



FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT ON GIVING 2025



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE



A LETTER FROM THE SIUE FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear SIUE Foundation Supporters,

As my term as president of the SIUE Foundation Board comes to an end, I'm proud to reflect on a year marked by growth, generosity, and continued momentum. Fiscal year 2025 brought new opportunities to deepen our impact, and our community responded with enthusiasm and commitment.

This year, we established 45 new funds, including 23 new endowments, most of which will support scholarships and programs for generations to come. Thanks to our donors, the Foundation provided over \$1.8 million in scholarship support, helping more students access and afford an SIUE education.

We also saw a significant increase in resources made available to the campus, including investments in equipment and other assets. This support enhances the student experience and strengthens the University's long-term success.

I'm grateful to our alumni, donors, campus partners, and fellow board members for their continued dedication to SIUE. It's been an honor to serve in this role.

With great enthusiasm, I pass the torch to Jennifer Hertel, RN, OCN, DNP '09, who begins her term as president of the SIUE Foundation Board. Jennifer brings tremendous insight, energy, and passion for SIUE. I look forward to seeing what the future holds under her leadership.

Thank you for your continued support of SIUE. Together, we are making a difference.

Go Cougars!

Andrew "Andy" Glenn, BS Business Economics and Finance '07

SIUE Foundation Board President

**Total Giving for FY 2025
\$12,011,507**

Expanding Nursing Education and Workforce Development

The SIUE School of Nursing and Anderson Healthcare are expanding student learning and strengthening healthcare in the region. Anderson Healthcare's gift to the Health Sciences Complex on the first day of the fiscal year 2026 will continue to advance nursing education, practice, research, and professional development.

Within the new Health Sciences Complex, Anderson Healthcare will be recognized with two spaces: the Anderson Healthcare Learning Lab and the Anderson Healthcare Student Collaboration Center. Undergraduate students will use these spaces extensively to develop nursing skills and teamwork competencies.

"The partnership between SIUE and Anderson Healthcare will shape the educational experiences of our students by creating innovative, hands-on spaces for learning and teamwork," said SIUE Chancellor James T. Minor, PhD. "It is deeply inspiring to see the Anderson Healthcare Board make this commitment to expand opportunities for the next generation of nurses graduating from SIUE. Anderson Healthcare's generosity ensures that the SIUE School of Nursing will continue to prepare highly skilled nurses who will transform healthcare in our region and beyond. By investing in our students through this partnership, SIUE and Anderson Healthcare are ensuring a healthier, stronger tomorrow."

"The demand for highly skilled nurses has never been greater, and as healthcare leaders, we recognize the responsibility to strengthen the workforce pipeline," said Lisa Spencer, RN, FACHE, BSN '93, MSN '01, president of Anderson Hospital. "This investment stood out because it addresses a critical need while also reflecting our mission to improve healthcare access and quality in our region."

Spencer, who earned a BSN and MSN from the SIUE School of Nursing, reflected on how meaningful this collaboration is to her career and connection to SIUE.

"As an alumna, I am deeply proud to see my alma mater and Anderson Healthcare working hand in hand," she said. "It represents a full circle moment, knowing that the same institution that invested in my future is now one Anderson can continue to partner with to invest in the next generation of nurses."

She emphasized Anderson Healthcare's Board of Trustees' vital role in this partnership. "I am grateful to our Board of Trustees for their foresight in recognizing and supporting this investment," Spencer said. "Their unwavering commitment allowed us to move forward confidently, knowing this project would create meaningful, long-lasting benefits."



Endowed Scholarships Create Lasting Opportunities for SIUE Students

The power of philanthropy has long shaped the student experience at SIUE. Endowed scholarships, like the funds established by the Inman and Harbert families and hundreds of other generous individuals, can open the doors to higher education for students across the region.

The Teddi and Merle Inman Scholarship Endowment supports students who graduate from a high school located in Calhoun County. The scholarship was created in honor of Merle’s wife, Mary “Teddi” Barrer Inman. Teddi graduated from SIUE in 1973 and was remembered by Merle as an adventurous, intelligent woman who valued education above all else. Teddi passed away in 2007, and Merle passed in 2018.

The Ambrose W. and Martha W. Harbert Scholarship Endowment honors the legacy of the Centralia, Ill., couple whose commitment to education has shaped countless lives. Though they never attended SIUE, the Harberts left a lasting mark by ensuring graduates of Centralia High School (CHS) can continue their academic journeys at SIUE.

SIUE alumnus and CHS principal Reid Shipley, EdD, BS biology ‘95, is honored that the Harberts chose to support students from his school.

“Many of my fellow Centralia High School classmates were able to attend SIUE because of Ambrose and Martha’s generosity,” said Shipley. “This is a great way to ensure our students can receive a quality education at SIUE. I am pleased to know the legacy and generosity of Ambrose and Martha Harbert continues.”

