If you are on or near campus for the summer, there are lots of things going on to help you stay connected! Of course, if you are taking classes, you are sure to meet new instructors and classmates along the way. Also, starting Thursday, June 14th, SIU’s Student Programming Council, City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Park District are proud to present the 2012 Sunset Concert Series. Join us every Thursday night this summer. This is a FREE event that is open to everyone, so bring a friend or two or even three! Each week the concert rotates between Shryock Auditorium Steps and Turley Park. You are welcome to bring your own drinks in non glass containers, portable grills and food, entertainment, etc. There are some rules for the event that are strictly enforced. Visit spc4fun.com for details.

Also, Non-Traditional Student Services will be teaming up with SIU’s Graduate and Family Housing to sponsor a Kick off to Summer event on Saturday, June 2nd for students and families. The event will be held at Evergreen Park (just south of campus off Pleasant Hill Rd) and starts at 4:30 p.m. We will have food, games, and LOTS of fun!! Come out and join us. Help us plan by signing up at nontrad.siu.edu.

As always, help us to help you by staying in touch and sharing ways we can provide support as you move toward degree completion.

Deborah
In May, many students accomplished the goal of earning a college degree and many of them, like you, did so while balancing multiple responsibilities as they added school to an already busy life. Following is the story of one of those students as featured in a May 8, 2012 article published by the Saluki Times.

In May 2012, Kathryn Payne earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary/special education and now she can add ‘college graduate’ to her long list of titles including mom, employee (working two jobs), and coach for her son’s sports teams...just to name a few!

Kathryn has been an inspiration to many, including her instructors, as they have been amazed by her perseverance as she experienced multiple challenges on her journey to degree completion. Despite those obstacles, Kathryn earned a GPA that warranted induction into the Delta Chi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international education honor society. She is thankful for the support from teachers, staff, Student Support Services, and others who have gone ‘above and beyond’ to offer encouragement and assistance along the way.

Kathryn knew she wanted to teach when she worked as a daycare teacher in high school (the 29th school she had attended as her family moved around a lot). Later, she moved to southern Illinois to start college with only her clothes and $50. She was also pregnant with her son at the time. At one point, she was taking 20 credit hours, working two jobs, and providing support for friends and family in need.

Like many of you, Kathryn persevered!!! We congratulate Kathryn on earning her degree and hope her story inspires you to keep pressing forward. To read the complete article, see below.

Thanks to Christi Mathis and University Communications for permission to share portions of Kathryn’s story. To read the entire article, go to http://www.news.siu.edu/2012/05/050812cjm12153.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/11041222241133?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!

Congratulations to Heather Will and Diana Hubbard on their recent scholarship awards. We wanted to take time out this month not only to congratulate them but to recognize their dedication and perseverance.

Diana Hubbard is a single parent of two children; the eldest child is applying to SIU in the fall to become a teacher. Diana has taken day classes, night classes, and online classes all while working a full-time job. She is pursuing a degree in Radiological Sciences. Diana was awarded the Non-Traditional Student Services Activity Scholarship at an awards ceremony on April 13th (see photo below).

Heather Will is a junior at SIU and is a first-generation college student. She works full-time, has a family of six and has earned a GPA worthy of being named to SIU’s Dean’s list. Heather is also very involved in her community and church. Heather was awarded the Piper-McMahan Endowed Scholarship in April.

Congratulations to our 2012 Scholarship Award Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
Your dedication inspires us all.

Deborah
GET FIT THIS SUMMER...

Remember, summer is a great time to get fit at the Student Recreation Center and staff are happy to show you around! Your student fees cover your semester membership so take advantage of the great facilities that are available to you. Also, if you have children, you and your children can enjoy the Rec together with a dependent membership from the Administrative Office for ONLY $15.00 per semester (this fee covers ALL of your children—no matter how many). This is a great deal and a service that is rare on college campuses—take advantage of it!

Visit reccenter.siu.edu for more information and details!!
Mark Your Calendar...

Upcoming Events & Academic Calendar

Saturday, June 2nd

KICK OFF TO SUMMER @ Evergreen Park
Food, Games, and Fun...Starts at 4:30 p.m.
(for details, see page 3 of newsletter)

Monday, June 11

SUMMER SESSION CLASSES BEGIN

Thursday, June 14

SUNSET CONCERTS BEGIN
7:00 p.m. @ Shyrock (see details below)

Thursday, June 28

KICKOFF MEETING FOR SIU’s NEWEST STUDENT ORGANIZATION
Association of Non-Traditional Students
5:30 p.m. @ Student Center South Patio Area
(visit nontrad.siu.edu for details)

This Month’s Contest

Each month you have the opportunity to win prizes just by reading the newsletter. Last month we asked you to identify a photo (a place where we will have lots of summer fun with SIU students and families). The photo was correctly identified as Evergreen Park where we will be holding our Kick off to Summer event on Saturday, June 2nd (see page 3 of newsletter for details). If you have never been to Evergreen Park, it is a beautiful place and we hope you can join us on June 2nd for food, games, and lots of fun!!

Congratulations to JENNIFER HEWERDINE who was drawn as the winner of DQ gift certificates to help keep cool this summer.

HOW TO WIN THIS MONTH... Several of you have not only expressed interest in building community through a student organization but have also asked about how you can be a part of the very beginning. Here’s how... Meetings will be held this summer to establish organizational leadership and plan for the 2012-2013 year (see details above). If you are interested in being a part of the adult student organization or just want to keep in touch about what’s happening on campus for non-traditional students, be one of the first to join us on our new Facebook page. Each of you who join us on Facebook in the month of June will be entered into a drawing to win a gift certificate to Tres Hombres. Just search on Facebook for SIU Carbondale Association of Non-Traditional Students. It’s a great way to stay in touch and to meet other students!

NOTE: This newsletter is designed to be electronic. If you received a copy in print form and need to access links, visit nontrad.siu.edu and click on Monthly Newsletter.