

# SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

June 2011

## UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

### Student Accomplishment

SIU students took the top three awards as well as honorable mention awards at the St. Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium. The event included student researchers from SIU's Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri St. Louis, and St. Louis University. This year, SIUC's winning students included **Shannon R. Berg**, a chemistry major; **Karla Keller Avelar**, a criminal justice major; **Derreck W. Langwith**, a linguistics major; **Julia L. Sheffler**, a psychology major; and **Jordan L. Kabat**, a mechanical engineering major.

### Faculty and Staff Honors



The 2011 winner of the Marlene Kowalski-Braun Award for Service to Women in Student Affairs is **Julie Payne-Kirchmeier**, assistant provost for University College and director of University Housing at SIU. Women in Student Affairs will present Payne-Kirchmeier with the award at their conference at Ohio State University in Columbus. The award recognizes an outstanding woman in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators IV-East Region for her service and contributions to and leadership within the student affairs profession.

**David H. Carlson**, dean of Library Affairs, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Illinois Library Association. The Illinois Library Association promotes the development, promotion and improvement of library services in the state to enhance learning and assure all have access to information.

**Dr. Ted Grace**, director of the SIU Student Health Center, is the recipient of the 2011 Clifford B. Reifler Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Journal of American College Health. Grace served as executive editor for the journal, an American College Health Association publication, from 2005 until earlier this year. He continues as the photography editor.

SIU Carbondale is helping lead a statewide effort to increase the number of adults with college degrees from the current 41 to 60 percent by 2025. **Chancellor Rita Cheng** is a member of the Complete College Illinois Team, which is chaired by Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon. Illinois is one of 26 states participating in Complete College America, an alliance focusing on college completion and enhancing partnerships between universities and community colleges.

### Program Awards

*The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: 2011 Edition* includes SIU. The book, the second annual edition from The Princeton Review and the U.S. Green Building Council, recognizes colleges that demonstrate a notable commitment to sustainability. Selections are based on a scoring system in which pollsters use data from a 50-question survey conducted with hundreds of administrators regarding their college's environmental and sustainability efforts and initiatives to assign numerical scores.

SIU earned a spot on the 2010 **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**. The Corporation for National and Community Service collaborates with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and The American Council on Education to sponsor the Honor Roll Program. It recognizes colleges and universities demonstrating a commitment to volunteerism, service-learning and civic engagement.



## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

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## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

### Faculty and Staff Honors

Clayton K. Nielsen, an associate professor with dual appointments in the Department of Forestry and the University's Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory, and zoology colleague Eric M. Schaubert, recently wrapped up a four-year assessment of the Conservation Reserve Program, the Wetlands Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program. Articles on their research, funded by a federal grant administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, have been published in *Journal of Wildlife Management* and *Wetlands*, and will appear soon in *Endangered Species Update* and *Journal of Mammology*.

## COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND ARTS

### Student Accomplishment

Michael S. Hill, a senior in the Health Care Management program, was honored for his academic excellence, volunteerism and leadership. He earned a certificate and monetary award from the Mid-America Healthcare Executives Forum during the organization's chapter meeting at the Marion Veteran's Administration Medical Center Recreation Hall.

Josh Lindberg, an aviation management and flight student, is among a select group of college students selected to participate in the "NoLimits" Southwest Airlines Internship Program.



Josh Lindberg

### Program Awards

SIU's Flying Salukis captured the 2011 National Intercollegiate Flying Association championship in May. With 10 team members scoring 414 points, the Flying Salukis won the title by nine points over two-time defending champion University of North Dakota in the competition at The Ohio State University Airport. It is the group's eighth national title, and the first since 1985.



Pictured with the national title trophy from left, are the Flying Salukis' assistant coaches Kevin Krongos, Jeffrey Jaynes, Bryan Harrison, Sabrina Zwego, and head coach, Nathan J. Lincoln.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### Student Accomplishment

A team of SIU students advanced to the semi-finals in the Missouri-Illinois Regional Idea 2 Product Competition at St. Louis University. The winners were Andrew Keenan, a second year MBA student, and Chris Mills, who is working on his MBA and a master's in engineering.

