Dear Colleagues,

Hope you all had a great Labor Day weekend. This November our college will be hosting again a research symposium on applied sciences and arts in order to promote research and collaboration. The symposium is a one day event taking place on Saturday, November 21, 2015 and it features workshop, paper presentation, panel discussion, and poster presentation. The symposium provides a multidisciplinary collaborative forum for researchers, practitioners, educators, and professionals from Architecture, Allied Health, Transportation, Information Systems and Applied Technologies to present theoretical and practical results related to the development and applications of Applied Sciences and Arts. It aims to create opportunities to share on-going works and enhance collaboration among faculty, students, and industry partners, and to foster new innovations of technologies in the areas of sciences and arts. While we are open for more workshop proposals, we have one accepted workshop proposal on predictive analytics and data visualization sponsored by IBM.

The next deadline for author submission is **October 2, 2015** for poster abstracts and research-in-progress. We will have a Student Poster Competition again, and please encourage your students to submit their research and class projects to the poster session. The prizes are $150 (1st place), $100 (2nd place) and $50 (3rd place). We will also select honorable mention posters. The Research Committee is looking for people with research grants and inviting them to present their research projects during the symposium.
STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION
The ASA Research Symposium will be featuring a poster session of student work and research. We would like your assistance in recruiting our students to submit posters of their academic projects. Please encourage your students, especially those that have excelled in your studios, labs, and other courses, to submit their work for consideration at the symposium. Any work currently ongoing or completed over the past year is eligible for submission. There are prizes for the top posters: $150 for first place, $100 for second place, and $50 for third place. The submission requirement is an abstract of up to 500 words. These submissions are due by Friday, October 2, 2015. More information and submission instructions can be found on the symposium website: [http://research.asa.siu.edu/symposium](http://research.asa.siu.edu/symposium)

CONGRATULATIONS
- Please join me in congratulating Dr. José R. Ruiz, Professor of Aviation Management and Flight, who was selected by the UAA (University Aviation Association) as its 2015 recipient of the V. L. Laursen award. This award honors an aviation educator who has made significant contributions to the UAA and aerospace education as a whole. This award is established in honor of TWA’s Captain Vern L. Laursen, Staff Vice President—Flight Operations Training, and will be presented at the upcoming Awards Banquet during the UAA fall conference. Congratulations!

- [Nancy Martin](mailto:nmarts@siu.edu), Associate Professor of IST, and [Andrey Soares](mailto:asquare@siu.edu), Assistant Professor of IST have a paper titled "Organizing an App Inventor Summer Camp for Middle School Girls: What the Experts Don’t Tell You" accepted for presentation at the EDSIGCON 2015: Conference on Information Systems and Computing Education, November 1-4, 2015. Wilmington, NC. Congratulations!

- [Mr. Gary Kistner](mailto:gkistner@siu.edu), Program Coordinator and Director of Graduate Studies of Fire Service Management, and Dr. [Mark Rivero](mailto:riverom@siu.edu), Program Advisor of Fire Service Management, have a paper titled “Education - Where do I get my degree?” published in THE GONG Summer 2015 issue page 8-10. THE GONG is official publication of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. Congratulations!

- The 2015 Scholarship Program sponsored by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Educational & Research Foundation recently announced winners of this year’s scholarships. The Fire Chiefs Association awarded 16 Master’s Degree scholarships of which SIU FSM students received 4.
They awarded 35 Bachelor Degree scholarships of which SIU FSM students received 14 totaling $18,000 in support of our degree programs. The following Masters of Science students each received a $1000 scholarship.

- Thomas J. Aagesen, Downers Grove FD
- Daniel F. Gorton, Granite City FD M/S
- Mark A. Wandtke, Westchester FD
- Andrew J. Wienckowski, Gurnee FD

The following Bachelor of Science students each received a $2000 scholarship.

- James A. Sheldon, Coal City FPD
- SIU/BS

The following Bachelor of Science students each received a $1000 scholarship.

- Eric M. Baron, Roberts Park FPD
- Douglas W. Crowley, Chicago FD
- Steven B. Doggett, Urbana & Westville FD
- Philip P. Donohue, Skokie FD
- Scott D. Kurczewski, Manhattan FD/New Lenox FPD
- Todd W. Monahan, Rockford FD
- Michael J. Olsick, Frankfort FPD
- Dave Palmeri, Wheeling FD
- Matthew R. Shronts, Grant Park FPD / Beecher FPD
- Steve M. Stapleton, Villa Park FD
- Jeffrey L. Taylor Darien-Woodridge FPD
- William A. Zabler, Jr. Warrenville FPD / South Elgin FPD

The following Bachelor of Science student received a $500 scholarship.

- Matthew C. Baetz, Lemont FPD

University Center College of Lake County Scholarship Alumni Association has awarded one of our FSM students Charles J. Buschick to receive $1000 scholarship. These Fire Service Management Degree students are all dedicated professionals. As you can tell from the list they represent a wide range of Fire Departments and Fire Protection Districts throughout the State of Illinois. The one thing they all have in common is they have taken the opportunity to advance their education. They hold many different ranks from Fire Chiefs to rookie firefighter. I truly believe they will all use this education and experience to improve not only their professionalism but that of the men and women they work with and for the betterment of the people in which they all serve. Congratulations to all FSM students!

