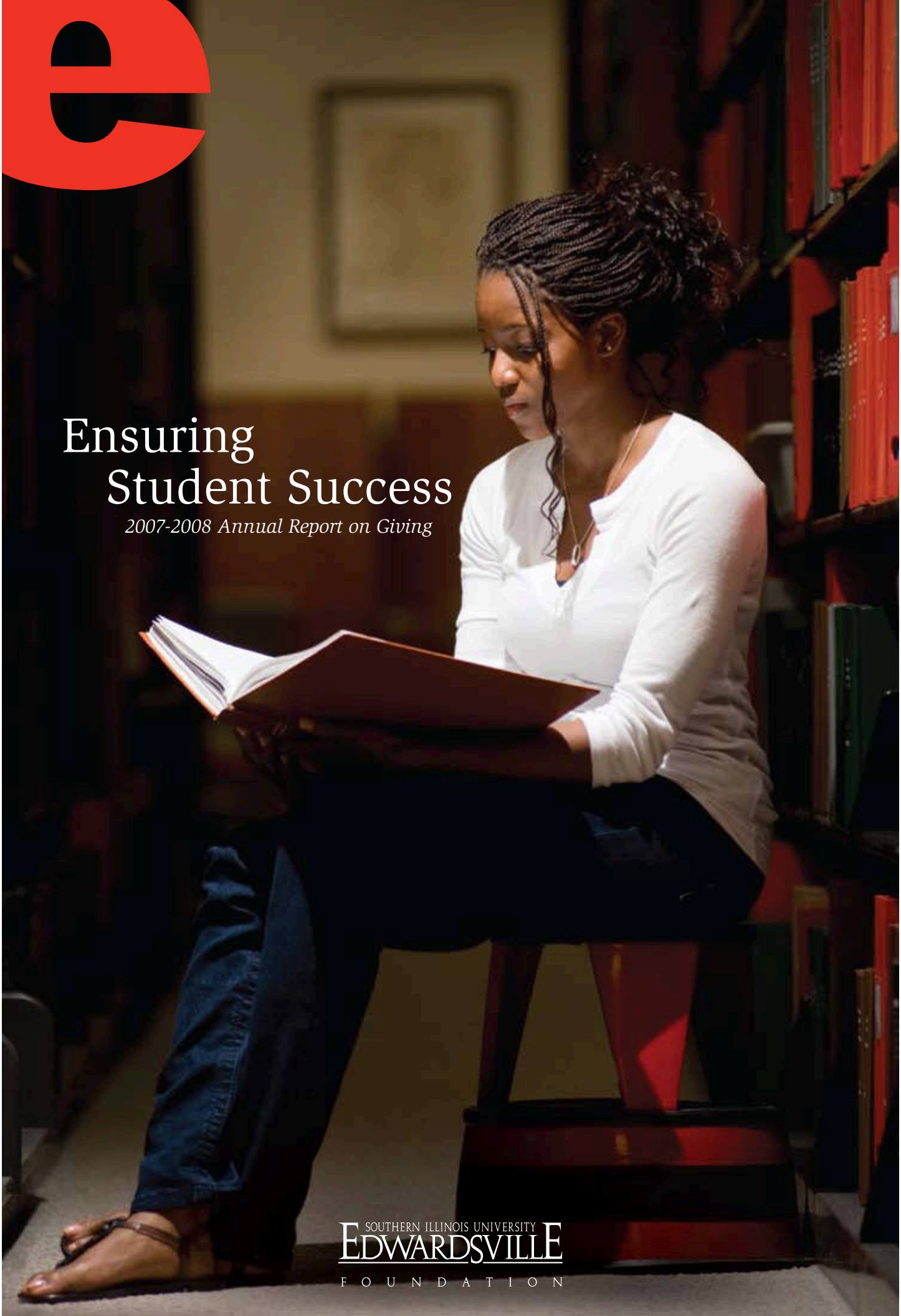

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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, as a premier Metropolitan University, will be recognized nationally for the excellence of its programs and development of professional and community leaders.

