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From the ISUAA president

By Gail A. Lamb, galamb@IllinoisState.edu

Welcome to our summer newsletter!

As I write this letter, uppermost in my mind is the sad and sudden passing of our ISUAA Vice President Roger Cann on Tuesday, April 13. Roger has served on the ISUAA Board of Directors for several years, holding the positions of director, and then vice president. He has represented ISUAA at annual statewide meetings. He took on the responsibilities of ISUAA survivor advocate, making sure that SURS was notified when any ISU retiree passed away, and has been involved with the TeeBirds golf league. I know he knew many people at the University and in the community, and has been highly regarded and loved. Bill Legett, ISU's director of Event Management, Dining, and Hospitality, has allowed me to share comments from his email sent on April 14: "**Illinois State University and EMDH lost a great one yesterday when Roger Cann passed away. Roger started at ISU in 1996 as Food Service Administrator and retired in 2014. Most of his time here at ISU was as Unit Administrator for Linkins. He developed great relationships with the students, especially the athletes. Roger was a great leader and was loved by his staff. Even though he retired in 2014, he returned to work as Extra Help in retail. He spent many days working at U-High assisting at lunch. Every year, Roger and his wife Karen would volunteer at IHSA State Finals, Graduation, and other University events. In his last day, he was on campus picking up information for the upcoming stage crossing (graduation) ceremonies for which he was planning to volunteer again. The world lost an amazing individual yesterday...Rest in Peace my friend.**" ISUAA thanks so many of you for your many tributes. Another way in which Roger served was as a member of the American Legion Honor Guard, a service he was proud to be able to do. We will miss this wonderful man. Thank you, Roger, for being You.

Now, with respect for continuing COVID-19 safety precautions and university regulations regarding meetings, our ISUAA Board has decided once again to **cancel the annual June Dinner and Elections/Business Meeting**. We will hold ISUAA elections and needed business at our September Fall Breakfast meeting, which we hope will be held in person. In late July, you will receive the usual fall issue of this ISUAA newsletter, which will include more information about the September meeting, and the reservation form for that event. We do miss our in-person ISUAA get-togethers. Please know that your ISUAA Board has been holding its regular meetings by Zoom! I also extend a sincere **thank you** to each of our **newsletter contributors**, who make it possible to provide you with the information contained within each issue. Bravo to you!

Thought for the day, from Nelson Mandela

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Looking forward to seeing you again at our September Annual Meeting! May you be healthy and safe.

How Time Flies

By April Anderson-Zorn

University archivist, Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives
at Illinois State University

150 years ago – 1871

- President Richard Edwards indicated in his report to the Board of Education that the year's class size was quite large for the time of year:

“The class admitted at the beginning of the present term is unusually large for this time of year, and contains an unusually large proportion of young men. Heretofore, since the breaking-out of the war, the ladies have constituted from three-fifths to two-thirds of the Normal Department. But in this class there are 63 gentlemen to 38 ladies. It will be seen that in the entire Department the sexes are just about equally divided.”

Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, Meeting Minutes, June 28 and 29, 1871, page 7.

100 years ago – May–July 1921

- In cooperation with the American Federation of the Arts, the University arranged for an exhibition of 121 works of art from students at four national design schools. Watercolor and black and white prints came from the Rhode Island School of Design, the Pennsylvania Museum School, the Boston Museum School, and the Pratt Institute. The display would run from May 18 to May 28 and be available for viewing by the University community and the general public. *The Vidette*, May 19, 1921 (Vol. 33, No. 31, pages 1, 4).
- In celebration of graduation, the junior class treated the senior class to an outdoor picnic and parade on the Quad. After an early round of games, the senior class took part in an evening parade that included paper lanterns: “The procession of Seniors, headed by the Senior College graduates, moved with the accompaniment of music furnished by the orchestra over the campus in a winding trail. The lanterns they carried shone like glow-worms in the grass, and the effect of the light on the white dresses and black gowns and suits with the green background of trees and grass made an unusual illumination at twilight.” *The Vidette*, June 13, 1921 (Vol. 33, No. 34, page 1).
- Titled “Sign of the Times,” *The Vidette* reported on a small child's response to being one of the few houses in town to escape illnesses that were moving through town: “During the winter and spring just past, Normal was visited with an unusually heavy siege of child-hood diseases—scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, etc. Nearly every house was decorated with the ‘keep out’ card. One little boy whose home escaped the placard was not to be left behind in having these badges of distinction. He had an idea and put it to work. That evening his father, coming home, saw a new sign on the front of the house—bearing the legend, ‘Keep Out —Hiccoughs.’” *The Vidette*, July 12th, 1921 (Vol. 33, No. 38, page 1).

