

Southern's SHINING MOMENTS

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UNIVERSITY

In its October issue, *Military Times Edge* magazine ranked SIU second in the nation in making student military veterans' success a priority. In the magazine's inaugural survey, "**Best for Vets: Colleges,**" SIU is second among the top 101 accredited universities, colleges, community colleges and distance-learning institutions.

Southern earned the maximum 10-year continuation of its **institutional accreditation**, a distinction the University has maintained since 1913. SIU is among 1,200 educational institutions in a 19-state region accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The National Research Council ranked many **SIU doctoral programs** highly in several areas in its recent study, which looked at more than 200 institutions. Many Southern programs ranked most highly in the student support/outcomes area, including time-to-degree and job placement measurements, in which some finished in the top 10. SIU doctoral programs also ranked highly in faculty/student diversity.

SCIENCE

Frank E. Anderson, associate professor of zoology, is a researcher on a five-year, almost \$3 million project that is part the National Science Foundation's "Assembling the Tree of Life" effort. Anderson will focus on sequencing the genes of annelids, a group of animals that includes more than 16,000 species of segmented worms living on land and in water.



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APPLIED SCIENCES & ARTS

Mike A. Carroll, a senior in aviation management, was the top-scoring pilot at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's Region VIII championships. Carroll placed in seven of nine events, and teammate **Daniel S. Harrington** finished first in two ground events as the Flying Salukis earned another trip to the organization's national championships in May.

MASS COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS

Alt.news 26:46, Southern's half-hour alternative TV news magazine, received an Emmy in the magazine news program category at the 2010 Mid-America Regional Chapter Emmy Awards, hosted by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in St. Louis. The program, "episode 1103," aired Jan. 24, 2010. John D. Elder, a 2010 radio-television graduate, and Kevin M. Hill, a senior majoring in radio-television and cinema and photography, were the program's executive producers.

William H. Freivogel, director of SIU's School of Journalism, initiated discussions late last year with journalism instructors at other universities in the state about the potential for a regional network of student investigative reporters. Those early talks resulted in a recent \$75,000 grant from the McCormick Foundation for the Investigative Journalism Education Consortium – a group that will include universities in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Iowa.

Seven current and former students in the **Department of Radio-Television** took home honors in the 2010 Illinois Broadcasters Association Student Silver Dome Awards. Students earned two first-place awards, three second-place awards, and two third-place awards. The River Region Evening Edition news team also earned second-place for Best Television Newscast.

ATHLETICS

According to data published by the NCAA, the **Saluki men's basketball, women's golf and women's tennis teams** attained a Graduation Success Rate of 100 percent. GSR is a measurement of graduation during a six-year time frame from initial college enrollment.