SWAG Her UP! Suits Up SIU Student

Thanks to the Herrin-based charity, “SWAG Her UP!,” our very own Heather Will was able to get interview apparel in preparation for her graduation in December. Heather is a student in the College of Education and Human Services and the mother of four. SWAG suited Heather up with a suit, blouse, and even shoes. Kandi Chapman, co-founder of SWAG, helped Heather pick out the perfect suit and had tips for interview do’s and don’ts. Amber Girado, a stylist from West Frankfort, also donated her time to help complete Heather’s look with just the right hair and makeup. Girado also provided some very helpful tips for interview-appropriate styling. This charity founded by two SIU alumnae outfits area women for interviews and other professional opportunities. Find the exciting before and after photos later in this newsletter!

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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.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT AND CONTEST WINNER

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THE FAMILY ROOM GOT A MAKEOVER!

The Family Room at Morris Library recently received a breath of fresh air. The family room is a child-friendly study room on the third floor of the library. The NTSS office teamed up with WSIU to make this cozy little space a little more user friendly. The overall idea was to try to make the area a little more conducive to quiet play, and to gear it more towards learning. Beth Spezia, community engagement representative for WSIU, took delight in taking on this project. The NTSS office, along with Spezia and her team, are proud to be able to offer a new computer just for the kids, a bean bag chair, better chairs, a bright PBS Kids rug and some wonderful new posters for the walls. Beth’s students actually made the posters themselves. There are even PBS Kids games on the new computer to keep the little ones busy and learning with their favorite characters. The room also has a space where kids can work on and display their art. NTSS will continue to work with WSIU to keep the family room something we can all be proud of. Spezia and her students plan to switch the themes monthly and bring new surprises into the room.

This May, the theme will be “Martha Speaks,” named for a PBS Kids show focusing on increasing the vocabulary of children between the ages of four and seven years old. The NTSS team and WSIU have had a great time working together on this project. It just makes sense for WSIU to be involved in the family room. The NTSS office looks forward to all the great things that will come of the partnership! The family room is available to students that have their children with them. It is a great way to keep your kids occupied while you get a little studying done. Ask for your key card at the library’s information desk today!

Great job WSIU and NTSS!

Veteran and Adult Learner-Focused Fall Course Sections

Attention, Veterans and ROTC students!

SIU now offers an English Composition 101 course just for you this fall.

Featuring:
- Classmates with similar backgrounds and personal experiences
- Comfortable environment featuring peers and friends
- An experienced, no-nonsense instructor trained to help you get the most benefit from this class

ENGL 101 - 026 (CRN: 65759)
meets MWF 10:00-10:50 in Fomer 306

Please see your advisor for enrollment assistance or Joyce Schemons in English (Fauer 2390) 453-6811

Welcome to SIU!

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

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This Month’s Contest

Each month you can win prizes through our newsletter contest. In April, spring graduates had the opportunity to win a professional makeover from S.W.A.G. Her Up (“Suiting Women to Accomplish their Goals”), a non-profit organization started through the vision of three local women, two of whom are SIU alumnae. And our makeover winner is... HEATHER WILL — CONGRATULATIONS!

For this month’s contest, we need your help! We’re looking for ways to improve the experiences of adult students as they transition to SIU and to better engage them as they move toward degree completion. Please take a moment to reflect back on your own SIU transition and what positive experiences you had, as well as what areas you would recommend need improving. We appreciate your feedback and will utilize your input and experiences to help us better serve the newest members of our Saluki family.

FOR A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS, visit siu.edu/events

May

**Finals Study Break** at Student Recreation Center
*for info or to sign up, visit nontrad.siu.edu

5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration at Campus Boat Docks, 4-7 p.m. Free food, music, dancing!
*Sponsored by Latino Cultural Association, Hispanic Student Council, and Hispanic Resource Center
(food provided by Mis Cuates Mexican Restaurant)

6-10 Final Exams— Schedule

7 Spare-a-Meal Bowling
5-8 p.m Student Center

10 **Forever SIU— A Commencement Celebration**
6:30 p.m. SIU Arena Parking Lot

11 Commencement

12 Mother’s Day Brunch
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Student Center Ballrooms

COMING IN JUNE...

KICK OFF TO SUMMER BBQ AT EVERGREEN PARK

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 UP...

**Mother’s Day Brunch**

Sunday, May 12
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Center Ballrooms

Corned Beef & Sour Cream Soup
Braised Chicken w/Mango & Honey Fruit Relish
Mixed Field Green Salad
Black Eye Pea & Corn Salad
Mediterranean Pearl Couscous Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cheesy Scrambled Eggs
Butter Whipped/Maple Potatoes
Biscuits & Milk Gravy
Steamed Vegetable Medley
Country Green Beans w/Butter & Caramelized Onion
Assorted Sweets, Cookies, Cakes & Pastries

Advance Sales
Children's Buffet $10.00
Student Session $12.00
General Public $14.00

Door Sales
Children's Buffet $12.00
Student Session $15.00
General Public $17.00

*Tickets are available by phone by calling 618/453-2473 or at the Student Center Business Office Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**Summer Camps 2013**

**Camp Little Giant**

With the philosophy that campers “learn by doing,” Camp Little Giant offers campers an age-appropriate view of their own capabilities and the belief that they can use those capabilities to make a difference. This popular residential program is located on the shores of Little Giant Lake. Campers participate in a wide variety of activities such as theater, arts and crafts, swimming, horseback riding and sailing.

For children 5-11 with high socio-emotional risk including any learning disability.

**Week 1**: June 16-22
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**Week 2**: CAMP LITTLE GIANT II

For children ages 9-15 with physical, cognitive or developmental disabilities.

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**NEW GRADUATES AND FAMILIES!**

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**A Commencement Celebration**

• Visit with your college dean and faculty
• Live music by Mike and Joe
• Light refreshments and beverages
• Items for purchase from local food vendors, vineyards and breweries

Membership benefits, ring purchases, official graduation t-shirts, regalia assistance, and other collegiate items.

• SIU Alumni Association
• University Bookstore
• 710 Bookstore

Visit commencement.siu.edu

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CHECK OUT MORRIS LIBRARY’S
FAMILY STUDY ROOM (3rd Floor)

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