

## A Recent Success

An ever-changing world amid a pandemic meant opportunities for Masters of Public Health students, who collected data to help community health professionals more accurately assess the present and guide the future.

Three Saluki MPH students – Ody Ekwonwa, Precious Aguirre and Kwabena Adjei Agyeman – interned with BroadStreet’s COVID-19 Data Project, and amassed data at the county and state levels across the country. BroadStreet uses information collected by interns to create state-by-state charts of cases and deaths and provide visualizations of trends.

To read the full story please visit:

<https://blog.news.siu.edu/2020/12/21/216-siu-public-health-masters-students-collect-covid-19-data-to-help-guide-response>

As we enter the holiday season, I hope everyone takes time to relax and visit with family and friends. I greatly appreciate the efforts by all in making the Fall 2020 semester a success. I also want to say thank you to the members of the College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS) who have served on various committees to help setup the infrastructure for our college. Teamwork and a collaborative approach have been key in preparing our college for a successful future.

## Employee Service/Retirement Awards

A Virtual ceremony was held on Friday, December 4, in recognition of university employees for their service and commitment and to honor retiring employees.

Below are the individuals in the College of Health & Human Sciences who were recognized for their years of service and/or for retirement.

Thank you all for your commitment and dedication to the college and university. Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of many.

## Retirement

**Sandra Nagel Beebe**, *School of Health Sciences*, 20 yrs.

**Billy C. Cheek**, *Aviation Technologies*, 9 yrs.

**John K. Dobbins**, *School of Architecture*, 30 yrs.

**Carolyn J. Harmon**, *School of Health Sciences*, 10 yrs.

**Norman L. Lach**, *School of Architecture*, 45 yrs.

**Barbara Ann Lipe**, *College of Applied Sciences & Arts*, 19 yrs.

**Michelle Y. McLernon**, *Public Health & Recreation Professions*, 19 yrs.

**Monica Lyn Russell**, *School of Health Sciences*, 21 yrs.

**Robert Warshawsky**, *School of Human Sciences*, 23 yrs.

### Service – 10 years

**Turkessa Crystal Brunson**, *School of Psychological & Behavioral Sciences*  
**Brandie Renee Coleman**, *School of Health Sciences*  
**Andrew Mark Croxell**, *Automotive Technology*  
**Cara C. Doerr**, *College of Health & Human Sciences*  
**Joshua S. Kidd**, *Aviation Management & Flight*  
**Lindsay M. Laycoax**, *School of Justice & Public Safety*  
**Christopher R. Sterling**, *College of Applied Sciences & Arts*  
**Timothy James Ting**, *School of Justice & Public Safety*  
**Steven Paul Turnipseed**, *School of Architecture*

### Service – 15 years

**Matthew J. Giblin**, *School of Justice & Public Safety*  
**Timothy F. Janello**, *Automotive Technology*  
**Karen Jo Johnson**, *Aviation Technologies*  
**Darwin S Koch**, *School of Psychological & Behavioral Sciences*  
**Teri S. McSherry**, *School of Health Sciences*

### Service – 20 years

**Robert A. Broomfield**, *School of Health Sciences*  
**Jeffrey A. Hayes**, *Aviation Management & Flight*  
**Sarah Elizabeth Junk**, *School of Architecture*  
**Robert Charles Rados**, *School of Health Sciences*  
**Jennifer S. Sherry**, *School of Health Sciences*  
**Thomas David Upton**, *School of Health Sciences*

### Service – 25 years

**Jose Raul Ruiz**, *Aviation Management & Flight*  
**Lorelei Elizabeth Ruiz**, *Aviation Management and Flight*  
**Thomas Allen Shaw**, *School of Health Sciences*

### Service – 30 years

**Colleen Patricia Kuczynski**, *School of Psychological & Behavioral Sciences*  
**Usha Lakshmanan**, *School of Psychological & Behavioral Sciences*

### Service – 35 years

**David G. Gilbert**, *School of Psychological & Behavioral Sciences*

## School of Automotive

The Illinois Department of Public Health requested permission to play the Automotive Technology “**Wear a Mask**” video at the IDPH COVID-19 Ambassador Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 23, at 2:30 pm.

