

Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI)

By: Cody Huffines, Graduate Intern Recruiter & Contracts Manager

Annual Intern Recognition Breakfast

For more than 45 years the Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI) has provided UIS Graduate Students with an opportunity to earn a high quality graduate education, real world experience, and lifelong networking connections. This introduction to public service is unmatched by other internships in the State of Illinois and provides UIS students with a unique experience to put their education to work before graduation.

Each year GPSI hosts a celebration of all those who make the program possible, including interns, supervisors, and University faculty and staff who have provided their support of the program. This year the annual GPSI Recognition Breakfast was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in the Student Union Ballroom. The GPSI Recognition Breakfast recognizes interns who will be graduating from UIS and leaving their internship as well as award winners of the **Sagarika Madala Memorial Award for Exemplary Leadership** and the **Brian T. Milbrandt Memorial Intern Award for Excellence**.

At the annual GPSI recognition breakfast Ginger Mullin, AuD., Illinois Department of Public Health, received the Sagarika Madala Memorial Award for Exemplary Leadership in recognition of her outstanding leadership as a GPSI supervisor and mentor. Dr. Mullin is pictured with Alexandra Scherba, Dr. Mullin's GPSI intern, who nominated

her for the award. Megan Cox, a GPSI intern with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, was honored as the recipient of the 2019 Brian T. Milbrandt Memorial Intern Award for Excellence. Megan is a 2019 graduate of UIS with a Master's in Business Administration and a concentration in Applied Finance. Megan is shown with John Baranzelli, her internship supervisor who nominated her for the award.

For more information about the GPSI program, please visit our [website](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#). If you have any questions or want to speak with a member of our team, give us a call at (217) 206-6158 or email Cody Huffines, Graduate Intern Recruiter, at rhuff3@uis.edu.



*Madala Awards Winner
Ginger Mullin with GPSI
Intern Alexandra Scherba*



*Milbrandt Awards Winner
Megan Cox with GPSI
Supervisor John Baranzelli*

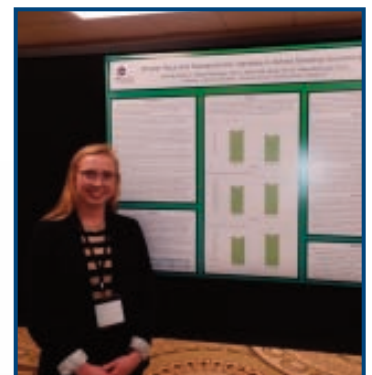
Student Research

By: Keenan E. Dungey, PhD - Associate Vice Chancellor of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

UIS Student Researches School Shootings

Hannah Nordby, a Psychology student who just graduated, conducted an undergraduate research project over the past year with Dr. Sheryl Reminger at UIS, in collaboration with Dr. Janice Hill-Jordan from the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Her research was supported by the Undergraduate Student Research Fund. For her presentation titled, "Shooter Race and Socioeconomic Variables in School Shooting

Occurrence," she traveled to Chicago for the Midwestern Psychological Association 2019 Meeting. There she was able to present her poster and findings to fellow psychology students, psychology professors, and others who attended the





conference. The money from the USR fund allowed her to complete her stated goal of presenting at the MPA conference and attending other presentations to better understand some of the current research within the field of psychology. Additionally, she presented this project at the Student Technology, Arts & Research Symposium (STARS) in order to share it with the campus community and presented at the Illinois State Capitol for the Illinois Innovation Network Undergraduate Research Day. If you'd like to get involved, check out go.uis.edu/StudentResearch.



Department of Residence Life

By: Haley Houser



Greetings from the Department of Residence Life! Summer is here and we are excitedly preparing for the Fall 2019 semester. Here are a couple of reminders to keep in mind while your student is enjoying their summer. All returning students should have submitted a housing application/contract for the 2019- 20 Academic Year, which includes the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters. All returning students are able to review their Housing assignments on the Student Housing Portal by logging in with their student NetID and password. Any returning student who did not submit a housing application/contract for the 2019-20 Academic Year before May 15th but completed a check out in Spring 2019 and has now decided to return for the fall will need to submit a new Housing

security deposit. Please be sure to remind your student to check their UIS email regularly, as we provide assignment updates, check-out damage summaries and department updates for the Fall throughout the Summer!

While some students were able to select a space for the Fall semester during our Room Selection Process in March, they may still wish to change their assignment or live with different roommates. If your student wishes to be reassigned or wants to switch roommates, we have a Reassignment Request Form that can be submitted during the summer. This is a Google Form for any current/ incoming student.

