From the Director:

Welcome SIU Family! This Newsletter highlights the major accomplishments of our program over the past year. First, I will say that our program was re-accredited by NASPAA’s Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation for another seven years! This was a major accomplishment and was not easily achieved as it required the hard work and collaboration of the MPA faculty, staff, students, Advisory Board, and alumni. We recognized 25 years of partnership with the Aviation Management faculty and also celebrated the graduation of 39 students since May 2014. As you will soon read, many of these students successfully completed internships and gained practical experience from state, local, federal, and non-profit organizations. Many of them maintained a minimum 3.7 GPA throughout the program and were inducted into our Pi Alpha Alpha global honor society. Other outstanding students received additional awards and recognition. Sarah Miranti received the Celia Howard Fellowship from the Paul Simon Public Institute and Rabita Banee received the ASPA Student Achievement award. Rabita has also been accepted into the doctoral program in Public Administration/Public Affairs program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). We also welcomed the program’s first Fulbright Scholar, Jacob Lesektele from Lesotho, Africa.

Our program has also undergone changes as we updated our mission statement to include the aviation management concentration. We also eliminated the research paper and implemented a comprehensive exam for program completion. New courses were added to include Leadership and Public Ethics. Moreover, online and hybrid courses have been developed to expand online offerings. We have also undertaken projects to engage the community and continue to benefit from our national network of alumni and public administration professionals. Please read about our outstanding faculty and advisory board members who have been instrumental in the success of our program. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

25 Years of the Aviation Concentration

During the Spring 2016 Pi Alpha Alpha Induction Ceremony, Dr. Samuel Pavel was presented with a plaque commemorating 25 years of cooperation between the two programs on behalf of the Aviation Management faculty members. At this time, just over one-third of the students in the MPA Program are participating in the Aviation Concentration.

Three Aviation Concentration students participated in the Spring 2016 Graduation: Karzan Mohammed Shareef, Wai Song Chen, and Austin Kinley.
I’ve worked for Moshoeshoes 1 International Airport in Lesotho, Africa since 1999. I started as an Aerodrome communications officer processing and transmitting Aeronautical information regarding flight plans, NOTAMs and amending the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP). The objective of the Aeronautical Information Service (my Section) is to ensure the flow of information necessary for the safety, regularity, and efficiency of international air navigation within the airspace of Lesotho.

I came to SIU because I wanted to develop myself in the aviation industry. So, I applied for the Fulbright Scholarship, which 200 other people applied for. Three people were chosen, including myself. The Fulbright Program takes care of the university application process, so I didn’t know which universities my application for admission had been sent to. Finally, I was called by the Embassy and they told me that my plane to New York was leaving in two weeks so that I could attend an English program at Rochester Institute of Technology. While there, I found out that I would be attending the Master of Public Administration Program at SIUC. I told them that I was wanting a Master’s in Aviation Management, not Public Administration, but they explained that I would be in the Aviation Concentration.

I have been very surprised and impressed by the education system in the U. S. There is teamwork here. The student-teacher ratio is better, the professors are willing to help the students here at SIUC and they are determined to do their job. In my country, we don’t have the facilities. We have to fight for our education, sometimes carrying a chair from room to room in order to have a place to sit. Students may have to stand out in the hall because there are too many to fit in the classroom. Everything is well-equipped here in comparison to where I received my Bachelor’s degree.

Just before I came to America, I was promoted to Chief of Information Services. Public Budgeting will help me manage the budget, and Human Resource Management will help me create job descriptions and appraisals for my Section. I am sure that all of the aviation management courses will help me in the future as well. I will be the first person in Lesotho, Africa to receive a Master’s Degree which focuses on Aviation Management.

My goal is to help develop a Civil Aviation Authority in Lesotho, and eventually to obtain my Ph.D. so that I can teach at a university. There is a shortage of qualified professors in Lesotho and I would like to be able to contribute to educating students in the same manner in which I was educated in the United States.
In Spring 2015 and 2016, students, faculty, and two campus leaders were inducted into the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society. To be considered for induction, the inductee must have a 3.7 GPA after completion of half of their degree. The program was honored to have University President Randy Dunn speak to the inductees and guests in 2015, while Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell was the guest speaker in 2016. Both were made honorary inductees into PAA based upon their many years of service and dedication to the university and educational communities.

