JOIN US IN CELEBRATING AND RECOGNIZING SIU’S ADULT STUDENT POPULATION

National Adult Student Recognition Week 2012
1st Week of November

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP, SERVICE, AND SUPPORT

Friday, November 2nd
COFFEE HOUR
Center for International Education
3 - 4 p.m.
Sponsored by Non-Traditional Student Services

Saturday, November 3rd
MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY
School: 7:30 a.m.
Game Time: 2 p.m.
Support our military personnel as the Salukis take on South Dakota State.

Monday, November 5th
MONDAY MORNING COFFEE BREAK
South Education Center
8:30 - 9 a.m.
Stop by for coffee and a muffin and help support scholarships through the Association of Non-Traditional Students.

Tuesday, November 6th
SOUP AND SCHOLARSHIPS
noon - 1 p.m.
Student Center Cardiac Room
Join us for lunch to discuss how to search for scholarships, what scholarships are available for non-traditional students, and learn to apply. Space is limited. RSVP at eventbrite.us

Wednesday, November 7th
MID-WEEK MASSAGES
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Chatham Center
Stop by to get a message and learn stress management strategies from SIU Student Health Services.

Thursday, November 8th
THANK YOU THURSDAY
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Avenue Bar
In need of a Faculty/Staff member at SIU that has made a difference for you? Tell him/ her/ them know! Stop by the table during Thank You Thursday to write a note of thanks!

Friday, November 9th
PROFESSIONAL RINJRD ROBING
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Program Seminar - Activity Room
Stop by to ask questions of professionals from on- and off- campus offices as they relate to your future career.

Sunday, November 11th
VETERANS DAY
Support veterans and military personnel by attending the Veterans Day Vigil and Flag Ceremony on the SIU Campus or an event in your community.

In collaboration with: Association of Non-Traditional Students, SIU Athletics, SIU Financial Aid Office, SIU Graduate and Family Services, SIU Health Center, SIU Non-Traditional Student Services, SIU Recreation Center, SIU Veteran’s Center, Veteran’s Organization (VSO)

For more information, visit nontrad.siu.edu

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Student Highlight: Prince Robertson... taking on a challenge with full force.

This month’s student highlight is Prince F. Robertson, a graduate student at SIU with whom I have had the privilege of working alongside this semester as he has served as an intern at NTSS. I have been impressed with his professionalism, passion for students, and dedication to his family. He has a bright future ahead and we believe you will find his story inspiring.

In 2011 my family and I packed our belongings in Saginaw, MI and moved to Carbondale, IL. I was blessed with the opportunity to pursue a M.S. Ed degree in educational administration at SIU. The purpose of this life altering decision was to not only create an example to my children, but to enhance my education and increase my chances within today’s ever changing economy.

Indeed there were concerns about leaving our support system and family behind during this leap of faith. How would our autistic son adapt the change of a new surrounding? How well would my wife transition to becoming a stay at home mom for our then, 5 and 1 year old boys? Was I really ready to return back to school and possibly put my family in an uncomfortable situation? These concerns were superficial compared to what I was feeling inside. However, a larger and more confident part of me knew that the time that I would invest here at SIU would be well worth the effort. I made the decision to become a successful and model non-traditional/graduate student.

I’ve always took on a challenge with full force. Being a non-traditional student is definitely not a new venture for me. I am a community college graduate of Delta College, located in Saginaw, MI. After taking time off when receiving my associate degree, I then became a commuter student at the nearby Saginaw Valley State University. I understand the struggles that non-traditional students face and the many opportunities in which one can be successful. I have an innate ability to push, help, and develop those who are in need of support in any manner. I call it my P.H.D method/approach. When going through the rigorous challenges of balancing school, work, and family there must be a rooted motivation factor; in my case, it’s to exceed above and beyond expectations.

I have been blessed to have the opportunities that I have experienced here at SIU since I began this expedition in August 2011. The experience that I received with SIU Residence Life and the professional connections that I have made is something that I will always possess. I have been provided with the opportunity to travel abroad to Ghana, West Africa and to utilize my skills while interning at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach. I am also heavily involved with the National Association of Student Personnel and Administrators (NASPA). I am now a second year graduate student with a 3.6 G.P.A and will be graduating in May 2013. The hard work is unquestionably paying off by providing me with the proper tools and competencies to become an efficient higher education administrator.

Not bad for a non-traditional student! Prince F. Robertson

A NOTE FROM NTSS

Hello Everyone,

The first week of November kicks off NATIONAL ADULT STUDENT RECOGNITION WEEK when we take time out to recognize the adult student population at campuses across the country. We applaud your perseverance as you further your education while balancing multiple responsibilities such as work and family.

We want to not only draw attention to the growing population of adult students but also want to provide opportunities for you and the rest of campus to engage in building community through scholarship, service, and support.

Be sure to check out the list of events developed with adult students in mind. More importantly, make sure to come out and take part in as many events as your schedule allows. The SIU campus needs to see you in full force!

If you would like to help with any of the events by helping to staff a table, bringing baked goods, or just being present to welcome other students, please send me a quick email to let me know at dbarnett@siu.edu

We look forward to seeing you!

