Preparing for your future begins today!

SIU’s Career Services educates and empowers students and alumni with the ability to explore and pursue their career endeavors. Career Services offers many resources that help students develop and improve their skills, and to acquire new skills that employers seek. Mark your calendar for these upcoming programs to improve your career options!

Transitions Career Fair
March 29, 2-5 p.m.
Student Services Building multipurpose rooms
*Geared toward military-connected and returning adults transitioning to a new career.

Mock Interview Week
March 22-25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Student Services Building, room 179

Etiquette Dinner
March 23, 6-8 p.m.
Student Center Old Main Room
Space is limited. Register today!
A NOTE FROM NTSS

In last month’s newsletter, I discussed the importance of connecting with SIU’s Career Services early. Don’t miss the Transitions Career Fair March 29! This event is perfect for military-connected and returning adult students transitioning to a new career. Engaging in professional development starting in your first semester at SIU can give you a strong advantage and expand your career options.

Speaking of advantages: If you haven’t heard of the SIU Advantage program by now, it’s time to get caught up. We all know that learning occurs in the classroom, but many students don’t always realize how many other opportunities SIU offers for learning and development. Other ways to develop your skills and build your academic credentials include participating in SIU’s co-curricular programs and speaker series. Nationally renowned speakers visit campus each year, presenting opportunities to broaden the mind to new knowledge and ideas that can be valuable to an employer. Too many students move through their entire college career without taking advantage of all the co-curricular learning opportunities that a thriving university community offers.

As a nontraditional student balancing multiple responsibilities, I understand the challenges of adding one more thing to your schedule. However, I encourage you to visit calendar.siu.edu and choose one campus event each month that will broaden your horizons. I can tell you that for every campus program I’ve ever attended, the time was well spent – and even life-changing on occasion! To learn more about the SIU Advantage, visit getinvolved.siu.edu and select The SIU Advantage.

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

Student Highlights

Now that the semester is well underway, we want to introduce you to two of our new editions: Azariah Dwumaah and Kalynn Pierce.

Dwumaah is a senior pursuing a double major in criminal justice and social work. She is from Ghana, located in West Africa, and plans to graduate in May. Dwumaah chose NTSS as her internship site and is working on several projects, including: grant writing for campus lactation space; parking policy recommendations to accommodate pregnant students; and research to inform the development of a community partner network to assist with student’s emergency needs.

When asked why she choose SIU, she spoke of the diverse campus community, which allows her to meet new people from all over the globe and offers her the chance to learn about new cultures. One thing that we have found very interesting about Dwumaah is that she loves to cook, and she has her own food blog. (You can find it online at cultureandspices.com and on Instagram: @cultureandspices.) She reminds everyone to “do what you love most, never limit yourself, and make use of the resources on campus.”

Good advice, Azariah! We’re glad you chose NTSS as your internship site!

Pierce is a senior pursuing a major in music theory and composition. She is from Royalton, Illinois, where she commutes from every day. She is a student employee at NTSS and oversees the office’s newsletter design, website review and social media schedule.

When asked about her favorite part of campus, Pierce commented on its scenic features, such as Campus Lake and the garden near Morris Library. In addition to writing her own music as part of her academic program, another thing notable about Pierce is that she once was a competitive archer who traveled with a team and participated in tournaments in several different states. As a transfer student and commuter, Pierce offered this advice: “Take ownership of your education, know what you need to do, and get it done.”

Well said, Kalynn! Welcome to the NTSS team!
Tutoring

Are you having a hard time in some of your classes? SIU’s Center for Learning and Support Services offers tutoring and academic coaching weekly by appointment. For a list of group study sessions, visit tutoring.siu.edu/tutoring. All students wanting one-on-one sessions should make appointments in advance.

FREE Income Tax Assistance

It’s tax time, and the College of Business’ Beta Alpha Psi student organization is here to help! The student-run accounting society offers free tax preparation services for low- to moderate-income individuals and families. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers services to students on the SIU campus every Saturday through April 9 in the basement of Rehn Hall. For more information, call 618/453-1400 or visit the College of Business website.

FREE Legal Services

Have you ever had the following conversation, or know of another student who is experiencing an issue that might require legal services?

Rebecca: “I have a legal issue and I do not know what to do. I cannot concentrate on my class assignments. What am I going to do?”

Referral: “You may talk to a member of the Students’ Legal Assistance office. Let them assist you with your legal problems so that you can concentrate on your studies.”

Rebecca: “What is the Students’ Legal Assistance office?”

Referral: “I am glad you asked.”

See the column to the right to learn more about Students’ Legal Assistance at SIU.

SIU’s Students’ Legal Assistance Office

The Students’ Legal Assistance office has been providing legal advice and legal services to the fee-paying students at SIU Carbondale since 1977. The legal staff of the office consists of two full-time attorneys and part-time law clerks. The support staff of the office consists of one full-time employee and part-time student workers. The office is completely funded by student fees.

