**SALUKI SPIRIT ANNOUNCEMENTS (2/19/18 – 2/26/18):**

1) As always, if anybody has items that they would like to add to the weekly Saluki Spirit Announcements, please send them to Dr. Phil Anton at:  
   panton@siu.edu

The Announcements are designed to reflect Saluki Spirit in all aspects of campus and the community, so send whatever you want from any corner of southern Illinois. Pictures are always a great addition.

2) #SalukiFriday is here:  
   Remember to wear your Saluki gear on Fridays!

Also, send pics of your group(s) to Dr. Anton, as well as Randy Johnson at 710:  
   randyj@seventen.com

Photos will be featured in the Saluki Spirit Announcements and on 710's Facebook and Twitter platforms.

Below, the staff at the SIUC Graduate School rocks their Saluki finest...

3) We stopped by the most recent SIUC Open House to check out all the great programming that the University has to offer. Those pictures will be up soon on the "SIUC Department of Kinesiology" Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/SIUC-Department-of-Kinesiology-201366063240550/), on our Twitter page: https://twitter.com/SalukiSpirit (swing by and give us a follow @SalukiSpirit), and our “salukispirit” Instagram page.

The #SalukiFriday Picture Poll winner will now be determined by adding up the total likes from all three platforms above. The winners for the pics taken at the SIUC Graduate School is at the end of the Announcements.

4) If your Dept, College, RSO, group, etc. is doing outreach in the community, please share details with SIUC Director of Community Relations, Karen Stallman, at 618-453-2425 OR karenstallman@siu.edu

5) If you or your group are looking for service opportunities, check out the Adopt-a-Spot program. Check it out at:  
   http://www.keepcb.org/adopt-a-spot.html

6) Help the Saluki Green Action Team make a difference by opting for reusable cups and jars and help divert waste from the landfills! For more info go to:

http://sustainability.siu.edu/saluki-green-action-team/this-weeks-action.php
7) The **2018 SIU Day of Giving** is coming up on **3/7/2018**. Mark your calendar.

Below members of the SIUC Department of Kinesiology faculty and members of the Strong Survivors Staff show their appreciation for donations that will help them sustain outstanding educational experiences.

8) Saluki Women’s Basketball is on the road at Missouri St. on **Friday, Feb 23 at 7 PM**. If you are unable to get to Springfield, catch them on **105.1 FM** or **ESPN3**. They return home to **SIUC Arena** to finish out the regular season, with matchups vs. Indiana St. on **Thursday Mar. 1 at 6 PM** and Evansville on **Saturday Mar. 3 at 2 PM**. The Mar. 3 game is **Senior Day** – let’s fill the seats and send them out the right way.

9) After a strong showing at the EIU Friday Night Special, Saluki Track and Field is back in competition at the **MVC Indoor Championships** from **Feb. 24 – 25**. If you are unable to make it to Cedar Falls, IA, follow them on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SIU_TrackXC?lang=en](https://twitter.com/SIU_TrackXC?lang=en)

The track and field stars brought it more awards in this past week:

Jared Kern (Exercise Science) and Alexis Roberson (Exercise Science) were once again named MVC Field Athletes of the Week last week. Congrats Alexis and Jared!
10) **Saluki Men’s Basketball** heads to Evansville to try to wrap up 2nd place in the MVC on **Saturday, Feb. 24 at 1 PM**. If you can’t make it to Indiana, catch them on **105.1 FM or ESPN3**. The following weekend the team will head to **St. Louis for 2018 Arch Madness (Mar. 1-4)**


![Black History Month 2018](image)

12) **Saluki Men’s Golf** kicked off its season with a strong showing at the Desert Intercollegiate. They’ll be back on the course in the **Seminole Intercollegiate, February 24-25** If you can’t make it to Tallahassee, FL follow them on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SIU_MGolf](https://twitter.com/SIU_MGolf)

