The College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) is THE original college at SIU and that means we have nearly 150 years of experience in shaping the educators who make a difference in the world. With our expanded role in human services, we continue our mission, helping students explore possibilities, fulfill dreams and change lives. We are a leader in off-campus and online education. You can achieve your career goals on campus or in classrooms, agencies, military bases and organizations around the world. Our programs and initiatives continually earn national recognition and our students enjoy the best of both worlds—strong academic programs combined with hands-on field experience in real work settings. At SIU, you will enjoy close interaction with our award-winning faculty and our supportive academic advisors and staff. Your research and hands-on study possibilities are boundless, even as an undergraduate. Learn at our world-renowned Autism Research and Treatment Center, our acclaimed Rehabilitation Institute and numerous other facilities located right on campus. We are a diverse college, offering more than 28 majors. With undergraduate, master’s, doctoral and certification programs, we can take you as far as you want to go.

**Leadership:**

July 1st ushered in a new fiscal year and a new dean for COEHS. We welcome **Dr. Matthew Keefer** as our new dean. Dr. Keefer was Professor of Educational Psychology in the College of Education at the University of Missouri St Louis (UMSL), part of the University of Missouri (UM) System. During his time within the UM System Dr. Keefer undertook a wide variety of academic and administrative roles providing leadership on several strategic initiatives and programmatic decisions for his college, the UMSL campus, and UM University System. Dr. Keefer’s research focuses on the design and assessment of pedagogical strategies for teaching professional ethics, studies of moral reasoning and character education, and professional development for implementing problem-based learning programs. He has also published theoretical papers on moral reasoning and investigations of collaborative discussion and informal argument. Dr. Keefer has been the Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI for several different research projects, including four National Science Foundation awards and three from the James S. McDonnell Foundation. He earned his Ph.D. in Education from the University of Toronto.

Nine months into his tenure Dean Keefer was proud to announce that U.S. News and World Report has moved our college even further up the ranks of the nation’s top schools. Our College of Education and Human Services is presently tied for No. 72 on the “2018 Best Education Schools” list this year, up from last year’s ranking of No. 99. “We are proud to be recognized for the work we do, for our fine students, and especially for our faculty’s strong commitment to our community partners,” Dean Matthew Keefer said. “Clearly we are a college that makes a difference in the lives of our students and in the communities we serve, and we are exceptionally proud of these collaborations and partnerships.” We have a proud history and enjoy the largest alumni of any College at SIU, with over 60,000 living worldwide!
Cynthia Sims, Ed.D., became the Interim Associate Dean, of the College of Education and Human Services beginning August 2016. Dr. Sims is an Associate Professor in the Department of Workforce Education and Development, where she served as the Department Chair during 2014-2016. She has served in faculty and staff positions in institutions of higher education for over 25 years. Dr. Sims is an active member of the Academy of Human Resource Development (AHRD) and has presented and published numerous papers and articles in the areas of diversity and inclusion, unearned privilege in the workplace, and the impacts of lookism and colorism on women's careers. Dr. Sims has been a governor-appointed Commissioner for the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service for seven years, and in 2012, she received a Service Award from the Association for Career and Technical Education. Dr. Sims was also presented the Lifelong Learning Award from the School for New Learning at DePaul University in 2014.

Interim Associate Dean Sims earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Louisville, a Master of Science in Public Service Management from DePaul University, and a Master of Arts in Social Work from the University of Chicago. She received her Doctor of Education in Adult and Higher Education from Northern Illinois University.

COEHS Organizational Chart:

A quick overview of the College includes:

(8) Academic units:
- Curriculum and Instruction (CI)
- Educational Administration and Higher Education (EAHE)
- Counseling, Quantitative Methods & Special Education (CQMSE)
- Public Health and Recreation Professions (PHRP) formerly Health Education and Recreation (HER)
- Kinesiology (KIN)
- Rehabilitation Institute (RI)
- School of Social Work (SSW)
- Workforce Education and Development (WED)

(1) Other unit:
- Teacher Education Program (TEP)
(59) **Degrees offered:**
   - (26) Undergraduate degree programs
   - (26) Master’s degree programs
   - (7) Doctoral degree programs

(7) **Centers:**

**Autism Research and Treatment Center (Former CASD) (RI)**
The Autism Research and Treatment Center is housed in the Rehabilitation Institute and the Center's mission is to provide exemplary professional development opportunities for undergraduates and graduate students on the SIUC campus who have career interests in autism. The Autism Research and Treatment Center is committed to serving as a vehicle for student and faculty research into the assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and best practices in service delivery for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders, as well as their family and other caregivers.

