2014 Council of Councils coming to Carbondale

Members networked as they attended the 16th Annual Council of Councils Conference at Chicago State University (CSU) in Chicago, Illinois on October 18, 2013. The SIU Civil Service Council conference attendees engaged in “Communication Dynamics” techniques at CSU. The CSU Civil Service Council invited presenters from the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCSS) to energize the attendees regarding important human resource issues. Presenters pictured are as follows: Jeffrey Brownfield, Cindy Neitzel, and Mari Martinelli from SUCSS; and Dr. Wayne Watson, President, CSU. At conference end, Southern Illinois University Carbondale was “passed the torch” to hold the next Council of Councils Conference in 2014.

Save the date! On October 17, 2014, the 17th Annual Council of Councils Conference will be held at Southern Illinois University (SIU) Carbondale and the SIU Civil Service Council would like to invite you to attend open forums held in conjunction to the conference. The conference will be themed, “A Touch of Southern Illinois,” and will begin on October 16, 2014, with a meet and greet. Mark your calendars!

Upcoming Holidays

NOVEMBER
Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013  Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov. 29, 2013  Thanksgiving Friday

DECEMBER
Wed., Dec. 25, 2013  Christmas Holiday
Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013  Designated Holiday
Friday, Dec. 27, 2013  Administrative Closure
Monday, Dec. 30, 2013  Administrative Closure
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013  Designated Holiday
Wed., Jan. 1, 2014  New Year’s Holiday
The Civil Service Council’s Education Assistance Committee is currently conducting their Holiday Raffle. The committee has collected several nice items to be included in this year’s raffle. Many thanks to Vera Gibbs for her tireless efforts in collecting donations for the auction. Raffle tickets will be sold by Civil Service Council members, 6 for $5 with the drawing taking place Wednesday, December 4th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Kaskaskia Room, in the Student Center.

Very nice items in this year’s raffle include: Attitude Designs/710 bookstore - Bag, 1 t-shirt, 1 polo shirt, 1 water bottle, miniature replica new SIU Football Field; Black Diamond Harley Davidson - mug, can coozie, t-shirt, bag, key chain; College of AG - 5, Ag/SIU ball caps, 2 t-shirts (1 white/1 gray); College of Business - Notebook/pen combo, rubber bracelet, cup, can coozie, umbrella, magnet clip; Chancellor’s Office - 2 - Paper weights; Fazoli’s Restaurant - 4 - desserts, 4 - kids meals, 4 - spaghetti dinners, 4 - side salads, 4 - italian lemon ice certificates; Gold’s Gym - 1 month free membership, t-shirt; Italian Village - 2 - $10 Gift Certificates; SIU Aviation Management & Flight - One Free One Hour Sightseeing Flight; SIU Alumni Association - Handled Bag, alumni deck of playing cards, “Good night from Carbondale - vol 1” DVD, t-shirt, 2 books, 2 pens, post-it pad, can coozie; SIU Grounds - Hanging Basket; SIU Printing and Duplicating - 15x30 matted photo; SIU Plant Biology - Greenhouse - One house plant; SIU Recreational Sports and Services - One year free membership; SIU Travel Service - Car Wash Kit; Super 8 Motel - Free nights stay (Carbondale only); SIH - Breast Center; Student Center, Silkworm - SIU Baseball cap, 2 bags, 2 t-shirts, bottle coozie; University Press - 15 books; University Communications - Pens, Pencils, 14 Reusable bags, 3 SIU Pennants and more still coming in.

Proceeds from all fund raising activities go to the Education Assistance Program administered by the SIU Carbondale Civil Service council. The Education Assistance Program provides monetary awards to any SIU Carbondale student whose sponsor is an SIU Carbondale Civil Service Employee (must meet eligibility criteria). For more information on the Education Assistance Program, call the Constituencies office at 453-5249 or go to http://cscouncil.siu.edu/Educ_Ast/about EAP.html.

