Introducing SIU’s newest student organization

Association of Non-Traditional Students

Well, it is official. The Association of Non-Traditional Students is SIU’s newest registered student organization! A group of interested students came together on Tuesday, September 11th to establish leadership and to set goals for the group. Your officers for 2012-2013 are (from left to right):

**PRESIDENT:** Jennifer Hewerdine
(Grad Student, Dept. of English)

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Osuyi Uyinmwen
(Undergrad, Aviation Technologies)

**SECRETARY:** Sindy Amador Arita
(Grad Student, Foreign Languages & Lit.)

**TREASURER:** Scott Schackmann
(Undergrad, Dept. of Foreign Language)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**
LOTS OF INTEREST!!!

In the spring of 2012, students submitted ideas for a new name for the organization through the monthly NTSS newsletter contest. Submissions were narrowed down to 10 names and students voted resulting in the name **Association of Non-Traditional Students.**

The goal of the group is to build community through scholarship, service, and support. Some areas that the group is interested in pursuing include advocacy, fundraising for scholarships, and building community among adult students at SIU. **Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 5:00 p.m. Please join us and invite someone to come with you!**

*Deborah*
Hello Everyone,

I recently met with a student who needed advice on how to put together a cover letter/resumé and made me think that it is really never too early to start thinking about your career. Whether you are pursuing a degree in order to advance in an existing career or to open up other opportunities, connecting with potential employers is always helpful.

SIU Carbondale’s Career Services is hosting various Career Fairs in October. Here are a few that you don’t want to miss...

**Choose Your Career Fair**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2012**

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Student Center, Ballrooms A-D

**University Career Fair**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2012**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Student Center, Ballroom B

Participating Employers

For the complete list of Career Fairs, visit [http://careerservices.siu.edu/](http://careerservices.siu.edu/).

To make an appointment with one of SIU’s Career Services Specialists, call 618-453-2391.

And as always, the office of Non-Traditional Student Services is here to serve as a guide, support, and resource referral to help you keep your eye on the goal...degree completion!

Have a great semester!

Deborah (NTSS Coordinator)

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**Student Highlight: Kim Kennedy**

**It is NEVER too late to start!**

I had the privilege of meeting Kim Kennedy last fall when representing Non-Traditional Student Services at an SIU Preview Day at John A. Logan College. Kim was contemplating the decision to transfer to SIU Carbondale after finishing up her degree at JALC. However, in her words, that decision was a little scary because SIU was such a ‘big damn place’. Fast forward to one year later, Kim stepped foot on the SIU campus and has not missed a beat! I am pleased to share Kim’s story as we approach Preview Days at area community colleges this fall and make connections with future Salukis!

Kim began attending John A. Logan College (JALC) years ago as she ventured out to be who she wanted to be following a divorce. She thought about pursuing a degree in marketing or management as she “wanted to be the boss”. However, in reality, she wondered if getting a college education would even make a difference; she had lost hope in the dream.

Kim left JALC and went into the workforce. She was always a hard worker and developed skills in customer service and management as she was always dealing with something or someone. Things changed when Kim was injured and, physically, she became limited. She underwent surgery and needed to change to an occupation that would not require the physical effort that she had always been used to doing. The time it took to heal from her injury provided her with an opportunity to reflect on her future and she decided to go back to JALC to continue her education.

Upon returning to JALC, her intentions were to complete an associate’s degree and move back into the workforce but the decision to return to school was met with a lot of naysayers who would comment...you’re too old to go back to school; you won’t have time to save for retirement; what are you going to do? Returning to school was a hard mission for Kim but she did it! She admits that there were days when she wanted to quit. She faced big hurdles and big mountains but she persevered with the help of others like a JALC keyboarding instructor who told the class, “I know a lot of you are thinking, what am I doing here? But let me tell you, it is NEVER too late to start!”.

In addition to attending classes at JALC, Kim eventually started attending campus events including job fairs and asked herself, “Is this all I want?” She discovered that she really wanted more and began looking into SIU Carbondale. She searched through the SIU website and met with Anita Gentry (SIU Service Center Coordinator at JALC). Her first experience with SIU was very positive as she was surprised to learn just how easy the admissions process was through the online application and that Anita was available to help if she needed assistance. She also attended SIU’s Preview day and, as a result, had already made some connections before she even stepped foot on the SIU campus.