2015 PAA Inductees and faculty members (L-R): Dr. James Grant, Dr. LaShonda Stewart, Dr. John Hamman, Dr. Randolph Burnside, Ben Koehn, Dr. Randall Davis, Gary Williams, Layla Murphy, Dr. Jane Swanson, Interim Dean of COLA, Stephanie Mayberry, Brent Ritzel, Glenda Sullivan, and Dr. Stephanie Pink-Harper (Faculty Advisor)

2016 PAA Inductees and faculty members (L-R): Dr. Stephanie Pink-Harper (Faculty Advisor), Janice Hampton, Jeremy Peterson, Michael Bacha, Martisia Mitchell, Austin Kinley, Sarah Miranti, Kimberley Borgerson, Andrew Solis, Rabita Banee, Dr. LaShonda Stewart, Elizabeth Moore, Kyle Clymore, Dr. Randolph Burnside, Dr. John Hamman, Dr. Yueh-Ting Lee (Graduate School Dean), Dr. Samuel Pavel, Dr. James Grant, and Dr. Brian Chapman
**Student Spotlight**

**Sarah Miranti:** My experience in the MPA program has expanded my horizons more than I ever thought possible. My interest in the program stemmed from a desire to impact my world on a greater scale than seemed possible in my direct service work up to this point. I knew that classes like Budgeting and Leadership would make me more prepared to lead in service oriented organizations. However, as I have learned about public administration, my interests and aspirations have grown.

I am honored to be the Celia Howard Fellow at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute for the 2015-2016 school year. In this role, I research Child Hunger in Southern Illinois, help with events and learn about the general operation of the Institute. This fellowship has given me many amazing opportunities. Last Summer I got to meet David Axelrod, former advisor to President Barack Obama, and just last week I met Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack. I have been able to hear a wide range of influential people from the political arena speak on a variety of topics important to the people of Southern Illinois.

As part of my fellowship, I was asked to serve as a Graduate Mentor for the summer 2015 Study of the U. S. Institute for Student Leaders, a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. I mentored students from Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. I was able to learn a lot about their individual countries and cultures. I also learned a lot about attitudes and beliefs abroad towards the U.S. This experience increased my interest in U.S. interests abroad. I will now be doing a year-long internship with the U.S. Department of State Paths Program in the Passport Office in Portsmouth, NH. This is a great opportunity to learn about public service while getting my foot in the door at the Department of State. I will be finishing up my remaining electives online from Portsmouth, a requirement of the Pathways Program. I look forward to seeing the new opportunities this experience and my MPA degree will provide!

**Rabita Banee:** The MPA program at Southern Illinois University (SIU) has been a life changing experience for me. The excellent faculty body and ample research oriented coursework have prepared me to be a successful professional, which I realized while working as a Research Intern with the Southern Illinoisan Newspaper (The Southern). At The Southern, I have collected and analyzed more than 90 data points for ten different indicators for a Poverty Mapping project. These data were also used for newspaper articles and published by The Southern as well as the Carbondale Racial Justice Coalition.

Another major highlight of the program is the diverse background of the students. The experience of sharing knowledge with students from different cultural, educational, and professional backgrounds makes this program a unique one. With continued excellence in teaching and research opportunities, The SIU MPA program will produce promising and effective future public administrators.

Recently, I have been accepted for the Ph.D. in Public Administration/Public Affairs program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) for Fall 2016. My dream of pursuing a research career is pioneered by the faculty members of SIU MPA program. They have shown me the right direction to become a successful researcher and encouraged me tremendously to pursue a doctoral degree. It is my pleasure to become a part of this wonderful program that made my journey a memorable one. I intend to carry the valuable experiences and advice I received from MPA faculty members, staff, and my fellow classmates.