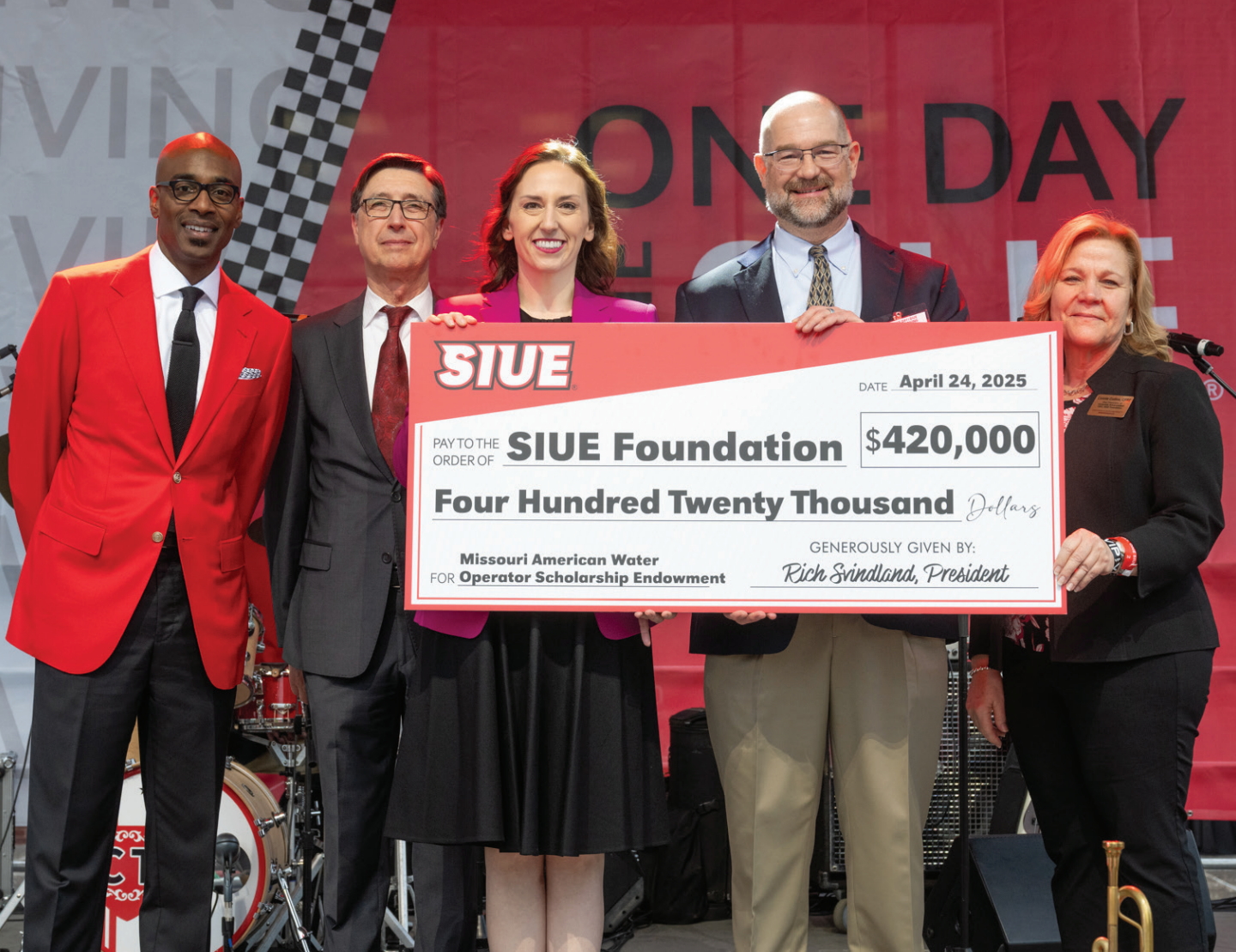
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This support serves as a reminder that others are there to cheer for me while I’m on the way toward accomplishing my goals. It motivates me to keep working hard and striving toward excellence.

— MORGAN KLAAS
Junior, College of Arts and Sciences
Teddi and Merle Inman
Scholarship Recipient

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Missouri American Water Strengthens Workforce Pipeline with Scholarship Endowment

The Environmental Resources Training Center (ERTC) at SIUE has helped shape the next generation of water and wastewater professionals for over 40 years. As Illinois and Missouri's EPA-designated training hub, the ERTC provides students with classroom instruction and hands-on experience with its on-site, 30,000-gallon-per-day treatment plant and water quality laboratories. ERTC graduates are prepared to protect public health through safe, sustainable water systems. Nearly 85% of program graduates find employment within a year of completing the program.

