NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

Now is the time to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applying early maximizes your financial aid opportunities. If you haven’t completed your 2014 income taxes yet, don’t worry. Complete the FAFSA with your estimated income now and update your application later. Don’t wait. Start your FAFSA now!

Did you know that many scholarship applications have February deadlines and SIU’s general scholarship application is due Feb. 1? Did you know that some scholarships aren’t awarded because of a lack of applicants? Did you know that SIU has a single application that automatically matches you to scholarships for which you’re qualified? Well, now you know. See page 2 for more scholarship information.
February is the time to complete your FAFSA and apply for scholarships for the 2015-2016 year, and here is a success story to motivate you!

Dianna Balan, a graduate student studying communication disorders and sciences, became aware of an opportunity through the local PEO chapter that provides an annual scholarship for women who return to further their education to support themselves and/or their families. This past fall, Balan met with the local chapter Representative and started the application process. Just before the winter break, she learned that her efforts paid off. The chapter selected Balan and presented her with a $1,500 scholarship award! She stopped by the NTSS office after the winter break to share her great news, and to allow us to celebrate with her! Congratulations, Dianna!

Now it’s your turn.

1. It’s easy! Visit scholarships.siu.edu and complete the general application by Feb. 1 to be matched to scholarships for which you’re qualified.
2. While on the scholarships site, don’t miss the listing of outside scholarship opportunities.

Here are a few more scholarships to consider:

- AAUW Graduate Scholarship ($500 award)  
  *Deadline Feb. 2
- Joyce A. Kelly Memorial Scholarship ($500 award)  
  *Deadline Feb. 2
- Non-Traditional Student Services Scholarship (2 - $500 awards)  
  *Deadline Feb. 27
- Piper-McMahon Endowed Scholarship ($1,000 award)  
  *Deadline Feb. 27
- SIU Women’s Club Joyce Guyon Non-Traditional Student Scholarship ($2,000 award)  
  *Deadline Mar. 1
- Saluki Strength Breast Cancer Scholarship ($750 award)  
  *Deadline March 15

To read the rest of Robertson’s story and how he plans to pay it forward by creating a scholarship, visit nontrad.siu.edu and select Student Highlights.
Cathrine White, graduate student studying literature

White was featured in the August 2012 newsletter during her first semester back to college after an eight-year absence. “Since returning to SIU after time away, I have completed a bachelor’s degree in English and am currently working on my master of arts degree in Literature,” she said. “If someone would have asked me five years ago what I would be doing, I would have never imagined telling them, ‘Working on a bachelor’s degree,’ or ‘Completing my master’s degree.’ I have had a lot of support from faculty and staff, and the NTSS office as well.” White graduates this May and is looking forward to the opportunities to come. “I would have never pictured myself as a graduate student five years ago, and I’m so glad that I took time in the summer of 2012 to come talk with Admissions and Non-Traditional Student Services,” she said. “I probably wouldn’t be where I am today without the tools and help that were given that fall as I began a new chapter in life.”

Cristina Castillo, M.S. in Educational Psychology, School Counseling

Castillo was featured in the October 2013 newsletter; since then, she has graduated from SIU with her master’s degree (in May 2014). “My time at SIU as a graduate student, as well as graduate research assistant, graduate administrative assistant and graduate teaching assistant, allowed me to acquire a well-rounded experience,” she said. “As a result, I feel competent and confident in various areas, in addition to my degree. I feel ready to take on challenges and to represent the educational psychology department, and SIU, in a professional and ethical manner at any job.” Castillo works as the interim school counselor at Tri-C Elementary School in Carterville, Illinois. “At Tri-C, I get to apply my acquired knowledge and I get to work with people that have the same educational goals and mindset, which is to ‘Will the Good,’ ” she said. Since the position is an interim one, Castillo continues to search for a position in the Southern Illinois area that will allow her to use her degree to continue helping others. She has applied at various schools, including her alma mater, SIU Carbondale. Despite the wait, Castillo said: “I just ‘keep swimming,’ and I’m hoping I get to the shore soon to a steady job. I know I will!”

Good luck Cristina!

You will be a tremendous asset to any institution or organization!
Mark Your Calendar

EVENTS & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

1 Deadline to drop a full-term spring class to be eligible for a credit/refund
2-6 College Art Poster Sale, 9 a.m., Student Center first floor TV Lounge
2 Black History Month Kickoff, 5 p.m., Student Center Corker Lounge
4 Grad Bash ’15, 1 p.m., Student Center Ballrooms

Career Services Open House, 4-6 p.m., Student Services Building, room 179

1st Friday's Music at Morris, noon, Morris Library Guyon Auditorium
Saluki Women’s Basketball vs. Drake, 6 p.m., SIU Arena
7 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Illinois State, 1 p.m., SIU Arena
8 Saluki Women’s Basketball vs. University of Northern Iowa, 2 p.m., SIU Arena
10 Her Story: Tribute to Black Women Writer’s, 5 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room
11 International Festival 2015 Food Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Center Ballrooms

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois: Support a Fellow Student and a Great Cause

Becky Doiron, a therapeutic recreation major with a minor in psychology, transferred to SIU from John A. Logan College in fall 2014. She lives in Marion with her husband, Seth, and two sons, Marley, and Ilan. In addition to being a full time student, wife and mother, she also works as a licensed massage therapist and a zip line guide at Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour. “The choice to attend SIU was obvious,” Doiron said. “This fantastic university is only 15 minutes away from our home and offers me the flexibility I need as a parent. The resources that SIU offers, especially for its nontraditional students, is what keeps me motivated and encouraged throughout these demanding semesters.”

This year, Doiron is gathering up recreation students at SIU to take part in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois. “As captain of the “Ice REC-ers,” I have set a goal to raise $1,000, and I am about halfway there,” she said. Please consider making a donation to this great cause, and to supporting local and statewide athletes in the Special Olympics. If you’d like to watch the “plungers” brave the cold, come out to Campus Lake Feb. 28. The event begins at noon.

Visit soill.org website to learn more about the Special Olympics and the ways you can help.

Consider making a donation at http://soill.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=2625

Congratulations to Hongyang Liu, the winner of our December newsletter contest who correctly identified the financial aid office on the second floor of the Student Services building as the location of the featured photo. The winning prize is a Starbucks gift card!

For the spring semester, we are doing something a little different as we test your knowledge of SIU History Trivia. So for this month: You may recognize this fountain near Shryock Auditorium, but did you know these two statues have names? If you know their names, email your answer to nontrad@siu.edu and you’ll be entered to win the monthly prize.

For a complete list of programs and events, visit calendar.siu.edu

12 Black History Month Film: Prom Night in Mississippi, 6:30 p.m., Morris Library Guyon Auditorium
12 Writing Center Open House, 4-7 p.m., Morris Library, room 236
12-14 SPC Films presents “Big Hero 6,” Student Center Auditorium (see page 6 for show times)
13 Deadline to apply for May graduation
14-15 Children’s Eco Camp, Touch of Nature (registration deadline is Feb. 6)
14 Saluki Men’s Basketball vs. Evansville, 3 p.m., SIU Arena
15 It’s Our History and We Can’t Forget It, 4 p.m., Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church
17 Saluki Men’s Basketball vs. Wichita State, 7 p.m., SIU Arena
19 Black History Month: Nikki Giovanni, 7 p.m., Shryock Auditorium
20 Friday Fun at the Rec, 5 p.m., Student Recreation Center
20 Give Kids a Smile Day, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 1365 Douglas Drive, Carbondale (see details on page 5)
25 Career Services Spring Job Fair 2015, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Student Center Corker Lounge
THIS MONTH...

CAREER SERVICES OPEN HOUSE
SNACKS & DOOR PRIZES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015
4:00 - 6:00 PM
STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, SUITE 0179
VISIT US AT CAREERSERVICES.SIU.EDU
PHONE: 618/453-2391

Give Kids a Smile

February 20, 2015
8:30-4:30 pm

Featuring free preventive & restorative care
for children ages 1-14
(Exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride, sealants)
Location: 1365 Douglas Drive, Carbondale

Sponsored By:
SIUC Dental Hygiene Program
Southern Illinois Dental Hygienists’ Society
Southern Illinois Dental Society
Saluki Athletics

To schedule an appointment, please call 453-8826

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SIUC FEMALE STUDENTS

$2,000
SIUC WOMEN’S CLUB DOROTHY MORRIS TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

$2,000
SIUC WOMEN’S CLUB JOYCE GUYON NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Basic Requirements:
• Female undergraduate
• 3.0 (A=4.0) cumulative GPA
• Must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program
• Minimum of 24 credits earned at SIUC
• Must complete at least one semester during the next academic year

Preference Will Be Given To:
• Those who will have completed 86 credit hours by the end of spring 2015
and attained senior standing

To Access Applications: Go to the Scholarship Database on the SIUC
Undergraduate Academic Scholarships website

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2015
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LAUGH. LEARN. LAND YOUR DREAM JOB.

JobBound

Wednesday, Feb. 18
SIU Student Center
FREE
All students welcome

WORKSHOPS:

* "The Right Start: What They Don't Teach You in College"* 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Departmental/Meeting Room
* "The Young and the Beautiful: A Millennial's Guide to Workplace Success" 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Departmental/Monday Room
* "Can't We All Just Get Along? Communication Skills at Work"* 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., Departmental/Tuesday Room

FREE Reception with Brad Kunkel (SIU Alumni Association's Student Numbers Only)
4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Chief Altman Room

PRESENTATION:

* "Confessions of a Recruiting Director: The Insider's Guide to Landing Your First Job" and "How to Be the Job-Hunter in Today's Economy" 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Student Center Auditorium

www.jobbound.com

REGISTER TODAY ONLINE AT WWW.SIUS.COM/JOBBOUND 1 REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEB. 15

UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR

SPRING 2015

Meet employers face to face. Circulate your resume. Network with key recruiters. Discover new opportunities.

Wednesday, February 25th, 2015
Student Center Ballroom(s) 10:00AM - 2:00PM
All academic majors are welcome!

Professional head shots available free of charge
Required for entry: Student ID and Professional Attire
Find a list of participating employers on our website!

SIU SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE www.careerservices.siu.edu

Secretary of State Mobile Services

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Student Center Art Gallery

January 27, 2015
February 24, 2015
March 31, 2015
April 28, 2015

Services Available

* Drivers License (replacement, renewal, corrections)
* State ID Card (replacement, renewal, corrections)
* Vehicle Sticker Sales
* Commercial License Plates
* Passenger, B-10 and Motorcycle License Plates
* Organ/Tissue Donor Registrations
* Vehicle Title and Registration
* Parking Permits for Persons with Disabilities

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