

SOUTHERN'S SHINING MOMENTS

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UNIVERSITY

SIUC is one of the best universities in the Midwest, according to the latest *Princeton Review's* "Best of the Midwest" ranking profiles. Southern is one of 153 colleges and universities named as among the best by *Princeton Review's* "2012 Best Colleges: Region by Region." The regional best lists include only 25 percent of the undergraduate programs in the country, selected primarily for academic excellence.

The magazine *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* published its annual Top 100 Undergraduate Degree Producers and its Top 10 Degree Producers: Graduate and Professional rankings in recent issues. SIUC earned recognition in 29 undergraduate and 15 graduate categories.

The first edition and first issue of the earliest atlas of the New World was discovered in the Early Printed Book Collection of *Morris Library*. The book is entitled *Descriptionis Ptolemaicae augmentum, siue Occidentis notitia* by Corneille Wytfliet, and published in Louvain, Belgium, by Jean Bogard in 1597. It was published as a companion to Ptolemy's geography, and has been credited with dispelling many misconceptions about the New World held at the time.

Students have raised more than \$100,000 to fight childhood cancer and diseases. Thanks to those efforts, SIUC brought home two top honors at the recent St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 2011 Collegiate Leadership Seminar in Memphis. *Up 'til Dawn* earned the Program of the Year Award, while *Jessica Stout* won the Executive Director of the Year Award.

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LIBERAL ARTS

The *University Museum* is the recipient of a 2011 Museums for America grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services that will help move the museum into the digital realm. The \$149,955 grant for collections stewardship will help the museum implement the digitization phase of its 21st Century Collection Management Initiative over the next two years.

Kazi Ahmed, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Economics, attended the fourth meeting of the Winners of the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. The meeting was held in Lindau, Germany, in August. Seventeen Nobel Laureates and about 370 young economists from 65 countries attended the meeting. Ahmed was part of a 30-member U.S. team.

Eric Heiple, a SIUC alumnus, became the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Honor Graduate of the Year. He earned top honors from among thousands of students who pass through FLETC based on his academic success – he had the highest academic average of the 2010 students. Heiple earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice and criminology at SIUC.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

The *American Water Resources Association* named the SIUC group its outstanding student chapter in the country. The SIUC student group provides development, professional and academic opportunities for water resources students, while also providing information for the community at large.

EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Brooke D. Walker will serve a year-long educational externship in New York courtesy of a \$20,000 grant award from the prestigious Fred S. Keller School for Autism. Walker is completing the final year of the behavior analysis and therapy doctoral program at the SIUC Rehabilitation Institute. Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, professor and director of the SIUC Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, earned the grant, which will enable Walker to serve the externship at Columbia University and complete her dissertation there.