Members of the Flying Salukis celebrate the 2014 National Intercollegiate Flying Association championship the team earned at the annual flying competition. Holding the national title trophy are senior co-captains Robert Hutchinson and Dane Fearneyhough, who placed fourth overall.

The SIU Flying Salukis took home the 2014 National Intercollegiate Flying Associations Region VIII competition trophy qualifying them for Nationals for the 47th time in 48 years. The team will compete at the National Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference, the NIFA National Flying Championship, on May 11-16 in Columbus at Ohio State University.
A Message from the New Department Chair

Dr. Jose R. Ruiz

New Department Chair
The Aviation Management & Flight Department welcomed a new department chair in 2014. Beginning in the Fall 2014 semester, Dr. David A. NewMyer retired as department chair after 21 years of service. Dr. Jose R. Ruiz is the new Chair of the Aviation Management & Flight Department, and he is excited to lead Saluki Aviation to a successful future.

A Message from the Chair

Hello Salukis!!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the online SIU Aviation Newsletter! The newsletter is available at aviation.siu.edu/newsletter and the SIU Aviation website. All future editions of the newsletter will be archived on the SIU Aviation website. My dear friend and mentor Dr. Dave NewMyer retired as Department Chair on June 28, 2014. Dave was the cornerstone of this department for more than 20 years. His leadership guided the evolution of a fledgling collegiate flight program and transformed it into an internationally renown collegiate aviation institution. We will be forever grateful. As new Department Chair, I will do my best to build upon Dave’s legacy and galvanize SIU’s position as one of the premier collegiate aviation institutions in the nation. I hope you enjoy the format of our new online newsletter. I would like to thank Mr. Matt Romero and Mr. Andrew Cohler for their tireless efforts in creating our new aviation newsletter. I hope to see many of you at our Annual Aviation Golf Outing being held at the Boulder Ridge Golf Course in Lake in the Hills, IL on June 8th, 2015. More details will be released shortly. Go Salukis!!

Best Wishes!

Joe
The dedication ceremony of LuAnn Gatewood and Gina Gatewood Trover Weather Dispatch Center was held on August 28, 2014. The ceremony honored the memory of two sisters that shared a love for teaching.

At the time of her death in January 1981, LuAnn Gatewood was a flight instructor at SIU. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in animal science but fell in love with aviation and earned a transport pilot rating. She was pursuing a master’s degree in flight technology at the time of her death. Older sister Gina earned a degree in elementary education from SIU in 1972 and died a few years after her younger sister. The sisters were from Mattoon.

Since 1982, the LuAnn Gatewood and Gina Gatewood-Trover Scholarship Endowment has provided funds to 58 students in the aviation flight program.

~by Pete Rosenbery
Aviation Management Society hosts an annual career fair and banquet. Over $35,000 was given out at the Fall 2014 banquet. 30 companies attended the annual career fair.

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**Danielle Dobczyk**
William R. Norwood Aviation Scholarship

**David Potter**
George J. Priester Memorial Scholarship
Aviation Interviews.com Scholarship

**Austin Nance**
Aviation Interviews.com Scholarship

**Parth Patel**
Aviation Interviews.com Scholarship

**Sarah Demkovich**
Steven Staples Memorial Aviation Scholarship
Aviation Interviews.com Scholarship

**Todd Dugan**
Gene and Robbi Seibert Aviation Management Scholarship

**Brent Muno**
James and Helen Newby Aviation Scholarship
Joseph A. Messina II Aviation Explorers Scholarship
Aviation Interviews.com Scholarship

**Jacob Schwarz**
William S. Arnott United Airlines Historical Foundation Scholarship
Matthew K. Meier Faith, Family, Friendship, Fortitude, Future Aviation Management Scholarship

**Travis Walczynski**
Jerry L. Kennedy Aviation Career Advancement Scholarship
Aviation Interviews.com Scholarship
For the past four years, Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines and SIU Aviation have had a formal agreement wherein faculty members in the Aviation Flight Program can apply and if selected serve concurrently as first officers for Cape Air while serving as flight instructors for SIU Aviation Flight students. These instructor-first officers will maintain a normal instructor student workload for the Aviation Flight program while also flying as a Cape Air First Officer two days a week. Under the supervision of a Cape Air Captain, these instructor-first officers fly passengers between St. Louis and the Williamson County Regional Airport, as well as other Cape Air destinations in the Midwest.

