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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT 2015

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE



**“SIUE provides a vibrant learning
environment composed of
teacher-scholars, dedicated staff,
and rigorous programs and services.
We prepare students for life.”**

Stephen L. Hansen
SIUE Interim Chancellor

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CHANCELLOR



Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is an institution that embodies the premise that education exists for both public good and private gain. One of the founding principles of our nation was that education was not only necessary for the survival of democracy, but it was also the avenue for social and economic mobility. The idea that education provided societal bedrock had such power that land was originally set aside for public education through the Northwest Ordinance Act of 1787. By the early 20th century, public universities were called on to educate all people, in everything, everywhere. America gained, democracy gained, society gained, and individuals had a remarkable avenue for upward economic and social mobility.

Here are some of SIUE's most recent achievements which serve as evidence of how SIUE continues to provide for public good and private gain:

- *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Colleges of 2016" ranks SIUE among the best Regional Universities Midwest for the 12th consecutive year. The University is 10th overall among public universities in that category. SIUE was featured at number 44, advancing three spots from last year.

- For the second-consecutive year, SIUE is in *Washington Monthly's* Top 40 for master's universities in the nation. SIUE maintained its position as first among all master's institutions in Illinois on the national magazine's list. This is the sixth-consecutive year that SIUE has been listed.
- SIUE received the 2015 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. This national honor recognizes U.S. colleges and universities that "demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion." It is the second consecutive year that SIUE has been awarded the honor.
- In FY15, SIUE was awarded a record \$43 million from external sponsors for research, instructional support and public service. The National Science Foundation ranks SIUE second in the nation for federal research and development expenditures among all Carnegie master's large, primarily residential universities.





- Fall 2015 enrollment is the highest in the 58-year history of the institution with an impressive gain in the retention rate and record high levels of diversity among the student population. In addition, a new record is being set for the number of online credit hours being delivered this fall.

Benjamin Franklin once said, “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” Southern Illinois University Edwardsville yields significant dividends and helps to make thousands of dreams come true each year by enabling students to learn, providing for the public good and allowing for individual or private gain. We are proud of our impact in Southwestern Illinois and are committed to the wellbeing of the region and its citizens, committed to ensuring that all who trust us to invest with them in their futures will go on to thrive and reap the benefits of a truly high quality education.

Wishing you all the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Hansen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen L. Hansen, PhD
SIUE Interim Chancellor

ABOUT SIUE

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville provides students with a high-quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live.

Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottom land and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of more than 14,000.

SIUE awards degrees in undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs encompassing the arts, sciences, nursing, education, health, human behavior, business and engineering. The Schools of Dental Medicine and Pharmacy award doctor's first professional degrees in dental medicine (DMD) and pharmacy (PharmD).

SIUE is an NCAA Division I member of the Ohio Valley Conference, as well as the Missouri Valley Conference in men's soccer and the Southern Conference in wrestling. The Edwardsville campus is supplemented by campuses in Alton and East St. Louis.

OPERATING BUDGET (FY15*)

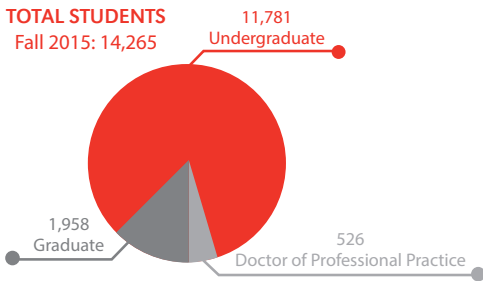
Appropriated & income funds	\$149,196,650
Non-appropriated grants & contracts	\$36,702,900
Indirect cost recovery	\$2,575,305
Revenue bond operations	\$45,462,574
Self-supporting activities	\$36,699,520
Benefits (Estimated 2014)	\$82,987,156
TOTAL	\$353,624,105

