



Naval Base San Diego's Tradition

The WED newsletter is back after a summer hiatus. We hope you had a wonderful summer.

Lots of exciting things happened during the summer: New students came to the WED program, students across the country completed their summer semesters, and others successfully graduated from the program. Southern Illinois University held several off-campus commencements, among them one at Naval Base San Diego. Every June SIU hosts a graduation ceremony at Naval Base San Diego. This event included approximately 25 graduates along with their families, friends and commands. The CO, CAPT Roy Love was present along with the chaplain and one of our favorite alumni, Phil Farrar, CW6 San Diego News channel anchor. The day

was filled with so much excitement as graduates and their families celebrated another milestone in their lives. But celebration and pride go beyond the graduates and their families. The WED staff and faculty are also proud of their graduates' accomplishments. Aubree Delfin, site coordinator, says, "It has been an honor that Erin Rocha (program advisor) and I have been able to work alongside these students and watch them achieve their goals."

Lots of preparation goes into this day and all the little touches add a special feeling for the students who walk across that stage. The ceremony is usually an hour long, and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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afterwards the reception is held for photos, meet-and-greet with the students' families, followed by refreshments. This year was Aubree's fifth graduation and Erin's third. Aubree adds, "Every year there is something new we learn or encounter. It is truly one of my favorite things about my job and I am sure Erin's too." Hooray for our San Diego graduates!

The Chair's Message



Cynthia Howard Sims, associate dean for Academic and Student Affairs, College of Education and Human Services, professor and interim chair, Workforce Education and Development

Hello, everyone! I'm so excited that it's the beginning of another school year! This is my favorite time of year! Also, as the new interim chair (for the second time), I am happy to have the opportunity to lead the Department of Workforce Education and Development, work with the WED faculty and staff, and collaborate with the SIUC Extended Campus staff as we ensure WED students fulfill their educational goals.

It is our pleasure to feature Naval Base San Diego in this newsletter. I have an affinity for this WED site because we have had excellent students, staff and faculty there for several years! I want to thank Doug Owens, Aubree Delfin and Erin Rocha for their hard work and commitment to students at NS San Diego. Furthermore, it has been a pleasure working with Doug for nearly 14 years as he has served at multiple WED sites in the California area.

I hope that you will have a productive, enlightening and fun semester. Adult learners bring so much experience to the classroom that you will certainly learn a great deal from your classmates. WED faculty are experts in their fields, and they also bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to their respective classes. And yes, learning should be fun! Enjoy your time as students, especially when you take the WED 462 course! It is a blast!

If there is anything I can do to make this a better semester for you, please be sure to contact me. I would love to hear from you.

I would also like to take this time to thank the entire WED faculty and staff here on the Carbondale campus. They are dedicated to providing the best service and learning experiences for you!

Have a great semester! Go, Dawgs!

Cynthia Howard Sims

Naval Base San Diego Student and Staff in the Spotlight



Ben Claytor (second l-r), WED student at Naval Base San Diego.

Ben Claytor will be the first of his immediate family to graduate from college. Growing up in Ohio, Ben moved around a little, mostly from Cincinnati to the little town of Felicity, Ohio. Being so far away from city life and really bored in Ohio, Ben knew at the young age of 16 that he was going to be a United States Marine. In August of 1996, Ben left for boot camp and pretty much never looked back. "I made the Marine Corps not only my career but also my life," Ben said. College was never in any of Ben's plans until one day, while deployed to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, his mentor and Company First Sergeant Jason Haney told him to go sign up for college. Ben has been attending SIU since August of 2016 and plans on going to work on his master's degree this fall. Way to go, Ben!



Aubree Delfin has worked for SIU Extended Campus for four and a half years. As site coordinator, she has overseen multiple locations including Naval Base San Diego, Naval Base Coronado, Naval Medical Center San Diego and Palomar College. Aubree oversees the program and staff in San Diego and is also advisor for the Workforce Education and Development program. From initial contact to graduation, she works closely with students every step of the way. Aubree is passionate about helping and motivating students, always going above and beyond to make sure they are well informed and have all the tools to succeed. She is a joy to be around as she is always cheerful, humorous and kind. She leads by example, demonstrating dedication, commitment, and passion on a daily basis. Aubree loves what she does and continues to serve her students and the university with excellence. Thank you and keep it up, Aubree!

