

CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

Monday, December 14, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

This is the last MMU newsletter this year and the next one will be on January 19, 2016. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your efforts throughout the year. The success of our college is built on the efforts of faculty and staff and in this calendar year, we have enjoyed many successes. The enrollment of CASA programs is up, the retention rate of the college remains high, faculty research / creativity is increasing, and the college fundraising outcome is at a record high this year. I am thankful to work at such an outstanding college with talented faculty, staff, students, alumni, and supportive industry partners. Especially I would like to recognize and thank the CASA Administrative Staff members, the Budgeting, Planning, and Support Staff members, CASA Research Committee members, as well as other committees in the college for their excellent job done during this calendar year. Because of their outstanding work and service, we have had many successes in the classroom, the laboratory, and the community. To name just a few:

- The 2015 Applied Sciences and Arts Multidisciplinary Research Symposium was extremely successful.
- The inaugural issue of “Journal of Applied Sciences and Arts” was published.
- We welcomed our largest, best-prepared freshman class ever in several programs, including Automotive Technology (AUT), Health Care Management (HCM), and Mortuary Science and Funeral Services (MSFS).
- The online Masters of Architecture (MARC) enrollment increased rapidly and on-time graduation rate is higher than 91 percent.
- Our Fire Service Management (FSM) program is recognized as a University and Agency Partnership Initiative (UAPI) partner by the Center for Homeland Defense and Security.
- The School of Allied Health has successfully proposed two new master’s degree programs: Master of Health Administration (MHA) and Master of Health Informatics (MHI).
- Jessica Reed and Stephanie Armstrong took first place in the 2015 Air Race Classic competition for women pilots.
- The Flying Salukis are the 2015-2016 National Champions again, and the team took first place in the 2015 Region VIII SAFECON competition.
- The 2015 cohort of Dental Hygiene (DH) students passed the National Board DH Exam (NBDHE) on their first attempt with 100 percent passing rate.
- The 2015 summer class of Radiation Therapy specialization in Radiologic Sciences program passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam on their first attempt with 100 percent passing rate.
- Our Dental Hygiene (DH) program was selected by “The Journal of Dental Hygiene,” the premier scientific publication for research supporting the transformation of dental hygiene, to participate in the second phase of the Transforming Dental Hygiene Education (TDHE) pilot project.
- The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has awarded continuing accreditation to our Diagnostic Medical Sonography-General program.
- The Dental Hygiene (DH) program received Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accreditation.
- Our Aviation Flight (AF) program was fully accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI).

- The Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) program received the maximum initial accreditation award of three years by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).
- Our Health Care Management (HCM) program received certification from the Board of Directors of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).

These are only examples of the hundreds of large and small actions that show our extraordinary commitments to our students. None of our success would be possible without the hard work of CASA faculty and staff, as well as the support from alumni, community, and industry partners. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and work with tremendous colleagues, like you, who are dedicated to student success. As we are approaching the holiday season, I hope you can take some time during the holiday to rest and recharge as you enjoy being with family and friends.

Below is a list of photos taken by Kevin C. Taylor, our webmaster, during the college's winter potluck last Friday.





CONGRATULATIONS

- School of Architecture Term Teacher of the Year, Judy Huyck, received the award at the CASA winter potluck meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015. Congratulations!



- Department of Automotive Technology Term Teacher of the Year, Neil Black, received the award at the CASA winter potluck meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015. Congratulations!



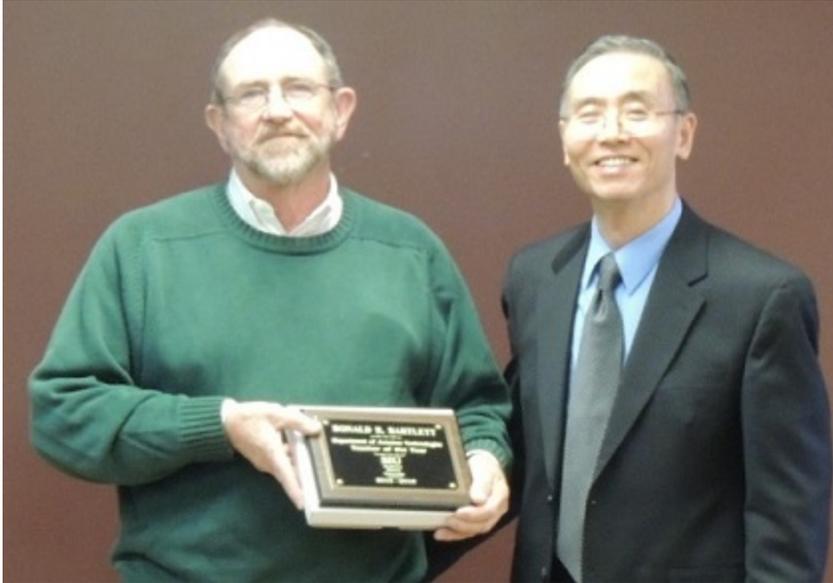
- Department of Aviation Management and Flight Term Teacher of the Year, Adrian Krupa, received the award at the CASA winter potluck meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015. Congratulations!