75 years ago – May–July 1946

- W. A. Beyer officially announced his retirement after 37 years of service to Illinois State Normal University (ISNU). Beyer arrived at ISNU in 1909 from Bloomington High School during preparations for commencement exercises. Beyer recalled there were no caps and gowns during graduation and that only four buildings were on campus: Old Main, Industrial Arts (now Edwards Hall), North Hall, and Cook Hall. Originally divided into two departments—history and civics and economics and sociology—the entire unit combined into one department and named Dr. Beyer as its chair. When asked about his retirement plans, *The Vidette* noted, “He enjoys fishing and plans to do a lot of traveling and vacationing in the future.” *The Vidette*, May 1, 1946 (Vol. 58, No. 22, page 2).
- *The Vidette* reported that the partial demolition and renovation of Old Main was underway. A fence surrounded the 85-year-old building, necessitating new foot traffic through neighboring buildings. The planned removal of the bell tower and top floor of the building would eventually stabilize the structure and make it safe for use. On the loss of the clock and bell, “Students will miss that historic landmark with its timepiece that so faithfully, and conveniently, told the hour when they had an eight o'clock class, or a few minutes before the next hour class began.” *The Vidette*, May 15, 1946 (Vol. 58, No. 21, page 2).
- The ISNU Graduate School reported an enrollment of 101 students for the 1946 summer term. ISNU began offering graduate degrees on June 10, 1944, with an enrollment of just six students. The following June, three students received their Master of Education in science. *The Vidette*, July 10, 1946 (Vol. 58, No. 28, page 4).

50 years ago – May–July 1971

- With no pay or academic credit, over 400 ISU students gave their time to local school children. In the ISU Tutorial Project, President Ed Rouleau felt the program was “one of the most worthwhile campus organizations.” It provided ISU students opportunities to try out teaching early in their academic careers while providing educational support for local schoolchildren. At Coleen Hoose Elementary School and the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors School, principals reported positive results in their students who participated in the program. *The Vidette*, May 6, 1971 (Vol. 83, No. 65, page 1).
- Not to be confused with The Who, the Canadian rock band The Guess Who was scheduled to perform with opening act Smithsonian Institute at Horton Field House. Forming in 1964, The Guess Who gained attention when they performed for President Richard Nixon at the White House. Sponsored by the ISU Entertainment Board, the band “is acknowledge by critics as the first Canadian band to show that the northern country could produce a top rock aggregation.” *The Vidette*, May 13th, 1971 (Vol. 83, No. 68, page 1).
- ISU graduate Randall J. Schaeffer was named the first director of the Bloomington-Normal Personal Assistance Telephone Help (PATH) Crisis Center. The Center's acting director, Dr. William Arnold, was appointed chair for the Department of