**FY16 budget not available*

SIUE COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE

TOTAL STUDENTS

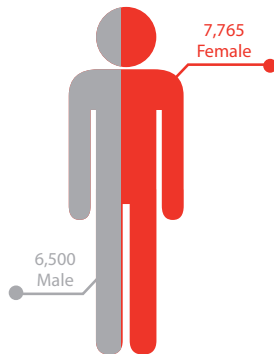
Fall 2015: 14,265



100,000+
TOTAL ALUMNI

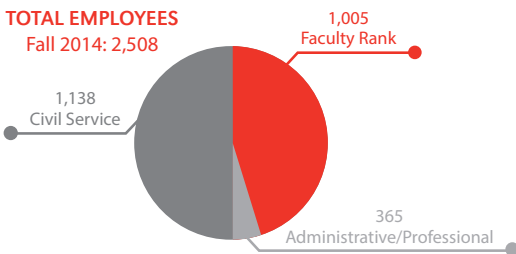


STUDENT GENDER



TOTAL EMPLOYEES

Fall 2014: 2,508



GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF STUDENTS



43 STATES

ACT SCORE

Illinois Average 20.7

National Average 21

Fall 2014 Freshman Class 23.2



MISSION VISION VALUES



MISSION

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a student-centered educational community dedicated to communicating, expanding and integrating knowledge. In a spirit of collaboration enriched by diverse ideas, our comprehensive and unique array of undergraduate and graduate programs develops professionals, scholars and leaders who shape a changing world.

VISION

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will achieve greater national and global recognition and academic prominence through innovative and interdisciplinary programs that empower individuals to achieve their full potential.

VALUES

Recognizing public education as the cornerstone of a democracy, SIUE fulfills its mission based on certain fundamental, shared values. We value:

CITIZENSHIP

- Social, civic and political responsibility—globally, nationally, locally, and within the University
- Active partnerships and a climate of collaboration and cooperation among students, faculty, staff, alumni and the larger community
- Sustainable practices in environmental, financial and social endeavors

EXCELLENCE

- High-quality learning within and beyond the classroom
- Continuous improvement and innovation
- Outstanding scholarship and public service

INCLUSION

- A welcoming and supportive environment
- Openness to the rich diversity of humankind in all aspects of university life
- Respect for individuals, differences, and cultures
- Intellectual freedom and diversity of thought

INTEGRITY

- Accountability to those we serve and from whom we receive support
- Honesty in our communications and in our actions

WISDOM

- Creation, preservation, and sharing of knowledge
- Application of knowledge in a manner that promotes the common good
- Life-long learning

POINTS OF PRIDE

SIUE continues to be recognized nationally for achieving excellence in academics, service and scholarly activity.

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SIUE received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity focused publication in higher education, for the second consecutive year.



SIUE is set in one of the “50 Safest College Towns in America,” according to the 2015 SafeWise Report. Edwardsville ranked number 25 on the list of 50 towns.

For the fifth consecutive year, SIUE was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. In the past year, over 7,500 students contributed more than 258,000 hours of service to projects on campus and in the community.

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named SIUE a Military Friendly School for the seventh consecutive year.

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION



SIUE has achieved record student enrollment. The University registered an all-time high of 14,265 students for the fall 2015 semester. Overall enrollment grew by 293 students.

Undergraduate Enrollment Increases

- School of Nursing: 15 %
- School of Business: 6 %
- School of Engineering: 5 %
- College of Arts and Sciences: 5 %
- School of Education, Health and Human Behavior: 4 %

The student retention rate has reached its highest in 10 years. Nearly 75 percent of the fall 2014 freshman class returned for their sophomore year.

In an effort to meet student demand, expand course offerings and increase enrollment, SIUE continues to focus on online education. Over the last year, credit hours delivered online increased 50 percent.



Fall 2015 Enrollment Highlights

- Freshman class is the second largest in SIUE history: 2,096 students
- New transfer student total is the second highest in the past nine years: 1,266
- Freshmen from Missouri: 13% (compared to just 2% in fall 2012)
- African-American and Hispanic student enrollment are each at the highest levels in the history of the institution: 1,982 and 537, respectively
- International student enrollment is the highest at the University since fall 2004: 423
- Student body reporting a diverse cultural background: 28%



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Committed to enhancing its academic offerings to address ever-changing employment needs, SIUE added the following new programs last year:

- Bachelor's Degrees
 - International Studies
 - Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering
 - Integrative Studies
 - Middle Level Education
 - Nutrition
- Master's in Integrative Studies, with preapproved tracks:
 - MS/MA of Integrative Studies in Sustainability
 - MA of Integrative Studies in Diversity Training
 - MS/MA of Integrative Studies in Cultural Heritage and Resources Management
 - MS of Integrative Studies in Organizational Design Thinking
- MEd in College Student Personnel
- Master's Specialization in Business Analytics



