The Monthly Good News
November, 2023

Accreditation

**School of Aviation**
The Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) team visit took place October 8-10 as part of the five-year accreditation reaffirmation review for the Aviation Flight program. SIU will receive the final Visiting Team Report by November 8th and the accreditation decision will be announced on February 23, 2024.

**School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences**
Yueh-Ting Lee was invited by the American Psychological Association for an accreditation site visit. He completed an APA accreditation site visit for a Clinical and School Psychology Ph.D. Program at an R1 University on the East Coast by working with Dr. Mark Terkesem and Dr. Scott Graves.

Awards and Honors

**CHHS Dean’s Office**
Pablo Castro has been selected by the College of Health and Human Sciences Research Committee to present his 3-Minute Thesis presentation titled, “effects of Matching Images of Built and Natural Environments on Delay Discounting: A Systematic Replication of Berry et al., (2014)” to represent the college at the 2024 University-level competition.

Julian Cifuentes has been selected by the College of Health and Human Sciences Research Committee to present his 3-Minute Thesis presentation titled, “Behavioral Patterns of Sign-tracker and Goal-trackers in a Delay Discounting Task” to represent the college at the 2024 University-level competition.

Claudia Ford has been selected by the College of Health and Human Sciences Research Committee to present his 3-Minute Thesis presentation titled, “An Examination of the Effects of Combined Chronic Early Life Stress During Adolescence” to represent the college at the 2024 University-level competition.

**School of Health Sciences**
Lisa Vinson was asked and selected to be the faculty advisor for students forming a new Graduate CARE Program Organization on October 2nd.

**School of Human Sciences**
Joe Harper received an award from the East St. Louis Branch of the NAACP for Outstanding Healthcare Contributor Award at their annual Freedom Fund Award Banquet held at the Grand Marriot in St. Louis, MO.
**School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences**

Grace Lafo*, graduate student in the Communication Disorders and Sciences program, won the Nikia Dower dissemination award through the Speech Pathology Applied Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group for her work titled, *Assessment of Augmentative and Alternative Communication Modalities for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder* under the supervision of Drs. Lesley Shawler (Behavior Analysis and Therapy) and Valerie Boyer (CDS).

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**Books/Book Chapters**

**School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences**


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**Events**

**School of Automotive**

On October 3rd, the SIU School of Automotive hosted the University of Illinois System President, Chancellors, and Executive Cabinet members to discuss the future of electric vehicles and mobility and the potential for research collaboration.

**School of Aviation**

On October 14th, the United Airlines Career Day was held. The day was enjoyed by 140 Chicago area students and more than 20 United employees/alumni of the SIU Aviation Program. The 737 Max 8 arrived in Carbondale at 9:00 a.m. The students disembarked from the plane to fanfare and handshakes from administration and aviation faculty, staff, and current students. A group picture was taken beside the plane before the students boarded buses to tour campus. The students were fed lunch by the Women in Aviation group and talked excitedly about their experiences.

**School of Health Sciences**

On Friday, October 27th, the Health Care Management team distributed goodie bags to sophomore and junior sonography students to celebrate Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month for October.

On Monday, October 30th, Dr. Blumenstock, Dr. Penrod, and Dr. Whittington represented the SIUC BSN Program as the academic partner for Marion VA’s Residency Program as they are seeking CCNE Accreditation. If obtained, that will be the only accredited residency program in the region.

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**Grants (submitted and funded)**

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*SIU STUDENTS*
**School of Health Sciences**

Total Funding: $582,353.
Title: CADCC Workforce Expansion Program Phase 2
Role: Jane L. Nichols, PI; Lisa Vinson, Co-PI
Duration: November, 2023 – August, 2024
Status: Pending

Organization: SIU Collaborative Grant Application
Total Funding: $21,973.
Title: Assessing Current Intercultural Competency Amongst Graduate Students at SIU Carbondale & SIU School of Medicine
Role: Christopher Smyre, PI; Lisa Vinson, PI
Duration: September, 2024 – September, 2025
Status: Pending

Organization: Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation
Total Funding: $20,000
Title: Continuity of Care: Providing Oral Health Education and Preventive Care to Underserved Children in Southern Illinois
Role: Jennifer McKinnies: PI and Stacey McKinney: Co-PI
Duration: 11/1/2023-10/31/2024
Status: Funded

Organization: American Association of Medical Dosimetrists
Total Funding: $20,000
Title: Evaluation of perceived student clinical competence with planning library access.
Duration: 12/1/2023-11/30/2024
Status: Funded

**School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences**

The Autism Program of Illinois, Hope Institute, INC (IDHS)
Total funding: $362,500
Title: SIUC Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD)
Role: Lesley Shawler: PI and Denise Croft: Co-PI
Duration: 08/01/2023-07/31/2024
Status: Funded
Autism Speaks
Total funding: $4,994
Title: Autism Speaks Local Impact grant
Role: Denise Croft: PI, and Grace Lafo*, Lesley Shawler, and Valerie Boyer
Duration: 2023-2024
Status: Submitted

Patents

Presentations (presented)

School of Automotive


School of Aviation
Irene Miller, Amy Rutledge, Elliot Benton, and Gail Avendaño participated in the CHHS Flash Talks on October 26th and discussed current research topics: Digital copilot (Miller), Exploring mental health disorders among air traffic controllers (Rutledge and Benton), and The use of industry advisory boards in support of collegiate aviation programs (Avendaño).


Miller, I. (2023, September 29). *Do compressed in-person classes yield student performance results comparable to traditional 16-week in-person classes?* Professional Papers Session. Presented at the Fall Conference of the University Aviation Association, St. Petersburg Beach, FL.

School of Health Sciences


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**Press Releases**

*School of Health Sciences*

Hospice of Southern Illinois welcomes Kelli D. Whittington as a community member elected to serve a three-year term on its Board of Directors. [https://hospice.org/about-us/board-of-directors/](https://hospice.org/about-us/board-of-directors/)

*School of Justice and Public Safety*


**Publications (in-press and accepted)**
School of Health Sciences


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