

## **CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)**

### *A Tradition of Excellence, A Standard of Success*

Monday, May 13, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The 2019 Spring Commencement was held at the SIU Arena last Saturday, May 11, 2019, with Saluki graduates, family members, and friends gathered to celebrate their accomplishments and milestones. At this graduation ceremony, the College of Applied Sciences and Arts graduated a total of 513 students. SIU Carbondale graduated 1,908 students with bachelor's degrees this spring. The number of students graduating with a bachelor's degree from CASA (417) is 21.86% of the overall SIUC undergraduate students who received their diplomas last Saturday. Among the 513 graduates from CASA, 417 received bachelor's degrees, 38 received master's degrees, and 58 received associate degrees. CASA is not only graduating students in quantity, but also with good quality. During this Commencement, more than 141 CASA students wore special medallions and honor cords reflecting significant academic achievements earned. Among the 141 students earning recognition, 69 received *Cum Laude* distinction, signifying a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.749; 43 received *Magna Cum Laude* distinction, signifying a cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.899, and 26 students received *Summa Cum Laude* distinction, carrying a cumulative GPA of 3.9 to 4.0. There were also several students in the University Honors Program who maintained an average GPA of 3.3 or better, and 56 students received multiple degrees.

I would like to thank all the faculty members who attended Spring Commencement last Saturday. Your participation represents our commitment to educating the leaders of tomorrow, and is especially appreciated by our students and their families who travelled to witness the culmination of years of commitment and hard work. Thank you for your efforts in preparing them for their journey ahead. Especially, I would like to thank the following eight faculty marshals and Elaine Atwood, who coordinated the CASA portion of Commencement: Jennifer Sherry, John Legier, Mike Behrmann, Tom Shaw, Howard Levinson, Faith Miller, John Dobbins, and Scott Collins - Thank you!

Once again, I would like to congratulate our recent graduates, and to all faculty/staff and all of the students returning to campus in the fall - have a wonderful, productive, and exciting summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back for the 2019/2020 academic year!

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- **Dr. Michael D. Brazley**, Associate Professor of Architecture, has a paper entitled "Virtual Reality & 3D Videos: The Next Generation Learning Technology for Architecture and Planning" accepted for presentation at the *International Conference on Civil and Architectural Engineering (ICCAE)*, December 5 - 6, 2019, in Bangkok, Thailand. Congratulations!

- Dr. **Sandy Collins**, Professor and Program Director of the Health Care Management (HCM), is leading a research team conducting research in collaboration with the Department of Population Science and Policy in the School of Medicine. This connection was triggered by the Flash Talk 3.0 this year. Congratulations!
- Based on the recent research activity report that was submitted to the School of Allied Health (SAH), Mr. **Rick McKinnies**, Associate Professor of Radiologic Sciences, was selected as the 2018 Scholar of the Year for the School of Allied Health. Congratulations!.
- During the April and May meetings of the SIU Graduate Council, the following RME's and NUI's from the School of Allied Health were unanimously approved:
  - Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical Leadership
  - Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Informatics
  - Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT)
  - Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)

Along with the approved NUI for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, these new programs will bring in 70-100 new students per year after full implementation. Congratulations!

