

CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

A Tradition of Excellence, A Standard of Success

Monday, December 16, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The 2019 Fall Commencement was held at the SIU Banterra Center last Saturday, December 14, 2019, with Saluki graduates, family members, and friends gathered to celebrate their accomplishments and milestones. At this graduation ceremony, the College of Applied Sciences and Arts graduated a total of 521 students. SIU Carbondale graduated a total of 1,793 students, including bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees awarded in the Summer and Fall 2019, as indicated in the following table.

College / School	# of Graduates in Summer and Fall 2019	Percentage (%)
AG - College of Agricultural Science	99	5.52%
<i>AP - College of Applied Sciences and Arts</i>	521	29.06%
COB - College of Business	201	11.21%
COEHS - College of Education and Human Services	289	16.12%
COE - College of Engineering	168	9.37%
COLA - College of Liberal Arts	256	14.28%
MCMA - College of Mass Communication and Media Arts	71	3.96%
COS - College of Science	134	7.47%
SIUC Total	1,793	100%

The number of graduating students from CASA (521) is **29.06%** of the overall SIUC graduating students (1,793) who received their diplomas last Saturday. Among the 521 graduates from CASA, 350 received bachelor's degrees, 120 received master's degrees, and 51 received associate degrees. CASA is not only graduating students in quantity, but also with high quality. During this Commencement, more than 112 CASA students wore special medallions and honor cords reflecting significant academic achievements earned. Among these 112 students earning recognition, 63 received *Cum Laude* distinction, signifying a

cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.749; 38 received *Magna Cum Laude* distinction, signifying a cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.899; and 11 students received *Summa Cum Laude* distinction, carrying a cumulative GPA of 3.9 to 4.0. There were also several students in the University Honors Program who maintained an average GPA of 3.3 or better, and 56 students received multiple degrees. It is the hard-working students and dedicated faculty in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts who have made this happen. Thank you for making CASA programs successful.

I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of many dedicated faculty and staff members who have contributed to this special occasion for our students and their families. Your participation represents our commitment to educating the leaders of tomorrow, and is especially appreciated by our students and their families who travelled to witness the culmination of years of commitment and hard work. Thank you for your efforts in preparing them for their journey ahead. Especially, I would like to thank the following faculty marshals and Valerie Wallin, who coordinated the CASA portion of Commencement, as well as on- and off-campus faculty members: Mike Behrmann, John Dobbins, Scott Collins, Nancy Martin, Belle Woodward, Tom Shaw, Faith Miller, Tom Upton, Sandra Beebe, Robert Rados, Craig Anz, Jon Davey, Rolando Gonzalez-Torres, Steven P. Turnipseed, Craig Keith, Peter Renz, and Lindsey Laycoax. Thank you!

2020 SPRING & FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Spring 2020 classes started October 29, 2019, and is open until January 19, 2020. As of last Monday (December 9, 2019), CASA had a total enrollment of 1,890 for Spring 2020, a 2.5% increase compared to the same week last year.

For the Fall 2020 semester, the application and admission numbers are looking great too. There are 36 weeks before the first day of classes in the Fall 2020 semester. The 36-week report shows that CASA's applications increased 25% and admissions increased 19%, compared to the respective numbers last year.

FINAL GRADE SUBMISSION

I am sure you have received email reminders of submitting your final course grades via SalukiNet prior to Wednesday, December 18. We have a goal to be 100% compliant with the University final grade submission policy. Official grade submission is done using Self-Service Banner (SSB) after logging into [SalukiNet](#). Please submit your grades as soon as possible, but no later than **8:00 AM on Wednesday, December 18, 2019**. Any final grades not submitted by then will result in a "not recorded" (*NR*) grade being entered by the Records staff later that morning for each affected student. To give such affected students their proper grades, you will then need to complete and send to my office an official [grade change card](#) for each affected student.

You can check within SalukiNet the status of any still-missing SSB grades by launching the *Must Do List* task. This additional verification will hopefully help you avoid having to deal with *NR* grades and the

resulting grade change cards. Detailed information about submitting grades is available at <https://registrar.siu.edu/faculty/webgradinginfo.php>.