During SIUE's 2025 One Day, One SIUE Giving Day festivities, Rich Svindland, president of Missouri American Water, announced that his organization has deepened its commitment to the industry's future workforce with a \$420,000 gift to establish the **Missouri American Water Operator Scholarship Endowment**. The generous gift will provide funding for two scholarships per year for students entering the ERTC program each fall and spring, ensuring financial support for generations of future water operators.

"Missouri American Water has experienced tremendous success with graduates from the SIUE ERTC program, and we are committed to building on that momentum," said Svindland. "Through these scholarships, our goal is to inspire greater interest in the water and wastewater industry and make it more accessible to aspiring professionals. We're proud to support individuals as they enroll in the program, complete their training, and launch meaningful careers in this essential field."

Missouri American Water's investment in ERTC ensures that it can continue building a pipeline of highly skilled operators to meet the needs of water and wastewater management, an evolving industry dedicated to public health. By easing the financial burden of students, the scholarship will expand access to an in-demand career while strengthening the future of safe, reliable water systems across Illinois, Missouri, and beyond.



Steward Family Foundation Helps SIUE Students Start Strong

The generosity of the Steward Family Foundation is opening doors for incoming SIUE students through its support of the Summer Success Program. This free five-week, academic, residential program is designed for newly admitted first-year students who identify as a first-generation college student and/or low-income and/or having a disability.

Guided by the values of David and Thelma Steward, the Steward Family Foundation is deeply committed to creating access and opportunity where it is most needed in our region. The foundation's philanthropy reflects a deep, personal mission to close educational gaps, particularly for students who face systemic barriers.

Kicking off five weeks before the start of their first fall semester at SIUE, students arrive on campus for a dynamic program that connects them to essential campus resources and provides numerous opportunities for social development and community-building among the cohort. Students also have the potential to earn up to six credit hours along with receiving ongoing personal, academic, and career advising from SIUE faculty and staff.

"Talent is evenly distributed, opportunity is not," said David L. Steward, founder and chair of World Wide Technology, the largest Black-owned company in North America. "This SIUE program supports students with skills and mentorship they might not otherwise have access to, which strengthens both their futures and our communities."

The foundation's support not only uplifts students but also benefits the broader St. Louis metropolitan region, where SIUE graduates are highly sought after by employers.

"The Steward Family Foundation's gift is transformative for the Summer Success Program," said Director Kelly Atkins, EdD, BSW '01, MSW '02, associate director of Student Success. "With their support, we're able to serve more students, offer expanded academic and enrichment activities, and strengthen the resources we provide both in and out of the classroom. We will be able to reach deeper into our community to ensure that more students—especially those who face the greatest barriers—have access to a high-quality summer learning experience that prepares them for the school year ahead."

The Carenza Endowed Scholarships Will Champion Olympic Values at SIUE

John and Dianne Carenza’s names have long been synonymous with excellence, leadership, and love for the game of soccer at SIUE. The couple earned bachelor’s degrees in 1972, Dianne in speech-language pathology and audiology, and John in business administration with a marketing specialization. Their legacy will now inspire future generations of Cougars through two endowed scholarships: the **John and Dianne Carenza Olympic Legacy Men’s Soccer Scholarship** and the **John and Dianne Carenza Olympic Legacy Women’s Soccer Scholarship**.



After John’s unexpected passing in March 2023, Dianne sought to honor his memory while inspiring young athletes to pursue their best selves.

These scholarships will be awarded to returning SIUE men’s and women’s soccer players who exemplify the Olympic values of excellence, respect, and friendship; values that John and Dianne embodied on and off the field.

“This gift is more than a scholarship,” said Andrew Gavin, Vice Chancellor for Athletics. “It’s a lasting tribute to a couple whose lives have embodied what it means to be a champion in sport and in life.”

A towering forward from St. Louis, John Carenza helped lead SIUE men’s soccer to national prominence from 1968-1971. He remains the Cougars’ all-time leading scorer with 71 goals and ranks second in career assists (29). A two-time Hermann Trophy runner-up and 1971 All-American, John was known for his physical dominance, leadership, and sportsmanship.

His collegiate success earned him a spot on the 1972 U.S. Olympic Soccer Team during the Summer Games in Munich, where he scored five goals in qualification to secure the U.S.’s first Olympic berth since 1956. He later played professionally for the St. Louis Stars and has been inducted into multiple halls of fame. One of his career highlights was playing against global soccer icon Pelé.

Dianne (Emling) Carenza, of Collinsville, Ill., met John while studying at SIUE. Their college romance became a 50-year marriage rooted in faith, family, and service.

“John’s legacy was never just about goals scored. It was about the relationships built, the respect earned, and the pursuit of excellence in everything he did,” said Carenza. “We want future SIUE Cougars to carry that forward.”