SIUE faculty is committed to effectively combining the best practices of teaching and scholarship. Recognizing that scholarship contributes to quality teaching and educational initiatives, SIUE faculty are committed to translating innovative research into student learning opportunities and success. Last year, SIUE faculty produced:

- 153 Book chapters
- 30 Books
- 1,237 Professional presentations (includes exhibitions and recitals)
- 387 Peer-reviewed journal articles
- 174 External awards totaling \$61.1 million
- 76 Research awards totaling \$7.4 million



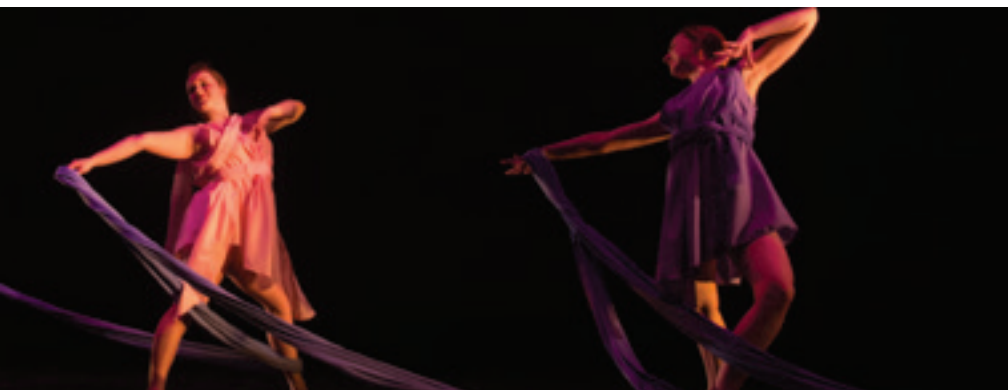
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



Approximately 18,000 plant seeds spent 29 days in space at the International Space Station as part of a nearly \$400,000 grant from NASA. Darron Luesse, PhD, associate professor of biological sciences, in collaboration with Ohio University, is studying which proteins plants employ to cope with being in space.

The College of Arts and Sciences received \$150,000 from anonymous donors for the development of an innovative classroom that meets the needs of today's information-age students. The Adaptive Learning Environment (ALe) will allow student groups to work closely with faculty by utilizing a flexible learning space, continuous whiteboard throughout the classroom and video projection areas.

Through a \$70,287 RAPID award from the National Science Foundation, Kristine Hildebrandt, PhD, associate professor of English language and literature, traveled to Nepal after last spring's catastrophic earthquake to gather the stories of natives who live in remote villages and speak un- or under-documented languages. RAPID awards provide funding for "rapid response research" in wake of natural disasters.



The new STEAM summer camp offered elementary through high school students an art lab during the University's Odyssey Science Camp. The STEAM model encourages creative thinking and interdisciplinary learning by including art in the emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math education.

The renovated Science Building West earned a Technology Award from the St. Louis chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers. This industry-coveted award celebrates efficient energy use and environmental system performance.



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



The School of Business part-time MBA program is ranked in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2016 edition of Best Graduate Schools. SIUE improved 31 slots in the rankings from last year to number 153.

The School of Business is the only AACSB-International accredited business school in the St. Louis Metro East to offer both graduate and undergraduate degrees in computer management information systems as STEM programs. The STEM designation recognizes the importance of degrees that help students develop expertise in the sciences. STEM degree programs are established through U.S. Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

A master's specialization in business analytics is now available for all business graduate programs. Students develop the capabilities to assess organizational information assets, understand how to form relevant business questions, and utilize visualization and other presentation methods to communicate findings to senior management. Faculty consulted with SIUE alumni from corporate partners in the region and across the country to develop the specialization.



The School of Business has added the University of Torino Italy and the University of Applied Sciences-Mainz, Germany, to its list of exchange partners. The first exchange students from these universities arrived on campus in fall 2015. The School has a variety of exchange partners in England, Germany, France, Hungary and China.

The SIUE collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association (AMA) won “Outstanding Planning” and “Outstanding Membership” awards during the 37th Annual AMA International Collegiate Conference.



SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE



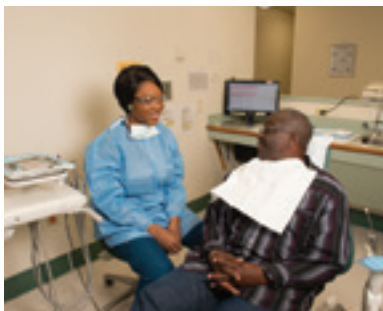
The School of Dental Medicine celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a Dean's Scholarship Gala. Proceeds from the Gala topped \$100,000 and will support student scholarship assistance efforts. Due to the generosity of those who supported the Gala, the School presented the first Dean's Scholarship awards to three deserving dental students for the current academic year.

The International Advanced Placement Program enables qualified dentists, who have graduated from an acknowledged international dental school, to pursue a doctorate of dental medicine at the School of Dental Medicine. Degree recipients may take licensure examinations and obtain a license to practice in the U.S. The program accepted more than 330 applications for the six seats available during its inaugural year.

A team of five dental students received a grant from the SIUE Meridian Society to support dental care for area homeless veterans. The School and the Tri-Service Military Dental Club have secured \$17,000 in donations. The ultimate goal is to help make it possible for veterans to begin to lead stable and productive lives once again.



The School of Dental Medicine has increased dental services offered to children with special needs. Through a partnership with the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation and Touchette Regional Hospital, the School has access to the hospital in Centreville, Ill., to provide dental services to children with special needs who require sedation for completion of care. The School now offers a broader range of dental treatment for special needs children at its patient clinics.



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR



SIUE received a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation. During the next five years, the SIUE Noyce Math Scholars program will graduate and certify 24 secondary mathematics teachers to serve in high-needs rural and urban communities in southwestern Illinois.

Anthony Denkyirah, associate professor of special education and communication disorders, spent the summer in Africa sharing his knowledge of transition planning for individuals with special needs. A native of Ghana, Denkyirah was a scholar in the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program.

SIUE is the first and only university in Illinois to use TeachLivE™, an advanced technology which employs virtual simulation. Students pursuing a degree in education are able to try new teaching strategies in a virtual classroom setting that is less threatening and offers immediate feedback.

Huaibo Xin, DrPH, assistant professor of kinesiology and health education, received the SIUE 2015 Vaughnie Lindsay New Investigator Award, which recognizes individual programs of research or creative activities. Xin's research focuses on improving Bosnian refugees' mental health through promoting physical activity.



Wendy Fuchs, PhD, associate professor of special education and communication disorders, is the recipient of SIUE's annual Teaching Excellence Award for tenure-track faculty. It is the most prestigious teaching award a faculty member can receive. Diane Hudzik, an instructor of special education, received a Teaching Distinction Award.



SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING



The School of Engineering is committed to expanding the global experience for the campus community. More than 65 percent of the international graduate students and more than 55 percent of the international undergraduate students on campus are studying engineering.

The Society of Women Engineers hosted more than 120 girls from grades 5-8 at its third annual Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. The event offered exposure to the fields of civil, mechanical, electrical and industrial engineering and computer science.

The National Science Foundation-supported CyberGIS Project has selected Mark McKenney, PhD, assistant professor of computer science, as one of 17 new CyberGIS Fellows to promote CyberGIS (geographic information science and systems) education.

Ryan Fries, PhD, associate professor of civil engineering, is working to reduce fatalities and injuries involving roadside incident responders through the creation of safety training materials. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials named his recent project a 2015 Sweet 16 High Value Research Project.



Brad Noble, PhD, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Mike Shaw, PhD, professor of chemistry, received a patent (U.S. Patent Serial No. 13/371,230 issued as patent no. 8845870) for their Digital Potentiostat Circuit and System.

The annual Introduction to Engineering summer camp draws highly-motivated high school students from across the country to explore engineering through hands-on laboratory experiences, design contests and field trips. This summer, Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery sponsored equipment, activities and 13 scholarships.



SCHOOL OF NURSING



The Health Resources and Services Administration awarded a three-year, interdisciplinary grant worth \$1,085,903 to the School of Nursing, along with the Schools of Pharmacy and Dental Medicine and the Department of Social Work, to expand the scope of services provided at the WeCare Clinic in East St. Louis through the development of the nurse patient advocate model. This innovative care approach ensures comprehensive and patient-centered care is provided under one roof.