25 years ago – May–July 1996

- Student radio station WZND raised over \$1,000 for the ISU Child Care Center during its fifth-annual silent auction. Items donated from area businesses included a hotel getaway package, a mountain bike, free food, and a leaf blower. The ISU Child Care Center planned to use the funds to purchase educational computer software. *The Daily Vidette*, May 8, 1996 (Vol. 108, No. 159, page 3).
- Three ISU students were named recipients of the General Assembly Scholarships for the Illinois 44th Senate District: Ryan Koehl, senior, economics; Sara Marx, second bachelor’s degree student, math education; Julie Thomas, sophomore, elementary education. Senator John Maitland listed “leadership and extra-curricular activities as well as academic achievements and grad point average” as factors for the three students winning the scholarship. *The Daily Vidette*, June 26, 1996 (Vol. 109, No. 2, page 3).
- It was announced at the June 12, 1996 ISU Board of Trustees meeting that the General Services Building would be renamed the Nelson Smith Building. Housing the ISU Police Department and other services, the name change would honor the University’s longtime photographer and alum Nelson Smith. All four of Smith’s daughters also attended ISU, as well as Smith’s grandson, who was Reggie Redbird during his academic career. *The Daily Vidette*, July 17th, 1996 (Vol. 109, No. 5, page 3).

The Constitution’s pension clause

By *Larry Alferink*

As someone who has listened to a number of candidates seeking election to the legislature for the first time, it is common to hear them indicate that the solution to “the pension crisis” is to amend the Constitution’s pension clause. We had an election last November that resulted in several new members being elected to the Illinois legislature. Therefore, it is perhaps not surprising that we have had several new bills introduced this session that seek to do just that.

On February 24, the University of Illinois at Chicago chapter of SUAA sponsored a webinar on the pension clause, addressing whether SURS pensions are at risk. The two presenters were Ann Lousin and Eric Madiar. Lousin, a faculty member at John Marshall Law School, served as a research assistant at the 1970 Constitutional Convention. She provided a history of the adoption of the pension clause. She has written a book on the Illinois Constitution and is considered the premier authority about this topic. The other speaker was Eric Madiar, who served as the chief legal consultant for Sen. John Cullerton, president of the Illinois Senate, and who served as the Senate’s Parliamentarian from 2011-2014. He wrote a very important article about the pension clause at the time that the legislature had proposed SB-1, a bill that would have significantly cut pension benefits. He has written several additional articles about the constitution since then.

The most troublesome bill introduced this year is House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 9 that would have multiple harmful effects on current pension provisions. First, it would limit the constitutional protection only to benefits that have already accrued, not to benefits that might be earned in the future. This would place the pension benefits of current employees at risk. This bill would also allow the legislature to reduce the pension benefits already earned, allowing the legislature to cut the pensions of those who have retired as well as reducing the benefits that have already been earned by current employees. The bill would also limit the ability of current employees or retirees from challenging any legislative actions to reduce pension benefits.

This bill faces several challenges before it could take effect. First, it would have to be approved in both the Illinois House and the Illinois Senate where the Democrats hold a supermajority of seats. Madiar considers this unlikely at the present time. But if that were to occur, it would then need to be approved by Illinois voters in the next general election, an action the last time such an amendment was sought in 2012. Even if that were to occur, it would then face challenges in federal courts as the contract clause in the U.S. Constitution prohibits states from unilaterally reducing contractual benefits such as those provided by the current pension clause of the Illinois Constitution.

The legal argument that likely would be used in Federal Court would invoke the police powers exception that exists to address an unforeseen emergency. A 2019 decision by the Rhode Island

In memoriam

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| Stephanie Amsler | 2/12/2021 |
| John Baker | 3/9/2021 |
| Robert Barr | 2/7/2021 |
| Julia Bewsey | 12/2/2017 |
| Lauren Brown | 3/10/2021 |
| Clara Fry | 3/15/2021 |
| Barbara Goebel | 12/30/2020 |
| Joyce Green | 3/13/2021 |
| Wallace Huber | 2/23/2021 |
| Joyce Hughes | 3/8/2021 |
| James Johnson | 12/16/2020 |
| Harriet Johnson-Naden | 12/8/2020 |
| George Kidder | 1/22/2021 |
| Stella Kidwell | 1/5/2021 |
| Priscilla Matthews | 12/13/2020 |
| E. Joan Miller | 3/3/2021 |
| Willard Moonan | 12/8/2020 |
| Betty Presley | 2/8/2021 |
| Edwin Sanders | 3/12/2021 |
| Howard Sheckler | 1/23/2021 |
| Neil Skaggs | 2/17/2021 |
| S. June Tapke | 1/17/2021 |
| Ester Torres | 12/20/2016 |
| Louis Torres | 1/28/2020 |

Supreme Court that allowed the city of Cranston cut pension benefits for employees under such a police powers exception. This decision is being used by pension reformers in Illinois to argue that Illinois could use the same argument. Cranston faced this emergency because the Rhode Island legislature unexpectedly and significantly cut funding to the city, cuts that weren't foreseen or that the city had any control over.

