Naval Air Station Oceana, in Virginia Beach, is the Navy’s East Coast Master Jet Base, home to F/A-18 Hornets and Super Hornets. The primary mission of Naval Air Station Oceana is as a Shore-Based Readiness Integrator, providing the facilities, equipment and personnel to support shored-based readiness, total force readiness and maintain operational access of Oceana-based forces. Oceana is also home to eighteen Hornet and Super Hornet squadrons. Sixteen squadrons deploy on carriers into combat and two are permanently based at Oceana, including the adversary squadron. Routinely, two-thirds of this complement is “working up” on carriers off the coast or deployed at NAS Fallon, Nevada for live air-to-ground and air-to-air weapons training. Typically, an air wing overseas deployment lasts six to seven months. The base, including Dam Neck Annex, has about 10,500 active Navy personnel, about 10,000 family members and 4,500 civilian personnel, making NAS Oceana the second largest employer in Virginia Beach after JEB Little Creek/Fort Story. Oceana also hosts the largest Fleet Replacement Squadron, VFA-106, with about 1500 personnel assigned. Working in partnership with The Education Services Center at NAS Oceana, our students can obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Training. Enrollment is open to all active-duty personnel and civil service personnel who have technical training and at least two years of work experience in an occupational specialty. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)
June Greetings! It is graduation time for some of you. I enjoyed meeting those of you who were able to attend Commencement on May 12 in Carbondale. I know that some of you are also attending graduations at your sites. Congratulations to all graduates! For those of you who are not graduating, keep your eye on the finish line and you will be there soon!

Tammy Weston is now working with Curriculum and Instruction as she continues to work for WED. Her office has moved, but we know where she is and I am sure she will continue doing a great job for WED!

Oceana is the featured site for the June newsletter. I have not been in the Oceana area recently, but always enjoyed the scenery and the wonderful seafood when I had a chance to teach there!

Continued good luck with your classes this summer and/or with your job search! Please continue to let us know all of the wonderful things you are doing with the knowledge/skills you acquired in the WED program. If you are travelling you may be surprised to see someone wearing Saluki clothes wherever you happen to be. Salukis are everywhere! We are proud to have so many graduates across the country and even the world!

Have a great summer!

Barbara Hagler
Congratulations Class of 2018!

SIU representatives Lizette Chevalier, associate provost for academic programs, Cynthia H. Sims, associate dean for academic and student affairs at the College of Education and Human Services and David L. DiLalla, associate provost for academic administration, addressed the commencements at Pensacola, Great Lakes and Oceana respectively. Congratulations to everyone for successfully completing your WED degree, and remember, “Once a Saluki, always a Saluki.”
CONGRATULATIONS WED GRADUATES!

Best wishes to you in whatever you pursue next! We would like to know where you are and what you are doing. Keep us posted by sending us an email at wed@siu.edu

SIU Department of Workforce Education and Development
Carbondale Commencement Graduates

A number of WED off-campus program graduates, including master and doctoral students who successfully completed their dissertation process this spring, attended the Carbondale ceremony on Saturday, May 12. Congratulations to you and your families for your great achievement! Here are some pics of those proud moments.

“Amy role has been to help blend the learning needs into measureable learning outcomes. Without the learning I achieved with WED, I would not have been able to successfully do those tasks.” – Bob MacPherson, SIU Class of 1996
Jose Rivera, graduate from San Diego, and Deborah Barnet, off-campus program manager and lecturer.

Darren Rodgers, graduate from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, with (l-r) Deborah Barnet, off-campus program manager and lecturer and Barbara Hagler, WED interim chair and professor.

Yuanlu Niu, Ph.D. graduate, and Cynthia H. Sims, associate dean for academic and student affairs.

Darren Rodgers, graduate from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, and his spouse.

Doctoral graduates (l-r): Ola Albakheet, Lynn S. Dettman and Jodi Schoen
So long, Tammy Weston!