**Center for Workforce Development (Springfield, IL) (WED)**
The SIU Center for Workforce Development (CWD) in Springfield, Illinois has been implementing statewide education, leadership and technology advancement projects for over 20 years. Currently, the CWD has a primary role with carrying out several projects for the State of Illinois.

**Elena M. Sliepcevich Center for Health Education Studies (PHRP)**
Works collaboratively with Morris Library's Special Collections Research Center, to offer an intriguing look at the health education profession as it has evolved through the years.

**Evaluation and Developmental Center (RI)**
Provides the rehabilitation services to people with disabilities that help them live more self-sufficient, productive lives. The center is also home to various research activities and serves as a training site for SIU students and for rehabilitation.

**Child Development Laboratories (CI)**
The CDL provides high quality childcare for children ages six weeks to six years and also gives our early childhood students hands-on training and educational experience.

**The Southern Region Early Childhood (CI)**
The Southern Region Early Childhood programs encompass a number of grant-funded initiatives that have had a significant impact on the children and families of southern Illinois.

**Safety Center (PHRP)**
Provides training throughout the Southern Illinois region about the proper use of child safety seats, safe driving programs to area high schools, and the motorcycle rider program.

**The Clinical Center**
The Clinical Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale has been part of the Southern Illinois community since 1958. The Clinical Center serves as a training and research site for various campus departments that train professionals for work in health-care and educational services. In that training and research capacity we provide a range of services designed to improve the lives of the individuals we serve. Our clients come from many walks of life. Some are associated with SIUC and many are not. The Clinical Center is located in the first floor, west wing of the Wham Education Building.
(14) COEHS Projects:

**Challenge to Excellence**
Started in 1984 in response to the needs of academically talented middle school and high school students in our region. Over the years, the courses offered have been mathematic problem solving, genetics, biology, art, creative writing, architecture, journalism, photography, and many more. Perhaps the greatest appeal of Challenge to Excellence is the many friendships that are established that last a lifetime.

**Education and Training on Feeding Young Children**
A special website for early childhood professionals, parents, family members and caregivers focuses on the feeding of young children, providing relevant information not available elsewhere to have a positive impact on the feeding experiences of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers as well as on their development.

**Illinois Institutes of Higher Education (IHE) Partnership**
The IHE Partnership is responsible for increasing the number of undergraduate and graduate educator preparation programs at IHEs that implement response to intervention (RtI) content in their curricula. The work connected to this objective involves integrating the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTS) into educator preparation programs and increasing the field placements of candidates in settings where RtI is implemented with fidelity.

**Illinois Office of Educational Services**
Provides curricular resources and training opportunities for career and technical teachers.

**Illinois workNet**
Participates in this free online resource offering career, training, education and work support information to Illinois residents and businesses.

**P.R.I.D.E. Training Program**
Parents’ Resource for Information, Development, and Education (PRIDE) is a statewide training program that provides standardized competency-based training, in support of the preparation, selection, licensing, and re-licensing of foster, and adoptive parents.

**Project 12 Ways**
Works with parents and their children in an 11 county region of Southern Illinois, to improve social functioning of children and families through skills training and language development. The Project operates on the premise that it can achieve this mission by directly training family members in a variety of child-care, self-help, and interpersonal skills. As well as, providing communication and social skills training to children diagnosed with, or at risk for, receiving a diagnosis for a disability.

**The Illinois Nurse Assistant Testing Program**
Is responsible for administering the written competency exam required by the Illinois Department of Public Health for the required certification of Nursing assistants/aides working in licensed and/or certified skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities and home health agencies in the state of Illinois. Manages certification testing, program evaluation work and the criminal background checks for Illinois nursing assistants.

