

SOUTHERN'S SHINING MOMENTS

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APPLIED SCIENCES & ARTS

The three teams representing SIU's aviation program in the Air Race Classic last week fared exceptionally well. Flight instructors **Erin Jackson** and **Christine Zoerlein** finished ninth overall while the team of **Katie Lake** and **Ashley Carder** was 12th, and **Sabrina Zwego** and **Heather Heidinger** placed 20th. The 34th annual event, which celebrates the history of women in aviation, covered 2,157.7 nautical miles in four days.

EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Sadie L. Lovett and **Brooke D. Walker**, both enrolled in the Rehabilitation Institute's doctoral program in behavior analysis, were honored during the annual North American meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International. They won an annual research paper competition sponsored by the association's verbal behavior special interest group and received plaques during a banquet ceremony.

The **School of Social Work** received accreditation of its undergraduate and graduate programs from the Council on Social Work Education. SIU's social work school has received continuous accreditation since 1974.

MASS COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS

Josh Hyde's first feature film, *Postales*, made its world premiere at the 64th Edinburgh International Film Festival in June. Hyde earned a degree in cinema and photography from SIU in May 2002.



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UNIVERSITY

Southern continues to be a top choice for active-duty military personnel who are pursuing degrees. The University is ranked 37th by active duty service members who used tuition assistance during the 2009 fiscal year, according to a report in the June/July 2010 issue of *Military Times Edge* magazine.

LIBERAL ARTS

Rhonda McAfee, an SIU School of Music alumna, performed as the American soloist with the Messiah Project at the Kremlin in Moscow. The production was the first-ever American and Russian performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

Zuhair A.G. Humadi, executive director of the Iraq Education Initiative, earned the Cassandra Pyle Award for Leadership and Collaboration in International Education and Exchange. NAFSA: Association of International Educators presented the award to Humadi at its annual conference in Kansas City, Mo., earlier this month. Humadi earned a doctorate from SIU in political science in 1978.

Anthony Cruitt, a 2009 graduate, is a recipient of a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship. Cruitt will spend two months in Baku, Azerbaijan, where he will study the Azerbaijani language. The immersion program includes four or five hours of classroom instruction five days a week in language acquisition, with weekend cultural expeditions.

ATHLETICS

Four Saluki baseball players were drafted in June. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim selected right-handed pitcher **Bryant George**. Senior right-hander **Nathan Forer** was selected by the New York Yankees. Former shortstop **Michael Stalter** and former catcher/designated hitter **Tyler Bullock** both signed contracts with the Southern Illinois Miners of the Frontier League.

Saluki thrower **Jeneva McCall** won her first national title at the 2010 NCAA Track and Field Outdoor Championships in June. She earned a total of five All-American honors at the competition.