UPCOMING EVENTS

CASA Reunion - April 14, 2018

College of Applied Sciences and Arts will be holding a CASA Reunion on April 14, 2018 at Garden Grove Event Center in Carbondale. This event is for retired faculty and staff, alumni, students, friends and donors to the college. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour. A program will follow at 6:00 p.m. Please let all alumni, faculty and friends of CASA know about the event. More information on reservations will be available later.

2018 Hope Flys Golf Scramble – April 20, 2018

The 2018 Hope Flys Golf Scramble will be at Keller’s Crossing in Makanda on April 20th. The Hope Flys scholarship was set up by Ryan McShane, a successful aviator fighting Stage 4 colon cancer, to recognize students with a strong involvement or commitment to overcoming adversity. You can support Mr. McShane by participating in the Golf Scramble to help benefit the scholarship. Information on Golf Scramble prices and times will be available soon, keep an eye out for more details!

AHP Spring Aviation Banquet - April 21, 2018 6:00PM – Keller’s Crossing

This year’s speaker is Allen Carter, aviation consultant and retired FedEx manager in charge of flight planning and emergency management. Scholarships for the 2018 - 2019 school year will be awarded at the banquet as well. Tickets are $20 for students and $30 for non-students and are available for purchase either at the front desk in the TEC or through the new AHP PayPal through our Chapter Treasurer at hameistert@yahoo.com. This will include a social hour, dinner, and dessert. There will also be a cash bar. If you are attending both the Banquet and the Golf Scramble you will be refunded $5 after purchasing your tickets. **Banquet tickets MUST be bought by April 5th and cannot be bought the day of.**

American Airlines Aviation Career Day - April 28, 2018 – Page 5

American Airlines and Aviation at Southern Illinois University Carbondale have reached an agreement to bring students from the Chicago area to our campus. See page 5 for more information.

May 2018 Commencement (College of Applied Sciences and Arts) – May 12, 2018 5:30PM

Congratulations to all this year’s graduates! **Fly high, Salukis!**

AOPA Carbondale, IL (KMDH) Fly-In - October 5-6, 2018

Stay tuned for more details as they unfold throughout the year! AOPA is expecting 500-700 planes, 5,000 people, and 2,000 vehicles to descend upon our airport.

3rd Annual Plane Pull with the Special Olympics of Illinois - October 6, 2018

This event has been tentatively set to coincide with the AOPA Fly-In. Watch for more details to get involved. This is a very worthy cause to get involved in.
**NOTAMs**

*Attention AvTech Students*

**NEED TO SCHEDULE A PRELIM?**

**IT'S EASY!**

Just stop by TEC Room 124C and complete the form hanging outside the door. Detailed instructions are provided on the form. Testing times are available 8-4:30 most weekdays.

All questions should be directed to Patty Henry, AVT Chief Clerk, 618-453-9201.

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**Jobs & Internships**

Be sure to watch the website for any internship possibilities and for jobs upon your graduation. These are updated regularly, so keep an eye out.

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**Scholarships**

The SIU Aviation website is always updated when new scholarships are being offered to students. Check it frequently to see if you qualify!

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**Be Heard!**

Have an article or news you want to share in next month’s letter? Send them to the editor, Dristin Rose, at dristin.rose@siu.edu or the coordinator, Rhonda Ferguson, at rferguson@siu.edu.

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**Safety Management System**

Students and flight instructors of the Aviation Flight department are reminded to use the Safety Management System. This is a tool that the department uses to analyze hazards and issue recommendations to correct common mishaps. Click the image above to proceed to the reporting form.

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**Camp Counselors Needed!**

Are you sticking around for the summer and looking for a fun few weeks showing future aviators around our facilities? Camp counselors are needed for two of the aviation camps hosted over the summer. Those interested should check dispatch for more information in the future. Any direct questions should be to Lorelei Ruiz lruiz@aviation.siu.edu – Camp Director. Details may be found here: [Summer Wings 2018](#).
New Roadway System Coming to Southern Illinois Airport

Southern Illinois Airport Authority (SIAA) has given the Saluki Flyer a preview of what’s to come to the airport that SIU’s aviation programs call home. Roadwork began in December of 2017 when crews closed Airport Road to install drainage pipes in the area that commonly floods. Beginning in April 2018, crews will begin to work on paving the new roads and removing old surfaces.

