

140TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 17, 2016
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SIU Southern Illinois University
CARBONDALE

This is
YOUR DAY.



Dear Fellow Saluki:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation. I look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you during our commencement ceremony at the SIU Arena on Saturday, December 17, 2016. This brochure will help you and your family make the most of what is sure to be a memorable day.

Your degree should be a great source of pride to you, because it reflects your talent and determination to meet the rigorous academic expectations of a nationally-recognized research institution. It also reflects the commitment of our talented faculty and staff. They have challenged, mentored and inspired you because they are passionate about your success.

I am confident that whatever the future may hold, your experiences here have prepared you to meet the challenges that lie ahead. Thank you for the contributions you have made to our university and our community. We look forward to learning of the positive difference you will make in your careers and in the global society.

Please accept my best wishes and those of the entire SIU family for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Brad Colwell".

Brad Colwell
Interim Chancellor

You deserve the best commencement day possible. It's one you will remember for the rest of your life, so we want to do everything we can to make it as smooth as possible. While there are things that are out of your control (weather, guests and the occasional travel delay), there are things you can do right now to help make it the celebration you deserve.



Grad Bash

Plan to attend this event on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms. This is your one-stop shop for all things commencement-related. That afternoon, do the following:

- Verify your graduation application has been received. The application is available now. Apply via [SalukiNet](#) by Sept. 9 to be entered in a drawing for free regalia.
- Order your regalia, announcements, class rings and more.
- Join the Alumni Association.
- Enjoy complimentary food and beverages.
- Have a professional graduation portrait taken by GradImages.
- Visit with various campus departments and colleges about programs and services.

Begin the graduation application process. You can apply for graduation via SalukiNet ([salukinet.siu.edu](#)). You will receive an email confirmation after you have completed the online application. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 16.

If you have any questions or problems with the online application process, please contact:

- Undergraduates: regstrar@siu.edu or 618/453-2054
- Master's and Ph.D. degree candidates: gradschl@siu.edu or 618/453-4550
- Law students: lawreg@siu.edu or 618/453-8765

Order your regalia

The deadline to order your custom regalia is Friday, Oct. 28. You can order regalia from the University Bookstore in the Student Center or from Herff Jones directly at colleges.herffjones.com/college/siuc. It will be available for pickup at the University Bookstore beginning Dec. 12.*

If you choose not to order regalia from the University Bookstore and Herff Jones, your order may not include SIU's custom academic stole, and you will need to pick up your name card at the SIU Arena Ticket Office before the day of commencement or at the First-Mid Bank Lounge in the arena on the day of commencement.

**If you are unable to pick up your cap and gown during the designated hours, someone can pick it up for you, as long as they have your permission (verification will be required).*

Your name card

This name card will be used to announce your name at commencement. Make sure you get your card at the University Bookstore when you go there to pick up your regalia. For your convenience, the SIU Arena Ticket Office also will be able to provide name cards after Dec. 12. Remember to bring your name card with you on the day of commencement. Ph.D. and JD students will receive theirs the day of the ceremony when they check in at the Troutt-Wittman Academic Center.

To assist the commencement readers with announcing your name correctly, please neatly and clearly write the pronunciation of your name on the reader card.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Deadline to be entered in a drawing for free regalia
- 14 Grad Bash
- 16 Deadline to apply for December 2016 graduation

OCTOBER

- 28 Deadline to order regalia

DECEMBER

- 12 Regalia pickup begins
- 17 Commencement

SHARE YOUR DAY

I've applied for graduation and my regalia is ordered. Is there anything else I should do before commencement?

In addition to you reviewing this information carefully, share this commencement information with your family and friends so they can plan to celebrate with you on this special day. Commencement is a very busy day for the campus, the city of Carbondale and the surrounding communities. Early planning helps to ensure your commencement experience is enjoyed by those important to you.



Graduation announcements and diploma frames:

Announcements and diploma frames are available from the University Bookstore in the Student Center, or from Herff Jones directly at colleges.herffjones.com/college/siuc. Please plan to allow at least 10 days for announcements to arrive.

Tickets and seating:

- Tickets are not required.
- General seating is limited. We anticipate a large crowd, and seating is first come, first served. We strongly urge guests to arrive as early as possible and find seats before the processional begins, no later than 15 minutes before the ceremony. Doors open 90 minutes before the start of the ceremony.

Flowers and gifts:

Bouquets of flowers, SIU memorabilia and other commencement items will be available for purchase inside the SIU Arena. If you would like to conveniently pre-order flowers, please click the following link: www.gradflowers.com/siuc

Regalia and name card:

Don't forget to pick up your regalia and name card. Regalia will be available after Dec. 12.

Discouraged items:

To be mindful of other guests attending commencement, balloons, balloon bouquets, signs or anything that obstructs the view are discouraged in the SIU Arena, as they may obstruct other guests' view. Please leave these items in your car.

Parking:

Graduates and guests will be directed to park in the west parking lot and two south parking lots of the SIU Arena. Remember, this is a very busy day on campus. Allow extra time to park and arrive at your seat or lineup location.

