVC post-graduate scholarship known as the "Emerson Excellence Award."

Nathan Babian, a sophomore in SIU's radio-television program, was part of a production that captured an Emmy in the "Special Event/Edited" category in January at the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Mid-South Regional Chapter Emmy Awards. He was co-editor and did audio for the field shoots.

Senior Brittany Riley was named the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Midwest Region Women's Field Athlete of the Year. Riley also received her third consecutive MVC Indoor Most Outstanding Field Athlete Award in March.

Southern's tennis team student-athlete Hugo Vidal was selected to the MVC scholar-athlete team, while Lucas Waked and Sabine Tsala Mvilongo earned places on the All-Select Team.

Tracy G. Mellendorf and Daniel D. Schnitker, both enrolled in the Department of Plant, Soil and Agricultural Systems master's program, won first and second place, respectively, in the oral paper contest at the North Central Weed Science Society's annual meeting in December.

At the 2008 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Championships in May, Saluki athletes Brandon Deloney and Brittany Riley garnered individual awards. Deloney was named the Men's Most Outstanding Track Athlete after winning the 200-meter title. Riley won both the discus and hammer. Her hammer mark ranks nationally, earning her the Women's Most Outstanding Field Athlete. The Saluki men won both sprint relays. Jeff Schirmer won his second title in the 5,000-meter run.

Students Tim Wilkerson and Sean Brown won in the magazine shows category for "Alt.news 26:46," at the 29th annual College Television Awards in March.

Saluki forward Randal Falker was named to The National Association of Basketball Coaches District 11 Second Team in March.

Saluki basketball guard Erin Pauk was one of 15 student-athletes named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V Women's Basketball Team.

James Scoles, a graduate student from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, won the fiction section of the Prairie Fire Fiction Contest for 2007. He received a \$1,250 cash prize and publication of his story, "El Juego."

The Saluki women's basketball student-athlete Erica Smith was selected to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Defensive team, while Ellen Young earned All-Freshman honors.

Andrew R. Roszak is one of two 2008-2009 David A. Winston Health Policy Fellows. The fellowship is to learn about the political system through direct exposure to public and private sector roles in health policy development.

Saluki basketball junior guard Bryan Mullins was named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America second team. He has a 4.0 GPA and is majoring in finance. He has also been named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete team.

Julie Ju, a senior from China, set a record for the 100-yard breaststroke at the State Farm/MVC Swimming and Diving Championships in February. She also earned her third-consecutive MVC Swimmer of the Year award. Freshman Emily Gable won the MVC Women's Diver of the Year.

Saluki junior men's golfer Todd Obergöenner earned the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V First Team honors. Obergöenner, who was also named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team, carries a 4.0 cumulative grade-point-average in university studies.

Salukis earning the Gateway Football Conference President's Council Academic Excellence Award are Ryan Beeler, Rick Burgess, Tony Colletti, Jon Habbe, Nick Hill, Ryan Kernes, Todd Moe, Ryan Patton, Duke Pfitzinger, Matt Ruth, Shawn Smith, B.J. Thompson and Alex Tietz. A total of 43 student-athletes represented SIU on the 2007 GFC Honor Roll.

Teams from the SIU School of Law took top honors at a recent disability law moot court competition at Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, Calif.:

- Second-year law students Amanda Horner and Kyle Mardis won the inaugural Frank N. Darras Disability Law Moot Court Competition and earned top honors for writing the best legal brief.
- Gregory W. Odom II received the award for best oral advocate.

At a civil rights moot court competition at the University of Minnesota Law School:

- Brady Barke, Natalie Gregory and Jason Leonard earned top honors for writing the best legal brief.

"Security Dawgs," the seven-member team led by faculty advisor, Belle S. Woodward, finished second among four Illinois teams competing at the Indiana/Illinois Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition at Fort Wayne, Ind., in February.

At the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships in March, Brittany Riley won her third weight throw title and set a new record. Bianca Stuart won the long jump, Joe Mueller was first in the weight throw, while Brenton Siemons defended his shot put title. Brandon Deloney, Sammy Biggs and Jeff Schirmer took individual titles in the 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash and 3,000-meter run, respectively. Shirmer also won the 5,000-meter run.

SIU's debate team captured first place at the National Parliamentary Debate Association first-round championships at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., in March. Kevin Calderwood and Kyle Dennis bested competition from University of California at Berkeley and UCLA among others. The team also entered duos in the secondary national year-end tournament in Colorado Springs, Colo., where Calderwood won the top spot in the individual awards, solidifying his position as the best debater in the country. Dennis took third place overall in the individual awards. The team was the special guest of Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn on May 14 in Springfield. Rep. Mike Bost and Sen. Dave Luechtefeld introduced the team on the floors of the House and the Senate, respectively. Bost read a resolution honoring the entire team for its accomplishments, which was approved unanimously by the House.

