In this issue of the CHHS Update, I am excited to announce the CHHS Teacher of the Year (TOY) Award winners. The Tenured/Tenure Track Teacher of the Year winner is Dr. Philip Anton, Associate Professor in the School of Human Sciences. The Non-Tenure Track Teacher of the Year winner is Mr. Kent Meckfessel, Associate Instructor in the Department of Automotive Technology. Congratulations to Phil and Kent on this great accomplishment!

I also want to thank the CHHS TOY Committee for their work in developing the TOY guidelines as well as selecting this year’s winners. Here are statements from the committee for each winner.

As always, the following includes a wide range of good news items from our college.

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**Dr. Philip Anton**’s excellence in teaching was demonstrated through exceedingly high teaching evaluation scores, in which students overwhelmingly believe that he is a genuine, passionate, and intelligent teacher within the Exercise Science program. In addition to his teaching workload, Dr. Anton has served on many Master’s theses and PhD dissertation committees as well as serving as Director of the SIUC Julie A. Honerkamp Strong Survivors Cancer Rehabilitation Laboratory with over thirty student trainers.

**Kent Meckfessel**’s excellence in teaching was demonstrated through earning top teaching evaluation scores in his recent courses, in which students compellingly described him as a knowledgeable, patient, and caring instructor. Kent currently serves as being one of two mentors of first-year students in the Automotive Technology program and provides service to students and the community through multiple efforts, including assisting with the Automotive Technology program’s Living Learning Community (LLC) in the residence halls, autocross racing team, new student move-in, annual car care clinics, and homecoming floats.
This year’s Chancellor Scholarship Interviews were held on Friday, January 29, 2021. The College of Health and Human Sciences had more than 100 students participate in the college showcase that Friday evening. We wish our prospective students the best in this competition as a total of 25 recipients will be selected to receive the Chancellor Scholarship, which is SIU’s most prestigious scholarship. Thank you to the following CHHS faculty and staff who were on hand to talk to these high performing students and represent some of our programs.

- Dr. Reza Habib, Associate Professor & Director, School of Psychological & Behavioral Sciences
- Dr. Kathleen Schmidt, Assistant Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Psychology
- Dr. Juliane Wallace, Associate Professor & Director, School of Human Sciences
- Dr. Phil Anton, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Exercise Science
- Dr. Sarah Buila, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Social Work
- Dr. Matthew Giblin, Professor & Director, School of Justice and Public Safety
- Dr. Breanne Pleggenkuhle, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Mike Burgener, Associate Professor & Chair, Aviation Technologies; Interim Chair, Aviation Management & Flight
- Ken Bro, Chief Flight Instructor, Aviation Flight
- Hannah Erickson, Recruitment Specialist, Aviation
- Angelina Kapp, Chancellor Scholar, Aviation Flight & Aviation Technologies
- Vernecelyn Allen, Chancellor Scholar, Aviation Flight & Aviation Management
- Tommy Koebel, President of Aviation Ambassadors, Aviation Flight & Aviation Technologies
- Jordia Coleman, Recruitment Specialist, School of Health Sciences
- Dr. Valerie Boyer, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Rehabilitation Services
- Sandi Watts, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Radiologic Sciences
- Dr. Kelli Whittington, Assistant Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Nursing
- Faith Miller, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Dental Hygiene
- Anthony Fleege, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Mortuary Science & Funeral Service
- Tim Davis, Associate Lecturer, Physical Therapist Assistant
- Dr. Craig Anz, Professor & Interim Director, School of Architecture
- Dr. Laura Kidd, Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, Fashion Design & Merchandising
- Mike Behrmann, Associate Dean & Chair, Automotive Technology
- Valerie Wallin, Chief Academic Advisor, College of Health & Human Sciences
- Deborah Hutson, Recruitment & Retention Coordinator, College of Health & Human Sciences
- Dr. Cara Doerr, Recruitment & Retention Coordinator, College of Health & Human Sciences
The Spring 2021 semester is off to a great start! I’m happy to report CHHS experienced a 1.18% increase in undergraduate enrollment over Spring 2020. You may recall that CHHS saw a 1.05% increase in undergraduate enrollment in Fall 2020. This is a very exciting trend for the college. We continue to work on growing our transfer and graduate student enrollment, and I am confident we will see growth and reach our goal for Fall 2021. Thank you to all CHHS faculty and staff on your recruitment and retention efforts. The dedication you give to your programs, school and college is greatly valued.

**School of Automotive**

A big thank-you to The Women of Automotive Transportation Technology (WATT) student RSO for organizing a Valentine’s Day fundraiser. Half of all proceeds were donated to the Women’s Center of Carbondale.