Through these gifts, Dianne Carenza ensures that her husband’s love for SIUE, soccer, and the Olympic spirit will continue to shape student-athletes for generations.



A Legacy of Commitment

By giving year after year, donors celebrate their enduring connection to the University by investing in the success of future generations. Nearly 6,000 donors have contributed to the mission of SIUE for 10 years or more. Longevity donors, like Stephen and Julie Hansen or Ann Lazerson, wife of the late Earl Lazerson, recognize that consistent generosity creates meaningful and lasting impact.



The Hansens

Since arriving at SIUE in 1984, Stephen Hansen, PhD, emeritus professor and dean, and his wife, Julie Hansen, MA American and English literature '01, associate professor emerita, have become long-standing pillars of the University community and have remained connected to SIUE since their respective retirements.

“We believe in the faculty, staff, and students at SIUE and its mission to create knowledge, prepare students for meaningful lives, and shape good citizens,” said Stephen Hansen. “SIUE has always been a rich, supportive community, and being part of it has given us so much. We feel called to give back.”

The Hansens’ generosity has taken many forms, from establishing endowments that strengthen graduate education and enrich teaching and learning within the humanities to supporting awards for outstanding faculty-scholars.

“SIUE’s vitality, opportunities, and contributions extend far beyond campus, and that inspires us to stay connected,” said Julie Hansen. “Every time I’d attend Commencement and hear the words ‘fount of opportunity’ sung, it always struck me because I feel SIUE fulfills that promise. Supporting that mission over many years has been meaningful and rewarding.”



The Lazersons

When Earl and Ann Lazerson moved to Edwardsville in 1969, they could not have imagined the profound impact they would have on the University community. Earl, who passed away in 2021, began as a young mathematics professor and became SIUE’s longest-serving president, leading from 1979 to 1993.

During his tenure, SIUE grew not only in size but in spirit. He reorganized academic units and championed the development of residence halls, transforming SIUE from a commuter campus into a thriving residential university. Ann helped strengthen the ties with the community by working with the various SIUE Friends groups on events like the Friends of Music’s Holiday Open Houses and Viennese Balls. She believed the synergy between the University and the community was instrumental in the impressive development of the area we witness today.

Together, the Lazersons built a philanthropic legacy through the Ann and Earl Lazerson Mathematics Symposium Lecture Series, the endowed Lazerson Lecture Series in the College of Arts and Sciences, and donating Earl’s 2,300-volume mathematics book collection to Lovejoy Library.

“SIUE provides educational opportunities that students in this area may not otherwise have,” said Ann. “I’m very proud of what Earl accomplished, and grateful we could contribute along the way.”



ONE DAY, ONE SIUE

The 2025 One Day, One SIUE Day of Giving revved up campus spirit with a raceway-themed celebration, complete with live music, student performances, and high-energy giving challenges. Distinguished community leader Curtis Francois, owner and CEO of World Wide Technology Raceway, was on hand to rally the community to raise a record-breaking \$2.87 million from over 2,300 donors.

With support from partners, including Ameren Illinois; the Steward Family Foundation; Missouri American Water; Chris and Debbie Smith; Sherry Baker; the Inman Estate; Dr. Lynette Watkins and Dr. Garey Watkins; Episcopal Parish of Alton; Rollie Thouvenot '72; Eric '94 and Joan Gowin; Dianne Carenza '72; John Matta, PhD, '14; and Jaypee Philbrick, as well as students, alumni, faculty, and friends, we united to fuel scholarships and programs that drive SIUE's future. We are excited to unite again next year to create new opportunities for SIUE students.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ONE DAY, ONE SIUE 2026!

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Health Sciences Building, SIUE Edwardsville Campus

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One Day, One SIUE is a joyful reminder of what we can achieve together. A growing circle of donors from across the community champion their favorite causes and inspire others to join them.

— CONNIE COLLINS, CFRE
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and
CEO of the SIUE Foundation

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SIUE Athletics Celebrates Successful 2025 Red and Black Benefit

SIUE Athletics hosted the 2025 Red and Black Benefit presented by Simmons Hanly Conroy at the Hilton at the Ball Park in St. Louis in March. The Red and Black Benefit is SIUE Athletics' largest annual fundraiser. Funds raised at the event benefit the Cougars Champions Fund which supports the more than 270 Division I student-athletes and the continued growth, sustainability, and competitive excellence of SIUE Athletics.

Support the Cougars Champions Fund
SIUECougars.com/CCF



Construction Alumni Golf Scramble Secures \$40,000+ for Student Activities

Alumni and industry partners of the School of Engineering's Department of Construction gathered for the 37th Annual SIUE Construction Alumni Golf Tournament, held in June at The Orchards in Belleville, Ill.

"It's about more than raising money. It's about building a community of alumni that supports each other," said event organizer Kevin Nesselhauf, BS construction management '08, MBA '13.