The School of Automotive is also featured in Greg Wendt’s **Going Viral: Southern Illinois University's Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic**, a 30-minute documentary premiering on WSIU TV. For a preview of Going Viral, visit: <https://vimeo.com/485537650>.

Thank you to Subaru of America for recently donating a new Subaru Crosstrek Hybrid vehicle to the School of Automotive. The vehicle will be a great addition, as students will be able to investigate the latest advancements in hybrid technology and develop new diagnostic strategies.



## School of Aviation

Aviation is celebrating its **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this month! Congratulations on all of your success over the last 60 years! <https://wsiltv.com/2020/11/10/siu-aviation-celebrates-60th-anniversary/>

**Aviation Flight** recently purchased five new Cessna aircraft to use for flight training. <https://news.siu.edu/2020/11/111320-ready-for-takeoff-siu-aviation-adds-five-new-planes.php>

**Aviation Management** recently had a successful program review. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Jose Ruiz** who is serving as the Chair of the Judicial Review Board for the Faculty Senate.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed this year to the Aviation Scholarship Awards. To view the recorded program, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgON8axFe-s&feature=youtu.be>.

## School of Architecture

Congratulations to the **Architectural Studies** program on your successful Accreditation visit!

Congratulations to **Seung-Hee Lee**, Fashion Design and Merchandising, whose research/creative activity proposal was selected to receive a SIU Foundation Board Research Award for \$5,400. There were 26 proposals submitted and Dr. Lee's was one of eight selected.

**Matt Bundy** is SIUC's first Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL) **graduate and he recently passed ALL divisions of the ARE.** (IPAL) is part of our National Council for Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB ), <https://www.ncarb.org/become-architect/ipal>

Congratulations to **Seung-Hee Lee**, who was selected to serve as a member of the Judicial Review Board for the Faculty Senate.

**Shannon McDonald** volunteered and was selected to be an IL COVID-19 Ambassador!  
Congratulations - thank you for your service!

**Edward Sing Wong** will receive a Distinguished Service Award during the May 2021 Commencement Ceremony. **Edward Sing Wong** earned two degrees from SIU Carbondale, a bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1969 and a master's degree in Interior Design in 1971. SIU Carbondale's Committee for Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards reviewed Mr. Wong's nomination

## School of Health Sciences

Congratulations to Stacey McKinney and Kelli Whittington on their recent publication.  
**McKinney, S & Whittington, K.** (2020, November) Carotid stenosis and the dental patient: An overview for the dental hygienist. *RDH Magazine*. 40(11), 45-54.

Congratulations to Health Care Management Graduate, **Blake Thornton**, who was recently recognized by ICAHN. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igQDuZGMFcc>

Congratulations to **Sandra Watts** in Radiologic Sciences on her Promotion and Tenure to Associate Professor in the School of Health Sciences!

**Diane Muzio** moderated and participated in a panel discussion on supervision as part of the Special Interest Group 12 Continuing Education series from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association on Tuesday, November 10th. It was an excellent discussion of how clinical supervisors can really support our students to build skills related to health care speech-language pathology. **Diane** did a great job.

Congratulations to **Sandy Collins** who was selected to serve as a member of the Judicial Review Board for the Faculty Senate.