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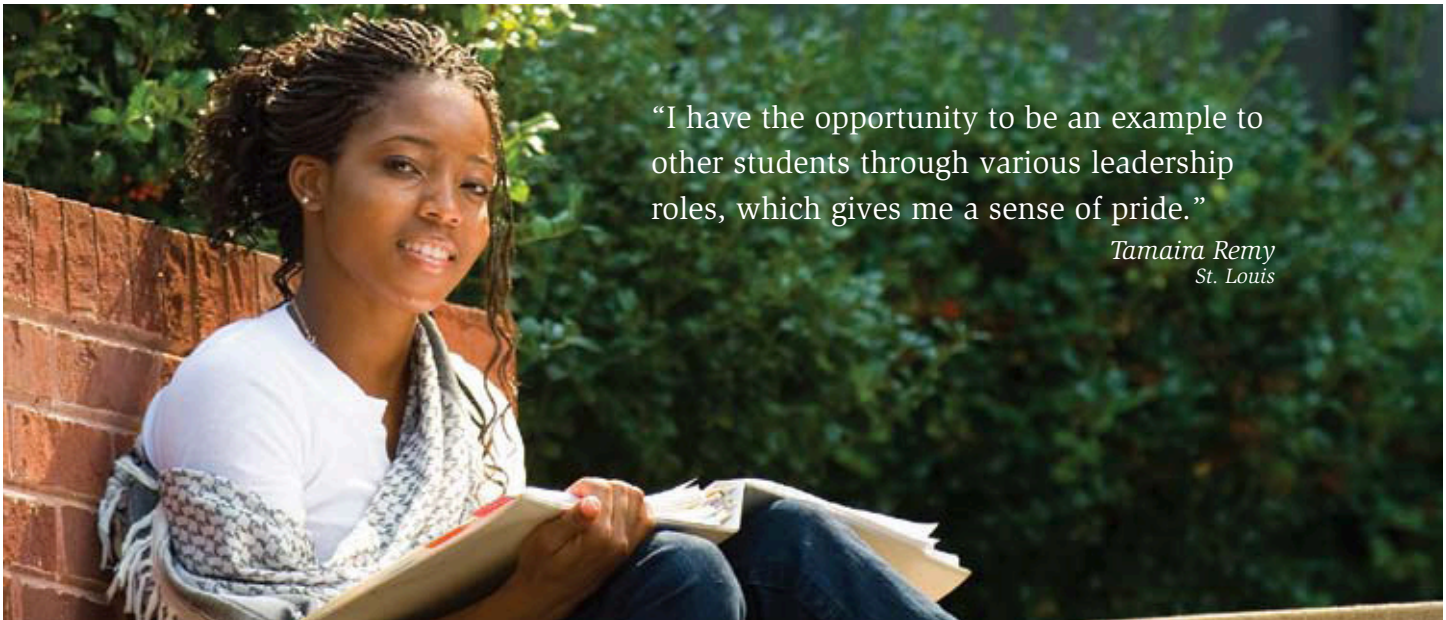
Tamaira Remy

Senior human resources/finance major, Johnetta Haley Scholar



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The SIUE Foundation supports the mission, vision and goals of the University. Through outright gifts, planned gifts, bequests, non-cash contributions and other avenues, the SIUE Foundation raises funds and gifts to benefit the University as well as the donor.

Dear Donors and Friends,

Through your contributions to SIUE, you have helped shape the University's future. Your gifts this past fiscal year have impacted SIUE in so many ways.

- Additional scholarships have created more opportunities for students to succeed and benefit from an SIUE education.
- Enhanced faculty development programs have allowed SIUE faculty members to continue to pursue research and creative activity, which they integrate with their teaching.
- Expanded student life programs have enabled students to experience a rich campus life and become involved in the campus community.
- Support for SIUE athletics has facilitated the transition to the NCAA Division I level.