**Field Representative — Layla Murphy**

Layla Murphy (M.P.A. 2008) was hired to fill the Field Representative position in November 2014. She has worked to establish new internship positions, reestablish relationships with alumni, and performs academic advisement for all students. Additionally, she assists with preparing the students for the job application and interview process and acts as the liaison between the program and the Advisory Board.
Kyle Clymore: I was born and raised in southern Illinois, growing up in the city of Creal Springs, Illinois. As a child, I would spend my days reading and drawing, the latter of which I would continue to explore and develop into adolescence at Marion High School, where I would gain a proficiency in a number of art mediums. Upon graduation, I attended John A. Logan College and later Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where I would explore my varied interests in history, anthropology, and the fine arts.

Having such varied interests, I felt pulled in many directions until the fall of 2010 when I enrolled in former University Museum curator Lorilee Huffman’s Introduction to Museum Studies course. It is in this course that I discovered my passion for artifact research and collections management; luckily my hard work caught the attention of Ms. Huffman, and I was hired the following semester as a cataloguer. It was at the University Museum that I realized my interests in art history, world culture, and public education could come together in a singular pursuit. I would continue to work in varying roles at the University Museum throughout my undergraduate career, graduating with a Bachelor’s of Fine Arts in Art Education and a Bachelors of Arts in International Studies, with a concentration in Asia and the South Pacific.

Upon graduating SIU, I knew that working in museums would best allow me to utilize my varied skills and interests. I would sign on to the University Museum as temporary Civil Service staff, curating the 2,000 object Mileur Collection of Presidential Campaign Memorabilia, and later return to SIUC as a graduate student in the Masters of Public Administration program due to their Museum Administration focus. While a student in the MPA, I would learn the crucial skills needed to manage in the public sector, while broadening my experience and understanding of how these skills fit within the museum profession.

As a graduate student at the University Museum, I was able to teach a course on Museum Education, singularly coordinate the 29th Annual Arts in Education Festival, publish several online exhibitions on the University Museum website, and curate gallery exhibitions, the latest of which was Sacred Icons: Divine Imagery in the Nepal Collection in Spring 2016. Upon graduating from SIUC’s MPA program, I hope to remain a steward of the public’s history and culture by securing a job as a curator, collections manager or museum educator.

Mikhail Zolotykh: Being part of the MPA program at SIUC has been an exceptional experience for me. I acquired theoretical and practical knowledge of every aspect of Public Administration, and grew appreciation for public service. The MPA program helped me to form my professional values and develop a strong interest in public budgeting and financial management. My current research concerns compliance of local governments with GASB Statement №54 that imposed new classifications for fund balance reporting.

I really enjoy the great academic atmosphere of our department. Every professor has a unique expertise on the subject, and each one of them sets students’ success as their first priority. Never before had I had an opportunity to work so closely with professors and feel so welcomed and supported. Attending lectures and seminars with highly intelligent classmates of various professional and academic backgrounds made my MPA experience even more priceless. It gives you a great motivation and inspiration to continue your professional development and growth.

My newly acquired skills allowed me to succeed in my internship at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation, where I worked during the summer of 2015. As a deputy-head of the Regional Representation, my responsibilities included consulting government officials and general public, supervision of international business and social projects, assisting local businesses in finding potential partners abroad, organizing and planning international visits of the top government officials of my republic, and preparing the republic’s delegates for traveling to China to the International Youth Forum. My ability to conduct research and run statistical analysis, understand concepts of public finance, work with and lead diverse groups of people, and conduct my duties based on strong ethical principles would not be there without my MPA background.
Each semester, the MPA Program places students in internship positions with various governmental, quasi-governmental, and non-profit agencies. These positions provide the interns with an opportunity to gain practical experience in the public sector and also prove to be advantageous for the host agencies in the completion of various projects and tasks. Here are some of the projects completed by our recent interns:

Marla Baker interned with U.S. Congressman Mike Bost’s Carbondale office. She reported constituent questions, checked the status of pending constituent problems, and monitored local media outlets regarding constituent life events.

Rabita Banee interned with the Southern Illinoisan newspaper. As a research intern for a year-long poverty-mapping project, she collected and analyzed data for 90 data sets under 10 different indicators including demographics, health, education, housing, quality of life, accessibility, assistance, financial, crime and corruption, and judiciary for Southern Illinois counties.