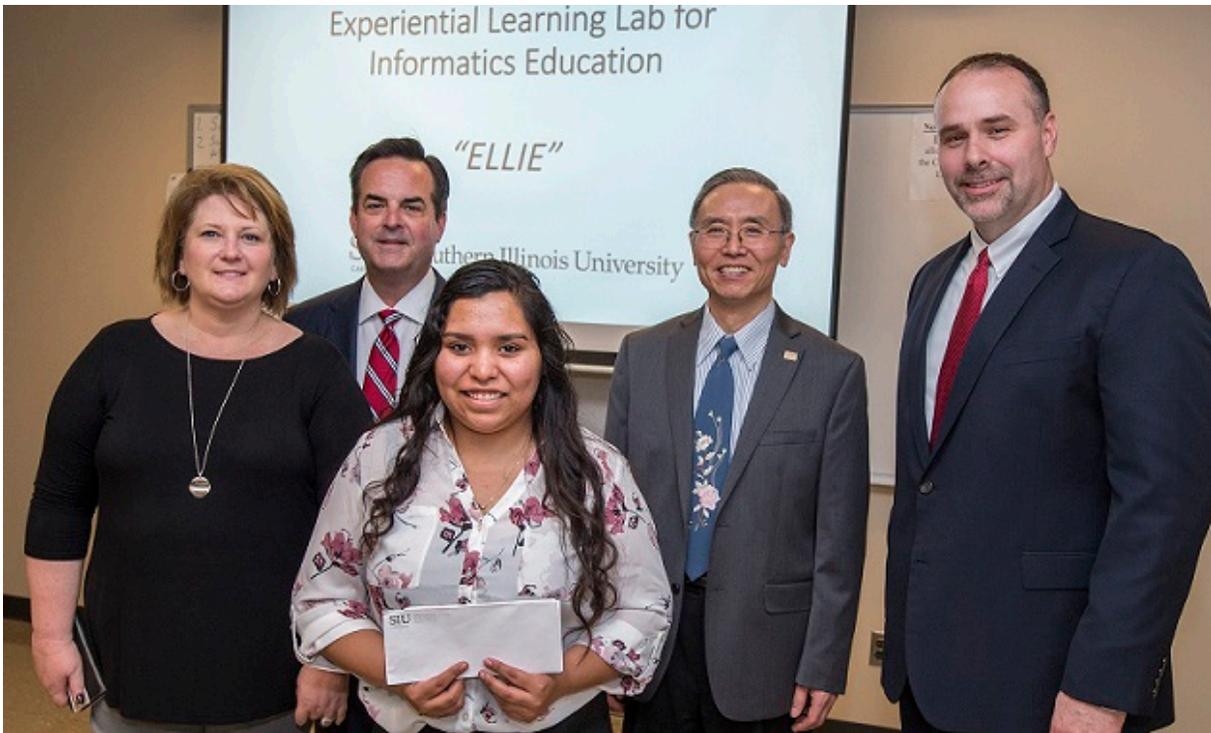
- On Saturday, May 4, Dr. **Sandra Beebe**, Clinical Instructor of Dental Hygiene (DH), volunteered to serve as a 2019 Science Exposition judge for the Illinois Junior Academy of Science. Judges were provided 5 - 6 poster presentations to review and critique with partner(s) in half hour time periods. Posters were submitted by junior high and high school level participants from the state regional competitions. The work from these students were exceptional for their educational levels. Listening to and viewing the student's presentations, visual poster displays, and papers makes one take pride in our future generation's research and educational abilities. Poster presentations consisted of one- and two- member teams displaying their posters in the arena and hallways with over 546 displays to be judged.
- On March 28, 2019, Ms. **Rosanne Szekely**, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Sciences, made a presentation entitled "X-ray Screening at the Airport" at The Science Center of Southern Illinois. The audience was very interested in her presentation and asked an unusual number of questions. They left with a clearer understanding of what is happening as they go through screening at the airport. The audience was varied and included some high school students as well as people from the general community. It is a benefit to students considering their plans after high school.
- At the Army and Air Force Graduation Ceremony for the ROTC Class of 2019, three CASA graduates were commissioned by the Army and the Air Force:
  - Jake A Rodgers, BS in Automotive Technology;
  - Reid J. Ebner, BS in Aviation Technologies; and

- Schuyler M. Parks, BS in Aviation Technologies.

Congratulations!

- Southern Illinois Health (SIH) and the Health Care Management (HCM) program in the School of Allied Health (SAH) are collaborating to bring the most up-to-date access in electronic health/medical records to students and faculty through EPIC training modules. EPIC is one of the premier electronic/medical records platforms available, according to Dr. **Sandra Collins**, Professor and Program Director of the Health Care Management (HCM). Congratulations!
- The pictures below were taken from the ribbon cutting event for the new computer lab named the “Experiential Learning Lab for Informatics Education” (ELLIE). Pictured are Dean Wang, Bart Millstead, Senior VP and COO for SIH, Dr. Scott Collins, and others from the School of Allied Health (SAH). Three student awards were also presented at this event.





- The following CASA students received the SIU Minority Scholarships this year:
  - Alex A. Ngala, Wrophas and Dianne Meeks Academic Excellence Scholarship;
  - Natalie Faltenberg, Hope & Opportunity Scholarship Fund;
  - Andrea M. Dail, Hope & Opportunity Scholarship Fund;
  - Kiara I. Pedraza, Hope & Opportunity Scholarship Fund;
  - Bryan Pizano, Hispanic-American Fund;
  - Brion D. Gahl, SIUC Minority Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations!