This unique Co-Operative program between SIU and Cape Air has allowed ten SIU instructors to serve in these dual capacities. It has been a win-win situation for all parties. Cape Air gets the opportunity to have high quality instructors as first officers. SIUC flight students get instructors who are actively flying for an air carrier in the national airspace system in a passenger-carrying environment and can bring that recent real time experience to their classroom and the training cockpit.

**SIU Interns fly for Cape Air as First Officers:**

2015 Participants
- Tyler Hendickson
- Ray Marrion

2014 Participants
- Damon Ciacciarelli
- Stephanie Armstrong

2013 Participants
- Olga Ciura
- Courtney Copping
- Kendall Lane

2012 Participants
- Dan Harrington
- Melanie Murdock
- Dan Woods
Saluki Aviators to Compete in Air Race Classic

By Pete Rosenbery

CARBONDALE, Ill. -- Four women in Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Aviation Management and Flight program will compete in June in the 2015 Air Race Classic.

The two teams will be among those competing in the air race, which will cover about 2,400 nautical miles in four days, June 22-25. The 39th annual event will start in Fredericksburg, Va., and end in Fairhope, Ala. The “All Women’s Cross Country Air Race” continues a tradition started with 1929 Women’s Air Derby, where famed aviator Amelia Earhart and 19 other female pilots flew from Santa Monica, Calif., to Cleveland, Ohio.

One SIU team is comprised of Stephanie Armstrong, a May 2013 aviation management graduate from Seneca, who is an assistant instructor and assistant coach with the Flying Salukis, and Jessica Reed, a senior in aviation management from Schaumberg. The second SIU team is Sarah Demkovich, a graduate assistant from Algonquin who is majoring in public administration with an emphasis in aviation business, and Emily Frasca, a senior in aviation management and flight from Champaign who is a member of the Flying Salukis.

José R. Ruiz, professor and chair of the Department of Aviation Management and Flight, said competing in the event is an opportunity to showcase the program and its students. This is the third year SIU Carbondale is competing -- three teams competed in 2010 and one team competed in 2011. The 2011 team of Erin Jackson and Melanie Murdock finished fifth among 43 finishing teams and third out of 11 teams in the collegiate division.

“The Air Race Classic presents an opportunity for our talented female aviators to exercise their airmanship and strategic decision-making skills. We are fortunate to have two outstanding teams representing SIU in this year’s competition,” Ruiz said.

The Department of Aviation Management and Flight is allowing the teams to use two Cessna 172R planes and also paying fuel and maintenance costs. The teams are responsible for other expenses including lodging and food.
SIU Aviation Career Days are programs designed to give future aviation students a first-hand look at both the aviation industry and at SIU aviation. Most career days include a free flight to the SIU campus from either Chicago or St. Louis as well as an up-close view of what a career in aviation might look like.

Typically, there are 146 passengers on board. The breakdown includes over 100 students, 20 alumni volunteers, 6 crew member, and 6 SIU staff member.
The Saluki Aviation family lost a dear friend in 2014. Professor William R. Caldwell, Ph.D. leaves behind an impressive legacy as a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, professor, and, notably, a Colonel in the United States Air Force. His decorated military career includes the Air Force Cross, which he earned during the Vietnam War for demonstrating heroism, superb airmanship, and aggressiveness while making an emergency landing after his aircraft was hit by enemy fire during a tactical emergency airdrop, saving wounded crewmembers on board. The mission has been called “one of greatest feats of heroism during the Vietnam War.” Bill served the Air Force in many capacities: pilot, Flying Safety Officer, chief instructor pilot, chief of tactics, USAF Headquarters staff at the Pentagon, C-130 aircraft commander, deputy commander for operations, squadron commander, and Headquarters Military Airlift Command. He retired as a colonel on September 30, 1993. Dr. Caldwell earned his Ph.D in Workforce Education from SIUC after retirement. He went on to serve CMSU as Department Chair and Professor of Aviation. He passed on October 1, 2014 after retiring from SIUC as a Professor of Aviation Management and Flight.
Faculty & Staff Updates

Steven Goetz
Promoted to Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in August, 2014!
Steven has been with the Aviation Management & Flight Department for 7 years. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in Education at SIU.