Kimberley Borgerson interned with Frank Lloyd Wright Trust. At this internship, she trained as an interpreter, lead public tours of his home and studio, and assisted the Youth Architecture Workshops and LEGO Architects.

Wai Song Chen interned with Illinois Aviation Academy. He conducted aircraft inspections, performed minor aircraft repairs and maintenance practices, created work orders and invoices, and designed an inventory tracking system.

Jourdan Darensbourg interned with the SIUC Dean’s Office of the College of Education and Human Services. She generated fringe benefit reports for staff members, prepared distance education contracts, processed new hire paperwork, and reviewed student payroll certification.

Todd Dugan interned with SIUC Aviation Management and Flight. He assisted with admissions and first year student advisement, planned events including both United Airlines and American Airlines Career Days, and created a job description manual for the enrollment manager position.

Austin Kinley interned with United Airlines as the Network Operations Center Intern. He prepared morning reports, investigated flight delays, collected data for United’s attorneys regarding Department of Transportation investigations, and developed a business continuity plan.

Charah McKinzie interned in the Affirmative Action office at SIUC. Charah evaluated website strategies, research and development plans, and created an affirmative action resource corner.

Jaelen McWilliams interned at the Boys and Girls Club. He collected and managed data and membership fees, assisted with student academic assessments, and designed evaluations and surveys.

Yohana Menzengi interned with Jackson County Public Health Department. She assisted with budgeting, evaluating, organizing, directing, and coordinating specific activities related to the public health department.

Martisia Mitchell interned with the Human Resource Development Institute of Chicago. She assisted with Human Resource responsibilities, recruitment, monthly comprehensive reports, trainings, and employee counseling reports.

Elizabeth Moore interned with Shawnee Health Services Carbondale. Her duties included LEAN Six Sigma Implementation, created training materials for staff and submitted medical encounter documents for billing.

Jeremy Peterson completed an internship with the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale Illinois. He helped with fundraising, data collection and entry, and payroll entry.

Andrew Solis completed an internship with Legal Services of Greater Miami Florida, serving as a law clerk. He met with clients, researched and developed cases, prepared for hearings, researched the formation of Medical-Legal Partnerships, and assisted in grant writing and conducting field surveys.

Mikhail Zolotykh completed an internship with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation in Izhesk, working in close cooperation with the Foreign Economic Relations Department of the Ministry of Economics to support and expand current commercial cooperation between Udmurt Republic and its foreign partners as well as prepare grounds for an upcoming Russia-China Economic forum.

The value of the internship cannot be understated, but the number of quality internships has diminished recently, as budgets have shrunk. We no longer require that they be paid, so if you are interested in hosting an intern at your organization, please send a proposal to the Field Representative at MPAProg@siu.edu.
During Summer semester 2015, I worked for the Illinois Aviation Academy (IAA) at DuPage (Illinois) Airport. I worked in the maintenance department performing aircraft maintenance and administrative tasks including an inventory tracking system and I performed a cost effective analysis using Excel. My supervisors were impressed with my skills and offered me a job before the summer was over, saying that I didn’t need to complete my MPA Degree. I had to explain to them that it is necessary to complete my degree for several reasons. First of all, it has taught me how to work with other people, how to be an effective leader, how to be ethical and a good team player, and the importance of involving other stakeholders into the process. Aviation involves stakeholders other than just the passengers. It also involves the pilots, mechanics, administration, FAA, and people on the ground. The degree is also very practical, so I can apply all of these things in my field.

In addition to my required core and aviation management classes, I also took Geographic Information Systems (GIS) courses. The aviation industry has different sections, but eventually I’ll end up in the airport environment. GIS is a technology and skill used to determine what the best decision is when making plans for expanding runways, location of buildings, and even where to place an airport. Although I really like maintenance, I know that there may be a time when I can’t lift heavy objects and then I can move over to airport management. The GIS courses give me more options and I really enjoy the classes. They really helped me learn to analyze and determine results, much like the Research Methods course, but in an applied area.

