

# Career Development Center

By Rose Oston, Career Counselor

The Career Development Center is helping students stay on track to achieve their career goals with educational events and opportunities.

On Oct. 26, the UIS Career Development Center teamed up with Springfield's JCPenney store to present the **JCPenney Suit-Up Event**. It allowed students to get up to 60% off professional apparel as they prepare for job interviews, internships and more.



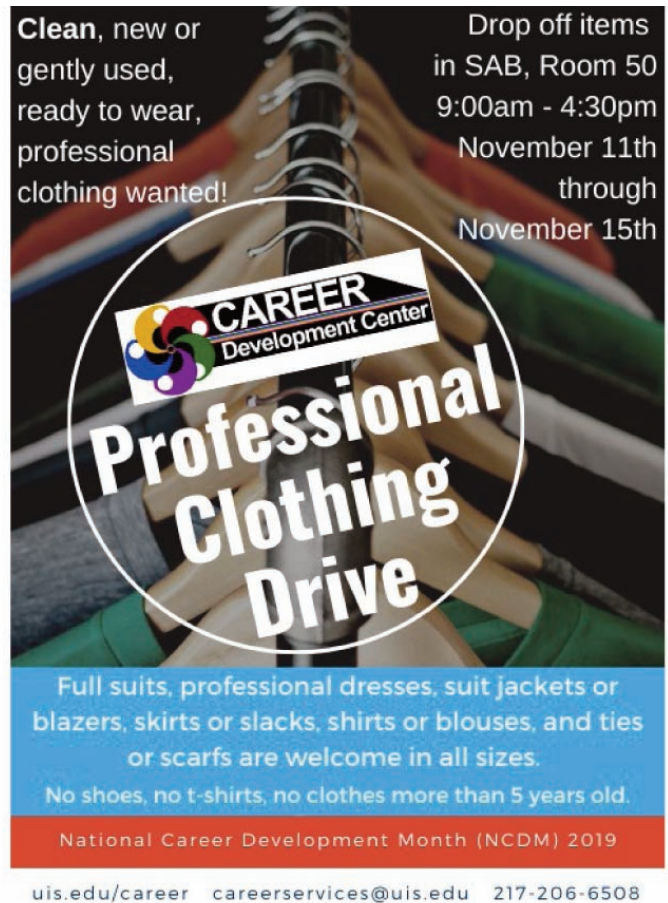
*Preparing for a bright future at "Suit Up."*

November was National Career Development Month, and the Career Development Center celebrated with a variety of educational activities for students.

**The Nov. 8 Career Bytes Conference** gave students the opportunity to network and learn about internship and job search strategies, interviewing techniques, identifying and marketing their value and more. Keynote speaker Moyo Adeolu is a UIS alumna from the class of 2016. She is a videographer for the Illinois Senate Democratic caucus and also produces her own digital show, "Making It," where she interviews influential entrepreneurs about how they're making their goals a reality.



The Nov. 20th **AAUW Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop** helped participants negotiate their salaries for a new job, raise or promotion. In the two-hour workshop, attendees gained confidence in their negotiation styles through facilitated discussion and role-play.



**The Professional Clothing Closet** was open to students Nov. 25-27. The new or gently used professional clothing donated by our generous community was free of charge and included full suits, professional dresses, blazers, slacks, ties, scarves and more.

You can explore the Career Development Centers events and opportunities further at [uis.edu/career](http://uis.edu/career).



## UIS Music Program

By Yona Stamatis, Associate Professor of Ethnomusicology

The UIS Music Program is winding down a busy concert season – UIS students, faculty/staff and community members participated in over a dozen concerts this semester! In addition, we are announcing a number of new initiatives this year including: “Jazz Café” evenings in the Studio Theatre featuring the UIS Jazz Ensemble; a Faculty Recital Series showcasing distinguished faculty performers in solo and chamber music concerts; and the UIS Music Solo Competition that now includes a junior division for talented community musicians (Grades 5-12). Our performance ensembles welcome participation by UIS faculty/staff, students and community members, and we are especially delighted by the participation of family members of UIS students. Ensembles include Band, Cello Choir, Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, and more. Come join us!

In addition, UIS Music offers numerous music scholarships including the UIS Camerata Scholarship, a \$10,000 renewable scholarship for music performance. Please help spread the word to younger siblings and acquaintances who are applying to college.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to the thriving UIS Community Music School, which offers affordable and high-quality individualized music instruction (ages 5+) to community musicians on band/orchestra instruments and voice. For further information about our ensembles, scholarships and programs, please visit [uis.edu/music](http://uis.edu/music). We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

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## Student Research

By Keenan Dungey, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research & Institutional Effectiveness (AVCRIE)

UIS senior Environmental Studies major Lucy Perlman traveled to China this past summer with the late Dennis Ruez, associate professor and chair of ENS. Her trip was funded by a Wanxiang grant, the College of Public Affairs and Administration, and the Undergraduate Research Support Program.