**Rural Schools Collaborative**
The Rural Schools Collaborative is comprised of people who recognize the value of local schools and small communities. We believe innovative instruction, thoughtful collaboration, and targeted philanthropy strengthen the fabric of rural places.

**Strong Survivors SIU Cancer Rehabilitation Laboratory (KIN)**
The Strong Survivors Exercise and Nutrition Program for Cancer Survivors and Caregivers is a free program that utilizes exercise as a therapeutic tool to help cancer survivors and caregivers get through the treatment and recovery process. Exercise programs are individualized for each participant and are based on medical and fitness histories, initial fitness assessment results, and quality of life goals. All programs are created and administered by SIU student staff members who have completed the Strong Survivors Staff Training Class.

The Program accomplishes 3 objectives; the collection and analysis of research data pertaining to cancer rehabilitation and survivorship, hands-on experience for graduate and undergraduate students, and most importantly, offers cancer survivors and caregivers the opportunity to improve their quality of life through improved physical fitness/wellness and the management of cancer and cancer treatment-related physical and psychological symptoms/side effects. For more information, please visit our website: strong-survivors.siu.edu

*Strong Survivors had an initiative on SalukiFunder, a crowdfunding platform at https://salukifunder.siu.edu/project/2635 that helped to raise funds for new treadmills for the laboratory for exercise sessions and assessments.*

**Suicide Prevention SAMHSA**
Is a federal funded grant worth $306,000 to prevent suicide on college campuses and in communities by changing the culture and helping to take away the stigma of talking about suicide.

Working closely with the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) the grant will bring necessary resources to the University and the School of Social Work to help with further training and research programs.

**Trauma Based Behavioral Health Fellowship (TBBHF)**
Is a concurrent 16-week training program for social work graduate students during the advanced year of their degrees when they are already placed with a community-based behavioral health agency working with, either at-risk children, adolescents, or transitional youth. The Fellowship will focus on trauma based understanding and practice of behavioral health which will train students on how trauma transforms the microstructure of a child’s brain.

**Teaching with Primary Sources**
A resource for K-20 teachers, teacher educators, history faculty, and curriculum directors for utilizing free resources to teach and assess with informational sources from the Library of Congress on topics ranging from local to world history.

**Tracking Rare Incidence Syndromes**
Offers valuable information about family services, treatment options, and educational assistance and more for families affected by Trisomy 13, 18 and related disorders.

(16) **College of Education and Human Services Registered Student Organizations (RSO)**

**Education Graduate Students Society (EGSS)**
EGSS is a graduate student organization open to all Education graduate students. Our purpose is to connect with other graduate students academically, socially, and professionally.
Educators for Excellence (EFE)
This organization help members develop professional skills that they will be able to use moving forward into their respective education careers. We also help members foster relationships with professionals in the field.

Physical Education Teacher Education Club (PETE)
The PETE Club’s mission is to facilitate the educational and professional development of Physical Education majors at SIUC. The club organizes activities to build a collegial team to grow together educationally and socially. As well as, acquaint members with professional and personal associations for future needs related to teaching and coaching.

Elementary Education Student Organization (EESO)
EESO is to provide pre-service teachers of elementary education with resources and support services. EESO’s goals are to assist students in developing the skills that will enable them to become effective teachers in an elementary setting. EESO gives pre-service teachers opportunities to attend conferences, earn scholarships, and meet other students in the program.

Higher Education Student Association (HESA)
HESA is the student organization for the graduate students in the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education (EAHE) to enhance the professional education of the membership outside of the classroom, assistantships, and internships.

Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA)
Is a student-managed professional organization dedicated to the enlightenment and advancement of future, current, and retired art educators in the Southern Illinois region. IAEA provides workshops, conferences, and preparatory experiences in the professional art education community. The SIU student chapter of the IAEA promotes art advocacy, professional development, and leadership opportunities in the visual art education profession.

National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (NSSLHA)
Is a pre-professional membership association for students interested in the study of communication disorders and sciences, to encourage students to get involved, and reach out to the community, while building professional relationships.

Organization of Sport and Exercise Science (OSES)
The mission of OSES is to help exercise science students learn more about the physiology of exercise and to teach members of the organization how to become role models and leaders in their field.