Deborah, NTSS Coordinator

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 as a Student Highlight).
YOUR VOICE COUNTS

In the spring of 2012, SIU’s non-traditional student population was surveyed and we asked about financial/career workshops that might be helpful. Of those responding, 48% of undergraduate students and 38% of graduate students were interested in a Scholarship Applications workshop and

WE LISTENED!!!

Check out SOUP AND SCHOLARSHIPS during our Tuesday Lunch Break on November 6th from noon-1 p.m. in the Student Center Cambria Room (1st floor).

SPACE IS LIMITED!!! Visit nontrad.siu.edu to sign up!

DID YOU KNOW? Many scholarship deadlines are in January, February, and March so now is a great time to start searching and applying for scholarships.

Find out how to search and apply for scholarships at the

Soup and Scholarships
workshop on November 6th!

Learn about available scholarships including those offered through Non-Traditional Student Services.

Space is limited. Reserve your space at nontrad.siu.edu.

NEW THIS MONTH...

College of Education and Human Services Scholarships are now online at http://ehs.siu.edu/services/scholarships.html

*Applications due February 1, 2013

SIU’s Association of Non-Traditional Students

If you are looking for a place to connect with other students or to get involved at SIU, check out the Association of Non-Traditional Students!

In October, 18 adults and 10 children joined us for a Kick-off Meeting at Evergreen Terrace. We had lots of pizza, fun, and met some new friends.

On Tuesday, October 23rd, the group met for the monthly business meeting where discussion included fundraising for scholarships, adult student recognition week, and attending tailgating events on Saturday, November 3rd. If you want to join us for tailgating, we will meet at the Student Center main entrance at 11 a.m. on Nov. 3 and walk over together.

For upcoming meetings and events through the association, join the group at orgsync.com, join us on Facebook, or visit nontrad.siu.edu and click on Adult Student Organization. There are LOTS of ways to stay in touch.

CHECK IT OUT...

*Photos from October 9th Kickoff meeting at Evergreen Terrace
UPCOMING EVENTS & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

NATIONAL ADULT STUDENT RECOGNITION WEEK

Friday, Nov. 2: Coffee Hour @ Center for Int’l Education (3-5 pm)

Saturday, Nov. 3: Military Appreciation Day at Saluki Stadium
Want to tailgate but don’t want to go alone? Join the non-trad group at Student Ctr. Main Entrance (11 a.m.) to walk over.

Sunday, Nov. 4: Haunted Hollow @ Touch of Nature (1-4 pm)

Monday, Nov. 5: Morning Coffee Break @ Faner (8:30—10 am)

Tuesday, Nov. 6: Soup & Scholarships @ Cambria Rm (12-1 pm)

Tuesday, Nov. 6: U.S. Presidential Election Results @ Ballroom B

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Mid-Week Massages @ Student Ctr (11-1)

Thursday, Nov. 8: Thank You Thursday @ Faner (12:30—2:30 pm)

Friday, Nov. 9: Prof. Round Robin @ Evergreen (1-3 pm)

Sunday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Vigil/Flag Ceremony @ SIU (11 am)

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring 2013 registration began Oct.16th
(to register, contact your academic advisor or visit salukinet.siu.edu)

Thanksgiving Break — Nov. 22nd-23rd
(no classes November 21-25; residence halls closed Noon Wednesday to 1:00 PM Sunday)

*FOR A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF STUDENT CENTER EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC. VISIT http://studentcenter.siu.edu/events/

Parents, plan to join your children for a special ‘GIVING THANKS’ edition of
FRIDAY FUN AT THE REC!!
Friday, Nov.16th (6:30—8:30 pm)
To sign up, visit nontrad.siu.edu

This Month’s Contest

Each month you have the opportunity to win prizes just by reading the newsletter. Last month, students who attended any of the programs/meetings held by the Association of Non-Traditional Students were entered into a drawing for a Kroger giftcard just in time to help with purchases for a fall get together or Thanksgiving dinner!

Congratulations to GRADY MISSELHORN who was drawn as the October newsletter winner.

To enter this month’s contest, identify the location of the photo to the left. This is a place in the CENTER of campus where students, faculty, staff, and community members can be ‘crafty’. You may have to take the elevator or walk down some stairs to get to it but, either way, you are sure to find an adventure...possibly even passing through Little Egypt. If you know the location of this photo, submit your guess to be entered into a drawing for a prize redeemable at this ‘shop’.

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.
Coming up…

VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Wednesday, October 31, 2012
SIU Carbondale Student Center
Ballroom D • 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Games • Candy • Costume Contest 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
University Housing • Residence Life • Student Center Craft Shop & Breathing Market Present
Crafts • Penguin Postcard Africa

FUN!

INTER GREEK COUNCIL PRESENTS

SAFE HALLOWEEN

Fall 2012
SPC Films

All movies are shown in the SIC Student Center Auditorium unless otherwise indicated.

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Ticket Prices:
$6.00 Students, $10.00 Adults
Children 5 and under Free
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Fall 2012 Sustainabilty

National Adult Student Recognition Week 2012
November 2 - 11

Building Community Through Scholarship, Service, and Support

Tuesday, November 6
Midday Breakthrough Lecture & Panel

Wednesday, November 7
Student Senate Career Fair

Thursday, November 8
Student Senate Alumni Panel

For more information, visit recres.siu.edu

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