According to Lucy, "My experience during the Wanxiang Fellows trip was truly unforgettable. I met so many amazing new people from a culture so different from my own while in China, yet we were still able to become friends. I learned a vast amount about a variety of subjects, from renewable energies to Chinese culture, language and, of course, food! While in China I visited Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou, which is where we were stationed for the majority of the program. The money granted by the USR fund provided me with the opportunity to test air quality abroad, and to continue with air quality testing in the U.S., giving me the ability to further my own research in the field. The program was a once in a lifetime experience that I will cherish for years to come, both because of the knowledge I gained academically, and the exposure to a new culture!"



Please see our website for more information about this program and other opportunities for students, [go.uis.edu/StudentResearch](http://go.uis.edu/StudentResearch).

## UIS Athletics

By Daniel Newton, Assistant AD for Strategic Communications

The 2019 fall sports season at the University of Illinois Springfield saw great performances, both individually and by teams.



On the soccer pitch, the men's soccer team tied its NCAA-era record for victories, while the women's squad was one short of its program's wins record. The Prairie Stars men made the GLVC Tournament for the third straight season, while the women came up just one goal shy of returning to the conference's postseason play.

Leading the way for the men's squad was Mario Falsone, who was one of the program's top players during its NCAA era. At the end of the regular season, he held school records since UIS moved up to the NCAA level with 19 goals, 12 assists and 50 points. In his senior season, Falsone led the team with six goals and five assists. Falsone also made a difference in the classroom being one of two players named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team.

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The women's soccer team also had a star senior forward in Maggie Juhlin. Juhlin scored nearly half of the team's goals in 2019, and led the GLVC during the regular season with nine goals and 22 points. She finished her career as one of the program's all-time offensive threats with 17 goals, nine assists and 43 points.

In order to win in collegiate volleyball, teams have to have a dominant offense and defense. In 2019, UIS had two of the best individuals in program history in both categories. Offensively, senior middle blocker Alli Splitt was nearing the 1,500-point plateau toward the end of the season, likely becoming just the second Prairie Star to hit that milestone. Defensively, Jailyne Borum rewrote the school's digs records. The senior defensive star was on pace to surpass 1,800 career digs, passing the previous record of 1,783.

Splitt and Borum have been key parts of the top three UIS teams during its NCAA era over the last three seasons. In that span, UIS won over 60 contests, and last season earned the first GLVC Championship and first NCAA Tournament bid in program history.

The UIS cross country teams both had their best conference results in program history. The men's team finished second in the GLVC, and a record four runners earned all-conference accolades. Wyatt McIntyre was second in the individual standings, the highest finish for a Prairie Stars individual at a GLVC



cross country meet. Blake Jones, Tayler Pasley and Tyler Hiserote all had top-15 finishes which gave them all-GLVC honors.

The women's program finished sixth as a team after a late injury in the race cost the team a third-place showing. Taryn Christy was third overall, which was also the best individual finish on the women's side. Savannah Brannan had a top-10 individual finish as well, earning her an all-GLVC award.

The UIS winter sports season will look to replicate the success of the fall teams. Both the men's and women's basketball teams will be starting new eras with Matt Brock being the new men's head coach, and Casey Thousand taking over the women's squad. The basketball seasons started in early November, with the full conference schedule starting in the new year.

For complete coverage of all UIS Athletics, be sure to check out [uispraiiestars.com](https://uispraiiestars.com).





# Residence Life

By Haley Houser, Housing Representative

Hello UIS Parents!

Another fall semester is coming to a close and we are so excited to introduce the new things coming for the spring semester! Your student will be preparing for finals and Winter Break very soon. Students will be given information regarding Winter Break Closing during their floor and court meetings, before the end of the semester. Our residence halls do close during Winter Break (except for students who are unable to travel home). If students plan to stay on campus for any reason during any part of Winter Break, they will need to complete the Winter Break Request Form, available on our website. There is *no charge* for Winter Break housing.



In August 2019, the Student Affairs Division launched the UIS Star Map, an educational curriculum to guide the learning

that UIS students receive outside of the classroom. The Department of Residence Life now offers programs specifically on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights for students. This gives students a set time each week to connect with others and engage in meaningful conversations and activities to help them develop outside of the classroom.

