College Level News
The College Excellence awards were presented to recipients on May 9. These awards recognize someone who has made significant contributions to furthering the mission of the College.

The College is gearing up to celebrate the 150th at the 2019 October Homecoming with a tailgate party, inviting alumni, emeritus, and community partners within a 120-mile radius.

Office of Teacher Education
Fall enrollments in the teacher preparation program are up. Teacher candidate orientation took place on August 23.

The office is working to address the teacher shortage crisis in Illinois. The Scaling Education Pathways in Illinois (SEPI) program is providing funding to 8 communities to help streamline the career paths for prospective teachers. Around 450 students are expected to participate in the 1st cohort graduating class of 2021. Our project is named Southern Illinois Network for Future Teachers and collaborates with 6 area high schools, Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools, IEA, JALC, Shawnee CC, and the Regional Office of Education #30. Funding will be distributed to the partner high schools and is establishing Educators Rising clubs to expand an education and career pathway into teaching. Reps from the Network also attended the September 17 SEPI Community of Practice Summit in Bloomington, IL to focus on the statewide effort to build teacher education pipelines.

"Why Teach?" Challenge
In honor of SIU’s 150th anniversary and to recognize the university’s start as a teaching college, during fall orientation teacher candidates were challenged to answer the question, "Why Teach?" in 150 characters or less. Out of multiple entries, three were chosen at random to win a Visa gift card. The winning entries were:
"Teach to inspire. Teach because kindness breeds kindness. Teach because someone didn't. Teach because that is the future of America. Change the world. Teach." Brooklyn Hunsaker, Elementary Education
"Teach because to teach is to learn, to learn is to grow, and to grow is to live." Lindsey Sears. English Education
"We teach because we believe in students and their desire to know the truth. We teach because our students will change the world, and we get to watch it first-hand." Jacob Staley, History Education

Five SIU students were selected for the statewide recognition as 2019 Golden Apple Scholars. The Golden Apple Scholars program is a non-profit Illinois teacher preparation and tuition assistance program providing additional mentoring, support and help to prepare high school seniors and college freshmen and sophomores for careers as educators.
Teacher Candidates hosted a workshop for SIU Day on September 18 for 77 local high school students interested in the teaching profession.

**Kinesiology**
Associate Professor, Phil Anton, Advisor Christopher Hinkle, and student participated in the first T-Rex race at the September half-time game.


Instructor Tony Calabrese was the subject of a Teacher Appreciation message from Saluki Alumni, Illinois State Representative Tom Morrison.

**School of Social Work**
SSW students participated in the National Association of Social Workers – Illinois Advocacy Day in Springfield this past spring. Attendees attended educational seminars followed by lobbying in the state capital.

Professor Hussein Soliman earned first place at the International Conference on Social Science and Economics in Tokyo, Japan, for his presentation “A Review of the Current Perspectives on School Violence and School Safety.”

**Education Administration Higher Education**
Professor Patrick Dilley’s research uncovered hidden stories from the history of education of the life of Beverlee McKinsey, who created the first elementary-ages educational television program for WGBH in 1960.

**Counseling, Quantitative Methods, and Special Education**
Special Education-Learning Behavior Specialist I PreK-21 program earned national recognition, one of the highest honors in teaching, from the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

**Public Health and Recreation Professions**
Recreation Professions students have volunteered to help at the Veterans Honor Flights out of Marion, Illinois, on May 14 and October 1.

McDaniel and Project Freedom First Responder Expansion of Education and Distribution of Overdose Medication. 3.2-million-dollar grant over 4 years. Grant subsidizes salary and 50% FTE graduate assistant for all 4 years. McDaniel also is focusing research to find ways to improve the health of military personnel and veterans.

Jennifer Wood, Master’s student in PHRP was awarded the 2019 NART (National Academy of Recreational Therapists) Future Scholar. She is the inaugural recipient of this award and will receive $1,000 to attend the 2019 ATRA Conference to present a poster presentation.
Several PHRP students and staff are participating in The Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) Campus Challenge, Sept. 16 – Oct. 13. Nearly 100 schools participated nation-wide. SIU Carbondale is currently in 3rd place in the Midwest. This is our first year to compete.

Senior Lecturer Tina Colson was selected as the first recipient of SIU’s Faculty guest coach in September.

Housed in PHRP’s Safety Center and celebrating its 50th year is SIU’s Motorcycle Rider Program.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

The Elementary Education Student Organization (EESO) has initiated a mentoring program where students in block three are mentoring those in block one. Recruitment of freshmen education majors is underway and guest speakers are being schedule for future meetings.

At the 14th International Naturalistic Decision Making conference in June, Dr. Peter Fadde received the Gary A. Klein Award for Best Contribution to NDM Theory for his paper titled “Beyond ‘Prove It’ to ‘Improve It’: Video-Occlusion to Train Baseball Pitch Recognition.” The multi-disciplinary NDM movement studies expert decision making in military, medical, and other areas of performance. Dr. Fadde’s paper traces the adaptation of a laboratory research method (video-occlusion) into a technology for training baseball batters. Dr. Fadde, who is professor and coordinator of the Learning Systems Design and Technology (LSDT) graduate program in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction, consults with several Major League Baseball teams.