### Faculty and Staff Honors

Gov. Pat Quinn has named Allan Karnes, associate dean of the College of Business, to a five-year term on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. For the past 10 years, Karnes has been SIUC's representative to the IBHE's Faculty Advisory Council, which meets monthly to discuss issues and provide input to the IBHE. The council includes representatives of 12 public institutions, 12 community colleges and 12 private institutions.

### Program Awards

The College of Business earned a reaccreditation held by a small percentage of the world's top business schools. The business college learned recently that it maintained both its business and accounting accreditations from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business-International.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Faculty and Staff Honors

Tamara Yakaboski, an assistant professor of higher education and qualitative research, was named to the Association of College Unions International Board of Trustees. Yakaboski joined the 2011-2013 board at the ACUI's 91st annual conference in Chicago. ACUI is a non-profit educational organization, providing education, advocacy, services and networking for college union and student activities professionals. The group includes members from hundreds of colleges and universities in seven countries.



Hussein H. Soliman, professor in the School of Social Work, is now the Umm-Al-Qura University Professor Chair of the Alber Humanitarian Endowment. The Institute of Consulting Research and Studies recently selected Soliman for the honorary title of Alber Umm-Al Qura Humanitarian Professor in recognition of his scholarly contributions in the field of human services at the national and international levels.

Hussein H. Soliman

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

### Faculty and Staff Honors

James W. Blackburn, professor of mechanical engineering and energy processes in the College of Engineering at SIUC, is getting a \$100,000 Grand Challenges Explorations grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The money will go toward developing a potentially life-saving sanitation system that will use only naturally occurring biochemical processes and wind power to operate.

Dr. Bruce DeRuntz, associate professor in the College of Engineering, received the Partners in Quality Award from the Quality Management Division of the American Society for Quality. The award recognizes long-term support by an organization and individuals of that organization that have resulted in substantial progress toward the fulfillment of the QMD's programs and goals.

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration named Yoginder "Paul" Chugh a Distinguished Member at its recent meeting. Chugh, professor in the Department of Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, was honored for his long-time service and accomplishments in the field.



Yoginder "Paul" Chugh

### Program Awards

SIU's branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers travelled to Baton Rouge, La., to attend the Region 5 IEEE Conference. The group competed against other universities in robotics, ethics, and circuits competitions. Southern's Ethics Competition team won third place and was awarded at the conference banquet.

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

### Student Accomplishment

Jeremy Phillips, a graduate student in political science, earned a fellowship stipend from the Division of Social and Economic Sciences of the National Science Foundation. Phillips will apply the fellowship to attending the Political Networks Conference and Workshops at the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

Derreck Langwith, a senior in linguistics, was one of only 74 undergraduate students nationwide chosen by the Council on Undergraduate Research to present their research in April at the 2011 "Posters on the Hill" in Washington, D.C.



Derreck Langwith

## Faculty and Staff Honors

**Jonathan Bean**, a history professor, joined the Illinois State Advisory Committee, one of the 51 state advisory committees relating to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. The state committee assists the federal commission in fact-finding and investigation, and also has responsibility to make information about civil rights available locally.



Jonathan Bean

**L. Brent Kington**, professor emeritus and metalsmithing and blacksmithing legend, is the 2011 Society of North American Goldsmiths Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. He received the award in May at the SNAG national conference in Seattle, Wash., during which Kington delivered a short presentation of his life and work. The conference was dedicated to Kington this year.

## Program Awards

For the fourth year in a row, the **SIU Debate Team** finished in the top three in the National Parliamentary Debate Association. The duo of **Brandon Merrell**, a senior majoring in political science and economics, and **Mike Selck**, a sophomore majoring in speech communication, finished the season as the third best team in the country. Merrell also earned an All-American Award — an award given to only three debaters nationwide — for his debate success, in addition to his grade point average and his community and University service.

## COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS

### Program Awards

For the third time in four years, *alt.news 26:46*, Southern's student-produced half-hour alternative TV news magazine, captured the national student College Television Award for the best collegiate television magazine news show in the nation at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Foundation's 32nd annual College Television Awards.

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

### Faculty and Staff Honors



Eric C. Ferré

**Jesse Trushenski**, assistant professor of zoology and a researcher with the Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center at Southern, will take home the Distinguished Service Award from the American Fisheries Society during the organization's meeting this fall in Seattle. The award recognizes outstanding contributions of time and energy for special projects or activities by AFS members.

**Eric C. Ferré**, professor of geology, is aboard the drilling ship JOIDES Resolution. He is one of about 30 scientists on the expedition organized by the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, an international research program seeking scientific understanding of the Earth through drilling, coring, and monitoring the sub seafloor. The project's goal is to drill and recover rock cores that come from more than 1,500 meters below the ocean floor in an area known for its fast-forming new crust.

**Wesley Calvert**, assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics, was named as a Fulbright Scholar. As part of his research, Calvert will travel to India, to study logic with Indian colleagues at several nearby institutions.

## ATHLETICS

### Student Accomplishment

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association named the Region Athletes and Coaches of the Year for the NCAA Division I indoor track & field 2011 season. **Gwen Berry** was voted as the Midwest Region women's field athlete of the year, and assistant coach **John Smith** took the region's women's assistant coach of the year award.

Left-handed pitcher **Cody Forsythe** and outfielder **Jordan Sivertsen** were named to the 2011 All-Missouri Valley Conference baseball teams. Forsythe was voted first team All-MVC while Sivertsen was selected to the second team.

Saluki guard **Justin Bocot** travelled to China and played nine games with the Reach USA men's basketball all-star team.

Wide receiver **Joe Allaria**, safety **Brad Briggs**, defensive end **Chance Coda** and linebacker **Connor James** all earned the President's Council Academic Excellence Award, the Missouri Valley Football Conference's highest academic achievement. In addition, 14 Salukis received the Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award. Thirty-nine student-athletes were also named to the MVFC Academic Honor Roll.

Wide receiver **Joe Allaria**, safety **Brad Briggs** and defensive end **Jason Seaman** were named to the 2011 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Hampshire Society. The award honors college football players from all divisions of play who maintained a 3.2 GPA or better.

SIU golfer **Jake Erickson** was named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team.

Saluki swimmer **Kristin Geppert** was named an at-large selection to the Academic All-District 5 First-Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

SIU golfer **Alisha Matthews** was named to the Missouri Valley Conference's Scholar-Athlete First Team.

Saluki softball players **Mallory Duran**, **Danielle Glosson**, and **Cristina Trapani** earned Capital One Academic All-District First Team honors. Trapani and Duran were also named Capital One Academic All-Americans.

Softball players **Taylor Orsburn**, **Jayna Spivey**, and **Mallory Duran** earned first team all-conference honors as six Salukis won awards at the annual Missouri Valley Conference tournament banquet. **Danielle Glosson**, **Haley Gorman**, and **Morgan Barchan** received spots on the second team all-conference list.

**Mallory Duran** and **Taylor Orsburn**, Saluki softball players, were named to the 2011 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region teams. Duran is a first-team Mideast selection while Orsburn is a second team honoree.

Cornerback **Korey Lindsey** was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals with the 207th overall pick in the seventh round of the 2011 National Football League Draft.

SIU tennis player **Jorge Cavero** was named Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year at the pre-championship banquet. Cavero, along with fellow freshman **Adam Fabik**, were named to the MVC All-Select team. **Orhan Spahic** was named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete team. On the women's side, **Melanie Delsart** was named to the All-Select team.

The National Association of Basketball Coaches named senior forward **Carlton Fay** to the NABC Division I All-District District 16 Second Team.

**Jessica Anderson**, **Michelle Bell**, **Kristin Geppert**, **Melissa Larocque**, **Marcela Teixeira** and **Jill Weckbach** were named to the Missouri Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete Team.