# EDWARDSVILLE

# 2016 FALL COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 17,



## WELCOME TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE



On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, I am pleased to welcome you to the 119th Commencement celebration. Our graduates have achieved a significant milestone in their lives, excelling in their academic pursuits while exemplifying the values of citizenship, excellence, inclusion, integrity and wisdom upon which the University is founded.

SIUE is a place where dreams are built and futures are formed. The University community is proud to have supported each of our students during their time on campus. At the conclusion of today's ceremony, the graduates will share alumni status with more than 100,000 fellow Cougars. SIUE will continue to provide assistance as our students transition to the professional world or pursue an advanced course of study.

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Graduates, congratulations on your very special accomplishment; we recognize both you and those who have supported you throughout your academic experience. Thank you for helping SIUE fulfill its mission to shape a changing world. We look forward to learning of your many achievements in the years to come.

Congratulations!

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Randall G. Pembrook, PhD Chancellor

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Southern Illinois University (SIU) is comprised of two sister institutions: SIU Carbondale, with a School of Medicine in Springfield, and SIU Edwardsville, with a School of Dental Medicine in Alton and the SIUE East St. Louis Higher Education campus in East St. Louis. The University System, with an annual operating budget of almost \$850 million, enrolls nearly 32,000 students in programs from two-year technical curricula to doctoral programs in a variety of fields. SIU offers degrees in law and medicine, as well as first professional degrees in dental medicine and pharmacy.

SIU was chartered in 1869 as Southern Illinois Normal University, a teachers' college. In 1947, the name was changed to SIU, reflecting the institution's academic expansion. The University also expanded geographically. As early as 1949, SIU began offering courses in the metropolitan East St. Louis area, which led to the development of SIUE.

A modern and comprehensive post-secondary educational system, SIU offers a broad range

of academic programs leading to associate, baccalaureate, masters, specialists, doctoral and professional degrees.

The instructional, scholarship and service missions of the two constituent institutions reflect the needs of the geographic areas in which they are located. The University also is committed to serving state-wide, national and international needs. This commitment is reflected in educational activities located off the main campuses in communities throughout the state. It is also realized through research and training exchanges, and world-wide student exchange programs.

The Board of Trustees governs SIU and sets policy that enables the University to carry out its established missions and goals. The President of the System is its Chief Executive Officer and reports to the Board of Trustees. The University Chancellors report directly to the President and are responsible for the internal operations of SIUE and SIUC, respectively.

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## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) traces its origin to a recommendation made in 1956 by the Southwest Illinois Council for Higher Education. The Council was convinced that higher education facilities were needed in the Metro East. They hired consultants whose reports documented that need, and they appealed to Southern Illinois University, 100 miles south, to establish satellite campuses.

In 1957, SIU opened two "residence centers" in Alton and East St. Louis. The University expected to enroll 800 students, but actual enrollment reached 1,776. By 1959, the number of students had more than doubled to 3,800, greatly exceeding the capabilities of the physical facilities. This burgeoning population demanded services faster than the University could develop and supply them.

A planning team investigated sites in the Metro East counties and selected one just south of Edwardsville. In 1960, the Illinois legislature authorized a bond issue for construction of a new state university campus. Voter approval came in November 1960. After nearly three years of planning, University officials and area residents attended ground-breaking ceremonies for the first permanent buildings.

In the fall of 1965, SIUE moved onto its new campus just 25 miles from St. Louis-2,660 acres of rolling land and woods dotted with lakes along bluffs flanking the Mississippi River. Much of the land still retains its natural shape. The core campus was designed by the internationally known architectural firm of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum of St. Louis. The brick, slate and granite of the modern buildings complement the terrain and are softened by a carefully designed garden landscape that attracts visitors by its physical beauty. The campus has received several awards in recognition of the successful blend of the aesthetic and functional in a setting that enhances growth and development and is now featured among the top 150 Illinois Great Places by the American Institute of Architects Illinois Council.

Emphasizing teaching, research and public service programs, SIUE is a fully accredited, comprehensive university with more than 14,000 students enrolled. *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges of 2017 lists SIUE among the top 13 public universities in the best Regional Universities Midwest (master's granting) category for the 13th consecutive year. The overall scores are based on the academic preparedness of students, graduation rates, faculty characteristics and the reputation of SIUE in higher education. SIUE is ranked among the nation's Top 60 master's granting colleges by *Washington Monthly* for contributions to the public good. More than half of SIUE's 100,000 graduates live and work in the St. Louis region. SIUE makes more than a \$514 million economic impact on the region every year.

The University offers undergraduate and graduate areas of study encompassing the arts, sciences, nursing, education, health, human behavior, business and engineering. The Schools of Dental Medicine and Pharmacy award first professional doctoral degrees in dental medicine (DMD) and in pharmacy (PharmD). Doctoral degrees are available in nursing practice and educational leadership. Cooperative PhD programs with SIU Carbondale are offered in history, environmental science, engineering science and computer science. The Edwardsville campus is enhanced by campuses in East St. Louis and Alton.

At SIUE, students find comprehensive educational opportunities and a community in which individuals support each other in their search for knowledge and individual development.

## Officers of Administration Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Randall G. Pembrook Chancellor

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## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

## Mission

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a student-centered educational community dedicated to communicating, expanding and integrating knowledge. In a spirit of collaboration enriched by diverse ideas, our comprehensive and unique array of undergraduate and graduate programs develops professionals, scholars and leaders who shape a changing world.

## Vision

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will achieve greater national and global recognition and academic prominence through innovative and interdisciplinary programs that empower individuals to achieve their full potential.

## Values

Recognizing public education as the cornerstone of a democracy, SIUE carries out its mission based on certain fundamental, shared values. We value:

## Citizenship

- Social, civic and political responsibility-globally, nationally, locally and within the University
- Active partnerships and a climate of collaboration and cooperation among students, faculty, staff, alumni and the larger community
- Sustainable practices in environmental, financial and social endeavors

## Excellence

- High-quality learning within and beyond the classroom
- Continuous improvement and innovation
- Outstanding scholarship and public service

## Inclusion

- A welcoming and supportive environment
- Openness to the rich diversity of humankind in all aspects of university life
- Respect for individuals, differences, and cultures
- Intellectual freedom and diversity of thought

#### Integrity

- Accountability to those we serve and from whom we receive support
- Honesty in our communications and in our actions

#### Wisdom

- Creation, preservation and sharing of knowledge
- Application of knowledge in a manner that promotes the common good
- Life-long learning

## **SIUE Statement on Diversity**

The SIUE Statement on Diversity reflects the University's commitment to recognizing and valuing the contributions of the breadth of humankind. This statement, adopted in April 2013, replaces an earlier version and is considered an expansion of the SIUE value of Inclusion.

All societies and peoples have contributed to the rich mix of contemporary humanity. In order to achieve domestic and international peace, social justice and the development of full human potential, we must build on this diversity and inclusion.

- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville nurtures an open, respectful, and welcoming climate that facilitates learning and work. Each member of the University is responsible for contributing to such a campus environment.
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is committed to education that explores the historic significance of diversity in order to understand the present and to better enable our community to engage the future.
- Integral to this commitment, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville strives for a student body and a workforce that is both diverse and inclusive.

## ACADEMICS AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

## College of Arts and Sciences Gregory Budzban, Dean

From the study of the atom and the simplest forms of life to the most complex issues affecting our society, the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) offers 85 areas of study in the natural sciences, humanities, arts, social sciences and communications. CAS is the largest academic unit at SIUE and home to the general education curriculum. CAS touches the lives of all students through its dedication to liberal arts and sciences and by helping students gain knowledge and skills applicable across all disciplines. CAS is committed to ensuring that its graduates acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to function as educated individuals, life-long learners and responsible citizens.

## School of Business

#### Timothy Schoenecker, Interim Dean

The School of Business is among an elite five percent of business schools worldwide that have earned the prestigious seal of approval from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. The accounting program holds specialized accreditation by the AACSB. Less than 25 percent of AACSB accredited business schools also hold the accounting accreditation. SIUE's proximity to St. Louis, a major metropolitan business center, allows students to participate in professional organizations and seek practical work experience with local firms and government agencies. Each year, SIUE business students find internships, cooperative education opportunities and employment with major corporations such as The Boeing Company, Peabody Coal, Nestlé Purina, Edward Jones, Emerson, Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Monsanto, as well as scores of small- and medium- sized businesses. Graduates are wellprepared to begin productive careers in the fields of international business, management, economics, entrepreneurship, marketing, human resource management, finance, accounting, and computer management and information systems.

#### School of Education, Health and Human Behavior Curt Lox. Dean

School of Education, Health and Human Behavior graduates can choose from a variety of career paths in education, health and human sciences: PreK-12 teaching and administration; exercise science; public health; nutrition; clinical, industrial/organizational or school psychology; speech-language pathology and audiology; and instructional technology. Through partnerships with public school districts and community organizations, SIUE students have opportunities to gain hands-on experience in a variety of diverse settings. The School also operates a number of clinics and programs that bring the community to campus, including the Speech-Language-Hearing Center, Weight Management Program, Cougar Literacy Clinic, Attention and Behavior Clinic, and the Homework Hotline.