We provide legal services for civil and criminal legal issues, including (but not limited to) the following: landlord-tenant; consumer; name changes; related adoptions; uncontested divorces; expungement of arrest records; criminal and quasi-criminal matters; traffic; small claims; and auto accident/insurance issues. We may not provide legal services for the following issues: student versus student; student versus SIU Carbondale; real estate; wills and probate; money-making business ventures; contested divorces; divorces with children; immigration; and bankruptcies.

Also: Students in need of a notary public may come to the office to have documents notarized at no cost.

If you need help or advice concerning legal problems, you may contact our office to schedule an appointment to meet with a member of our legal staff.

Call 618/536-6677 or come by our office (Student Services Building, room 493) to schedule an appointment.

For students pursuing a paralegal studies degree, we offer the opportunity to complete your internship requirement in our office. For students interested in the legal profession and/or law school, you may schedule an appointment to meet with a member of our legal staff to learn about becoming a lawyer.
Mark Your Calendar
EVENTS & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MARCH IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
Visit inclusiveexcellence.siu.edu for a calendar of events!

1 Sustainability Film Series presents “Revenge of the Electric Car,”
   6 p.m., Morris Library’s Guyon Auditorium, FREE
3 Women’s basketball, 6 p.m., SIU Arena
5 Sibs and Kids, noon, Student Center
6 Trail building, 1 p.m., Touch of Nature
12-20 spring break
15 Illinois primary election
22-25 Mock Interview Week, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Student Services Building 179
23 Etiquette Dinner, 6 p.m., Student Center Old Main Room (reservation required)
26 SPC “Suffragette,” 7 p.m., Student Center International Lounge
29 Transitions Career Fair, 2-5 p.m., Student Services Building 150-170
31 Foreign Language Day, 9:45 a.m., Student Center Ballrooms

It’s your last chance to register for SIU’s Sibs and Kids Day 2016!

As a reminder, the $10 fee covers event access for up to five family members, including entrance into the Saluki women’s basketball game, Saluki baseball and softball games, crafts and bowling, admission to the Student Recreation Center, a drive-in movie and a pizza party.
For more information, visit familyweekend.siu.edu.

Monthly Contest

As midterms approach, you would be spending some time here, particularly if you have children! This area provides space to help you prepare for upcoming tests, complete homework assignments or just read a good book.

When you identify the location featured in this photo, submit your answer here. All correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a discounted drink at Delyte’s, located in Morris Library.
(HINT: The space in the photo is not far from Delyte’s!)
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SIU CARBONDALE SUSTAINABLE SALUKI FILM SERIES
TUESDAYS
SPRING 2016
6 P.M.

FEBRUARY 2
DAWN NULL,
WELLNESS
COORDINATOR,
STUDENT HEALTH
SERVICES

MARCH 1
RALPH TATE,
ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR,
AUTOMOTIVE
TECHNOLOGY

APRIL 5
 CRAIG ANZ,
ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR,
SCHOOL
OF ARCHITECTURE

ALL SHOWINGS FREE IN GUYON AUDITORIUM, MORRIS LIBRARY

SIU CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY
SUSTAINABILITY.SIU.EDU

SIU SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

TRANSITIONS
CAREER
FAIR
March 29

2 PM - 5 PM
Student Services Building
Rm. 150-170

SATURDAY
March 5, 2016

SIBS & KIDS DAY

Meet the Mascots
Craft Shop and Bowling
Saluki Women’s Basketball
Saluki Baseball and Softball
Dive-In Movie in the Pool
Pizza Party

All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to invite their Sibs and Kids to campus!

For more information and to register go to
familyweekend.siu.edu/sibsandkids

618/536-3393 or visit spc.rso.siu.edu

Registration
$10 FOR 5
Family Members
COMING UP...

National Puppy Day
March 23
Come by and visit the dogs from St. Francis Care
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Student Center North Entrance

SIU ID / PHOTO CONTEST
#siuIDcontest
Get Creative!

Your photo could be here!
Winner will receive a $100 University Bookstore gift card and the possibility of being on the 2016-2017 student ID.

Three $1250 scholarships will be awarded this year!
SIU’s Saluki Strength Breast Cancer Scholarship was created to award scholarships to SIU students impacted by breast cancer.

Scholarship Applications now being accepted!
Go to siumoneworks.com, sign in with your SIU ID and type in keywords breast cancer.
Deadline to apply is March 16, 2016. Must be junior or senior standing Fall 2016.

Wine and Paint Party
$20 Includes - Wine, Light Refreshments, Painting Supplies and Instructor
5 - 7 p.m. • Friday, Mar. 25
Old Main Lounge at Student Center
Tickets available starting Feb. 29 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
At the Business Office (Student Center 2 & 4th Floor)
Tickets will also be sold at the door based on availability.
** Must be 21 or older to drink | Space is limited to 25 people

For more information contact
Student Center Programs at
217-453-1955 or studentcenter@siu.edu

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