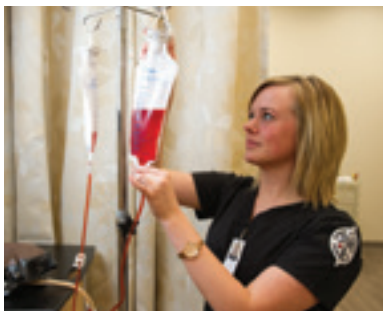
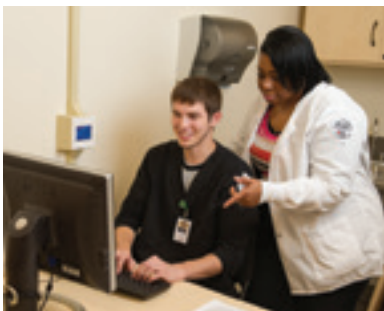
The School of Nursing received the St. Louis Regional Chamber's 2014 Arcus Award for Achievement in Educational Attainment. The School competed in a category for organizations that provide leadership through the creation of a program or initiative that promotes college degree attainment, improved educational outcomes or on-the-job training.

The School of Nursing is ranked among the top nursing schools in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2016 edition of Best Graduate Schools. It is the first time the growing School has broken into this particular rating.



Graduates of the nurse anesthesia program and the family nurse practitioner program achieved 100 percent pass rates on their respective national certification exams in 2014.

The newly revised, completely online, accelerated RN-BS program has experienced a 500 percent increase in enrollment in just 1 1/2 years, and now is the preferred provider of RN-BS education to 34 hospitals across four states through three corporate partnerships: SSM Health, based in St. Louis; Hospitals Sisters Health Systems, based in Springfield, Ill.; and Clay County Hospital in Flora, Ill.



SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



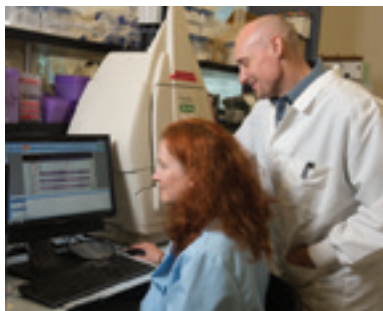
School of Pharmacy researchers have been awarded a five-year, \$2.65 million RO1 grant from the National Institute of Aging, a division of the National Institutes of Health. The research team, comprised of medicinal chemists, pharmacologists and pharmaceuticals experts, will use the funding to develop a drug for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

School of Pharmacy researchers have been awarded a \$398,000 R21 grant from the National Institutes of Health to assess the effects of various dietary fats on the brain vasculature in association with inflammation. The primary goal is to define key dietary factors that may make the brain more susceptible to disease and/or cognitive decline.

Sixteen School of Pharmacy students were inducted into the National Pharmacy Honor Society Rho Chi. Miranda Wilhelm, PharmD, clinical associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, received the Rho Chi Faculty Achievement Award from SIUE's Chapter of Rho Chi, Delta Beta. The Rho Chi Society seeks to advance pharmacy through intellectual leadership.



More than 70 percent of the School of Pharmacy 2015 graduating class obtained a pharmacy residency match through the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Resident Matching Program. The national average for schools of pharmacy is 65 percent.



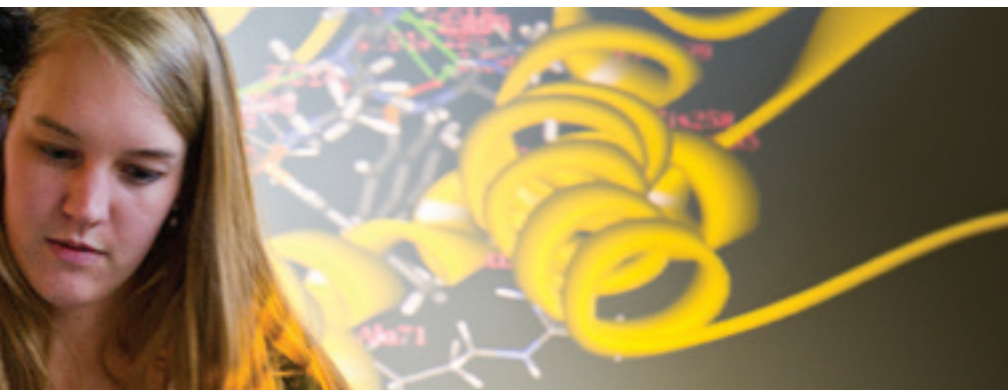
GRADUATE SCHOOL



In fiscal year 2015, SIUE was awarded a record amount of \$43 million from external sponsors for research, instructional support and public service. Nearly 30 percent of tenured and tenure-track faculty are participating on awarded externally-sponsored projects.