## School of Engineering Cem Karacal, Dean

The School of Engineering offers eight undergraduate and five graduate programs, as well as two collaborative PhD programs with SIUC, making it one of the most comprehensive engineering schools in the region. The School prepares students to meet the growing needs in our region and nation for more engineers, computer scientists and construction managers. The engineering, information technology and construction companies in the Metropolitan St. Louis area provide exciting, challenging and well-paying jobs, internships and cooperative opportunities to our students. More than 60 percent of our graduates have taken positions in the St. Louis Metro area. SIUE students are not only educated in the classroom and laboratory, but also through undergraduate research projects and student organizations that participate in collegiate contests such as the formula race car, solar car, mini Baja, robotics, steel bridge, concrete canoe and many more.

## ACADEMICS AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

## School of Nursing Laura Bernaix, Dean

The School of Nursing offers an excellent learning environment, which prepares students for a career as a professional nurse. The School's undergraduate and graduate programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which means that SIUE nursing students can be assured of receiving the highest quality education. The School partners with hundreds of health care agencies in Central and Southern Illinois and the St. Louis region. Performing procedures on electronic simulated patient mannequins, SIUE nursing students can practice required nursing skills in an environment that promotes critical thinking and safe care before actually encountering patients in clinical settings. The undergraduate program is offered at both the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses. Graduate programs include four master's degrees (nurse educator, health care and nursing administration, family nurse practitioner, and nurse anesthesia) and an online post-master's doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program. The post-baccalaureate-DNP specializations of nurse anesthesia and family nurse practitioner will begin later this year.

## School of Pharmacy

## Gireesh Gupchup, Dean

The School of Pharmacy, the only pharmacy program in Southern Illinois, offers a professional program leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. Established in 2005, the School graduated its first class in May 2009 and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. Our graduates enter a wide variety of professional settings including community pharmacies, hospitals, the pharmaceutical industry and academia. SIUE pharmacy students work alongside other health professionals. This team approach allows health care professionals to optimize drug therapy and offer the highest quality of patient care.

## School of Dental Medicine Bruce Rotter, Dean

The Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine is proud of its established tradition of graduating well-prepared general practitioners of dental medicine. Since 1972, the School has continued to carry out its mission — to improve the oral health of southern Illinois and the region through education, patient care, scholarship and service. Through the care provided at the University's main clinic in Alton and the community clinic in East St. Louis, as well as through our community outreach programs, the School serves as a vital oral health care provider for residents of southern and central Illinois, and the St. Louis metropolitan region. Dental medicine graduates participate in a separate Commencement ceremony.

## Graduate School

## Jerry Weinberg, Dean The National Science Foundation lists SIUE

among the top 20 master's granting institutions in the U.S. in terms of research and development expenditures. The SIUE Graduate School offers 83 areas of study with master's, post-baccalaureate certificates and doctoral degrees in 40 different disciplines. Students prepare for the challenges of their profession in a rich, intellectual learning environment emphasizing research and practice.

## Library and Information Services Regina McBride, Dean

Library and Information Services provides information resources and technology for teaching, learning and scholarship. Information resources are available in all formats with a strong preference given to digital collections which particularly receive heavy usage. Lovejoy Library is a member of CARLI (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois). CARLI provides SIUE users full access to the holdings of the 84 CARLI libraries that share a catalog of 38 million item records. Access to OCLC's WorldCat, with more than two billion items held by participating libraries, opens the world to SIUE users. Library resources are available through social media, its mobile website-SIUE Libraries Mobile, 3D scanning and printing, and traditional methods. As in all successful 21st century academic libraries, library faculty are subject specialists who provide information literacy and technology instruction. They direct other faculty in identifying and selecting open access materials, publishing research locally, and curating collections in the institutional repository, known as SPARK.

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**



In 1970, the SIUE Alumni Association established the Great Teacher Award to recognize excellence in instruction and student interaction. SIUE faculty members are nominated by alumni, colleagues or current students. The nominators provide their perspective on those individuals who demonstrate a commitment to excellence, employ originality in their teaching, have superior knowledge of their subject matter, utilize original and innovative classroom presentations and show concern for students both inside and outside the classroom. Those nominated have had a tremendous impact on the lives of their students, which carries on long past graduation.

The recipient of the 2016 Great Teacher Award is Chris Gordon, PhD, associate dean of the School of Engineering and associate professor in the Department of Construction.

As associate dean, Dr. Gordon has led initiatives in community engagement, engineering summer camps, student organization activities, academic affairs, recruitment and retention. He has served as the School lead for the design and construction of the recent addition to the Engineering Building and the upcoming Student Design Center.

During his time as chair of the Department of Construction, he transformed the program by hiring professors with expertise in lean construction, construction technology, surveying, environmental engineering and sustainable materials. Gordon has implemented laboratory and technology upgrades, and led the reaccreditation process for the School. He taught across the construction management curriculum and introduced new courses, including sustainable construction and international construction, where he has taken coursework to Mexico City.

One of his nominators wrote, "Under Dr. Gordon's leadership, the construction department has seen significant growth and change, had students win awards on a regional and national level, and built strong relationships with local and national companies. Dr. Gordon puts in a significant amount of time outside of normal work hours to attend industry events in order to build relationships with employers so his students have the connections necessary to be first in line for internships and permanent employment opportunities."

He earned a bachelor's and master's in civil and environmental engineering at Stanford University, and a PhD from Carnegie Mellon University. Gordon joined the SIUE faculty in 2007 and teaches across most of the construction management curriculum. In 2007, he received the School of Engineering's Department of Construction Outstanding Teacher Award. He continues to have a tremendous impact on the lives of current and former students.

Gordon is the #1 fan at his daughters' various activities, occasionally filling the role of assistant-to-theassistant coach. He recharges his batteries in the mountains, most recently summiting Mount Rainier and Mount Adams. He also enjoys distance running and completed his first marathon this year.

## HISTORY OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

The pageantry of the academic procession is used for many of the formal and significant events at SIUE.

Inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries when woolen gowns and hoods were worn by scholars for warmth in unheated quarters, the wearing of academic vestments and the procession were not adopted throughout the United States until the late 19th century.

Academic life in the Middle Ages began first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the guild of the master of arts, where the bachelor was the apprentice of the master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility, designed to distinguish the wearer from the merchants and other townsmen.

Principal features of academic dress are the gown, cap and hood. Both Cambridge and Oxford Universities, since the 15th century, have made academic dress a matter of university control, even to its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1894. In 1932, the American Council on Education presented a revised code which, for the most part, governs the style of academic dress today.

The cap worn almost universally in academic processions is the Oxford cap, better known as the mortarboard. From poetry we learn that the cap of scholarship was square to symbolize a book. A different style, called the Cambridge cap, resembles a large beret.

The use of a dark hood in academic processions is thought to have arisen from the clerical practice of wearing a cap or mantle in religious processions during the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities arose from cathedral schools. Traditionally, gowns are also black. In recent years, however, a number of universities have adopted other hues which signify the school's traditional colors, such as crimson for Harvard, blue for Yale, purple for Northwestern, orange "hash marks" for Princeton, maize with azure blue chevron for the University of Michigan, maroon for the University of Chicago, and cardinal and gold for the University of Southern California. The bachelor's gown is a yoked, closed-front garment with long, pointed sleeves. The master's has long, closed sleeves slit just above the elbow, permitting the forearms to protrude. The doctor's has full, bell-shaped sleeves and is trimmed with velvet panels down the front, and three velvet bars on each sleeve. The color of the panels and sleeves varies to indicate the doctoral field.

The academic hoods, worn around the neck and down the back of the gown, are lined with the official colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood usually represents the subject of the degree.

Art, Letters, Humanities - White Business, Accountancy, Commerce - Drab Criminal Justice Studies - Ivory Dental Medicine - Lavender Economics - Copper Education - Light Blue Engineering - Orange Fine Arts - Brown Journalism - Crimson Music - Pink Nursing - Apricot Pharmacy - Olive Green Philosophy - Dark Blue Public Administration - Peacock Science - Golden Social Science, Social Work - Citron Speech Communication - Gray

## Mace

The SIUE ceremonial mace was created in 1981 by the late Michael E. Mason. He earned both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Fine Arts from SIUE and served as curator of the University Museum. At that time, the president of SIUE (the position now called chancellor) Earl Lazerson instituted traditional, formal regalia for use on significant ceremonial occasions. In 2005, Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift restored the tradition of the mace at all commencement and other academic ceremonies. A stand was subsequently constructed and, in recognition of the values of the University, engraved brass plaques were added to the ceremonial mace with the words Citizenship, Excellence, Inclusion, Integrity and Wisdom.

## **Granting of Degrees**

Candidates for degrees listed in this commencement program are those who completed degree requirements or who, at the time of publication, were reasonably certain of completing degree requirements. Inclusion in this publication may not be construed as documentation of completion of degree requirements. Certification of the conferral of a degree is by receipt of a diploma or official transcript noting degree completion.

## **International Flags**

The flags flown at commencement represent the home nations of all SIUE students.



