

SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

September 2011

UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

Program Awards

The National Association of College and University Food Services is honoring **University Housing** at SIUC with first place for Most Innovative Nutrition Program, as well as the bronze award in the annual Loyal E. Horton Dining Award competition. The University's "Paint Your Plate! Incorporate the Colors of Good Nutrition" Health and Nutrition Fair, held March 23, earned the innovative nutrition award. The special event, "The Storm Remembered: An Evening in New Orleans" on Sept. 24, 2010, won the bronze plaque.

SIUC is one of the best universities in the Midwest, according to the latest *Princeton Review's* "Best of the Midwest" ranking profiles. Southern is one of 153 colleges and universities named as among the best by *Princeton Review's* "2012 Best Colleges: Region by Region." The regional best lists include only 25 percent of the undergraduate programs in the country, selected primarily for academic excellence.



Misty Tapp (left), supervisor of national program marketing program for collegiate programs for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, presents awards to SIUC students Jessica Stout and Caitlin Moliske.

Students have raised more than \$100,000 to fight childhood cancer and diseases and thanks to those efforts, SIUC brought home two top honors at the recent St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 2011 Collegiate Leadership Seminar in Memphis. **Up 'til Dawn** earned the Program of the Year Award, while **Jessica Stout** won the Executive Director of the Year Award.

The magazine *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* published its annual Top 100 Undergraduate Degree Producers and its Top 10 Degree Producers: Graduate and Professional rankings in recent issues. **SIUC** earned recognition in 29 undergraduate and 15 graduate categories.

The first edition and first issue of the earliest atlas of the New World was discovered in the **Early Printed Book Collection of Morris Library** in August. The book is entitled *Descriptionis Ptolemaicae augmentum, siue Occidentis notitia* by Corneille Wytfliet, and published in Louvain, Belgium, by Jean Bogard in 1597. It was published as a companion to Ptolemy's geography, and has been credited with dispelling many misconceptions about the New World held at the time.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Program Awards

The Howard G. Buffett Foundation is providing \$7 million to a **multidisciplinary team of SIUC researchers**. During at least the next six years, the team will examine the best ways to maximize agriculture in central Illinois. Researchers from the University, with the help of a philanthropic agriculture booster, are embarking on a multiyear research project that will test dozens of techniques and parameters in hopes of finding the best, most efficient and productive ways to use this vast natural resource.

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CARBONDALE

Compiled by the Department of Development Communication in the SIU Carbondale Division of Institutional Advancement through the courtesy of University Communications; college, school and department representatives; and Saluki Athletics.

The American Water Resources Association named the SIUC group its outstanding student chapter in the country. The prize includes an expense-paid trip for the club's president to attend the group's annual conference in New Mexico. The SIUC student group provides development, professional and academic opportunities for water resources students, while also providing information for the community at large.

COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND ARTS

Student Accomplishment

Daniel S. Harrington, a senior in aviation management, was chosen as the student representative to the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's 18-member national council. Harrington was one of five collegiate aviation students nationwide to interview for the seat. Harrington's selection, based on votes by competing schools, came prior to the Flying Salukis learning they captured the program's eighth national title in school history, May 21, at The Ohio State University.



Daniel Harrington

Darcie L. Cohee, a senior in information systems technologies, is receiving up to a \$15,000 scholarship from an international cybersecurity firm. Cohee is one of two students to receive a 2011 Snort Scholarship from Sourcefire, Inc.

Faculty and Staff Honors

Erin Jackson and **Melanie Murdock**, flight instructors in the Aviation Management and Flight program, placed fifth among 43 finishing teams at the 2011 Air Race Classic. The race began June 22, in Alliance, Neb., and concluded June 24, in Mobile, Ala.

Program Awards

The School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies was designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education from the National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. SIUC is now among 145 institutions nationwide recognized as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education.

Students who are interested in air traffic control can now minor in the field through the aviation program. The Air Traffic Control minor will offer students more detailed instruction and hands-on experience than air traffic control courses already available in the program. The program will also feature \$650,000 in new ATC tower and simulation equipment.

An American Dental Association grant will help SIUC's Dental Hygiene Program enhance the annual "Give Kids A Smile Day." A "Give Kids A Smile Continuity of Care Grant" will allow the program to establish a computer-based case management system for participating children. The annual event provides free dental care to children in the region.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Faculty and Staff Honors

Reed Nelson, a professor emeritus from the Department of Management, will receive the Greif Research Impact award for a paper published in the *Administrative Science Quarterly* journal. The paper, "Creating Something from Nothing: Resource Construction through Entrepreneurial Bricolage," was originally published in 2007. The award recognizes Nelson's paper as the most cited work in the five years after its publication.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Student Accomplishment

David Beasley recently won the 2011 Governor's Legacy Volunteer Award, presented by South Carolina Gov. Nikki R. Haley. The

presentation at the South Carolina State House recognized Beasley for his volunteerism efforts, particularly with the American Red Cross. Employed by Airgas National Welders in Charleston as a warehouse staff member and relief route driver, Beasley is also taking a full class load, attending SIUC weekend classes through the program located on the Charleston Air Force Base. He is completing his bachelor of science in Workforce Education and Development.

