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SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER



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HELLO & WELCOME BACK SALUKIS!

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MEET OUR NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AND INTERN!



ANGEL SANDERS, GA

I am from the Westside of Chicago pursuing a Master of Science in professional media management and multimedia journalism. I earned my bachelors in December 2019, pre-pandemic at SIU as well. I love the fall! When it comes to making the world a better place, I believe it all starts from within and with yourself. Be the change you want to see!



NICK ERWIN, GA

I'm a master's student with a double major in Recreation and in Geography and Environmental Resources. While at SIU, I've participated in SENSE (Students embracing nature, sustainability, and environmentalism), but wanted to learn more about the administrative side of Sustainability after being a fellow for the Sustainability Office last semester. I'm excited to join the sustainability team as a graduate assistant this year!

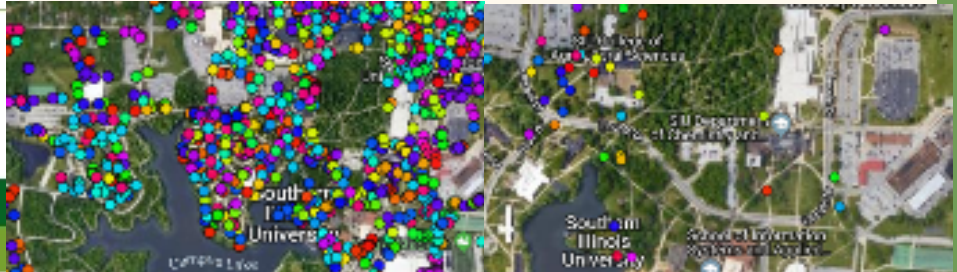


COURTNEY BRADSHAW, INTERN

Hello! My name is Courtney Bradshaw. This is my 5th year of college and my 3rd year at SIU Carbondale. I am majoring in Geography with a minor in Environmental Studies. I am originally from Springfield, IL. I am so excited to work in the sustainability hub and hope to grow the things we do and make sustainability a huge part of the Carbondale campus.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT SIU'S RECOGNITION AS AN ARBORETUM?

Lucky for students and visitors, SIU is home to a lovely botanical garden specializing in trees. SIU is located in one of the most diverse regions for natural hardwood forests in the United States. SIU urges visitors and students to go on selfguided tours and get in tune with the nature around us.



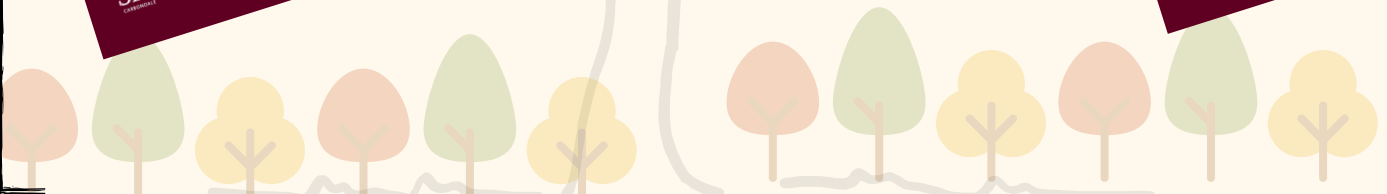
- 1,200-acre campus landscape,
- 5,217 living trees in our inventory.
- 72 general and 155 species.
- Formally established as a campus arboretum through ArbNet, a global network for tree-focused arboreta.
- Accredited Arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta since 2019.
- First university in Illinois to receive the Level II accreditation.