Beautifully situated on 2,660 acres, SIUE offers easy access to professional and cultural opportunities in Metropolitan St. Louis, located just 25 miles from campus.

## ACADEMIC AND OTHER RECOGNITION

## **Honors Recognition**

Candidates graduating with honors are noted in the program and their accomplishments are characterized by the color of the academic cord worn with their regalia.

- \* = cum laude (with honors 3.50 to 3.74)
  \*\* = magna cum laude (high honors 3.75 to 3.89)
  Gold cord
- \*\*\* = *summa cum laude* (highest honors 3.90 or higher) White cord
- H = Honors Scholars

## **Other Academic Recognition**

Students who are members of specific academic honorary organizations noted below are wearing cords, stoles or medallions as indicated:

Beta Alpha Psi - Red and black cords Beta Gamma Sigma - Royal blue and gold medallions Eta Kappa Nu - Medallion on blue and red ribbon Eta Sigma Gamma, The Health Education Honor Society - Two color green and gold cords Gamma Theta Upsilon, The Honor Society in Geography - Blue, gold and brown cords Golden Key International Honor Society - Blue and gold cords Honors' Scholars - Medallion on red ribbon Johnetta Haley Scholars Academy - Red and white stole Kappa Delta Pi - Violet and jade green cords Lambda Pi Eta - Red and white cords Meridian Scholars - Medallion on red ribbon Omicron Delta Epsilon - Blue and gold cords Phi Alpha Theta, The Honor Society in History - Madonna red and light blue cords Phi Eta Sigma - Gold stole with black letters Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society - Medallion on blue ribbon Pi Alpha Alpha - Blue and gold cords Pi Mu Epsilon - Violet, gold and lavender cords Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society - Black, white and red cords Psi Chi International Honor Society of Psychology - Platinum and dark blue cords Psychology Undergraduate Honors Program - Red cords Rho Chi-The Academic Honor Society in Pharmacy - Purple and white cords School of Education, Health and Human Behavior Dean's Dozen - Medallion on royal blue and white ribbon Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society - Lavender and white cords Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society - Royal blue and gold cords SIUE Chapter of Chi Epsilon - White stole with gold symbol

## Students receiving other recognition are noted below:

Order of Omega - Cream stole with gold lettering Student Athletes - Bronze medallion with red and white ribbon Student Leadership Development Program - Bronze medallion with red ribbon Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Program Associates - Silver cords

## The Commencement Program

Saturday, December 17, 2016, 9 a.m., Vadalabene Center Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, presiding

## GRADUATE SCHOOL — SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR — SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Pre-Ceremony Music** 

Processional

Presentation of Colors – Army ROTC

**The Star Spangled Banner** – lyrics by Francis Scott Key, arr. by Walter Damrosch Led by David Fournie, Vocal Performance and Music Business Student, College of Arts and Sciences Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet

Introduction of Platform Party – Denise Cobb, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Greetings on Behalf of the President and the SIU Board of Trustees

Welcoming Remarks – Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor

**Commencement Address –** Chris Gordon, Associate Dean, School of Engineering and Associate Professor, Construction

**Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2016** – *Joseph Reddy, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, School of Nursing* 

Candidates for Graduate Degrees Jerry Weinberg, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

Conferral of Degrees - Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor

**Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees** Denise Cobb, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Conferral of Degrees - Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor

**Candidates Commissioned as Second Lieutenants and Members of Honor Societies** Denise Cobb, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

## Presentation of Graduates

**Greetings on Behalf of the SIUE Alumni Association** *Alan Kehrer, SIUE Alumni Association Board President* 

Alma Mater: Hail SIUE – by George Mellott Led by David Fournie, Vocal Performance and Music Business Student, College of Arts and Sciences Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet

## Recessional

Names of graduates will be read by Michael Costigan, Chair and Professor, Accounting

## Graduate School JERRY WEINBERG, Dean

## School of Nursing

**Doctor of Nursing Practice** (Hood: Apricot)

Matthew Edward Halliday

## School of Business

#### Master of Business Administration (Hood: Drab)

Drew Tyler Aldridge Business Administration

Ross Mitchell Arneaud Business Administration

Lauren Karice Barnes Business Administration

Kaitlin Makenzie Beasley Business Administration

Samuel Alexander Bennett Business Administration

David Jeffrey Boley Business Administration

Logan Thomas Cameron Business Administration

Cory A. Cunningham Business Administration

Chaitanya Varma Datla Business Administration

Courtney A. Dublar Business Administration

Patricia Rose Elizaga Business Administration

Jeffrey Peter Enge Business Administration

Jordan Alexis Fly Business Administration

Jenna Christine Huels Business Administration

Danielle Lee Kroencke Business Administration

Jeffrey Hal Luehmann Business Administration

Edward D. Melton III Business Administration

Marla Marie Musso Business Administration

Alexander Gregory Nall Business Administration

Ketan Bhupendra Patel Business Administration Ryan Wiegand Prudence Business Administration

Chelsea Catherine Renner Business Administration

David Franklin Schwab Jr. Business Administration

Jared Wade Siebert Business Administration

C. Jarrod Snow Business Administration

Bryan Michael Stolze Business Administration

Matthew James Westphal Business Administration

Mikel R. Wismer Business Administration

Douglas Dean Wood Business Administration

Schylar Anna Wood Business Administration

#### Master of Marketing Research

(Hood: Drab)

Suryakumar Sivakumar Angarai Marketing Research

Vamsi Krishna Bolla Marketing Research

Scott Edward Conlin Marketing Research

Michael George Fay Marketing Research

Daniel Carl Gravitt Marketing Research

Steven Edward Houk Marketing Research

Quincy Robert Jackstadt Marketing Research

Melissa Kay Killion Marketing Research

Emily Barbara Nebuloni Marketing Research Hanh B. Nguyen Marketing Research

Kirby Otto Nitzschke Marketing Research

Katelyn Brooke Salzman Marketing Research

Keerthana Sivaramakrishnan Marketing Research

#### Master of Science (Hood: Drab)

Tyler Lucas Bruner Computer Management & Information Systems

Nicholas J. Clark Computer Management & Information Systems

Erik Christopher Fournier Computer Management & Information Systems

Michael Daniel Frejik Computer Management & Information Systems

Eric Joseph Polka Computer Management & Information Systems

Busra Agcayazi Economics and Finance

Babafemi Akeem Elegbede Economics and Finance

Aaron James Hecker Economics and Finance

Torey Christian Leasher Economics and Finance

Pabara Perera Pathirage Economics and Finance

Anh Phuong Phan Economics and Finance

#### Master of Science in Accountancy

(Hood: Drab)

Marion Anne Chloe Maud Couprie Accountancy

Lauren Taylor Dudley Accountancy

Katelin Marie Feldmann Accountancy

John Anthony Gensert Accountancy

Roger Nicholas Gettings Accountancy

Justin Daniel Goode Accountancy

Drew Ryan Johnson Accountancy

Robin D. Karpan Accountancy

Tyler Michael Kunkelmann Accountancy

Jason Lane Lawson Accountancy

Jason D. Lee Accountancy

Christine Elaine McGraw Accountancy

Patrick Charles Meyer Accountancy

Drew Alexander Nicol Accountancy

Rachel Marie Schmidt Accountancy

Brian Gard Severns Accountancy

Jessica Lee Winkler Accountancy

## Graduate School JERRY WEINBERG, Dean School of Education, Health and Human Behavior

#### **Education Specialist**

(Hood: Light Blue)

Brian Howard Brink Educational Administration

John H. Dozier Educational Administration

Lisa Renee Leonard Educational Administration

Nathaniel Porter Educational Administration

Caitlin Paige Reinhold Educational Administration

Cindy Venitta Stevenson Educational Administration

Amy Elizabeth Van Hoose Educational Administration

Windy Lynn Winfield Educational Administration

#### Master of Arts (Hood: Gold)

Gwyneth Jean Irwin Abrams

Psychology Meghan Elizabeth Feole

Psychology

Caitlin Maureen Lenze Psychology

Amanda M. Meyer Psychology

Elizabeth A. Walker Psychology

Christine Elizabeth Weller Psychology

Michelle Christine Western Psychology

## Master of Science

(Hood: Light Blue) Lesa V. Boykin

Kinesiology Megan Renee Brangenberg

Kinesiology Brittany Ann Breden

Kinesiology

Anthony Phillip Buensuceso Kinesiology

Treigh Michael Crouch Kinesiology

Britney LeeAnn Di Ulio Kinesiology

Travis A. Felax Kinesiology Kathryn Anne Gattuso <sub>Kinesiology</sub>

Barbara Gutwein Kinesiology

Jazmin Cymone Hill <sup>Kinesiology</sup>

Chase Kaczmarek Kinesiology

Gary Emmitt Lowe Kinesiology

Yemi Ibrahim Makanjuola Kinesiology

Samantha Rae Merritt Kinesiology

Courtney Brook Page Kinesiology

Jamie Elizabeth Scheumann Kinesiology

George Michael Schmalz IV Kinesiology

Kayla Marie Smith Kinesiology

Brandan M. Snyder Kinesiology

Shannon Kathleen Sullivan Kinesiology

Andrew Louis Tanner Kinesiology

Ryan Joseph Terstriep Kinesiology

Anthony J. Thomas Kinesiology

Raven Michelle Warford Kinesiology

Mark Weigand Kinesiology

Seth Jacob Wilson Kinesiology

Jordan A. Albright Psychology

Carissa Stefanie Ball Psychology

Devin Rae Barlaan Psychology

Jenna Rose Belgard Psychology

Susan H. Easton Psychology Jillian Christine Lakota Psychology Lorena Lynn McKown Psychology