Promoting Respect through Inclusiveness and Diversity Excellence (P.R.I.D.E.)
Is to provide students an opportunity to learn about and experience views from a multicultural perspective. P.R.I.D.E. is a unique RSO dedicated to diversity and inclusiveness issues.

Social Work Student Alliance (SWSA)
This is a service-oriented group for undergraduate social work majors and other students interested in social work.

Sport Studies Association (SSA)
Provides professional development experience for Sport Studies students and encourages them to pursue community involvement through service.
**Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)**
SCEC provides professional development for students in the College of Education or Liberal Arts working with students with special needs in K-12 settings.

**Student Leadership Program, College of Education & Human Services (SLP, COEHS)**
Selected students serve as official representatives of SIU and the College of Education and Human Services in a variety of public relations, student recruitment and retention programs, as well as other outreach efforts.

**Student Recreation Society (SRS)**
The Student Recreation Society focuses on Recreation majors. SRS plans fun activities for members, provides service projects for the community, and offers scholarships for students to attend professional conferences.

**Students Together Advocating Rehabilitation Services (STARS)**
STARS is a student-run organization that performs a number of activities on the SIUC campus and the Southern Illinois community aimed at improving the lives of individuals with disabilities and raising awareness of issues related to disability and accessibility in society.

**Eta Sigma Gamma (ESG)**
Eta Sigma Gamma is a national professional health science honorary for undergraduate students, graduate students, and practicing health professionals. The primary purpose of the honorary from its beginnings in 1967, has been to further the professional competence and dedication of individual members of the health science profession. These three elements form the basic purposes of the organization and the profession; teaching, research, and service.

**Faculty, Staff, Student and College Update(s)**

**Education college climbs to No. 72 in U.S. News rankings**
SIU moved up 27 spots in the U.S. News & World Report rankings for best schools of education in the graduate school rankings released March 20, 2017. “U.S. News and World Report has moved our college even further up the ranks of the nation’s top schools. We are proud to be recognized for the work we do, for our fine students, and especially for our faculty’s strong commitment to our community partners,” Dean Matthew Keefer said. “Clearly we are a college that makes a difference in the lives of our students and in the communities we serve, and we are exceptionally proud of these collaborations and partnerships.” In addition, the college’s rehabilitation counseling graduate program maintained its high ranking, tied for fourth place among all such programs. This is the fourth consecutive year the program has held that position.
For full story go to http://news.siu.edu/2017/03/031617cjm17037.php

**COEHS is SIU’s leader in Grant Funding!** The college received more than 20 million in grants during the fiscal year 2016, surpassing all other colleges and major units within SIU, even the School of Medicine! This huge accomplishment marks a higher increase over all previous years, meaning more possibilities for dreaming even bigger.

**The College of Education and Human Services is in the process of establishing the Dean’s Young Alumni Council (DYAC)**
Let's be real, we just graduated. Many of us are navigating first jobs and new places. We're now thinking about or have already realized how SIU has prepared us to be where we are today and how it will help us with where we want to go in the future. Let's admit it, we're missing Carbondale and the beautiful campus of Southern Illinois University. For many of us, our time at SIU represents some of our fondest memories. We're proud to be a Saluki and part of the College of Education and Human Services!
Services. Of course, that means something different for everyone. That’s the beauty of the College of Education and Human Services—it encompasses an incredibly diverse range of interests. We hope that the COEHS Young Alumni Council (EHSYAC) will be your way to tell us about your unique experience and your chance to encourage other recent grads to consider what their SIU EHS degree means to them. We are aiming to change how SIU EHS young alumni are connected to the University through social media and events, and how we can impact the Dean’s priorities—right now, by helping current students. No matter what you have to say or how much time you have to give, we hope you will consider being involved. Do it because you want to be a part of our generation’s impact on the place we all call home.