Additionally, if your student is a Second-Year Returning Sophomore, you may have heard them talking about possibly living in our West Campus Townhouses. All Second-Year Returning Sophomores are part of our Second Year Residential Initiative (SYRI) living learning community. The goal for SYRI residents is to help them continue the development of their identity and remain involved members of the UIS community. We also help our residents identify a major and/ or strengthen their commitment to a major and explore career interests and opportunities. All SYRI residents who applied by our Priority Deadline of March 8th were given a randomized Access Time to be able to select their own space during the Select Room Process on



March 29th. There was a very limited number of spaces available in the SYRI Townhouse community, with the majority of available rooms to select in Founders Residence Hall. Students who received a Founders Residence Hall assignment will still be able to request to live in the Townhouses. The SYRI Reassignment Request Form was available June 1st. We will only extend a townhouse invitation to SYRI students if there is an overflow of freshmen from Lincoln Residence Hall to Founders Residence Hall. This is only a request, and not a guarantee. Those who requested to be moved to our SYRI townhouse community will be offered the opportunity to be reassigned based on the following criteria: the resident needs to be in good academic standing, along with no active apartment restriction sanction and be a good citizen within the community.

While we have many returning students, we are also excited about our incoming students for the 2019-20 Academic Year! If your student will be attending UIS in the Fall and has not yet submitted a Housing security deposit and application/contract, they will need to do so soon! We do not have a mandatory deadline for the Housing security deposit and application/contract submissions, but we do urge students to apply as soon as possible. If the security deposit and application/contract were submitted before June 15th, the student will receive a room assignment within the first wave of notifications on July 10th. If the application was submitted after June 15th, the assignment notification will be sent in our second wave of notifications, 30 days prior to move-in. New incoming students need to fill out the [Housing Security Deposit Information Form](#). After our department processes the deposit, an

email with the online housing application/contract will be sent to the student's UIS email address. Once the online housing application/contract has been completed, we will send a link to "RoomSync," which is an app that helps students find a roommate. Our department will do our best to honor all requests, but it is not a guarantee. Roommates will be assigned based on the Living Learning Community or Themed Community the student has chosen. Your student will be able to connect with their roommate before they even move in, making the transition from home that much easier!



Fall 2019 Move-In for all new incoming first-year students will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Further information can be found by clicking on our [Move In Guide](#). New incoming first-year students will check into their assigned residence halls, townhouses or apartments based on room or apartment number. When the student arrives on campus, they will be greeted by our student volunteers who will help them move in. As soon as they walk into the residence hall, a Resident Assistant (RA) will be on hand to give your student the keys to their room. All returning students will move-in beginning Friday, August 23rd and continuing through the weekend. All times and locations of campus move in can be found on our [Upperclass, Transfer, & Graduate Student Move-In page](#). Again, an RA will be in their check-in area, ready to hand them their keys and get them settled for a fun and exciting school year.

Please be sure to have your student check which items they should and should not bring when moving on campus. We have compiled a [Checklist](#)



for residents to reference on our website. Additionally, the UIS Residence Life [Community Handbook](#) can be used to find more information on our policies and procedures, and other items that we may not allow on campus.

We look forward to seeing all new incoming Freshmen, Transfer and Graduate students in August! The Department of Residence Life and

UIS are excited to welcome you for the new Academic Year. You can find more important dates for the Fall 2019 semester by visiting the [Important Dates and Deadlines](#) page on our website. Remind your student to keep an eye on their UIS student email for further updates and announcements! You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to keep up with any updates. Have a great Summer! See you in August!



UIS Navigate

Coming Fall 2019!

A mobile app to help your student never miss a deadline

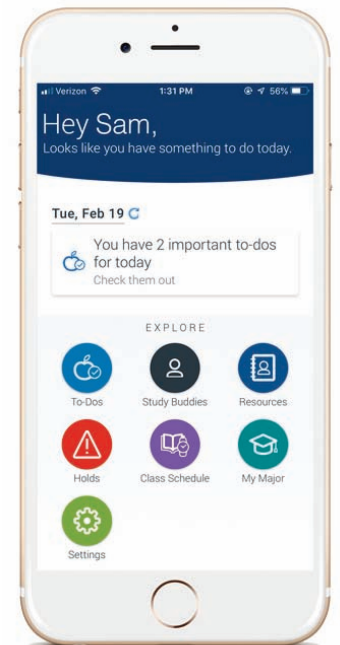
UIS Navigate is technology you are going to love. It's a mobile app that new first-year students downloaded at Orientation. Now, they are set to use it for everything from scheduling appointments with their advisors (important!) to getting reminders about registration and scholarship application deadlines. There are links for everything academic - library databases, faculty emails, tutoring help, financial aid, and much more. They can use the Major Exploration

tool on the app to take a survey and connect their goals and dreams to the majors that make sense.

Since they are accustomed to doing everything on their phones, they will find the app easy and intuitive. Encourage them to use it, and help them get the most of college. UIS Navigate is the ultimate guide to building a path to graduation, and staying on that path.

Returning undergraduate students can learn how to download and use the app for the website:

<https://go.uis.edu/UISnavigate>



Athletics

By: Daniel Newton, Assistant AD for Strategic Communications

The vision for the University of Illinois Springfield is to become the premier, public NCAA Division II athletics program in the Midwest Region. During the 2018-19 school year, the Prairie Stars took another step towards that goal. Thirteen of the program's 17 sports teams had their best year since moving to the NCAA Division II level, and/or made the NCAA postseason tournament.