For his efforts in Palm Desert, Peyton Wilhoit (Marketing) was named the **MVC Golfer of the Week**. Congrats Peyton!
13) **Saluki Softball** is back on the field at the **FGCU/Four Points By Sheraton Invitational** on:  
**Friday, Feb 23** at 9 AM vs. Wright St and 11:15 AM vs. UCONN;  
**Saturday Feb. 24** at 1:30 PM vs. Stony Brook and at 6 PM vs. FGCU.  
If you are unable to get to Fort Myers, FL you can listen at  
[http://siusalukis.com/watch/?Live=276&type=Live](http://siusalukis.com/watch/?Live=276&type=Live) or follow them on Twitter:  
[https://twitter.com/SIU_Softball](https://twitter.com/SIU_Softball)

The first **homestand** of the year on **Kay Brechtsbauer Field at Charlotte West Stadium** is March 2-4 for the **Coach B Classic**.

Katelyn Massa (**Sport Administration**) was named the **MVC Player of the Week** – congrats Katelyn!

14) The women of **Saluki Swimming and Diving** wrapped up their season with a strong 2nd place finish at the **MVC Championships** in Iowa City – they were honored at halftime of the Saluki b-ball game vs. Loyola

Baobao Ji (**Accounting**) was named this week’s **Saluki Student-Athlete of the Week** – Congrats Baobao!

The men of **Saluki Swimming and Diving** head to the **MAC Swimming and Diving Championships** from 2/28 – 3/3. If you can’t make it to Oxford, OH track them on Twitter:  
[https://twitter.com/SIU_SwimDive?lang=en](https://twitter.com/SIU_SwimDive?lang=en)
15) Last Saturday was the **2018 Special Olympics Polar Plunge** and many were on hand showing their Saluki Spirit and raising funds for this great cause. The **SIUC Plant and Services Operations** “PSO Ice Breakers” Team was particularly successful, raising **$5043.38** and pulling in three trophies: **Best Costume SIU Campus; Most Money Raised by a Team College Division SIU Campus; & Most Money Raised by an Individual SIU Campus.** The icing on their collective cake was delivered by Director Brad Dillard who placed first in the **2018 Donut Dash, Male Overall** category. Well done, PSO!

[Image of people polar plunging and PSO Ice Breakers standing around a table with trophies]

16) **Saluki Baseball** has a 3-game series vs. North Florida on **Friday Feb. 23 (5 PM), Saturday, Feb. 24 (1 PM), and Sunday, Feb. 25 (12 PM)** and then a match-up vs. Belmont on **Tues. Feb. 27 at 4 PM.** If you can’t make it to Jacksonville OR Nashville, you can follow them on **Twitter**: [https://twitter.com/SIU_Baseball](https://twitter.com/SIU_Baseball) or watch on **ESPN3** or **Facebook Live**: [https://www.facebook.com/northfloridaospreys/](https://www.facebook.com/northfloridaospreys/)

The first **homestand** of the year at the **Itch** is **March 2-4** vs. Louisiana-Monroe

17) **Saluki Women’s Golf** is back on the course on **Feb. 24-25** at the **GCU Invitational at Grand Canyon University Golf Course.** If you can’t make it to Phoenix, AZ follow them on **Twitter**: [https://twitter.com/SIU_WGolf](https://twitter.com/SIU_WGolf)

They have a **home** match coming up soon: **Saluki Invitational** March 25-26 at **Hickory Ridge Golf Course**

18) The **Big Muddy Film Festival** happening now through **Feb. 25.** For more info, go to: [www.bigmuddyfilm.com](http://www.bigmuddyfilm.com)

GO DAWGS!

#WEAREALLSALUKIS
CO-WINNERS OF THE RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA PICTURE POLL:
On #SalukiFriday at the offices of the SIUC Graduate School, we tried to walk out with a few diplomas, but had some trouble. Admissions and Records Representatives Pamela Kelley and Jane Klucker try to figure how best to help us clean up our attempted diploma theft mess...

Later, we thought we’d try to earn a degree the old-fashioned way, but Academic Contract Specialist Deon Thompson is pretty sure our research work isn’t going to cut it...