Students, faculty, and staff are highly advised to check their emails regularly to stay informed of any detours that could change the normal commute to the airport.
The American Airlines Aviation Career Day has been scheduled for **April 28, 2018**. We are happy to have American Airlines flying students to our campus. This event is designed for high school students in the Chicago area who are interested in aviation. The event begins at 6 a.m. with check-in at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago for a flight to Southern Illinois Airport at Carbondale-Murphysboro, Illinois. The selected students will be flown to Carbondale to tour SIU’s aviation facilities, the main SIU campus, the SIU Student Center, and Recreation Center. Students will be flown back to Chicago by around 5:30 p.m. the same day. Registration began March 13th. Any student group that can assist with the event should inform Rhonda Ferguson as soon as possible.
Alpha Eta Rho (AHP) Spring semester is a busy time for Alpha Eta Rho Sigma Chapter (AHP)! This past month, members helped put together the second annual Wings of Hope 5k at Southern Illinois Airport (SIA). Wings of Hope is an aviation nonprofit dedicated to delivering humanitarian programs around the globe to lift people in need toward health and self-sufficiency. Thanks to Assistant Airport Manager at SIA Patrick McDonald and Wings of Hope Chair Matthew Lesones, the 5k was a success! A wide variety of runners came out to run and support a great cause. Thank you to everyone who came out and participated!

Over spring break, AHP members met up with some alumni and traveled together to Tennessee to stay in a cabin in the beautiful Smoky Mountains. Between hiking, exploring Gatlinburg, hot tubbing in the mountains, and trying our very best to see a bear, the trip was an absolute blast. Although we never actually did get to see any bears, it was great to get out and relax and have fun as a group, as well as reunite with old friends.

A couple of our members were able to go to the Women in Aviation International Conference and meet up with AHP chapters and alumni from across the country! From California to Nebraska to Tennessee to New York, it was good to see old friends and make some new ones as well. It was wonderful to catch up with Alpha Eta Rho National President Toni Mensching and National Executive Director Julia Jones, and to hear about future events and conferences planned for AHP. Sigma Chapter is looking forward to seeing everyone again at Osh Kosh this summer!

Don’t forget about the Hope Flies Golf Scramble! The Golf Scramble will be Friday, April 20th at 10:00am. Tickets are $80 a person, and include lunch, beer for those over 21, door prizes, and the chance to participate in golfing skill contests and a silent auction. The Hope Flies scholarship was set up by Ryan McShane, a successful aviator fighting Stage 4 colon cancer, to recognize students with a strong involvement or commitment to overcoming adversity. You can support Mr. McShane by participating in the Golf Scramble to help benefit the scholarship. Register online under 'SIUF 2018 Annual HOPE FLYS Aviation Golf Scramble' at https://www.siualumni.com/s/664/foundation/index.aspx?pgid=1791&gid=1&cid=3979.

The Spring Aviation Banquet is coming up soon! Get your tickets before April 12th, as tickets will NOT be sold afterwards. The speaker this year is Allen Carter, aviation consultant and retired FedEx manager in charge of flight planning and emergency management. Tickets are $20 for students and $30 for non-students. SIU aviation faculty tickets are covered by the department, so just give the front desk your name if you would like to attend. A cash bar will be open during dinner for those over 21. If you would like to attend, tickets can be purchased through PayPal at paypal.me/AlphaEtaRhoSIUC or with cash at the TEC front desk, where your name will be put on the attendance list. If you attend both the Golf Scramble and Banquet, you will be refunded $5.

Lastly, a friendly reminder that Taco Tuesday will be every Tuesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the TEC building. If any aviation students would like some extra study time or need any help with classes, feel free to contact Miles Greif to plan a study session with a more advanced student at miles.greif@siu.edu or (502) 396-39898. PHOTOS CONTINUED ON PAGE 7.
AHP members at the WAI Conference this Spring.

Taco anyone?

2018 Wings of Hope 5K
The Aviation Ambassadors have started their busy Spring semester of 2018. The ambassadors are a group of students that give tours and information about the aviation departments at SIU. The Spring semester is especially busy for the group as family tours begin to increase with future students looking for their dream-schools. The ambassadors also play a key role in planning and executing American Day 2018 this month. These students will be escorting groups of students around the airport and answering any questions they may have during their tour. Along with American Day each year, the group also assists with the other major event known as United Day.

The Aviation Ambassadors assisted the department in March during the TEC Open House where 200+ students visited with their respective schools to get an inside look on automotive and aviation programs at SIU. The following week the ambassadors gave tours to 105 5th graders that visited the airport. The students got to make paper airplanes and race, flew simulators, and learned about aviation careers.

The Aviation Ambassadors look forward to welcoming another group of guests on April 7, 2018.

Students should continue to check their emails and flyers posted in dispatch for an informational meeting about future ambassadors.

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The National Gay Pilots Association visited Herrin High School during the month of February. The school is one of many that is embracing diversity & inclusion – one of the NGPA’s main missions. The students, grades 9-12, are members of a more frequently created group known as the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). Members of the LGBT+ community and their allies all gather together in a safe space that they can be themselves. While the NGPA was at the school, topics such as diversity and inclusion in aviation, college life, and other things were presented. The presentation was given by the chapter President, Dristin Rose, and Andrea Swinford, member of the SIU Chapter. The students were given free swag from the NGPA and took extras for the over 20+ students that were unable to attend due to a school trip. The NGPA-SIU applauds Herrin High School and other schools that are creating groups that allow students to be comfortable with themselves therefore fostering higher grades, rising graduation rates, and other positive effects. The SIU Chapter continues to present at other community outreach programs and invites anyone to attend to learn more about their mission.