Many of our donors are alumni. We continue to be so proud of them and their many accomplishments. Alumni donors serve a double purpose: they give back to their *alma mater*, and they give to the future, allowing the University to gain even greater stature. A simple "thank you" does not begin to express our appreciation. Whether you are a friend of SIUE or a graduate of the University, we are honored to receive your support.

I encourage you to come to campus for a visit. A brief chat with any of our outstanding students will tell you that SIUE is moving forward as a premier Metropolitan University, committed to improving society through education.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
Best wishes; peace.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Hundley
Vice Chancellor for University Relations
CEO, SIUE Foundation, Inc.

Ensuring the Future

In 1957, a group of parents and business leaders, determined to provide a better future for their children and grandchildren, waged an intensive campaign to encourage the state of Illinois to create a new campus in Southwestern Illinois. They realized that a college degree is a public good and that graduates would make significant contributions to society both economically and culturally.

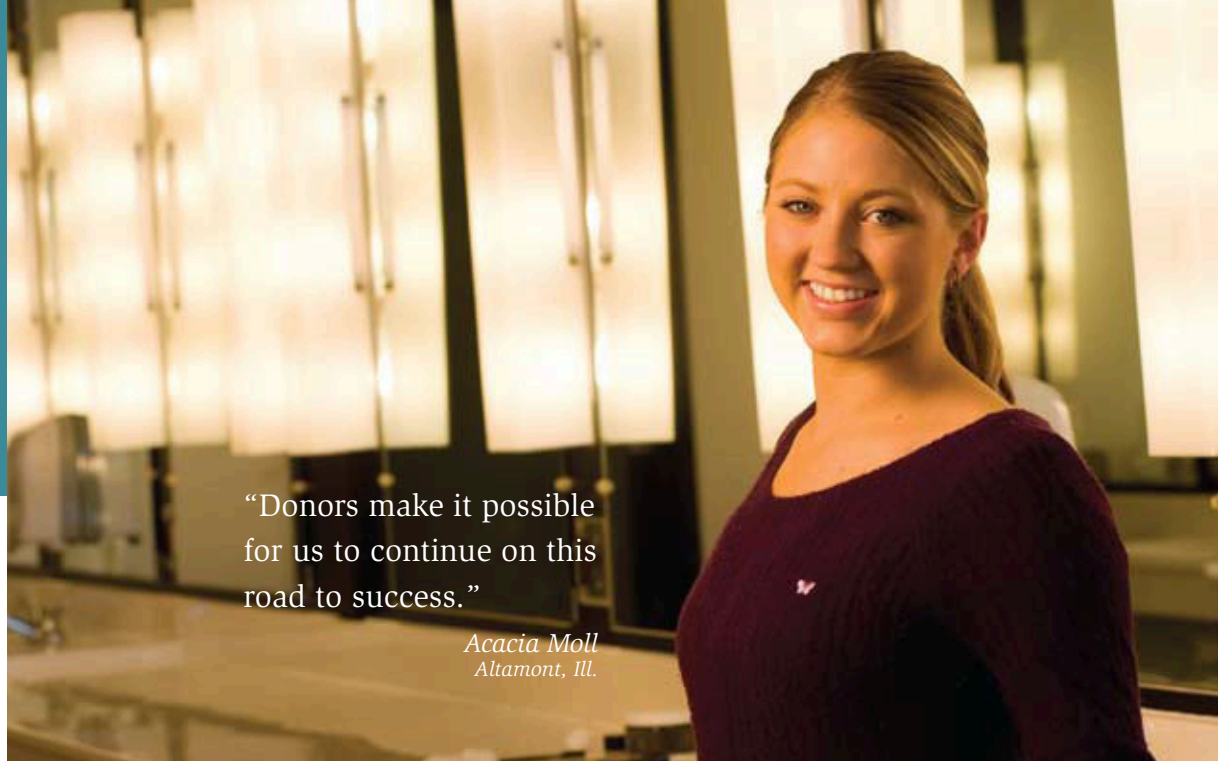
Only 3 percent of area residents had earned college degrees in 1957. Today, largely thanks to SIUE, 20 percent of the population in Madison and St. Clair counties has earned a four-year degree.