SIUC got a shout-out in a tweet from the SIG Perspectives journal that linked to a recent publication co-authored by **Maria Franca** and **Valerie Boyer**. It features SIUC and our partnership with the University of Sao Paolo in Brazil. The link to the tweet is below.  
<https://twitter.com/SIGPerspectives/status/1326570441620803591?s=20>

The Communication Disorders and Sciences (CDS) program hosted a virtual open house for their graduate program in November. They had twelve potential graduate students participate from several states, including Iowa, Indiana, and Tennessee. **Valerie Boyer** co-hosted with **Erin Connelly**. They had additional support from **Crystal Harris** in the Graduate School and their three fellowship students, **Prativa Tripathee**, **Megan Moore**, and **Cydney Goodrum**.

Congratulations to **Faith Miller** in Dental Hygiene on her renewal of the Illinois Department of Public Health - Oral Health Workforce Grant!

**Shannon Anderson** volunteered and was selected to be an IL COVID-19 Ambassador!  
Congratulations - thank you for your service!

**Sandy Collins'** course proposal "Healthcare meets Virtual Reality" was selected by the Honors Advisory Council to start being offered Fall 2021. Congratulations!

The **SIU Community Dental Center** is open, seeing patients, and offering a December special! The Community Dental Center is a full-service office providing preventive and restorative dental care to students, faculty, staff and community members. Services include exams, X-rays, cleanings, fillings, fluoride, sealants, extractions, root canals, crowns and dentures. All services are provided at discounted rates. Currently, all services are self-pay, with payment due on the day of service via cash or credit card. For more information about December specials visit: <https://news.siu.edu/assets/images/2020/11/DentalSpecialFlyer.pdf>.

## **School of Human Sciences**

Congratulations to **Juliane Wallace** for being selected as the permanent Director of the School of Human Sciences!

Congratulations to **Juliane Wallace** for receiving a Health Education Graduate Assistantship grant from SIH!

Congratulations to **Elaine Jurkowski** for earning her Licensed Clinical Social Work Certificate LCSW!

Congratulations to **LaDonna Henson** on being awarded an Illinois Community College Board grant, entitled "Bridging the Gap: Successful Transition from High School to Career Path with People With Disabilities."

Congratulations to **David Albright** and **Justin McDaniel** for being awarded an Alabama Department of Mental Health grant, entitled "Project Freedom – First Responder Education and Distribution of Overdose Medications."

Congratulations to **Robert McDermott**, who was awarded an American School Health Association Grant. The project title was "Editorial Assistants - Journal of School Health."

**Sarah Patrick**, Public Health and Recreation Professions, discusses the COVID-19 vaccines. **What history tells us about the need for everyone to take the COVID-19 vaccine**  
[https://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/what-history-tells-us-about-the-need-for-everyone-to-take-the-covid-19-vaccine/article\\_ace0c6bc-28f2-11eb-b135-875ebe9cc1e2.html](https://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/what-history-tells-us-about-the-need-for-everyone-to-take-the-covid-19-vaccine/article_ace0c6bc-28f2-11eb-b135-875ebe9cc1e2.html)

Congratulations to **Elaine Jurkowski** who was selected to serve as a member of the Judicial Review Board for the Faculty Senate.

Thank you to **Bill Ernest**, who recently established the John Allen Memorial Scholarship and Endowment. The School of Human Sciences will be able to award this scholarship next fall! The scholarship can be awarded to a Recreation Professions student (outdoor, therapeutic or administration). Additional donations to the scholarships endowment will be accepted at the John Allen Symposium in April.

**Kaitlyn Frick**, a student in the MD/MPH program wrote a letter to the editor, which was recently published in the Southern Illinoian newspaper. Well done!  
[https://thesouthern.com/opinion/letters/voice-of-the-reader-get-the-covid-vaccine-when-its-available/article\\_cc30c2ff-d6ea-5fde-8242-6466cbe674e6.html](https://thesouthern.com/opinion/letters/voice-of-the-reader-get-the-covid-vaccine-when-its-available/article_cc30c2ff-d6ea-5fde-8242-6466cbe674e6.html)

Congratulations to **Dr. Taeho Yoh** on being accepted to serve on the Graduate School Fellowship - Graduate Dean's/PROMPT Committee!

