

CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

A Tradition of Excellence, A Standard of Success

Monday, September 10, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all the faculty and staff that helped with and attended the *CASA College Connection* event on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. The goal of this event was to welcome students to a new academic year, engage new and returning students in various RSOs (Registered Student Organizations), and connect students with faculty and staff. This was one of the college-wide student engagement projects this semester, promoting students' willingness, need, and desire to participate in and be successful in their learning process. Through this *College Connection* and other related projects, we would like to show our College culture is welcoming to students from diverse backgrounds, enable students to become active college community members, and enable students to develop their social and cultural capital. I am happy to report that this year's *College Connection* event was, once again, a great success, and I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did.

The event would not have been possible without the members of our *CASA College Connection* Planning Committee and volunteers who contributed greatly their time and effort through their preparation and organization for the event. A special thank-you to Chad Waters and other Dean's Office staff, including Cara Doerr and Barb Lipe, who helped with planning and organization throughout the event. Thank you Dr. Howard Levinson and Chairs / Directors for being a dunk tank master during this event. We had a lot of fun surrounding the dunk tank! On behalf of the College, I would like to personally thank all volunteers for their hard work: Thank you for your efforts and contribution to the *College Connection* event! I look forward to seeing you throughout this semester in various student engagement events. Below is a list of volunteers - I apologize if I missed anyone:

Shannon Anderson, Elaine Atwood, Sandie Beebe, Mike Behrmann, Nathan Black, Robert Broomfield, Mike Burgener, Danielle Campbell, Sheila Cheatham, Scott Collins, Tim Davis, Cara Doerr, John Dobbins, Rhonda Ferguson, Alisha Harmon, Martin Hebel, Michelle Hines, Katlynn Hutchcraft, Tom Imboden, Howard Levinson, Barb Lipe, Nancy Martin, Brittany McElroy, Teri McSherry, Faith Miller, Kijoung Na, Mary Nemetsky, Robert Rados, Dan Richardson, Lana Rizzo, Michael Rowell, Thomas Shaw, Jennifer Sherry, Jennifer Walker, Sandi Watts, and Jasmine Winters.

Over ten Registered Student Organizations (RSO) set up their tables and displays during the *College Connection* event and recruited many new members. Automotive Technology students brought their huge

truck trailer, and the t-shirt shooting robot, *Dawgzooka*, for instance, attracted a large number of students. Once again, I would like to thank our students for their assistance and participation.

Mr. Rusty Bailey from the University Communication took hundreds of pictures of the *College Connection* event. Below I included some of the pictures here, but with reduced size and resolution. For original photos please contact Mr. Bailey or the Dean's Office.















CASA RETENTION INITIATIVE

The “*NEAT*” *Initiative* in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts has been successful in supporting student success and retention. To enhance this initiative, this semester we will focus on the first year experience for our new students, including first-time freshmen and first-year transfer students. There are two components in the College’s retention initiative this year:

1. **Faculty Mentorship:** Every first year student in CASA will have a faculty member as his/her professional mentor. This faculty mentor is expected to meet with the mentees several times per semester, addressing questions related to student success, including academic success, career path, research opportunities, and professional development. Please talk to your chairs or directors to serve as a faculty mentor for our students.
2. **Academic Peer Associate:** Every degree program in CASA will have at least one Academic Peer Associate (APA), who are juniors or seniors in the same degree program and are willing to interact with fellow students in the same major to determine academic and non-academic student concerns. They will work under the supervision of the Dean’s Office staff to relay these student concerns to the college administration and suggest creative ways to address these concerns. Please recommend good students to serve as APAs.

In the past we have used mid-term grades and final grades to signal academic success in our *NEAT Initiative* and practice. But we know that even by mid-term, time is already running out for meaningful interventions. I hope faculty mentors and APAs will help the College develop early intervention programs that can help “at-risk” students get back on track early. The College has a goal for our first-year retention rate to be at least 90%. Helping students succeed is everyone’s priority. Let us work together to meet this goal.

COURSE EVALUATION

All courses must have evaluations this Fall, including online and off-campus courses. Student feedback is a useful source of information about how students feel about their learning experience and the quality of instruction. You may choose the traditional paper (ICE form) survey or an online survey for a seated course. The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) provides services in course evaluation. Please check <http://cte.siu.edu/instructional-evaluation/index.php> for more information.

