Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

This is the final week for the semester, which can be the most stressful time for a student. To help students with their final exams, CASA departments and schools are organizing group study sessions, coffee bars, sending students goodie packages, finals snacks, and so on, helping students stay motivated at the end of the semester. In the Department of Automotive Technology, for instance, faculty and staff are connecting with students during their laboratory break periods to discuss topics such as: Spring registration, academic progress, and opportunities over break. The School of Allied Health organized “Pancake Day” and “Thirsty Thursday” student engagement events during the semester, and they are providing a nacho/popcorn bar and goodie bags to students this week. Engagement is a key concept of student retention in higher education. Engagement develops relationships and promotes connectivity, as well as represents educational quality and student satisfaction. Through all these student engagement projects, we would like to create within these students a long-term, positive bond towards their academic discipline and the University.

Official grade submission is performed online using Self-Service Banner (SSB) after logging into SalukiNet. The primary instructor for a course is responsible for the final grade submission. The detailed guide of the grading process can be found at http://registrar.siu.edu/faculty/webgradinginfo.php. Please note that grades are due by 8:00 am on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. On Wednesday at 8:00 am, the system locks and rolls. Then each student’s academic standing is calculated. Once that happens, a grade change card is required to enter or change a grade. Please make sure you submit your final grade in time.

Two hundred fifty (250) CASA students will be celebrating their graduation at the 2018 Fall Commencement this Saturday, December 15, 2018. As a professional responsibility and as a show of support for students, all faculty are encouraged to attend the Commencement. Your participation is meaningful and significant to your students and their guests. If you need a cap, gown, and hood, the Dean’s Office has a few academic regalia to borrow. The Commencement starts at 2:00 pm for all colleges in the SIU Arena. Faculty line-up will be at least half-an-hour earlier than 2:00 pm. On Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm, SIU will host the Academic Excellence Recognition Ceremony in Ballroom D of the Student Center. This program recognizes those graduating seniors participating in the commencement ceremony with a special medallion in recognition of high academic achievement. It also provides recognition for students participating through the University Honors Program and Saluki
Athletics by way of Honor Cords based on academic achievement. This program is designed for those at the undergraduate levels of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude.

As we are neatly wrapping up the semester's work, the 2018 CASA Winter Potluck is this Thursday, December 13, 2018, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Transportation Education Center (TEC) Multipurpose Room. Please bring your favorite dish; the College will prepare the meat. Wear your ugly & tacky sweater of outfit. There will be a lot of fun and prizes!

CONGRATULATIONS

- **2018 CASA Teacher of the Year Awards:** Every year, each department/school in CASA selects winners to receive Teacher of the Year Awards. From these winners, a College-level Teacher of the Year is selected by a selection committee. The main purpose of the Teacher of the Year award is to recognize the contributions of our tenured/tenure-track and term faculty for the year. No one person has a greater impact on the student success than does the teacher who creates the learning environment where students flourish and grow. This Teacher of the Year award is to honor, promote, and celebrate teaching excellence in the individual academic areas.

Please join me in congratulating **Julie Davis** and **Kent Meckfessel** winning the College of Applied Sciences and Arts Teacher of the Year Awards in T/TT and NTT categories respectively! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the students and the programs. Congratulations!

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• Please join me in congratulating **School/Department-level 2018 Teacher of the Year Award Winners:**

School of Architecture (SOA):
- Dr. **Qian (Jenny) Huang**, Assistant Professor of Architecture, SOA Teacher of the Year;
- Mr. **Steven Turnipseed**, Senior Lecturer of Architecture, SOA Term Teacher of the Year.

Department of Automotive Technology (AUT):
- Mr. **Ralph F. Tate**, Associate Professor of Automotive Technology, AUT Teacher of the Year;
- Mr. **Kent Meckfessel**, Assistant Instructor of Automotive Technology, AUT Term Teacher of the Year.

Department of Aviation Management and Flight (AVMAF):
- Dr. **Samuel R. Pavel**, Associate Professor of Aviation Management, AVMAF Teacher of the Year;
- Mr. **Skyler J. Droll**, Assistant Instructor of Aviation Flight, AVMAF Term Teacher of the Year.

Department of Aviation Technologies (AVT):
- Mr. **Donald R. Morris**, Assistant Professor of Aviation Technologies, AVT Teacher of the Year;
- Mr. **Thomas M. Roy**, Lecturer of Aviation Technologies, AVT Term Teacher of the Year.