CASA WINTER POTLUCK

On Thursday, December 12, 2019, CASA faculty and staff gathered together in the Transportation Education Center (TEC) Multipurpose Room to celebrate another great semester and another great year for the College. Many thanks go to Ms. Barb Lipe and her organizing team: Mike Behrmann (MC), Sheila Cheatham, Brandie Coleman, Jordia Coleman, Rhonda Ferguson, Brittany McElroy, Valerie Wallin, Natalie Richardson, Jessica Vicente, and student workers. Thank you all for your help with the preparations for the CASA Winter Potluck. The event ran very smoothly and everyone had a good time with the games, prizes, and the wonderful food. I appreciate all your efforts to make this event a success. Below are some pictures taken by Chad Waters.



The Automotive Technology Team (from left to right): David Gilbert, Sheila Cheatham, Brittany McElroy, Anthony Heathcoat, Lana Rizzo, and Mike Behrmann



School of Health Sciences Team (from left to right): Tim Davis, Robert Broomfield, Michael Rowell, Monica Russell, Natalie Richardson, Renee Lipe, Mary Smith, and Jordia Coleman



Retired Employees (from left to right): Joe Kazda and Wilma Lampman. Also included is Chris Behrmann.

As SIU President Delyte Morris set forth to develop a unique venture in higher education, and to develop a college/institute of industry and career focused programs, the Vocational Technical Institute (VTI) at SIU was born in the early 1950s.

As VTI began in 1952, both President Delyte Morris and VTI Director Ernest Simon searched to bring together a group of faculty and staff that could persevere against continual barriers and obstacles placed in front of them. Two individuals recruited were Duncan and Wilma Lampman. Duncan taught in the Machine Drafting and Design Technology program and Wilma became the first Librarian for the VTI campus in Carterville.

Like everything at VTI, the programs and library started with nothing. The facilities were dilapidated, abandoned, former military buildings located on a separate campus in Carterville, IL. Through hard work, they created the largest College at SIU.

The Lampman's helped infuse VTI with the spirit of teamwork and perseverance to provide students with the best education possible. They did what was necessary to overcome the barriers in front of them. As the Automotive Technology program became the first-degree program in VTI and further evolved into a world class program, the Lampman's recognized that unique culture. Upon their retirement, they created an endowed scholarship in the program to recognize students that display this same spirit.

Now celebrating her 98th birthday, Wilma Lampman (VTI's first Librarian) continues her tireless support of students, faculty and staff in the VTI/College of Applied Sciences and Arts.





CONGRATULATIONS

- On Friday, December 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm, SIU hosted an Academic Excellence Recognition Ceremony in Ballroom D of the Student Center. This program recognized those 2019 Fall graduating seniors with Latin Honors. The undergraduate student's degree honors designation is determined by the cumulative GPA calculated by Southern Illinois University from all undergraduate career work, including work transferred from other institutions. Latin honors are phrases used to indicate the level of academic distinction with which an academic degree was earned. There are three types of Latin honors. In order of increasing level of honor, they are: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude. Thirty-one (31) CASA students and their families and friends participated in the ceremony.

Among the 31 students earning recognition, 21 received *Cum Laude* distinction, signifying a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.749; 8 received *Magna Cum Laude* distinction, signifying a cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.899; and 2 students received *Summa Cum Laude* distinction, carrying a cumulative GPA of 3.9 to 4.0. These students are listed in the following table. Congratulations!