**Upcoming CSC Events and Activities**

- Civil Service Council Elections - February/March
- EAC Spring Flea Market - April
- EAC Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale - 2014

**Civil Service Retirements**

Two Civil Service employees retired in July. Darla Lowe, Office Administrator, Center for Rural Health-SMC retired on 07/05/2013 and Philip G. Reed, Extra Help Service/Maintenance, Student Center-SIUC retired on 07/31/2013. Congratulations to both and enjoy your retirement.

Hello, I’m Rhonda Ferguson the new Office Support for the Professional Constituencies’ Office. I came to southern Illinois about 16 years ago from Decatur, Illinois where I was born and raised. For eleven years I worked as Office Manager/Graphic Designer at Schwebel Printing in Murphysboro, before that I worked at The Southern Illinoisan as Creative Services Supervisor.

My job on campus began in August 2013. It has been a learning experience. Being new to the campus world - there is a lot to explore and take in. Currently my office is in Woody Hall room C114 and I can be reached at 453-5249.

I am the mother of three children, one girl and two boys. We live in Carterville, my youngest is attending CHS as a senior. I have two adorable granddaughters Harper 1 and Kamy 3. They keep their Neena busy.

I have thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the new job, especially meeting new people.
Fall EAC Winners

This fall the Civil Service Council’s Education Assistance Committee awarded 13 students with scholarship money. Each student received $200 towards their SIU tuition and bills. EAC raises the money for scholarship through fundraising activities during the year. To help award more students - get involved with your Civil Service Council. The fall scholarship winners are listed below:

Benjamin Bates  
Nichole Beckman  
Andrew Clark  
Sarah Fields  
Allen Foster  
Jacob Gaertner  
Victoria Gwaltney  
Lacey Hutchins  
Brittany Jennings  
Kaitlyn Phoenix  
Julie Robertson  
Cammi Ruffino  
Chaz Ruffino

The deadline for Spring applications to be submitted is December 31st. Get those applications turned in early. You can submit applications to the Professional Constituencies’ Office, Rhonda Ferguson, Woody Hall Room C114 or email rferguson@siu.edu.

Congratulations!

Keep informed by Email

SIU staff members are encouraged to read the new, bi-weekly SIU Today email and check the SIU Today website to stay up-to-date about important information and activities.

“Our goal with SIU Today is to give staff affiliated with the Carbondale campus one place to turn for university information,” said Rae Goldsmith, chief marketing and communications officer. “We are also engaging staff in the communications process by allowing them to submit information directly.”

Goldsmith said other goals are to reduce or eliminate the use of paper flyers and to minimize the number of individual all-campus emails that clutter email boxes.

“As a green campus, we want to encourage people to use focused online communications tools rather than printed material whenever possible,” she said. “We also hope that SIU Today will help build awareness of the opportunities staff have to engage in the many cultural and other activities available to them. SIU Today is the primary place staff should turn to for need-to-know announcements and deadlines.”

To submit announcements or information about events, please read the submission guidelines and complete the online form.
Southern Illinois University Carbondale Payroll Deduction Authorization

Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund

Name

Last

First

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SSN

Home Address

Street

City

State

Zip

Campuses Address

Department

Building/Room #

Mailcode

I am paid

☐ Monthly

☐ Semi-Monthly

☐ Bi-weekly

I hereby authorize Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as an agent of the State of Illinois, to deduct from my earnings and deposit with the SIU Foundation each pay period, beginning __________, 20______ the amount checked below:

☐ $2.00 per pay period

☐ $5.00 per pay period

☐ $_______ per pay period. My gift is designated for the Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund. I reserve the right to change or revoke this authorization by submitting a written revocation card to the Southern Illinois University Foundation. This card is in addition to any payroll deduction already established.

Signature

Date

Please return to:

SIU Foundation, MC 6805

1235 Douglas Drive

Southern Illinois University

Carbondale, IL 62901