- Department of Aviation Technologies Term Teacher of the Year, Thomas Roy, received the award at the CASA winter potluck meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015. Congratulations!



- Department of Aviation Technologies T/TT Teacher of the Year, Donald R. Bartlett, received the award at the CASA winter potluck meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015. Congratulations!



- School of Allied Health Term Teacher of the Year, Tim Davis, received the award at the CASA winter potluck meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015. Congratulations!



- School of Allied Health T/TT Teacher of the Year, Sandy Collins, received the award at the CASA winter potluck meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015. Congratulations!



- School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies Term Teacher of the Year, Edward Workman, received the award at the CASA winter potluck meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015. Congratulations!



- Neil Black, Automotive Technology Instructor, has been chosen as the 2015 College of Applied Sciences and Arts NTT Term Teacher of the Year. He will receive a \$500 professional development award. Congratulations!



- Sandra K. Collins, Health Care Management Associate Professor and Program Director, has been chosen as the 2015 College of Applied Sciences and Arts T/TT Teacher of the Year. She will receive a \$500 professional development award. Congratulations!



- As the College of Applied Sciences and Arts student with high honors, Mr. Adam Woodworth, an Information Systems Technologies (IST) student, will be carrying the College banner in the December 19th Commencement ceremony. Congratulations!
- Last Tuesday, an Academic Excellence Recognition Ceremony was held in the Student Center Ballrooms. Twenty-eight (28) CASA students received Latin Honors. The undergraduate student's degree honors designation is printed on transcripts and on diplomas, and is determined by the cumulative GPA calculated by Southern Illinois University from all undergraduate career work including work transferred from other institutions. Latin honors are phrases used to indicate the level of academic distinction with which an academic degree was earned. These twenty-eight students received their Latin Honors medallions for commencement. There are three types of Latin honors. In order of increasing level of honor, they are:

Cum Laude (with honor) GPA 3.500 - 3.749:

- Ankney, Daniel C., Aviation Management Senior
- Applebee, Aaron Isaac
- Barone, Scott, Automotive Technology Senior
- DeFino, Maurice
- Dowell, Jonathan R., Aviation Management Senior
- Dupree, Delilah
- Gonzalez, Jose A., Information Systems Technologies Senior
- Harding, Caselyn L.
- Jensen, Emily M., Information Systems Technologies Senior
- Langley, Geoffrey Clark, Aviation Management Senior
- Milligan, Michael S., Information Systems Technologies Senior
- Morehead, Joseph McCormick, Automotive Technology Senior
- Nkunde, Veronica Mushili, Public Administration, Graduate Masters
- Richerson, Callie A.
- Schiff, Quintyn R., Automotive Technology Senior
- Sexton, Christopher Michael
- Thoma, Jessica Rebecca, Automotive Technology Senior
- Whalen, Adam Berghoff, Automotive Technology Senior

Magna cum Laude (with great honor) GPA 3.750 - 3.899:

- Davis, Charles Thomas, Automotive Technology Senior
- Shaw, Robert D., Jr.

Summa cum Laude (with highest honor) GPA 3.900 - 4.00:

- Alradadi, Mohammed Saud F., Information Systems Technologies Senior
- Luthy, Joseph
- McDonald, Cameron David
- Ochs, Eric L., Automotive Technology Senior
- Schwarz, Jacob R.
- Toner, Aaron T., Information Systems Technologies Senior
- Wood, Marcus Earl, Information Systems Technologies Senior
- Woodworth, Adam E., Information Systems Technologies Senior

Please join me in congratulating these students for their academic excellence. We are proud of our students' accomplishments. Congratulations!

