

Thanksgiving Around the World



As Thanksgiving Day approaches and Americans prepare for the holiday, some of us wonder if are we the only country that celebrates Thanksgiving. Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn pudding, mashed potatoes, yams and pumpkin pie all seem very American dishes. But do other countries have the similar cultural and culinary traditions?

Thanksgiving was first celebrated in the U.S. in 1621 as a shared harvest feast by pilgrims and Wampanoag, local natives at Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared it a national holiday. Canada had a similar Thanksgiving celebration -- l'Action de grâce -- celebrated beginning in 1578. The similar colonial history as well as the geographic proximity contribute to Canadians and Americans observing similar Thanksgiving traditions.

Do you know that at least three other countries celebrate Thanksgiving due to some connection with the United States? [Liberia](#), in West Africa, was founded by liberated slaves from the U.S. by the end of 19th century. The American Thanksgiving tradition was among several they brought with them. On [Norfolk Island](#), a small island in the Pacific Ocean near Australia and New Zealand also celebrates an American-styled Thanksgiving. It is also said that in the 1890s, an American trader brought Thanksgiving there, and it is still celebrated today. Finally, in [Grenada](#), observance of the holiday began in 1983, when American soldiers stationed there told locals about the Thanksgiving celebration and feast they would miss. As a gesture of gratitude, some Grenadians prepared an American feast for the troops. Since then, Grenada holds the holiday.

There are at least five other countries that observe a holiday of Thanksgiving. Their traditional meals and celebration days are different than in the United States, but the gratitude concept is much the same. These countries are: Germany (Erntedankfest), Japan (Kinrō Kansha no Hi), China, Mid-Autumn Festival (Mooncake), South Korea (Chuseok Day) and Vietnam, (Têt-Trung-
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Thu Festival). Would you guess which country has celebrated the harvest festival for the longest time?

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Job Interview Questions

Continuing with the job search topic, we share information on job interview questions.

Job interviews may be in person or over the phone. Prepare and practice thoroughly to have a good presence and to make a good impression with your answers during your interview. Anticipate possible questions and formulate answers to them. Learn about the job position and the company. LinkedIn is a good source to learn about the company culture. The interviewer wants to learn about your abilities for key areas, your accomplishments and how you achieved them (behavioral questions), as well as your fit in the company. Behavioral interview questions are considered a good indicator for your success in the new company based on your past success.

For phone interviews, keep your updated résumé on hand, be very professional, and address the interviewer with a formal title – Mr. or Ms. Allow the interviewer to speak first and avoid interruptions, which could cause confusion on the phone.

Below are some references that list interview questions and advice to prepare your answers. Examine carefully what you have to offer to the position and the company, and also be honest.

Have a great interview!

Recommended articles:

- [How to Prepare for 5 Key Interview Questions](#)
- [Top 10 Behavioral Interview Questions and Answers](#)
- [What Question is the Best to Ask During an Interview?](#)

More about job search tips and events at [SIU Career services](#).

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The Chair's Message



Barbara Hagler, Workforce Education and Development interim chair.

November Greetings! It is hard to believe it is already November. Two of our Illinois programs are being featured in the newsletter this month. Great Lakes and University Center of Lake County are both located in the northern part of Illinois. I hope students from these two locations get the opportunity to visit us in the southern part of the state. We are usually a little warmer and have less snow.

This newsletter contains more information about the job search process. The job interview is your opportunity to tell (and show) the employer the many reasons they should hire you. The job interview is a chance for you to talk about the many skills and vast knowledge you have acquired through your education and work experience. Just like the other parts of the job search process that you have been reading about in the past newsletters, the job interview today is not necessarily the same as the job interview of 10 years ago. It is important to stay current with employer expectations.

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving! I hope you have a chance to celebrate with friends and/or family in whatever way is your tradition.

Barbara Hagler

WED Alumni



Dawn M. Archibold, MBA, M.S.Ed, instructional designer at Arkansas State University.

Dawn M. Archibold is an instructional designer for the A-State Online Services at Arkansas State University.

Obtaining her MsEd with WED as her primary major has helped Dawn significantly in her career. As an instructional designer, Dawn has taken on additional responsibilities of coordinating professional development for faculty who teach in a 100% online program. Dawn says that the firm foundation of adult learning theories and training development has allowed her to guide her team in developing a plan for the future of professional development for online faculty at her institution. She adds, "The faculty and staff in WED were extremely supportive in my professional goals and helped me gain the confidence in myself to achieve my goals."

Congratulations, Dawn!

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 Station Great Lakes and University Center of Lake County



Forrest Robinson II, program liaison/academic advisor, takes a selfie with the WED students, Fall 2017 class at Naval Station Great Lakes. Front row (L to R): Lori Brandon, Cristina Pariso, Patrick Carbonel, Ana Barrera, Olivia Walker, Felipe Valtierra. Back Row (L to R): Gene Pavlenko, Kevin Belsky, Daniel Lentino, Dustin Hoffman and Dr. Glen Blackstone, professor.