As an additional amenity, beginning in Fall 2020, we will offer **FREE LAUNDRY!** With the new free laundry program, we are hoping students will feel a little more comfortable in their home away from home!

Speaking of feeling at home, the Room Selection Process will begin Saturday, Feb. 1. Students will be able to start renewing their contracts via our online form starting Feb. 1 and will be able to select their space March 26-27.

All Returning Sophomore – Second Year Residential Initiative (SYRI) students will have the opportunity to choose their assignments if they do not request/require specialty housing and apply by



March 6. All returning students who reapply for housing by March 6 will be a part of our [SelectRoom Process](#), which allows students to choose where they wish to live on campus for the 2020-21 academic year. Students who apply by March 8 will be given an access time determined by an automated lottery completed by our Housing Management System by March 19. This access time will allow the student to select their space on March 26-27. If a student does not select a unit during their selection time, they will be automatically assigned after March 30. There will be a limited number of West Campus Townhouse spaces available for selection, in addition to several residence hall spaces.

As we receive more and more freshmen applications over the summer, your sophomore student may get an additional opportunity to be reassigned to a townhouse. There will be a [Reassignment Request Form](#) available on June 1 for all Second Year Sophomore - SRYI students to complete indicating their interest in being considered for reassignment to the townhouses. This is only a request, and not a guarantee. As it is a privilege to be moved to the West Campus Townhouses, we require our Second Year Returning Sophomore - SRYI students to meet certain criteria to be considered for reassignment. This information can be found on our [FAQ Document](#), which all students are given during the Room Selection Process and is accessible on our website.





If an upperclassman wishes to be a part of a Themed Community such as Family Housing or Graduate Student Housing, or has an ADA accommodation, they will need to apply by Feb. 17. This is our Specialty Housing application/contract deadline, so we can assign the student to a specific unit or area to meet their needs or place them in the Themed Community they have selected.



If a student elects a Specialty Housing assignment, they will not be able to select their own pace for the 2020-21 academic year. Our returning students and graduate students have the opportunity to choose their assignment if they do not request/require Specialty Housing and apply by March 6. All returning students who reapply for housing by March 6 will be part of our [SelectRoom process](#), which allows students to choose where they wish to live on campus for the 2020-21 academic year. Students who apply by March 6 will be given an access time for room selection by March 19. This access time will allow the student to select their unit on March 26-27. If a student does not select a unit during their selection time, they will be automatically assigned after March 30.

We will have information tables for students to visit throughout the month of February, to ask questions about their housing application/contract for the 2020-21 academic year. This online application/contract is electronically signed by the student, thus binding them to our Housing Contract Terms and Conditions – same as a lease agreement. If a student decides that they no

longer wish to live on campus after applying for the 2020-21 academic year, they will need to submit a Contract Cancellation Request Form by May 15 and be approved to avoid additional cancellation fees. We encourage all students to apply early to reserve a space, but also keep in mind the cancellation deadline and specific criteria for approved housing contract release.



In addition to renewing their contracts, students seeking employment opportunities for the 2020-21 academic year may also find our Resident Assistant (RA) application available online. The RA position gives students the opportunity to be campus leaders, as well as develop lifelong skills for future career opportunities. If your student is interested, encourage them to check out our website for the job description and application information: [Leadership and Employment Opportunities](#).

While we know this is a lot of information to take in, we are always happy to receive and respond to your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact our Central Office: [reslife@uis.edu](mailto:reslife@uis.edu) or 217-206-6190. Additionally, to see what programs we will be hosting weekly, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @UIS ResLife.



# Family Days

By Luigi Cabantog, Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Relations

The 2019 *Prairie Star Family Days* was a complete success. That's all because of you! As a university, we are always glad to see parents and families visit our beautiful campus. *Family Days* is the perfect opportunity for that, especially for some families

who have never been on campus before. We hope you all enjoyed the festivities—from the Star Party, soccer games, carnival games, the La Familia Cookout and our trivia contest. Thank you all for coming, and we hope to see you back next year!





## Important Dates to Remember: Looking Ahead

*Academic Calendars are available online.*

Dec. 7	Last Day of Classes	Dec. 14	Semester Ends
Dec. 9-14	Finals Week	Dec. 18	Final Grading Deadline

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## Some Important Numbers

<u>Campus Recreation</u> <u>campusrec@uis.edu</u>	217-206-7103
<u>Career Development Center</u> <u>careerservices@uis.edu</u>	217-206-6508
<u>Counseling Center</u> <u>counseling@uis.edu</u>	217-206-7122
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<u>Financial Assistance</u> <u>finaid@uis.edu</u>	217-206-6724
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