

Southern's SHINING MOMENTS

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BUSINESS

Southern's **Accounting Society/Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Student Chapter** is one of four in the country to earn the designation of Outstanding Student Chapter from the IMA. In addition, the chapter's president, **Ashley Gibson**, won the Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarship, selected from a pool of about 4,000 eligible IMA members.

LAW

Sameer S. Vohra, a graduate student in the joint law/medical program at SIU, is a Fulbright Scholarship winner for 2009. Vohra will travel to India next year where he will help people who are less fortunate by acquiring the skills to be a doctor and a lawyer and use the Fulbright to foster leadership, learning and empathy between cultures.

APPLIED SCIENCES & ARTS

Laurie Dunn-Ryznyk, assistant professor in the Physician Assistant Program at Southern, is now a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Dunn-Ryznyk was one of just 15 Illinoisans who recently earned the designation for 2007-2008 in recognition of her professional and community achievements.

MASS COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS

Chris Yoars, a teaching/research/graduate assistant in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, earned a Best of Festival King Foundation Award in the audio category during the Broadcast Education Association's Festival of Media Arts. He won for his radio documentary, "West Frankfort Mine."



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ATHLETICS

The SIU **women's track and field team** won the 2009 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Championship, while the men finished second. Saluki head coach Connie Price-Smith also won her third MVC Women's Coach of the Year honor.

Sophomore **Lee Stewart** was selected as one of 13 members of USA College Archery's 2009 All-Academic Team for male college recurve.

Senior outfielder **Katie Schmidt** was selected as one of 10 recipients of the spring Missouri Valley Conference State Farm Good Neighbor Award.

Senior men's golf co-captain **Todd Obergoenner** was selected to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District V First Team. Obergoenner received the honor for the second straight year, after holding a 4.0 GPA in exercise science.

Bianca Stuart, **Jeff Schirmer** and **Sasha Leeth** qualified for the NCAA Championships in Arkansas by finishing in the top five in their respective events at the 2009 Mideast Regional Championships. Stuart won the women's long jump title in her final regional competition. Schirmer finished fourth in the 5,000-meter run, and Leeth came in fourth in the women's hammer.

ENGINEERING

Shaikh Ahmed, an assistant professor in the Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering, is one of four researchers nationwide included in Oak Ridge National Laboratory's first High-Performance Computing Grants Competition. As part of his successful application for the program, which was open to universities associated with Oak Ridge, Ahmed will use the ORNL's "Jaguar" super computer and other top-end computers and staff housed at the site in Tennessee.

Chris S. Williams, a senior in civil and environmental engineering, won the Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship. Williams is one of 60 students selected nationwide for the honor. The fellowship is worth \$5,000, which Williams plans to use at the University of Texas at Austin this fall. **Lucas Pulley**, a junior in mechanical engineering, won the Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant. He is one of 50 students selected nationwide for the honor and will receive a \$1,000 grant. Pulley plans to study microtechnology and mechatronics at Technische Universitate in Braunschweig, Germany this summer.