Brooke D. Walker will serve a year-long educational externship in New York courtesy of a \$20,000 grant award from the prestigious Fred S. Keller School for Autism. Walker is completing the final year of the behavior analysis and therapy doctoral program at the SIUC Rehabilitation Institute. Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, professor and director of the SIUC Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, earned the grant, which will enable Walker to serve the externship at Columbia University and complete her dissertation there.

Faculty and Staff Honors

John J. Benshoff, director of the Rehabilitation Institute, is the recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Award from the National Council on Rehabilitation Education. The award, in recognition of a lifetime of accomplishments in the field, came at NCRE's annual conference in California. Also at the conference, **Stacia L. Robertson**, an associate professor in SIUC's rehabilitation program, received the NCRE Rehabilitation Educator of the Year Award.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Faculty and Staff Honors

Yoginder "Paul" Chugh, professor in the Department of Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, will receive a Senior Specialist Fulbright Award. The award, which Chugh will receive in December, will help him develop dust control expertise while working in India.

Jale Tezcan, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, and **Qiang Cheng**, assistant professor of computer science, received a three-year, \$260,000 federal grant from the National Science Foundation aimed at preventing structural damage from an earthquake like the kind Japan suffered this spring. The two researchers, along with graduate students, have begun pulling data together and formulating software to analyze and it.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Student Accomplishment



Kristi Brownfield

Kristi Brownfield, a doctoral student in sociology, is the Carl J. Couch Internet Research Award recipient for 2011. The annual award, sponsored by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research, is open to graduate and undergraduate students of all disciplines. Brownfield's paper is titled, "Shots to the canon: the emergence of interpretation in online fanvid discourse." She posits that fanvids can serve as a gauge for the diffusion of cultural narratives and cultural meaning.

Kazi Ahmed, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Economics, attended the fourth meeting of the Winners of the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. The meeting was held in Lindau, Germany in August. Seventeen Nobel Laureates and about 370 young economists from 65 countries attended the meeting. Ahmed was part of a 30-member U.S. team.

Alumni Achievement

A SIUC alumnus recently became the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Honor Graduate of the Year. **Eric Heiple** earned top honors from among thousands of students who pass through FLETC based on his academic success -- he had the highest academic average of the 2010 students. Heiple earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice and criminology at SIUC.

Program Awards

A new degree specialization within SIUC's Fashion Design and Merchandising program could allow graduates to work alongside film producers and directors or with major retailers. The **fashion stylist specialization** is a unique offering among public universities. The specialization begins in August with the 2011 fall semester.



Mark Wagner and his team explore the grounds behind the Crenshaw House.

A team of archaeologists, under the direction of **Mark Wagner** from the Center for Archaeological Investigations, earned a three-year grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The grant will allow the group to explore the backyard of the Crenshaw House, near Equality in Gallatin County, for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The project laid out for Wagner and his team is to find out what was in the yard.

The **University Museum** is the recipient of a 2011 Museums for America grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services that will help move the museum into the digital realm. The \$149,955 grant for collections stewardship will help the museum implement the digitization phase of its 21st Century Collection Management Initiative over the next two years.

COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS

Faculty and Staff Honors

Greg Petrowich, executive director of WSIU Public Broadcasting, will be a member of the Illinois Humanities Council Board of Directors. Petrowich's three-year term began July 1.

Program Awards

Students who are interested in learning more about the impact that media has on their lives can now earn a minor in **Television Studies** through the Department of Radio-Television. The minor will allow students, including those who do not plan to work in the industry or become media professionals, the opportunity to gain a critical ability to understand how media is involved in their lives.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Student Accomplishment

Jeff Hillis, a master's student in zoology, will receive a Science To Achieve Results grant award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Hillis is studying the impact of chemicals in water that mimic estrogen on male bluegill fish. The chemicals tend to feminize the male fish, leading to reductions in their reproductive capacity and potentially population declines in lakes.

Two graduate students at SIUC earned prestigious study opportunities with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the nation's top weather research organization. **Hannah Kalk**, who just completed her graduate work in plant biology, and **Adam Chupp**, a current doctoral student in plant biology, both garnered the opportunities at the NOAA's Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on the coast of Mississippi.