Name	Latin Honor	Program
Alhazmi, Mohammed Mubarak	Cum Laude	Automotive Technology
Andres, Miranda M.	Magna Cum Laude	Radiologic Sciences
Barrow, Abigail Marie	Magna Cum Laude	Radiologic Sciences
Behrens, Justin R	Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Bickham, Kamaron D	Cum Laude	Information Systems Technologies

Brandes, Alex G	Magna Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Carbajal, Alexander	Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Chappell, Jayson William	Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Colburn, BrieAnna N	Summa Cum Laude	Fashion Design and Merchandising
Conway, Sean G	Cum Laude	Automotive Technology
Cook, Elwood A	Cum Laude	Automotive Technology
Dowjotas, Joseph	Cum Laude	Automotive Technology
Fahey, Natalie	Cum Laude	Automotive Technology
Garcia, Donald A	Magna Cum Laude	Electronic Systems Technology
Goodemote, Matthew George	Magna Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Halter, Amanda Justine	Cum Laude	Technical Resource Management
Johnson, Cody M	Cum Laude	Information Systems Technologies
McDowell, Connor W	Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Michaels, Justin	Cum Laude	Automotive Technology
Mokay, Nickolas Joseph	Magna Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Oest, Kimberly S	Cum Laude	Information Systems Technologies
Palaich, Damian Thomas	Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Priester, Edward T	Cum Laude	Aviation Management

Raithel, Benjamin Mitchell	Cum Laude	Automotive Technology
Rauch, Karla Kathleen	Cum Laude	Radiologic Sciences
Roberts, Turner	Magna Cum Laude	Aviation Management
Rutten, Stephen Joshua	Cum Laude	Public Safety Management
Schaefer, Nicholas A	Cum Laude	Automotive Technology
Smith, Andrew B	Cum Laude	Technical Resource Management
Turner, Janet	Magna Cum Laude	Health Care Management
Wyman, Richard W.	Summa Cum Laude	Public Safety Management

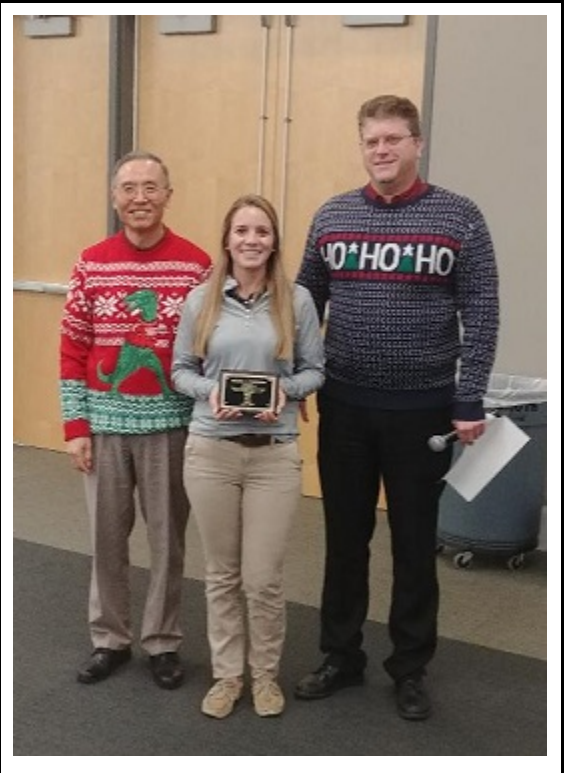
- The School of Architecture T/TT Teacher of the Year, Laura M. Morthland, and Term Teacher of the Year, Christopher L. Post, received awards at the CASA Winter Potluck event. Congratulations!



- The Department of Automotive Technology T/TT Teacher of the Year, Jessica L. Suda, and Term Teacher of the Year, Anthony M. Heathcoat, received awards at the CASA Winter Potluck event. Congratulations!



- The Department of Aviation Management and Flight T/TT Teacher of the Year, Samuel R. Pavel, and Term Teacher of the Year, Rachel A. Piacentini, received awards at the CASA Winter Potluck event. Congratulations!



- The Department of Aviation Technologies T/TT Teacher of the Year, Martin A. Hebel, and Term Teacher of the Year, Harry B. Fanning, received awards at the CASA Winter Potluck event. Congratulations!



- The School of Health Sciences Term Teacher of the Year, Jennifer N. Walker, and T/TT Teacher of the Year, Richard C. McKinnies, received awards at the CASA Winter Potluck event. Congratulations!

(Both faculty members were giving final exams at the time of the potluck and unable to attend the ceremony.)