While state appropriations for higher education continue to be at the mercy of economic conditions, philanthropic funds have become essential. As we look to the future, private gifts will enable the University to realize its full potential.

SIUE is fortunate to have the support of hundreds of donors who realize that continued excellence at SIUE requires loyal donor support. These donors are committed to higher education and supporting the University as it achieves its vision to be recognized nationally for the excellence of its programs and development of professional and community leaders.

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill



Acacia Moll

Senior theater performance major, academic scholarship recipient

Acacia Moll, senior theater performance major and academic scholarship recipient from Altamont, Ill., was invited to address donors at the SIUE College of Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation in April 2008.

"Behind every student award is an individual, a group of individuals or a corporation who has made a commitment to support excellence through their contributions—contributions that directly benefit students," she said. "I was honored to be chosen to speak at the Convocation."

"It may not seem like a big sacrifice to you, the donor, when you create an award or continue to fund an award," Acacia told Convocation attendees. "But to us, the students who benefit directly, you are truly making a big difference in our lives."

After graduation, Acacia plans to pursue a master of fine arts in theater performance and then pursue an acting career. She'd like to teach someday and believes experience makes the best teacher.

"SIUE has amazing faculty in every department of the University," she said. "The connections I've made and the people I've met are helping to shape me and prepare me for a successful future.

"Donors make it possible for us to continue on this road to success. Not only does their support help us pay for our education, but it is proof that success is within our reach if we work hard and dedicate ourselves."

Access & Opportunity

SIUE currently serves more than 13,600 students from all Illinois counties, 42 U.S. states and 50 nations. Student enrollment is at an all-time high and the average freshman ACT score continues to increase every year. Nearly 8,000 freshmen applied to SIUE for fall 2008—an increase of 60 percent since 2004.

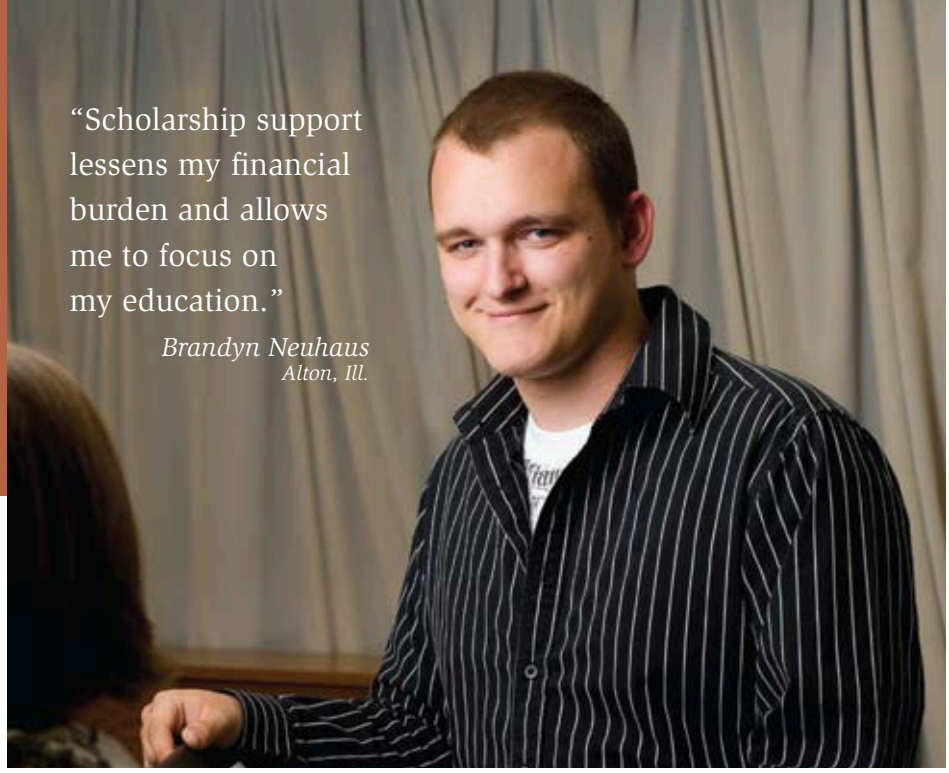
"Think of giving not only as a duty, but as a privilege."