Saluki junior women's basketball student-athlete Erica Smith has been honored with the MVC Good Neighbor Award. The award recognizes students in good academic standing who demonstrate good sportsmanship and community service.

Joe Batir, a junior from Channahon, is the recipient of a Morris K. Udall Foundation scholarship. The scholarship provides \$5,000 plus an all-expense-paid trip to Arizona to meet the other Udall winners and experts in environmental studies.

Softball senior first baseman Lauren Haas and senior outfielder Krystal Stein were selected to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V First Team. Stein was also selected to the Academic All-America Third Team.

Alumni Achievements

Parker Somerville, a 2007 radio-television graduate, was one of 16 houseguests on CBS' reality show, "Big Brother 9," which premiered in February. He was a part of the second pair evicted from the cast.

Former Saluki quarterback Nick Hill signed to play with the Chicago Bears, while former offensive tackle Darren Marquez joined the Indianapolis Colts.

Southern graduate Hilla Medalia's documentary, "To Die in Jerusalem," earned a George Foster Peabody Award, one of 35 recipients judged to be the best in electronic media for 2007. The documentary also captured the grand prize at the Sixth International Human Rights Film Festival in Paris. The two awards follow the film winning a jury award at the 21st annual International Festival of Audiovisual Programs in Biarritz, France, earlier this year.

James E. Tally, a three-degree graduate of SIU, has been named CEO of the Year by *Business to Business* magazine, one of Atlanta's leading business publications.

Michael Meyerhofer, a 2006 master of fine arts graduate, won the 2007 Codhill Press Chapbook Award for his manuscript, "The Clay-Shaper's Husband." The award carries a \$500 cash prize.

Southern graduate James M. Manis Jr., director of Hoyleton Children's Home Foundation, has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for showing excellence in all aspects of social services.

Chad Parmenter, a 2005 master of fine arts graduate, recently won the poetry part of the 2007 *Black Warrior Review* Poetry and Fiction Contest with his poem, "Batellite, Batellite of Love." The award includes a \$1,000 cash prize.

Faculty and Staff Honors

Award-winning journalist William Recktenwald, a senior lecturer and journalist-in-residence at Southern, has been selected to enter The International Press Club of Chicago's Journalism Hall of Fame.

Jake M. Rose, associate professor of accounting, has been awarded an Australian Research Council grant, valued at \$384,000 over three years, to develop a highly-sophisticated expert system for accounting practitioners.

SIU zoologists Karen R. Lips and Michael W. Sears published a paper in the journal *PLOS Biology*. The research focuses on a deadly fungus that is killing frogs in Central and South America, and that could threaten amphibians in North America.

Robert H. Swenson, associate professor at SIU, has received the Illinois State Historical Society's Lifetime Achievement Award. The ISHS recognized Swenson for his efforts to interpret, preserve and promote the state's history.

Stephen O. Buhman, a producer/visual media professional at University Communications, took top honors in the Science and Research category in the University Photographers Association of America's Monthly Image Competition. Buhman's entry was a "Viva Las Vegas" photograph of an eye peaking over the lens of glasses reflecting a gambler in action.

Junghwa Lee, assistant professor of piano, debuts in a Carnegie Hall solo performance on June 21.

John Mead, director of the Coal Extraction and Utilization Research Center at SIU, recently joined the National Coal Board. The organization advises the secretary of energy on national matters related to coal, coal programs and policies. Mead is one of about 100 members, all appointed by Secretary of Energy Samuel Wright Bodman.

Leslie Duram, chair of the Geography and Environmental Resources department, is part of the Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force, a group appointed by the governor and mandated by the Illinois Food, Farms and Jobs Act. The task force's charge is to make policy and funding recommendations for supporting a state, local and organic food system.

The American Board of Toxicology named Jay C. Means, dean of the College of Science, as a diplomate of its organization. Also, the Academy of Toxicological Sciences elected Means as a fellow. The honors certify Means as a national and international leader in the field of toxicology, which is the investigation of the adverse effects of substances on living organisms.

The Mathematical Association of America named Salah E. A. Mohammed as this year's David Blackwell Lecturer for the group's annual event. Mohammed is a professor and distinguished scholar in the Department of Mathematics. He will give the lecture during MathFest, set for July in Madison, Wis.

Allison E. Joseph, director of the creative writing program, won the Elizabeth R. Curry Prize in Poetry from the *Sound and Literary Art Book* of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. The next issue features her poem, "What Poetry Is."

Professor of marketing Gordon C. Bruner II has been named one of the "Most Cited Internet Advertising Authors" by the *Journal of Advertising*. Two of his articles were also among the journal's list of "Most Cited Internet-Related Papers."

SIU radio personality Mike Reis has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the John Sanders Spirit of The Valley Award. The Missouri Valley Conference presents the award to a student-athlete, coach or university administrator who exemplifies the spirit of John Sanders, former MVC assistant commissioner for operations.