- The College of Applied Sciences and Arts Term Teacher of the Year, Jennifer N. Walker, and T/TT Teacher of the Year, Jessica L. Suda, received awards at the CASA Winter Potluck event. Congratulations!



- Dr. **Sandra Collins**, Professor and Program Director of the Health Care Management (HCM) program, Mr. **Richard McKennies**, Associate Professor and Program Director of Radiologic Sciences, Mr. **Mitchell Dierkes**, a graduate of the HCM program and currently a student in our MHA (Masters of Health Administration) program, and Dr. **Scott Collins**, Director of the School of Health Sciences, have a joint research paper recently published:

- Collins S, McKinnies R, Dierkes M, and Collins K. (2019). Occupational Burnout in the Radiology Profession: Glancing Back to Move Forward. *Radiology Management*.

Radiology Management has been the top professional journal for leaders in medical imaging management for over 40 years. It is peer reviewed, indexed on PubMed, and published six times a year. Focusing on education, the journal publishes research and best practices on healthcare management issues specific to medical imaging. Congratulations!

- Please join me in congratulating Mr. **Sean Boyle**, Associate Professor of Automotive Technology, for receiving a SIU Foundation Board Research Award for \$7,118.81! There were 43 proposals that were submitted and Sean's proposal was one of the 9 that was selected to fund. Congratulations!
- Please join me in congratulating Mr. **Donald R. Morris**, Assistant Professor of Aviation Technologies, for receiving a SIU Foundation Board Research Award for \$10,000.00! There were 43 proposals that were submitted and Sean's proposal was one of the 9 that was selected to fund. Congratulations!
- The SIU Master of Public Safety & Homeland Security Management program was selected as one of the Best Homeland Security Degree Programs by Intelligent.com. The program is featured #15 on this webpage: <https://www.intelligent.com/best-online-homeland-security-degree-programs/>. Please join me in congratulating **Craig Keith** and the faculty and staff in this program!
- Please join me in congratulating Mr. **Gary Harris**, Assistant Lecturer of Information Systems Technologies (IST), on his newly published book "Total College Success: What You Absolutely Need to Know BEFORE Starting College," available on Amazon and through Barnes and Noble at: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1733395601/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_hsch_vapi_tpbk_p1_i0. Gary teaches web development and mobile programming in the IST online program. Congratulations!
- The following multiple authored manuscript has been accepted for publication in the *Social Determinants of Health journal*:

Brown, V., Cataldo, J., Shaw, T., & Collins, S. (2019). Health care management strategies to address social determinants of health and health disparities to improve health outcomes.

Ms. **Vicki Brown** is a graduate of our BS-HCM (Health Care Management) program and is a current on-campus MHA (Master of Health Administration) student. Dr. **Tom Shaw** is an Associate Professor of Health Care Management. Dr. **Sandra Collins** is Professor and Program Director of the Health Care Management program. Congratulations!

- As indicated at <https://www.collegevaluesonline.com/rankings/architecture-degree-online-top-values/>, College Values Online has ranked our online Master of Architecture as #5 on the 2020 list of best-value online degree programs. We are the highest ranked NAAB-accredited degree program. The other four degree programs ranked as better online values are not NAAB-accredited.

Our Master of Architecture program was ranked #5 last year as well. Congratulations!

- Ms. **Belle S. Woodward**, Associate Professor of Information Systems Technologies, together with a few of the Security Dawgs RSO officers, presented at the Academic Matters Committee (AMC) meeting that took place on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 9:00 am in Ballroom B of the Student Center. The Security Dawgs RSO officers included, as shown in the picture below from left to right: Travis Durbin, IST, Senior; Kyle Weise, IST, Senior; Charlotte Lewis, IST, Senior; and Steve Osborn, IST, Senior. Congratulations!



