Welcome to 2017 everyone!

1) As always, if anybody has items that they would like to add to the weekly Saluki Spirit Announcements, please send them to Dr. Phil Anton at: panton@siu.edu

The Announcements are designed to reflect Saluki Spirit in all aspects of campus and the community, so send whatever you want from any corner of southern Illinois. Pictures are always a great addition.

2) There is a growing group of Saluki Spirit Liaisons who represent their Dept, unit, campus office, student group, community business, civic group, etc. There isn't a whole lot involved with the Liaison job - basically just forwarding on information that you would receive from Dr. Anton on a weekly basis. The idea is to get Liaisons for all campus and community groups, so that when the Announcements come through, they are coming from someone whose name is familiar to those they are sending them to - basically a grass-roots movement. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving in this role, please have them contact Dr. Anton.

3) #SalukiFriday is upon us again: remember to wear your Saluki gear on Fridays!

Send pics of your group(s) to Dr. Anton, as well as Randy Johnson at 710: randyj@seventen.com Photos will be featured in future Saluki Spirit Announcements as well as on 710's Facebook and Twitter platforms.

As visit is being paid to Saluki Men's Basketball on #SalukiFriday this week. Pictures will be in the Announcements next week. In the meantime, Dr. Anton had some help putting together a summary of the Saluki Spirit Effort and some of the #SalukiFriday pics from last semester. It is attached to this email. Please feel free to share with whomever you wish.

4) Dr. Patricia Saleeby of the School of Social Work was recently recognized by the Illinois Board of Higher Education at their Board meeting in Chicago for her research addressing best practices to supporting students with disabilities in IL universities. She presented this work in Springfield to the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council in December, which was very well-received. As a result, she was asked to assist with the writing of the next state-wide Underrepresented Groups Report for 2017. They would like to expand the disability-related content of their report and Dr. Saleeby will help with that effort.

5) The Geology Dept. and faculty member Daniel Hummer’s search for missing minerals were featured in Science News: https://www.sciencenews.org/article/rock-hounds-are-hunt-new-carbon-minerals
6) **Saluki Women's Tennis** has matches upcoming:

**Sat, Jan. 21** vs. Univ. of Arkansas at **7 PM** (in O'Fallon, IL)

**Sun, Jan 22** vs. Eastern Illinois at **1 PM** (in Danville, IL)

If you are unable to make it to the matches, you can track them on Twitter:

[https://twitter.com/SIU_WTennis](https://twitter.com/SIU_WTennis)

7) On Jan. 14th, **Saluki Women's and Men's Track and Field** placed 1st and 2nd respectively at the Illini Classic. They are back in action on **Jan. 20-21** at the **Vandy Classic**. Keep track of their progress on Twitter at: [https://twitter.com/SIU_TrackXC](https://twitter.com/SIU_TrackXC)

The team also racked up several awards this past week:

Kyle Landon (**accounting**) was named the MVC Scholar-Athlete of the Week. Congrats Kyle!

Freya Block (**agribusiness economics**) was named the MVC Women's Field Athlete of the Week. Congrats Freya!
Kezia Martin (behavior analysis & therapy) was named the Saluki Student-Athlete of the Week. Congrats Kezia!

8) **Saluki Women's Swimming and Diving** dominated Ark-Little Rock 224-74 on Jan. 14. Both the women's and men's teams will be back in the pool at the **Butler Invite** on Sun, Jan. 22 starting at **12:05**. Track their progress on Twitter at: [https://twitter.com/SIU_SwimDive](https://twitter.com/SIU_SwimDive)

9) **School of Social Work** masters student, Nicole Tippy is involved in **GEMS** (Girls Encouraging and Mentoring Success). The works on a number of valuable qualities for the young females involved: empathy, self-esteem, identity, commonalities, team-building, & respect, just to name a few. The program shows the girls the importance of community service, volunteering, healthy relationships and the critical role of both being and having a mentor (the girls eventually become mentors to incoming 7th graders).

10) **Saluki Women's Basketball** has a critical road trip coming up:

- **Sun. Jan 22** at Evansville at 1 PM
- **Fri. Jan. 27** at Bradley at 7 PM
- **Sun Jan. 29** at Northern Iowa at 2 PM  
  If you can't make the trip to catch them live, tune in on 105.1

Welcome them back to the **Arena** on **Friday, Feb. 3** at **6 PM** vs. Drake

11) Remember to mark your calendars for **April 1, 2017, The Big Event: A Saluki Day of Service**, the largest one-day, student-run service project in the history of SIU Carbondale. We want to show our new and long-standing community partners how much we appreciate their support of our university. For more info see the link below

[http://www.thebigevent.siu.edu](http://www.thebigevent.siu.edu)
12) **Saluki Men's Basketball** battles on the hardwood during the following slate of upcoming games:

**Sat. Jan. 21** at the **Arena** vs. UNI at 7 PM  (White-Out game **WEAR WHITE**)  

**Tues, Jan. 24** at Wichita State at 6 PM  

**Sat, Jan. 28** at the **Arena** vs. Missouri St. at 7 PM  

If you are unable to make it to Wichita, tune in on the **CBS Sports** or the **Saluki Radio Network**.

13) **Saluki Men's Tennis** battled Univ. of Tennessee and Austin Peay St. on Jan. 14 and 15, respectively, splitting the two matches. They will be on the court at **Sports Blast** on **Friday, Feb. 17** vs. Belmont starting at 2 PM

**GO DAWGS!**  **#WEAREALLSALUKIS**