WED's off-campus location at the historic Naval Station Great Lakes serves our undergraduate population and has been producing quality SIU graduates for more than 20 years. We serve active duty sailors, veterans and civilians. Commonly called the "Quarterdeck of the Navy," NAVSTA Great Lakes houses the recruit training command for the entire U.S. Navy. Almost all new Navy recruits travel through here at some point early in their careers. In addition, University Center of Lake County in the Chicago region houses our master's degree program for those looking to further expand their knowledge-base and career prospects. Faculty at these two sites work together to help expand the program's mission of creating a world-class professional and technical workforce in Lake County, Illinois and the surrounding Chicagoland region.

Naval Station Great Lakes Student and Staff in the Spotlight



Travis Hawkins, WED student at Naval Station Great Lakes.

Travis Hawkins began his academic career with SIU in spring 2016 as a transfer student with an associate of science degree. While attending the WED program at Great Lakes, Travis has thrived academically, maintaining an institutional GPA of 4.0 and a rigorous work schedule as he helps prepare our nation's newest Navy recruits. Travis is close to completing his WED 498 project this semester with Navy STEM Outreach, where he is facilitating group discussions, leading training sessions, and utilizing the skills that he learned through the curriculum. Travis is working on a project that has been instrumental in helping him decide his future in career and technical education when he retires from the Navy in 2019. He also wants to work with at-risk youth and young

adults, and he credits his experiences during his WED internship with helping him identify this career path. Travis graduates in spring 2018 and is seriously considering graduate school after earning his WED Bachelor's degree.

As a Saluki, Travis says he has benefited greatly from student-faculty relationships and networking within the WED program's wide alumni base. One of his biggest influences during this program was Philip Anderson, a Great Lakes alum who visited one of his classes as a guest speaker. This was an eye-opening experience for Travis, who expressed that those conversations helped to shape his perception of how classwork translates to the workforce. Travis is just one of many Saluki students who will continue to provide relevant and impactful contributions to society as a WED Great Lakes Alum!

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Forrest A. Robinson II, program liaison/student advisor at Naval Station Great Lakes.

WED is proud to highlight Forrest Anthony Robinson II, program liaison/student advisor at Naval Station Great Lakes, who joined SIUC in February 2016. Forrest has a bachelor's degree in sociology/human resource development from Northeastern Illinois University, a master's degree in educational leadership from Concordia University, and he is currently completing his doctorate in education also at Concordia University. Forrest's area of research is student support for distance education. His anticipated graduation date is December 2019.

Forrest's work experience includes a variety of positions as a youth and mental health counselor, instructor, tutor, peer mentor and a host of volunteer projects and experiences with minority, underprivileged and at-risk populations. Forrest is a student advocate and has built collaborative relationships with the WED students focused on academic success and degree completion. Advising is about giving students guidance, support and encouragement, including areas such as transferring credits, trouble-shooting registration, financial aid, scholarships or VA benefits. Forrest is the SIU expert at Naval Station Great Lakes who is spreading the word about the versatile WED bachelor's degree program that boasts 18,000 military personnel and civilian graduates!

Forrest and his wife, Rachel, have four beautiful children: Forrest III, 6 years; Raelynn, 4 years, Cayden, 1 year; and Moriah 3 months. Despite his busy life and the many roles he has as a husband, father, student and WED program advisor, Forrest always has a smile on his face and a pleasant word for your ear. Thank you, Forrest!

CARBONDALE STUDENTS AND FRIENDS

WED will participate in the Start Seeing Pink 2017 campaign to raise funds to provide scholarships for SIU students who have been affected by breast cancer. BethAnn Roberts-Jacquot, a WED student at the John A. Logan site and SIU staff, donates the cookies. Roberts-Jacquot has fundraised more than \$200 through other events.

Come over to the Workforce Education and Development office for cookies and to make a donation to help our SIU students affected by this disease.

Thursday, Nov. 2.
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9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or until cookies are gone.

SIU SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadlines for students to apply to the SIU scholarships are due soon. Revise all your options to apply at <https://siu.academicworks.com/>

To our WED students at the fall 2017 term:

As you work hard and smart, we wish you a good semester! Send us your class group photo or a photo of the fun things you are doing. Identify the persons on the photo. This is a great way to know you from afar!

November 2017 — Important Dates

Thursday, Nov. 2: WED fundraising for Start Seeing Pink 2017
Monday, Nov. 5: WED and Extended Campus scholarship applications are due
Wednesday-Sunday, Nov.22-26: Thanksgiving vacation

For a complete listing of fall courses, visit registrar.siu.edu and select Schedule of Classes.

Find the 2017 Football schedule [here](#).

For SIU events, click on [Events Calendar](#). For other calendars, click on [calendars](#).

Jobs of the Month

- Instructional Designer HITT – AltaMed, Los Angeles, [Read more](#)
- Learning Consultant-IV – Kaiser Permanente, Pleasanton, California [Read more](#)
- Training Operations Coordinator – Docker, Seattle, Washington [Read more](#)
- Director of Learning and Development – Waterton, Chicago, Illinois [Read more](#)
- Manager, Talent Attraction Job – Novo Nordisk, Plainsboro, New Jersey [Read more](#)
- Director of Human Resources – ECPI University, Virginia Beach, Virginia [Read more](#)
- Developer – Southwest Airlines, Dallas, Texas [Read more](#)
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