

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

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

Monday, May 15, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

The 141st annual commencement was held at the SIU Arena last Saturday, May 13, 2017, with Saluki graduates, family members, and friends gathered to celebrate new milestones. At this spring commencement, the College of Applied Sciences and Arts graduated a total of 513 students. SIU Carbondale graduated 1,682 students with bachelor's degrees this spring. The number of students graduating with a bachelor's degree from CASA (494) is 29.37% of the overall SIUC undergraduate students who received their diplomas last Saturday. Among the 513 graduates from CASA, 442 received bachelor's degrees, 19 received master's degrees, and 52 received associate degrees. CASA is not only graduating students in quantity, but also with good quality. During the 141st Annual Commencement, more than 158 CASA students wore special medallions and honor cords reflecting significant academic achievements earned. Among the 158 students earning recognition, 85 received *Cum Laude* distinction, signifying a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.749; 45 received *Magna Cum Laude* distinction, signifying a cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.899, and 28 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 more than 51 students received multiple degrees.

Sixty-eight (68) Automotive Technology graduates attended the commencement ceremony on Saturday. Below is a graduating class photo with many of them:



Congratulations to the Class of 2017! We are proud of them and wish them continued success and happiness. As many of you experienced through the interaction with our graduates during the commencement, their families were extremely appreciative and praised the faculty and staff members in our College. Indeed, CASA faculty and staff are outstanding! I am so grateful for our faculty and staff who are making a difference through their daily work, and who are supporting our students with a passion. Just take last Saturday for example, so many faculty and volunteers were there to support and celebrate our students along with their family and friends. Below is a partial list of CASA faculty and staff who participated in the SIU Carbondale 141st Commencement (please let me know if I missed anyone):

- AUT: Mike Behrmann, David Gilbert, Blaine Heisner.
- AVMAF: John Voges, Sam Pavel.
- AVT: Don Bartlett.
- SOA: John Dobbins, Shannon McDonald, Laura Morthland, Siwon Cho, Gary Kistner, Jasmine Winters.
- ISAT: Sam Chung, Brad Hagy, John Legier, Martin Hebel.
- SAH: Scott Collins, Faith Miller, Sandra Beebe, Jennifer Sherry, Rick McKinnies, Sandy Collins, Mike Grey, Danna Cotner, Anthony Fleege.
- Dean's Office: Elaine Atwood, Tom Shaw, Mike Behrmann, Jill Mueller.

Our students' accomplishments are remarkable. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to student success and the advancement of the applied sciences and arts. Commencement honors our collective commitment to learning and building a sense of community within our College and University. Thank you so much for your participation and dedication!

## **FINAL GRADING**

Official grade submission is done online using Self-Service Banner (SSB) after logging into [SalukiNet](#). The primary instructor for a course is responsible for the final grade submission. The detailed guide of the grading process may be found at <http://registrar.siu.edu/faculty/webgradinginfo.html>. Please note that grades are due by 8:00am on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. On Wednesday at 8:00am, the system locks and rolls. Then each student's academic standing is calculated. Once that happens, a grade change card is required to enter or change a grade. Please make sure you submit your final grade in time.

## **NOTES ON SUMMER & FALL**

1. The deadline of submitting an abstract for the 2017 ASA Research Symposium is **Friday June 2, 2017**.
2. 2017 4-week summer intersession starts today (Monday, May 15, 2017) and ends Friday, June 9, 2017.
3. 2017 8-week summer session starts Monday, June 12 and ends Friday, August 4, 2017.
4. During summer intersession and normal summer session there will be no MMU newsletters. The MMU resumes on August 14, 2017.
5. The fall kick-off college meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 10:00am - 11:30am in the TEC (Transportation Education Center) Multipurpose Conference Room.
6. The total solar eclipse of 2017 is Monday, August 21, the first total eclipse over the continental US since 1979. Classes are cancelled but University offices will be open.
7. The first day of classes for Fall 2017 semester is Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- I am pleased to announce that the SIU Board of Trustees approved the tenure and promotion applications of the following faculty members in CASA at their meeting on April 6, 2017:
  - **Shannon McDonald**, promotion to Associate Professor with tenure;
  - **Chad Schwartz**, promotion to Associate Professor with tenure;
  - **Sandra Collins**, promotion to Professor; and
  - **Michael Grey**, promotion to Professor.