Tammy Weston, Researcher II and a twice WED graduate, B.S. ‘1994 and M.S.Ed.’2000, worked at Workforce Education and Development since 2005. Tammy has relocated to the College of Education in Wham 110B, a few steps from us. She will be working for Curriculum and Instruction and WED.

Being Tammy a “full-blooded” WED graduate, we asked about her time as a student. She said, “I have many great memories of being a student in WED and also working in WED. I have worked with some wonderful people over the years and had many great instructors as both an undergraduate and graduate student. As a student, my strongest memory is of Dr. Bortz. I was a new student in WED and had Dr. Bortz for WED 460 in the evening. I knew that he did not tolerate tardiness; however, one night I was late to class due to a babysitting snafu (my daughter was about eight months old at the time). I arrived to Pulliam Hall and waited until a quiet moment to enter class. I sat in the nearest seat available (of course it was the front row), and Dr. Bortz noticed me and said, “Ms. Weston, it is nice of you to finally join the class.” I opened my book and said (very sincerely), ‘Well, it’s better late than never.’ If you know Dr. Bortz, you know I took a big chance with that statement, but he just looked at me and continued on with class. From that moment, I developed a good rapport. The funniest part of the story is that I actually had him as a professor two more semesters. We would look at each other and say, “You again,” and laugh. So, having Dr. Bortz as a professor three semesters in a row and survive is my claim to fame in WED. When I became a WED employee five years after graduation, I walked into his office and told him that I just keep turning up like a bad penny. We both laughed and have worked together for 13 years.

Thank you and so long, Tammy!”

Connect with the WED alumni on LinkedIn!

Not only can you connect with fellow Salukis through the SIU Alumni Association, but did you know that you can join the SIU Workforce Education and Development Alumni group on LinkedIn? The group is nearly 3,000 members strong and growing!

Click here to join us today.
Jefferson Daniels or as he is usually referred to “Daniels” is an SIU student, Activity Duty military member, father and husband who made the journey back to being in the shoes of a student. Born in Bartica, Guyana in South America, Jefferson currently serves in the U.S. Navy as an instructor. He always pursued higher education but time was the most prominent factor holding him back from reaching his educational goals. However, he found a way to reach them with our time-efficient programs. “With the distance learning program, I don’t mind sacrificing a few weekends to earn my degree,” he said. This avid motorcyclist enrolled in the Workforce Education Development program fall 2017, and, through hard work and dedication, Jefferson is projected to graduate with his Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development in fall 2018.

This fulltime student, dad and husband committed to duty and service was recognized with the Southern Illinois University’s Extended Campus (SEC) Scholarship for the spring 2018 semester. A big congrats, “Daniels”!

Lisa Jackson is the site liaison and program/student advisor at Naval Air Station Oceana. Living in a military area like Hampton Roads since 1985, Lisa has a firm grasp on the needs of our military, civilian and retired students. Her experience working in the education field for the last ten years, as well as being a student, allows her to share in the students’ success. Lisa graduated from Southern Illinois University in May 2017 with a degree in Workforce Education and Development. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in the human resource management field. Lisa enjoys helping people and looks forward to assisting each of her students on their educational journey. Thank you for your great service, Lisa!

SIU Alumni Association

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Director, Talent Management and Organizational Development – Thermo Fisher Scientific, Carlsbad, California

Instructional Designer – City of Tacoma, Tacoma, Washington

Training Coordinator – CrisisGo Inc., Saint Louis, Missouri

Training and Development Specialist – Duracell Remotes - Buffalo Grove, Illinois

Director of Training and Development – Langley Federal Credit Union, Newport News, Virginia

Instructional Designer – The College of New Jersey – Ewing, New Jersey

Instructional Designer – RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation – Charlotte, North Carolina

Instructional Designer/Developer– University of West Florida – Pensacola, Florida

Human Resources Manager – Wounded Warrior Project – Jacksonville, FL

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