- The Health Care Management (HCM) program has received an official letter from AUPHA (Association of University Programs in Health Administration) informing us that the Board of Directors of AUPHA has approved the SIU HCM Program Review Report with the recommendation to continue Full Certified Undergraduate Program status for a period of six years: 2019-2025. The 29 criteria have been fully met and a six-year certification has been awarded without interim report. Congratulations to **Scott Collins**, **Sandy Collins**, and all HCM faculty, staff, students, and all other people involved in this effort!

- Please join me in congratulating Dr. **Maria Claudia Franca**, Associate Professor and Program Director of the Communication Disorders and Sciences (CDS) program, on receiving an online course development grant (\$5,000 per course) for CDS 310 Speech and Language Communication in a Multicultural Society. The online course is expected to be offered in one year. Congratulations!
- Please join me in congratulating Dr. **Diane Muzio**, Senior Lecturer of the Communication Disorders and Sciences (CDS) program, on receiving an online course development grant (\$5,000 per course) for CDS 302 Voice and Articulation. The online course is expected to be offered in one year. Congratulations!
- Please join me in congratulating Dr. **Valerie E. Boyer**, Associate Professor of the Communication Disorders and Sciences (CDS) program, on receiving an online course development grant (\$5,000 per course) for CDS 460 Augmentative and Alternative Communication. The online course is expected to be offered in one year. Congratulations!
- Please join me in congratulating Dr. **Nick Rahimi**, Assistant Professor of the Information Systems Technologies (IST) program, on receiving an online course development grant (\$5,000 per course) for IST 465 Introduction to Machine Learning. The online course is expected to be offered in one year. Congratulations!
- Please join me in congratulating Dr. **Qian Huang**, Assistant Professor of the Architectural Studies (ARC) program, on receiving an online course development grant (\$5,000 per course) for ARC 412 Construction Project Management. The online course is expected to be offered in one year. Congratulations!

ACADEMIC REORGANIZATION

An RME (Reasonable and Moderate Extension) proposal was developed by the Provost's Office to rename the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) to the College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS). The RME will also administratively transfer the School of Health Sciences, the School of Psychology and Behavior Sciences, the School of Justice and Public Safety, and the School of Human Sciences to the CHHS. A separate proposed RME is under development to merge the Automotive Technology, Aviation Flight, Aviation Management, and Aviation Technologies Departments into a School of Transportation, and eventually move the school into a college that is better aligned with the academic disciplines of the school. In addition, a separate proposed RME is under development to move the School of Architecture into a college that is better aligned with the academic disciplines of the school. Keeping them in place during this phase of the re-organization permits SIUC to move ahead with the marketing of the new college and schools in a cohesive and timely matter.

Renaming the College of Applied Sciences and Arts to the College of Health and Human Sciences strategically repositions the College and provides an opportunity to highlight programs in health and human science related fields. This will attract students and faculty to work in an environment that promotes collaboration in curriculum, outreach, and research.

Very soon, the college name will be changed; the college home for many programs will be changed; and many other changes are expected to occur after 1/1/2020. But our growth spirit will not change; our can-do attitude will not change; our tradition of excellence will not change; our dedication to success will not change; and our passion for student success will not change. We will bring the CASA tradition and CASA growth spirit to our new academic homes. We will continue to help our students in their academic lives and professional lives.

As we conclude the semester and the calendar year, we proudly reminisce about the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. I have enjoyed sharing the news with you through this newsletter. Thank you for all your support and effort in making CASA the most extraordinary college in SIU. May this joyous season bring you light, peace and happiness now and throughout the New Year ahead.

ON THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Monday, December 16, 2019: 8:00am, Winter Intersession 2019-2020 begins.
- Tuesday, December 17, 2019: 8:00am - 4:30pm, Final Exam Grades are due in SalukiNet.
- Wednesday, December 18, 2019: 9:00am - 11:30pm, CASA Administrative Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room; 7:00pm - 9:30pm, Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Hampton, Banterra Center SIU Arena.
- Thursday, December 19, 2019: Nominations are now being accepted for the Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards. Nominations are due by Friday, February 7, 2020.
- Saturday, December 21, 2019, 3:00pm - 5:30pm, Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Southeast Missouri, Banterra Center 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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