It is not a miracle that we have completed 45 years of serving adult learners and military-connected students. SIU’s Workforce Education and Development has always been devoted to helping busy people complete their bachelor’s degrees. We all know that working adults have to juggle many responsibilities and they often think about fulfilling their own needs last. Their own education is one of the most frequently postponed goals because of time, location or economic constraints. As time passes, this group of “golden minds” acquires more knowledge and experience and they can be the most valuable people in the workforce. But they often face barriers to reach higher levels within the organization because they lack a college degree. This has been our concern for 45 years: how to make it easier for this group of responsible working adults to get their bachelor’s degree while keeping up with their primary obligations. In this regard, we continue offering and improving the on- and off-campus programs to serve them regardless of where they are. We strive to close the distance and time gaps because our students may be busy adults with multiple obligations and difficult work schedules, or military personnel who have to respond to “active duty” any time. Moreover, we recognize the relevancy of their work experience and technical training with credits toward their degree. This type of prior learning assessment is slowly catching on in higher education, but WED has been leading the way in this area for years! (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)
May Greetings! The weather in Carbondale is finally beginning to feel like spring and maybe even summer!

It was nice to meet those of you who were able to come to campus for Honors Day on April 10. Many of you were not able to make the trip, but I would like to congratulate everyone who received Honors via this message!

Please read in this newsletter about our COEHS Excellence Award winners. We are fortunate to have such good people in WED! We have many others who were deserving of awards!

As many of you know, Tammy Kirchner is no longer working for WED. We miss her as much as you do! She worked more with graduate students than undergraduate, but was always ready to step in to help.

May is an important month for some of our students. Commencement is May 12. I hope you will be able to attend if you are graduating. If you are there, I will try to shake your hand as you come off the stage. I do understand that many of you live too far to be able to make it. Congratulations to all of our graduates! Good luck with your job search if you are looking for a job.

If you are receiving your undergraduate degree, you may now move on to the master’s degree! I am known for always dropping not so subtle hints about getting the next degree, so I don’t want to miss an opportunity to do so in this newsletter!

Barbara Hagler
SIU invited 35 WED students to the 2018 Honors Day Ceremony held April 14 in Shryock Auditorium. To qualify, students must have an SIU GPA of 3.500 or higher and meet other qualifications. Four students traveled to the recognition ceremony from the WED off-campus sites: Diane Honn (JALC), Lehi Juarez-Medina (NAS Pensacola, Florida), Sheri Kraus (Scott AFB, Illinois) and Kelly Preston (Scott AFB; formerly a student at San Diego). Barbara Hagler, WED interim chair, congratulated and handed the awards to the honor students present at the ceremony.


Congratulations to everyone who was nominated for the award, and for their great dedication and effort!
The Department of Workforce Education and Development wins three of the eight College’s excellence awards. The College recognizes and reward individuals who exemplify the criteria to excel within their categories. We proudly announce and congratulate the following WED excellence award winners:

Jessie Slaughenhaupt received the 2018 COEHS Administrative Professional Staff Excellence Award. This award recognizes an administrative professional staff member who has made significant contributions to furthering the mission of the College of Education and Human Services. Jessie has worked for SIU for over 14 years while acquiring more responsibilities. Currently, Slaughenhaupt advises all off-campus WED students with superb knowledge. Thank you, Jessie!

Dr. Yvonne Hunter-Johnson received the 2018 COEHS Scholar Excellence Award. This award recognizes and promotes outstanding research and creative endeavors. The award is a testament to the contributions of scholarship and artistic activity which are essential to the life of the College. Hunter-Johnson is very active doing research and presenting at conferences, as well as mentoring students in research and creative activities. Hunter-Johnson is also the recipient of the 2018 Research Scholarly and Creative Activity Award presented by Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and University Women’s Professional Advancement (UWPA). This award supports women-identified tenure-track faculty actively engaged in pursuing rigorous research and scholarly and creative activities on their path toward tenure at SIU. Hunter-Johnson is an assistant professor in WED. Congratulations twice, Professor Hunter-Johnson!

Yuanlu Niu received the 2018 COEHS Graduate Student Research Award. This award is to recognize excellence in performance among students in their roles as researchers in the College of Education and Human Services. Yuanlu embodies perfectly what a student should do as a researcher. We are so proud of Yuanlu (now Dr. Niu). Congratulations!
WED students and faculty members attended the 2018 Academy of Human Resource Development (AHRD) Conference. The Academy celebrated its 25th annual conference in 2018 in Richmond, Virginia February 14-17. The mission of the conference is to stimulate and foster research; to support the creation and growth of HRD academic programs; and, ultimately, to lay the foundations for a profession.

WED students Tingting Liu and Yuanlu Niu and faculty member Yvonne Hunter-Johnson presented a paper on “A Gendered Perspective on the Experiences of Chinese Women Leaders in the Healthcare Sector.”

Yuanlu Niu and Cynthia Sims (faculty and associate dean for academic and student affairs) presented a paper on “The Impact of Lookism on Career Development and Career Opportunities of Nursing Students in China.”

Congratulations and thanks to our students and faculty for their commitment to research!

Farewell to Tammy Kirchner

After six years of working in WED, Tammy Kirchner moved to the Department of Kinesiology within the College of Education and Human Services to fill a vacant position. Tammy started as an office support specialist and moved up to become an office manager while assisting the director of the graduate program in WED. We will miss Tammy and her punctuality at the office.

We wish you well in your new position, Tammy!

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.
Colonel Greg Eanes: “SIU WED Degree Makes One A Better Leader and Manager”

Nearly 34-years after graduating from Southern Illinois-University’s Occupational Education (now Organizational Training and Development specialization) program at NAS Coronado, retired Air Force Colonel Greg Eanes publishes a new book, “Captured, Not Conquered: The American POW Experience in the First World War.” He is currently a Wilson Fellow and visiting lecturer at the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest at Hampden-Sydney College near Farmville, Virginia. He is also a military historian having authored several books and monographs. Congratulation, Colonel Eanes!

When asked Colonel Eanes about his SIU WED degree, he says he’s still using what he learned. “I’ve used it in practically every job I’ve held since graduating. One key thing about the degree is that it makes one a better leader and manager.”

SIU Alumni Association
Whether you already graduated or are a current student, you may always join the Association. Your association benefits are great and, above all, you will develop strong connections with other Salukis wherever you are in the world.

Submit your membership request

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.
Jobs of the Month

Sr. HR Business Partner (Training and Development) – Spencer Reed Consulting, Fountain Valley, California
Director, Leadership Experience – Fortive Corporate, Everett, Washington
Instructional Designer-Consulting – The Joint Commission, Oak Brook, Illinois
Sr. Training Specialist – Thermo Fisher Scientific, St. Louis, MO 63102
Senior Associate, Instructional Designer – KPMG US, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey
Instructional Designer – CACI International, Norfolk, Virginia
Instructional Systems Designer – Metris Global, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
Training and Development Specialist – Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Gainesville, Florida
Human Resources Manager – Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, Clearwater, Florida

For job search tips and events, click on SIU Career services.

May 2018 — Important Dates

Saturday, 5/4: Off-campus program first-half summer begins
Monday, 5/7 to Friday, 5/11: Final exams on Carbondale campus
Monday, 5/14: Summer intersession begins
Monday, 5/28: Memorial Day Holiday

Graduation information
Office of the Bursar
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.

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