What started as just a small get-together for alumni to play a few rounds of golf has grown to become one of the construction program's largest alumni traditions with more than 200 participants signing up for this year's tournament. Funds raised from the tournament support SIUE construction students by covering travel costs to national competitions, updating equipment, sponsoring projects, and advancing faculty development.

Meridian Society Awards \$22,700+ Toward Transformative Initiatives

The Meridian Society, an auxiliary organization of the SIUE Foundation that promotes women’s philanthropic leadership, granted awards of more than \$22,700 to seven SIUE projects at their annual reception in April.

- **Cougar KickBots** *SIUE Center for STEM Research, Education and Outreach and Student Athletes Leading Tomorrow*
Supports the youth development program at Alton Middle School that combines soccer, robotics, and life skills mentorship by SIUE student-athletes. The program is designed to foster STEM interest and socio-emotional development in middle schoolers.
- **Insight for All** *SIUE Center for STEM Research, Education and Outreach and Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois*
Funds a 3D printer to create tactile, accessible STEM materials for blind and low-sighted students. The models will be available to educators and students throughout the region through the STEM Center’s lending library.
- **KultureCity Sensory Inclusive Certification and Training** *SIUE Police Department and KultureCity*
Supports sensory-inclusive training for officers, certification, and accessibility resources to foster an inclusive campus environment for neurodivergent individuals.
- **Marking History in East St. Louis** *SIUE Department of Political Science and the East St. Louis Historical Society*
Installs up to 24 signs recognizing positive historical contributions in East St. Louis with digital access to research content honoring the city’s Black heritage and resilience.
- **Night Out with the Cougars** *SIUE Athletics and Edwardsville YMCA*
Reestablishes community events to deepen connections between local youth and SIUE Athletics as part of a broader partnership to increase community engagement and foster college-going aspirations.
- **SIUE Summer Opera Festival** *SIUE Department of Music and Tessitura Music*
Launches a nearly three-week opera festival blending professional productions, community outreach, and young artist development. The debut production, “Susannah,” addresses themes of justice and identity while spotlighting emerging operatic talent.
- **SIUE-ISP File Accessibility Project** *SIUE Department of Criminal Justice Studies and Illinois State Police*
Supports student-led digitization of unsorted, open case records, bridging gaps between outdated systems and modern investigative workflows while enhancing file accessibility for the Illinois State Police.

Learn more about the Meridian Society
siue.edu/meridian-society



Murder Mystery Dinner Raises over \$10,000 for Department of Theater and Dance

A night of intrigue, jazz, and unexpected twists set the stage as the SIUE Friends of Theater and Dance (FOTAD) hosted a murder mystery fundraiser, A Night of Music and Murder. The event was held in September 2024 at The Ink House in Edwardsville. Guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, and a 1920s speakeasy-themed mystery brought to life through a one-of-a-kind performance curated by Tress Kurzym, MFA, area head for theater education at SIUE, and playwright e.k. doolin (Emily Klingensmith, MFA).

“We were thrilled to have the support of both our alumni and the community at large,” said Megan Riechmann, vice president of FOTAD. “The talent of SIUE’s theater and dance students deserves to be celebrated.”

Alumni actors donated their time and talent to perform alongside SIUE students who filled ensemble roles, choreographed numbers, and provided pre-show entertainment. The sold-out event raised over \$10,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales, and a live auction, directly benefiting student scholarships and covering expenses related to professional development and travel.

Support the Friends of Theater and Dance
connect.siue.edu/g/friends-of-theater-and-dance

SIUE Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The SIUE Foundation is pleased to welcome four new members and our new SIUE Alumni Association President to the Board. Their diverse expertise and leadership will help advance our mission of broadening educational opportunities and strengthening alumni connections.



"I'm honored to serve as president of the SIUE Alumni Association and join the Foundation Board in this role. I look forward to collaborating with fellow board members to support the University's mission and strengthen engagement with our alumni community."

- George Ladd '07, '09
Senior Manager, Corporate Finance,
EyeCare Partners



"Being a part of spreading awareness for the University's mission and driving financial support for SIUE will ensure that future students continue to have access to high-quality programming and education for years to come."

- Brett Briggs '04
Senior Vice President, Private Banking
Team Lead, Associated Bank



"From professional partnerships, career advancement, and lifelong friendships, my involvement with SIUE is among the most rewarding experiences. As part of the Foundation team, I look forward to advancing SIUE's growth and long-term success."

- Alan Kehrer '92, '12
Corporate Director of Human Resources,
GardaWorld



"SIUE has played an important role in my personal journey. As a proud alumna, I am deeply grateful for the education, values, and opportunities SIUE provided. It is an honor to support the University and the Foundation as they continue to shape future generations of healthcare leaders and professionals."