The Supreme Court in Rhode Island approved a temporary cut to employee pensions. However, as noted by the Illinois Supreme Court in its 2015 decision when this argument was attempted in the SB-1 case, the pension issues in Illinois were easily predictable from the legislature's failure to fund the pension system. The pension crisis was in fact one of the legislature's own making. Secondly, while the Rhode Island decision was only a temporary solution to a sudden problem, the Illinois case would seek a permanent solution to a long-standing, systemic problem. A 2020 decision by that same court rejected an attempt to make the pension cuts permanent.

Thus, Mediar's analysis is that an attempt to amend the pension clause of the Illinois Constitution would fail to obtain the necessary political support to be approved by the Illinois Legislature or by perhaps by the Illinois voters were it to be placed on the ballot. And even if it were to be approved by the voters, it would be unlikely to survive a challenge in the Federal Courts because of the contract clause of the U.S. Constitution. An attempt to argue the case using the police powers exception would likely fail. For now, an attempt to reduce your pensions by amending the Illinois Constitution is unlikely to be successful.

Annual Dinner and Business Meeting

The Annual Dinner and Business (Elections) Meeting scheduled for June 16 has been canceled, as mentioned in the president's comments on the front page. Elections and additional business will be held at our Annual Fall Breakfast meeting which will be on September 1 or September 8. Watch for more information in the next newsletter, which will be sent out in late July.

Summer news from ISU Alumni Association

By Rachel Kobus, associate director, Alumni Engagement

Free book club, Homecoming 2021 royalty nominations

Dive into a good book this summer with the Alumni Association!

Alumni and friends can engage in conversations about books related to lifelong learning through the free Illinois State online book club. More than 1,000 Redbirds across the world are discussing topics that include nonfiction, fiction, professional development, and continuing education. The next book will start around August 5. Be sure to sign up at pbc.guru/ilstu and get ready to relax, learn and connect this summer.

After summer ends, campus will begin to announce special events and activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Illinois State's Homecoming, set to happen October 11-17, 2021. Information on all events will be available at Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu.



The recognition of royalty is also honored during Homecoming. The Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for the 2021 alumni king and queen as well as the prince and princess.

To be eligible for alumni king and queen, graduates must have celebrated their 50th class reunion, have a strong connection to the University, and be able to attend Homecoming events throughout the weekend. Nominations can be for a couple or an individual. King and queen nominations are due July 16.

Children between the ages of 5 and 9 at the time of Homecoming 2021 whose parents or grandparents are ISU graduates are eligible for nomination as the prince and princess. Prince and princess nominations are due August 20.

Those that know of proud Redbirds to put in for the running can complete nomination forms at Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu/Royalty.

Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts summer 2021 events

By Stephanie Kohl Ringle, business communications associate, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

Illinois State University's Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts is pleased to announce a selection of its 2021 summer events. *Please note that events are subject to change and details are tentative due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and adhering to recommended guidelines.*

Follow the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and keep up to date with Fine Arts news by visiting our website FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/events.

