

News Release

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SIUE's STAT to host a "nearly-naked" fun run

(EDWARDSVILLE, III.) - STAT and fellow SIUE students are not letting the winter weather ruin their fun. STAT, Students Today Alumni Tomorrow, is hosting a new event called Polar "Bare" Fun Run Sunday, Feb. 21 on the Stratton Quad with participants running one mile around the quad wearing next to nothing.

"The Alumni Association is very excited to be hosting the first Polar "Bare" Run at SIUE," Katie Bennett said, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs. "It's a great way to give to a great cause and have fun at the same time."

Check-in begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by the run at 8 p.m. The registration fee is \$10 plus one warm-clothing item that will be donated to the Glen-Ed Food Pantry. The fee includes a Polar "Bare" Fun Run T-shirt, hot chocolate and cookies in the warm-up tent and live music from Smitty's D.J. Service.

Participants are asked to pre-register by Friday, Feb. 5 for a guaranteed T-shirt size (small-XL). The final registration date is Friday, Feb. 12. Registration can be completed online, <u>www.siue.edu/alumni/stat</u>, at Birger Hall or with a STAT officer. Attire must be at least swimsuit coverage, but creativity is highly encouraged.

STAT provides undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to interact with alumni before graduation and receive advice regarding their major. Students can also create valuable career contacts for jobs and internships. STAT also offers the STAT Alumni Mentor program. Students are matched with alumni from their chosen field of study and given the opportunity to gain valuable career advice.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Lauren Hayes, assistant director of alumni affairs at <u>lahayes@siue.edu</u> or 618-650-2760.

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