The Automotive Technology Organization student RSO provided first year automotive students with a Pinewood Derby car kit prior to the end of the fall semester. This allowed the students to design and build a car to compete on a track for prizes this spring semester. We see this as an exciting student engagement opportunity for promoting student retention.

**School of Architecture**

Congratulations to Professor Jon Daniel Davey PhD, AIA, President of the Buckminster Fuller Dome Not-For-Profit, for his course proposal, “Design Theories of Buckminster Fuller,” which has been selected to be offered as an Honors Course in Fall 2021. Dr. Davey was also included in a news article about donations from the Buckminster Fuller family to the BFD Not-For-Profit. Here is a link: [https://thesouthern.com/news/local/fuller-family-returns-artifacts-to-buckys-dome-home-in-carbondale/article_99240189-9121-50e3-9729-e7d05d8f8478.html](https://thesouthern.com/news/local/fuller-family-returns-artifacts-to-buckys-dome-home-in-carbondale/article_99240189-9121-50e3-9729-e7d05d8f8478.html)

Congratulations to Grace Whittington, Senior in Interior Design, for receiving an Honorable Mention in the 2020 NEXT Student Design Competition. An Honorable Mention means a top 10 finish out of 900 top designers in the NATION!


Thank you to Sarah Junk, Administrative Aide in the School of Architecture, for making special Valentine’s Day flower jars with fresh flowers for students in Quigley Hall.

Kelli Whittington (Nursing), Thomas Shaw (HCM), Rick McKinnies (RADS) & Sandra Collins (HCM). Emotional Exhaustion as a Predictor for Burnout among Nurses. Nursing Management. 52(1), 22-28.

Congratulations to Faith Miller, Dental Hygiene Program Director, for serving as a panelist on the Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging – Transforming Words Into Action panel at the ADHA Dental Hygiene Leadership Summit, January 15 – 16, 2021.

Stacey McKinney, Jennifer McKinnies, and Sandra Collins have a presentation accepted for June 2020 titled Cost Effectiveness in Providing Preventative Dentistry for Children in the United States. The presentation will be given at the Annual Western Economic Association International Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Congratulations to Jessica Cataldo, Health Care Management, for being featured in the news regarding the price transparency rule in health care. https://wsiltv.com/2021/01/14/price-transparency-rule-proves-more-complicated-than-originally-thought/

Congratulations to Kelly Lattan, Dental Hygiene, who recently received certification as a Public Health Dental Hygienist (PHDH). This was accomplished by completing 34 hours of continuing education as well as an 8-hour review and exam.

A round of applause goes out to the SIU Dental Hygiene students who assisted with the mass vaccination clinic. To check out the story, visit: https://wsiltv.com/2021/02/04/siu-dental-hygiene-students-assist-mass-vaccination-clinic/

Congratulations to Maria Franca, Communication Disorders & Sciences, who was introduced on the slate of officers and selected as President of the Illinois Speech Language Association. We are absolutely thrilled to see Dr. Franca accept the nomination for President. Dr. Franca will be a wonderful President of the state association for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Her visibility in this role is a wonderful representation for SIUC across the state.

Please join me in congratulating two of our Masters of Health Administration (MHA) students, Marshon Tucker and Jacqueline Nash. Their co-authored publication with Sandra Collins (HCM) and Debra Penrod (Nursing), titled “Patient Abandonment and the Refusal to Treat: When Patients Reject Mask Mandates,” has been accepted for publication in the Radiology Management Journal. The manuscript has also been selected by the Association of Medical Imaging Management to serve as a continuing education opportunity for radiology professionals.

A big thank-you goes out to sophomore nursing student Cassie Edwards and nursing program director Kelli Whittington, who were recently featured in a WSIL story about the SIU Nursing program. The link to the full story is here: https://wsiltv.com/2021/02/05/nursing-applications-on-the-rise-at-siu-carbondale/
Congratulations to **Dr. Valerie Boyer**, Communication Disorders & Sciences, and **Faith Miller**, Dental Hygiene, for submitting a grant application for a LEND Partner grant from the University of Illinois MCH LEND Program (IL LEND) in the amount of $32,554.

Congratulations to **Faith Miller** for her recent grant submission titled "Oral Health Promotion" to the Illinois Department of Public Health in the amount of $124,790.

Congratulations to **Krista Kessler**, Dental Hygiene Class of 2020, for receiving the IDHA Component 12 (River Bend/Southern Illinois) Scholarship; Eleanor Bushee Award (peer-voted); James R. Elliott Memorial Scholarship; and the Sigma Phi Alpha (top 10% of the senior class). See picture below.