Gayla M. Stoner, administrative assistant in the Division of Continuing Education, is the recipient of the 2008 Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education Research Grant. Stoner will present her research results, "Faculty Support and Recruitment for Online Courses at Southern Illinois University Carbondale," at the ICCHE conference in February 2009.

María de las Mercedes Calbi, assistant professor of physics, has received a CAREER award from the National Science Foundation to support her research project, titled "Kinetics of Adsorption in Nanoporous Structures." The \$400,000 grant continues through 2013.

Carma Gorman, associate professor of art history and academic head of the School of Art and Design, was honored by the Organization of American Historians. They named her essay, "Educating the Eye: Body Mechanics and Streamlining in the United States, 1925-1950," from *American Quarterly* one of the 10 best American history essays of the year.

Harris Deller, director of the School of Art and Design, earned recognition from the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts with the Excellence in Teaching Award.

"Incorporating Problem-Based Learning in MIS Education," a paper by professor Dr. Peter P. Mykytyn, Jr.; lecturer Kathleen Mykytyn; doctoral student Ann Pearson and former faculty member Dr. Souren Paul, all of the management department, has been chosen as one of the best for 2007-2008 in *Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education*.

Kathryn B. Ward, sociology professor, received the Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award and Jennifer L. Dunn, sociology associate professor, received the Early Career Scholarship Award from the Midwest Sociological Society.

Dr. Michael R. Pranzatelli, professor of neurology and pediatrics and chief of child neurology at the School of Medicine, has been awarded four national grants totaling \$578,362. The projects involve pediatric opsoclonus-myoclonus syndrome, which causes a sudden inability in a child's capacity to talk, sit or walk. The studies may develop new therapies for OMS.

Pamela Smoot, clinical assistant professor in the Black American studies and history departments, won the 2008 Norman W. Cox Award for the Best Article Published by the Baptist History and Heritage Society at Mercer University in Atlanta, Ga. Smoot's article, "African American Baptist Women: Making A Way Out of No Way," was in the Summer/Fall 2007 issue.

Punit Kohli, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, received a \$216,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop ways to quickly and accurately detect very small amounts of e. coli and staphylococcus microbes.

Radmila Bogdanich, assistant to the chair of psychiatry and department administrator at the SIU School of Medicine, received the President's Award from the Administrators in Academic Psychiatry at their annual meeting in April.

Places

A new research and scholarly networking tool is in place with the establishment of the SIU Center for Delta Studies. The Delta refers to a federally-designated area known as the Delta Regional Authority featuring 240 counties and parishes in eight states bordering the lower Mississippi River. The region includes 16 southern Illinois counties. The center is not a physical place, though plans call for it to have a cyber presence by its second year.

Morris Library has received Laborers' International Union of North America Local 773 and the union's Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' District Council records containing the stories of families whose work helped shape southern Illinois during the last 60 years. The agreement places the records with the library on permanent loan. The records, which date back to the 1940's, will provide a resource for scholars researching the history, politics and economy of the region.

The Southern Illinois Entrepreneurship Center at SIU has garnered national recognition from the Small Business Institute for its program CampCEO. The program was noted "for the development of a best practice in student experiential learning." CampCEO draws prospective young entrepreneurs who participate in a variety of interactive business training.

The Order of Lincoln Medallion was presented by Lincoln Academy officials on April 26 at Shryock Auditorium. The award is the highest honor the state can bestow to persons who were born or have resided in Illinois. The 2008 Laureates are:

- David Herbert Donald is one of the world's foremost Abraham Lincoln scholars and the winner of two Pulitzer Prizes.
- Judge Joel M. Flaum of Chicago is currently circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit.
- William Norwood, a native of Centralia, was the first African-American quarterback on the SIU Carbondale football team and the first African-American pilot to fly for United Airlines. Norwood served on SIU's Board of Trustees for 27 years.
- Granite City native Kenneth A. Shaw, retired chancellor of Syracuse University, served as president of SIU Edwardsville from 1977 to 1979, when he was named chancellor of the SIU System, a post he held until 1986.
- Thomas M. Siebel is the founder, chairman and CEO of Siebel Systems, one of the world's leading software companies.
- SIU alumnus Irl F. Engelhardt is the former chairman of Peabody Energy, the world's largest coal company.

Students from all over North America came to Southern on Memorial Day weekend for Midwest Games 2008. Dating from 1970, the games serve as a showcase for Malaysia, with sporting contests and cultural shows for about 1,000 students.

John LaPine, SIU alumnus and owner of Printers Row Fine and Rare Books in Chicago, presented to Morris Library a first-edition printing of the first book of verse published by a black poet. Phillis Wheatley's "Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral" appeared in print in 1773. She came to Boston in 1761, as a slave, at the age of seven.

Crab Orchard Review, the literary journal published by the Department of English, won an Illinois Arts Council Literary Award. The writers and the literary journals that published the award-winning work each receive \$1,000 as part of the award.