

SOUTHERN'S SHINING MOMENTS

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UNIVERSITY

Southern Illinois University Carbondale was included in the *Princeton Review's* "2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region" list. Colleges named in the "Regional Best" represent about 25 percent of four-year colleges and universities, putting SIU in the top quarter of universities nationwide. The *Princeton Review* described SIU as "affordable" and "diverse," noting a "very friendly" campus.

BUSINESS

Philip Sanders, a junior majoring in economics, was one of two students nationwide to receive a scholarship to attend the RuffaloCody Users Group Conference. RuffaloCody is a consulting firm that offers strategic fundraising and enrollment management services.

MASS COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS

Andrew Tanielian, a reporter with WICS-TV in Springfield, received the 2009 National Edward R. Murrow Award for writing in the small market television category. The awards, presented by Radio-Television News Directors Association, honor excellence in electronic journalism. Tanielian is a two-degree SIU graduate, earning bachelor's degrees in 2006 in radio-television and political science.

Jyotsna Kapur, an associate professor in cinema studies and sociology, is a Fulbright award recipient. Kapur will be at The Xavier Institute of Communications in Mumbai, India. She will also lecture at other universities during her six-month stay.



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ATHLETICS

Isabel Madeira and Bryan Mullins earned the 2009 Missouri Valley Conference female and male postgraduate scholarship "Emerson Excellence Award." Madeira is a former Saluki swimmer, and Mullins was a guard on SIU's basketball team. Both student-athletes will receive a \$10,000-postgraduate scholarship from the Conference.

Seven Salukis were named to the 2009 Division I All-Academic Track and Field team by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Meredith Hayes (100-meter hurdles), Megan Hoelscher (3,000-meter steeplechase), Malaikah Love (triple jump and long jump) and Bianca Stuart (long jump) were named members of the women's team. Jake Deiters (discus), Jason Ordway (3,000-meter steeplechase) and Joe Paradiso (hammer throw) were named members of the men's team.

The SIU volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the 2008-2009 season. The team carried a 3.5 cumulative-grade point average this season, which earned them the honor for the fourth straight season.

The SIU swimming and diving programs earned academic honors from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. Both the men's and women's teams, coached by Rick Walker, appeared on the Division I Team Scholar All-American rankings for the 2009 spring semester.

SCIENCE

Mesfin Tsige, assistant professor of physics in the College of Science, was awarded the National Science Foundation CAREER grant. The grant is aimed at establishing promising researchers as they begin their independent research careers. The highly-competitive grants pay for research, equipment and personnel, and last a number of years. Tsige is looking at electrical conducting polymers and how they might lead to a revolution in solar energy.

María de las Mercedes Calbi, associate professor of physics in the College of Science, was one of 20 outstanding scholars nominated by the National Science Foundation and honored with the PECASE award in Washington, D.C. The NSF selected Calbi from a pool of about 450 of its CAREER grant awardees, making her one of its most meritorious researchers.