School of Allied Health (SAH):
- Ms. **Julie K. Davis**, Associate Professor of Physical Therapist Assistant, SAH Teacher of the Year;
- Ms. **Jessica L. Cataldo**, Clinical Instructor of Health Care Management, SAH Term Teacher of the Year.

School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT):
- Dr. **John T. Legier Jr.**, Associate Professor of Technical Resource Management, ISAT Teacher of the Year;
- Mr. **Bradley C. Hagy**, Senior Lecturer of Information Systems Technologies, ISAT Term Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations!

• **Dr. Seung-Hee Lee**, Professor of Fashion Design & Merchandising (FDM), and Dr. **Yuli Liang**, Lecturer of Fashion Design & Merchandising (FDM), presented the following four papers at the International Textiles & Apparel Association (ITAA), in Cleveland, OH, November 6-9, 2017. Congratulations!


- Please join me congratulating the CASA faculty/staff who met years of service benchmarks and were recognized during the SIU Service and Retirement Recognition Ceremony on November 30, 2018. This is an exciting time for all and we definitely appreciate all they do in helping CASA succeed. The list below is in order of number of years served.
  - Rosanne Szekely - 35 years
  - Michael Grey - 31 years – retired 1/31/2018
  - Christi Ketzner - 30 years
  - Michael Behrmann - 30 years
  - John Voges - 28 years - retired 4/30/2018
  - Michele Hines - 25 years
  - Lisa Hawkins - 21 years - retired 12/31/2017
  - Gerald Thornhill - 21 years - retired 1/31/2018
  - Julie Davis - 20 years
  - John Ligon - 20 years
  - Chad Waters - 20 years
  - Kimberly James - 20 years
  - Michael Brazley - 15 years
  - Sandy Collins - 15 years
  - Bryan Todd Harrison – 15 years
  - Ralph Tate – 15 years
  - Colleen Torphy - 15 years
Edward Workman - 15 years
Nadine Wojnarowski - 12 years - retired 12/31/2017
Steven Goetz - 10 years
Jill Mueller - 10 years
Amy Wyatt - 10 years

Collectively these employees have a combined total of 433 years of service to the University. Please join me in congratulating these employees and retirees for their contribution and service to the College and to the University!

- Dr. Jose Ruiz, Professor of Aviation Management and Flight, was selected as Chair of an ACRP (Airport Cooperative Research Program) Expert Panel. As an industry-driven research program, ACRP relies on a flow into the program of quality research ideas from airport industry practitioners. One important element to this flow is a roadmap of research needs that can guide practitioners as they consider the most important needs for the industry. Such a roadmap can provide a dynamic strategic research plan on a variety of topics. Each research topic has a unique group of subject matter experts (SMEs) and important issues or needs. A research roadmap exercise in each area can identify gaps in knowledge, practice, and technology; describe key opportunities and challenges; and outline and prioritize specific research ideas needed to address the issues that are important to the practitioners that work in that function throughout the airport industry. Each of these projects will develop a prioritized list of research ideas sorted into topics/themes and described in sufficient depth and detail to convey the idea's concept and help and encourage the industry to develop complete ACRP problem statements. The objective of this research is to facilitate research roadmaps on airport safety related issues in order to identify future research needs that in turn can inspire industry practitioners to develop problem statements.

Dr. Jose Ruiz is currently serving on two Airport Cooperative Research Program Expert Panels. Congratulations!

- Dr. Qian (Jenny) Huang, Assistant Professor of Architecture, was invited to serve as a research proposal reviewer by the NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program. The goal of the Space Grant Program is to contribute to the NASA mission specifically in the area of government and industry partnerships “to improve America’s aerospace technologies and advance American leadership” by funding education, research, and informal education projects through a national network of university-based Space Grant consortia.
The Space Grant national network includes over 850 affiliates from universities, colleges, industry, museums, science centers, and state and local agencies. These affiliates belong to one of 52 consortia in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Congratulations!

- **Dr. Sandy Collins**, Professor and Program Director of Health Care Management (HCM) program, has been appointed to the Health Information Technology (HIT) Advisory Board for Kaskaskia Community College (Shattuc and Centralia, IL). The Board met with the College President and Dean of Nursing on November 19 at their Trenton, Illinois, extension center to discuss the re-implementation of the RHIT/RHIA program. They will be requesting a re-establishment of a previously existing program to IBHE for a planned Fall 2019 start up.

