

Southern's Shining Moments

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale is the second university in the country to offer a master's degree in medical dosimetry. The Master of Science degree was accredited this fall, effective for the spring 2009 semester.

First-year SIU head football coach Dale Lennon is one of 20 candidates for The Sports Network's Eddie Robinson Award. The winners will be announced during the 22nd annual Sports Network awards dinner the night before the NCAA Division I Football Championship game. Lennon was also named Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year.

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Jeff Schirmer finished 25th overall in the NCAA Cross Country Championships, making him the first all-American Saluki runner since 1984. Schirmer completed the course less than one minute behind the winner.

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Two members of the SIU volleyball team were named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete team. Jennifer Berwanger was named MVC First Team Scholar-Athlete, while Kristy Elswick received MVC Scholar-Athlete Honorable Mention honors.

Southern now offers a master's degree in biomedical engineering. SIU students can specialize in a variety of disciplines within the program, including instrumentation, bio material and robotics.

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Southern's Health Care Management program has earned status as a Full Certified Undergraduate Member of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. SIU is the only AUPHA-certified undergraduate Health Care Management program in the state.

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SIU senior running back Larry Warner received the Missouri Valley Conference "Good Neighbor Award." The MVC created the award in an effort to honor model student-athletes.

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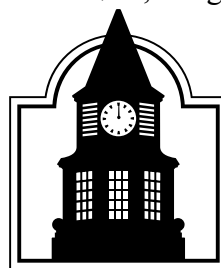
SIU football players Ryan Kernes, Ryan Patton, and Mike McElroy were named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V Team.

Ben Percy, a 2004 MFA graduate, was the recipient of a Whiting Writers' Award for 2008. Percy is the author of two collections of short stories, "The Language of Elk" and "Refresh, Refresh." As an award winner, Percy received a \$50,000 grant.

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Jeff Schirmer, Dan Dunbar, Jason Ordway, and Kyle Kirchner were named to the 2008 All-Missouri Valley Conference Men's Cross Country team. SIU Coach Matt Sparks was named Coach of the Year and Jeff Schirmer was awarded Athlete of the Year. Jeff Schirmer, Dan Dunbar and Jason Ordway are part of the 2008 Men's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete Team. Megan Hoelscher, Emily Toennies and A'Seret Dokubo were named to the 2008 Women's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete Team.

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