

College of Education and Human Services

Highlights September 2017 – May 2018

Dean Keefer was elected Chair of the Illinois Association of Public Colleges of Education (IADPCE) for the 2017-2018 academic year.

A CoEHS student was named Teacher of the Year--The Illinois State Board of Education named Lindsey Jensen of Dwight Township High School. State officials say Jensen's colleagues described her as having high expectations and infectious positivity. Jensen says she believes "teaching requires becoming part of students' lives and making connections that no other professional experiences."

The CoEHS and the Rehabilitation Institute hosted a lunch for the Honorees of the upcoming 2018 Guy A. Renzaglia Lecture & Student Awards Program in April.

The Office of Teacher Education hosted 31 Marion high school students in November to provide them with general information about becoming a teacher in Illinois and specific information for SIU programs. Two current teacher candidates spoke to the group about their experiences here, praising the preparation program, especially their clinical experiences.

The Rehabilitation Institute's student organization, **National Student Speech Language Hearing Association** (NSSLHA) was included in the December National NSSLHA "In the Loop" newsletter for their Audiology Awareness/Protect Your Hearing Month Project! This newsletter was emailed to all National NSSLHA members across the country, showing the National NSSLHA community the impact SIU NSSLHA is able to make in our local community.

Educational Administration and Higher Education's Superintendent Endorsement Program earns national recognition and certification--The Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation awarded this recognition according to Saran Donahoo, associate professor and chair of the College Student Personnel Program and doctoral program in the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education within the College of Education and Human Services.

Dr. Patricia Saleeby, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, was recently appointed by the National Association of Social Workers Press to the editorial board of the journal "Health and Social Work" for a three year term. For 20 years, human services professionals have relied on Health & Social Work for the latest advances in areas such as aging, clinical work, long-term care, oncology, substance abuse, depression, and maternal health. Articles also cover research, policy, specialized services, quality assurance, in-service training, and other topics that affect the delivery of health care services.

2nd EHS/Talks: Lightning talk event occurred December 14th. The event showcases faculty research and its impact on the regional community. This year there were eleven presentations with fourteen presenters.

Naomi Arseneau was named the Office of Teacher Education Coordinator of Clinical Placements. She has completed more than 100 placements of pre-student teachers. This office is also documenting retention

rates for these students.

The Office of Teacher Education held its 2nd Annual Student Teaching Pinning Ceremony in December. Twenty-two teacher candidates received an SIU pin as a statement was read about their accomplishments and the educators' oath was recited. Dr. Nancy Mundschenk, Director, welcomed all and introduced Dean Matthew Keefer who provided brief comments.

Elaine Jurkowski, professor in the *School of Social Work*, has been named **Provost Faculty Fellow** for spring 2018 semester. Jurkowski will be part of the university's team responsible for SIU Carbondale's Quality Initiative required by the Higher Learning Commission. The initiative is focused on identifying roadblocks faced by first generation students, and initiatives to increase recruitment and retention. The Quality Initiative is a collaborative effort of the Provost Office, the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Core Curriculum office, and Student Affairs.

Dr. Maria Claudia Franca, Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Institute (Communication Disorders and Science program) presented a seminar entitled "Toolbox for cultural competence – From evidence-based to practice" at the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ISHA) Annual convention in Chicago, February 7-10, 2018. ISHA's convention is attended by over 1600 members, including speakers from across the country and abroad who are considered experts and well known in their fields. ISHA is considered to be among the best among state speech-language conventions.

The Office of Teacher Education met with academic advisors of licensure programs outside the college on February 6. The OTE staff and Director Mundschenk attended the February 15 Union County Career Fair at Anna-Jonesboro High School where they met with 25 high school students and their parents to talk about attending SIU and the teaching profession.

Cynthia Snair joined the College in March as our Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. She will visit high schools, community college campuses, and college fairs as well as new student orientations. Snair is analyzing enrollment and admission data for the College and preparing reports to assist with recruitment needs.