- Lisa Spencer '93, '01
President, Anderson Hospital



"SIUE's community programs and its commitment to a broadly accessible liberal arts education has been so impactful to so many people. I'm honored to serve the Foundation and am looking forward to working with its members to advance the University's mission."

- David Weedon '11
Technical Staff, OpenAI

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FY25 SIUE FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

Total Giving

Growth is made possible through the generosity of our donors. In fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) our donors invested in SIUE students, faculty, programs, and facilities.

In FY25, our donors gave to the following areas:

GIFT TYPES	FY25 TOTALS
Outright Gifts	\$4,785,566
Pledges	\$1,769,100
Matching Gifts	\$68,340
Bequest Donor Advised Fund Intentions	\$4,028,000
Grants Secured	\$1,000,000
Gifts-in-Kind	\$360,501
TOTAL	\$12,011,507

Overall Income Summary

In addition to contributions, the SIUE Foundation also received investment income; non-gift income consisting primarily of receipts from fundraising events, sales, and fees; and payments from SIUE to support Foundation and Alumni operations.

TYPES OF INCOME/LOSS	FY25 TOTALS
Contributions (FASB)	\$6,704,341
Net Investment Income	\$7,146,254
Non-gift Revenues	\$196,007
Support from Related Organizations	\$218,253

SIUE and Student Support

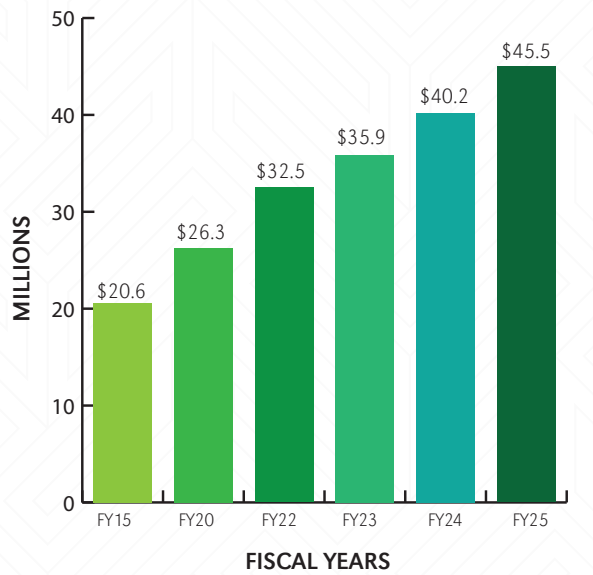
The SIUE Foundation provided over \$5.3 million in programmatic expenses for SIUE and SIUE students in FY25.

Scholarships and Awards	\$1,790,830
Payments for Educational Services	\$664,369
Assets Transferred to SIUE	\$508,759
Gifts-in-Kind Transferred to SIUE	\$97,061
Equipment & Other Assets	\$53,856

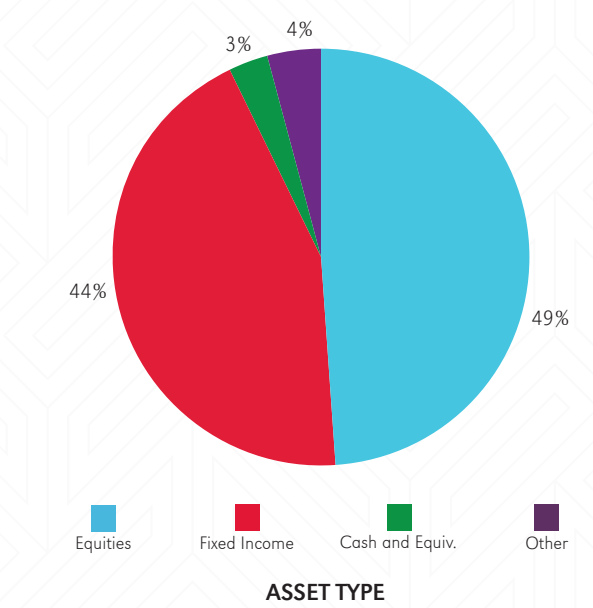
An annual investment management fee of 1.0% of the average past 36 month-end market endowment valuations as of December 31 is assessed on the endowment to defray a portion of SIUE Foundation operating expenses.

Endowment Profile

For the 10-year period starting with a beginning balance of \$20.6 million on June 30, 2015, to the ending balance of \$45.5 million on June 30, 2025, the SIUE Foundation endowment value grew 121%.



SIUE Foundation Investment Profile





Dear Alumni and Friends,

Serving as president of the SIUE Alumni Association has been a privilege and a pleasure. Over the past two years, I have been inspired by the dedication, generosity, and Cougar pride that radiates from our alumni community. Together, we have strengthened connections, celebrated achievements, and expanded opportunities for engagement with our alma mater.