SIU DAY - SEPTEMBER 19

The first *SIU Day* is coming up soon – Wednesday, September 19, 2018. All CASA programs will be participating in this event offering interactive activities and demonstrations to highlight our programs offered in the College. This is a university-wide recruitment event targeting high school seniors in the region. The morning sessions include student panels and an RSO fair. The afternoon sessions have more hands-on and interactive activities.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION

The CASA Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes CASA alumni who have achieved success and recognition since their graduation. Former recipients include Fred Imundo (2018), Joe Schuster (2017), Paula Staab Polk (2016), Dan Sherman (2015), Terry Owens (2014), and Jill Walker (2013). Please nominate excellent graduates from your programs for this 2019 CASA Distinguished Alumni Award, and the deadline of submitting your nomination to the Dean's Office is September 28, 2018.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A joint degree program in Aviation Technologies (AVT) between SIU Carbondale and Shen Yang Aerospace University (SAU) in China was approved recently. This is a 2+2 program, meaning that this new joint degree program will create cohorts of students who will spend their first two years of the program in China and their last two years here on the Carbondale campus. Students from the cohorts who choose to attend SIUC during their Junior and Senior years will earn degrees from both institutions upon completion. Initially, China (SAU) will recruit 120 students into each cohort, annually. If at least 50% of those students choose to study at SIUC, we could expect more than 60 new students joining our AVT program annually. SAU has further invested in this initiative by sending nearly 20 tuition-paying J-1 exchange students to SIUC in multiple programs of study.

Faculty Welcome Back Luncheon

You are invited to attend a Fall Faculty Welcome Back lunch gathering on Wednesday, September 26, from 11:00-1:00 in Ballroom D of the Student Center. The lunch buffet will be available the entire time if your schedule does not permit you to be there for the entire two hours. The program will include brief welcome remarks, as well as an opportunity for faculty to share stories of their accomplishments with recruitment and retention initiatives. If you plan to attend, please complete a [brief RSVP form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3m7kSKSHIREapGejP2q6EYXfYQMBsV954SSuwmyt5dXQA/viewform) by Friday, September 14:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3m7kSKSHIREapGejP2q6EYXfYQMBsV954SSuwmyt5dXQA/viewform>

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Faith Miller**, Program Director and Associate Professor of Dental Hygiene (DH), and **Jennifer S. Sherry**, Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene, received approval from Illinois Department of Public Health for their second year of "Oral Health Workforce Grant" with \$46,757 awarded. The project period is August 31, 2018 - August 31, 2019. Congratulations!
- The Dental Hygiene (DH) program faculty revised their curriculum in the Spring semester this year. At its August 2, 2018 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) granted

the DH program the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements.” No additional information related to the change is requested from the program at this time. The next accreditation visit for the program will be in 2020. Congratulations!

- **Jennifer S. Sherry**, Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene; **Sandra K. Collins**, Professor, Health Care Management; **Richard McKinnies**, Associate Professor, Radiologic Sciences; **Anthony Fleege**, Associate Professor, Mortuary Science and Funeral Service; and **Marcea L. Walter**, Health Care Management, had an article published in the July-September 2018 edition of *The Health Care Manager* entitled "Human Papilloma Virus and the Nurse's Role in Education and Prevention". Congratulations!
- Dr. **Qian (Jenny) Huang**, Assistant Professor of Architecture, has two papers published recently:
 1. "Occupancy-driven energy efficient buildings using audio processing with background sound cancellation" published in the journal *Buildings*, Volume 8, Issue 6.
 2. "Review: Energy-Efficient Smart Building Driven by Emerging Sensing, Communication, and Machine Learning Technologies," *Engineering Letters*, Volume 26, No. 3, pp 320-332, 2018.

Congratulations!
- **Jennifer S. Sherry**, Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene, and Kennedy Cole and Marissa Asbury, SIU Dental Hygiene Graduates (Class of 2018), had an abstract selected for poster presentation. The presentation is entitled, "*Seniors for Seniors: Utilizing the ADPIED Model to Design a Dental Public Health Program at an Adult Day Care Facility.*" Ms. Sherry will be presenting in November at the upcoming American Public Health Association Conference in San Diego, CA. Congratulations!
- Dr. **Michael D. Brazley**, Associate Professor of Architecture, has a paper entitled “Architecture, Virtual Reality, Spatial Visualization, Learning Styles, and Distance Education” published in the *International Journal of Architecture, Arts and Applications*, Volume 4, Issue 2, June 2018, Page 10 - 16. Congratulations!
- Dr. **Michael D. Brazley**, Associate Professor of Architecture, is the Coordinator for our new IPAL (Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure) Online Program, and the first cohort of students has begun taking their IPAL classes this semester. Many of you may also know that the School of Architecture now has a new Immersion Virtual Reality Laboratory, of which Dr. Brazley is the faculty sponsor. Congratulations!
- This is another exciting news regarding the Radiation Therapy Specialization within the Radiologic Sciences (RADS) program. This year’s graduating cohort earned a 100% first attempt

pass rate on the ARRT Radiation Therapy credentialing exam. Congratulations to **Rick McKinnies**, **Brandon Hirsch**, and all RADS faculty who have contributed to student learning and success. Thank you for your dedication!

