College of Education and Human Services
Alumni Association Board Report - April 2019

College Level News
News from Dean Matthew Keefer
I am proud to serve as Dean of the College of Education and Human Services (CoEHS) at Southern Illinois University, especially in this our sesquicentennial celebration! And, especially has SIU started as a normal school charged with the preparation of teacher educators. We remain proud of our students, faculty, and staff, and the many exciting nationally ranked degree programs that we offer (e.g., Tech/Vocational; Rehab Counseling; Social Work; Speech Pathology). We are also proud of core values and commitment to excellence of our Teacher Education Program and our Workforce Education program which is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the country. We also continue to be proud that the CoEHS is classified among the top military friendly programs in the United States by Military Advanced Education. Below please find some of more specific recent accomplishments that also attest to our college’s ongoing commitment to excellence.

Day of Giving 2019
The College of Education and Human Services secured 91 contributions raising $68,295 during the 2019 Day of Giving. The College offered the chance for 2 students to receive $150 applied to their Bursar account.


Office of Teacher Education
March 2019: Rebecca McCrary a Spanish teacher at Du Quoin High School and two-degree SIU alum has just received the 2019 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching! Rebecca is an example of the outstanding classroom teachers who mentor our candidates in the Teacher Education Program.

edTPA is an evidence-based performance assessment of teacher candidate effectiveness, developed by Stanford University, which is required for all teacher candidates to pass before they apply for licensure to teach in the state of Illinois. The assessment is widely used throughout the United States as a capstone assessment to measure effectiveness in the classroom by focusing on student learning. Since Fall 2015, candidates from the SIUC College of Education and Human Services’ Teacher Education Programs have a 100% pass rate on edTPA in agriculture education, early childhood education, elementary education, K-12 music education, secondary English education, secondary history education, secondary mathematics education, secondary science education, technology and engineering education, K-12 visual arts education, and world languages education. Special education has a pass rate of 97%, and K-12 physical education has a pass rate of 93%. In the past 3 semesters, SIU candidates excelled by surpassing both the state and national average scores in agriculture education, early childhood education, K-12 music education, secondary English education, secondary history education, secondary science education, special education, technology and engineering education, and world languages education. The average total cut score for all candidates in the past three semesters is 46, surpassing the required Illinois cut score of 41. Every student teacher this semester received $100 voucher towards their edTPA because of contributions to SIU Day of Giving Teachers Shape the Future Funds.
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Kinesiology
The Dept of Kinesiology Organization of Sport and Exercise Science once again served as the Fitness Screening Crew for the participants at the 2019 Southern Illinois Wellness Expo. As usual, they did a fantastic job and represented SIUC magnificently!

Rehabilitation Institute
January 2019, Renowned psychologist spoke at SIU. Psychologist Steven Hayes, a regular contributor to the “Huffington Post” and “Psychology Today” and the author of 44 books and hundreds of articles about human behavior, is speaking at Southern Illinois University Carbondale Friday and everyone is welcome to attend. His presentation, “Contextual Behavioral Psychology and the Future of a Behavioral Approach,” is set for 10 a.m. Jan. 11 at the John C. Guyon Auditorium at Morris Library. Hayes is a guest of SIU’s renowned Rehabilitation Institute and will be visiting the institute and the university’s Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders while on campus. (from Ruth Anne Rehfeldt)

February 2019. Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ISHA). There was an enormous participation of CDS students and faculty who attended this conference in Chicago. The program portrays SIU as a leader in the state. (Ruth Anne Rehfeldt)

School of Social Work
February 2019, Elaine Jurkowski published “Policy and Program Planning for Older Adults and People with Disabilities”.

April 2019. School Safety Conference. Community members, school administrators, teachers and parents are invited to attend. Hussein Soliman (School of Social Work) and Jennifer Koran (CQMSE) are set to speak on Parents’ Perception of School Safety.

Education Administration Higher Education
March 2019. Southern Illinois Law and Leadership Conference, SIU. This is an opportunity to strengthen the southern Illinois leadership network and school partnerships. This conference is an important professional development and networking opportunity for principals, superintendents, school board members, and others in the southern Illinois region. (Saran Donahoo)

February 2019, Patrick Dilley published new book, “Gay Liberation to Campus Assimilation: Early Non-Heterosexual Student Organizing at Midwestern Universities” was published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Counseling, Quantitative Methods, and Special Education
January 2019: Visiting Scholar Mami Miyake presented her findings of her research involving culture, group counseling, and Japanese workers in the United States. (from Kim Asner-Self)

Public Health and Recreation Professions
Spring 2019. Alexis Williams-Cavanaugh, senior in Recreation Professions, is currently completing her internship at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
March 2019: Two of our REC students were featured in story on WSILTV. **SIU alum to paddle Mississippi River to raise veteran awareness:** William Jack Falcon is completing his undergrad and Greg Nejmanowski is completing his MS, both in REC.

The 25th Annual John Allen Symposium to be held April 11th, 2019, at Touch of Nature Environmental Education Center, Makanda, IL.

The Elena M. Sliepcevich Centennial Symposium on the Future of School Health to be held April 5th, & the Robert Russell Symposium is to be held April 6th, 2019, at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Carbondale, IL.

**STEM**

January 2019. The 23rd annual Science in the South, a teacher professional development conference hosted at SIU. This brings together K-12 educators from across the state for a day of hands-on learning activities and lesson planning, preparing them to even better teach about science-related topics.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

February 2019. 34th Annual Conference on Teaching Mathematics (ICTM/Southern Section). This is excellent professional development experience for students.

February 2019. Cheng-Yao Lin, Curriculum and Instruction, was recently appointed department editor of the new National Council of Teachers of Mathematics practitioner journal, “Mathematics Teacher: Learning and Teaching PK-12.” The journal launches in January 2020 and reflects the current practices of mathematics education and looks at the future of the field.

February 28, 2019. D. John McIntyre, Curriculum and Instruction, received the Duaine C. Lang Distinguished Mentor in Teacher Education Award at the recent annual conference of the Association of Teacher Educators in Atlanta, Georgia.


March 2019. Partnership with Jennifer Smith’s students (bilingual SPAN307b). Create curriculum for Two-Way Immersion (Spanish and English) programs in elementary and secondary schools with sources from the Library of Congress.

**Motorcycle Rider Program**

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the program with SIU being one of the first in the country. The Motorcycle Rider Program at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, conducts FREE Motorcycle Rider Courses throughout Southern Illinois. The courses are designed to provide a foundation of knowledge and skills for people who have never ridden as well as those who have ridden tens of thousands of miles. The purpose of the Motorcycle Rider Program is to provide quality instruction in safe riding techniques for beginning and experienced motorcyclists. Our goal is to increase your skill level and knowledge, to produce a safe and conscientious motorcyclist.