SAVE THE DATE!

Attention, all SIU students, faculty and staff: Sibs and Kids Day is your chance to invite any child, sibling, niece, nephew, cousin or friend to campus to experience the excitement of life as a Saluki!

For more information, and to find out how to register, click the image below!

Sibs & Kids Day

March 5, 2016
familyweekend.siu.edu/sibsandkids
It’s never too early to start preparing for your career! Geoff Falen, author of a January 2015 Huffington Post article, asked this question: “Should professional development be required in college?” What do you think?

Falen wrote, “There’s an old saying about college: Anything not required for graduation is automatically optional.” I both agree and disagree. For students just looking to get a piece of paper or diploma after meeting the necessary degree requirements, this statement is probably accurate. However, for students who want everything that college has to offer, and who seek to make a difference in the world through a successful, long-standing career, this statement could not be further from the truth!

It is critical for students to connect with SIU’s Career Services in their first semester. Those who take this point seriously have opportunities to connect with potential employers throughout their time at SIU, not just in their final semester. They have time to develop and refine important interview skills. They present a professional image at career fairs, always with a firm handshake and polished résumé. Furthermore, they sometimes have job offers before graduation!

Did you know that SIU’s Career Services offers:
- Résumé and cover letter critiques.
- Professional development workshops
- Mock interviews.
- Career fairs.
- Networking events.
- Etiquette dinners.
- On-campus recruiting and job postings.
- Career counseling.
- Career path database.

Check it out at careerservices.siu.edu or at the Carbondale campus’ Student Services Building, first-floor office. If you are studying online or off campus, don’t worry! Career Services offers many of these services online.

Deborah Barnett, Ph.D.
Coordinator, Non-Traditional Student Services

This semester, our student highlight theme is “Adult Students Pursuing Their Dreams”!

To kick off this semester’s theme, we would like to introduce you to Rebecca Hicks from Watkinsville, Georgia. You may have seen Hicks around the Student Services Building, primarily next door to us, in the Students’ Legal Assistance area of the fourth floor. For Hicks, 2016 has brought many changes to her life already, as she starts her new role at SIU and begins working toward the completion of her bachelor’s degree. Hicks is studying business administration as an online student in one of the 27 different online degrees/certificates and non-degree programs offered through SIU’s Extended Campus.

Hicks adds college to an already full schedule as she juggles being a mom and working full time. She mentioned that having classes online provides the flexibility she needs, but admits that balancing it all can be challenging. She emphasized that time management is key to accomplishing her daily goals.

Hicks said she always wanted to come back to school to open up more career opportunities, and she feels that the time is now. We asked her what advice she would give to others in her position, and she answered, “Don’t put it (your education) off. Every day could be taking one step closer to obtaining your degree.” She added that “one class, even if it’s only one class, is one class closer. So, no matter the pace, slow and steady wins the race as they have always said.” With her degree, Hicks wants to continue her work with the university – but she wants to use it to open more doors along the way, too.

Thank you, Rebecca, for sharing your story with us, and congratulations on continuing your journey with us here at SIU!
News and Resources

Did You Know?
SIU Students’ Legal Assistance, located on the Student Services Building’s fourth floor, provides legal services to SIU Carbondale students who are enrolled and paying fees for the semester. As part of your student fees, $6 per semester supports the Students’ Legal Assistance office and related services. For more information, visit studentlegal.siu.edu. See the sidebar on the right on page 3 of this newsletter for new laws in 2016.

SIU Alumni Association Student Membership Info
Many December graduates already are taking advantage of SIU Alumni Association benefits, but did you know that currently enrolled students can also join? That’s right! For only $15 annually you can get all the perks, including the SIU Alumni Magazine, numerous discounts, professional development, connection to other Salukis and so much more. Join the SIU Alumni Association today at siualumni.com.

Veteran Adventures: Registrations Now Available
The Veteran Adventures program, started by SIU’s Touch of Nature Environmental Center and Veterans Services, helps to build community bonds. The program presents challenging and adventurous opportunities to strengthen bonds between students. Veteran Adventures is open to all student veterans, as well as members of the National Guard, the Reserves and the Registered Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC).
Participants must show proof of membership and have proof of current school enrollment. (Not limited to only SIU students; Veteran Adventures is open to all students, anywhere.). For more information, check out veteranadventures.siu.edu.

Congrats to Cartaesha Macklin
Student, parent and now SIU women’s basketball record holder.
To read about Macklin and her accomplishments, click on her photo to the right.

NEW YEAR: NEW LAWS
by SIU’s Students’ Legal Assistance

Several new laws became effective as of Jan. 1. Others will become effective during the summer (June and July). We will highlight a few of them regarding pet owners, traffic laws and family law.

Pet (dogs and cats) owners:
Pets must be protected from extreme heat and cold conditions. If these conditions cause injury or death to the pets, the owner may be charged with a Class A misdemeanor (up to 365 days in jail and/or up to a $2,500 fine) for a first offense. Repeated offenses are a Class 4 felony (one to three years in prison and/or up to a $25,000 fine).

