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SIU Southern Illinois University CARBONDALE
Each year, colleges and universities set aside the first week of November to celebrate and bring recognition to their nontraditional adult student population. **Although all college students are considered to be adults, what sets these students apart are the multiple life roles and responsibilities they balance in addition to school.** They might be balancing parenthood or work obligations, or they might be returning to college after an extended gap. In many instances, nontraditional adult students enter college with vast life experience, including professional and military experience. They often enroll with a clear goal in mind and tend to demonstrate strong academic achievement.

At SIU, the nontraditional student population continues to grow. **Recent data indicates that the group equates to roughly 30 percent of SIU’s student population (more than 5,600 students).** These students are taking classes on campus, online, or at off-campus sites across the country.

The 2015 Adult Student Recognition Week was developed with the group’s diversity in mind. The week kicks off with **Military Appreciation Day** at Saluki Stadium and closes with the Southern Illinois **Stand Up for Vets** event. During the week, you’ll find professional development opportunities along with programs specific to students with children and commuters. We even included two “virtual” events so students studying online or at a distance can participate.

So mark your calendar and join us for as many events as you can. **It’s important that the campus sees you and what you bring to SIU!** We want to meet you, recognize you and cheer you on toward your academic goals!

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**Student Highlights**

This month we highlight one of SIU’s many veteran and military students. We look forward to honoring Donald and all veterans on November 11.

Donald L. Bielecki II, a senior studying criminology and criminal justice, enrolled at SIU after high school because the Carbondale campus was close to home and military friendly. After a break due to family obligations and work issues, Bielecki recently decided to return and finish his bachelor’s degree. Here are a few questions we asked:

**In what military branch do you serve?**
I serve in the Army. I have been in the Illinois Army National Guard since Dec. 27, 1991. I am currently serving as an assistant operations sergeant and unit first sergeant of HHC 2-130th Infantry Battalion. I am Active Guard Reserve, which means that I am full time on active duty. I plan on retiring in 2018 with 27 years of service.

**What types of questions as a veteran do you prefer to be asked about your service?**
I think the questions I prefer are about the benefits, why I joined the military, and how the military benefits a person.

**In what ways has your military experience helped you succeed as a student?**
The military experience has helped me succeed as a student in several ways. First, it pays for my college. Second, military has given me a lot of credit for college. Third, it has related my experiences in several classes.

**What are your plans for this Veterans Day?**
My plans for this Veterans Day are to spend time with family. We will watch the local parade and spend the day together.

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We encourage you to make plans to honor veterans in your area Nov. 11, signifying the day of the First World War armistice on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour in 1918.
YOU ASKED...WE LISTENED

Off-Campus Hot Spots

By Brenda Escutia, NTSS student intern

In a recent survey, SIU students asked for more information about things to do in Southern Illinois. So we decided to highlight some off-campus hot spots that we think you would love to explore!

Touch of Nature

Located along Little Grassy Lake, SIU’s Touch of Nature serves as an outdoor laboratory for students. It includes 3,100 acres of adventure for those with a passion for the outdoors. You’ll find hiking, kayaking, events, family fun and more. Visit ton.siu.edu for a full calendar of programs.

Giant City

When you visit Touch of Nature, drive a few more miles south for another outdoor lover’s paradise. Giant City State Park offers opportunities for camping, horseback riding, fishing and rock climbing. The park has 4,000 acres of countryside for you to explore! Check out Giant City Lodge, which is well-known for its cabins – and its family-style fried chicken, too. Get all of the details on your next adventure here.

Garden of the Gods

Garden of the Gods is 5.5 miles of interconnecting trails. It features extraordinary rock formations and astonishing views. If you are a big hiking buff, or just want a short trail to explore, this park has both options.

Many enjoy the high bluffs that overlook the Shawnee National Forest. You can make it an adventure, but don’t forget your camera, water and walking shoes!

Shawnee Hill Wine Trails

In the summer of 1995, the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail became the first wine trail in Illinois. Celebrate the fall season by sipping on some award-winning wine, or by taking a stroll through the vineyards. Nov. 14 marks the trail’s 20th anniversary.

RESOURCES AND NEWS

IT’S THE GIVING SEASON

If you’re near the Carbondale campus, here are a few great opportunities to give back this season while supporting SIU’s Adult Student Recognition Week.

- Keep Carbondale Beautiful: Sunday, Nov. 1, 9-11 a.m. at Carbondale’s Town Square Pavilion.
- Thank You Thursday: Thursday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SIU Student Center, first floor.
- Stand Up for Vets: Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Carbondale’s Evergreen Park.

LOOKING FOR A STRESS REDUCER?

SIU’s Craft Shop, in the Student Center’s lower level, offers classes, workshops, private lessons, ceramics, painting, framing, woodworking and so much more! If you haven’t visited the Craft Shop, now is the time. Take a break and engage in a relaxing, creative activity.

DO YOU HAVE A BIKE?

Saluki Spokes offers free bike repairs six days a week. Ride on in and check it out. It’s located in the Student Center Craft Shop! They have the basic materials and tools so you can fix your own bike and get back on the road. By the way, did we mention the tools are free to check out?
Congratulations to Kate Emma Brattin for winning last month’s contest. She correctly identified Career Services as the location of the photo. Career Services offers resume/cover letter critiques, career counseling, interviewing, on-campus recruiting, job postings and more! Visit careerservices.siu.edu to learn more!

If you are graduating in December, CONGRATULATIONS! We want to recognize you. If are on campus, stop by our office by Nov. 20 to be recognized on our graduate wall and to enter this month’s contest. If you are off-campus or can’t make it to the office, you can still enter to win. Simply email nontrad@siu.edu with the subject line “Fall Grad,” and we will send you instructions about how you to be added to our graduate wall and contest drawing.

