PARKING TIPS!!!

Students across the country, and on our campus, sometimes find parking to be a limited resource. Here are a few tips that some students have used to find that prime parking spot... which one would you choose?

A. Arrive on campus before dawn...surely there are parking spots available then!
B. Arrive an hour before class and scout out lots where students might be leaving their parking spot early (keep an eye out for others who may be ‘scouting’ too!)
C. Keep a cup full of quarters in your car to plug the parking meter for the day (that can get costly!)
D. Arrive on campus and choose from multiple open spaces at the SIU Arena to conveniently park your vehicle, hop on the Saluki Express, and ride peacefully to any destination on campus in just minutes!!

If you are like me, you may have tried most of these options at one point or another but one of the best options I have found is option ‘D’...the SIU Saluki Express. Many students are unaware that riding SIU’s bus transit system is easy and STUDENTS RIDE FREE WITH A VALID STUDENT ID!!

Visit [http://studentcenter.siu.edu/services/saluki-express/](http://studentcenter.siu.edu/services/saluki-express/) to find out just how fast you can get from your vehicle to class by riding the Saluki Express (did I mention it’s free for students?). And don’t forget, parking decals expire August 31st...get your decal NOW and skip waiting in line (who has time for that?) Save even more time by completing your decal registration form online at [www.dps.siu.edu](http://www.dps.siu.edu)

Enjoy the rest of your summer...Deborah
Student Highlight

April Brockett: Using Job Uncertainty to Discover Her True Passion

It has been said that when one door closes, another one opens. Such is the case with April Brockett who, like many in the recent job market, faced uncertainties. However, April used those unsettling times as the fuel to drive her head on into her real passion. Following are parts of her story as featured in the Saluki Times article (May 10, 2012).

In 2009, April was faced with the news that the company she worked for had filed for bankruptcy. As she faced the possibility of an unexpected life change, April contemplated her future and decided to pursue a passion that she had realized as a high school student.

April enrolled at SIU Carbondale in spring 2010 in the mortuary science and funeral service program. She graduated in only two years with a 4.0 GPA, all while working, attending school (with a 45 minute, one-way commute), and interning at a local funeral home.

Although April was a highly committed student, she credits her classmates and faculty for their support in helping her to achieve her dream.

Congratulations to April Brockett who, like so many non-traditional students enrolled at SIU Carbondale, are using a career change decision as the catalyst to pursue what they were meant to do all along! Your Saluki family joins in celebrating your accomplishment.

Hello everyone,

I hope this finds you enjoying your summer. As I write, we are experiencing some of the hottest temperatures we have seen in southern Illinois (triple digits)... I hope you are finding ways to stay cool!

As we gear up for the fall semester, I have been excited to meet many of the new students coming to campus for the very first time. They each have their own unique story and are excited about their future and the dream of earning a college degree. As you see new students this fall, take time out to say hello and welcome them to the Saluki family!

Our student highlight, April Brockett, stepped onto campus in 2010 to pursue her dream. I hope her story inspires you to pursue your real passions in life.

Lastly, I am excited to join with other adult students this year to support and encourage one another through SIU’s Association of Non-Traditional Students. Anyone can be part of this group...no strings attached. As adult students juggling life, we are all busy so you can be as involved as you want or just receive information through our Facebook group, website, etc.

We are also looking for a core group of students who can help lead our efforts to build community among our nondrads. Do you have a passion for helping students to feel welcome at SIU, are you interested in helping to create scholarships to help adult students pay for college (we certainly need more of those), are you passionate enough about cooking to enter a BBQ or chili contest at a nontrad tailgate this fall...what is your idea...your passion?

Let us know...Deborah

Coordinator,
Non-Traditional Student Services

Thanks to Pete Rosenbery and University Communications for permission to share portions of April’s story. To read the entire article, go to http://news.siu.edu/2012/05/05012par12091.html. The Saluki Times can be accessed at www.news.siu.edu or find them on facebook at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saluki-Times/m041222241123?ref=ts

Each month we want to take time out to highlight the stories and accomplishments of SIU’s non-traditional 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 my office in the Student Center (3rd floor) to share your story/accomplishment or to share a story about someone you know (we will get their permission before featuring them in the Student Highlight section). Thanks!
Highlights from June 2nd...Kick off to Summer

On Saturday, June 2nd, SIU’s Graduate and Family Housing: Evergreen Terrace, Non-Traditional Student Services, and SIU Rec Center partnered together to provide an afternoon of food, games, and fun for SIU students and their families at Evergreen Park.

Top Row (L-R): SIU student, Kalonde Gilbert, helps serve up some watermelon; kids have fun playing water volleyball; and children of SIU students have fun playing water games. Middle Row: One of many competitive volleyball games of the day. Bottom Row (L-R): SIU Student/University Housing GA, Katrina James, hands out prizes; more water games; Leslie and Chuck (not pictured) braved the heat to be our grillmasters for the day!!

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR BBQ & FAMILY FUN A GREAT DAY!
Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day Holiday—University closed

Thursday, August 2 and Friday, August 3: Summer ’12 Final Exams

Wednesday, August 15—Sunday, August 19: Saluki Start-Up

*ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS: Start your school year off with the New Student Convocation, Southern Social, WatermelonFest with the Chancellor and more! Visit http://salukistartup.siu.edu/ for more information.

Monday, August 20: Fall Semester Classes Begin

Monday, August 20: Week of Welcome Begins!

*ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: SIU Carbondale campus and Carbondale Community provide multiple activities to welcome students to campus. More details to come at www.siu.edu

** Mark Your Calendar... 

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Congratulations to **DAWN SEWARD** who was drawn as the winner of the Tres Hombres gift certificate...enjoy!!

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### Upcoming Events & Academic Calendar

**Also check out calendar.siu.edu**

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