Haley Marie Pemberton Psychology

Sarah Katherine Terrell Psychology

#### Master of Science in Education

(Hood: Light Blue)

Emily Christine Ann Eilers College Student Personnel Administration

Jessica Elise Hale College Student Personnel Administration

Ryann E. Heap College Student Personnel Administration

Brenda K. Klostermann College Student Personnel Administration

Caitlin A. McLaughlin College Student Personnel Administration

Reginald Keith Randolph Jr. College Student Personnel Administration

Danie Ann Schneider College Student Personnel Administration

Craig Matthew Skinner College Student Personnel Administration

Kristen Marie Saenz Curriculum and Instruction

Joseph R. Vanzo Educational Administration

Sara Anne Kuper Instructional Technology

Stephanie Lynn Mayfield Instructional Technology

Amber Chantal Patterson Instructional Technology

Amber Marie Schmisseur Instructional Technology

Neal Alexander Weber Instructional Technology

Mathew L. Webster Instructional Technology

Samuel Franklin Biver Kinesiology Ashley Chabre Coleman Kinesiology Kyle Daniel King Kinesiology Ellen Denise Lueking Kinesiology Paul Asa Cloud Learning, Culture, and Society Kristin Ann Hatty Learning, Culture, and Society

Heather Nicole Rich Learning, Culture, and Society

Manal Haiza Albarakati Special Education

Kristina Kay Frank Special Education

#### Post Baccalaureate Certificate (Hood: Gold)

Megan Anne Edmondson Web-Based Learning

Melissa Ann Oatman Web-Based Learning

Laura Lee Rytych Web-Based Learning

Amber Marie Schmisseur Web-Based Learning

Ernest Scott Tillman Web-Based Learning

Neal Alexander Weber Web-Based Learning

# 6 a.m. Ceremony

## Graduate School (continued) JERRY WEINBERG, Dean

## School of Nursing

Master of Science (Hood: Apricot)

Megan Elizabeth Adams Family Nurse Practitioner

Nicholas Joseph Bodi Family Nurse Practitioner

Jamie Lynn Cross Family Nurse Practitioner

Brittany Ann Denton Family Nurse Practitioner

KeNecia K. Dones Family Nurse Practitioner

Jeemin Eversole Family Nurse Practitioner

Lindsey Nicole Fulscher Family Nurse Practitioner

Cynthia Cruz Gasperson Family Nurse Practitioner

Stanley G. Gooding Family Nurse Practitioner

Jennifer Lynn Gueldener Family Nurse Practitioner

Deborah Jean Horton Family Nurse Practitioner

Alissa B. Howard Family Nurse Practitioner

Ashley Nicole Hundelt Family Nurse Practitioner

Samantha Elizabeth Kamp Family Nurse Practitioner

Karen Cora Knaak Family Nurse Practitioner

Therese M. Krause Family Nurse Practitioner

Kathy Lynn Liefer Family Nurse Practitioner

Rebecca Kathleen Loy Family Nurse Practitioner

Nichole Marie McMillen Family Nurse Practitioner Alison Joye Miller Family Nurse Practitioner

Nickie R. Murphy Family Nurse Practitioner

Lindsey Nicole Naylor Family Nurse Practitioner

John Richard Nichols Family Nurse Practitioner

Cortney Elizabeth Patrick Family Nurse Practitioner

Christine Gabrielle Peterson Family Nurse Practitioner

Mallory Ann Rinderer Family Nurse Practitioner

Katie Elyce Sloman Family Nurse Practitioner

Stephanie Lynn Stumpf Family Nurse Practitioner

Jennifer Kay Tinsley Family Nurse Practitioner

Stephany Renee Williams Family Nurse Practitioner

Courtney Rae Crees Health Care & Nursing Administration

Elma Jean DeProw Health Care & Nursing Administration

Paige Alyssa Hall Health Care & Nursing Administration

Sidney Blaine Harman Health Care & Nursing Administration

Hannah Leigh Huebbe Health Care & Nursing Administration

Ronald Edward Kister, Jr. Health Care & Nursing Administration

Stephanie Piper Lance Health Care & Nursing Administration

Jacob Kyle Presley Health Care & Nursing Administration

Erica Lynn Roetker Health Care & Nursing Administration Denise Renee Shookman Health Care & Nursing Administration

Michele Leigh Sprague Health Care & Nursing Administration

Elliott Ryan Adent Nurse Anesthesia

Allyson Justine Anderson Nurse Anesthesia

Molly Kay Belville Nurse Anesthesia

Adam Joseph Bertuli Nurse Anesthesia

Lauren Elise Bland Nurse Anesthesia

Jennifer L. Carrico Nurse Anesthesia

Gina Elizabeth Draksler Nurse Anesthesia

Connie A. Dumm Nurse Anesthesia

Jamie Lynne Hart Nurse Anesthesia

**Jonathan Levin** Nurse Anesthesia

Sarah Suzanne Nagle Nurse Anesthesia

Manisha P. Pachbhai Nurse Anesthesia

Meghan Kathleen Ragsdale Nurse Anesthesia

Elizabeth Mary Schappe Nurse Anesthesia

Douglas Keith Stiegemeier Nurse Anesthesia

Rebecca Lynn Tate Nurse Anesthesia

Aaron Thomas Toben Nurse Anesthesia

Almedin Valjevcic Nurse Anesthesia Eric Vineyard Nurse Anesthesia

Desiree Araujo Wickenhauser Nurse Anesthesia

Chelsea Renee' Acord Nurse Educator

Cassandra A. Adkins Nurse Educator

Brianne Michelle Arnold Nurse Educator

Luciano Curiel Nurse Educator

Rani Anne Harms Nurse Educator

David Ray Miller Nurse Educator

Katelyn Marie Reed Nurse Educator

Amanda L. Ross Nurse Educator

Margaret A. Vance Nurse Educator

## School of Business TIMOTHY SCHOENECKER, Interim Dean

## Bachelor of Science

(Tassel: Drab)

Katharina M. Andrews-Carter H Michael Allan Ashford Brandon Thomas Asmussen Taimoor Tahir Aziz Hannah Kathryn Beal Matthew Douglas Becker Ronald R. Champion Bell Samantha Ibanez Bley Jacob Bockhorn Collin Michael Book Isaac James Bouquet Brendan Boyer Santana Ricardo Bradford Jessie Lynne Brandt Dario Joseph Braun Rebecca Mackenzie Brewer Dathan Lynn Brooks \* Kevin Stewart Comfort \* Andrew D. Connors Nicole Renee Cordes Christopher James Crawford Adam Duane Derby Shana E. Dial Jeffrey Lane Dumas Jr. David James Epperson \* Brendan Ervin David A. Fischer III Joshua Christopher Fournie Jasmyne Renee Fowler Kiley Allison Frazier Elizabeth Ann Fulton Jonathan Alexander Gaulding Kristen Anne Godar \* Demetrios Nicolai Gonzalez Rachel Jov Goodhue \*\* Kaleigh Michelle Graham Jonathan Robert Hackmann \* Zachary William Hadjan Miranda Rae Haeuber Eric M. Hank Tyler John Hill Austin Wayne Hollaway

Ciera Simone Hoskins Cameron Alexander Houck Dustin Bert Howe Celeste Jo Hughes \* Annette Michelle Humphrey \* Shelby Ann Jarman Dana Nicole Jensen Colae Jean Johnson Rachel Nicole Kaiser \* Anu KC Khatri Chhetri Matthew Joseph Khong \* Thomas Richard Kloss Kelly Elyse Knefelkamp \*\* Joshua Éverett Konkel Nicholas Michael Korniluk Connor Joseph Kowalski Jonathan Ryan Krueger Monique Krutak Jacob Kuhl \* Nathan A. Lambert Harry Lawrence Lanfersieck Lauren Anne Lathrop Kelley Anne Laughlin Jenny Nu Le Derek Rondal Leeman Michael Emory Leis Zacheriah Wayne Little Jonathan R. Lowrance Luke Arthur Malone Matthew Robert Markham Matthew William Martin Anthony Michael Mason Eric S. Mathus Kyle M. McBride Cameron McKinnon Kaitlyn Elizabeth McManus Karissa M. Meyer Lauren Ashley Miles Kevin James Milkert Joshua David Miller \*\* Patrick Earl Miller \* Drake Andrew Mortimer Mallory Ann Moss Ashley Nicole Musolino Riley Lynn Nadler Emily Ann Najjar \*\*

