COUNTDOWN TO THE FALL 2013 SEMESTER

It’s time for SALUKI STARTUP...

Help us welcome our newest members of the Saluki family with The SIU Scoop, Fun Night at the Student Center, Saluki Challenge Night at the Rec, Non-Traditional and Commuter Student Kickoff, Chancellor’s New Student Convocation, Southern Social, and Saluki Pride Pep Rally.

...and WEEK OF WELCOME

We welcome our Saluki family back to campus with Campus Ministries Information Fair, Watermelon Fest with the Chancellor, Classroom Tours, Park Smart Commuter Awareness Program, Saluki Stop Shop welcome tents, Tours of Morris Library, Bring Your Potential: Transfer and Commuter Social, RSO Fair, Reception for Veterans and Family Members, SIU Family Carnival and SO MUCH MORE!!!

To volunteer or for more information about participating, visit salukistartup.siu.edu and wow.siu.edu
A NOTE FROM NTSS

It’s that time of year when campus comes alive with the excitement as we welcome new students and reconnect with returning students. Get your semester off to a great start by joining your Saluki family at Saluki Startup and Week of Welcome activities. Surprisingly, surveys of our non-traditional students have shown that they typically haven’t attended these events because either they didn’t know about them or didn’t think the activities were for them. So, this year we want to personally invite you to join us. The week is full of programs designed to provide you with valuable information, to help you get connected, and to help you succeed. And, did we mention that programs are family-friendly? This is YOUR campus and YOUR Saluki family...don’t miss out!

We also need volunteers for move-in and other activities. Check out salukistartup.siu.edu or wow.siu.edu for program details and volunteer information. If you are interested in volunteering for a specific non-traditional or commuter student program and have questions, you may contact me directly at dbarnett@siu.edu.

WELCOME BACK!

Deborah

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

For this month’s student highlights, we checked in with students to see how their summer was going and learned that many had exciting stories to share. Here are just a few...

Two Salukis Focused on Research and Helping Others

James Anderson, a doctoral student in Agricultural Sciences, was busy conducting research this summer about improving biodiesel efficiency. The four-part research began with a honeycomb field plot design to get multiple replications within a small area while giving the most space possible to increase the growing habit of the plants. The result was a 21-plot honeycomb consisting of about 900 individual plants in the field. Flower notes were taken each day to document the color of the flower on the plant. At the end of the season, the oil profile for each line will be obtained to help make selections for oil quality.

The second aspect of the research included maintaining the USDA field and SCN (soybean cyst nematode) trials. This included maintaining them as well as collecting data on them regarding flower notes and growth habit. More data will be taken post-harvest, which comes in September.

The third part of the research was the creation of crosses for breeding. The team had interest in six lines for crossing, so the lines were planted close to each other. When the flowers opened up in mid-July, pollen from one plant was moved to the stamen of the other plant in order to induce a cross-pollinated line. These lines will be grown during the winter in order to determine whether or not the cross was successful.

The last part of James’ summer research involved a seed increase for mutant soybeans. Third generation soybeans, created two years ago, were planted in the greenhouse with help from lab staff. The hope is to phenotype both the oil and protein content for the lines. Once the lines are grown and harvested in mid-September, the lines of interest will be sent to Puerto Rico for another increase and to test the lines in a honeycomb design next year.

WOW! Congratulations James, on a summer well spent!

Felicia Weary, a May 2013 graduate, went on a mission trip this summer with Herrin Church of Christ to help people impacted by the spring tornadoes in Moore, Okla. The time spent helping others was a life-changing experience for Felicia and the team as they saw firsthand the damage that looked very different than what they had seen on television. Each morning, the group went to work in some of the most hard-hit areas.

Moore residents were grateful for help from the Disaster Relief Team that came out to help homeowners return to some sense of normalcy amidst the chaos. Felicia traveled with six other people to help in June and another team is scheduled to go in August. Felicia commented, “This trip further opened my eyes to what I will experience as a social worker when I receive my master’s degree. I met many people from other states who helped out and made some friends, too. I look forward to continuing to help people in need.”

Great work, Felicia!
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

From Kenya Study Abroad to an Internship to the Sports Field

For **Imani Hudson**, a senior in Information Systems Technology, this summer has been filled with unimaginable dreams come true. She recently went on a study abroad trip to Kenya where the task was to turn a dilapidated classroom into a library and also to teach one of the classes at the Mwichwiri primary school. Imani had the privilege of working with a group of SIU students building the library and teaching special education and seventh grade. To experience the Kenyan culture and become part of it was very enlightening for her.

Returning to America after three weeks abroad, Imani went from an International student to an INROADS intern all in a matter of three days. Her journey continued as she started her internship at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, working in the Information Systems department. It all came to be because she was persistent and believed in herself!

