

SIUE Fall Commencement Features More Than 1,100 Graduates

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EDWARDSVILLE – Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Chancellor Randy Pembrook will oversee the 2019 fall commencement exercises Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14. Ceremonies in the First Community Arena at the Vadalabene Center on campus for the 1,186 eligible graduates will be Friday at 2 p.m., and Saturday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

SIU System Board of Trustees member John Simmons will address all three sessions, beginning with the School of Nursing (SON) at 2 p.m. Friday. Rebecca Phillips, who earned a bachelor's in nursing, is the student speaker.

The Saturday morning student speaker is Kaylynn Woolfolk, who earned a master's in education from the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior (SEHHB). The morning session also features the Graduate School and the School of Business.

Andrew Greenwood, assistant professor of musicology and graduate program director in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), is SIUE's 2019 Teaching Excellence Award winner. He will address graduates during the Saturday afternoon ceremony that features the Graduate School, CAS, and Schools of Engineering and Pharmacy.

The Saturday afternoon student speaker is Sydney Daniel, who earned a bachelor's in mass communications from CAS.

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 more than 13,000.