- On Saturday, April 13, 2019, Lynn Rippelmeyer, the first woman to fly a Boeing 747, was one of the speakers at the Alpha Eta Rho banquet. She shared her experiences and it was a great event for aviation students.



- The Detail Dawgs were in Atlanta, GA, the week of April 8, 2019, competing nationally in events such as safety wiring, ADS-B troubleshooting, electrical troubleshooting, pilot static testing, fuel tank entry precautions, and more. Pictured here is Aviation Technologies & Flight student, Rachel K, performing the Pratt & Whitney PW1100G-JM Engine ACC Valve Removal and Replacement.



- On Saturday, April 13th, the SIU Tech Dawgs hosted their first annual TECC Day, short for Technology Exploration for the Carbondale Community. The event was a huge success with approximately 30 in attendance. The Tech Dawgs were beyond thrilled with how everything turned out. The day started with registration and a light breakfast and kicked off with an introduction to the day and Tech Dawgs. The first education module offered attendees a choice of attending a speaker, Matthew Nicklin, IST Assistant Lecturer and Cyber Security Specialist at Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, a workshop on how to create a budget using Excel, or a workshop on how to create an app using AppInventor. After a short intermediary break the second module began once again offering a choice for the attendees. Joseph Gollner, Senior Director in Automation Tooling and Cloud at Elavon Inc., gave a great talk. Belle Woodward, IST Associate Professor, led a workshop on resume building and professional development. Some of the Tech Dawgs members led a workshop on creating a basic website using HTML and CSS. The day concluded with giveaways, including an Echo Dot, Roku Express, wireless earbuds and personalized Tech Dawgs stainless steel coffee cups. The Tech Dawgs were incredibly excited to host this day for the first time and received lots of great feedback on the event. They plan on continuing to grow and are encouraging community members to reach out if they have any technological needs or want to get involved. The Tech Dawgs are a community outreach club based on providing technological information and awareness to the community or anyone with a desire to learn. They viewed TECC Day as the perfect end to a successful year of building the RSO from the ground up. For more information or to stay updated on Tech Dawgs events, follow their Facebook page @siutechdawgs.



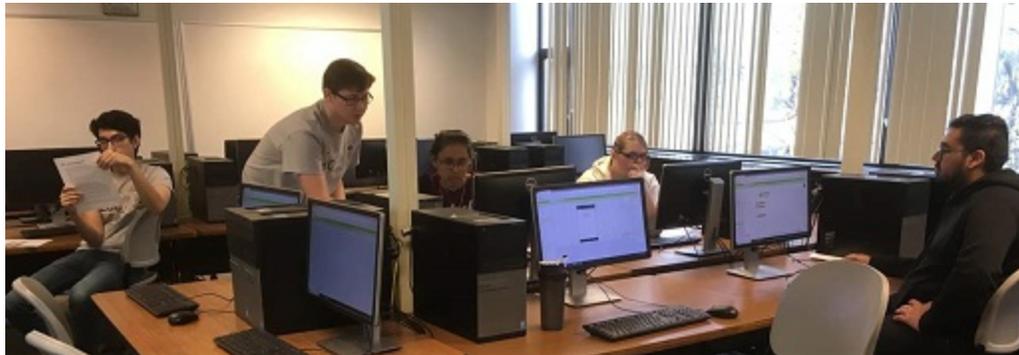
Kimi Oest (left) and Jessica Peck.



From top left, clockwise: Bron Gahl, Matt Roy, Jontell Cole, Angel Galeana, Alejandro Cortes, Chris Simkins, Cruz Kusman, Emma Blackwell, Kimi Oest, Jessica Peck, and Belle Woodward.