**Meeting Dates**

Every other Thursday in the Dispatch Conference Room at 5PM.

For more information regarding the NGPA-SIU, email the chapter President, Dristin Rose, at Dristin.Rose@siu.edu.

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NGPA Members flying the last frontier in Alaska!

Like us on Facebook!
**Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP)** has made its way to the SIU Aviation programs and has started having bi-weekly meetings! The international group was founded in 1976 and is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of minorities in all aviation and aerospace careers. OBAP members encourage diversity in the industry by supporting aspiring aviation professionals through mentoring, scholarships, training and youth-focused education programs through Project Aerospace.

Anyone may join regardless of race, gender, etc.

**Meeting Dates**

Every other Tuesday at 6:00PM in TEC162C

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Women in Aviation (WIA) – This year, several members of the SIU Women in Aviation chapter were able to attend the 2018 Women in Aviation International (WAI) Conference in Reno, Nevada. WAI is dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of women in all aviation career fields and interests. This was the first time attending the conference for all SIU members in attendance, and they all agreed it was an incredible experience. Over 4,000 women gathered in the Reno-Sparks Convention Center from March 21st - March 24th to come together and network, mentor, and share the positive energy that this conference is known for. Each day consisted of hearing from multiple speakers such as Nicole Stott, a former astronaut, and Carey Lorenz, the first female F-14 Tomcat pilot, exploring an exhibit hall hosting over 100 companies and organizations representing all aspects of the aviation community, scholarship presentations, and getting to meet and speak with many accomplished women.

At the conference, Faith Lorenz, a junior in the Aviation Technologies program, was awarded a tools scholarship! Sponsored by Carolyn Burton, an A&P at American Airlines, Faith will now be able to pick out $5,000 worth of tools as she goes into her senior year at SIU specializing in helicopter maintenance. Congratulations, Faith! Women like you are the ones who pave the way and set an example for young girls interested in STEM fields. Keep it up!

WAI is an organization open to both men and women who share an interest in encouraging women in aviation. This conference is an excellent place to learn about different jobs and airlines and opportunities, but for women it is so much more than that. Women make up such a small percentage of the aviation industry, which is what makes this conference unique. Looking around and seeing rooms and flight decks made up almost entirely of men is so common, so it was a breath of fresh air and unbelievably inspirational to be surrounded by women at this conference who know what it’s like to be the only woman in the room, as well as the struggles that come along with that. The overwhelming support and positivity from all of these women, most of whom were strangers, was awe-inspiring. If you are a woman in aviation, no matter where you’re at in your education or training, this conference was put together with you in mind, and women from all over the world are there, ready and willing to help you achieve everything you hope for and more. We hope to see you there next year in Long Beach, California! **PHOTOS CONTINUED ON PAGE 12.**
Gabby, Olivia, and Rachel Lee in the spotlight!

Faith & Carolyn

Conference time with SIU members of WIA and other leaders in the organization.
**SIUC Takes Delivery of New Piper Arrow**

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) Aviation Flight Department took delivery of their first of three Piper Arrows this March. The original delivery date was pushed back after the Federal Aviation Administration had to complete further tests before allowing SIUC to take delivery of the new aircraft. The new airplane will be primarily used for Commercial Pilot training but will also be utilized across the program. The airplane features brand new avionics and an autopilot – something none of SIUC’s current fleet has. This is one of the department’s many upcoming projects to modernize the program to attract new students to a career field that is desperate for future generation pilots. The official video highlighting the arrival of the aircraft can be viewed on SIUC’s official YouTube channel or here: [SIU Piper Arrow Video](#).

Questions about the new airplane or future endeavors of the program may be directed to the Interim Chair, Michael Burgener.
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is coming to Carbondale, IL this October 5-6!

AOPA has selected KMDH as one of it’s four fly-ins for 2018. The official schedule can be found below. More information to come in the following months as details unfold. (Click the stamp above to go to the official AOPA website and read more!)

**Friday, October 5, 2018**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Early-bird Workshops (registration & tuition fees apply)

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Exhibit Hall, AOPA Village, and Aircraft Display Open

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Barnstormers Party Present by Jeppesen

**Saturday, October 6, 2018**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Pancake Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Free Seminars*

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Exhibit Hall and AOPA Village Open

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Aircraft Display Open

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Lunch Service Open

12:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Rusty Pilots Seminar

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. | Pilot Town Hall with AOPA President and CEO Mark Baker

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Ice Cream Social

4:00 p.m. | AOPA Fly-In Ends

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*Click the stamp above to go to the official AOPA website and read more!**