

Southern's Shining Moments

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The ninth-ranked SIUC debate team won the Creighton Open Invitation Debate Tournament in October, beating out a nationally top-ranked team from Western Kentucky University.

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SIUC's Flying Salukis won the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region VIII competition in November.

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Alejandro Figueroa, a December marketing graduate who overcame a brain injury, was the topic of a segment on the NBC program "The Today Show" in December. In 2000, Figueroa was involved in a near-fatal automobile accident in North Carolina, where he was stationed in the U.S. Marine Corps. He lay in a coma for six weeks.

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SIUC was ranked 79th overall among public business schools in the 2008 *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Colleges 2008" guide. It is also among an elite group of schools accredited by AACSB International, putting SIUC in the top 10 percent of business schools nationwide.

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SIUC is the hot new trend, according to *CosmoGirl* magazine. The University debuted on the magazine's "100 Best Colleges" list as published online and in the October 2007 issue. The magazine also ranked SIUC in the top five for "Niche Factor: Health Services for Women."

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Cambridge Who's Who has named Frank Reysen, Jr., an SIUC doctoral student, Professional of the Year in Government Communications.

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Former Southern Illinois track & field shot put standout George Woods was inducted into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame as a member of the 2007 class.

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Brittany Riley, the 2007 NCAA indoor national champion and world record holder in the women's weight throw, was featured on the television show *NCAA On Campus* in July.

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Award-winning film director Milcho Manchevski, a 1983 graduate of SIUC's film program, was chosen by Macedonian filmmakers as their entry in the foreign-language category for the 2008 Academy Awards for his drama "Shadows."

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