SIU students and their families gathered at Evergreen Park on Saturday, June 15, for the 2nd Annual Kickoff to Summer BBQ. Students and their families came out for a fun-filled evening of food, friends, and fun! Kids had a great time in the bounce house, complete with a climbing wall and slide. Students competed in a ‘get-to-know you’ Bingo game with the winner receiving a University Bookstore gift card. Our grill masters, Jason and Hank, kept the food coming for nearly 100 attendees. Staff from Evergreen Terrace also kept everyone cool with a continuous supply of ice-cold snow cones. It was a great day to gather with friends and connect with other students. You’ll find more pictures of the fun later in this newsletter.

If you missed our BBQ but want to join us for some fun this summer, check out the Sunset Concert on July 11 (see page 4 for details).
A NOTE FROM NTSS

August is just around the corner and we have some exciting new things coming this fall! You’ll definitely want to mark your calendar for our Saluki Startup and Week of Welcome events that are sure to help you get the semester off to a great start. Beginning Aug. 14, there will be lots of opportunities to participate and to volunteer.

COMING THIS FALL FOR COMMUTERS!!

Commuter Connections packets will be available at welcome tents and at our Park Smart tent during the first two days of the fall semester. The packets are full of helpful tips, discounts, and more! Don’t forget to pick yours up.

We’re also excited about new opportunities for commuter ‘mixers’ at Watermelon Fest and prior to the RSO Fair. Make plans to join us!

Look for details about Saluki Startup, Week of Welcome, and commuter programs in the August newsletter.

ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER,

Deborah

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Student Uses Own Experiences to Help At-Risk Children

A May 2013 graduate, Travis Clayton, turned his life experience as an at-risk teen into an opportunity to connect with and help children. The Southernmost Grow Your Own (GYO) Program at SIU enabled him to do so. Travis balanced work, family, and school while pursuing his bachelor’s degree in special education.

Congratulations Travis! We applaud your commitment to making a difference in the lives of others!

To read more about Travis’ inspiring story, check out the May 6 Saluki Times article and the May 17 Illinois Board of Higher Ed’s publication.

NEW THIS FALL!

Join us this fall for UCOL101N

A course for non-traditional, military, and returning adult students

WHEN: Saturdays, Aug. 24—Sept. 28
WHERE: Quigley 203

SIU’s Non-Traditional Student Services and Veterans Services have teamed up to offer UCOL101N, a course specific to the unique needs of non-traditional, military, and returning adult students. The class is comprised of six sessions, meeting each Saturday from Aug. 24—Sept. 28 so you’ll kick off your semester with the information you need to be successful!

Upon completing the course, you’ll gain competencies in:
- University education
- Career and life planning
- Academic and self-management skills
- Campus resources and services
- Education completion plan development
- And so much more!

Join us this fall...we look forward to meeting you!

*For more information, contact dbarnett@siu.edu

For details about UCOL101N or a new English 101 section for veterans and ROTC students, visit nontrad.siu.edu
More from the Kickoff to Summer BBQ!

Top row: Austyn McElroy (Evergreen Terrace GA) serves up snow cones to happy kids; Students and their families help us kick off summer.

Middle row: Children of SIU students enjoy the bounce house, climbing wall, and slide; Students meet new friends.

Bottom row: Cathrine White stops by with a friend to say hello; Our grill masters Jason Antoine and Hank Webb...THANK YOU for pitching in!!!

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**

**JULY**

11  **Sunset Concert**: The Right Now, Shryock Steps, 7 p.m. (Vintage Soul/R&B)
16  **Backpack to Briefcase**: workshop by Career Services, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. *Registration required.
18  **Sunset Concert**: The Kopecky Family Band, Turley Park, 7 p.m. (Indie Rock)
25  **Sunset Concert**: The Ark Band, Shryock Steps, 7 p.m. (Reggae)

*The Fall 2013 semester begins Monday, August 19.*

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**JUST FOR KIDS...**

SIU Museum and Rainbow’s End partner to provide

**COMPLETELY FREE WORKSHOPS AT UNIVERSITY MUSEUM**

**Ages 5-7**

July 9: Stamps and Printmakers/Art Keeper
July 23: Diversity Quilt

**IMPORTANT:**

Pre-registration is required.
To register, just call the Museum, at (618) 453-5388.

**Ages 6-11**

July 16: Combinorama! Art Portfolio
July 30: Art That Moves

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While you’re at the museum, check out the summer exhibits. The SIU Museum is located in the north wing of Faner Hall.

**FOR A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS, visit** [siu.edu/events](http://siu.edu/events)

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**This Month’s Contest**

Each month you can win prizes through our newsletter contest. In June, readers were asked to identify the location of the water feature pictured in our contest photo. This tranquil spot is located just outside of Shryock Auditorium. This summer’s Sunset Concerts alternate weekly between the steps of Shryock Auditorium and Turley Park. We received several entries and drew five winners of wellness packets from SIU’s Student Health Center - Wellness Center. And the winners are... **Anitra Dorsey, Chuck Foster, Garcia Farquharson, Sana Haque, and Charlaina Lumbley!!!**

If you haven’t checked out a Sunset Concert yet this summer, join us on July 11 at the Shryock Steps to hear **The Right Now** featuring Vintage Soul/R&B. The music starts at 7 p.m. There will be a crowd but you can find us by looking for the **MAROON BALLOON** floating in the air. Come join us! And, feel free to bring your family or friends! Bring a snack to share and your own drink of choice.

For our July contest, we’re asking you to help us gear up for fall. The office of Non-Traditional Student Services and the registered student organization, Association of Non-Traditional Students, are working on some great opportunities for the fall but we need your help! For example, last year we held a **Tuesday Lunch Break** from noon to 1 p.m. each Tuesday as an informal space for non-traditional students to gather, have lunch, and connect with other students. However, some students had class or work during that time and mentioned that they wanted to attend but were unable to. As we plan for the fall, we are looking for days/times that might work best for as many of you as possible. Keeping your fall semester schedule in mind, please take a moment to give us your input through our **when is good** planning system. All who participate will be entered into our drawing for fall 2013 Dawgbooks to be given away in August.

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**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 AUGUST...

Week of Welcome and Saluki Startup - two great traditions at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and the perfect opportunity for ALL students to see what SIU Carbondale has to offer.

A few of the things you will want to check out:

- Welcome tents - complete with campus/community maps and the exciting new Commuter Connections informational packets
- Our Park Smart park and ride program
- The Chancellor's New Student Convocation
- The Watermelon Fest
- Family Carnival
- Registered Student Organization (RSO) and Volunteerism Fair

That's just the beginning! Visit www.wow.siu.edu for the full schedule of events. We hope to see you there in August 2013!

For more information, call 618/453-7521 or visit us online at www.nontrad.siu.edu.

Parking is never a problem when you PARK SMART and ride the SALUKI EXPRESS!

Join us during Week of Welcome to find out how to Park Smart.

Be sure to also pick up your Commuter Connections informational packets at our Welcome Tents.

Check out the Saluki Express bus schedules at studentcenter.siu.edu/services/saluki-express and see how this program can work for you!

PARK SMART sponsors: Non-Traditional Student Services, Saluki Express, Department of Public Safety Parking Division

Get the App
Track the Bus

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