![Image of Krista Kessler and other recipients](image)

**School of Human Sciences**

Congratulations to **Constantine Charalab**, a Master’s student in Recreation Administration for being named the Illinois Park and Recreation Association’s Sponsored Student of the Year! [https://blog.news.siu.edu/20210126-siu-recreation-administration-student-wins-statewide-recognition/](https://blog.news.siu.edu/20210126-siu-recreation-administration-student-wins-statewide-recognition/)

Congratulations to **Rachel Taylor and James Sparks**, two MSW students who received Behavioral Health Scholarships for the spring semester from the Illinois Rural Health Association.

Congratulations to **Sarah Buila**, who will fulfill the BSW Program Director role, and **Elaine Jurkowski**, who will fulfill the MSW Program Director role. Additionally, **Hussein Soliman** will coordinate the New Programs Initiative for the SHuS. Currently, this is primarily a Social Work Program group focused on supporting the successful launch of the MSW Online program and the development of a DSW program.

Congratulations to **Elaine Jurkowski**, Social Work, whose book “Policy and Program Planning for Older Adults and People with Disabilities,” was awarded "Book of the Year" by the *American Journal of Nursing* in two categories - Gerontological Nursing (2nd place) and History and Policy (3rd place). The book also received a five-star rating by users. The awards are noted in 2020 for books published the previous year.

Congratulations to M.S. Recreation Professions alumna **Niki Hoesman** for being featured in NRPA’s 30 Under 30. [https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2021/february/30-under-30-for-2021/](https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2021/february/30-under-30-for-2021/). In her note to **Tina Colson**, Recreation Professions Program Director, she says, “My boss nominated me and kept it a secret until the magazine was released. The second she told me about it, I thought of you. I wouldn’t be where I am today if it wasn’t for your belief in me and all that you did and continue to do for me! I appreciate you more than I can explain!”

Congratulations to **Juliane Wallace** for her recent grant submission to Southern Illinois Health Care for Health Education Graduate Assistantships in the amount of $28,709.

Congratulations to **LaDonna Henson** for her recent grant submission to IDHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services titled DRS Navigator in the amount of $125,000.

Congratulations to **Juliane Wallace** and **Rachel Walker** for their recent submission to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Child Passenger Safety Resource Center Region 5 grant in the amount of $173,604.

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**School of Justice and Public Safety**

Beginning this January undergraduate and graduate students in criminal justice, law, sociology, psychology and data specialists will have the opportunity to have hands-on learning in the state’s attorney’s office. “This is the best way to train somebody,” Cervantez said. “It helps the university with recruiting and it helps our office.” Students will be able to help the office with policies, programming and collecting data. They will also be able to review cases, conduct legal research and documenting communications, Cervantez said. “I hope in return they’re going to have something to put on their resume, that they were a part of this effort that is nationwide right now and that’s criminal justice reform,” Cervantez said.


The kick-off meeting with the Jackson County State’s Attorney and SIU partners, **Tamara Kang**, SPBS, **Audrey Hickert**, SJPS, and **Christina Engelken**, graduate student & ARC data project lead, and SIU student volunteers was held on Wednesday, February 10, via Zoom. CCJ student volunteers are MAs: **Lucy Manriquez & Jacob Halvorson**, and UGs: **Jamie Stephens & Chelsey Varela**. **Randal Davis**, Associate Professor and Director of Applied Research Consultants, is very involved with this program and is helping the State’s Attorney’s office in many areas of data analysis.

Congratulations to **Tammy Kochel** for her recent grant submission to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for a project titled “Evaluating Statewide Firearm Restraining Order Implementation – What Can We Learn to Maximize the Suicide Prevention Potential of This Policy?” in the amount of $146,683.
Congratulations to BCS graduate student **Matt Jamnik** and his advisor, **Liz DiLalla**, on receiving two research grants in January. One is for a project titled “A Behavioral Genetic Investigation of Preschoolers' Activity and Health Outcomes in Middle Childhood” for $1,495 from Psi Chi. The Psi Chi statement reads: "It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your proposal has been selected as a recipient of a 2020-21 Mamie Phipps Clark Diversity Research Grant. This round of Graduate Research Grants has a funding rate of just under 28%.” The second is for $500 from Sigma Xi. The Sigma Xi Grants in Aid of Research program is unique among small-grant funding agencies in that it provides grants in all areas of science to encourage and facilitate research among young investigators. Approximately 30% of submitted proposals are funded, so this quite an accomplishment!

SPBS nominated four students for the Doctoral fellowship. Congratulations to **Austin Gordon** and **Bethany Leraas**, who both received the fellowship. **Monica Kruse** and **Kortney Maedge** were selected as alternates!