- 81 % of FY15 proposals were submitted to federal agencies
- 56 % of FY15 awards were received from federal agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services, National Science Foundation, and U.S. Department of Education

The U.S. Department of Labor awarded SIUE a grant worth \$9,956,011 as part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training initiative. SIUE and four community colleges in Illinois will work with employers to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career-training programs to provide job seekers skills needed for in-demand jobs in industries such as information technology, health care, energy and advanced manufacturing.



New Graduate Programs Added

- A master's in integrative studies allows students to meet their career goals in emerging fields by integrating the studies of two or more disciplines. Students select from approved tracks or create their own degree program.
- The School of Engineering offers a cooperative PhD in computer science with SIU Carbondale.
- The School of Business offers a master's specialization in business analytics for all business graduate programs.



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES



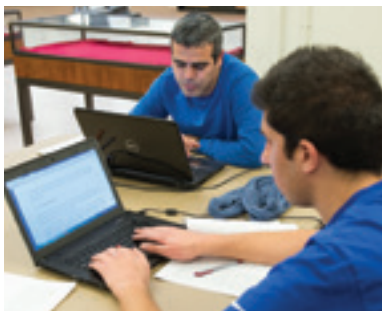
The number of students exploring the expanded and enhanced Library and Information Services at Lovejoy Library has grown substantially. Unlike national trends in academic libraries, Lovejoy Library's gate count indicates a 15 percent increase in visits annually over the past five years. On average, that results in more than 454,000 visits per year.

Library and Information Services offers a wide-range of equipment for loan such as GoPro cameras, projectors and voice recorders. Library technology services offers a growing number of tutorials related to resources and services, as well as the use of 3D printers, an innovative new technology that can't yet be found in most academic libraries.

The Personal Librarians program aids in the retention of students by starting the collegiate career of freshmen off with a strong foundation of support and training in information literacy. This fall, nearly 2,000 freshmen and transfer students are being offered the personalized attention. Faculty librarians, who volunteer to participate in the initiative, contact the students, help them with research, follow up through email and help them by referral to different departments, among other things.



Much of what is contained in the University Archives is going through the digitization process. Library and Information Services has two platforms for publishing digital projects. CARLI, a statewide system; and Scholarly Publication and Repository of Knowledge (SPARK). SPARK is an institutional repository that provides a central platform to publish, disseminate and preserve the research and scholarly activity generated by the University and the community.



ATHLETICS



SIUE is an NCAA Division I member of the Ohio Valley Conference, as well as the Missouri Valley Conference in men's soccer and the Southern Conference in wrestling.

SIUE student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom. Spring 2015 marked 18 consecutive semesters that student-athletes have posted a combined GPA higher than 3.0. Nine SIUE student-athletes were named OVC Medal of Honor winners for earning a 4.0 GPA this past school year. A total of 98 student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for earning a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

A men's soccer alumnus was named to the 20-player roster that will compete in the 2015 Olympic Qualifying Championship. Matt Polster '15, plays professionally for the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer. A second men's soccer alumnus also plays professionally; Christian Volesky '15, was drafted by the Portland Timbers. A total of five former SIUE players have been drafted by the Major League Soccer Superdraft.



SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics finished in the top 100 of the 2014-2015 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Division I Final Fall Standings. The Directors' Cup is a highly recognized mark of distinction among collegiate institutions. With NCAA Tournament appearances by both men's and women's soccer, the Cougars earned 75 points in the rankings. SIUE is tied for the number six ranking in the nation among non-football schools.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



With a focus on empowering people and strengthening communities, the SIUE East St. Louis Center is dedicated to improving the lives of families and individuals from pre-school through adult in the Metro East region.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start awarded a cluster of grants worth \$11,621,178 annually to the SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start Program. The five-year funding is known as “Birth to Five” programs, named for the ages of the children who will receive services through SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start. The program provides instructional services to children and families, as well as health and nutritional supports. The program also offers services to expectant families.

