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Scholarships

For many that are starting college and some that are already enrolled often get faced with the question of, “how are you going to pay for it?” Southeastern Illinois College have so many opportunities for people to get help to pay for their tuition and fees. SIC has divisional scholarships, such as Applied Tech, Art, Diesel Technology, Music, and Theatre. There are Presidential Scholarships, High Achievers, and Foundation Scholarships. At SIC the Foundation Scholarships are made up of people from a business, a family, or a memorial for a lost one. The students awarded the scholarships use the donated money for their tuition and fees depending on the scholarship. Each one is different and can offer a various amount of money, but every penny counts when you see the bill in the mail. Other areas where you can receive money to put towards your college is through Financial Aid. To receive Financial Aid you will fill out your FAFSA, and depending on your personal family information, the Department of Education can award you a Pell Grant. This grant will cover your tuition and fees depending on the amount of credit hours you are enrolled in. There are many ways to receive financial help at Southeastern Illinois College, take the time to fill out the applications necessary.

Article by Kaylynn Owens



2017 Forensic Falcons

Speech

The Southeastern Illinois College Forensic Falcons represented southern Illinois well at the national community college speech tournament, Phi Rho Pi, in Washington, D.C., earning a gold medal in individual events and a silver medal overall. The team captured seven gold, seven silver, and eight bronze medals in individual competition. The Falcons competed in the Wyman division, the tournament’s largest division. The team also earned the prestigious Mariner Award, a cumulative honor reflecting sustained excellence at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament. The Forensic Falcons last earned the Mariner Award in 2003. “I am thrilled with the performance of this team,” noted Paul Cummins, Director of Forensics. “They worked hard, and they realized their potential.” The 2017 national tournament marks the end of the Falcons’ 2016-17 season, which also included both a state and regional championship. SIC’s Forensic Falcons have a long history of success, placing first in overall national competition in 1986, 1997, and 2005. Individual results from the tournament are as follows:

Rachael Hooven, Harrisburg -- Gold in prose interpretation, gold in dramatic interpretation, silver in persuasive speaking, bronze in speech to entertain, fourth in individual sweepstakes.

Cassidy Maynard, Harrisburg -- Gold in communication analysis, silver in prose interpretation, bronze in informative speaking, bronze in duo interpretation (with partner Gabe Motsinger).

Gabe Motsinger, Carrier Mills -- Gold in prose interpretation, bronze in duo interpretation (with partner Cassidy Maynard).

Nick Cofield, Carrier Mills -- Gold in extemporaneous speaking, gold in impromptu speaking.

Shay Wood, Shawneetown -- Gold in impromptu speaking, silver in poetry interpretation.

Shannon Welker, Harrisburg -- Silver in extemporaneous speaking, silver in impromptu speaking, bronze in informative speaking.

Haley Rushing, Marion -- Silver in prose interpretation

Kaydee Dycus, Mount Vernon -- Silver in dramatic interpretation, bronze in speech to entertain.

Carrice McDaniel, Harrisburg -- Bronze in persuasive speaking

Chanse Tullis, Springerton -- Bronze in dramatic interpretation

Joli Murphy, Springerton -- Bronze in prose interpretation

The team also includes Noah Taylor from Eldorado. The Forensic Falcons are coached by Paul Cummins, Dr. Tyler Billman, and Jenny Billman.

Article by Angela Wilson

Archery

When the dust settled at the 2016 US Intercollegiate Archery North Regional Division I Championships, held September 17 on the campus of Southeastern Illinois College, the SIC archery falcons had garnered a total of seven out of eight regional titles in head-to-head competition with Hocking College located in Nelsonville, Ohio. The US Collegiate Archery Association sponsors regional competitions throughout the United States each year in preparation for the 3D US Intercollegiate Archery Championships in October. Three of SIC's gold medals came via individual scoring performances during a grueling 40 target competition. Division I national champion and Academic All-American Alli Armstrong of Elizabethtown, Illinois, won the top spot in the women's bow hunter division; freshman Elijah Bond from Thompsonville, Illinois, won first place in the men's bow hunter division; while Division I national champion and Academic All-American Casey Poe of Arthur, Illinois, won top honors in men's compound. Southeastern also won three team titles. In the women's bow hunter division, Alli Armstrong, Jessica Morris of Golconda, and Makayla McKenzie of Carmi took top honors. In men's bow hunter, Elijah Bond, Garrett Lane of Elizabethtown, and Jeffrey George of Shawneetown took home gold, and in men's compound, the scores of Casey Poe, Rhett Bullard of Iuka, Ill., and Stephani Poe of Arthur, Ill. were enough to capture first place. SIC's combined average for all shooters during the tournament won the school its fourth High Overall Average trophy. In its first four years of competition, SIC's archery team has collected 10 divisional national championships and two HOA national championships, while crowning 20 All-Americans and four Academic All-Americans.

Article by Angela Wilson



SIC Archery Team

PBL

On April 7-8, Phi Beta Lambda attended the State Leadership Conference in Effingham, IL. Members Rachel Carr, Lexie Hopkins, Taylor Colbert, and Juana Gonzalez competed in multiple events and attended workshops. Carr competed in Management Concepts and Job Interview, Hopkins competed in Job Interview, Colbert competed in Business Communications, and Gonzalez competed in Sales Presentation. Hopkins and Gonzalez both placed 3rd in their events and Hopkins gets to advance to PBL nationals in Anaheim, California. The advisor for Phi Beta Lambda is Kelsie Bond-Rodman.

