



CoLA hosted Smooches for Pooches for Valentine's Day. Students were able to meet Piggie Smalls and interact with service dogs in training.

# CoLA Lowdown

## A NOTE

### *From the Dean*

The Spring 2024 10th day numbers are all in, and CoLA performed admirably well:

- Enrollment is at a 5 year high. CoLA increased 2.6% from last spring and a whopping 9.6% from spring 2022;

## College Calendars

[CoLA Events Calendar](#)

[CoLA Faculty & Staff Calendar](#)

- Fall-to-Spring retention is at 93.85%, compared to the SIU retention rate at 84.15%;
- In each retention category highlighted in the fall Retention Retreat (Pell students, 1st Gen students, Black Male students; overall minority students), CoLA outperformed SIU by an average of 12 points.

What this says about CoLA is that we're doing precisely what we need to do to recruit and retrain students. It also says to everyone who looks at our numbers that the faculty and staff in CoLA demonstrably care about our student success. I for one really appreciate all the effort you all are doing to make our recruitment and retention outstanding. I also want to publicly thank Layla Murphy and Rachel Wolters for their tireless work in these areas—you may not know about everything they do behind the scenes, but together they are CoLA's superpower. Many thanks to all.

## College Committees

[CoLA Committees Webpage](#)

The CoLA Committees webpage lists all the committee meeting minutes.

## College

# Meetings

**Directors** meetings take place the second Thursday of every month at 3pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

**Undergraduate Program Coordinators** meetings take place the fourth Tuesday of every month at 3pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

**CoLA ad hoc Curriculum Committee** meeting will take place Monday, February 26, at 9am, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

**CoLA Budget Committee** meeting will take place Monday, February 26, at 2pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

**CoLA Retention Committee** meeting will take place Wednesday, February 28, at 1pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

**CoLA University Studies Ad hoc Committee** meeting will take place Friday, March 1, at 9am, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

**College Advisory Committee** meeting will take place Wednesday, March 6, at 9am, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

CoLA Faculty Development Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, March 27, at 2pm, Dean's Conference room, Faner 2408.

## Upcoming

# Deadlines

March 1: Annual review letters for untenured faculty

March 1: DRA nominations

March 8: Sabbatical reports

April 1: A/P performance evaluations

April 5: TT Workload assignments

April 19: NTT Workload assignments

May 15: NTT Annual Performance Review

May 15: GA performance evaluations

# Share Your News

Do you have news to add to an upcoming CoLA Lowdown? Submit [this form](#) to share news, events, awards, and more with the rest of the College.

## Recent Accomplishments

# Faculty

**Dr. Jonathan Bean**, Professor of History, had a recent publication in Fortune Magazine op-ed: "[Why America should be celebrating entrepreneurs, not presidents](#)".

**Dr. Matthew Brown**, Professor of Philosophy and Center for Dewey Studies Director, has received a visiting fellowship for June and July at Leibniz University Hannover at the SOCRATES (Social Credibility and Trustworthiness of Expert Knowledge and Science-Based Information) Center there. Brown will be working on his book *Trust, Expertise, and Scientific Authority in a Democracy: A Pragmatist Approach*.

Dr. Chris Wienke, SAPSS, Associate Professor of Sociology, has been invited to guest edit a special issue of the Journal of Social Sciences on the topic of marriage in the twenty-first century.

## Important Information



### SIU Day of Giving | Wednesday, February 28

The 8th annual SIU Day of Giving is Wednesday, Feb. 28, and expectations are higher than ever. Raising more than \$14 million in its first seven years, the SIU Foundation is asking everyone to donate online at [siuday.siu.edu](http://siuday.siu.edu).

Each year, the SIU community comes together for a 24-hour online Day of Giving. On Wednesday, Feb. 28, everyone is encouraged to make a gift of any size. Donations can be directed to any college, unit, program, or initiative. If you prefer to make a gift today, you can [donate here](#) and click the "Count toward Day of Giving" button on the online giving form.

The SIU Day of Giving will feature every college and unit on campus during its live broadcast from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the WSIU-TV studio. Streamed on the SIU Alumni Association's Facebook page, there will be live interviews with Chancellor Austin Lane and other campus leaders and live Day of Giving updates.

**Textbook adoption reminder:** Please remember to submit all book orders for summer and fall courses. The Provost's office has sent a reminder that we watch for textbook adoption forms to be delivered from the bookstore, and return those forms by the dates below. Please send adoption inquiries to the bookstore

at [0625txt@follett.com](mailto:0625txt@follett.com), or send via campus to SIU Bookstore, mail code 4422. Please ensure that all courses you are scheduling for the Summer and Fall semesters have course materials, where appropriate, ordered no later than March 1, 2024 (for Summer courses) and April 1, 2024 (for Fall courses).

The College of Liberal Arts is pleased to announce that the **CoLA Faculty Incentive Programs** are now active and accepting applications. New applications for incentive funds are due to Benjamin Bricker ([brickeb@siu.edu](mailto:brickeb@siu.edu)) by Monday, March 4, 2024. (Click on titles for full descriptions for all requirements.) Each of the five programs has a specific target and focus, as described briefly below.

- The [Faculty Summer Research Incentive Program](#) is open to all Assistant and Full Professors. Two \$5,000 awards will be made under this program to support research and creative activities of faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor or Professor.
- The [Associate Professor Summer Research Incentive Program](#) is open to all Associate Professors. Two \$5,000 awards will be made under this program to support the research and creative activities of faculty at the rank of Associate Professor.
- The [Interdisciplinary Research/Teaching Incentive Program](#) will provide financial support for CoLA faculty to engage in interdisciplinary or collaborative research, teaching, or creative activity projects. Two \$3,000 awards will be made through this fund.
- The [Inclusive Excellence Incentive Program](#) provides financial support for faculty members engaging in teaching, research, or creative activity projects focused on inclusive excellence intended to honor the challenging task of further transforming our community into one that not only celebrates the mission but also creates a world-class liberal arts college building on a heritage of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Two \$3,000 awards will be made through this fund.
- The [Pedagogy Exploration Incentive Program](#) provides support for faculty members of any rank to promote innovative pedagogical offerings within new or existing courses, including but not limited to: new modes of content delivery, use of new or innovative technology, the use of new experiential learning opportunities for students, and the development of new interdisciplinary courses. Up to five awards of \$1,000 each will be made for use over the next fiscal year.

All funds will be disbursed in FY25, pending budgetary approval for FY25.

**Faculty and Staff Regalia Sale** – Monday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Herff Jones will offer regalia to faculty and staff from Southern Illinois University Carbondale at a reduced cost. Graduate students wishing to purchase regalia rather than rent are also welcome.

Mark Krevin, our Herff Jones representative, will be available Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> via online appointment between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to assist in ordering regalia. Please visit the [signup page](#) to set up a virtual appointment. The appointment link and additional information is also on the Events and Outreach [regalia web page](#).

If you are unable to meet with Mark on that day, please contact him at [mkrevin@herffjones.com](mailto:mkrevin@herffjones.com) to order regalia and receive the sale price. Please allow six weeks for processing and shipping. To receive regalia for the May 11 commencement, order by March 29. If you have any questions, please contact Events and Outreach at 618-453-7424.

**Professional headshots of faculty and staff** are available by appointment every Thursday/Friday morning from 9 am-12 pm at the Student Center. [Reserve your Time.](#)

## *Upcoming Events*



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
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PROGRAMS**



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Prof. Mont Allen

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23rd May - 13th June

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