Illinois State University Student Art Gallery, Central Illinois Regional Airport

Exposures

On view April 24-September 5

The photography area of the Wonsook Kim School of Art at Illinois State University is excited to present Exposures, which features work that not only spans the depth and breadth of its student body, but also highlights a range of the photographic medium. Using a variety of techniques and approaches, from documentary storytelling to

abstract studies of the body to camera less photograms, these student artists have chosen to use photography as an avenue for creative expression. Exposures features the work of students Toni DiPrima (art), Hyojung Lee (graphic design), Matt Frostman (photography), Katherine Vernon (photography), and Sharzhad Hamzeh (theatre studies) and is the fifth exhibition featured at the Illinois State University Student Art Gallery within the Central Illinois Regional Airport (CIRA), located across from the main entryway inside the terminal building. Gallery hours are consistent with the operating hours of the airport. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

University Galleries

University Galleries of Illinois State University will feature three exhibitions during summer 2021:

Peoria Guild of Black Artists

On view June 1-August 8

NCHS Student Exhibition

On view June 1-August 1

Selections from the Permanent Collection

On view June 1-August 1

For more information visit University Galleries at Galleries.IllinoisState.edu, email gallery@IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-5487.

Concerts on the Quad

Concerts on the Quad returns this summer with five concerts planned for June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, and July 26.

Illinois Shakespeare Festival

Now in its 44th year, the Illinois Shakespeare Festival (ISF) is excited to announce the lineup for their 2021 summer season, which will include the Shakespearean classics *The Winter's Tale* and *Measure for Measure* at the historic outdoor Ewing Theatre, and a free family-friendly Theatre for Young Audiences production, *A Summer's Winter Tale* by Nancy Steele Brokaw, on the lawn at Ewing Cultural Center. The 2021 season is scheduled to run Friday, July 2 through Friday, August 6, 2021, with the Theatre for Young Audiences production performed on Thursday and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. from Thursday, July 1 through Saturday, August 7. ISF is also planning a mix of virtual and in-person summer camp options for youth and adults. Tickets will go on sale to the general public at noon on Monday, May 10.

For more information about the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, visit the ISF website at IllinoisShakes.com, follow the Festival on Facebook, and sign up for the ISF Friends e-newsletter.

Join TeeBirds retiree golf league for 2021

By Chuck McGuire

The ISU TeeBirds golf league plans another great year for 2021!

TeeBirds are retired faculty or staff members, spouses or significant others, and guests. We meet at 8 a.m. Thursday mornings for nine holes of golf and social events. Others, retired or not, are welcome to join with a TeeBird sponsor.

The group's home course is Illinois State University's Weibring Golf Club, but we mix in other area courses for variety, including Ironwood and Prairie Vista. Weekly play alternates between individual scoring and various scramble formats. We plan events to appeal to golfers at all ability levels. The annual membership fee is \$15 with reduced fees for those who join mid-year. Members are welcome to play any Thursday as your summer schedule and health permits. Some members continue on for 18 holes on our play days.

Our first meeting for 2021 will be Thursday, May 6 at Weibring Golf Club. We will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast, introductions, and a little organization. About 8 a.m. we will begin our first outing on the front nine at Weibring.

We welcome golfers at all ability levels. No one has become eligible for the Champions Tour (yet—there is always hope), but our goal is fellowship, fresh air, and a good time. Feel free to come join us anytime during the season up through September. Just check our website play schedule for the time and course and show up or send an email to dwilliam@IllinoisState.edu. We will work you in.

Check out our website at isuteebirds.net or contact membership coordinator Chuck McGuire at crmogui@IllinoisState.edu for more information. Come join and give us a try!

Save these dates

Fall Kickoff Breakfast, Annual Elections/Business Meeting—Wednesday September 1, or September 8, 2021

Holiday Luncheon/Event—Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Spring Luncheon—Wednesday, March 16, 2022

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Jess Ray, webpage coordinator

The ISU University Club

By Bob Preston and Kay Wilson

University Club discussion hours: The University Club is the only ISU social organization open to all faculty, staff, administrative professionals, retirees, and ISUAA members. You are cordially invited to join us online for any or all of our programs. You need not be a University Club member to attend. We meet during the fall and spring semesters during the academic year. The University Club promotes collegiality among our diverse faculty, staff, administrative professionals, and annuitants. We always endeavor to sustain and promote

support the finest ideals of education and academic life.