John D. Rockefeller

Because of financial limitations, many students who want to attend SIUE must alter their college plans or forego a four-year college education altogether. Numerous students who do enroll either postpone graduation, while they earn enough money to pay their next tuition bill, or assume increasing amounts of debt through loans.

Collectively, SIUE students borrow approximately $22 million per year to fund their education. Last year, 9,513 students had financial need. Due to federal loan limits, students are increasingly turning to alternative or private loans with higher interest rates. The average student debt load is around $17,000 upon graduation with a bachelor's degree.

"The establishment of scholarships and awards provides opportunity to all students who can benefit from an SIUE education," said Patrick Hundley, Vice Chancellor for University Relations.



Brandyn Neuhaus

Freshman music education major, academic scholarship recipient

When Brandyn Neuhaus, a freshman at SIUE from Alton, Ill., realized he needed to switch majors to better match his interests, he started taking music classes. "I've played the cello since 5th grade, and I was considering becoming a performer," Brandyn said.

After visiting with his high school music teacher, he realized he could have a greater impact on people's lives as a music teacher. "My cello professor encouraged me to apply for scholarships, and I changed my major," he said. "With a degree in music education, I'll be qualified to be a music teacher at the elementary through high school level."

Brandyn is a recipient of the Bessie May Briggs Mason Endowed Scholarship. He was able to meet Dale and Nancy Briggs, founders of the scholarship, this past summer. "It was wonderful to meet people who care so much about SIUE students and our education," Brandyn said. "I'm glad I was able to thank them in person."

Brandyn is paying for his own college education and all related expenses. He works 25-35 hours per week while taking a full course load. "Scholarship support is very important to me," he said. "I'll still have debt when I graduate, but this support lessens my financial burden and allows me to focus on my education."

Cougars Rising

More than 300 students participate in SIUE men's and women's athletics teams, while maintaining a higher average graduation rate and grade point average than the general student body. In the 2007-08 academic year, more than 125 student-athletes were honored as All-American Collegiate Scholars.

28 percent of student-athletes were on the Dean's List* during the 2007-08 academic year
**Students must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and carry a full load of 12 hours*

58 percent of student-athletes' cumulative GPA for the 2007-08 academic year was above 3.0