Imani combined all of this activity with her role as a mom and commented, “Although this was the first summer I have ever been away from my 9-year-old son, Phillip, he took everything in without any complaints. So now, in between wrapping up summer courses, the internship, and trying my best to make it to sports events that my son plays, I’m waiting for the time to take everything in and appreciate this great summer I have had”.

Now THAT’S a Saluki on the move...We’re proud of you Imani!

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A WELLNESS WELCOME...

The SIU Wellness and Health Promotion Services office welcomes you to the first of many articles that will be tailored to non-traditional SIU students. We will be featuring little nuggets of health and wellness information each month, including information on stress management, nutrition, maintaining healthy relationships, physical activity, etc. **But … we need your help.** We are looking for a fitting title for this monthly column. We are sponsoring a “Name That Column” competition. Simply submit your most creative, engaging title that identifies this column as your resource for health and wellness information. The winner will receive a gift package of items to help keep you well! **Submit your suggestions to mlernon@siu.edu.**

The Wellness and Health Promotion Services office provides current and accurate health information about important lifestyle decisions. It is just one of the many comprehensive services offered to you at the Student Health Center, most of which are covered by your Student Health Fee and a minimal co-pay. Services include: primary care for routine, acute and chronic illnesses; specialty consultation referral; prescription and allergy injections; immunizations; education; laboratory and x-ray services; sports medicine and physical therapy; dental services; pharmaceutical services; and psychiatry and counseling services.


Next month: Look for information on **Family Fitness**!

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THE ASSOCIATION OF NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

* Join us on **OrgSync** (a portal for SIU’s registered student organizations)
* Connect with us on **Facebook**
* Look for us at the RSO Fair on Thursday, Aug. 22
Mark Your Calendar...

EVENTS & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST

10  Deadline to pay in full for fall semester or set up payment plan (see bursar.siu.edu)
15  Child Care Resource and Referral Info Session (Evergreen Terrace, 2-3 p.m.)
15-17 Saluki Startup
      Includes: Crosswalk & Bicycle Safety, The SIU Scoop, Non-Traditional & Commuter Student Kickoff, The Chancellor’s New Student Convocation, Southern Social, Saluki Success Day, and more!
17  Parking Division Office Extended Hours (8 a.m.-Noon)
17-18 ID Card Office Extended Hours (noon-2 p.m.)
18-24 Week of Welcome
      Includes: Watermelon Fest with the Chancellor, Classroom Tours, Park Smart Commuter Awareness Program, Saluki Stop Shop welcome tents, Tours of Morris Library, Bring Your Potential: Transfer and Commuter Social, RSO Fair, SIU Family Carnival and SO MUCH MORE!!!
19  Fall Semester Begins

Parking Tip: To avoid the rush, get your parking sticker early (prior to Aug. 14). Be sure to complete the online decal application at dps.siu.edu BEFORE going to the Parking Division office. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (M-F).

FOR A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS, visit siu.edu/events

This Month’s Contest

Each month you can win prizes through our newsletter contest. In July, readers were asked to look at their fall class and workschedules to help us identify best days/times for NTSS programs or ANTS activities. Participants were entered into a drawing for a fall 2013 Dawgbook and the winners are...Misty Anderson, Kim Klemp, and Nina Marhamati. CONGRATULATIONS!

Now, we don’t want you to miss out on our great campus-wide programs during Saluki Startup and Week of Welcome (WOW) and so the August contest’s prize just entice you to participate. Although it is not feasible to have a contest sign-up at every campus program, a contest sign-in sheet will be available at NTSS-sponsored programs which are specific to non-traditional, returning adult, and commuter students. So, while we encourage you to attend ALL Week of Welcome programs as your schedule allows, what follows is a list of NTSS-sponsored programs where you can enter your name into this month’s newsletter contest. Since many of you commute, we will be giving away two $25 gas cards. Mark your calendar now to attend as a participant or to volunteer. Either way, you will be able to enter our gas card drawing.

Friday, Aug. 16
Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Kickoff, 3-4 p.m.
Student Center
1st floor
Renaissance Room

Monday, Aug. 19
Park Smart Commuter Program
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Arena Parking Lot
*Pick up commuter packet here.

Tuesday, Aug. 20
Park Smart Commuter Program
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Arena Parking Lot
*Pick up commuter packet here.

Wednesday, Aug. 21
Family Study Room
Milk & Cookies
3-5 p.m.
Morris Library
*Study room entry keycards available.

Thursday, Aug. 22
Bring Your Potential, Transfer/Commuter Social
3-5 p.m.
Student Center, 1st floor
*Free pizza

Sunday, Aug. 24
SIU Family Carnival
3-5 p.m.
Student Recreation Center
*Food, games, and resources.

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.
COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

Run to Remember 5K Run/Walk

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

6 p.m. Pre-race ceremony
6:15 p.m. run/walk starts at the Lew Hartzog Track and Field Complex – SIU

For details, visit veterans.siu.edu/upcoming-events

Find what’s happening on campus at siu.edu/events