- The Chancellor’s Scholarship is the most prestigious award for students covering tuition, fees, room and board for four years. Please join me in congratulating the following two Chancellor’s Scholars:

  - **Brody Wilson**, York Community High School, is the son of Karyn and David Wilson. A National Honor Society member and Prairie State Achievement Award recipient for
reading and science, Wilson received the President’s Award for Educational Excellence. He was an AP Scholar and was on the school’s high honor roll eight straight semesters. He lettered in cross country and track and field, and was a West Suburban All-Academic Cross Country team selection. He also was on the executive board of the North East District of the Illinois Association of Student Councils, and chief master sergeant with the Civil Air Patrol. He plans to major in aviation flight and aviation management.

Rebecca Harder, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, is the daughter of Janet and Jerry Harder. A National Honor Society and highest academic honors selection, Harder earned department recognition at her school in biology honors, algebra/geometry honors, and ethics. She was also a Patriots Pen winner at the district and state levels, and placed third at the state level for National History Day. She was a member of numerous school clubs, including the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) program, drama, art, anime and manga, guitar, and ultimate Frisbee. She also was involved with the Prejudice Elimination Workshop (PEW), Girl Scouts, 4-H, and the Society for Creative Anachronism, a medieval historical research and reenactment organization. Harder plans to major in architecture and theater.

TEACHING TIPS
- Do you have a student sleeping in your class? This article and a 3-minute video will change how you think about teaching!
- PowerPoint 2013 has a really nice presenter view mode when you have two screens where the presenter sees the current slide, next slide and any embedded lecture notes. The students only see the current slide when PowerPoint 2013 is in presenter mode.
- A hotkey combination (Win + P) can switch between duplicated and extended modes on the classroom computers. This (Win + P) combo also works before login.

SALUKI CARES
Saluki Cares is a “first stop referral spot” for students and their families who seek answers and assistance. Saluki Cares offers students a supportive and encouraging partnership by linking them with appropriate resources. This partnership affords students opportunities to overcome personal and educational barriers encountered on their path to success.
Saluki Cares facilitates and coordinates a university-wide program of care and support for students in distress. By working closely with faculty, staff, students and their families, SIU Carbondale displays a culture of caring by demonstrating to our students and families that they are an important part of the community.
Saluki Cares is an early alert initiative composed of professionals from different areas of campus life who work with students on a regular basis: Academic units, Dean of Students, Financial Aid, Center for International Education, University Housing, Career Services, Counseling Center, and others. All
concerns remain confidential. Referrals are made from faculty, staff, parents, other students or by the student him/herself. Common Issues include:

- homesickness & adjustment challenges;
- physical & mental health problems;
- financial concerns;
- academic performance;
- accidents & deaths/grief;
- victim/survivor issues;
- off-campus housing disputes;
- and other challenges causing stress and distress among our students

More information is available at [www.salukicares.siu.edu](http://www.salukicares.siu.edu). Direct Contact with a Saluki Cares team member (SAH/CASA – Quiana Jackson) or visit to Saluki Cares, 4th floor Student Services Building.

**STUDY ABROAD**

- **Belle Woodward**, Associate Professor of IST, organized a study abroad trip for students during this summer 2015 in Germany with the help of Dr. Andreas Grzemba, a professor at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology. Five SIU students participated in this summer program: Michael Buhman, Adam Woodworth, Darcie Cohee, Randall Brownlee, and Abdullah Hariri. The summer program focused on privacy, ethical, social and legal issues of cyberspace.

- **Jon Davey**, Professor of Architecture, will organize a study abroad program “Architecture Cuban Experience 2016” around the Spring Break, March 12-20, 2016.

**BUCKY DOME PROJECT**

Author and SIU graduate Cary O’Dell is embarking on a project to tell the story of the R. Buckminster Fuller home. He is researching for a book that will chronicle from the day it was built in 1960 to the final restoration project happening now through the RBF Dome Home Board of Directors.
Jon Davey, Professor of Architecture, stands in front of the R. Buckminster Fuller Dome Home at 407 S. Forest Ave. that is the 2015 recipient of Carbondale’s Historic Preservation Award. Davey is president of the RBF Dome Board, the organization working on restoring the historic structure. (from The Southern Illinoisan)

SUPPORT STAFF MEETING
The Support Staff will meet on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 10:00am - 11:30am in the Dean’s Conference Room. If you have any specific items that you feel the Support Staff should consider at the meeting, please send suggestions before 3:00pm Tuesday, 9/8/2015.

ON THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR
- Tuesday, September 8, 2015: 10-Day enrollment data will be released today. 1:00pm, Faculty Senate meeting, Student Services Building.
- Wednesday, September 9, 2015: 10:00am - 11:30am, CASA Support Staff Meeting, Dean’s Conference Room.
- Thursday, September 10, 2015: 8:00am - 12:00 noon, BOT meeting in SIUE, and SIUC Interim Chancellor will be announced.
- Friday, September 11, 2015: 6:00pm, A Salute to the Heroes of 9/11, Touch of Nature.

AND FINALLY …
If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send me an email at my SIU email awang@siu.edu or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of somebody who might be
interested in receiving the CASA Dean’s MMU, please ask them to send me an email and we will gladly add them to our mailing list. On the other hand, if you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean’s MMU, please let me know as well. Thank you.

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