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### Internship Stories

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**Kimberley Borgerson**

During the summer of 2015, I interned for ten weeks with the Education Department of the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust, at Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio in Oak Park, Illinois and the Robie House in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. Having had some previous museum-related experiences, I had a general idea of what to expect with my internship. However, what was unexpected was the fluid ability to assess a situation and apply practices like those of a true public administrator, but still be able to focus on the museum and its mission. There were several skills and practices that I had learned through courses offered in the MPA program that proved particularly useful when it came to day-to-day work in my internship. For example, in 2014 the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust welcomed over 150,000 visitors from all over the world to all of their properties. On my public tours alone I had individuals and families from Brazil, Japan, France, Australia, and Spain. Having such a wide and diverse audience requires employees (and interns) to have an understanding of what it means to be culturally competent; which was a topic that was discussed at length in the course Leadership in Public Administration.

Additionally, the data collecting skills that I acquired though Research Methods for Public Administration were used to generate a survey that would be used in evaluating and modifying the programs of the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust's Education Department. Without enrolling in the MPA program I cannot say I would have had this valuable internship experience. In all, all of my experiences reinforced my decision to pursue a profession in the museum field. Shortly after graduation, I began working for the McHenry County Historical Society as the Membership and Volunteer Coordinator.
Dr. Burnside (Ph.D., University of New Orleans 2004) joined the Department in Fall 2005. He teaches courses in Public Administration and presently serves as Deputy Associate Provost for Academic Programs for the University. His current research focuses on disaster behavior with primary focuses on evacuation, bureaucratic leadership and management of disasters and the socio-legal aspects of recovery.

Additionally, Dr. Burnside does work in the area of human resource management with a focus on diversity and cultural competency in public service delivery; in the past year, he has been consulting with several Illinois police departments on cultural competency in police work. His most recent work appears in the New York Times, The Journal of Applied Social Science and The Ralph Bunch Journal of Public Affairs.

Dr. Davis received his Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Kansas in 2011, and his M.P.A. degree from Northern Illinois University in 2008. He joined the faculty at SIU in 2013 following two years at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. His research explores the environmental and psychological mechanisms that contribute to individual and organizational performance in the public sector.

Dr. Davis has conducted research on several topics related to public management and human resources issues including organizational goals, red tape, public service motivation, public values, and the effects of organized labor in the public sector. One recent project that examines how the application of equity based and traditional public values changes across demographic categories won the best paper award at the Public Values Consortium’s 5th Biennial Workshop.

Since joining the faculty at SIU Dr. Davis has accepted positions on editorial boards for the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory and American Review of Public Administration. Dr. Davis also serves on the Executive Council for the Public Administration Section of the American Political Science Association, and is a research fellow at the Center for Organization Research and Design housed at Arizona State University.

Dr. Hamman currently teaches MPA seminars in public management, program evaluation, policy analysis, and foundations of public administration. He previously taught organization theory for 20 years and served as director of the program from Fall 2005 to Spring 2012. Dr. Hamman’s areas of research focus on public administration, public policy, American government, and politics.

Dr. Pink-Harper received her Ph.D. from Mississippi State University in 2011, her Bachelor's degree in Criminology & Public Administration and a Master of Public Administration degree both from Auburn University. She is the Faculty Advisor for Pi Alpha Alpha. Her research in the areas of economic development and local government management examines tools and strategies that enhance the quality of life for rural underrepresented populations. Her research in the areas of human resource management particularly diversity management, and organization theory and behavior explores ways to enhance workplace performance and public service delivery.

In 2016, Dr. Pink-Harper received the Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Award presented by the SIU Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program and University Women's Professional Advancement.

Dr. LaShonda Stewart, MPA Program Director, received her Ph.D. from Mississippi State University in May 2008. Her general research area focuses on local governments’ financial management practices, state’s rainy day funds, global budgeting, participatory budgeting, and health information technology. She is, however, most recognized for her research on local governments’ unserved fund balances with research appearing in Public Budgeting and Finance, Public Finance and Management, Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management, and Administration & Society. In her current research, she seeks to develop a model to explain how local governments accumulate savings. She teaches courses in public administration which includes public budgeting, financial management, and research methods for public administrators. Currently, she serves as Director of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program.
STUDENT AWARDS

Sarah Miranti was awarded the Celia Howard Fellowship with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute for the 2015-16 academic year.

