PREPARING FOR FINALS? JOIN US FOR
SALUKI STUDY BREAK
ON SUNDAY, MAY 6th!

Non-Traditional Student Services has partnered with SIU’s Student Recreation Center to offer a Saluki Study Break on Sunday, May 6th (just before finals). The Alumni Lounge at the Rec Center will be set up with snacks to keep you energized and plenty of quiet study space from 2:00-5:00 p.m. If you have children, we have activities planned for them too! While you study, children (ages 3 and up) will have lots of fun playing games with other kids of SIU students and will wind down the afternoon with popcorn and a movie!! If you plan to attend, click here to sign up so we are sure to have plenty of staff and plenty of snacks!

We couldn’t end the Spring 2012 semester without saying CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!! We wish you the very best in your future career and know that you will represent SIU well. We will be at the graduation ceremonies to cheer you on as you enter this next stage of your journey!

For those of you who will be continuing on in the summer and fall semesters, keep persevering! We have some exciting things coming up to help you connect to your Saluki family, to stay encouraged, and to support you as you persist to degree completion. Keep watching the newsletter for updates.

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
Student Highlight:  
Congratulating our Graduates and Welcoming New Students

This month, rather than highlighting one student we are taking time to say CONGRATULATIONS to all those who have reached their goal of degree completion and will be graduating in May! We applaud your perseverance and wish you the very best in your future career. Please stay in touch and let us know how you are doing and remember...once a Saluki, always a Saluki! You will always be a part of the SIU family and we wish you well.

Also, we want to welcome new students who will be joining the SIU family in the summer, fall, and spring semesters. Over the past few months, Non-Traditional Student Services along with many other departments across campus have met some of our new and prospective students at SIU’s New Student Orientations, Open Houses, and Community College Preview Days. We continue to meet students who have inspiring stories to share about their own journey to start or return to college and we are excited to welcome them to campus! Go Salukis!

Adult Student Organization and Student Survey!!

Well, the votes have been cast and the results are in! Just to recap, in the February newsletter we asked students to submit ideas to name our newly forming adult student organization on the SIU Carbondale campus. Several ideas were submitted and were narrowed down to the top 10 entries that we felt most appropriately represented SIU’s adult student population as a whole. In the March newsletter, we asked you to vote. At one point, we thought we would have a tie. Then, in the last days of voting a winner emerged and the winner is...

ASSOCIATION OF NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Several of you have not only expressed interest in building community through this new student organization but also have asked about how you can help. Meetings will be held this summer to establish organizational leadership and plan for the 2012-2013 year. Stay tuned!

We also want to thank all of you who participated in our Adult Student Survey. The input received from this survey will be instrumental in shaping services and support for adult students now and in the future!

Enjoy the rest of your semester!

Deborah

Above: Photos from SIU Preview Day at Shawnee Community College.
Left: Dexter Johnson chats with mascots from SIU and Shawnee College.
Right: SIU Staff are on hand to answer new & prospective student questions.

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!
ATTENTION GRADUATES:

Membership in the SIU Alumni Association truly has it's advantages. From discount savings and pre-game tailgates to the alumni online community & members only extras. Check out the perks members enjoy at siualumni.com

Membership is only $25

DID YOU KNOW???

Current full-time students, graduate students, and off-campus program students can also join the SIU Alumni Association!

Student Memberships are ONLY $15.00

Check it out at siualumni.com

April was National Poetry Month and 40 area students (2nd-12th grade) submitted poems to help celebrate our theme ...

Big Things Within Reach

Students and their families joined us at Morris Library’s John C. Guyon Auditorium on Sunday, April 29th for an awards ceremony and reception. Attendees had the opportunity to recite their poems for the audience and received a special certificate of participation. Five students also received Awards of Excellence: Morgan Bueza, Ally Dyer, Skylar Hewerdine, Bo Schuetz, and Sarah Wright.

THANKS to students from SIU's Department of English who volunteered to serve as judges (Staci Schoenfeld, Jung Hae Chae, Andrew McSorley, Austin Kodra, and Shawn Mitchell).

Poems are on display at Morris Library (1st floor). Take a moment to stop by and see how the next generation expresses thoughts about their own future and the BIG THINGS WITHIN REACH!!!

SUMMER IS COMING...

If you have never taken time to check out the Student Recreation Center, summer is a great time and staff are happy to give you a tour! 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 by obtaining 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! Go to reccenter.siu.edu for more information.
Mark Your Calendar...

Upcoming Events & Academic Calendar

Thursday, May 3rd  
Informational Speakers for Students and Veterans  (John C. Guyon Auditorium)  
Speakers include: 9:00 a.m. Harold Power (Veterans Services Office at SIUC); 11:00 a.m. Skip Cosgrove (Marine Core League); Lunch 12-1; 1:00 p.m. Tim Scarbrough (Veteran Employment Rep); 3:00 Behesha Doan (This Able Vets Service Dogs); and 4:00 p.m. Jenett Posey (Documentary of Female Vets)

Saturday, May 5th  
“Main Event and Spring Carnival”: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. FREE TO THE PUBLIC  
(Held at Murdale True Value, Carbondale)  
Families can enjoy inflatable jumping stations, carnival games, snacks, and lunch. All proceeds from the event support The Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp Program

Sunday, May 6th  
Saluki Study Break: 2:00—5:00 p.m. (SIU Student Recreation Center)

Sunday, May 6th  
FREE Moonlight Canoeing: 8:00—10:00 p.m. (Campus Boat Dock)

Saturday, May 12th  
Commencement—Congratulations Graduates!!

COMING IN JUNE:

ADULT STUDENT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUP AND LEADERSHIP  
KICK OFF TO SUMMER & MOVIE IN THE PARK

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!  
Friday, May 4th—Sunday, May 6th  
Reduced Ticket Prices on Opening Night  
For details or to check out other upcoming events, go to http://southernticketsonline.com/events

This Month’s Contest

Each month you have the opportunity to win prizes just by reading the newsletter. Last month we asked you to cast your vote to name the newly forming adult student organization on the SIU Carbondale campus. This organization will provide an avenue in which adult students can build community through scholarship, support, and service. Many of you voted and the name of our new student organization will be...

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Congratulations to JESSICA MILLER who was drawn as the winner of Barnes and Noble gift card.

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To be entered to win this month’s contest, identify the photo to the right (a place where we will have lots of summer fun with SIU students and families). Click here to enter your guess and a chance to win Dairy Queen gift certificates to help keep you cool this summer!

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