Angela Rollins

LAW

Student Accomplishment

Angela Rollins will receive the 2011 Student Division Public Service Award from the Illinois State Bar Association during the organization's 135th annual meeting. The award honors Rollins for her commitment to public service law.

Faculty and Staff Honors

Frank G.Houdek, associate dean for academic affairs and professor, will receive the 2011 Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award in July. The award is the American Association of Law Libraries' highest honor.

ATHLETICS

Student Accomplishment

Saluki sophomore **Brock Harding** was named to the 2011 Missouri Valley Conference Baseball Scholar-Athlete honorable mention team.

SIUC junior first baseman **Chris Serritella** was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 31st round of the 2011 Major League Baseball Draft. Serritella, a 6-3, 212-pound left-handed hitter, was taken with the 936th overall pick in the draft. He becomes the 16th Saluki selected in the draft in the last 10 years and the 24th since 1995.

Left-handed pitcher **Tyler Dray** was named to the 2011 Louisville Slugger Freshmen All-American Baseball Team, as selected by Collegiate Baseball newspaper.

Track and field/cross country athlete **Emily Toennies** was awarded the Missouri Valley Conference's Emerson Excellence Award. The award is the MVC's postgraduate scholarship given annually to one male and female Valley athlete due to their exemplary academic and athletic performances. Toennies will receive a \$10,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Saluki senior **Jake Deiters** earned second-team All-America honors with an 11th-place finish in the discus during the first day of the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

SIUC junior **Jeneva McCall** finished second in the nation in the hammer throw to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Championships. She earned her second All-America honor after taking seventh in the shot put at the competition.

Mallory Duran, a junior outfielder, was named a spring recipient of the Missouri Valley Conference State Farm Good Neighbor Award. In order to be eligible the student-athlete must be in good academic standing, must demonstrate good citizenship through good sportsmanship and significant community service, and must participate in a sport during the season of recognition.

Mike McElroy was nominated for the 2011 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, which recognizes the selfless contributions to volunteerism and community service made by college football student-athletes across the nation. In order to meet the criteria set forth by Allstate and the American Football Coaches Association, each player must be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or community service while maintaining good academic standing.

Saluki seniors **Bryan Boemer** and **David Pickard** were named to Phil Steele's 2011 Preseason FCS All-American Teams in his 2011 FCS College Football Preview magazine.

The SIUC football team had three players named to The Sports Network/Fathead.com FCS Preseason All-America Teams. Senior center **Bryan Boemer** and senior safety **Mike McElroy** both made the second team while senior left tackle **David Pickard** was a third team selection.

Saluki swimmer **Csaba Gercsak** won the bronze medal in the 25-kilometer distance swim at the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships in Shenghai, China.

Alisha Matthews and **Ashleigh Rushing** were named to the 2011 National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar team.

Junior baseball player **Chris Serritella** earned Player of the Year (Mike Schmidt Award) honors in the Prospect League. Serritella was also named the Prospect League's Pro Prospect of the Year after leading the Quincy Gems to the Prospect League title.

Bryan Boemer, **Mike McElroy** and **David Pickard** were named to the 2011 Football Championship Subdivision Preseason All-America teams. Pickard, an offensive tackle, and McElroy, a strong safety, were both named to CSN's first team while Boemer, a center, was a third-team selection.

The SIUC men's tennis team was named to the ITA All-Academic Team. In order to be recognized, a team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. Four Saluki men's tennis players were named to the ITA Scholar-Athlete Team: sophomores **Jordan Snyder** and **Orhan Spahic**, and freshmen **Rafael Cuadrillero** and **Adam Fabik**.

The SIUC women's tennis team was named to the ITA All-Academic Team. In order to be recognized, a team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. Three Saluki women's tennis players were named to the ITA Scholar-Athlete Team: juniors **Anita Lee**, **Anastacia Simons** and **Melanie Delsart**.

Faculty and Staff Honors

SIUC was one of 43 institutions to receive a U.S. Olympic Achievement Award during the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics convention in Orlando, Fla. The US Olympic Committee presented SIUC the award based on track and field coach **Connie Price-Smith**'s involvement in helping the USA Track and Field team win a gold medal during the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

SIUC head track coach **Connie Price-Smith** served as Team USA's head women's coach at the IAAF World Championships. Saluki thrower **Jeneva McCall** competed for Team USA in the hammer throw, and SIUC graduate **Bianca Stuart** represented the Bahamas in the long jump.

Alumni Achievement

Former Saluki swimmer **Jorge Delgado** recently accepted his Certificate of Merit from the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame at The United Nations.

Program Awards

The SIUC **volleyball team** was honored as an American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award recipient for the sixth consecutive season. Southern is one of 92 NCAA Division I schools to received the honor this year for finishing the 2010-11 academic year with a team GPA above 3.30.