In the spring, the UIS baseball team led the way with its second straight 40-win season. The Prairie Stars won their NCAA Regional



Tournament, and advanced to be among the final 16 teams in the country for the first time. On the other diamond, the Prairie Stars softball team also advanced to the NCAA Regional Tournament. UIS made it to the championship game of that tournament, the second time in the last two years that it accomplished that feat.

The men's and women's tennis programs both had record-breaking springs. The two programs combined to go 27-10 in duals action. The men's and women's teams were both regionally and nationally-ranked during the year, and just missed out on making the NCAA Tournament.

Women's golf advanced to the NCAA Regionals for the fourth straight year, the longest postseason streak among UIS sports teams. Jennifer Queller made program history by advancing to the NCAA Division II National Championships as an individual, the first Prairie Stars women's golfer to advance that far.

Rounding out the spring highlights were men's and women's track and field. Blake Jones and Taryn Christy swept the 10,000m championships at the conference meet. They are the first UIS outdoor competitors to win a conference crown. Jones also won an individual GLVC title during the indoor campaign in the 5,000m.

UIS finished sixth in the GLVC Commissioner's Cup, its second straight top-six showing after never finishing above tenth before 2018. The Prairie Stars were just five points shy of a third-place showing in those rankings.



The UIS Athletics Department announced their end-of-the-year awards at its annual Night of the Stars banquet. The night's top awards were the Female and Male Athletes of the Year which went to volleyball's Alyssa Hasler and tennis' Sam Clarke.

Hasler led the volleyball program to a GLVC Championship in the fall and its first berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament. She earned All-American honors and finished second in the nation with 1.56 blocks a set.

Clarke, who was also UIS's Senior Scholar-Athlete, went 19-4 in singles play and 13-9 in doubles play this past year, and was a first-team all-GLVC pick. He is the school's all-time wins leader, and led the Prairie Stars men's tennis team to its best season in program history.

Other top award winners included baseball's Ruben Markham who was named the UIS Transfer of the Year, and cross country and track runner Jones named the UIS Freshman of the Year.

Student Life

By: Cynthia Thompson, Director of Student Life

Wow! What a busy spring it was in Student Life!

Springfest, an annual week of team competitions took place April 8 – 13, 2019, with a cartoon theme and 31 teams participating. Events included a scavenger hunt, a flag and chant contest and Sports Day, among others, with the week ending at the Mud Tug-of-War pit.





UIS Connection got a work out this spring, as our 80+ student organizations used it to schedule and keep track of 4,116 events and activities!



Incoming students will want to make sure they learn how to use this valuable resource when they arrive on campus this fall!

Speaking of the fall, Student Life kicks off the year with Welcome Week Saturday, August 24th through Saturday, August 30th. This popular campus tradition includes events such as the Involvement Expo, the Chancellor's Picnic, and the Foot in the Door Fair, among others.

Student organizations are an important part of this week as well. Jello Olympics, sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship, is a favorite of students. In addition, the Student Activities Committee will be welcoming a comedian, the Mock Trial Club will be presenting a Law and Crime Pop Culture Trivia Night, and a Freshers Bash will be held by the Indian Student Organization.

And - the fun doesn't stop once Welcome Week is over!

Numerous events are put on by the 80+ registered student organizations on campus and these activities provide students with a wide variety of opportunities for fun, involvement and personal growth.

Before you know it, Homecoming will have arrived. Scheduled for October 10 – 12th, this annual event will include a pep rally and bonfire along with many other events for students and the UIS community.

Leadership development is another important element of Student Life.

Students gain valuable leadership experience through their participation on the Student Government Association, the representative body for the students; the Student Activities Committee, the students responsible for providing events and programming for the student body, and the Student Organization Funding Association which allocates funds to student organizations for their events. Students also gain leadership experience through serving as members and officers of these organizations.



Student Life offers programs and workshops on a variety of leadership topics to help students develop these important skills. They also sponsor a trip each February to a nearby university in order for a large number of students to be able to attend a leadership conference. Finally, students are recognized for their outstanding leadership at an annual reception sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs.

Important Dates to Remember: Looking Ahead

August 16	Last Summer 2019 Transfer/Graduate Orientation	October 21	Last-Half Classes Begin
August 19-20	Last Summer 2019 First-Year KickStart Orientation	November 28-29	Thanksgiving Recess
August 21-23	Semester Launch	December 7	Last Day of Classes
August 26	First Week of Fall Classes	December 9-14	Finals Week
October 18	Fall Break	December 14	Semester Ends
October 19	Mid-Point	December 18	Final Grading Deadline

Some Important Numbers

Campus Recreation campusrec@uis.edu	217/206-7103
Career Development Center careerservices@uis.edu	217/206-6508
Counseling Center counseling@uis.edu	217/206-7122
Disability Services ods@uis.edu	217/206-6666
Financial Assistance finaid@uis.edu	217/206-6724
Health Services uishealthservice@uis.edu	217/206-6676
Records registrar@uis.edu	217/206-6709
Residence Life reslife@uis.edu	217/206-6190
New Student Orientation & Parent Relations UISOrientation@uis.edu	217/206-8181
USFSCO (Student Billing) usfscohelp@uillinois.edu	217/206-6727