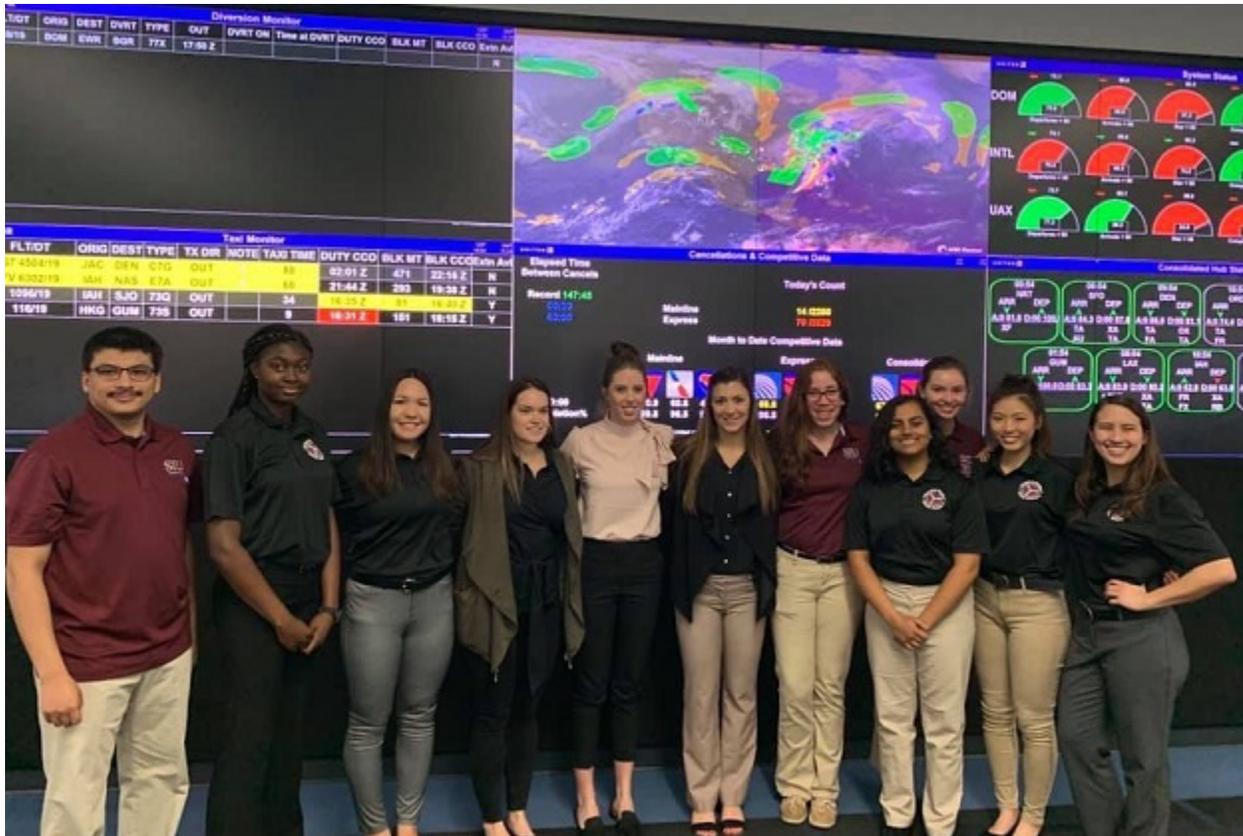


Joseph Gollner presents.



App Inventor Workshop taught by Alejandro Cortes (left) and Brion Gahl.

- On April 19, 2019, the Saluki Aviators had the opportunity to tour United's facilities in Chicago with some of Lewis University's Women in Aviation chapter. They were able to see and learn about their Network Operations Center in the Willis (Sears) Tower and their Station Operations Center, baggage sorting facility, flight operations, inflight operations, ramp tower, and aircraft at O'Hare. Thanks to Dr. Jose Ruiz, Michael Ashworth, Paul Storost, Keith Markovich, and Connor McDowell for helping set up the tours and for showing students around.



- Mr. **Maynard G. McAlpin**, a 1995 graduate from our Health Care Management program, has recently been named Chief Operating Officer of Versant Health. Our sincere congratulations! We take great pride in the career accomplishments of our graduates. Way to go!

## ON THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Monday, May 13, 2019: 12:30pm - 2:00pm, Research Collaboration Meeting between the School of Medicine and the School of Allied Health, Dean's Conference Room.
- Tuesday, May 14, 2019: 10:00am - 11:00am, SIU Student Retention Committee meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room; 11:00am - 12:00pm, Deans Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
- Wednesday, May 15, 2019: 9:30am - 12:00pm, Budgeting, Planning, and Support Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room.

## AND FINALLY ...

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send an email to [awang@siu.edu](mailto:awang@siu.edu); or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of anyone interested in receiving the

CASA Dean's MMU, please ask them to send me an email and we will gladly add them to our mailing list. If you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean's MMU, please let me know, as well. Thank you.

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