WELCOME to 2013

With a new year comes new goals, exciting expectations, and a fresh perspective. As you start a new semester, we want to help you stay informed and connected. In the pages of this month’s newsletter, you can check out the many ways to get involved as a student and, for those of you with children, as a family.

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⇒ Monthly Contest to Win Dinner and a Movie
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Hello everyone,

I hope your winter break was just that...a break! Hopefully you took some time to refresh as we all gear up to start a new semester. For me, I am excited to be enrolled in the final course of my doctoral studies and to be entering the dissertation stage of my program. I could have never imagined that, just a few short years ago when I returned to college to finish my bachelor’s degree, I would now be pursuing a Ph.D.

We are all on a different path and sometimes, as evidenced by my story, we never quite know exactly where that path will take us. As each of you start the semester and continue on your own path, we are here to encourage you when times get tough and to celebrate with you through the big successes and even the small victories. We believe in you and hope you take time out this semester to see what is happening on campus for returning adults.

Whether you are at SIU to complete a degree started years earlier, to earn an advanced degree, or to prepare for a career change, we are here to partner with you. In addition to helping you identify resources, we offer opportunities to connect through Tuesday Lunch Break, SIU Family Carnival, bowling nights, Friday Fun at the Rec, and so much more. Our newly formed Association of Non-Traditional Students is also a great way to feel connected to campus!

CHECK IT OUT!!

Let us know how we can assist you,

Deborah

A NOTE FROM NTSS

Student Highlights

Amy Piermarini, a junior studying Journalism, published an article, “Moonlight Meditation”, in the winter 2013 edition of UNleashed magazine.

The magazine is published by the SIU School of Journalism. To find out more, visit http://unleashed.cdale.biz/

GREAT WORK AMY!

Imani Hudson, a junior studying Information Systems Technology, was recently nominated Mother of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale.

In addition to being a mom to her son P.J., Imani was balancing coursework at SIU AND John A. Logan College during the fall semester to earn her associates degree.

CONGRATULATIONS IMANI!

Cathrine White was preparing to enter her final semester at SIU when she learned that she had met the requirements needed to graduate in December!

Cathrine joined hundreds of other SIU graduates at the December 15 ceremony and is now on her way to graduate school!

Each month we want to take time out to highlight the stories and accomplishments of SIU Carbondale’s returning students. If you have an inspiring story or have a recent accomplishment you would like to share, please pass it along. If you know of someone that we can feature, please let us know that as well. The SIU campus needs to hear from you, so don’t be shy. Email dbarnett@siu.edu or stop by the NTSS office (Student Center, 3rd floor) to share your story or accomplishment.
Non-Traditional Student Services offers a spouse/domestic partner card for on-campus services including Morris Library, Student Rec Center, and Saluki Express. Visit nontrad.siu.edu/findingresources for details.

The Student Recreation Center offers dependent memberships for just $15 per semester. This is a great way to enjoy family fun, stay in shape, and engage your children in your experience at SIU.

Rainbow’s End Child Development Center (next to SIU Recreation Center) offers care for school-age children on school closing/early dismissal days. For more information or to enroll, contact 453-6358.

If you are enrolled under another insurance policy and meet the minimum requirements, you may receive a refund of the SIU Student Insurance Fee. Deadline to apply for a Spring refund is Friday, January 25. Visit http://shc.siu.edu/services/insurance/ for details.

Looking for Spring semester books but limited on cash? Some options to examine is whether your instructor has copies of reserve at the library and whether they are available for checkout. Another possibility is listing your need on our Facebook page for a book swap with other students.

Looking for some fun on a budget? SPC Films offers GREAT MOVIES at GREAT PRICES in the Student Center Auditorium. Check out the spring films at http://www.spc4fun.com/
This Month’s Contest

Each month you can win prizes through the newsletter contest. In December, readers were entered into a drawing for a $50.00 giftcard to the University Bookstore just by providing feedback on the new NTSS website. We received lots of great responses and the winner is…

**KRISTINA CRAWFORD—CONGRATULATIONS!**

It’s the start of a new year and there are lots of ways to become involved on campus. In January, each time you attend one of the following events, your name will be entered into a drawing for dinner and a movie...a great activity during the winter months!

**RSO FAIR:** Thursday, January 17, 5-7 p.m., Student Center Ballrooms (visit table for Association of Non-Traditional Students to enter)

**SIU FAMILY CARNIVAL:** Saturday, January 19, 3-5 p.m. at SIU Rec Center (sign in at welcome table to enter)

**ASSOCIATION OF NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS MEETING:** Wednesday, January 23, 5 p.m., Student Center Activity Room C

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**Look Out for More Events!**

- **SUN, JANUARY 20:** Deadline to register late for full-term Spring classes
- **MON, JANUARY 21:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No Classes
- **THURS, JANUARY 24:** SPC Films Spring Kickoff: Paranormal Activity 4
- **FRI, JANUARY 25:** Deadline for insurance refund (see pg. 3 for details)
- **SUN, JANUARY 27:** Deadline to drop full-term Spring class for credit/refund

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**This Month’s Calendar**

- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11:** Harlem Globetrotters at SIU Arena, Visit Saluki Athletics Ticket Office for details.
- **MONDAY, JANUARY 14:** Start of Spring 2013 semester
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17:** RSO Fair, Student Center, 5-7 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19:** SIU Family Carnival, Rec Center, 3-5 p.m.
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