**SIU Day, a BIG DAY of Giving**
The results are in on the SIU Day of Giving, open the door to opportunity fundraiser. University-wide $341,121 was raised from a total of 1,334 gifts. The College of Education and Human Services raised $5,186 from 54 gifts. For full story go to [http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-16-17.html](http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-16-17.html)

**Nichols and Gray honored at 2017 21st Annual Celebrate Women: Honoring Inclusive Excellence**
Dr. Jane Nichols, assistant professor in Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration is the recipient of the 2017 Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Award and Dr. Gray received the UWPA Mentoring Award. Both Nichols and Gray were honored at the 21st Annual Celebrate Women Reception and Award Ceremony. For full story go to [http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-14b-17.html](http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-14b-17.html)

**Rehabilitation and Disability Research featured in Saluki Stories**
Rehabilitation and Disability Research director, Carl Flowers comments about the Rehabilitation Institute and its founder, Dr. Guy Renzaglia; are featured in the Diversity, Academic Excellence and Internationalization section of the SIU’s Graduate School’s, Saluki Stories, Spring 2017 publication. For full story go to [http://gradschool.siu.edu/gss/][right side pg. 5]

**Awarded Cutting Edge Award in Human Resource Development**
The 2017 annual Academy for Human Resource Development conference awarded Cynthia Sims, Interim Associate Dean and Associate Professor in the Department of Workforce Education and Development and her HRD students the Cutting Edge Award for outstanding contribution to the field of Human Resource Development at this year’s conference held in San Antonio, Texas in March, 2017. For full story go to [http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-6-17.html](http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-6-17.html)

**A Festschrift honors Melvin C. Terrell**
Terrell is a 1978 Ph.D. graduate of Higher Education Administration and Black Studies of Southern Illinois University—Carbondale. He is honored for his outstanding work with a book titled *Advancing Equity and Diversity in Student Affairs*. For full story go to [http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-3-17.html](http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-3-17.html)

**Children and Adults Benefit From Equine Therapy**
Children and adults with a variety of physical, cognitive, psychological, emotional or social difficulties benefit from Specialized Equine Services and Therapeutic Riding, a therapeutic horseback riding program that operates with assistance from SIU students. For full story go to [http://ehs.siu.edu/about/journeys/e-news/voices.html](http://ehs.siu.edu/about/journeys/e-news/voices.html)

**Rehfeldt presents at SIU Assessment Day Conference**
Dr. Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Department of Rehabilitation Institute presented at SIU Assessment Day Conference in Morris Library in February 2017. She provided an Overview of Higher Learning Commission Accreditation and the important role assessment plays in the accreditation process. For full story go to [http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/2-16-17.html](http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/2-16-17.html)
Henson co-creator of Midwest’s first earthquake information Kiosk
The first-ever earthquake information Kiosk in the Midwest was developed by a team of experts directed by Dr. Harvey Henson, Assistant Professor in Curriculum Instruction at SIU and Scott Hodgson from the University of Oklahoma. The Kiosk is a highly visual and is a unique educational tool that will greatly enhance efforts to improve public awareness of earthquakes and address earthquake preparedness to help prevent potential deaths, decrease injuries and mitigate other potential losses.
For full story go to http://ehs.siu.edu/news/2017/3-31-17.html

Carbondale Spotlight on Matthew Keefer
Dean Matthew Keefer was featured in Explore Carbondale, IL video at https://youtu.be/x9_3ehpw63I

Events

EHS/Talks
Good things happen every day in Carbondale, and Southern Illinois University wants people to know about it. The College of Education and Human Services benefits the community in a variety of ways including, research, service and education.

Dean Keefer wanted to showcase how his faculty is helping people in our community and show all the work and exciting activities going on within the college. EHS/Talks was his way of spreading the news, creating a buzz and showing the passion his faculty members have for their field of study.

Those attending learned more about the Strong Survivors cancer rehabilitation program, earthquake hazards and education, how baseball players recognize certain pitches and the importance of second chances, among other topics.

Plans for more EHS/Talks are underway and we hope the buzz will continue until the next EHS/Talks.

Something New: COEHS Video Initiative
Focusing on increasing student enrollment COEHS is embracing video marketing for enticing students, telling our story and showing how we fulfill dreams and change lives.

The videos are viewable on the college’s website and within various academic unit websites.

If you would like any additional information about the College or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact Paul Melzer, Director of Development College of Education and Human Services, via phone 224-545-8637 or by email at paulm@foundation.siu.edu