

Southern's Shining Moments

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Southern graduate Hilla Medalia's documentary, "To Die in Jerusalem," earned nominations for Best Documentary, Outstanding Informational Programming Long Form, and Outstanding Individual Achievement in a Craft: Music and Sound, at the News and Documentary Emmy Awards.

The SIU volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the third consecutive season. The players carried a 3.48 team grade point average.

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Southern's Dental Hygiene Program won first place in the individual/small group division of the Illinois State Dental Society's National Children's Dental Health Month Award. The program was honored for its Give Kids a Smile Day at SIU.

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Charles D. Harris, a doctoral student in political science at SIUC, was awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship award. He will study the ongoing political evolution of Romania and serve as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, working to improve the English skills of Romanian students and their knowledge of the United States.

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Southern student Timasha Udugama is the 2008 Peter Buchanan Scholarship winner. He is the first student in the state of Illinois to claim the prestigious award.

Henry J. Rehn Professor of Finance Wallace N. Davidson and doctoral student Vaibhav Sharma earned awards for Best Paper and Best Presentation at the 2008 Academic Business World International Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

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Clay K. Nielsen, assistant scientist at the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory at SIUC, was featured on the Discovery Channel's show, "When Animals Strike." Nielsen addressed the series of human-deer encounters that occurred on campus during the summers of 2005 and 2006.

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SIU's School of Social Work will receive the *Partners in Advancing Education for International Social Work Award* from the national Council on Social Work Education.

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Henry J. Rehn Professor of Finance Wallace N. Davidson, Assistant Professor of Finance David A. Rakowski, and former doctoral students Yixi Ning and Eahab Elsaid were profiled in the *Journal of Management and Governance*.

The SIU School of Law was awarded a \$100,000 grant to start the Veteran's Legal Assistance Program. Law students will provide pro bono legal services to veterans who cannot afford representation in appealing service-connected disability claims.

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