Ira Louis Neal Michael Lynn Nichols Cory Donovan Nix Jacob William O'Brien Mrudul B. Patel Brittany Ann Perkins Derek James Pitts Darby Leanne Post Nicholas Michael Raetz Shawn Thomas Rakers Lucas James Randant Matthew James Randant Matthew Joseph Reinholz Harmony Lyn Robinson Randy John Romann Alyssa Janae Roy Kevin Wayne Roy Benjamin M. Sasser \* Brendan James Sawyer Chandler M. Schaltenbrand Brian Scheppler Adeline Kaylee Schifferdecker Jisoo Joseph Seo Chelsey Paige Shafer Dylan Christopher Sharrow Tommy Neal Silveus Jr. Angela Christine Spencer Michael Ace Stahlberg Kyle Wayne Steibel Matthew Joseph Stimac Stephanie Anne Stiverson Collin Andrew Taylor Travis Daniel Thoeming Morgan Noelle Thole Rebecca Lynn Thomas \* Tiffany Nicole Thomas \* Donnavi · Rosa Toole Michael N. Ubi Cameron James Vance Jordan Dale Varner Nicholas Aaron Vogler Kaitlyn Ann Von Behren Max Thomas von Fahnestock Jennifer Vongprachanh Taylor Jor dan Waldron Michelle L. Warke

Nicole Michelle Weaver Alec Joseph Welle Travis B. Wellen Jason Nathaniel Wheeler \* Roland Patrick Wooters Brenden Tyler Wright Jacob C. Wright Michael Parker Yeck

#### Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (Tassel: Drab)

Paul Kodjo Amenthor Samuel Joseph Becker Derrick Lynn Blacketter Laura L. Bourgeois Megan Kathryn Cable \*\* Logan M. Carlson Michelle Ann Choat Amy Marie Cline Brett Alexander Elam Brenden Dale Engelke Seraj Ayed M. Gaffas \* Kristen Anne Godar \* Donovan Patrick Hale Shelby Layne Hinterscher \* Emily Ann Hug Hailey Ann Jackson Ashlee Lynn Kinder Mark A. Knowles Jr. Megan Karissa Lee Daniel Augustus Levey \*\* Jonathan Peter Martin \* Bryce Andrew Miller ' Mick Anthony Nichelson Taylor Brianne Niehaus \*\*\* Susan Michele Padgett Claire Elizabeth Rogers \*\*\* Tvler Shank Jami L. Weis Morgan Lee Weiser Travis B. Wellen Erin Nicole Woods Connor J. Zelasko \*\*\*

## School of Education, Health and Human Behavior CURT LOX, Dean

#### Bachelor of Arts

(Tassel: Light Blue, Gold)

Reid A. Anderson \*\* Ariel Michelle Harrison Madison Taylor Quinn Marjorie Kaye Wilson

#### **Bachelor of Science**

(Tassel: Light Blue, Gold)

Susana Alferez Lindsey N. Allen Kyra Tyrie Amerson Marivon Theresa Ampier Sara Diann Baalman Juan Barron Melissa Anne Beitzel \*\* Michael R. Bellina Charles Edward Bersin Mary Elizabeth Blackwell \*\*\* Alketa Boraj Katelyn Ann Borneman Robert Scott Bortoletto Rylie Kaitlynn Bourne \*\* Christopher E. Brickeen Destiny Reatta Brooks \* Kerstin Denise Brown Nathan Paul Buckner Zachary James Caldwell Shavonda Jean Calhoun LaDonna Latrice Caston \* Anna Elizabeth Ceglinski Lauren Elizabeth Chaney Melvina Michelle Chaney Kyle Dean Cloninger Daniel James Coffman Jonathan Jeffrey Colyer \* Joseph Arthur Colyer \* Jeremiah J. Cooper \*\* Fredericka Rashama Crockett Brock R. Crutchfield Nicolas Matthew Cruz \*\* Josef Ryan Dabrowski Benjamin Edward Dolan Joshua Wayne Dowdy Talicia Lashawn Drink Taylor Ann Dunnette Abigail Ann Edwards \*\* Edoardo Ferrari \*\* Jennifer Marie Fliege Tabitha S. Fricano \*\*\* Abigayle Marie Frohn \*\* William Patrick Gaffigan III \* Ciera Diane Green Brett Allen Haentzler Braedon Scott Haertling \*\* Stephen Mark Hamrick Zachary Michael Haneline Ida Marie Harrington Zachary Ethan Hausman

## School of Education, Health and Human Behavior (continued) CURT LOX, Dean

Heather Monique Havens \* Christopher J. Herman \* Gabrielle Monique Herod Allison Elizabeth Hill Nicole Marie Hodapp \* Shannon Marie Hoerle \*\* Raven Sinclair Hogue Belinda Charlene Hume \*\* Dean Duran Jones Benjamin Harrison Kosberg Alison Nichole Krump Branden Mark Kurzeja Luke Kenneth Lamoreaux

Megan Marie Langley Guadalupe Alejandra Lopez \* Alexandra Corinne Lukert \*\*\* Brittany L. Malley Shelby Ann McCormick Nathan Ross McDonald Brittany Morgan McKinzie Hailee Hobson Meyers Emily Ann Mills Jade Caprice Moore-Jackson Logan Jack Mutchler Alex Steven Netemeyer Kenneth Adam Osmoe Zachary Sean Pegues Tina V. Pham Marcus Andre Powell Tarae Denise Price Benjamin Paul Pursley \* Gabrielle Danielle Randall Abagail Nicole Reed Brooke Morgan Rhodes Melissa Alexandria Royster Brooke Taylor Schultz Dylan O. Shade Cassidy Shea Montana Sherman \*\* Bailey Lynn Sturgeon Ashley Danielle Tabb \*\*\* Taylor Rae Thies Morgan Brittni-Jenea Thompson Shelby Rae Toennies \*\* Quynh-Huong Truong-Pham David Timothy Velsor Danyel Ann Wardlow Alayna Noelle Waterson Mark Joseph Weishaar Brian Robert Westberg Samantha Ann Whitelaw Katherine Erin Wiese \*\* Zachary Anthony William Ziemba \*

## School of Nursing LAURA BERNAIX, Dean

## Bachelor of Science

(Tassel: Apricot)

Jane Marie Anders \*\*\* Allyson Marie Armstrong Ashley Marie Babilonia Cole William Bavery \* Emily Bax \* Coreen Bell Katelyn Nicole Bertagnolli \* Jolyn L. Biesk \*\* Shawn Ellis Bishop \* Justin Shane Bolin Gail Boller \*\* Kasie C. Bort \*\* Lexie Elise Boston Chevanne Judith Brauns Laura Kathleen Britton ' April Nichole Browning \*\* Allegra Kathleen Bundy \* Jacob Paul Bunte \* Jennifer N. Caires Jessica Mae Campbell Amanda Sue Carstens Madelene Paige Caruso Mary Jaros Cassenti \*\*\* Alexia Paris Castic Laynee Bryann Clark Iesha Lakia Colvin Jennifer Anne Conley \*\* Suzanne Curtin Kathleen Darabaris Brittany Nicole Davis Olivia Renee Davis Gaetana Baldwin Trapani DeBouck \*\*\* Kailee Ann Diak \* Jamie Lynn Dinschel \* Angela Noel Distler Micah Danielle Dugan \*

Elizabeth Lynn Ebel \* Tia Paige Edwards \*\* Kaile Jean Eggemeyer \*\* Jeremy J. Elliott Megan Elizabeth Ernst Brandon Robert Felker \* Wesley K. Ferrill Yvette Ellen Fitzpatrick Alycia Erin Foelker \* Crystal Nichol Fryar \* Kathleen Elizabeth Gauwitz Amanda Anne Gavin Denise Ann Gingerich \*\*\* Melissa Susan Goldstein Matthew Gerald Goodman Alison Jean Gorman Jaclyn Ann Gorniak \*\* Christina Renae Goudschaal \* Kristi Lea Grauman Rebecca Lynn Gray Melissa Marie Green \* Jennifer M. Gregg \*\*\* Taylor Brooke Griesemer Stacie Lyn Gum Christina Kay Guy \*\*\* Alyssa Hamrick Sarah Nicole Harbers Chelsea Nicole Hendrix Raymond A. Henn \* Haley Ann Henry Kelsey Victoria Herrin \*\*\* Kate Elizabeth Holshouser Kavli Ann Hostetler Mariah Whincy Hurt Melanie Filomeno Irizari \*\*\* Rebekah Lynn Isum \* Jennifer Danielle Johnson \* LaSaun Cherie Johnson \* Hope Elizabeth Jones

Jordan Danielle Joynt Amber Nicole Kabat Rose Katalinich \* Lacie Christine Kelley \* Amy Nicolle Kief \*\* Jennifer Luella Kleckner \*\*\* Gina Marie Knox Sheri Anne Lassahn \*\*\* Katie Jean Ledbetter \*\*\* Korey Adam Lee Rachel Marie Lehar Elizabeth Renee Lehde \*\*\* Michael William Lerbs Kelly Lynn Lesan \* Catherine Lynn Long Lilv Kay Louie \* Emily Jane Lukens \* Megan Ann Marcinkowska Alexis Samantha Martin Christine Leeann Mauzy Brittney Mae McGee \* Douglas Richard McKain \* Katherine Ann Mette \* Shelby Ann Morgando Margaret Ann Musso Chelsea Alexa Neish Monica Ann Nelson Alfred O. Odemerho Kathleen Anne Okumu \* Taylor Brianne O'Neill \*\* Lindy Jo Payne \*\* Chelsea Sheila Penn Ralph Thomas Perry Jr. \* Joanne Lynn Philpot \* Melanie Poland ' Kimberly Lynn Pruemer Britaney Theresa Ragusa \*\* Kimberly Erin Range ' Kelly Jean Rapoff