MORE ON SIU ARBORETUM

TREE TAGS

THE ARBORETUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXPANDED ON A TREE TAGGING EFFORT INITIALLY ESTABLISHED FOR A TREE IDENTIFICATION COURSE, WHERE QR CODES WERE AFFIXED TO SELECT TREES AT ABOUT FOUR AND A HALF FEET HIGH ON THE SIDE OF THE TREE MOST VISIBLE TO THE NEAREST WALKWAY. THE QR CODES, WHEN SCANNED BY A SMARTPHONE WITH A CODE SCANNING APPLICATION, LINK TO A DEDICATED WEBSITE THAT TELLS THE USER ABOUT THE TREE. THE WEBSITE IDENTIFIES THE TREE BY BOTH COMMON AND SCIENTIFIC NAMES, AND SHOWS IDENTIFICATION MARKERS SUCH AS LEAVES, TWIGS AND BUDS, BARK, AND FRUIT. THE GROUNDS DIVISION AND ITS STAFF OF PLANT & SERVICE OPERATIONS PROVIDE TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE WITH THIS PROJECT, WHILE PRINT & DUPLICATING PROVIDE THE DESIGN AND THE SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN PROVIDED THE ETCHING OF THE QR TAGS. THE TREE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AS THE QR CODES CAN BE SCANNED BY ANYONE WITH A SMARTPHONE OR TABLET. THE PROGRAM IS THE ONLY ONE LIKE IT IN THE STATE, AND ONE OF VERY FEW AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NATIONWIDE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
[HTTPS://ARBORETUM.SIU.EDU/INDEX.PHP](https://arboretum.siu.edu/index.php)

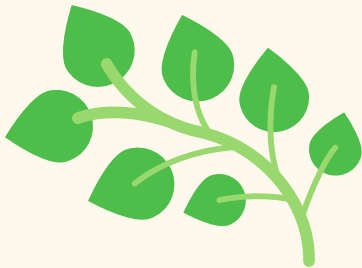


ENVIRONMENTAL VOTER INFO:

AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

WHERE TO GET REGISTERED TO VOTE:

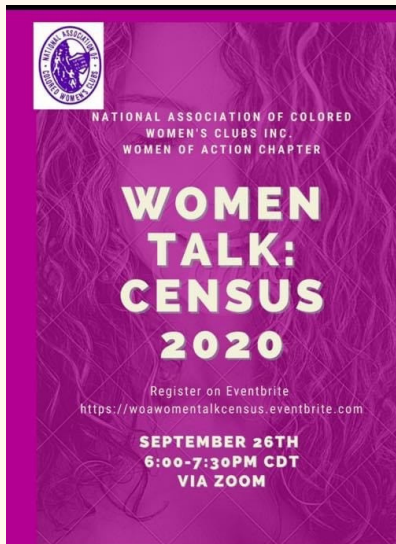
[HTTPS://OVA.ELECTIONS.I
L.GOV/STEP0.ASPX](https://ova.elections.il.gov/step0.aspx)



ELECTION INFO AND VOTING RESOURCES FOR 2020 ELECTION

Register to vote, or check to make sure your registration is correct and up to date. To register online in Illinois, the deadline is October 18. Illinois also allows registration in person before or on election day.

To check registration status click here:
<https://ova.elections.il.gov/Status.aspx>



*IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENSUS, PLEASE JOIN NACWC SEPTEMBER 26TH 6PM-7PM VIA ZOOM. THEY WILL HAVE A CENSUS REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WILL BE ANSWERING QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. RSVP AT [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO
M/E/WOMEN-TALK-CENSUS-
2020-TICKETS-116927843327](https://www.eventbrite.com/m/e/women-talk-census-2020-tickets-116927843327)*



SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS FOR YOU!



SUSTAINABLE CYCLING COURSES:

Class will focus on:

- Basic bicycle skills.
- Commuting in urban areas.
- Road safety.
- Exploring a couple of routes in Carbondale. Learn more on page 7.



SIGN UP HERE

https://rec.siu.edu/classes-and-events/sustainable_cycling.php

CAMPUS GREEN TOUR:

Join us on our First Friday Green Tours! On our walking tours, you can see campus sustainability projects in person and experience them first hand!

Please contact the Sustainability Office at sustainability@siu.edu or call 618-453-2786 if you are interested in coordinating or taking a tour in the future. Learn more on page 6.

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GREEN FUND WORKSHOPS COMING SOON

See page 8 for more info on workshops!

Instituted in 2009, the Green Fund has awarded funding for 193 projects, totaling over \$2.2 million allocated in sustainability across the SIU Carbondale campus community. Categories of projects have included food, energy efficiency, renewable energy, greening/grounds, transportation, waste, and outreach for sustainability efforts. Funded projects have ranged from events, to graduate and undergraduate research, to long-term investments in facilities on campus to ensure a sustainable future for the SIU campus.