The Illinois Public Health Association, Eta Sigma Gamma Alpha Alpha Chapter and the CoEHS Department of Public Health and Recreation Professions on March 6th partnered to host the 1st Annual Illinois Public Health Career Fair. The event helped numerous agencies and employers to promote their internships, career opportunities, summer jobs, and graduate school programs to alumni and students in public health and other related fields from SIUC and other students throughout Illinois.

2018 SIU Day of Giving: The College outdistanced all other campus groups by collecting the most monetary gifts during the SIU Day of Giving on March 7 with \$96,996 raised for valuable scholarships and programs to strengthen the university's educational mission.

Cynthia Sims led the Junior Faculty Development Network. In September 2017 junior and mentoring faculty met at the Student Center Bowling & Billiard's for a social evening of bowling and food. At the **March**

2018 meeting, Dr. Kim Asner-Self, Associate Professor, Counseling, Quantitative Methods, and Special Education and Dr. Patricia Saleeby, Associate Professor, School of Social Work spoke. Saleeby plans to present a grant writing and finding grants workshop for the next event.

COEHS was represented by Faculty presenting at the CASA 2018 Research Flash Talks: Phil Anton, Associate Professor, Kinesiology; Valerie Boyer, Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Institute; Julie Partridge, Associate Professor, Kinesiology all presented at the event on March 21.

The SIU 2nd Annual SIU System Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education Conference was held in March. Dr. Cynthia Sims, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs & Dr. Casheena Stephens, Instructor, COEHS provided a workshop titled The Benefits and Application of Graduate Workforce Diversity Concepts in Post-Graduate Students' Lives and Workplaces. Jenevieve Nelson, Master Student in Educational Administration and Higher Education, presented a workshop titled The Persistent Journey: Intercultural Competence in Student Affairs. Ana Hernandez, Student, School of Social Work, presented a workshop titled Factors Impacting Retention of First-Generation Latino Students in Higher Education. Walter Davis, Academic Advisor, COEHS, presented a workshop titled Let's Talk About Diversity and Inclusion.

Educational Administration & Higher Education department hosted the April Southern Illinois Law and Leadership Conference at SIU. Libi Gil, Chief Education Officer, Illinois State Board of Education was the Keynote Speaker.

The John Allen Symposium was held April 5, 2018 at Touch of Nature. This signature event once again drew Recreation alumni from across the state back to SIU to team up with Rec Students for symposia, presentations, and outdoor events. Once again, this highly anticipated and well attended event was a great success.

The 50th Anniversary of the Special Olympics was held at Touch of Nature. The CoEHS was an important sponsor and participant at this stellar event.

The CoEHS and the Rehabilitation Institute hosted the 40th Anniversary of the Renzaglia Lecture Series GALA event on April 10th. The Gala reception and dinner before the lecture honored the Rehabilitation Institutes' "Legends", "Achievers" and "Pillars".

The Rehabilitation Institute hosted the 40th Anniversary of the Renzaglia Lecture Series. The Lecture was held on April 10th followed by a reception.

Poster at the 2018 Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Forum in April! Anderson is a McNair Scholar and presented her research at their research forum last summer.

COMING SOON

In **June** COEHS' Curriculum & Instruction Department will be hosting the 35th Challenge to Excellence summer program for academically talented students. The program focuses on experiences designed to improve a student's higher level thinking skills in math, science, and creative writing as well as in other skill and content areas. This program is one of the most respected and long-standing summer residential programs for academically-talented students in the Midwest. One former Challenge to Excellence student has received a Pulitzer Prize for journalism.

Also in **June** is the Mindfulness Camp for Kids, a community outreach opportunity sponsored by COEHS' Rehabilitation Institute. Mindfulness is a scientifically validated technique that has been proven to help children think better, stay more focused in school, do better on school projects, help reduce anxiety, social fears and increase their overall awareness. The mindfulness camp is a great opportunity for children to learn various breathing techniques, beginning yoga, exploration of the mind and the environment around them. One of the camp leaders, Dr. Mark Dixon, Professor, Rehabilitation Institute, is a national expert in acceptance and mindfulness and has overseen mindfulness activities for over 300 children. He has been featured in Newsweek, Time, The New York Times, NPR, This American Life, and regional affiliates of ABC, CBS and PBS. Mark enjoys various outdoor activities and exploring new places.