Marsha Morgenstern
Marsha was hired as the new Aviation Management & Flight Administrative Aide in August, 2014!

Michael Robertson
Selected as the 2014 tenure track Teacher of The Year!
Mike has been with the Aviation Management & Flight Department for 15 years. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in Education at SIU.

Kenneth Bro
Selected as the 2014 CASA non-tenure track Teacher of The Year!
Kenneth has been with the Aviation Flight Department for 5 years.

College of Applied Sciences & Arts Teachers of the Year

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Departmental Retirements

Keith Mortag
Keith Mortag has retired after 27 years of service to the Saluki community. Keith will be spending retirement being a grandpa and serving Galatia Township in Saline County, Illinois.

Dr. David NewMyer
Dr. NewMyer became a professor in 2000, served SIU Aviation for nearly four decades (38 years), including 21 as department chair. He started at SIU as a part-time visiting instructor in 1975; in 1979 he became coordinator and a visiting assistant professor in aviation management. NewMyer earned his Ph. D. in Education from SIU in 1987.

Beth Cottom
After 28 years at SIU, Beth Cottom also retired during 2014. Beth plans to help her son run a business in Carbondale.
Alumni News

**Alumni Christopher Fischer**, charter pilot for 26 North Aviation, welcomes a special passenger on board.

**Clayton Stambaugh**, Aviation Mgmt, & Flight and M.P.A. alumni, is now the Manager of Pekin (IL) Municipal Airport.

**Laura Parnell** (2000) holds her new born baby boy, Wayne. Laura is now the Manager of Flight Operations at Delta Airlines.

**SIU Aviation/Kalitta Air 747-400.** This photo was taken after landing in Cat IIIb minimums in New Delhi. (L-R) **Jimmy Song, William Seiber, Doug Pearce.**

**Customs and Border Patrol Alumni**
From left to right: David Cooper ('86), Robert Castle ('78), Jeff Branson ('01), and Jack Thurston ('94)

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport
**John Pokryke**-Ops Manager ('87), **Andrew Cohler**- Ops Intern ('13), **Jennifer Hogancamp**-Landside Manager ('95)
Dear Aviation Alumni:

I hope all of you are having a wonderful 2015. I would like to take a moment to recognize my predecessor, Travis Walczyński, on a wonderful job as the president of Aviation Management Society. But it is a new year, along with a new executive board. We have many big things planned in 2015, but we need your help for us to be able to take exciting trips, highlighted by the American Association of Airport Executives conference in Philadelphia. To fund raise for this event, we are reaching out to you, the alumni, with some great shirts, keychains, and car decals! We have many merchandise options, which can all be purchased from our new and improved website, AMSsalukis.com! Along with merchandise, we ask that you consider a small donation to help provide an opportunity for our club to learn by visiting some locations such as Boeing’s Corporate Flight Department, and other various trips. I would like to personally invite each and every one of you to come visit us. Below you will find a discount coupon for our website’s merchandise. I hope you all decide to take advantage of the deal!

Thank You,

Alex Scholl
President, Aviation Management Society

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The Aviation Management Off-Campus Academic Program (OCAP) has four satellite locations:

- Mount San Antonio College, Walnut, CA
- Palomar Community College, San Marcos, CA
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Havelock, NC
- Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, NC

The Aviation Management program is in the final stages of coordinating two new OCAP locations:

- Community College of Beaver County, Monaca, PA
- Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL.

Happy Retirement!!

Congratulations, Warren!! Warren has been a member of the SIU Aviation Management OCAP team since 2010 as a Program Advisor at MCAS Cherry Point, NC. Prior to his service at SIU, Warren was employed by the Department of Defense (DOD) for 33 years! He will now be enjoying his second retirement. His last day was 27 February 15!! He has been a tremendous influence on the lives of SIU students and his professional colleagues. He has genuinely cared for the welfare of his students and their families. The indelible impact he has had on everyone he has come in contact with will resonate for decades to come. Thanks for the memories!!!