The National Science Foundation awarded SIUE a three-year, \$846,000 Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers grant. “Digital East St. Louis” offers information technologies, computing experiences and role models to underserved middle-school youth in an out-of-school setting. Through the program, students will map the cultural and environmental history of their community. The multidisciplinary effort is led by a team of SIUE faculty.



Four SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start centers received Gold Circle of Quality designations from ExceleRate Illinois. The designation celebrates early learning providers who meet or go beyond the highest quality of early childhood education standards.

In May, 34 seniors graduated from high school, as well as the SIUE East St. Louis Center's Upward Bound Math and Science program. Graduates were offered a combined \$2 million in college scholarships and are enrolled for college this fall at universities including SIUE, University of Missouri and Howard University.



THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



A pilot support program for academically at-risk, first-generation freshmen, SIUE 1st, was honored in 2014 as one of 10 inaugural “Models of Excellence” award honorees by *University Business* magazine and Higher One. Created by the Offices of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, the program helps first-generation students navigate the college environment and forge connections.

For the second consecutive year, SIUE was selected as one of the 15+ Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs. The Center for Higher Educational Enterprise at The Ohio State University conducted the national study in collaboration with *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine and the American College Personnel Association – College Student Educators International.

The Career Development Center supported 648 students to obtain major-related work last year, a 12 percent increase over the previous year. Students earned more than \$3.2 million and gained invaluable training to complement their academic programs.

Student-initiated and student-run, SIUE’s Campus Kitchen engaged 250 volunteers in 650 service hours, recovered 1,500 pounds of food and served 1,000 meals to SIUE and surrounding communities.



Counseling Services collaborated with the Schools of Pharmacy and Nursing to receive a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The much-needed funding will support development and implementation of a campus-wide suicide prevention outreach initiative.

In the past year, more than 7,500 students contributed more than 258,000 hours of service to projects on campus and in the local community. Approximately 3,500 students are participating in service-learning activities as part of the academic curriculum.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



SIUE received the 2015 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity focused publication in higher education. The annual HEED award is a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion offers the SIUE community numerous educational resources and opportunities to engage in conversation on topics related to diversity and inclusion. Resources include an online learning community, multicultural center, mentoring programs, book clubs, film series, discussion boards, and celebration of the history and heritage of University community members, to name a few.

The University's LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate index score is 4.5 out of 5 stars for the second consecutive year. SIUE was evaluated on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression for the first time and scored 4.5 and 4 stars, respectively.



The diversity of the student population continues to increase and currently is comprised of nearly 28 percent minority and international students. African-American and Hispanic student enrollment are each at the highest levels in the history of the institution. International student enrollment is the highest since fall 2004.

The SIUE Champion for Diversity award is presented to a faculty or staff member who demonstrates an exemplary level of dedication to SIUE's mission of fostering equal opportunity, and exhibits an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.



A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



At SIUE, students don't have to study abroad to have a global experience. The University's rich cultural environment contributes to the learning process and provides opportunities for the entire campus community to experience and value diversity.

The Office of International Affairs is actively engaged in broad international initiatives, including:

- Enhancing and promoting study abroad for SIUE students. Last year, 113 SIUE students participated in international experiential education in 14 countries.
- Promoting and facilitating international research and collaboration partnerships. Fifteen new international partnerships were signed with universities from nine countries.
- Working with faculty to integrate a global perspective into the education experience. All academic units are engaged in at least one international initiative. Last year, more than 20 visiting scholars were welcomed to SIUE to work with faculty and students.



Home to students from 51 nations, international student enrollment is the highest at the University since fall 2004. Annual events such as International Night and Global Awareness Week, along with a variety of culturally specific student organizations, allow domestic and international students the opportunity to learn from each other.

The International Hospitality Program, a dedicated group of community volunteers, provides host families for international students, assembles welcome bags of needed items, and hosts a welcome reception and picnic. Currently, 134 international students participate in optional practical training after graduation, a program for international students to put into practice their learning at SIUE.



