

# Southern's Shining Moments

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The American Institute of Hydrology is moving its headquarters to Southern. In addition, Rolando Bravo, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, is the new executive director of the institute. The initial length of the arrangement is five years, meaning SIU will be an epicenter of the hydrology and water resources field through 2012 at least.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Safety Council recently appointed Paul Restivo, director of the SIU Center for Environmental Health and Safety, to help develop the first formal Business Emergency Communications Network.

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Julie Ju, a senior from China, set a record for the 100-yard breaststroke at the State Farm/MVC Swimming and Diving Championships in February. She also earned her third-consecutive MVC Swimmer of the Year award.

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Greg A. Lee, Motorola senior vice president and SIU College of Business alumnus is recipient of the 2008 Alumni Achievement Award. He will receive the honor during SIU's May 10 commencement, as well as deliver the commencement address.

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SIU has been awarded a \$1.2 million emergency preparedness grant funded by the federal government. The grant will assist 17 southern Illinois counties in assessing their disaster risks and making plans for disaster mitigation.

Saluki basketball junior guard Bryan Mullins was named to the 2008 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America second team. He is the team's third-leading scorer and ranks second in the league in assists and steals. Mullins has a 4.0 GPA and is majoring in finance.

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SIU radio personality Mike Reis has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the John Sanders Spirit of The Valley Award. The Missouri Valley Conference presents the award to honor a student-athlete, coach or university administrator who exemplifies the spirit of John Sanders, former MVC assistant commissioner for operations. Criteria includes, but is not limited to, passion for the Conference, strong work ethic and sense of humor.

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Sophomore Therese Mattsson set an MVC championship meet record in the 200-yard freestyle swimming event in February.

*USA Today* recently profiled SIU graduate Vijay Eswaran, an MBA alumnus and CEO of QI Group, a company less than 10 years old that is approaching \$1 billion in annual sales.

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency has appointed Southern alumnus Patrick Massey as the new federal preparedness coordinator for FEMA Region X, a jurisdiction which includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The new position is designed to enhance regional preparedness capabilities.

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