SPBS nominated four students for the Master's fellowship. Congratulations to **Victoria Arndt** and **Freddy Siglar**, who both received the fellowship. **Rachel Weisbecker** was selected as an alternate!

Thank you to **LaDonna Henson** for sharing a video of one of her clients who completed the programs in the Evaluation and Developmental Center (EDC). It is one of the many success stories that come out of the EDC and reminds us of the good things that SIU does for our students who work here to gain hands-on skills. Additionally, individuals with disabilities from all over Illinois that we serve gain the skills needed to be able to live and work independently in their community. We change lives, not only of the clients and students, but also the client's parents and their community as well.

The SIU Evaluation and Developmental Center Feel Facebook page was created with the help of the SIU Ad Lab, which also helped create the first video featured on the page. When the COVID pandemic first started, our clients decided they wanted to make a video to help other individuals with disabilities learn how to stay safe. We are looking forward to another prosperous year and continuing to provide help to students, faculty, and individuals with disabilities from around the state.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6vgKf3i6jQ&feature=youtu.be

Congratulations to **David Gilbert** on his recent NIH grant proposal submission titled “Benefits of Combining Galantamine with NRT on Smoking Withdrawal in Older Smokers: A Feasibility Study” in the amount of $405,625.

Congratulations to **David Gilbert** on his recent NIH grant proposal submission titled “Withdrawal Trajectory Predictors of Smoking Relapse” in the amount of $71,404.45.

Congratulations to **Diana Sarko and nine other SIU Faculty** on a recent NSF grant proposal submission titled “MRI: Acquisition of a 3T Scanner” in the amount of $2,745,940. Faculty from the School of Health Sciences (Rick McKinnies, Jennifer Walker, and Sandy Collins) and School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences (Reza Habib, Michelle Kibby, and Dave Gilbert) were involved in the proposal.
Congratulations to **Ryan Redner** for being awarded a $6,944 grant from IDHS (Murray Mental Health and Development Center).

**Michelle Kibby**, Professor, was interviewed by Brooke Schlyer of WSIL. The story aired February 4 and was on special education needs and instruction during remote learning. Dr. Kibby was interviewed about the needs of children with learning disability and/or ADHD.

[https://wsiltv.com/2021/02/04/beyond-the-classroom-special-education-during-remote-learning/](https://wsiltv.com/2021/02/04/beyond-the-classroom-special-education-during-remote-learning/)

Here is the second part of the series:

The Clinical Psychology Diversity & Inclusion Committee is having a clothing drive! More information is included in the flyer below.

**Calendar of Events & Important Reminders**

Virtual Academic Showcases: February 16 – 19, various times

CHHS Virtual Graduate Program Open House: March 10, at 6 PM

Saluki Spirit Week: March 15 – 19

Virtual Academic Showcases: March 29 – April 1, various times

Virtual Undergraduate Open House: April 2 at 1 PM

Saluki Family Weekend: September 24 – 26

SIU Homecoming Week: October 10 – 16
   SIU Salukis vs. UND Fighting Hawks

The Division of Student Affairs is excited to present the **Outstanding Leadership and Service Award for Seniors**. In order for this award to be ground-breaking and monumental (especially in this time of COVID-19), we need your help in nominating senior students who you think represent the best of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The student should be involved in leadership, service and/or has a commitment to improving campus. The application is hyperlinked above, but can also be accessed [here](#).

Items to know:

1. Nominations are due to Jennifer.Jones-Hall@siu.edu by Friday, March 26, 2021. Please share widely so everyone can nominate a senior! Each student nominated will receive an application to fill out that will ask a few short questions about leadership, service and involvement.
2. Completed applications from nominated students are due by Friday, April 16, 2021.
3. A selection committee will review all applications/nominations and notify the winners by Friday, April 23, 2021.
4. If your nominated student wins this award, you will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony (via zoom at this point) on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

***REMINDER*** THERE IS NO SPRING BREAK THIS YEAR

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Last day to drop a full-term course (W grade, no refund): ...............03/28/2021
Final examinations:.........................................................05/03-05/07/2021
I plan to continue sending regular updates to keep all members of our team aware of the many great things happening in CHHS. Therefore, if you have good news you would like to share, please send the information to me via email at kscollin@siu.edu. If you know of other individuals that may be interested in receiving the college update, please ask them to send me an email and I will add them to our mailing list. If you do not wish to receive updates, please let me know as well. In addition to the regular updates, I encourage you to follow the College of Health & Human Sciences social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as well as individual school and department social media for regular good news and information.

With Saluki Pride,

Scott Collins, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences