

Southern's Shining Moments

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SIU graduate Benjamin Percy was a featured subject in the November-December issue of *Poets and Writers*, a 70,000-circulation, national bi-monthly trade journal for creative writers.

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The Workforce Education and Development graduate program is ranked 10th in the country by *U.S. News and World Report* within the specialty of Vocational/Technical Education.

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In November, University scientists from several fields, working through the SIU Materials Technology Center, received \$1 million from the Federal Highway Administration's Intelligent Transportation Systems program. They will create a network that can provide near real-time data and analysis on the structural soundness of transportation infrastructure, such as bridges.

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SIU was ranked 79th overall among public business schools in the *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Colleges 2008" guide. It is also among an elite group of schools accredited by AACSB International, putting SIUC in the top 10 percent of business schools nationwide.

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SIU volleyball student-athlete Kristie Berwanger, a fashion design merchandising major from Lake Zurich, was named to the 2007 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District V First Team. She was also named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team.

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Pinckney Benedict, professor of fiction writing, collected a 2008 Pushcart Prize for "Mercy," his fictional story about family conflicts that arise on a miniature horse farm.

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SIU graduates Robert and Roberta Hursthouse, owners of Hursthouse Company, were featured on *Landscapers' Challenge*, an HGTV series, that aired in November.

SIU was ranked 33rd in *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper's Fabulous 40 preseason poll.

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Brittany Riley, the 2007 NCAA indoor national champion and world-record holder in the women's weight throw, was named National Throwing Coaches Association Female Thrower of the Year.

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Track and Field head coach Connie Price-Smith was inducted into the National Throwing Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The 1985 SIU graduate has also been selected as a finalist for the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame and will serve as an assistant coach for the 2008 Olympic Games.

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