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) #SalukiFriday is coming up: Remember to wear your Saluki gear on Fridays!

Also, send pics of your group(s) to Dr. Anton, as well as Randy Johnson at 710: randyj@seventen.com

Photos will be featured in the Saluki Spirit Announcements and on 710's Facebook and Twitter platforms.

The Saluki Dawg Pound shows their Saluki Spirit as well as their holiday spirit on Ugly Christmas Sweater Night at Saluki Men’s Basketball!

3) This past week on #SalukiSaturday we attended the Fall 2017 SIUC Commencement ceremony at the SIU Arena. Those pictures will be up soon on the "SIUC Department of Kinesiology" Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/SIUC-Department-of-Kinesiology-201366063240550/), on our Twitter page: https://twitter.com/SalukiSpirit (swing by and give us a follow @SalukiSpirit), and our “salukispirit” Instagram page.

The winner of the #SalukiFriday Poll on the Dept. of Kinesiology Facebook page for the pics taken with the University Communications and Marketing Web Design Staff is at the end of the Announcements.

4) Saluki Track and Field is back in competition on Sat. Jan. 13 at the Illini Classic. If you can’t make it to Champaign-Urbana, track them on Twitter: https://twitter.com/SIU_TrackXC

5) For the 5th time in 6 years, SIUC has earned the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine. Well done!
6) **Saluki Men’s Basketball** hits the road to head to **Las Vegas** to play Nevada (**Friday, Dec. 22 at 10 PM**) and Duquesne (**Saturday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 PM**). If you are unable to make it to Sin City, catch them on **105.1 FM**. After that, they journey north to open MVC play at Northern Iowa (**Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7 PM**) and Drake (**Sunday, Dec. 31 at 3 PM**). If you can’t get to Cedar Falls or Omaha, watch them online at **ESPN3** or catch them on the air on **105.1 FM**.

The team returns to the **Arena** on **Wed., Jan. 3 at 7 PM** vs. Evansville.

7) Ava Alford (**Plant Biology**), Rachel Bolerjack (**Chemistry**), & Lincoln Weber (**Mechanical Engineering**) have been named by **SIU’s Advanced Coal Energy Research Center** as **Energy Boost Scholars** for Spring 2018! They will be conducting energy-related research projects throughout the semester.

8) **Saluki Women’s Basketball** is on the road at Evansville (**Friday, Dec. 29 at 7 PM**) and Indiana St. (**Sunday, Dec. 31 at 1 PM**). If you are unable to make it to Indiana, catch them on **105.1 FM** (12/29) or **97.7 FM** (12/31).

The team returns to the **Arena** to play Northern Iowa (**Fri, Jan. 5 at 6 PM**) and Drake (**Sun, Jan. 7 at 2 PM**).

9) **SIUC Student Affairs** is piloting an initiative called **Salukis In Unity**. This **series of events** will be occurring the first two weeks of the spring semester. A calendar of events is being finalized and will be distributed soon. Students will have the opportunity to receive t-shirts at various events throughout the 2 weeks. They are asking that **faculty and staff purchase the t-shirts** so that students can receive the shirts supported by the event. Orders can be sent to Tena Bennett (Student Center, MC 4407). Please make checks payable to Silkworm. If you have any questions please reach out to Tena. **The t-shirt order form is attached to this email.**

10) If your Dept, College, RSO, group, etc. is doing **outreach in the community**, please share details with **SIUC Director of Community Relations**, Karen Stallman, at 618-453-2425 OR karenstallman@siu.edu

11) **Saluki Swimming and Diving** returns to the pool on **Saturday, Jan 13** at Arkansas-Little Rock and **Sun., Jan. 21** at the Butler Invite. If you are unable to make it to Little Rock or Indianapolis, follow them on **Twitter**: [https://twitter.com/SIU_SwimDive](https://twitter.com/SIU_SwimDive)

12) **This will be the last set of Saluki Spirit Announcements for 2017 as the SSAs go on holiday hiatus.** Have a safe, healthy, and fulfilling holiday season and we’ll see you in 2018!

GO DAWGS!

#WEAREALLSALUKIS
WINNERS OF THIS WEEK'S FACEBOOK PICTURE POLL:
On #SalukiFriday with the Web Design Team at University Communications and Marketing, we
offered to make some improvements to the SIU homepage. Needless to say, Web Communications
Assistant Director Jessica Mann was less than thrilled with our work...

Our first attempt at a homepage edit was rejected as too "self-congratulatory"

Our second attempt was rejected when Coach Hinson wouldn't validate the headline...

Our third attempt was rejected outright by SIUC administrators as "patently false"

Our final attempt was characterized by the SIU Weightlifting Club as "physiologically impossible"