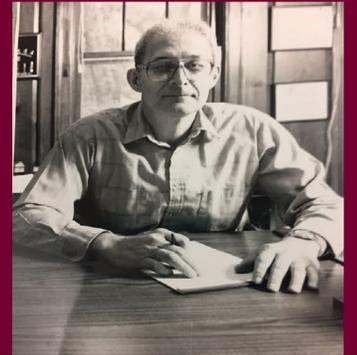


Origin Story: How Did The Department Of Workforce Education And Development Begin?



Workforce Education and Development's archive photos.

As we approach the end of the year, we reminisce about the past and some of us wonder: How did the Department of Workforce Education and Development (WED) begin? WED has an amazing story to tell. This department has contributed a great deal to Southern Illinois University and students throughout the years. For example, the department has graduated more than 20,000 students from its bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs.

From 1969 to 1974, SIU was expanding rapidly and making major structural changes, including relocating programs to other departments. Accordingly, in 1972, the occupational education program was shifted from the College of Engineering and Technology Education to the College of Education. Then, in 1974, the programs of business education from the School of Business, and home economics education from the School of Home Economics, joined the occupational education program to become the Department of Vocational Education Studies. The first chair was John Cody, followed by James Sullivan, then, Maxine Rosenbarger and Bill Gooch. VES prepared students for teaching, supervisory and leadership roles in occupational education in schools, colleges and industry. Students interested in teacher certification for secondary education could choose from three fields: business, home economics and vocational education. In 1987, the name of the major changed from occupational education to vocational education studies.

In 1973, thanks to the vision and support of VES professor Ray Bittle, a retired military leader who was knowledgeable of the VES program and of the intricate military system, the Department of Vocational Education Studies took a crucial step. It opened an off-campus site at Scott Air Force (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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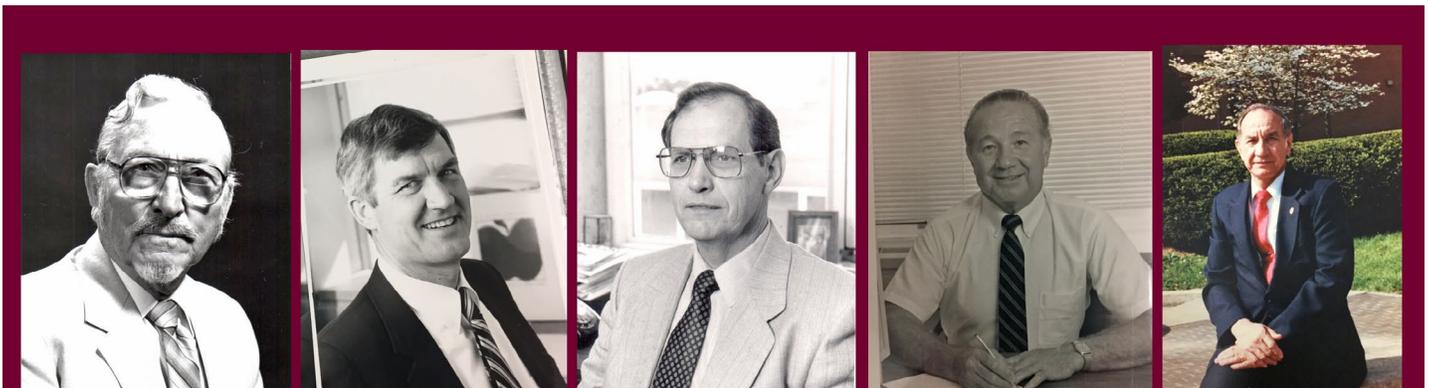
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Base to offer the Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Education to serve primarily senior enlisted in the military. After this, we opened sites at many air force bases under the Military Airlift Command and later at naval and marine bases across the country. The program enrollment grew so rapidly that VES had to involve faculty throughout the college to serve the student population. There was a time that Vocational Education Studies had more than 1,100 students at 16 locations in its off-campus program. And we are proud that our own Marcia Anderson was the first female instructor to teach at Scott Air Force Base.

Later, VES launched programs in two locations in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, including Rend Lake MarketPlace, graduating nearly 300 students from 1986-1994. Bill Shields was the coordinator and John Washburn was the chair of VES at the time.

In 1995, during a VES faculty retreat at SIU Touch of Nature, and after an hour-long discussion, a new name for the department emerged. Clara Mae Baker proposed the name "Department of Workforce Education and Development." After a vote, the name for the program and the major became official in 1996. We were trailblazers -- soon after our name change, Penn State followed suit and named their program the same. As the WED doctoral program grew, universities around the country started opening similar programs at the graduate level. About 20 universities were offering the same program, but none of the institutions offered an undergraduate off-campus program as SIU did.

Read the second part of "Origin Story: How Did The Department Of Workforce Education And Development Begin?" in the January 2018 newsletter. We thank the people who provided us with valuable information about the history of the WED program. Special thanks to Marcia Anderson, Richard Bortz, Dhruva Dungel, Barbara Hagler, Bill Shields, John Washburn and C. Keith Waugh.



The Chair's Message



Barbara Hagler, Workforce Education and Development interim chair.

December Greetings! It is hard to believe the year is almost over! I hope the year has been good for you and that your fall semester was filled with good learning experiences!

