

Southern's SHINING MOMENTS

April 2011

LIBERAL ARTS

For the fourth year in a row, the **SIU Debate Team** finished in the top three in the National Parliamentary Debate Association. The duo of **Brandon Merrell**, a senior majoring in political science and economics, and **Mike Selck**, a sophomore majoring in speech communication, finished the season as the third best team in the country. Merrell also earned an All-American Award, an award given to only three debaters nationwide. Merrell earned the award for his debate success, in addition to his grade point average and his community and University service.

Derreck Langwith, a senior in linguistics, is one of only 74 undergraduate students nationwide chosen by the Council on Undergraduate Research to present their research at the 2011 "Posters on the Hill" on April 13 in Washington, D.C.

APPLIED SCIENCES & ARTS

Josh Lindberg, an aviation management and flight student, is among a select group of college students selected to participate in the "NoLimits" Southwest Airlines Internship Program.

ENGINEERING

Dr. Bruce DeRuntz, associate professor in the School of Engineering, received the Partners in Quality Award from the Quality Management Division of the American Society for Quality. The award recognizes long-term support by an organization and individuals of that organization that have resulted in substantial progress toward the fulfillment of the QMD's programs and goals.



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SCIENCE

Wesley Calvert, assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics, was named as a Fulbright Scholar. As part of his research, Calvert will travel to India, to logic with Indian colleagues at several nearby institutions.

UNIVERSITY

SIU Carbondale is helping lead a statewide effort to increase the number of adults with college degrees from the current 41 to 60 percent by 2025. Chancellor Rita Cheng is a member of the **Complete College Illinois Team**, which is chaired by Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon. Illinois is one of 26 states participating in Complete College America, an alliance focusing on college completion and enhancing partnerships between universities and community colleges.

BUSINESS

A team of SIU students advanced to the semi-finals in the Missouri-Illinois Regional Idea 2 Product Competition at St. Louis University. The winners were **Andrew Keenan**, a second year MBA student, and **Chris Mills**, who is working on his MBA and a master's in engineering.

ATHLETICS

The National Association of Basketball Coaches named senior forward **Carlton Fay** to the NABC Division I All-District District 16 Second Team.

Jessica Anderson, **Michelle Bell**, **Kristin Geppert**, **Melissa Larocque**, **Marcela Teixeira** and **Jill Weckbach** were named to the Missouri Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete Team.

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association named the Region Athletes and Coaches of the Year for the NCAA Division I indoor track and field 2011 season. **Gwen Berry** was voted as the Midwest Region women's field athlete of the year, and assistant coach **John Smith** took the region's women's assistant coach of the year award.