

# Southern's SHINING MOMENTS

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## APPLIED SCIENCES & ARTS

Six female flight instructors in SIU's Aviation and Management Flight program are preparing to compete in the 34th annual Air Race Classic, which covers 2,157.7 nautical miles in four days in June. The flight instructors are **Sabrina Zwego**, **Heather Heidinger**, **Erin Jackson**, **Christine Zoerlein**, **Ashley Carder** and **Katie Lake**.

## ENGINEERING

The American Society of Civil Engineers recently named **Jen-Kan Hsiao** a fellow of that organization. Hsiao is an associate professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

## EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

The U.S. Army Research Office's Defense University Research Instrumentation Program has given **C. Sebastian Loh** a \$70,000 grant. The funding will pay for virtual environment equipment that will allow him to develop and test these real-time assessment tools that will help him understand how video game-players learn. Loh teaches in the department of curriculum and instruction at Southern.

**Kimberly Sanders**, director of SIU's Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development, is one of only 24 people chosen to participate in the Rural Voices Leadership and Policy Workshop this month in Washington, D.C. The workshop will highlight health policy issues at the national level and the effects at the local level.



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## SCIENCE

**Andrei Kolmakov**, assistant professor in the department of physics; **Victor Sysoev**, a former visiting Fulbright Scholar from Saratov State Technical University; and graduate student **Evheni Stlekov** are among the finalists in a national competition seeking innovative ideas that address the world's needs for energy and security. Judges from the Global Venture Challenge 2010, a contest based at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, placed their technology among the 22 finalists.

## LIBERAL ARTS

**Antoinette Manzella** earned the privilege of attending the prestigious Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service this summer through The Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C. The social work and psychology major also earned a \$2,000 scholarship to attend the program.

Southern alumnus **Bert Belasco** is featured in the Super Bowl commercial with Betty White for Snickers. The commercial scored the No. 1 spot in the *USA Today* Ad Meter Poll. Belasco earned his theater degree from SIU in 2005.

## ATHLETICS

Six swimming and diving Salukis earned All-Missouri Valley Conference Honorable Mention status: **Anna Beeck**, **Michelle Bell**, **Shelby Brown**, **Samantha Dvorak**, **Melissa Larocque** and **Susan Minkel**. First-team All-MVC honorees included **Emily Gable**, **Tovah Gasparovich**, **Kristin Geppert**, **Kirsten Groome**, **Jennifer Kwok**, **Therese Mattsson** and **Marcela Teixeira**. **Groome and Gable** were named MVC Swimmer and Diver of the Year, respectively, and SIU diving coach **Joy Zhao** was named Valley Diving Coach of the Year.

SIU's swimming and diving team won third place in the 2010 State Farm/Missouri Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Championships in February. **Kirsten Groome** broke her third pool and MVC record and took first place in the 1650 freestyle. **Therese Mattsson** also took a first-place victory in the 100 free.

The SIU men's and women's teams finished second at the 2010 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships. **Jeneva McCall**, **J.C. Lambert**, **Jeff Schirmer**, **Stephen Arvanis**, **Brandon Deloney** and **Meredith Hayes** finished first in the competition.