From hosting memorable Homecoming and Family Weekend celebrations to launching new affinity groups, the Alumni Association has continued to grow in both reach and impact. None of this would have been possible without the passion and support of our incredible board members, volunteers, and alumni across the country who continue to give back in meaningful ways.

As my term as president comes to a close, it is my great pleasure to welcome George Ladd, '07, '09, as the next leader of the Alumni Association. George brings a wealth of experience, energy, and vision, and I have no doubt he will guide the organization to even greater success. I look forward to seeing how his leadership will further unite and inspire our alumni family.

Thank you for all you do to keep Cougar pride alive and strong. I am proud to remain an engaged alumna and to cheer on the continued growth of our association.

Go Cougars!

Maggie Krumwiede, BSBA '05, PharmD '09

*President, SIUE Alumni Association
Board of Directors*

ENDOWMENT A GIFT IN PERPETUITY

An endowment is a lasting gift that provides ongoing support to SIUE, year after year. With a gift of \$25,000 or more, a donor can create a fund that distributes a portion (currently 4.25%) annually to students, faculty, the general needs of SIUE or any School, College, unit, or program within the University. Donors may fully fund an endowment with a one-time lump-sum gift, a multi-year pledge of \$25,000 or more, or through a bequest or other deferred gift. In addition to cash, endowed funds can be established through gift vehicles such as gifts of securities, property, retirement funds, or trusts. The SIUE Foundation works with donors to develop guidelines for how their endowed funds are to be used, ensuring donor intent is honored and SIUE policies are followed.

Interested in establishing an endowed fund?

Contact any School or College development officer or the SIUE Foundation at 618-650-2345.

Ways to Give

Outright Gifts

Gifts of cash, securities, real property or personal property, may be unrestricted or restricted to a specific school, department, or program. Gifts can also be given to support new or existing scholarships, student or faculty awards, special projects, or endowments.

Planned Gifts

Planned gifts come in many forms, including bequests, life income gifts, and other options such as trusts and life insurance.

Gifts-in-Kind

Gifts-in-kind are non-cash donations of materials or other goods that support and serve the mission of SIUE, including equipment, software, printed materials, professional services, and employee expertise. Gifts-in-kind are a valued way of supporting the University and may be tax-deductible according to IRS regulations.

New Endowment Funds Established in Fiscal Year 2025

FUND NAME	CURRENT AND PLANNED PURPOSE TO BENEFIT THE FOLLOWING
Rhonda and Scott Comrie Joy of Nursing Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Nursing.
Bill Christine & Dave Johnson Endowed Scholarship in Mass Communications	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE College of Arts & Sciences majoring in Mass Communications.
John R. Brandenburg Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Education, Health and Human Behavior majoring in Secondary Education or graduate students majoring in Education Administration or Education Leadership.
Dr. Gloria J. Gibson Endowed Scholarship in Music Education	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE College of Arts & Sciences majoring in Music Education.
Missouri American Water Operator Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students enrolled in the operator training program at the SIUE Environmental Resources Training Center within the SIUE School of Engineering.
Dr. Kelly Lynn Kleeman Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Pharmacy.
Julia Y. and Stephen L. Hansen Humanities Endowment	Faculty support within the SIUE College of Arts and Sciences to establish the Julia Y. and Stephen L. Hansen Humanities Network.
Earl Wright Crome Memorial Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE College of Arts & Sciences majoring in History and on the student teaching track to receive a certification in Social Science Education.
Anthony Louis Springman Memorial Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Education, Health and Human Behavior’s Education Administration and Educational Leadership programs.
Dave Johnson - Brett Licata CAS Student-Athlete Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for student-athletes within the SIUE College of Arts & Sciences majoring in Mass Communications or Applied Communication Studies.
Chris and Debbie Smith Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment #2	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Pharmacy.
John & Dianne Carenza Olympic Legacy Women’s Soccer Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support within the SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics women’s soccer team.
John & Dianne Carenza Olympic Legacy Men’s Soccer Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics men’s soccer team.
The Matta-Philbrick Computer Science Program Endowment	Programmatic support within the SIUE School of Engineering to advance the success of the computer science department.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Program Endowment	Programmatic support for the SIUE Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Dr. Charles “Chuck” Poeschl Memorial Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Dental Medicine.
Eric & Joan Gowin Construction Leaders Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Engineering enrolled in the Construction Management degree program.
Roland Thouvenot Family Foundation Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Engineering majoring in Civil Engineering.
Karen Morris Watkins Memorial Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Education, Health and Human Behavior majoring in Elementary Education.
Jerry Bolen Scholarship Endowment for Percussion Students	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE College of Arts & Sciences majoring in Percussion in the Department of Music.
Ric & Vonda Stephenson Scholarship Endowment in Education	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Education, Health and Human Behavior majoring in any program within the Department of Teaching and Learning.
Linda Campanella Ward Classroom Student Teachers Scholarship Endowment	Scholarship support for students within the SIUE School of Education, Health and Human Behavior majoring in Elementary Education.