NOTE: This newsletter is designed to be electronic. If you received a copy in print form and need access to links, visit nontrad.siu.edu and click on Staying Connected.
FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER

NATIONAL ADULT STUDENT RECOGNITION WEEK 2015
OCT. 31 - NOV. 7

Saturday, Oct. 31
MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY AT SALUKI STADIUM
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saluki Field
Program includes the Saluki Honors and Troops about Department of Veterans Affairs information, VHA benefits counselors, Mobile Vet Center, and SIVS Veterans Services, free game admission for all military veterans and active duty members.

“TRUNK OR TREAT” FAMILY FUN
Midnight 1-3 a.m.
Talgata areas
All students are encouraged to wear their costumes and go trick-or-treating in the Saluki Honors and general talgata areas prior to the 7 p.m. football game. Costumes for those at the event.

Sunday, Nov. 1 - Thursday, Nov. 5
VIRTUAL COMMUTER CAR SHOW
Do you have a cool car? Post a photo of your car, truck, motorcycle, etc. on social media sites by Nov. 5. Meet up on our Facebook album event. The one with the most votes wins a commuter prize package!

Sunday, Nov. 1
KEEP CARBONDALE BEAUTIFUL CLEANUP
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Talgata areas
Students are encouraged to wear their costumes and go trick-or-treating in the Saluki Honors and general talgata areas prior to the 7 p.m. football game. Costumes for those at the event.

SEVENTH ANNUAL HAUNTED HOLLOW
1-4 p.m.
SIVS Health Services
A total family friendly haunted forest created, haunted house, nature hike, games and costume activities.

Monday, Nov. 2
BREAKFAST-ON-THE-GO
7:30 a.m.
Saluki Express South
Breakfast-on-the-go for any busy student. A total family friendly haunted forest created, haunted house, nature hike, games and costume activities.

ADULT STUDENT RECOGNITION WEEK KICKOFF
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Center, North
Take your chance at opening our initis for what you know about the event's events. While you're there, get your student's picture taken and remember to say hello.

Tuesday, Nov. 3
VIRTUAL LUNCH AND LEARN: TECHNOLOGY AND TIME-SAVING STRATEGIES
12:30 p.m.
Student Center, North
Learn these amazing techniques for managing your time and staying organized using the campus' office 365 tool. It's not just for students, but for any busy student or professional, as well. Contact our office to inquire about this event.

Wednesday, Nov. 4
FALL 2015 UNIVERSITY ETIQUETTE DINNER
6-8 p.m.
Student Center, North
The event is a wonderful opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge you need to succeed in your college career. The event will take place in the Ballroom of the Student Center, North, and will be open to all students and faculty.

Thursday, Nov. 5
THANK-YOU THURSDAY: A DOSE OF GRATITUDE
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Center, North
Join us for a special event where we celebrate and appreciate our students. This event is open to all students and we encourage everyone to attend.

PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS: IT'S Potty TIME!
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Student Center, North
Join us for a special event where we celebrate and appreciate our students. This event is open to all students and we encourage everyone to attend.

Friday, Nov. 6
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE HOUR
3:30 p.m.
Student Center, North
Join us for a special event where we celebrate and appreciate our students. This event is open to all students and we encourage everyone to attend.

Saturday, Nov. 7
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS COMMUNITY STAND UP FOR VETS
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Evergreen Park (1190 Low Road)
Join us for a special event where we celebrate and appreciate our students. This event is open to all students and we encourage everyone to attend.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Native American Heritage Month

Wednesday, Nov. 4
5 p.m. • Morris Library First Floor Rotunda

Thursday, Nov. 5
NATIVE AMERICANS’ PORTRAYAL IN AMERICAN MOVIES
Presentation by Dakota Justice
5:30 p.m. • Agriculture Building room 109

Friday, Nov. 6
THE IMPORTANCE OF STORYTELLING AND SONGS IN MAINTAINING CULTURE
Presentation facilitated by Marsha Farrell
5:30 p.m. • Student Center Saline Room

Monday, Nov. 9
“SMOKE SIGNALS”
Film and discussion facilitated by Dr. René Francisco Peteau
4 p.m. • Lovering Hall room 101

Thursday, Nov. 12
“RUNNIN’ VENGEANCE”
Film presented by Department of Linguistics
6:30 p.m. • Lovering Hall room 101

Monday, Nov. 16
WATER-GRID-HAWK
Kaynote 8 p.m. • Morris Library Suyen Auditorium

Wednesday, Nov. 18
“TWO SPIRITS”
Film and discussion facilitated by Dominique White
5 p.m. • Student Center Seagenton Room

Thursday, Nov. 19
AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVISM AND THE PRIMITIVE IMAGINARY IN THE AGE OF EDWARD CURTIS
Talk by Dr. Gray Whitney
Noon • Morris Library First Floor Rotunda

VIRTUAL COMMUTER CAR SHOW
Do you have a cool ride? Post it and show it off!

Email a photo of your car, truck or motorcycle to nontrad@siu.edu. Photos can be submitted Nov 1-5. We’ll add it to the SIU Non-Traditional Student Services Facebook album for voting. The ride with the most likes wins a commuter prize package.

PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS:
It’s Potty Time

If you are a parent of a preschooler, this is for you! Learn the techniques to reduce the time and stress of potty training and learn how to create a positive experience both for you and your child.

Thursday, November 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
at Rainbow’s End Child Development Center

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