For students or guests with disabilities:

The SIU Arena is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reservations are not needed for special-needs seating. For more information regarding SIU Arena's special-needs accommodations, contact Saluki Athletics at 618/453-1801. There also will be an interpreter at all commencement ceremonies.

Students with disabilities should contact Disability Support Services to discuss specific accommodations that can be made.

Lodging and dining after the ceremony:

Carbondale has many fine restaurants to celebrate this special occasion, as well as great hotels to house our guests. Please visit the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce website (carbondalechamber.com) for more information on dining and lodging. The Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau's website (www.carbondaletourism.org) is also a helpful resource.

It's Commencement Day. What should I expect?

Attire: Business or business casual (under your gown, of course).

Behavior: Stay positive, attentive and thrilled. Understand that you're sharing this day with others, so make sure you give everyone the space and respect they need to enjoy the day with you. We ask for your assistance in being prompt to avoid disruption of the processional.

Graduates arriving after the processional begins may not be seated on the floor with their college or degree. Late arrivals will be seated to the side of the stage.

Seating: You will sit with your college, but there's no need to sit alphabetically. Doctoral and juris doctorate degree candidates will sit together with faculty in front of the undergraduate and master's degree candidates.

Processional: To ensure proper seating and preparation, we require all students to report to the SIU Arena 45 minutes before the ceremony. This is important because the academic procession leaves the lineup site at 1:45 p.m.

- Undergraduate degree candidates will report to the SIU Arena floor for seating. Staff will be there for assistance.
- Master's degree candidates will meet in the lower level of Lingle Hall for lineup with their colleges.
- Doctoral degree candidates and School of Law candidates will meet in the Troutt-Wittmann Academic Center for the processional lineup.

Personal Items:

SIU does not provide a secure location for graduates to leave purses, bags, jackets and other personal items, and the university is not responsible for items left unattended. Given the seating arrangement, graduates may not be seated in the same chair after receiving their scrolls or diplomas. Graduates should not plan to leave personal items under their chairs. Please leave personal items with a friend or family member during the ceremony.



Congratulations! You've graduated. What happens next?

To help you finish the day, here are some things to do and be aware of following the ceremony.

Return your regalia. The easiest way is to return it at the SIU Arena after your ceremony the day of commencement. Otherwise, it can be returned to the University Bookstore in the Student Center.

Photos. In addition to all the shots your family will take with personal cameras and smartphones, we will also take a picture of each graduate as you receive your scroll or diploma and as you leave the platform. You'll receive a complimentary color proof within a week, either by mail or email, with instructions on how to order more.

Out of consideration for others and safety reasons, no one is allowed on the arena floor for photography purposes following commencement. We have established a photo area by the bronzed Saluki dog, located in the main plaza by the staircase. This is a great location to meet your family following the ceremony.

Your diploma. Once all degree and financial requirements are met, we will mail your diploma to you.* However, if you have changed your diploma address (changing your address on SalukiNet does not change where your diploma is mailed), please email the Office of the Registrar at registrar@siu.edu, or you can confirm your address by calling 618/453-2054.

* Doctoral degree candidates may receive their diplomas at the ceremony.



YOUR CONNECTIONS

Always a Saluki.

Commencement is a beginning. Just as all of your accomplishments at SIU will propel you to the stage during the graduation ceremony, this day will launch your future success. Although it may feel like an ending, as though you are leaving SIU behind, nothing could be further from the truth. In many ways, graduation connects you to something much bigger.

You are a Saluki. You share an identity built on a boundless experience, which means one not limited to Carbondale or the year you graduated. The group you now belong to stretches back decades, even as the network reaches around the world more than 250,000 strong.

We want you to stay connected, so that all of the great things you've accomplished – and all of the relationships you've built – can continue to bring you closer to your goals. That is why we've created multiple ways for you to stay engaged and active with the SIU community.

We are here for you. The SIU Alumni Association is your connection to campus, as well as a vast network of alumni around the world. We create opportunities for every Saluki, every day, in every way possible. Your membership matters, because it powers the relationships that keep the SIU Alumni Association strong and helps fund scholarships and resource programs for current students. Membership also allows you to network with professionals, enjoy discounts through its Member Advantages Program and reconnect with old classmates, even years after you leave campus. Learn more about the services the SIU Alumni Association offers at sialumni.com.

We've got your back. Be prepared for life after college. Take advantage of SIU Career Services to strengthen your interview, résumé and networking skills to help you stand out from other applicants. For Salukis everywhere, at any time, we're here to help. Visit careerservices.siu.edu.

SIU is in your corner. There are countless ways to rely on your alma mater. Reach out to your department; it has experts in your field, and you can gain great advice from former professors.

Sign up for alumni email updates, follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook. These are some of the best ways to stay informed and still feel like you're part of our campus community. We will always be your university. This is SIU.

SIU ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION



GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DAY



We welcome any questions, concerns or cheers. You can contact us at the Office of University Events and Protocol, Anthony Hall room 104, 618/453-7424. We manage all activities related to the commencement ceremony.

Please refer to the commencement website for more information: commencement.siu.edu.



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