SIU’s Workforce Education and Development has been offered at the McGuire Air Force Base location since the early 70’s. McGuire has since grown into the nation’s only tri-service joint base. Active Duty, Reserve and Guard Service members from the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Coast Guard all support this Joint Base location. The Joint Base McGuire Education Center is located within the Falcon Courts North housing annex.

Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst is located in Southern New Jersey and is in a prime location for sightseeing. We are just 45 minutes away from the birthplace of America; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Traveling north from our location you can reach New York City in just over an hour to meet Lady Liberty! When visiting you cannot forget to spend time at one of our many beaches! The New Jersey coastline is thriving with beautiful beaches right down to our southern-most tip at Cape May.

We want to thank everyone who contributed in any way during the SIU Day of Giving campaign last March. Your generous contribution will help future students in the WED program. WED did not reach the goal of 45 gifts x $45. But WED raised $2,562 in 19 gifts thanks to your generosity! The College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) raised the most money with a huge $96,996. Thank you!
The Chair’s Message

April Greetings! Spring is here and I enjoy seeing the first flowers and budding trees! Sometimes we get bogged down by all of the negativity in the news. But this is always a hopeful time and time to stop and be thankful for the beauty around us.

This month you get to read about just a few of our graduates and the success they have had in their careers. Please read and enjoy their stories and consider sending us your story sometime in the future.

You will also learn about Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in this month’s newsletter. I had the opportunity to teach at McGuire several years ago and enjoyed my time in New Jersey. We are lucky to have great people at all of our locations.

Honors Day is April 14. I would like to extend my congratulations to those of you who are receiving a scholarship this year. If you did not apply for one, remember to do so next year. You cannot get a scholarship if you do not apply!

Graduation is approaching quickly. I hope you are all making progress towards your own graduation even if you are not ready to graduate in May. As always, I wish you good luck as you continue your career!

Barbara Hagler
Jude Marranco, WED ’96. Her bachelor’s degree in WED gave her the knowledge and skills necessary to be more successful in her job as the education services officer for the New Jersey Army National Guard. Fast forward to present time and Marranco is the chief of education and training for the United States Air Force, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. Having an SIU extended campus at then McGuire Air Force Base set her up “for the best job of my life.” Marranco is a retired Army Officer with 38 years of distinguished service. “When I attended SIU classes in 1995, I would walk the halls and think how great it would be to be in charge of this place. Be careful what you wish for as it may come true.”

Cheryl Butters, WED liaison at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. WED’s off-campus location at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey has been serving the undergraduate needs of our local military community for nearly 45 years. Cheryl Butters, the site liaison, began working for SIU in October 2001. She served as an office assistant for the Workforce Education Development program through January 2004 when she accepted the position of Chief Clerk. Cheryl enjoys working with a very diverse group of students; some of whom she assisted in the elementary school that was previously housed in the location of their now Base Education Center. “It is exciting to know that you have not only assisted with a person’s primary education, but then have the ability to help them complete their Bachelor’s degree with SIU. The feeling is beyond words.” Talk about taking it full-circle! Cheryl and husband Randy, SIU Alum, have two daughters, ages 24 and 29.

WED student at John A. Logan site wins SIPMA scholarship!

Alissa Webb, WED student at our John A. Logan site, was awarded the SIPMA scholarship. Southern Illinois Professional Management Association offers the scholarship to candidates who are majoring in a Human Resource related field and meet other requirements established by SIPMA.

Alissa shared her professional plans with us: “I enjoy the flexibility of the online and weekend WED courses, which allows me to work part time as I finish my bachelor’s degree. After graduation, I plan to find a position in the Human Resources field and apply to the SIU Master in Healthcare Administration for fall 2018. I have always had a passion for the healthcare field, and I feel my abilities suit and can help better in the human resources field.” Congratulations Alissa Webb!
NAS Pensacola WED alumnum wins the Margaret Flowers Civic Award

Michael P. Shannon B.S. ’17, ABE1(AW/SW), made headlines last month by winning the Margaret Flowers Civic Award. Not only was Michael a full-time Saluki at NAS Pensacola, but he was also giving back to his community while working full time.

Michael was recognized for his outstanding professionalism and reliability while serving in a leadership position in the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC). During 2017, Michael led intensive hours of service for local organizations dedicated to children and youth programs, as well as programs that foster animal’s quality of life, among other volunteerism activities. The award is given to those who embody the true esprit de corps of community and social involvement in honor of Margaret Flowers, career civil service employee. Congratulations Michael – we are very proud of you!

Celina Maniece Ms.Ed. ’10 is BizClips CEO and founder. After years of research and development, Maniece launched the BizClips app last November. BizClips is a platform to recruit, hire and market while reducing marketing costs and streamlining processes. The SIU Small Business Development Center provided assistance to Maniece through the conceptualization, development and programming stages of the app. She also says, “Obtaining a master’s in workforce education and development from Southern Illinois University provided fundamental aspects utilized in BizClips, encompassing identifying areas of need.” Maniece earned a B.A. ’06 in psychology in SIU.

BizClips Insights

“The well rounded and complete program at WED prepared me well for my job, and my employer appreciated the expertise I brought to the table. Something I always look for is a degree from SIU and WED because I know I can trust and rely on the quality of the education that individual has received.” — Pete Riley, Director of Training Product Solutions for FlightSafety

Dear WED Alumni:

We would like to keep in touch with you. Please tell us where you are and what you are doing, include a photo if possible.

Submit your information here.
April 2018 — Important Dates

Saturday, 4/4: Honors Day

Graduation information
Summer 2018 Class Offerings

For a complete listing of courses through Fall 2018, visit registrar.siu.edu and select Schedule of Classes. For SIU events, click on Events Calendar. For other calendars, click on calendars.

Jobs of the Month

Director, Training and Development – NBC Universal, Beverly Hills, California

Instructional Designer/Developer – Kronos Incorporated, Seattle, Washington

Training and Development Supervisor – KLA Industries, Chicago

Senior Learning and Organizational Development Specialist – Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, Virginia

Curriculum Development Specialist – Schneider, Charlotte, North Carolina

Org Dev & Education Consultant – Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota Florida

Instructional Designer – Great HealthWorks, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Instructional Designer – Colgate-Palmolive, Piscataway, New Jersey

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