CAMPUS GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY



SIUE is recognized as a STARS Bronze Institution for accomplishments in campus sustainability. The rating is based on the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System for campus-wide sustainable practices from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

SIUE is nearing completion of a \$300 million construction and infrastructure improvement plan. All new campus construction is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certifiable by the U.S. Green Building Council. SIUE is second in the region for the number of LEED® buildings on university campuses. Currently, the SIUE campus is home to six LEED® certified buildings:

- Art & Design West: LEED® Gold
- School of Dental Medicine's Multidisciplinary Laboratory: LEED® Silver
- Lukas Athletic Annex: LEED® Silver
- Science Building West: LEED® Silver
- Engineering Building Addition: LEED® Silver
- One residential building in Cougar Village: LEED® Residential



SIUE is continually looking for ways to ensure a healthy and sustainable campus life. Incoming SIUE students learn about the University's commitment to sustainability during freshman orientation. Connie Frey Spurlock, PhD, sustainability fellow and associate professor of sociology, and SIUE Sustainability Officer Kevin Adkins discuss:

- The University's sustainability literacy assessment program
- SIUE's bike share program and water bottle refill stations
- LEED® certified and green buildings on campus
- SIUE's Student Organization for Sustainability



UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT



University Advancement achieved the University's strategic goal of a five percent increase in overall giving for fiscal year 2015 and surpassed the goal by an additional two percent. The SIUE Foundation received gifts from nearly 6,000 donors, including 400 new donors.

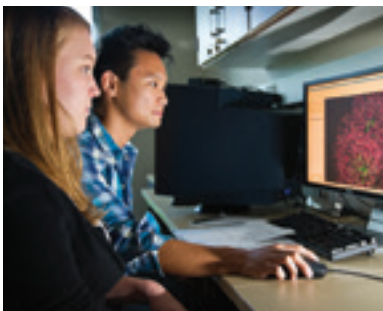
The SIUE High-Impact Campaigns were launched in July 2014 and will wrap up in December 2015. Ed Grady '72, donated a lead gift of \$300,000 for the development of the new School of Engineering Student Design Center. Proceeds from the School of Dental Medicine Dean's Scholarship Gala topped \$100,000. Gracia Myers '70, created a \$25,000 endowed scholarship to support students in the Schools of Education, Health and Human Behavior; Nursing; and Pharmacy. She also created a legacy gift of \$123,500 for the Friends of Lovejoy Library to support collection development, digitization, faculty symposia, traveling exhibitions and the High School Writers' Contest.

SIUE Alumni Affairs works to enhance the personal and professional advancement of the University's more than 100,000 alumni. The Alumni Association supports academic excellence through student scholarships. Each year, the Alumni Association awards more than \$30,000 in scholarships to incoming and current students.



An auxiliary organization of the SIUE Foundation, the Meridian Society promotes women's leadership and invests in SIUE community-based projects. To date, the group has awarded more than \$237,000.

A new online system gives admitted SIUE students the ability to apply for more than 450 scholarships, accept offers they may receive, and submit thank you letters to donors whose contributions make certain scholarships possible.



ECONOMIC IMPACT



SIUE is dedicated to the community as a partner in collaboration and stewardship. The University continues to thrive, boasting a total economic impact on the region of more than \$514 million, a nine percent increase since 2010.

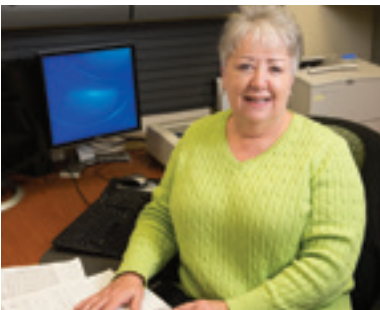
The 2015 economic impact report emphasizes the importance of the University as it continues to grow in the St. Louis Metropolitan area. Historic student enrollment numbers, significant job growth and a substantial increase in regional expenditures are among the notable findings in SIUE's 2015 economic impact report.

- For every state dollar spent on the University, SIUE generates \$8.60 of economic impact in the local economy.
- More than half of SIUE's 100,000 alumni live in the region, while historic amounts of new students are moving to the area to pursue higher education at the University.
- SIUE is the second largest employer in the Madison-St. Clair County region. The total number of regional jobs generated by the University expanded from 8,800 in 2010 to 9,200 in 2015.



- As a result of SIUE athletics, expenditures in the region nearly doubled from \$249,000 in 2010 to \$497,000 in 2015.
- SIUE generated more than \$24 million in state and local tax revenues.

School of Business faculty members complete an economic impact study for SIUE every five years.





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