Online speaker presentations via Zoom: During the spring semester we met five times via Zoom. Three guest speakers have been scheduled at the time of this writing, including Provost Tarhule. Please see our website (UClub.IllinoisState.edu/calendar) for details regarding these presentations. If you would like to be added to the University Club listserv and receive automatic notification of future programs, please contact Bob Preston (rlpresto@IllinoisState.edu).

University Club scholarship awards ceremony held online via Zoom April 30: We continued our long-standing tradition (30 years) of awarding up to 10 \$500 scholarships to ISU undergraduate and graduate students who were academically top achievers and who were also involved in giving back to the University and community through service. Awardee families and friends and other interested guests were invited to attend remotely.

Online programs for fall semester 2021: Following the summer hiatus we hope we can resume in-person meetings. However, at the time of this writing it seems that may be unlikely unless there is a dramatic change in the status of the pandemic and consequent return to normalcy as sanctioned by public health and University officials. Therefore, we plan to continue to offer University Club programs online during the fall semester.

Best wishes from the University Club. Please stay safe and healthy.

Distinguished Professor Dr. Ali Riaz creates Graduate Student Award

By Laura Freyman

The newly endowed Ali Riaz Graduate Student Award in the Department of Politics and Government will recognize the best student in Comparative Politics and International Relations. Distinguished Professor Dr. Ali Riaz was inspired to create the award after receiving the inaugural Thomas E. Eimmermann Professorship in Politics and Government. The professorship was established by David Crumbaugh '73 to honor his former professor, who taught law-related courses for 38 years at Illinois State. Eimmermann served as ISU's first pre-law advisor, founded and directed the mock trial program, and was chair of the Political Science Department from 1992 to 1998.

Riaz joined Illinois State University in 2002 and would later chair the Department of Politics and Government from 2007 to 2017. In 2018, he was appointed a Distinguished Professor. "I am humbled by the opportunities ISU and the department offered me

since I joined and wanted to express my gratitude to the students and the department," said Riaz. "I hope this award will encourage our graduate students to pursue studies in global politics at a time when we live in a deeply interconnected world and have much to learn from each other."

The inaugural recipient of the Ali Riaz Graduate Student

Award in Comparative Politics and International Relations will be announced at the department's annual award ceremony, which is scheduled to take place in April 2021.



From left, David Crumbaugh '73, donor of the Thomas E. Eimmermann Professorship, Distinguished Professor Ali Riaz, and Professor Emeritus Thomas Eimmermann at the inaugural Thomas E. Eimmermann Professorship induction ceremony April 25, 2019.

Helping Hamper

By Jan Cook

As you know, ISUAA has decided to dedicate Helping Hamper collections to the School Street Food Pantry for students who can show a college ID. The pantry is currently visited by a couple hundred students, some with families, every Friday afternoon. The Pantry will appreciate any food or personal products that you can donate.

Given that we have not been able to hold in-person meetings this fall, winter, spring, or summer, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we continue to encourage those of you who would like to contribute to the School Street Food Pantry to send a check made out to ISUAA, with 'School Street Food Pantry' on the memo line. Mail it to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790. We will arrange for the donation to be given to them. A special **THANK YOU** is extended to several of you who have done that during this past academic year—the School Street Pantry Group has sent ISUAA several **thank you notes** in appreciation. Also, if desired, food donations can be dropped off inside the Normal First United Methodist Church between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday by the front office. If you do decide to drop off a donation, the following are recommendations for summer and fall although any food or similar items will be welcomed: **Summer:** food—especially salad dressing—and hot weather hygiene (razors, soap, deodorant); **Fall:** food—especially peanut butter—cans of chicken, and dental products.

THANK YOU all very much.

Retiring?

Retiring? Now is the time to submit a new ISUAA membership form.