ASPA Student Public Service Award:
2014: Gary Williams
2015: Glenda Sullivan
2016: Rabita Banee

Isakoff Scholarship:
2014: Faith Ritchie and Katharine Volle
2015: Ben Koehn and Stephanie Mayberry
2016: Martisia Mitchell and Elizabeth Moore

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Recent Alumni News

Wm Weston Stoerger

Hello, my name is WM Weston Stoerger. I recently had the privilege of graduating from the SIUC MPA program in the spring of 2015. As a student of the department I had a fairly unique experience. I was a member of a small section of students in the department, those pursuing a degree in Museum Administration. This made my goals and objectives slightly different than the more traditional students in the department. While having many similarities with the traditional non-profit concentration, the MPA department provided a number of excellent courses specifically dealing with museum operations.

Since graduating from the department I have been working at the Cincinnati Museum Center. I am currently working as a Special Exhibition Coordinator for the Museum Center, working with the traveling exhibit The Art of The Brick by Nathan Sawaya. This position allows me to utilize a variety of the management techniques I learned while in the department. I am responsible for managing the daily operations and interactions between our staff and volunteers, along with the general public. This exhibit features recreations of some of the most famous works of art, alongside original pieces all made out of Lego bricks.

Andrew Cohler

I transitioned into the M.P.A. straight from finishing my Aviation Management degree in May of 2013. Reflecting back a year after the program, the technical skills and knowledge I learned during those two years have opened up doors I never even considered as an undergraduate. Not only has the program enhanced my capabilities but taught me leadership and teamwork. I use the hard and soft skills learned in the M.P.A. program daily.

Since finishing the program I have started my aviation footprint in Dallas, Texas. First, as an Airport Operation Officer at Dallas Love Field, and currently, working as an airport planner and consultant for KSA Engineers. Our team at KSA prepares Airport Development Plans for airports across the southwestern United States. These plans enhance airport facilities to accommodate future aircraft demand while stirring economic activity throughout the surrounding community.

My favorite part of the job is knowing that our airport development plans help everyday people in the communities where airports provide life-saving services. For example, we are currently working on a plan for Smithville-Crawford Municipal Airport in Texas, which helps establish aircraft firefighting support facilities in an area of the county that is plagued by wildfires.
Brian is an Adjunct Professor for the MPA Program in addition to his position as the Executive Director for Regional and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Office of the President of SIU. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from SIU in 2014 and his MPA from SIU in 1994. His areas of research include political theory, public ethics and corruption, American government and legislative bodies. He has taught Political Science 340: Introduction to Public Administration several times in addition to Political Science 594: Preprofessional Seminar in Public Administration. At this time, he is preparing to teach an online hybrid Topics in Public Administration course on Public Corruption and Ethics in Spring 2017.

Brian is a strong advocate for public service and is active in his community where he serves on the Jackson County Board, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, the Masters of Public Administration Advisory Board, and the Center for Rural Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

He has also served on the Trico School Board and Area Youth League Board of Directors, Carbondale Main Street, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, St. Luke Lutheran Church Council and Central & Southern Illinois Synod Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

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We greatly appreciate the work our Advisory Board Members do on behalf of the program

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Spring 2016 Aviation Management Graduates with Dr. Sam Pavel and Dr. LaShonda Stewart

Students, Faculty, and Staff at the 2015 Christmas Potluck at Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

SIU-C Interim Chancellor Dr. Brad Colwell speaking at the 2016 Pi Alpha Alpha Induction

Drs. Hamman, Stewart, Pink-Harper, and Burnside at Spring 2015 Graduation

Drs. Stewart and Pink-Harper with 2016 graduate Elizabeth Moore

Spring 2016 graduates and faculty

Students and faculty at Spring 2016 Potluck

Spring 2015 graduates and faculty