Traffic:
There are new laws for aggravated speeding, mandatory insurance violations, and others. Most of the laws became effective on Jan. 1. All traffic fines will increase by $5. For more information about the new laws, go to https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/newlaws16.pdf.

As of Jan. 1, Illinois is now a “non-fault” divorce state. The only ground to file for divorce is “irreconcilable differences.”
As of Jan. 1, the court will not grant orders of custody, visitation and/or removal. The courts now will allocate “parental responsibilities,” “parenting time” and “relocation.”
The Illinois Parentage Act also was rewritten.

Other Sources:
A number of news agencies have covered the new laws:
## Mark Your Calendar

### EVENTS & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY 2016

**February is Black History Month!**

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<td>Grad Bash 2016, 2-4 p.m., Student Center Ballrooms</td>
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<td>Study Abroad Fair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Center south elevators</td>
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**EVENTS LISTED IN MAROON ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CO-CURRICULAR RÉSUMÉ CREDIT THROUGH SIU ADVANTAGE.**

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### Have you heard of the SIU Advantage?

Southern Illinois University Carbondale gives students more than an outstanding academic experience, wonderful research opportunities, impressive faculty, and a beautiful campus and community. We offer them the SIU Advantage.

Our SIU Advantage experiential learning program blends educational opportunities of all kinds, both inside and outside of the classroom, into a learning experience like no other. It allows you to graduate with a co-curricular learning résumé to complement your diploma and transcript. That’s a great tool to demonstrate to prospective employers that you’re the kind of graduate they would like to hire.

For more information on how to have the SIU Advantage, click the image to the right.
COMING UP...

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Sites of African-American Memory
February 2016

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE
038/633-3740 INCLUSIVEEXCELLENCE.SCSU.EDU

SOUTHERN IOWA UNIVERSITY CARNEGIE
INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE
038/633-2740 INCLUSIVEEXCELLENCE.SIU.EDU

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2016
Embracing Diversity and Intercultural Communities

Monday
February 8
International Parade of Flats

Tuesday
February 9
Unity Awards Banquet

Wednesday
February 10
International Food Fair

Sponsors
SIU Student Center. Center for International Education and Student Life. Diversity and Inclusion.

SPRING 2016
SPC FILMS
All movies shown in SUI Student Center Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

MIDNIGHTS
Thursday, January 26, 9 PM
Friday, January 27, 9 PM
Saturday, January 28, 9 PM
Sunday, January 29, 8 PM

GOODSTUFFS
Thursday, January 26, 7 PM
Friday, January 27, 7 PM
Saturday, January 28, 7 PM
Sunday, January 29, 8 PM

SPECIES
Thursday, February 2, 7 PM
Friday, February 3, 7 PM
Saturday, February 4, 7 PM

ALASKA
Thursday, March 16, 7 PM
Friday, March 17, 7 PM
Saturday, March 18, 7 PM

SUBPACIFIC
Thursday, March 23, 7 PM
Friday, March 24, 7 PM
Saturday, March 25, 7 PM

MACBETH
Thursday, April 6, 7 PM
Friday, April 7, 8 PM
Saturday, April 8, 8 PM

SISTERS
Thursday, April 13, 7 PM
Friday, April 14, 7 PM

WE ACCEPT
Cash, Credit Card, Debit Card

Ticket Prices
$5.00-

For more information call 207-581-4572
or visit www.spc.siu.edu

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ECO MINI CAMP SERIES

I ❤️ Eco Mini Camp: Feb. 12-13 & 13-14
Parents can get some time for themselves while their child learns about nature, recycling, and the environment through a daylong camp for kids ages 4-9. The camp, led by SIU Forest Preserve staff and volunteers, will be held at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center.

Eco Mini Clan Camp: March 18-19 & 19-20
Parents/guardians and their children will be learning about nature at the annual Eco Mini Clan Day Camp at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center. The camp will feature outdoor activities and hands-on learning experiences for children ages 4-9.

Grand Camp: April 15-16 & 16-17
Grandparents and grandchildren will have fun learning about nature at the annual Eco Mini Clan Day Camp at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center. The camp will feature outdoor activities and hands-on learning experiences for children ages 4-9.

For more information, call: 618/453-1121

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL and Pancake Breakfast 2016
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEB. 27-28

$3 per vehicle entry includes:
- Tree identification hikes: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Maple syrup demonstrations: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Vendors and artisans: Blacksmith demonstrations, fiber making, food making, and much more

Homecooked Pancake Breakfast: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast
Early Bird Special
5-12 years: 13 and up: 5-12 ages 6 to 12
Free ages 5 and under
Pre-register by Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.
(618) 453-1121
$1.00/20 coins at door

If you are interested in becoming a Kid's to Coverage Partner, please email healthpromotion@siu.edu or call (618) 536-7914.