Matthew Thomas Reavis \*\*\* Joseph Virgil Reddy Carter Ellen Reichert Amanda Sue Ricketts Victoria Koryn Rochford \*\* Matthew Michael Rybicki Brandon Cole Ryker Jazmine A. Sanders Bree Anna Schrock Carrie Jo Schumacher Austin N. Schwartz Alison Jean Schweighart Amy Suzanne Seaton Rachel Leanne Slone Kathleen Christine Smith \*\*\* Linda Marie Smith \*\* Rachel Inez Stone Geri Lee Strohmeyer \*\*\* Tiffany Dawn Taylor Anne Catherine Terry \* Rexie Throgmorton ' Gabriel James Toennies Danielle Marie Trame \*\*\* Grace Tse \*\* Andrew David Tucker \* Lindsey Nicole Twitty Stephanie Lynn Unverfehrt \*\*\* Kelly S. Vant \*\* Mary Guetersloh Vaughn \*\* Megan Ashley Wagner \* Amanda Michelle Wayman \*\*\* Alexis J. Wernsman \*\* Shannon Lynn Whitley \* Kristy Lynn Wiggins-Gilbraith \*\* Hanah Wilson Alex Zimmermann

## The Commencement Program

Saturday, December 17, 2016, 1 p.m., Vadalabene Center

Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, presiding

## GRADUATE SCHOOL — SCHOOL OF PHARMACY — COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

**Pre-Ceremony Music** 

Processional

Presentation of Colors – Army ROTC

**The Star Spangled Banner** – lyrics by Francis Scott Key, arr. by Walter Damrosch Led by David Fournie, Vocal Performance and Music Business Student, College of Arts and Sciences Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet

Introduction of Platform Party – Denise Cobb, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Greetings on Behalf of the President and the SIU Board of Trustees

Welcoming Remarks – Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor

## Presentation of the Great Teacher Award

Recipient - Chris Gordon, Associate Dean, School of Engineering and Associate Professor, Construction Presented by Alan Kehrer, SIUE Alumni Association Board President

**Commencement Address –** Chris Gordon, Associate Dean, School of Engineering and Associate Professor, Construction

**Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2016** – *Taylor Brooke Keel, Bachelor of Arts, Applied Communication Studies, College of Arts and Sciences* 

**Candidates for Graduate Degrees** Susan Morgan, Associate Dean, Graduate School

**Conferral of Degrees** – Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor

**Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees** Denise Cobb, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Conferral of Degrees – Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor

**Candidates Commissioned as Second Lieutenants and Members of Honor Societies** *Denise Cobb, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs* 

**Presentation of Graduates** 

**Greetings on Behalf of the SIUE Alumni Association** *Alan Kehrer, SIUE Alumni Association Board President* 

*Alma Mater: Hail SIUE –* by George Mellott Led by David Fournie, Vocal Performance and Music Business Student, College of Arts and Sciences Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet

## Recessional

Names of graduates will be read by Jeffrey Skoblow, Professor, English Language and Literature

## Graduate School JERRY WEINBERG, Dean

School of Pharmacy

#### **Doctor of Pharmacy** (Hood: Olive Green) Joe Hayden Ray Brown H

Jacob Thomas Mahr H George Ross Matteson Maggie M. Wiant

## Graduate School JERRY WEINBERG, Dean College of Arts and Sciences

#### Master of Arts

Donovan J. Fischer

(Hood: Grey, White, Citron)

Danielle Marie Case Applied Communication Studies

Zachary William Sawyer Payne Applied Communication Studies

Yekaterina Yurivna Kim Art Therapy Counseling

Kaitlin Cassandra Buzzard English

Cynthia A. Campbell English

Ahlam Mahmoud Jaber

Kayla Lynn Kuehn English

Jenelle Lynn Kypta <sup>English</sup>

Daniel Scott Lesko English

Keith Weston Mocabee English

Jennifer Sue Wilson English

Samantha Doolin History

William Laron Doolin History

Cassandra Camilla Miller History

James Scott Parrill, Jr. History

Debra L. Nelson Sociology

Dorjan Brinja Teaching English as a Second Language

Master of Music (Hood: Pink)

Robert Anthony DeBoo Music Yee-Lae Lim <sub>Music</sub>

#### Master of Public Administration (Hood: Pink)

Amber Lillie Anderson Public Administration

Tayleur Anne Blaylock Public Administration

Joshua Scott Brinkman Public Administration

Demi Arista Bryant Public Administration

Laura Anne Caveny Public Administration

Nicole Loretta Eller-Perce

Cody Ryan Goldsboro Public Administration

Quentin Raymond Harris Public Administration

Alia Highley Public Administration

Miranda Arlene Humphrey Public Administration

Kelly Lynn Keeven Public Administration

Anna Kristine Limbrick

Roshonda Louise Ludy Public Administration

Calandra Devona McGee Public Administration

Daryl Walter McWoods Jr. Public Administration

Josephine Oppong Public Administration

Valerie Nicole Sieth Public Administration

Kristen Joyce Wallace Public Administration David Isiah Watts Public Administration

J. Owen Wolfe IV Public Administration

Master of Science (Hood: Gold)

Jesse Elwood Andrews Biological Sciences

Joshua P. Beasley Biological Sciences

Brooke Ellen Bryson Biological Sciences

Katherine Anne Dumbell Biological Sciences

Zachary Lee French Biological Sciences

Carly S. Gridley Biological Sciences

Lisa A. Hebenstreit Biological Sciences

Jessica Anne Napier Biological Sciences

Corrinne Ashley O'Brien Biological Sciences

Ummul Vara Qurratul Ain Biological Sciences

Alycia Michelle Sorensen Biological Sciences

Christine L. Vu Biological Sciences

Bakhitah Mesfer M. Alajmi Chemistry

Andrew J. Kamadulski Chemistry

Shirin Mobayen Chemistry

Mojdeh Raeisi Chemistry

Charlene D. Yu Chemistry Meeta Madhukar Chavan Environmental Sciences

Hannah Marie Fyfe Environmental Sciences

Vineet Garlapally Environmental Sciences

Joy Marie Hodge Environmental Sciences

Ashley Sue Keely Environmental Sciences

Kimberly R. Shoemaker Environmental Sciences

Kathleen Anna Siech Environmental Sciences

Ranjitha Uppala Environmental Sciences

Gina Marie Borelli Geography

George Steven Jones Geography

John Dixon Klein Geography

Hilda Uloma Onuoha Geography

Jessica Lauren Weissert Geography

Melinda Louise Yurkovich Geography

Jennifer Danielle Hodges Mass Communications

Melissa Nicole Sherman Mass Communications

Michelle Jean Berry Mathmatics

Jean McCroskey Campbell Mathmatics

Michael Caine Lanier Mathmatics

Alexander Lee Weygandt Mathmatics

Timothy Paul Young

## Graduate School (continued) JERRY WEINBERG, Dean **College of Arts and Sciences**

#### Master of Social Work (Hood: Citron)

Jennifer B. Addington Social Work

Tierny N. R. Austin Social Work

Mia Vara Bilotti Social Work

Michael Joseph Binetsch Social Work

Kellie Marie Croxton Social Work

Hannah L. Dons Social Work

Drew Joseph Essenpreis Social Work

Nathan Ross Ferguson Social Work

Apryll Chanel Green Social Work

Elizabeth Helen Gusewelle Social Work

Amanda Jo Henderson Social Work

Jamilyn Ann Hinkle Social Work

Kendra Michele Jansen Social Work

Paula J. LaFond Social Work

Amanda Elizabeth Leinberger Social Work

Carissa Marie McCallister Social Work

April Linette McDougal Social Work

Destiny LeeAnne Poertner Social Work

Heidi Maureen Quiggle Social Work

Lisa Marie Saunders Social Work

Kelsey Denise Stott Social Work

Kenyetta Montrece Thomas Social Work

Kelly Christine Wrigley Social Work

## Post Baccalaureate Certificate

(Hood: Black)

Samantha Doolin Museum Studies

William Laron Doolin Museum Studies

Jonathan William Minner Museum Studies

1 p.m. Ceremony

Kaitlin Cassandra Buzzard Teaching of Writing

Teaching of Writing

## School of Engineering

Master of Science (Hood: Orange)