  Dr. Collins is working with them to structure their curriculum so it fits in with students articulating into our HCM degree and our HIM minor. Congratulations!

- **J. Kirk Irwin**, Instructor in the online Master of Architecture program, presented a paper on November 17-18, 2018, at the University of Amsterdam at the Society for the History of the Humanities Conference. His paper was entitled *Spatial Realism: A Concise Historiography*. Mr. Irwin lives in Chicago and is completing his PhD through the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He is a licensed architect in Illinois. Congratulations!

- **Richard Carroll**, Masters student in the Public Safety Management (PSM) program, has been nominated for Teaching Excellence Award, sponsored by R. J. Reynolds. This award recognizes faculty within the North Carolina Community College system who demonstrate the highest quality and standards of instruction within the 50 plus community colleges in North Carolina. Richard is on track to graduate from SIU with a Masters Degree in Public Safety and Homeland Security Administration in December. Richard has been the type of student that has established not only his own personal goals but also professional and we at SIU are grateful to have him in our program as a student and alumni. Congratulations!

- **Joseph Sontag**, senior student in the Automotive Technology (AUT) from St. Louis, MO, has a perfect 4.0 GPA and is a second generation Saluki. He has been selected to be CASA Gonfalon Carrier at the upcoming Commencement ceremony on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Congratulations!

- The Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program has received full accreditation from October 2018 to Spring 2027 by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), an accrediting agency that is nationally recognized by the US Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The Commission's decision to continue accreditation status is based on the program's level of compliance with the Standards and Required Elements and on the professional manner in which the program has addressed the
Commission's previous concerns. Please join me in congratulating all PTA faculty and students on this great achievement!

- **Congratulations to Dhay Aldhawyan** on her appointment as chairperson of the Center for Developing Urban Designs and Planning of the Ministry of Urban and Rural Affairs in Saudi Arabia! The center is aimed at promoting the urban designs of cities, improving capacity building, encouraging afforestation, and creating architectural identities for Saudi cities. Dhay is a 2013 graduate of our Architectural Studies (ARC) from the School of Architecture of SIUC. (Photo: Saudi Gazette)

  ![Dhay Aldhawyan](https://example.com/dhay-aldhawyan.jpg)

- **Leah Hofferkamp**, a graduate of the Interior Design (ID) program in 2000, has been named the Director of Interiors at BSA LifeStructures for the St. Louis office! Ms. Hofferkamp serves on the Advisory Council for the Interior Design program at SIUC. She holds credentials as both a licensed architect and an interior designer.

  Her picture below was from BSA LifeStructures [https://www.bsalifestructures.com/welcome-leah-hofferkamp](https://www.bsalifestructures.com/welcome-leah-hofferkamp). Congratulations!
Tuesday, November 13, 2018, was Hot Chocolate Day at the School of Allied Health. It was the first day of snow in Carbondale and it was celebrated perfectly with hot chocolate and cookies for our busy students. As seen from the following pictures, the students responded really well and seemed to love it. Congratulations to the School of Allied Health for another successful student engagement event!
On Friday, November 30, 2018, the School of Allied Health (SAH) organized another Open House event for the area high schools. A total of 54 high school students from the Southern Illinois area participated in this event; one family even drove down from Jacksonville, IL. Thanks to SAH faculty, staff, and students for helping make this a successful event. Below are a few pictures taken from the recruiting event.
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, December 10, 2018: 8:00 am, SIU Final Exam Week starts. Detailed final exam calendar is available at https://registrar.siu.edu/pdf/examfall18.pdf.
- Tuesday, December 11, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, SIU Retention Committee meeting; 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Deans’ Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
- Wednesday, December 12, 2018: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, CASA Budget, Planning, and Support Staff Meeting, Dean’s Conference Room; 10:00am, SIU BOT Executive Session Meeting, Student Center, Ballroom B.
- Thursday, December 13, 2018: 10:00 am SIU BOT Meeting, Student Center Ballroom B; 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, CASA Winter Potluck, Transportation Education Center Multipurpose Room.
- Friday, December 14, 2018: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, SIU Academic Excellence Recognition Ceremony, Student Center Ballroom D.
- Saturday, December 15, 2018: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, 2018 Fall Commencement, SIU Arena.

AND FINALLY …

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send an email to awang@siu.edu or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of anyone 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. If you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean’s MMU, please let me know, as well. Thank you.

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