ACT Scores

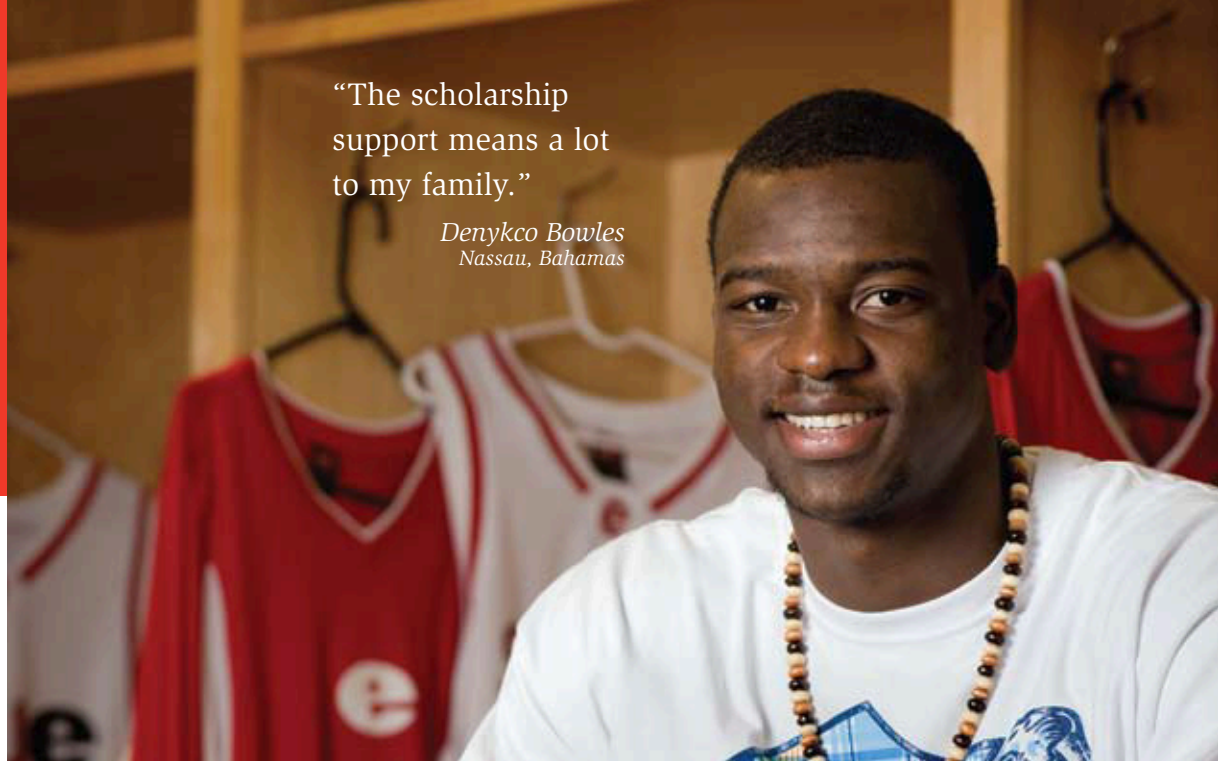
SIUE fall 2007 freshman student-athletes	**23.0**
SIUE fall 2007 freshman class	**22.7**
National average	**21.2**
Illinois average	**20.5**

SIUE currently is transitioning to NCAA Division I status for Intercollegiate Athletics. "We already are Division I academically, and it is time for us to be Division I in athletics," said SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift.

The University became a member of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) on July 1, 2008. "After our evaluation of the University, it was clear that it is a Division I institution, given the scope and breadth of its academic and athletic offerings," said OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher.

SIUE began competing against Division I teams beginning this fall and will become a full Division I program eligible for postseason competition in 2012-13.

"Now more than ever the University must rely on philanthropic support to ensure that its athletics facilities and programs meet or exceed those of our Division I competitors," Chancellor Vandegrift said.



Denykco Bowles

Junior business major, scholarship recipient

Denykco Bowles has always loved basketball. A native of Nassau, Bahamas, he decided to come to the United States to pursue a degree in economics—and to have an opportunity to play ball. "My dream has always been to play Division I basketball," said Denykco.

The first member of his family to study in the U.S., Denykco is living that dream at SIUE. After two years of study at a community college in Nebraska, where he was named an Academic All-American, he transferred to SIUE in August 2008 to play for the Cougars during their first season as a Division I team.

He considered numerous other four-year universities and chose SIUE because of the academic and financial support available.

"The scholarship support means a lot to my family," Denykco said. "Without it, I would have to work several hours a week and depend on government loans." Instead, he is able to maintain strong grades and balance his full course load of challenging business classes with a demanding basketball schedule.