Article by Rachel Carr

Theatre/Music

Spring is in the air. Excitement is stirring all around as the once hibernating nature awakes from its slumber. But nature isn't alone in its excitement. SIC's Music and Performing Arts has also geared up for some exciting events. The SIC Theatre department proudly presented the classic, *My Fair Lady*, on April 21, 22, and 23. The show was about a Professor named Henry Higgins who attempts to transform the young flower girl, Eliza Doolittle, into a sophisticated young lady. Everyone who came and saw the show enjoyed the humor and romance that scattered this 1964 Lerner and Lowe musical. As the Theatre department anticipated the arrival of *Miss Doolittle*, the Music department was preparing for a couple concerts of their own. On April 6, the student choir performed their *Broadway & Beyond* concert which featured numbers from Pergolesi's operas to the recent musical, *Rent*. On May 7, the student choir and Community Chorus joined forces to present the elegant *Faure's Requiem*.

Article by Kayla DePriest

40th Anniversary Child Study Center

More than 50 guests arrived Thursday, April 6 at SIC for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Mary Jo Oldham Center for Child Study (MJOCCS) at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg. The reunion-type celebration, which also served as an opportunity to kick off a fundraising campaign for the center, included a tour, refreshments, art display in the gallery, memory wall, photo booth, silent auction and more. SIC music student, Kayla DePriest provided piano music for the event. Sue Beal, first coordinator of the center from its 1976 inception said, “I’m excited because we’re glad to see so many that we haven’t seen since they were children; and some who were children in the center are now bringing their own children here.” The center is named in honor of Dr. Mary Jo Oldham Morgan, who served as SIC’s fourth president and was a long-time education instructor at the college. The MJOCCS is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, a division of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The center has earned a top-level gold star on the quality ratings scale granted by the Illinois Department of Human Services and serves nearly 90 toddlers and preschoolers. For more information about the center, to put a child on the waiting list or to donate funds or supplies, contact Lori Sizemore at the MJOCCS at 618-252-5400 ext. 3410.

Article by Callie Smith

Fountain Memorial

Five years ago, lives in Saline and Gallatin Counties were rocked as a result of the devastating Leap Day Tornado. Since then, the communities have rallied together to rebuild and restore without forgetting the damage done or the lives lost. To commemorate this tragic day, the Southeastern Illinois College Student Government held a fundraiser and sold bricks to create a memorial to honor those lost in the tornado and to leave a legacy for future students. The project was completed in late March. On Thursday, March 30 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in the Harry L. Crisp Student Center Cafeteria and Patio at SIC. People that attended were students from SIC and several people from the public came as well.

Article by Angela Wilson



SIC MJOCCS

MIG

SIC clinched its record fourth consecutive Model Illinois Government championship when it was named, “Outstanding Large Delegation” on Sunday, March 5 during the government simulation competition at the Capitol in Springfield. The win was yet another in a decade of dominance. This is SIC’s tenth state championship in 14 years. This success comes despite Southeastern’s status as the smallest school at the competition against colleges and universities that are up to eight times its size. “I actually view our size as an advantage rather than a disadvantage,” said political science instructor and advisor Matt Lees. “I know the name of each and every student in my classes, and I personally recruit and hand pick every member of the team. You simply cannot do that if you’re teaching in a 100-person lecture hall. The success we have experienced is a testament to the quality of our students.” This is the first four-peat ever recorded in the 40-year history of the Model Illinois Government Simulation. “I can honestly say joining MIG was by far one of the best things I have ever done,” said Grant Loudy who played the role of a representative. “I can’t wait until next year!” During competition, students have the opportunity to debate bills in the actual House and Senate chambers in Springfield. This year over 200 students from 15 colleges and universities participated from across the state. “Before joining MIG I actually hated politics and never wanted to vote or even talk about politics of any kind,” said first year delegate Morgan Denbo. “MIG has changed my life for the better.” Southeastern Illinois College led all schools in total points, leadership positions, won three major awards, and controlled both the House Democrat and Senate Republican caucuses.

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SIC set new school records for floor leadership positions (six) and total points (16). SIC students were elected to four committee spokesperson positions, two floor whip positions, had two committee chairs, and won elections for House Majority Leader, Assistant Majority Leader, and Floor Whip. SIC students also won elections for Senate Minority and Assistant Minority, and Floor Whip. The team won awards for Outstanding Original Legislation, Outstanding Person in the House of Representatives, and Outstanding First Year Delegate. First-year delegates included Chloe Brandon of Carrier Mills; Morgan Denbo and Evan Doughty both of Harrisburg; Reagan Gray, William Johnson, and Grant Loudy all of Eldorado; Braden Scroggins and Nolan Sutton both of Norris City; and William Tippett of Creal Springs. Returning delegates included Head Delegate Tracy Stokich of Eldorado, Dana Hooven and Ryan Dennison of Harrisburg, and Casper Johns of Norris City. Given the number of offices held and overall performance, the SIC team was named Outstanding Large Delegation. “The key to this team’s success was its leadership,” said Lees. “This group had some of the best leadership I’ve ever observed during my 15 years as advisor.”

Article by Angela Wilson**SIC MIG**