Program Advisors at our Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC OCAP location. Warren Culbreth and Nadia Anderson

Mount San Antonio College, CA OCAP location. Lori Armstrong
**NASA Wings Summer Camp**

Grant Sponsors: Lorelei Ruiz & Steve Goetz

Funding: $52,469 over three years, ending September 31, 2015

The Department of Aviation Management and Flight at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, in conjunction with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, offers NASA Wings, a week-long camp designed to give interested high school students an opportunity to learn more about how space communications and navigation systems impact and benefit aviation. Campers spend a week at the Southern Illinois Airport learning about subjects including the history of navigation systems, global navigation satellite systems, weather satellites, and search and rescue operations. The highlight of the week is a flight to selected St. Louis area airports (weather permitting) for museum visits and dinner. General information about the camp is available at [http://aviation.siu.edu/flight/community/nasa-wings.php](http://aviation.siu.edu/flight/community/nasa-wings.php)

**PEGASUS: Airport SMS Software Analysis**

Department Sponsor: Mike Robertson

Funding: $92,000

SIU was selected as a member of the PEGASAS research initiative because of the experience of the faculty in the Aviation Department. The purpose of the SMS PEGASAS research is to gain an understanding of the variety of software being used by airports as part of their respective Airport Safety Management Systems (SMS) strategies, with the goal of providing the FAA with guidance towards recommending the use of SMS software at airports, including minimum functionality standards.

**PEGASUS: Weather Technology in the Cockpit—Quantifying Causality**

Department Sponsors: Lorelei Ruiz & Mike Robertson

Funding: $40,000 through December 31, 2014

The work accomplished under this grant is part of a larger project being funded by the FAA through their Partnership to Enhance General Aviation Safety, Accessibility, and Sustainability (PEGASAS). The Weather Technology in the Cockpit program strives to discover why the increasing availability of weather information to pilots both before and during flight has not led to a decrease in the rate of weather-related accidents in general aviation. The goal is to inform future development of standards/guidance related to weather technology products and pilot decision making. More information about the project can be found at [https://www.pegasas.aero/projects.php?p=4](https://www.pegasas.aero/projects.php?p=4)
Safety Management Systems for Airports Workshop

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 9-10, 2015
Southern Illinois Airport | Transportation Education Center | SIU Carbondale

This two-day workshop, specifically designed for airports, will assist attendees in the development and implementation of Safety Management Systems (SMS) at their airports. Topics include SMS components, safety risk management tools, safety culture, safety promotion tools, and SMS development and implementation overview.

Registration Deadline Extended
Registration for the SMS workshop is extended until

March 27

• Registration deadline is March 6.
• Registration is $750, and covers workshop materials as well as breakfast and lunch both days.
• Information about workshop faculty, learning objectives, course content and registration options is available at continuinged.siu.edu.
• Contact Mike Robertson, Associate Professor/Safety Officer, at mrobertson@siu.edu for additional information.

Hosted by the SIU Department of Aviation Management and Flight

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2015 Upcoming Events

SMS Workshop for Airport Managers ......April 9-10
NIFA National Championships...............May 11-16
Aviation Golf Scramble..........................June 8
Summer Wings Aviation Summer Camp ....June 14-19*
NASA Wings Aviation Summer Camp .......June 21-26*
Air Race Classic..................................June 22-25
American Airlines Career Day...............October 24
United Airlines Career Day .................TBD
AMS Career Fair & Banquet .................Fall
AVMAF Advisory Committee...............Fall

*Dates are subject to change

Join us for the 8th Annual
Saluki Aviation Golf Scramble

Participation Options
♦ Full event participation includes golf, lunch, on-course drinks, and dinner
♦ Individual golfers play for $165.00 per golfer
♦ Pre-registered foursomes play for $595.00
♦ Limited event sponsorship available at three levels
  ◊ Gold
  ◊ Silver
  ◊ Bronze
♦ If you can’t attend the golf outing during the day, then join us for dinner and live auction for only $65.00