Although he misses the Bahamas' tropical climate and fresh seafood, adjusting to life in Edwardsville has been fairly easy for Denykco. He is living on campus in Evergreen Hall, SIUE's newest residence hall, with three fellow student-athletes. "SIUE is like a big family—especially the basketball team," he said. "Everyone has been very supportive."

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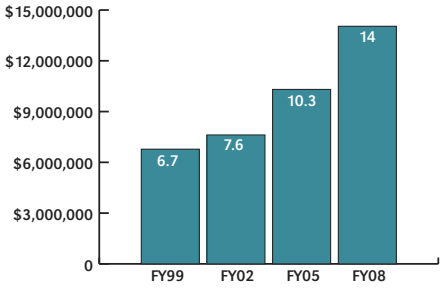
Junior anthropology/psychology major, Meridian Scholar

SIUE Foundation at a Glance

Endowment Growth Profile

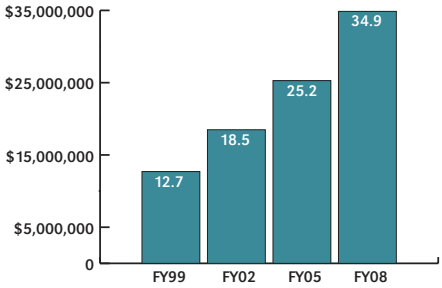
For the 10-year period starting with a beginning balance of $5,841,677 in fiscal year 1999 to the ending balance of $14,041,574 in fiscal year 2008, the value of the SIUE Foundation's endowments grew 140%.



Values listed for the end of the fiscal year

Total Asset Growth Profile

Total assets for the SIUE Foundation, including investments, real property and other assets, increased $24,525,846 for the 10-year period starting with a beginning balance of $10,339,006 in fiscal year 1999 to the ending balance of $34,864,852 in fiscal year 2008, representing a total growth of 237 percent.



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Our Donors

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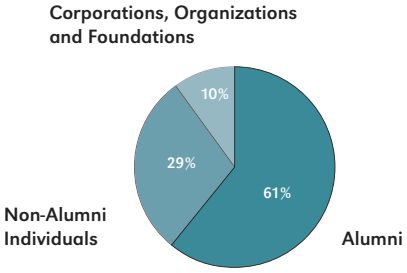

Total Giving

Growth is only possible through the generosity of our donors. In fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008) our donors continued to give generously.

In FY08, our donors gave to the following areas:

Types of Contributions	FY08 Totals
Unrestricted	$ 100,244
Student Assistance	$ 113,098
Gifts-in-Kind	$ 628,256
Academic Units & Other Programs	$2,396,868
Endowment	$ 684,307
Total Contributions	**$3,922,773**

Overall Income Growth

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

Types of Income	FY08 Totals
Contributions	$3,922,773
Investment Income (Decrease)	$ (278,916)
Non-gift Income	$ 447,076
Payments from Related Organizations	$ 380,000
Total Income	**$4,470,933**

SIUE Foundation

Mission

The SIUE Foundation exists to support the mission, vision and values of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. On behalf of the University, the Foundation provides fundraising coordination and implementation, serves as the steward for contributions, produces donor receipts, conducts the decentralized annual fund drive programs and upholds the highest standards of fiscal responsibility and investment management. These efforts are conducted in relation to the donors' expressed wishes as well as the instructional, scholarship and public service pursuits of the University.

Vision

To support the University's status as a premier Metropolitan University, the SIUE Foundation follows a decentralized with centralized coordination fundraising style. The SIUE Foundation is responsible for University-wide fundraising priorities and projects. Realizing that the donors' interests may be focused on a specific program or unit, the Foundation also encourages University units to develop fundraising projects and build relationships directly with their donors.

Values

The SIUE Foundation holds the same values as SIUE–citizenship, excellence, integrity, openness and wisdom. In addition, the SIUE Foundation follows the highest standards of stewardship in overseeing the investment and use of donated gifts.

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