Krishna Gopal Akkaram Civil Engineering

Dana Burhan Al Windawy **Civil Engineering** 

Todd Daniel Archer Civil Engineering

Likhitha Atluri **Civil Engineering** 

John M. Cawley Civil Engineering

Andrew James Chapman **Civil Engineering** 

Cameron Wayne Dietz **Civil Engineering** 

Yojitha Jogi Civil Engineering

Mazdak Karimpour Ghannadi Civil Engineering

Jeevan Reddy Kethi Reddy Civil Engineering

Madhuri Komirishetty Civil Engineering

Cynthia Anne Kretzer Civil Engineering

Sajjad Salam Civil Engineering

Ahmed Asadullah Sayeed Civil Engineering

Jeffrev Caleb Vance Civil Engineering

Samira Arabgol Computer Science

Saniana Dodda Computer Science

Navya Karnati Computer Science

Pranith Srinivas Mididoddi Computer Science

Santhosh Kumar Mittapally Computer Science

Niharika Nyalakonda Computer Science

SriKrishnaSaiSameera Polapragada Computer Science

Prabhavi Rangaraju Computer Science

Timothy Lee Roustio Computer Science

David Scott Shovlin Computer Science

Dustin Allen Thomas Computer Science

Sai Krishna Vallapu Computer Science

Yingnan Zhang Computer Science

Jonathan Michael Bargiel Electrical Engineering

Venkat Santhosh Bysani **Electrical Engineering** 

\*\* magna cum laude

Nikesh Chinnala **Electrical Engineering** 

David Andrew Durbin Electrical Engineering

Chinonso Kenenna Ejidike Electrical Engineering

Vivek Garikapati Electrical Engineering

Saita Gurung Electrical Engineering

Lokesh Gutha Electrical Engineering

Thrivikram Jeetham Electrical Engineering

Jai Sathvik Kanchi **Electrical Engineering** 

Jaya Sai Krishna Ravi **Electrical Engineering** 

Veeresh Satamraju **Electrical Engineering** 

Mohan Vamsi Surapaneni Electrical Engineering

Po-Han Wang **Electrical Engineering** 

Srivinya Yadavalli **Electrical Engineering** 

Zaheeruddin Ali Khan Industrial Engineering

Saeid Bahremand Industrial Engineering

Sumanth Bhavisetty Industrial Engineering

Suryanarayana Chowdary Gunnam Industrial Engineering

\*\*\* summa cum laude

Daniel Scott Lesko

Tsung-Yueh Lee Industrial Engineering

Ryan Frank Mir Industrial Engineering

Samantha A. Muir Industrial Engineering

Maniurul Alam Mechanical Engineering

Ali Arab Mechanical Engineering

Kiran Reddy Baddam Mechanical Engineering

Sumanth Reddy Bolledla Mechanical Engineering

Vamshi Reddy Cherlapally Mechanical Engineering

Sreenivas Reddy Chinthala Mechanical Engineering

Shrenika Reddy Ellalwar Mechanical Engineering

Vikram Kumar Reddy Golamari Mechanical Engineering

Matin Golozar Mechanical Engineering

Daniel Lee Halleran Mechanical Engineering

Manikanth Reddy Kappati Mechanical Engineering

Gregory M. Little Mechanical Engineering

H Honors Scholars

Soroush Mahmoudiandehkordi Mechanical Engineering

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## School of Engineering (continued)

Praveen Mangalagiri Mechanical Engineering

John Albert Ourth Mechanical Engineering

Vishnuvardhan Panchalingala Mechanical Engineering Harish Kumar Payila Mechanical Engineering

Fredrick Solomon Mechanical Engineering Shravan Kumar Vettigunta Mechanical Engineering Laura Nicole Whittle Mechanical Engineering

## College of Arts and Sciences GREGORY BUDZBAN, Dean

#### Bachelor of Arts

(Tassel: Brown, Citron, Crimson, Drab, Gold, Grey/Silver, Ivory, Light Grey, Pink, White)

Azmi Alexander Al-Ghussain Katherine Emma Baumgartner Krista Michelle Bennett \* Jennifer Lynn Blum \* Megan Nichole Brummet Destiny Lychaun Cantrell Carla Selena Catenazzo Caitlin Ryne Cook \* Caitlyn E. Cooper Andrew J. Costello Lorie Kaye Cox Cassandra Brooke Crawford Sydney Elizabeth Dunn \*\* Sarah Elizabeth Durbin \* Joseph Anthony Eads Sarah K. Evansco Emily Jane Givens Rebecca Ann Glass \*\*\* Justin Edwin Grimmer Mary Hager \* Danielle Haines Kristen Anne Hale Paul Norman Hanover Elizabeth Marie Hathaway Charles Stewart Helf Shannon Renee Helmig Amber Elizabeth Hoots \* Fernando Jacinto Brendan Wayne Jones Eliza Ruth Kath Taylor Brooke Keel \*\*\* Thomas Grat King Matthew T. Kistner \* Rachel Lauko Marsha K. Lindsay Trevor W. Lutz \* Alexis Magnuson Clay Martin Mason Mariah B. Matthews \*\*\* Kelly J. Mclaughlin \* Natalie Donnell Meador \*\*\* Kimberly Erin-Elizabeth Miller \*\* H Keagan Sarkis Mouradian Maggie Cathleen Nava \*\* Grace Frances Pavlovec \* Abigail Grace Fournier Polley \* Catherine Ruhua Richardson Elizabeth Jean Rodney Sophia Kay Ruppert \*\*\* Kelsey Nicole Schaepperkoetter \*\*

Terry David Schneider Jozette Anastasia Spaid \*\*\* Tiffany Lynn Stange Montgomery Reed Stegeman Anthony Michael Swann Megan Rae Van Beek Robert Eugene Vermilye \* Robert Eugene Vermilye \* Melissa Leann White \* Ethan Wesley Wibben Jerred Michael Zingale

#### Bachelor of Fine Arts (Tassel: Brown)

Kristen M. Bennett Shelby Lynne Fleming \*\* Nathan Nelson Galecki Mary Hager \* Devin Sean Hill Morgan Ann Hill Lisa Marie Hinrichs Samantha Elaine Kalika \* Elizabeth Florence Reckamp \*\*\* H Sophia Kay Ruppert \*\*\* Alanna Marie White \*

#### Bachelor of Liberal Studies

(Tassel: White)

Marcellus Lamar Altman Brandon Michael Burton Christina Elizabeth Ward

#### **Bachelor of Music**

(Tassel: Pink) Mason Z. Baran Carrie Helen Henrichs Juliet Jackson \* Jason Michael Langland

#### **Bachelor of Science**

(Tassel: Brown, Citron, Crimson, Drab, Gold, Grey/Silver, Ivory, Light Grey, White) Joseph Paul Ackman Andrew Dean Allen Jennifer RebeccaMichelle Allen Karissa L. Anderson Scott Joseph Andres Aaron Christopher Armstrong Patrick Andrew Ayres \*\*\* Emily Katherine Baietto Brittany Alexis Barraza

Sophia Marie Barringhaus **Clayton Robert Bass** Lacey Elizabeth Baumann Kelsey M. Bernard \*\* Angela Lynn Bilzing Adam Robert Blair Jordan Bolletta \*\* Colton John Bonnell Henry Calvin Breitbarth Michael Allen Brown \* Tamara Nicole Bumgardner H Kattie Maree Burroughs Jeffrey Kyle Butler Michael DeAndre Chandler Zachary Stephen Chestnut Hyong Sung Chon Andriana Michaela Christensen Katlyn Louise Cole Sarah J. Cooper Kimberly Marie Croxford Kamitra Yvette Curtis Samantha Rae Dahl \*\* Gage Daugherty Taylor Akiya Day Gary A. Dias Andrew James Dickman \*\*\* Mariah Lunye' Dixon Jacob P. Durbin Jordan Marie Durbin Lorrie Kristine Durbin Shahzada Shahjehan Durrani Amber Nykela Eastling Brittany Michelle Eggers Torre Jamar Finley Steffany Renee Fletcher Allison Elizabeth Flood Abigail Lee Floreth DeAngelo Tyrese Franklin Christian Devon Gatlin Brittany Sue Godfrey Carleshia T. Griffin Adrian Gutierrez Lauren Wayne Hannah Jr. Kelsey Renee Hansen Christopher Allen Harrington Brian McDonnell Hayes Jesenia Samantha Ashlee Hayes Ryan Christopher Hays Angela Marie Heidegger Olivia Brianne Heller Haley Marie Hemingway Christopher J. Herman Lisa Marie Hinrichs Alexandria L. Hobick Colleen Elizabeth Horton

Austin Tyler Howard Christopher Nathan Hubbard Charles Joseph Hubbs Alec Robert Huizenga Colten Lee Hunter Patrick Lee Irwin Sydney K. Jacobs Mackenzie Lynn Jennings Christopher M. Johnson Elizabeth Anne Johnson Ethan Charles Jones \* Jasmine Nicole Jones Daniel Jefferson Karcher \*\* Emma Abigail Katchen Kristen Nicole Kirk John Dylan Kolb Aswathy Krishnakumar Elyse D. Kruger Kelsey Lynn Krump Andrew Thomas Kuhnke Morgan Elise Lacefield \* Elizabeth Anne Lathrop Andrew S. LeBlanc Christian King Lee Jordan Rae Ligman Kyle Richard Lincoln Cole Thomas Lionberger Joshua Xavier Lisenby Guadalupe Alejandra Lopez \* Nicole Michelle Lutsky Aja Jade Martin Jacob Wilbur Miller Shannon Nicole Miller Kelsey Marie Mitchell Christopher N. L. Morris Lauren Ashley Muckensturm Lauren Renee Mueth \*\*\* H Aarica Michelle Nagel Aaron Jacob Newman Breanna Lichelle Olliges Jarrod Elliott August Östlund Janese Marshaun Owens Brauc Frederick Palmer Morgan Christine Parks Benjamin Jacob Pasch Phillip Joseph Paternoster Shannon Danielle Payne \*\* Eric Jeffrey Peterson Duane Fredrick Phillips Michael Patrick Plotner Natalie Marie Pokrop \* Henry Carl Priester Matthew C. Putz Corey Michael Richardson Robert Lee Richardville

