

# Southern's Shining Moments

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Southern graduate Professor Sir Curtis Price, currently Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, has been elected as the next Warden of New College, Oxford. Price will take office in September 2009. He was President of the Royal Musical Association from 1999 to 2002, and was knighted in 2007. Founded in 1379, New College is one of the oldest and largest colleges of Oxford University. The Warden is the head of the College, responsible for its academic leadership, representing the College to the wider world.

The Department of Family and Community Medicine at SIU School of Medicine received a "Top Ten Award" from the American Academy of Family Physicians as one of the top medical schools for producing family medicine physicians.

Marianne Webb, Distinguished University Organist and a professor of music, accepted the Edward A. Hansen Leadership Award from the American Guild of Organists at its national convention on June 25.

Southern track and field athlete A'Seret Dokubo and swimming and diving athlete Gareth McGee were honored as 2008 Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sports Scholars, as named by the *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine.

Bryant Hale, a freshman from Pinckneyville, is a member of the men's softball junior Olympic team. The team competed in the world championships in Canada, June 20-29.

SIU's Center for Advanced Friction Studies was included in a June broadcast of The History Channel's "Modern Marvels." The center, located in the engineering school, was featured in the episode "Super Hot" and included about seven minutes of footage at the center as the show looked at extreme temperatures and how researchers create and study them.

Former SIU gymnast Kevin Mazeika will lead the Men's Olympic Gymnastics team program for the second time. He also led the 2004 silver-medal winning U.S. team in Athens, the best finish by the men's team since a gold medal-winning performance in 1984. The Olympics open in Beijing on August 8.

SIU alumnus Sean English qualified for the U.S. Open Championship in June. The Open is one of the four majors in golf. English is currently a Class A PGA Professional and employed by Kenwood Country Club in Ohio as a teaching professional.

Award-winning journalist William Recktenwald, a senior lecturer and journalist-in-residence at Southern, has been selected to enter The International Press Club of Chicago's Journalism Hall of Fame.

Saluki junior righthanded pitcher Cody Adams was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the second round of the 2008 Major League Baseball Draft. Adams went as the 62nd pick overall.



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