- At the Faculty Senate meeting last Tuesday, December 8th, 2015, the RME for the name change of Fire Service Management (FSM) program passed with no dissenting votes. The Graduate Council will finalize their vote in February 2016. Congratulations!
- Mr. David Gilgenberg, a 2013 graduate of the FSM Master's program was promoted to Fire Chief in Burbank IL. Congratulations!
- Mr. Robert Brown, also a 2013 graduate of the FSM Master's program was promoted to Battalion Chief in Burbank IL. Congratulations!
- Malaikah Love, a former Dental Hygiene student, goes from SIU track to USA Bobsled Team. A full story is here:
http://m.thesouthern.com/news/local/communities/carbondale/article_fc46763d-9762-5acd-b6dc-479dec55bd76.html. Congratulations!

MSFS HOSTED PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

On Thursday, December 10, 2015, the 18th Annual Mortuary Science and Funeral Service (MSFS) Embalming Colloquium took place at the ASA Transportation Education Center (TEC). The Embalming Colloquium is the culmination of three semesters of embalming classes and is the final project for the senior students in the MSFS program. The event was attended by 30 funeral directors, 5 judges and about 80 MSFS students. Posters were judged from 7:30am - 8:30am and the power-point presentations started at 8:30am. In all, 27 students presented various embalming topics from obesity to polio. Lunch was provided by the Egyptian Funeral Directors Association, who also presented the winner a monetary award. The winner was Miss Kara Burgess, who presented on heroin overdose. The second place award, presented by Dodge Chemical Company was an embalming instrument kit. The runner-up was Miss Racheal Cochran who presented on Septicemia. The event was organized and ran by Mr. Abel Salazar, who is the instructor for the Advanced Embalming class, with the help from Anthony Fleege, Associate Professor and Program Director of MSFS, and other MSFS faculty members. This was a great opportunity for MSFS faculty and students to collaborate with the industry and the local community.

Mr. Abel Salazar, Clinical Instructor of Mortuary Science and Funeral Services, shared a number of pictures of the professional conference with us. As shown below, two plaques were presented to the first-place winner, Kara Burges. The first plaque was for her to keep and the other plaque is to be displayed with the name of the winner in the mortuary science classroom. Dodge Chemicals sponsored the plaque and each year they will present it to the winner of the colloquium. Dodge also donated an embalming kit

the MSFS program gave to the second place winner, Rachael Cochren. The Egyptian Funeral Directors Association (EFDA) presented the winner with a \$100 check. Congratulations!



AD STAFF MEETING

The Administrative (AD) Staff will meet on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 9:00am - 11:30am in the Dean's Conference Room. The tentative agenda of the meeting is below:

1. Welcome, open forum, and Dean's Update

2. Spring and Fall Enrollment Targets for 2016
3. Budget Update and Fiscal Management Issues
4. Round Table Discussion and Other Business

If you have any specific items that you feel the Administrative Staff should consider at the meeting, please send me your suggestions before 1:00pm Tuesday, 12/15/2015. All faculty and staff are invited to the open forum section of the Administrative Staff meeting from 9:00am - 9:30am.

GUNS IN CLASSROOMS

A panel at the University of Texas at Austin said guns should be allowed in such settings, in order to comply with a new state law expanding campus-carry at public universities. This leaves Texas faculty wary. More information is available at: <http://chronicle.com/article/Proposal-to-Allow-Concealed/234577/>.

MMU WINTER BREAK

NOTE: The MMU newsletter will take a break during winter holiday. The next MMU will be on January 19, 2016. Happy Holiday!

ON THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Monday, December 14, 2015: 10:00am, Energy Savings Research Meeting, PSO Conference Room.
- Tuesday, December 15, 2015: 10:00am-12:00pm, Deans' Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
- Wednesday, December 16, 2015: 9:00am - 11:30am, Ad Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room; 2:00pm, Dr. Wendler's Retirement Party, Quigley Hall Gallery.
- Thursday, December 17, 2015: 11:30am, ISAT Potluck; 12:00pm, TEC Potluck.
- Friday, December 18, 2015: 1:00pm, Commencement Rehearsal.
- Saturday, December 19, 2015: 2:00pm, Commencement, SIU Arena.

AND FINALLY ...

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send me an email at my SIU email awang@siu.edu or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of somebody who might be 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. On the other hand, if you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean's MMU, please let me know, as well. Thank you.

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