This newsletter highlights Jacksonville, Florida. I had the privilege of teaching in Jacksonville Naval Air Station and Naval Station Mayport several times in the past. In October I was at Jacksonville NAS for the Higher Learning Commission Review and met the current students attending class. I was also able to enjoy the nice weather and eat some delicious seafood.

Enjoy the brief history of Workforce Education and Development in this newsletter. You will be able to understand more clearly how your program evolved and how busy we have been over the years to provide education for students on and off campus. The department continues to evolve and works hard to prepare graduates to be successful in their careers. Continue reading the newsletter to learn more about the job seeking process. The job seeking process has certainly evolved over time! Everyone needs to understand how to make the good impression that is required to get the desired job offer.

I wish you all a happy holiday season! Take some time to relax and enjoy your family!

Barbara Hagler

WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES,

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND
A PROSPEROUS YEAR**

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WED Alumni

SIU WED alumnus successfully earns educational doctorate degree



James Starks Jr., Ed.D., MHR, co-founder of Organizing Resolutions with Starks & Etched Motion Productions LLC

Dr. James Starks Jr. is a veteran retired Master Gunnery Sergeant after serving 28 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. With his 35 years of management experience, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in workforce education and development in 2010 and a Master of Science in Education in 2012, majoring in human resource management and development, both from Southern Illinois University. James is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society and an alumni Fellow of the nonprofit organization, The Mission Continues, an organization which allows veterans to lend their skill sets to nonprofit organizations to increase community outreach, bridge cultural gaps and to forge enduring communal relationships. This experience contributed to James earning the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award in 2014. His experiences both academically and within the military are directly tied to his business ownership as a professional organizational development adviser and professional organizer with Organizing Resolutions with Starks & Etched Motion Productions LLC. James successfully completed and defended his dissertation this fall and now holds a Doctor of Education in organizational leadership.

Congratulations for your great achievements, James!

Networking, Networking, Networking!

Easy and fast. Connect with the WED alumni on LinkedIn.

Not only can you connect with fellow Salukis through the SIU Alumni Association, but also you can connect with the SIU Workforce Education and Development Alumni group on LinkedIn. The group is nearly 3,000 members strong and growing! And you have access to job postings!

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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.

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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.](#)

Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville



U.S. Navy sailors brass band.

Since December 14, 1975, SIU's Workforce Education and Development has had a home at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. Located in the southwest region of Jacksonville, Florida, SIU opened its doors for the undergraduate program in Vocational Education Studies, known now as Workforce Education and Development. And we are happy to have remained in Jacksonville over the years as our program continues to change and grow. We have been honored to continue serving

both civilians and veterans throughout our time here, and in recent years the Naval Air Station Jacksonville site teamed up with our Naval Station Mayport site to best serve our students.

NAS Jacksonville opened in 1940 and is well-known as the birth place of the Blue Angels, as they recently reminded the world with their spectacular annual air show, with features including F-15 Eagles flown by the Jacksonville Air National Guard, SOCOM Para-Commandos performing precision parachute demonstrations, F-22 Raptors flown by the United States Air Force, and of course, the Blue Angels. The SIU staff is proud of them and always enjoys the opportunity to watch our alumni and current students work these events.

Speaking of students, it is that time of the year when our Jacksonville locations host a joint base graduation ceremony. This year we will have WED students from all three of our Florida locations (Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mayport) walking across the stage. We will host our graduation ceremony on December 9, and we cannot wait to celebrate this accomplishment with our WED students. Congratulations, Class of 2017!

NAS Jacksonville Staff in the Spotlight



Trisha Stalnaker, site liaison/
program advisor at NAS
Jacksonville SIU Extended Campus.

Trisha Stalnaker, our NAS Jacksonville advisor, has been with SIU Extended Campus serving the WED program for two and a half years. Trisha had just finished her master's degree in education leadership for higher education administration from the University of North Florida when she found us. She is currently working on the SIU online Master in Business Administration degree, and will graduate in May of 2018. Trisha is never short on ideas and is constantly striving to better serve our students. For those students and alumni in the Jacksonville area, if you have not seen our office lately, swing in and stop by! Trisha has spruced up the office and added her own coffee area. Trisha welcomes you all to stop in and get to know her over a cup.

December 2017 — Important Dates

Friday, 12/1:	Charleston commencement ceremony
Saturday-Sunday, 12/2-12/3:	Off-campus weekend program second-half fall ends
Saturday, 12/9:	NAS Jacksonville commencement ceremony
Monday-Friday, 12/11-12/15:	Final exams -Carbondale campus.
Saturday, 12/16 at 2:00 PM CST:	Carbondale fall commencement ceremony
Monday-Monday, 12/25-1/1:	SIU closes for the Holidays

For a complete listing of fall courses, visit registrar.siu.edu and select Schedule of Classes.
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Organizational Development Consultant –The Friedken Group. Houston	Read more
Corporate Trainer – American National, Glenmont, New York	Read more
Ready Spacecrew Program (RSP) Courseware Developer – Delta Solutions and Strategies, Colorado Springs, Colorado	Read more
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U100Tech Instructor/Course Developer-MSTC – Greenway Health, Tampa, Florida	Read more
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