

# Students Receive a Warm Welcome to Start the Spring Semester

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EDWARDSVILLE - Students returned to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's campus welcomed by the smiling faces of staff and faculty to kick off the first day of the spring semester.

The Office of Student Affairs coordinated the efforts of volunteers stationed around campus displaying "Ask Me!" signs offering guidance and encouragement as students walked to their classes.

"The first day of the semester is always exciting," said Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Miriam Roccia. "The energy is abundant as new and returning students eagerly search for welcoming faces and their classrooms."

The opening week of the spring semester continues with multiple events and activities. Event listings are available at [siue.edu/kimmel](http://siue.edu/kimmel) and [siue.edu/events](http://siue.edu/events).

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