This is a significant achievement, one that acknowledges the high quality of their research, teaching, and service. Congratulations!

- I am pleased to report to you that the sabbatical leave application of **Bryan Harrison**, Associate Professor of Aviation Management and Flight, was approved by the SIU Board of Trustees on April 6, 2017. Professor Harrison's sabbatical leave will be from August 16, 2017 to December 31, 2017. During that time, Bryan will revise Aviation Flight 206A and 206B - instrument airplane flight training courses, including creation of new study materials. The revised courses will include emphasis on modern "glass" cockpit aircraft, modern navigation technical Aviation Administration regulations and testing standards. Congratulations!
- It is my pleasure to share with you that the following NTT faculty have been granted Continuing Status this year:
  - **Gary Shafer**, Assistant Instructor, Aviation Management and Flight  
Continuing NTT status starts January 1, 2017
  - **Kenneth Bro**, Assistant Instructor, Aviation Management and Flight  
Continuing NTT status starts August 16, 2017
  - **Shelly File**, Assistant Instructor, School of Allied Health  
Continuing NTT status starts August 16, 2017
  - **Judy Huyck**, Assistant Instructor, School of Architecture  
Continuing NTT status starts August 16, 2017

Congratulations!

- The Health Care Management (HCM) online degree program was recently ranked fifteenth (15th) in the nation by Best Degree Programs in their listing of best online healthcare management bachelor's degree programs for 2017. Congratulations!



The Best Degree Programs staff reviewed rankings received from major publications like Forbes magazine, The Princeton Review, and U.S. News and World Report. They chose regionally and nationally ranked schools, or institutions with online bachelor's program rankings with at least one major publication and listed them in order of affordability. They then consulted the National Center for Education Statistics to rank the schools based on undergraduate tuition price. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Sandy Collins and all HCM faculty and staff!

- Please join me in congratulating Sean Boyle and Martin Hebel on their online course development proposals approved for funding by SIU Extended Campus.
  - **Sean Boyle:** AUT 490 Comprehensive Vehicle Diagnostics
  - **Martin Hebel:** EST 404/ISAT 417 Wireless Communication and Security

Congratulations!

- During the Academic Excellence Recognition Ceremony on the evening of Friday (May 12, 2017), a total of 158 graduating seniors from CASA were recognized at the undergraduate levels of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude. Students participating through the University Honors Programs and Saluki Athletics were also recognized by way of Honor Cords. At the commencement ceremony on Saturday, these students were asked to stand and be recognized. It was a wonderful honor to see these graduates receiving their medallions and cords and receiving the applause from thousands of guests.
  - ***Summa cum Laude*** (28) - The Highest Honors designation awarded to graduating students with an SIU GPA of 3.900 or higher and an All-Work GPA of 3.900 or higher:

Rebecca S. Armstrong, Sarah N. Barth, Megan Amellia Collier, Lee D. Cooper, Timothy J. Cornwell, Shauna V. Crawford, Chelsea Lynn Garrett, Kelley I. Gasparich, Allison

Kay Goldasich, Madisyn L. Grounds, Alexander J. Hamielec, Makenzie C. Helmink, Daniel J. Johnston, Steve Kanoy II, Adam J. Loester, Zoey E. Koester, Christopher Bryan Lavelle II, Cody A. Lingle, Arie Molina Kozlovsky, Shelby L. Orr, Ramset Marie Parkins, Morgan B. Reid, Gino D. Riscossa, Dusan Lazar Vukobrat, Ali N. Webb, Collin P. Wece, Milica Zivak.