For those employees who are retiring soon and who pay their ISUAA/SUAA dues through payroll deduction, it is important to remember that you will need to **complete a new membership form arranging for your dues to be deducted by SURS rather than Illi-**

Retiree information hotline

Have a question? Need an answer? Don't know whom to contact? Call (309) 438 4311, the phone line answered by Human Resources just for retirees and surviving spouses. Staff will either direct you to the needed resource or take your name and number and have someone follow up with you.



nois State University's payroll. If you submit your new membership form before you retire, your first dues payment will likely be deducted from your second pension check. The membership form is available at Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu. (click on the 'membership' heading, then 'how to join,' and finally select the form for retirees). **Thank you for your continued support!**

NEWS—SUAA Foundation scholarships and grants

The SUAA Foundation now offers up to six scholarships of up to \$1,000 per scholarship annually. The scholarships are awarded for use in accredited degree-seeking programs, eligible technical/trade programs, and eligible certificate programs. The applicant must be **an SUAA member in good standing or the spouse/partner, child, or grandchild of an SUAA member in good standing.** In addition, the SUAA Foundation offers up to two grants of up to \$1,000 per grant annually for professional development activities (travel expenses are excluded). The applicant must be **an SUAA member in good standing who is currently employed at an Illinois institution of higher education.** Applications for scholarships or grants will be reviewed beginning June 15, 2021. Please go to the **SUAA** website suaa.org and click on **SUAA Foundation** for more detailed information.

Additional benefits of ISUAA/SUAA Membership SUAA 2021

SUAA encourages each of its members to explore the Ancillary Benefits tab on the SUAA website, suaa.org. There is a listing of savings for AAA (the whole state is now covered), as well as for coverages for long-term care, short-term care, cancer/heart, stroke, travel, and vision/dental/hearing, as well as final expense. Other benefits include ASPCA pet insurance, Avis Budget car rental, SingleCare (prescription discounts), Hotel Engine, and LifeLock. As a member, many

of these benefits are also offered to your family, including Medicare Subs insurance.

Vacation choices such as CruisesOnly and TNT Funjet are also available under the coverage tab.

All members should have received their Office Depot OfficeMax card, which provides great savings on several items through their stores. If you have lost your card, contact SUAA for a new one. We have heard many good results from our members when using this discount benefit.

SUAA 2021 legislative platform

This platform serves as a guideline for SUAA's positions on legislation affecting pensions, health insurance, other retirement benefits for SURS participants, and the viability of the state's higher education system.

The primary legislative goal for 2021 is protecting retirement security of all past, present, and future employees of Illinois' public universities, community colleges, and their survivors.

SUAA will review and evaluate all proposed initiatives and legislation relating to pensions, other retirement benefits, and the maintenance of a robust higher education system to determine their compatibility with the association's goals; and, as appropriate, will publicly support or oppose such initiatives and legislation either in part or in their entirety.

If legislation is enacted that SUAA considers to be in violation of the pension protection clause of the Illinois Constitution, SUAA is prepared to challenge that legislation in the courts in concert with coalition partners or independently if necessary. For more complete information and to review the platform and context please note that **the full SUAA 2021 legislative platform in detail can be accessed on the front page of the Annuitants website at Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu.**



ISUAA Directory Update

Please use this form to correct information in the 2020-2021 Chapter Directory. Please respond ASAP. If the information in the directory was correct/complete, you do not have to complete this form. Send to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL, 61790-8000

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GIFT DESIGNATION

- ISU EXCELLENCE FUND-supports the University's area of greatest need (3065065)
- RED AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND-general scholarship fund (2327001)
- COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT/OTHER: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

___ **OPTION 1:** Check. A check for my gift of \$ _____ payable to Illinois State University Foundation is enclosed.

___ **OPTION 2:** Credit Card:

- VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS
- A single gift in the amount of \$ _____
- A recurring gift in the amount of \$ _____, ending on ____/____/____ (month/day/year), to be paid: monthly quarterly semiannually annually

 Name on card

 Account number CVV Expiration date

 Signature

 Email

___ **OPTION 3:** Make a gift online at Giving.IllinoisState.edu.

 Name(s) University ID (if known)

 Address

 City State ZIP

 Preferred email address

() mobile home

 Preferred phone number

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT ISU

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