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SIU Police

618-453-3771

Parking Division

618-453-5369

Counseling Center

618-453-5371

Wellness Center

618-536-4441

Student Health Services

618-453-3311

Night Safety Transit

618-453-2212

Carbondale Resources

Carbondale Police

618-457-3200

Women's Center

618-529-2324

Memorial Hospital

618-549-0721

With tragic incidents, such as the recent school shootings in Parkland, Florida and Benton, Kentucky, students, staff, police, and citizens recognize the importance of training for the possibility of encountering a violent or deadly situation while in any type of school system.

The SIU Department of Public Safety began offering free monthly Violence Prevention and Response training for students, faculty, and staff in 2016. The training is held at DPS (located in the lower level of Trueblood Hall). This training consists of a presentation, a viewing of the "Run, Hide, Fight" video, and discussion. The sessions will be held in the evenings on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

If you or your group are interested in attending this free training, please phone (618-453-3771) or email Lt. Kendall Hollister (kendallh@dps.siu.edu) or Officer Kevin Cox (kevinc@dps.siu.edu) to confirm your reservation. Sessions will fill quickly, so please contact us to reserve a spot for



you or your group. Seating is limited to 20-25 people per session and will be "first come, first serve."

Call today to schedule your training!

Services Provided

Crime Prevention & Programs

Report Suspicious Activity

Campus Emergency

Response Guide

Night Safety Transit

Campus Map

Parking Map

Daily Crime Log

FOIA Request Form

SIU Campus Crime Report

Safety Awareness Facts and Educations

March Calendar

March 9th

3:00 P.M.

Saluki Baseball vs. Northern Illinois University @ Itchy Jones Stadium

March 10th 2:00 P.M.

Saluki Baseball vs. Northern Illinois University @ Itchy Jones Stadium

March 23rd

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Diversity Conference Morris Library Guyon Auditorium

SPRING BREAK March 10 to March 18

Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses another's personal



identifying information, such as their name, identifying number, or credit card number without their permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

To guard against identity theft, minimize the amount of identification information that you carry on your person. Try not to carry your Social Security card in the event you lose your purse or wallet. Put passwords on your credit card, bank, and phone accounts, but do not use an obvious password such as your birthday, address, or phone number. Never provide personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the internet, unless you have initiated the contact or know who you are dealing with. Frequently check your online bank or paper statements for unauthorized charges.

f you think you are the victim of identity theft, notify your credit card companies and banks immediately. Notify the police to file a report as soon as possible. Supply them with as much information as you can. Call the national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. For more information, click here.

Protecting Consumers

Office of the Illinois Attorney General

Identity Theft Hotline

1-866-999-5630 TTY: 1-877-844-5461



Additional Resources

Office of Equity and Compliance 618-453-4807

<u>Dean of Students</u> 618-453-2461

Student Rights and Responsibilities

618-536-2338

Saluki Cares

618-536-2338

Salukis on Your Side 618-453-3311

Veteran Services 618-453-1335

The Clinical Center 618-453-2361

Meet a Telecommunicator



Nela Miller

TAX SEASON IS UPON US...

Filing taxes is a real-world wake up call. As a student, do you know when to file a tax return and what deductions and credits are available to you?

1. What if you attend school outside your home state?

Your federal tax return should be filed with the IRS based on your permanent address. State taxes are a different story and you need to check your local state tax code to determine if you must file a return.

2. Do you have to pay taxes on a scholarship?

You do not have to pay taxes if the scholarship is used to cover the cost of tuition and required fees. Money used to pay for housing, travel, and research, is taxable and should be included with wages on the W-2.

3. Are there any tax breaks?

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is good for the first two years of college and can be claimed twice per student. This tax savings offers up to \$1,500 in savings.

4. When is my tax return due and what records do I keep?

Federal returns are due April 15, state deadlines vary. You should keep all your receipts for tuition and books, scholarship information, financial aid, and any proof of enrollment.

Valueyourmoney.org

SPRING BREAK 2018

Spring Break is a time for students to relax and escape the everyday grind of college, but it has also become notorious for traveling to party spots and engaging in risky behaviors. Make this year's Spring Break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy. Remember you can be held responsible at SIU for what happens on Spring Break.

Don't put yourself at risk

- ⇒ Follow the local laws of your destination.
- ⇒ Be aware of your surroundings, do not travel alone, and avoid dark, isolated or questionable areas.
- ⇒ Always keep hotel and balcony doors locked.
- ⇒ For security and fire safety reasons, choose a hotel room between the 2nd and 6th floors.
- ⇒ Check to see if your health insurance coverage is valid out of state or out of the country.
- ⇒ Remember to bring prescriptions in their original labeled containers with your name.
- ⇒ Decide as a group what your plans are: If you leave as a group, come home as a group. DON'T LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND!!
- ⇒ Designate a driver before going out, or put money aside for a cab.

If you become the victim of a crime, contact the local police to report the incident and get immediate help. If you or someone you know has been a victim of crime overseas, please refer to the list of embassy and consulate locations. If you know someone who has been the victim of a sexual assault overseas, please contact the Office of Overseas Citizens Services at 1-888-407-4747 (from overseas: 202-501-4444) or the U.S. Embassy or Consulate nearest you.

SMART ALERT

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

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ILLINOIS HELPLINE FOR OPIOIDS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (IDHS/DASA) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances. The Helpline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for individuals experiencing opioid use disorders, families, and anyone affected by the disease. The Helpline is confidential and free. Helpline specialists are trained in evidence-based approaches to help connect callers with treatment services and recovery support services. To reach the Helpline, call 1-833-2FINDHELP.

Establishing the Helpline was one of several key programs highlighted in Executive Order 17-05, which created the Opioid Task Force and set a goal of reducing opioid overdose deaths in Illinois by one-third within the next three years. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) data show that in 2016, opioid overdoses killed 1,946 people in Illinois - more than one and a half times the number of homicides and nearly twice the number of fatal motor vehicle accidents. In addition, data from the Illinois Department of Human Services estimates that approximately 248,000 Illinois residents need, but do not receive treatment for illicit drug use. Concerned that stigma is preventing individuals from coming forward and asking for help, IDHS/DASA ensured that funds were included in the Opioid State Targeted Response grant to establish the Helpline.

The goals of the Helpline are to:

- Provide individuals and families with information and timely access to opioid use disorder (OUD) behavioral health treatment, rehabilitation and recovery support services.
- Provide individuals and families with information and referral to a comprehensive range of OUD services and resources available to meet their needs.
- Assist callers with eligibility and insurance enrollment resources.
- Offer outreach and engagement to assist in connecting callers to care, when possible.
- Provide OUD behavioral health crisis intervention services

Providers are encouraged to distribute the Helpline number widely. DASA has FREE business cards available that



providers may order to help with distribution within your community. Please access the order form at http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27896/documents/FINAL.pdf

The Helpline will be operated by Health Resources in Action, Inc., a non-profit, public health organization with expertise in developing, implementing, and evaluating public health solutions for clients who share a vision of healthier communities. HRiA is based in Boston, and developed a comprehensive call center and website that provides information and referral for those struggling with substance use disorders (SUD), their loved ones, and service providers/professionals in Massachusetts. HRiA developed and has implemented the Massachusetts Helpline for nearly 20 years, and lends this experience to Illinois. The Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the Opioid State Targeted Response grant administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

The Governor launched the Helpline in a press conference this morning. The video will be available at http://multimedia.illinois.gov/ioci_vid/Archive/2017/WebpageOnly/GOV/120517-OpioidHotlineLaunch.mp4.

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