

# Southern's SHINING MOMENTS

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## APPLIED SCIENCES & ARTS

Faculty, students and staff at SIU will assist in developing a guidebook to help general aviation airports nationwide develop individual business plans. The University and Aviation Management Consulting Group are partners in the \$400,000 project.

For the second year in a row, every graduate of Southern's **Dental Hygiene Program** taking the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination passed the test. All 35 students passed with an average score of 86.6. The national average for the test was a score of 81.8.

## ENGINEERING

The American Academy of Water Resources Engineers named Associate Professor **Bruce DeVantier** of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering a diplomat in water resource engineering. The certification recognizes DeVantier for his work in broadening the body of knowledge for practicing engineers.

## ATHLETICS

Senior kicker **Kyle Dougherty**, cornerback **Korey Lindsey**, and offensive lineman **David Pickard** were named to the FCS Senior Scout Bowl 2010 Preseason All-American Team. Dougherty was also named to the Fred Mitchell Outstanding Place-Kicker Award watch list.

The SIU volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the fifth-straight season.



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## BUSINESS

**Randy Birdsong**, a 2009 finance graduate, will be the focus of an episode of ESPN's *Whitetail Country* in late November. The focus is on hunting whitetail deer and Birdsong will tell how he became such a proficient deer hunter. Birdsong will also have a new television show, *Headhunters*, that will hit the airwaves at 3 p.m. on Sundays beginning July 31, 2011, on the Outdoor Channel.

## SCIENCE

**Jen Eichelberger**, a graduate student in zoology, won the Stoye Award for best student oral presentation in Genetics, Development and Morphology at the 2010 meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists.

**Bonnie Mulligan**, a zoology graduate student, won the John E. Skinner Memorial Award from American Fisheries Society. The award provides travel funds for deserving graduate students or exceptional undergraduates to attend the AFS annual meeting in September.

## EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

**Dale O. Ritzel**, health education professor emeritus and long-time director of SIU's Safety Center, received the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association's top honor. The Richard Kaywood Memorial Award, given annually since 1985, recognizes sustained and substantial contributions to the field, profession and association.

**Joyce V. Fetro**, professor of health education, earned the American School Health Association's highest honor during the organization's national convention. The William A. Howe award recognizes outstanding professional contributions and service in furthering health education. Fetro will receive a plaque.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

**Sharon Walters**, assistant director of the Office of Distance Education, will co-chair the award committee of the Association for Distance Education and Independent Learning.