Left: Aubree Delfin, site coordinator at Naval Base San Diego.

Thanks Professor Hagler!

Our thanks and appreciation go to Barbara E. Hagler for taking the lead as our WED interim chair from July 2017-June 2018.

In your more than 30 years in the Department of Workforce Education and Development, you have always devoted your energy to the success of the WED students, program and people. You have served as faculty, director of Graduate Programs, undergraduate coordinator and interim chair. You work and lead by example, and do so with a smile. Thank you, Professor Hagler!

SIU Alumni Association

Graduates and 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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Graduation at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor

Naval Base Kitsap Bangor also held a summer commencement in August with a full program that included presenters from Navy Base Kitsap, Navy Voluntary Education and SIU Alumni Association. The Commencement address was by Dean Matthew W. Keefer of SIU College of Education and Human Services and invocation by Al Ferguson, associate pastor of Christ the Rock Church.

Forty-one WED students were conferred their Bachelor of Science Degree in Workforce Education and Development, although not all the graduates were able to attend the Bangor ceremony. We proudly announce that eighteen students graduated with honors. Congratulation to everyone!

Special thanks to Judy Henneman, Liaison, and Robi Scott, student advisor, at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor for their efforts in organizing this memorable event and for their constant dedication to our students.



Naval Base Kitsap Bangor graduates. Front row: Michael Dayton, Desirae Stern, Darryl Herrmann. Second row: Gil Williams, Jean Hendrickson, Daniel Rosenberg, John Ortstadt, Frances Thompson, Burnie Maples. Third row: Steven Parr, Christopher Carlson, Mathew Zalewski. Last row: Harold Simpson, Donald Ellis, Melissa Phelps, Dean Matthew W. Keefer and Rod Spaulding, adjunct instructor.



Dean Matthew W. Keefer congratulates graduate Mathew Zalewski.



Font in line, Frances Thompson, WED graduate.



Dean Matthew W. Keefer congratulates graduate Darryl Herrmann.

WED Alumna's Marvelous Story



FARIDAH AWANG, B.S. 1996, MS.Ed. 1998, Ph.D. 2002

She arose from extreme poverty to become an outstanding and well-respected professor in her home country, Malaysia, and across the Pacific Ocean. Since a young age, Faridah Awang worked steadfastly and persistently to succeed in her education. She was an avid learner and did not miss opportunities to excel, be it representing her school to national lectures and debates or participating in sports and student organizations. Awang never gave up when facing hard times. As a divorcée with a young son, Awang worked as a fulltime janitor to complete a year of her SIU bachelor degree in Workforce Education and Development (WED). When she was in the WED master's program, Awang had financial difficulty and almost stopped her courses. But, Marcia Anderson, WED professor in business education, became her mentor and funded her last semester, helping her into the doctoral program. Anderson said, "She was the

most diligent, productive, focused and intelligent student with whom I have had the honor of knowing and teaching."

Dr. Anderson's confidence in Awang was well-placed. Awang won the Outstanding Master's Thesis (1998), Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation research award (2002) and the national Delta Pi Epsilon research award (2002). She has become a well-known business education professor and national leader in business professional associations, receiving multiple recognitions among them:

First Malaysian-American to earn a full professorship in her academic field in the U.S. – professor of corporate communications and technology at Eastern Kentucky University

Distinguished Scholar at the International Education Forum organized by the Malaysian Minister of Higher Education

The Eastern Kentucky University Jack L. Dyer Excellence in Teaching Award

Eastern Kentucky University Critical Thinking Teacher of the Year

Award-winning professor of corporate communications and technology at Eastern Kentucky University

Leadership positions, including president of the Association for Business Communication –Southwest U.S. Region and co-chair of the 2011 Association for Business Communication International Convention in Montreal, Canada

Dr. Awang's autobiography tells the story of her life, which has captivated Malaysians. A movie based on her life is in the works. She is a regular guest on radio and television talk shows. WED is proud to call Dr. Awang, alumna! You may learn more about Dr. Awang's story at <http://www.idaawang.net>

Connect with the WED alumni on LinkedIn!

Not only can you connect with fellow Salukis through the SIU Alumni Association, but did you know that you can join the SIU Workforce Education and Development Alumni group on LinkedIn? The group is nearly 3,000 members strong and growing!

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