The **Communicating Public Health** and the **Social Work Advanced Policy** students created and recorded two 30-minute radio shows for 'Dare to Care' (Dr. Jurkowski's radio show on AM 1150). The first aired in early December and discussed influenza vaccinations during COVID-19. The second show will air on January 9. You can listen on-line at <https://www.wggh.net/index.php?page=live-stream>.

**Dawn Null**, Human Nutrition and Dietetics, was featured in SIU News with tips to help us stay healthy over the holiday break. The full article is found here: [SIU nutrition and diet expert shares tips for healthy eating, even during a pandemic.](#)

## **School of Justice and Public Safety**

Congratulations to **Dr. Julie Hibdon** on being selected to serve on the Graduate School Fellowship - Master's Committee!

Public Safety Management alum **Brendan McKee** was appointed the Assistant Fire Chief of the Edwardsville Fire Department. Congratulations!

Public Safety Management opened enrollment for the Paramedic Certificate program in early December, and it filled (25) right away. Several students were added to the waitlist. Congratulations!

The **Criminology and Criminal Justice** online program is ranked as the 10th best in the country by Learn.org: [https://learn.org/articles/Criminology\\_Online\\_Bachelors\\_Degree.html](https://learn.org/articles/Criminology_Online_Bachelors_Degree.html). The ranking was based on, among other elements, the fact that courses are “taught by the same expert faculty as the on-campus program” and “the program has asynchronous coursework that allows students to work at their own pace.”

## **School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences**

**David Gilbert** recently submitted an NSF Grant Proposal — National Institutes of Health, Better Characterization of Cannabis Withdrawal Symptoms. Good luck!

Congratulations to **Dr. Kathleen Schmidt** on being selected to serve on the Graduate School Fellowship - Graduate Dean's/PROMPT Committee!

## Calendar of Events & Important Reminders

Remember to wear your Saluki gear every Friday!

Nominate an inspiring colleague for a faculty and staff excellence award:  
<https://excellenceawards.siu.edu/guidelines/>.

The SIU Diversity Newsletter can be found at <https://oacd.siu.edu/>.

Housing contracts opened for Fall 2021: December 1

Winter Intersession December: 14 – January 10

Administrative Closure: December 24 – January 3

### Prepare for Inclement Weather

Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Illinois, December 22 at 2 PM. MVC play begins January 1 vs. Evansville at 3 PM.

Undefeated Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Evansville (MVC play) December 27 at 3 PM  
Watch on ESPN+ <https://www.espn.com/watch/player?id=21c1e99c-4997-46ac-956a-70848b5d3367> or listen in on 101.5.

College of Health & Human Sciences Spring Semester Kick-off: January 14, 9:00 AM

New Graduate Student Orientation: Friday, January 15, 1:00-2:30 PM

**Spring 2021 New Student Orientation:** Friday, January 15, 1:00 - 3:30 pm via Zoom.

- Students will have the opportunity to meet with Orientation Leaders, their academic unit, and attend a resource fair.
- Students can select if they would like a campus tour on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- NSO is required for freshman and strongly encouraged for transfer students.
- When students reserve their NSO date, they are added to a course in D2L with videos on Financial Aid, Housing, bill pay options, transportation, campus safety, etc.

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday & Campus Holiday: January 18

Spring Semester Starts: January 19

Virtual Scholarship Weekend: January 28 & 29

CHHS Virtual Graduate Open House: February TBD

Admissions Virtual Open House: February 15 & April 2

FEDERALLY MANDATED TRAINING FOR MAINTAINING A DISCRIMINATION-FREE CAMPUS WAS ORIGINALLY DUE BY DEC. 31 (EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>.)

ENCOURAGE FALL SEMESTER GRADUATES TO COMPLETE FIRST DESTINATION SURVEY

**I hope all have a safe and happy holiday break.**

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

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](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Collins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

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