- ***Magna cum Laude*** (45) - The High Honors designation awarded to graduating students with an SIU GPA of 3.750 or higher and an All-Work GPA of 3.750 or higher, but one or both of which is less than 3.900.

Peter J. Aichele, Marianita Amezola, Shawn C. Ankenbrandt, Kristin Nicole Boelter, Nathan Thomas Brady, Alexandria Burk, Emily A. Couch, Nicholas M. Creasey, Cassidy Daily, Kayla M. Doiron, Thomas E. Doorn, Erik Michael Elliott, Johathon M. Farmer, Matthew J. Grunloh, Thomas N. Hahn Jr., Brittany L. Hanelt, Philip M. Hannon, Samantha N. Hennig, Jennifer A. Jansen, Jared Jones, Sean C. Kozak, Kohl B. Lamb, Alison A. Loos, Carlos Marquez Jr., Jared R. Matset, Katilyn Elizabeth McIntyre, James Daniel Menees, Jacob Ray Nicholson, Janelle M. Nikola, Takeru Nishi, Quin L. O'Brien, Justin E. Peterson, Stephanie Roberts, Amy E. Rzepczynski, Andres Felipe Saavedra Sanchez, Madison R. Shanks, Makinzee Jo Smith, Jessica L. Sortino, Steven Christian Stack, J. Eduardo Torres-Escobedo, Jena N. Tressler, Aaron W. Uhe, David Michael Wagenbach, Anthony P. Wirth, Kristie Yang.

- ***Cum Laude*** (85) - The Honors designation awarded to graduating students with an SIU GPA of 3.500 or higher and an All-Work GPA of 3.500 or higher, but one or both of which is less than 3.750.

Younes Abuassonon, Abidemi Akinsanya, Mackenzie R. Alderman, Brianna N. Aldridge, Fawaz Z. Alfawaz, David W. Arden, Ellen S. Beasley, Kayley A. Bell, Norine M. Blackstad, Charles W. Bovard Jr., Dustin C. Brown, Jordan L. Butts, Aleta N. Cardinal, Kaleb R. Cheek, Dylan Christensen, Sydney E. Clark, Marco A. Cortez, Evan M. Dannatt, Stevin Dart, Natasha M. Dempsey, Bethany K. Dieckmann, Danielle M. Dobczyk, Abigail L. Dudek, Samantha A. Earl, Natalie M. Elliott, Kirsten R. Froehlich, Zaneta Galaskova, Kevin A. Gay, Olivia M. Gebben, Maxim Gladnikov, Andrew S. Green, Avona Eloise Greene, Ileen R. Gruchot, Teng Kong Her, Jordan A. Herrera, Abigail S. Jones, Stephanie N. Jones, Jeffrey S. Keller, Kelly N. Kuberski, Hallie A. Martin, Shannon C. McCown, Christa M. McGrath, Casey W. McLennand, Lindsay D. Meverden, Marija Mileva, Troy A. Miller, Darin M. Moore, Stanley P. Nieweglowski, Boston B. Nimmer, Victor M. Oliva Jr., Kyle J. Patermo, Yeonhoon Park, Rebecca L. Pierce, Taylor J. Pomahatch, Janette Ramirez Baltazar, Ian C. Ritchey, Alexander P. Roberts, Paul D. Romero, Maria E. Salazar, Mary A. Samion, Danielle R. Schleicher, Anna T. Schlomas, Devyn M. Siemers, Brette R. Simpson, Damian M. Smith, Drew C. Sommers, Brandon G. Spiller, Alicia R. Stanhouse, Taylor A. Stlter, Hilary R. Surmeier, Collin B. Swartzentruber, Destenii P. Thomas-Anderson, Jose Tovar, Rachel L. Townsend, Fernando R. Trujillo, Falisha E. Tucker, Jared P. Ver-Mulm, Juan Carlos Villagomez Jr., Dustin W. Von Eyser, Haley C. Waller, Aaron G. Weckhurst, Elizabeth H. Weinsterin, Kaitlin M. Whitaker, Mikala A. Whitton, Steven Andrew Wing.

