



Roccia named SIUE associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs

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EDWARDSVILLE - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jeffrey Waple, PhD, has named Miriam Roccia as associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Roccia will assume her new role on Monday, July 2.

Roccia brings more than 18 years of professional experience in higher education to SIUE. Since 2012, she has been serving as assistant dean of students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She oversaw UMSL's residential life and housing, recreation and wellness, Millennium Student Center, student involvement and new student programs. She joined UMSL in 2007 and previously served as associate director in the Office of Student Involvement and director of student life.

"I am pleased to welcome Miriam to SIUE and am confident her extensive background and experience in higher education will complement and advance the important work of the Division of Student Affairs," said Waple. "I extend my gratitude to the search committee, chaired by SIUE Deputy Athletic Director Jason Coomer, for identifying four excellent candidates for this position. Their work was incredibly helpful in our decision to welcome Miriam as a valuable partner in our student-centered commitment to educational excellence."

"It is an honor to have been selected to serve as associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs," Roccia said. "I deeply value the good work already being done at SIUE to impact student success, retention and graduation."

"I am passionate about providing opportunities for students to develop a sense of belonging and mattering through their engagement with campus programs, services, facilities and people," she continued. "I look forward to partnering with students, faculty, staff and campus stakeholders to continue to strengthen the efforts to support the diverse student population of SIUE."

Roccia began her career in higher education at Drake University in 1999. She served as assistant complex director, area director and assistant director of residence life. In 2003, she joined the University of Wisconsin-River Falls as an involvement coordinator before being promoted to co-director of the first-year experience program.

She earned a bachelor's in political science from Truman State University in 1999 and a master's in public administration from Drake University in 2002.

Roccia replaces Lora Miles, who retired in December 2017 after 31 years of service.

[Southern Illinois University Edwardsville](#) provides students with a high quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottomland and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of nearly 14,000.