Welcome to Fall Semester 2019

On behalf of SIU Aviation, welcome back to a new and exciting semester! We have many things on the agenda for this semester including the 25th Anniversary United Airlines Career day in October. The nine time national championship Flying Salukis will compete in NIFA regional competition, also in October, which will be held here in Carbondale! See more information about that inside this newsletter.

I am also pleased to report that the Fall 2019 enrollment numbers are in and aviation is up overall by nearly 15%, and we have enrolled the largest Freshman class in many years. Combining students who take courses on campus, off campus and online, there are 546 students enrolled in aviation programs at SIU! The aviation programs are growing and that is great news.

Speaking of growing, AVM off campus programs opened a new site this semester in Costa Mesa California and AVT just inked a new 2+2 program with Shenyang University in China. We will begin offering courses, in China, next summer 2020.

To all of our new, continuing, and alumni Salukis, have a great Fall semester!
Great news! David Lane donated his 1968 Piper Cherokee to Aviation Technologies. We took possession of the 1968 Cherokee 140 today! Thank you David Lane for your generous donation to our program.

New Recruitment Specialist

Hannah Erickson joined SIU Aviation department in August as the new Recruitment Specialist.
She comes to us from University Communications on campus.
Hannah’s responsibilities will include managing and coordinating school recruitment activities and make visits to middle/high schools, and colleges. She will coordinate the enrollment management and selective admission process for the departments. Along with recruitment off-campus, she will set up student recruitment events on-campus, such as the Career Days with the airlines.
Please welcome Hannah to Aviation.
4th Annual Plane Pull with Special Olympics of Illinois - October 5, 2019
This event brings together teams of 10 to try to move the 737 plane 12 feet as fast as possible. It is a very fun event to watch, and this year a Car Show has been added. To register for the plane pull or Car Show go to www.IllinoisPlanePull.com. If you are not interested in getting a team together, volunteers are needed and it benefits a great cause. Come out and enjoy.

25th United Airlines Career Day - October 19, 2019
Every year SIU hosts two different airline career days that bring students from Chicago, IL (O’Hare) to the Carbondale campus and airport. High school students are given the opportunity to explore careers in aviation and learn what being a Saluki is all about! In October we will be celebrating the 25th Career Day with United Airlines. This is quite a milestone and we will be celebrating with special events that day.

SIU Aviation Career Fair and Banquet - November 8, 2019
The SIU Aviation Career Fair and AMS Banquet will be held on November 8, 2019. Juniors and Seniors are HIGHLY encouraged to visit the Career Fair to discuss career opportunities beyond SIU. The Career Fair will be held in the Multi-purpose room at the TEC. The banquet will take place that evening at the Carbondale Civic Center. Tickets may be purchased by an officer of AMS, at the TEC Reception desk, or online on AMS website.

The National Intercollegiate Flying Association, Inc. SAFECON 2019 - Oct. 29 - Nov. 1
The Region 8 SAFECON competition will be held at SIU and the Southern Illinois Airport, October 29 through November 1st. The Flying Salukis will be competing for the regional title and hosting several other Collegiate Flying teams. Salukis have won 9 straight regional competitions. It will be nice to win at our home base. Come out and see what this is all about.

New Advisor for Aviation Management and Flight
Please meet Susan J. King, our new academic advisor for Aviation Management and Flight.
Susan is no stranger to the university or advisement. She has been on campus for over 14 years, and spent the last 10 years serving as advisor in COLA’s Psychology department.
If you get a chance, please stop in and welcome Susan to our department.

Fall Scholarships
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25th United Airlines Career Day Scheduled

It was April 30, 1994, over 80 Chicago area high school students, teachers and counselors were aboard a United Airlines 737-300 when it arrived at SI Airport. The purpose of the trip was to give students, largely from city of Chicago High Schools a chance to view a university aviation program.

The flight crew included SIU alums Captain Tony Flannigan ('78), First Officer Barry Batson ('90), and in addition to the crew, alums Jeff Alexander, Mike Braun, Clarence Copping, Tom Daly, Steve Nolan, Lorraine Morris, William R. Norwood, Bob Ouellette, Jay Porter, Steve Smolek, Melissa Staples, Dave Thompson and Mike Tripathi made the flight.