PLANNED GIVING: A LEGACY THAT MOVES GENERATIONS FORWARD

Planned gifts—such as bequests, beneficiary designations, and charitable remainder trusts—carry a profound and lasting impact on the future of SIUE. These thoughtful acts of generosity from forward-thinking alumni and friends have helped expand academic programs, grow scholarship endowments, enrich literary and artistic collections, and build vital facilities for athletics, alumni engagement, and more.

Think of your planned gift as a train—steady, powerful, and purpose-driven—delivering hope, access, and opportunity to generations of SIUE students yet to come. With the right planning, your legacy can move forward with clarity, guided by tracks laid in alignment with your values and aspirations.

The SIUE Foundation's Planned Giving team is here to help you design a gift that reflects your vision and ensures your generosity reaches its fullest potential. When you plan your gift with SIUE, you're not only shaping your own legacy, but you're also laying the path for countless students to follow, with strength, purpose, and promise.



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Turning Childhood Dreams into a Lasting Impact

For nontraditional alumna Stacia Novy, MS biological sciences '20, giving back to SIUE is deeply personal. After 23 years in the U.S. Air Force, SIUE helped Stacia follow her childhood dream of becoming a wildlife biologist.

Earning her degree took seven years of perseverance through active-duty military service, five relocations, online courses, and long nights and weekends of studying. With support from her advisor, Rick Essner, PhD, the Graduate School, and Lovejoy Library, Stacia made her dream a reality; she launched her second career in wildlife biology.

“I haven't forgotten anyone who lent a hand in my life's journey, especially when things were difficult.”

— STACIA NOVY
MS Biological Sciences '20

Today, Stacia supports SIUE through both ongoing annual and planned gifts. She hopes to strengthen the Department of Biological Sciences and preserve SIUE's vertebrate collections for future generations.

“I believe in rewarding individuals and entities that assisted in my efforts to reach milestones,” she said.

Her generosity ensures tomorrow's students will have the same support to pursue their dreams.

A LETTER FROM THE CEO OF THE SIUE FOUNDATION

Dear Alumni, Friends, and Supporters,

As we share this year's SIUE Foundation Annual Report, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your extraordinary generosity and belief in the mission of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

In fiscal year 2025, you contributed more than \$12 million in new gifts and commitments—our second-highest total ever. This remarkable achievement reflects your dedication to advancing student success, supporting faculty, strengthening academic programs, and bringing to life the spaces where learning, discovery, and community thrive.

Your impact is tangible:

- Nearly 5,500 donors (a 14% increase) contributed to SIUE.
- A record \$1.8 million in scholarships (a 51% increase) were awarded, reaching nearly 14% of the student body.
- Our endowment grew to \$45.5 million (a 13.2% increase), supported by 325 funds valued at \$25,000 or more.
- 344 members of the Chancellor's Circle contributed \$2,500 or more, and 489 loyal donors have given for 30+ years.

As a regional public university, SIUE is committed to opening doors and creating opportunities that change lives. This report reflects more than financial milestones—it's a celebration of the difference you've made in our students' journeys.

Thank you for being part of this transformative work. Together, we are building a brighter future for SIUE and the region we proudly serve.

With sincere appreciation,

Connie Collins, CFRE
CEO, SIUE Foundation
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement



Amplify Your Impact with Employer Matching Gifts

Your gift to the SIUE Foundation can create twice the impact. Many employers offer matching gift programs that amplify the impact of your generosity, strengthening student support, advancing innovative research, and enriching educational programs.

Don't miss your chance to maximize your support. Check if your employer offers a matching program and make sure your gift works harder for the causes that matter most to you.



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THE CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE

Giving Society

The SIUE Chancellor's Circle recognizes annual donors of \$2,500 or more who support student and program opportunities that are above and beyond those funded through tuition and state funding alone.

The only cross-campus annual giving recognition program, the SIUE Chancellor's Circle provides our loyal donors with a comprehensive perspective of the impact of philanthropy on the institution's mission. Chancellor's Circle members enjoy unique opportunities to connect more deeply with fellow SIUE alumni, parents, students, friends, and with the University.

To be recognized as an official Chancellor's Circle member, cumulative annual giving of \$2,500 or more to the SIUE Foundation is required, with the annual giving period running from July 1-June 30.

As a Chancellor's Circle member, you'll enjoy:

- Behind-the-scenes experiences with campus programs, seasonal events, lectures, and performances
- A customized keepsake
- Invitations to unique gatherings with campus leadership
- Acknowledgement in the SIUE Foundation Annual Report on Giving

Contact us to learn more about the Chancellor's Circle and become part of SIUE history.

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