## College of Arts and Sciences (continued) GREGORY BUDZBAN, Dean

Benjamin Gregory Richey Jacob Robert Riedle Kasten Charles Riedle Ted James Romine \*\* Richard Michael Root McCall Rena Roseman Darren Christopher Rucker Brett Douglas Ruckman Kathleen Jo Sands Joshua David Sartin Samuel F. Saucier Samantha Jo Schaffer \*\* Charles Michael Schmitt \* Halstead Zach Wright Selby H Brendon Lee Sharp Michelle Maye Sharp Tyler R. Sharp Katye Erin Skrivan Marcus Anthony Smiley Quinten Evans Smith Shakirra Brielle Smith Tyler Patric Smith Audrey Beth Snow Jeremy Cole Spiller Samantha Jean Steinmann Elizabeth Marie Storey Tom E. Stults Mariah Nicole Tate Matt Taylor Curtis Willis Theard Jr. Phillip Michael Trotter \* Bryan Andrew Vrbenec Kayle Lynn Wall Nolan Michael Wallace \* Rachel Ruth Wallace Chelsea Ann Walters Oliver A. Washington Jr. \*\* Michael W. Watkins Alesia Marie Wattjes

Kaleb Benjamin Weaver Brandon John Wecker Benjamin Charles Wedeking Cassandra Elizabeth White \*\* Jordan Elizabeth Wiegmann \* H Ciara Ashton Willhite Ashley Rena Williams Nathan Lee Woehler Dustin Alexander Wolf Brendan David Wright Samuel Wu Nathan M. Yehling Michael Paul Young

## School of Engineering CEM KARACAL, Dean

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

(Tassel: Orange) Geoffrey William Gates Douglas Joseph Hott \*\*\* Melissa S. Jameson \* David Richard Ladnier Justin Bradley Schulte

#### **Bachelor of Science**

(Tassel: Orange) Hasan Aras Jalen Scott Bachman Nicole Banach Jared Evan Becher Spencer Dietrich Berenz Steven Dwight Bevel Brandon Richard Boeckman Andrew Raymond Boschert Michael Raymundo Branscum Quinn Justice Luna Bress H Cody Joseph Brush Daniel C. Bugger Kyle Alexander Butler Joseph Walter Calcagno Paul Russell Cefaratti Julian L. Chastain Joseph William Cheatham \*\* Tyler Alan Clarke Klint M. Clore Zebulen David Collier Geoffrey Scott Cooley \* Colleen Faye Conley Counts Jerry David Counts Jr. Marcus Devon Cyrus Jacob Bradley Davis

Kevin Wayne Deiters Bryant Deters Jared S. Doerr Kyle M. Doiron Jake Charles Donovan Christopher Henry Drever Nicholas David Duke Drew William Dunham Daniel Vincent Edwards Timothy Lawrence Edwards Anne Elizabeth Egger Mert Can Elkava Ian Aaron Farache Timothy Vincent Farina Jordan Anthony Finley ' Jack Alan Flowers Corev Stephen Gall \*\* Daniel Jared Glauber Todd Clemens Goeckner \*\* Joshua Ryan Goen Steven Robert Goodpaster \*\*\* Luke Timothy Gordon \* Timothy Grgec Samuel Hanna McKinley Hardmon IV Jordan Blair Harr \* Justin Hiroki Hays Dalton Shea Hinterscher \* Joshua Lee Hodges Chase Scott Hollingsead \*\*\* Ashleigh Zoe Holtgrave \* Darryl Hornsby Jr. Brady Alexander Hunt \*\* Javlan Kendric Jackson Rodrigo Jaime Benavente

Robert Mackenzie James Mitchell Joseph Jeffers Erik Christopher Johnson Adam Nathaniel Jones Andrew Michael Kemper Svedahmed Kidwai Jake Alan King Steven E. Knotts Brandon Michael Koyanagi Justin Derek Kruenegel Samuel Matthew LaHood Victoria Elizabeth Lamore Seth Thomas Langendorf \*\*\* Micah Matthew Lauth Cory Lane Littlejohn \* Carl A. Lommel Brett Andrew Mahanna Andrew Leo Martinussen Nathan Gordon Martz Christopher J. Maske Alex Paul Mattis Brietta Cynthia McClelland Patrick Joesph Messmer Taylor John Michel \*\* Seth Aaron Michels Kyle Austin Mueller Nicholas Michael Nemerguth Elaine Marie Nemsky Phillip I. Nzegbuna Travis James Opel William Nickolas Osborn Daniel Joseph Osmulski Caleb Steven Padilla Clinton Michael Quinn James Michael Quinn

Heath J. Ridder Gerardo Rojo \* Joshua David Santarelli \*\*\* Jason Wayne Sarnie Jacob R. Sauls Adam Ernest Scheitel Jordan Scott Schneider Andrew Bruce Schottel Travis Michael Schwartz Jeffrey Louis Sellers Ryan Walker Simmons Cameron Tyler Smith Andrew P. Spangenberg Taylor Mae Sronce \*\* Nathan Andrew Stock Kyle Andrew Strazar Brian Gregory Upchurch \* Adrian Matthew Vlad Aaron Christopher Voegtle Nick Edward Voltenburg David Andrew Voyda Mackenzie A. Waggoner Rvan Matthew Wei Kevin Allen Wesselmann Derek William Wheeler Jack William White Alexander Daniel Will Drew Michael Willhite Stephen Scott York \* Michelle Marie Zdanowski

## **Candidates Commissioned as Second Lieutenants**

**U.S. Army** Duane Fredrick Phillips Austin N. Schwartz

Jisoo Joseph Seo Nicholas Michael Korniluk

## **Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Program Associates**

Kelsey M. Bernard

## To Our Guests

Commencement is the premier academic ceremony. This formal conferral of degrees marks the graduates' mastery of SIUE curricula – undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and professional. At its best, it is an occasion of dignity, recognition and celebration. To preserve the decorum of the event, please exercise etiquette appropriate for the occasion and express your excitement in ways that will not prevent others from hearing the speakers and enjoying the ceremony. **The University requests that all photographs be taken from your seat or following the ceremony**.

For your convenience, we have made arrangements with Grad Images<sup>™</sup> for a professional photographer to record the moment graduates receive their diploma covers. Students receive by mail a passport-sized, full-color image approximately one week after the ceremony. There is no obligation to purchase, and students will have the option of ordering several enlargement packages via website, phone, facsimile or mail. This service enables each student to have a photograph of the ceremony. Family members and friends are requested to remain in their seats and enjoy the ceremony. Professional photographs are available for all students. Grad Images<sup>™</sup> guarantees complete satisfaction with the photographs or a full refund will be given with no questions asked. The transaction is between the student and the photographer; SIUE will not be involved.

In keeping with the occasion, we ask that all guests stand when the processional begins. After the ceremony has been completed, there will be a recessional of the platform party. Please remain in your seats until the platform party has cleared the Commencement area.

\*\* The Commencement program was printed with accurate graduation records as of 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 1, 2016. A final version with full records will be available the week following the ceremonies at *siue.edu/commencement*.



## CONGRATULATIONS SIUE GRADUATES



Congratulations, graduates, and welcome to the SIUE Alumni Association! Your hard work has paid off, and we are happy to celebrate this momentous occasion with you today. You now belong to a group of more than 100,000 proud alumni.

The word *commencement* refers to "a beginning" or "to start," and today's ceremony represents a new beginning not only for you, but for your relationship with SIUE.

As you reflect on your time at SIUE in the days ahead, I invite you to do the following:

Stay Connected: You will soon receive your Alumni Association card with your Cougar ID. Please use your Cougar ID to sign in to Cougar Tracks, the official alumni portal, at siue.edu/alumni. Using Cougar Tracks, you can keep your records up-to-date (We want to

stay connected with you, too!), add class notes, find information about alumni events and locate other SIUE alumni, among many other options.

Be Informed: Read the eDition monthly email and *eConnection* publication so you stay current on the leading-edge teaching techniques and research going on at the "e." Check the headlines and read SIUE news stories at siue.edu/news.

Get involved: We want to see you at Homecoming in the fall! You can attend Cougar athletic events, participate in the annual fund or join a committee. Check out siue.edu/alumni to learn more about the many ways you can get involved.

Always be proud of your alma mater!

Best regards for your ongoing success,

Rachel C. Stack Vice Chancellor for University Advancement CEO, SIUE Foundation

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