- The Chancellor's Scholarship is a significant achievement for the students as it covers tuition, fees, room and board for four years. Eighteen students were receiving this year's (2018-2019) awards. Please join me in congratulating the following three new CASA students who received the Chancellor's Scholarship:
 1. Sarah Cada, Aviation Flight (AF, left in the picture below);
 2. Theresa Kerouac, Aviation Technologies (AVT) and Aviation Flight (AF, middle in the picture below);
 3. Angelina Kapp, Aviation Technologies (AVT) and Aviation Flight (AF, right in the picture below).



- Alexis Travis, a graduate student in the Master of Health Administration program, received a Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Award. DFI is a program for graduate students with aspirations of becoming future faculty. This program provides financial assistance to students during graduate school. The financial assistance is forgiven when the student becomes employed by an Illinois college/university.
- Please join me in congratulating the School of Architecture (SOA) Public Safety Management (PSM) program for its articulation agreements with Southeastern Illinois College, Harrisburg, IL, and Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL. The agreements have been signed by SIU administration and Southeastern Illinois College leaders as well as Waubensee Community College leaders. According to the agreement:

1. All graduates of Southeastern Illinois College with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Public Safety Management and meeting SIU Carbondale admission requirements will be considered for admission into SIU Carbondale's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Public Safety Management (PSM): Fire Service Management, Emergency Medical Services, or Emergency Management Administration specializations in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability.
2. All graduates of Waubensee Community College with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Fire Science Technology or in Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic and meeting SIU Carbondale admission requirements will be considered for admission into SIU Carbondale's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Public Safety Management (PSM) in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability.

Congratulations to **John Dobbins, Craig Anz** and all PSM faculty/staff!

- Please join me in congratulating the Department of Aviation Management and Flight (AVMAF) and Department of Aviation Technologies (AVT) for their articulation agreements with Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa, IA. The agreements have been signed by SIU administration and Indian Hills Community College leaders. According to the agreement, all graduates of Indian Hills Community College with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology and meeting SIU Carbondale admission requirements will be considered for admission into SIU Carbondale's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Aviation Technologies (AVT) or in Aviation Management (AVM) in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability. Congratulations to **Mike Burgener** and all Aviation faculty and staff!
- Please join me in congratulating the Department of Automotive Technology (AUT) for its articulation agreements with Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, VA. The agreements have been signed by SIU administration and Tidewater Community College leaders. According to the agreement, all graduates of Tidewater Community College with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Automotive Technology or in Diesel Technology, and meeting SIU Carbondale admission requirements will be considered for admission into SIU Carbondale's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Automotive Technology (AUT) in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability. Congratulations to **Mike Behrmann** and all Automotive Technology faculty and staff!
- Please join me in congratulating the School of Architecture (SOA) for its articulation agreements with Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington, KY. The agreements have been signed by SIU administration and Bluegrass Community and Technical College leaders. According to the agreement, all graduates of Bluegrass Community and Technical College with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Architectural Technologies and meeting SIU

Carbondale admission requirements will be considered for admission into SIU Carbondale's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Architectural Studies (ARC) in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability. Congratulations to **John Dobbins** and all School of Architecture faculty and staff!

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

During the past few weeks, there were a number of events around the College for new students. Here is one example from the School of Architecture. As shown in the picture below, Interim Director Dobbins of the School of Architecture was speaking to a group of freshmen students on August 22nd, in the Quigley Hall Gallery.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The School of Allied Health is organizing a pancake breakfast tomorrow, September 11, 2018, 7:00am - 8:00am, near the School office on the ground floor of the ASA building. This is a great idea to engage students, creating the conditions that enhance student learning and support students in achieving their educational goals.

This is the 4th week of this semester, which is the “E (Engagement)” phase of the CASA “*NEAT*” *Initiative*. The contribution of out-of-class experiences to student engagement cannot be overstated. A social event like this will help student success.

GALLERY UPDATE

The Gallery in Quigley Hall has been decorated with new project materials. Architectural Studies and Interior Design Students are working on this project under the supervision of Professor Peter Smith.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, September 10, 2018: 11:30am - 1:00pm, Academic Advisors Meeting, SSB 150.
- Tuesday, September 11, 7:00am - 8:00am, SAH Pancake Breakfast for students; 10:00am - 11:00am, Retention Committee meeting, AH BCR; 11:00am - 12:00pm, Deans' Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
- Wednesday, September 12, 2018: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Support Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room; 11:00am - 1:30pm, Study Abroad Fair and Passport Fair, Center for International Education, Woody Hall south entrance.
- Thursday, September 13, 2018: SIU Board of Trustees meeting, Edwardsville; 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Community College Conference reception.
- Friday, September 14, 2018: 8:00am - 4:00pm, Community College Conference, Student Center Ballrooms.
- Thursday, September 20, 2018: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Visiting Scholar and Faculty Sponsor Meet and Greet, Woody Hall.
- Wednesday, September 26, 2018: 11:00am - 1:00pm, SIU Faculty Luncheon, Student Center Ballroom D.

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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