Congratulations!

- During the 2017 Joint Commissioning Ceremony organized by Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Saluki Strike Battalion and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 205 Soaring Warriors on Friday May 12, 2017, five (5) students from CASA were honored and recognized:
  - Ryan C. Christenson, BS in Aviation Technologies, Nuclear and Missile Operations, first assignment at Vandenberg AFB CA.
  - Nicholas M. Creasey, BS in Aviation Management, Pilot, first assignment at Shepard AFB TX.
  - Philip M. Hannon, BS in Aviation Management, Pilot, first assignment at Shepard AFB TX.
  - Boston B. Nimmer, BS in Aviation Management, Pilot, first assignment at Laughlin AFB TX.
  - Ryan A. Owens, BS in Aviation Management, Pilot, first assignment at Shepard AFB TX.

Congratulations!

- Please join me in congratulating the School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies (ISAT) for its transfer articulation agreement with College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL. The agreement has been signed by Dr. Susan Ford, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, for Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell, and Dr. Richard Haney, Provost of College of Lake County. According to the agreement, all graduates of College of Lake County with an Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) and meeting SIU Carbondale admission requirements will be considered for admission into SIU Carbondale's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Technical Resource Management (TRM) in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability. Congratulations to Dr. **Sam Chung** and all ISAT faculty/staff!

## **FOREVER SIU CAMPAIGN**

Last week the SIU Foundation announced Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students. A three-year, \$75 million fundraising campaign, which will provide scholarships and other support for students. The campaign was launched January 1st and will end in December 2019, the year of the University's 150th anniversary. The Foundation has already raised \$33 million toward the goal. Dan Korte and Camelle Logan are Co-Chairs for this campaign. This highest priority of the campaign is to raise more than \$48 million for scholarships to help students stay in college and graduate. Other priorities include expanding opportunities through internships, career development and other initiatives; enhancing facilities and resources such as teaching laboratories and library materials; and deepening student and faculty engagement with the region through community-focused research, cultural events, and outreach to high school students. More information about the campaign and opportunities to give can be found at

<http://foreversiu.org/>.



## **AD STAFF MEETING**

The Administrative (AD) Staff will meet on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 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. New Permanent Budget Reduction: 3% Cut Plan
3. Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2017
4. Summer Schedule and Contract
5. Recruitment and Retention Discussion
6. Round Table Discussion
7. Critical Deadlines 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, 5/16/2017. All faculty and staff are invited to the open forum section of the Administrative Staff meeting from 9:00am - 9:30am.

## **MMU SUMMER BREAK**

This is the last issue of Monday Morning Update (MMU) prior to the start of Fall 2017. MMU will take a break during summer and resume on Monday, August 14, 2017.

Wishing everyone a great summer and looking forward to welcoming students back to our campus in August! See you on Wednesday August 16, 2017, 10:00am - 11:30am, for the *CASA Kick-Off Meeting*.

## **ON THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

- Monday, May 15, 2017: 10:00am - 11:00am, Admission Criteria for AY 2018-19 Meeting, Dean's Conference Room.

- Tuesday, May 16, 2017: 10:00am - 12:30pm, Deans Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
- Wednesday, May 17, 2017: 8:00am, course grade submission due online using Self-Service Banner (SSB); 9:00am - 11:30am, CASA Administrative Staff Meeting, Dean's Conference Room.
- Thursday, May 18, 2017: 1:00pm, Baseball @ Bradley, Itchy Jones Stadium Abe Martin Field.
- Friday, May 19, 2017: 9:00pm - 2:00pm, New Student Orientation, SC Ballrooms and Academic Units.
- Saturday, May 20, 2017: 9:00pm - 2:00pm, New Student Orientation, SC Ballrooms and Academic Units.

## **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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