This year, October 19, 2019 marks the 25th United Airlines Career Day held at SIU. United will bring 110-120 students to Carbondale on an A320 Airbus.

We are pleased to announce that some of the alumni on the original flight will be joining us once again for the flight from Chicago. William R. Norwood, Clarence Copping are two who will be joining us.

Some of the events the students will enjoy that day include: tours of Campus and Aviation; Lunch with Presentations from SIU and United; and Pizza on the return flight home. We expect this to be a fun-filled day packed with information.

If you get a chance to join us that day - please do!
Mention the phrase “Flying Salukis” and there can be only one image.

As a part of Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s nationally recognized aviation program, the 15- to 18-member squad plays an important role in highlighting both the aviation program and the university’s accomplishments.

The team has nine National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) titles dating back to 1977. Since 2011, when the Flying Salukis surprised many competitors by winning a then-seventh national championship, the team has nine straight top 3 national finishes. That includes championships in 2014 and 2015 and second-place showings in 2016 and earlier this month.

**Tangible evidence of a great aviation program**

The flight team’s accomplishments helps make the aviation program attractive to potential students and parents, said Michael Burgener, chair of the aviation technologies program and interim chair in aviation management and flight.

The flight team, along with successful bachelor’s and master’s degree programs and research opportunities is a vital mix, he said.

“It’s really extraordinary when you think about it,” Burgener said. “A small school like ours — there are whole aviation universities. We are just a program within a larger university. For them to go out and compete and win national titles like that, the importance of that cannot be overstated.”

**Ultimate goal is top 3 national finish each year**

“We always strive to be in the top three in the nation,” said Flying Saluki Coach Nathan J. Lincoln, a senior lecturer in aviation management and flight.

“Weber we can continue that every year is going to have to be decided in future teams. But I really instill that that’s our ultimate goal. I push the team very hard to make sure that they are ready, prepared and that they can compete their best.”

The team holds tryouts each fall and attracts students from each of the aviation-related programs. Practice regimes are closely guarded and Lincoln, who graduated from SIU and was a two-year member of the Flying Salukis in the late 1990s, credits students and program instructors.

“I think that the ability to take those great students and move them into the flight team has definitely benefitted us over the years. It is a wonderful place to learn how to become a professional pilot,” he said.

**Maintaining a legacy**

SIU has qualified for the national competition in 49 of 50 years. Team members know the legacy involved, Lincoln said. But he also offers a challenge. Lincoln has been the coach for 12 years and will enter his 13th season in this fall.

“I try to keep as much pressure off the team as possible. I want that pressure on the coaches to encourage the team members,” he said. “I tell them time and time again that if you want to succeed, it is within each one of you. You have to decide that you want to be the best that there is in the country at what you are doing. I will give you the tools to do that, but it really has to come from … that internal drive to be the best pilot you possibly can be.”

SIU will host the Region VIII flight championships at Southern Illinois Airport this fall. Celebrating 100 years in 2020, NIFA’s national championships will be in mid-May in Oshkosh, Wisconsin hosted by the Experimental Aircraft Association.
**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.

**Scholarships**

Scholarships have been added to the SIU Aviation website. All students are encouraged to visit the scholarships and research if

**New Students**

There are two LLC meetings in Neely Hall this month. Continue to check your SIU emails to see what meetings you can attend to make the most out of your first year!

**Be Heard!**

Have something to share with students of SIU Aviation? Send the information to Rhonda Ferguson at rferguson@siu.edu to be included in the next edition.

**Emails**

Please check your emails regularly to stay informed of any upcoming events such as airline visits, workshops, and other student or RSO events that pertain to aviation.
12th Annual SIU Aviation Golf Scramble

Join us
June 10, 2019

Proceeds benefit SIU Aviation

Boulder Ridge Country Club
Lake in the Hills, IL

Mark Your Calendars

Brochure front from next year’s golf scramble to be held June 15th.

Pictures from past golf Scrambles

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Participate in workshops in various aviation activities!

Girls in Aviation Day!

Saturday October 5th

SIU Transportation Education Center at Southern Illinois Airport

Experience the exciting opportunities and pathways in aviation

Send name, age, any food allergies, and emergency contact to olivia.vincent@siu.edu