Kim is glad that she made the decision to attend SIU. She said it is like the old saying, “There is only one way to eat an elephant; one bite at a time!” Kim is now pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree and plans to pursue some vertical climbs in her work over the next 5 years and then she has 10 years to climb for life.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KIM AND TO ALL OUR TRANSFER STUDENTS! WE ARE CHEERING YOU ON TO DEGREE COMPLETION!**

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!
In spring 2012, NTSS conducted a survey of SIU’s adult student population to learn more about your needs, ways you connect to campus, etc. If you completed our survey, we wanted you to know that your voice was heard. Here are a few things that have been implemented because we heard from YOU!

* Over 50% of students surveyed indicated interest in building community with and support among other adult students through an adult student organization at SIU and WE LISTENED...see page 1.
* 25% of students indicated interest in getting to know others over coffee or lunch. See page 4 for our Monday Morning Coffee Break and Tuesday Lunch Break. ALL NEW THIS FALL BECAUSE WE HEARD FROM YOU!

NEW AT EVERGREEN TERRACE...
Do you live in SIU’s Graduate and Family Housing at Evergreen Terrace? If so, check this out...

Get at midweek boost at Evergreen Terrace’s

JAVA JAM WEDNESDAYS
Beginning September 12, 2012
7:30am-10:30am

Enjoy coffee, tea, pastries, and other seasonal treats every Wednesday!
Join us in the Community Room at the Evergreen Terrace Area office

COMING IN NOVEMBER...
National Adult Student Recognition Week!!

⇒ Monday Morning Coffee Break (coffee and refreshments)
⇒ Scholarship Workshop
⇒ Association of Non-Traditional Students Scholarship Fundraiser
⇒ Events at Evergreen Terrace (SIU’s Graduate and Family Housing)
⇒ Military Appreciation Day
⇒ ...and more!!!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!!
October 6-9: SIU Fall Break—No Classes

Tuesday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 23rd: Association of Non-Traditional Students (visit nontrad.siu.edu and click on Adult Student Organization for times/locations)

Tuesday, October 16th: Spring 2013 Advance Registration Begins

Wednesday, October 17th: Coffee House Series. FREE iced coffee, live entertainment, and desserts on Student Center patio. http://studentcenter.siu.edu/coffeehouseseries/

Friday, October 19th: Friday Fun at the Rec

Wednesday, October 31st: Halloween Activities at Student Center

Mark Your Calendar...

This Month’s Contest

Each month you have the opportunity to win prizes just by reading the newsletter. Last month, students were asked to log onto the Association of Non-Traditional Students Facebook page and indicate what their favorite book is and why. It was so interesting to read the posts; thanks for sharing. Four students were selected to receive an autographed copy of Alphabugs, the book written by SIU student Josh Rucinski who was featured in the September newsletter.

Congrats to Michele South, Tracy Stultz Hansen, Charlaina Lumbley, and Tina McCulloch who were drawn as this month’s winners!

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 IN OCTOBER...

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

HOMECOMING 2012

Thursday, October 4
Homecoming Royalty and Queen Elections
8 p.m., Student Center ballroom. Sponsored by the SPC Alumni Association.

Monday, October 8
Paint the Town Maroon
8:30 p.m., Possible outdoor event. Sponsored by the SPC Alumni Association.

Wednesday, October 10
Homecoming Kick-Off
11 a.m., Outdoor event. Sponsored by the SPC Alumni Association.

Friday, October 12
SIU Distinguished Alumni Induction Ceremony
11 a.m., Outdoor event. Sponsored by the SPC Alumni Association.

SIU Homecoming Blood Drive
Student Center Café

COMING HOME...

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

SIU Homecoming Blood Drive
Student Center Café

Friday, October 12
Sioux City Alumni Reunion
10 a.m., Student Center Café

Saturday, October 13
University Regal Ball
6:00 p.m., Outdoor event.

Sustainability

October is:
LGBTQ History Month
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Secretary of State
Mobile Services
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Student Center Art Gallery

September 25, 2012
October 30, 2012
November 27, 2012

Sustainability

Oct 1
5. "Tell" Sister, "Tell" Brother, "Tell" Who Else Your Story" (Robert Klavnik)
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