

# Supplemental Instruction Newsletter

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# What is Supplemental Instruction (SI) at SIUE?



In Fall 2020, the SI Program at SIUE supports **46 undergraduate SI Leaders** in 22 courses.

SI Leaders facilitate student understanding and learning of difficult course material, provide study and test-taking strategies, and encourage students to become independent thinkers.

Located in Learning Support Services, the [Supplemental Instruction \(SI\)](#) program at SIUE is a non-remedial, institution-wide academic assistance program that increases student performance and retention. The SI program targets traditionally difficult academic courses — those that have an approximate 30% rate of D or F grades and withdrawals — and provides regularly scheduled, out-of-class, peer facilitated group study sessions with SI Leaders.

SI Leaders are knowledgeable, qualified students who have taken the targeted SI course on campus and received a good grade.

SI is an established program developed by Deanna C. Martin, Ph.D., at the [University of Missouri-Kansas City](#). More than 3,500 institutions in the United States and 30 countries around the world offer academic assistance through the SI model.

# What's New With SI?

## SI STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

In Fall 2020 the SI Program created a statement of commitment to diversity and inclusion at SIUE:

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) Program recognizes the importance of inclusivity and diversity in education at SIUE. SI is committed to creating a group study program which contributes to the “open, respectful, and welcoming climate” espoused in [SIUE's Statement on Diversity](#). To demonstrate our commitment, the **SI Program seeks to hire SI Leaders who represent the diverse student body we serve**. In addition, beginning in Fall 2020 as part of our SI Leader training, we will **require all SI Leaders and SI staff to attend one [SIUE Diversity Day](#) event or diversity lecture of their choice**, each semester they are employed. The SI Program continues to explore ways to create a diverse and inclusive environment for the SIUE students we serve, the SI Leaders, and SI staff.



# What's New With SI?

## SI PROGRAM COVID-19 CHANGES AND UPDATES

In the transition to online classes during the COVID-19 pandemic, the SI Program adapted our offerings to the SIUE student body during Spring, Summer, and now Fall 2020.

- We trained our SI Leaders to provide **online, interactive group study sessions** to help students engage with the material in new ways: online quizzes like Kahoot, working through problems together on Zoom whiteboards, and much more.
- This Fall, we continue to offer primarily online SI sessions, while a few SI Leaders offer an additional in-person component. Every leader has an **online component to ensure accessibility** to all students.
- Every SI Leader who offers an in-person session is **trained in COVID-19 safety practices**. All SI Leaders enforce university safety policies in their sessions.
- Check out our [SI Sessions Schedule](#) to see the list of classes we cover.



# What's New With SI?

## RHONDA VONNAHMEN RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

**After almost 35 years at SIUE, I have decided to retire at the end of the Fall 2020 semester.** I have found great satisfaction in my career here. I have always strongly believed in providing students educational support, whether through my teaching or Supplemental Instruction (SI), because All students deserve the opportunity to find their potential and succeed in college. Kudos to the many Student Success professionals and faculty I have worked beside who put students first.



Throughout my 25+ years of teaching, I encountered many hard-working, amazing students. At times, teaching underprepared students can be discouraging, but most students do appreciate a teacher's time and help. Several years ago, I ran into a former student; she was getting ready to graduate with a master's degree. This student really struggled with writing, preferring computers and math. As a first-generation college student, she had to work extra hard; I was so proud of her.

Working with the SI program has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. The SI program provides support and group study opportunities for so many students in various majors. My SI leaders learn quickly the benefits and satisfaction of working with students. Some will find three hours in their busy weekly schedules to offer extended exam reviews to their students. Others will spend hours answering emails on a Sunday night. How amazing is that! Many leaders have talked to me about finding ways in their future careers to teach because they so enjoy helping others learn and understand. A few years ago, I received a thank you note from one of my former leaders, a very bright but shy young man. He had been accepted into the Nursing program and did SI for nursing students for almost three years. He loved SI so much, he decided to go into teaching and changed his major to Secondary Education.

I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to impact so many young lives and interact with some amazing colleagues and faculty. I always encouraged my own children to find a meaningful career, not just a job; even though I have experienced bad days, as we all do, I never hated going to work!

A special thanks to Rachel, Ash, and Aly, my dream team!

**~ Rhonda**

# Rhonda Through the Years



Thank you, Rhonda, for your service to **SIUE**, Learning Support Services, and the **SI Program**!

# Meet our Fall 2020 SI Leaders

Our SI Leaders emphasize “**what to learn**” with “**how to learn.**”  
We appreciate the dedication and hard work of these outstanding  
students and scholars.

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**Total SI Leaders: 46**

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**TEACH ME** AND I REMEMBER,  
**INVOLVE ME** AND I LEARN.

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**SI Team Leaders: 5**



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**Returning SI Leaders: 26**



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**New SI Leaders: 20**

**We have 4 SI Teams:**

**Biology-Nursing**

**Chemistry**

**Math-Business**

**Engineering-Physics**

# SI Biology-Nursing Leaders



**Hendrick Hamilton**  
SI Leader for BIOL 151

**Degree Seeking**  
Biological Sciences -  
Medical Science

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to become a physician and work in some form of surgical specialty. In the years after becoming a physician I would like to move myself into a leadership role where I can help with public health concerns.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am currently the treasurer of the SIUE chapter of the American Medical Student Association. I also serve as an ambassador in the Pre-Health Hub organization. I have researched with Dr. Danielle Lee for a total of three semesters, and have recently started research with Dr. Kelly Barry.



**Ava Ploeckelman**  
SI Leader for BIOL 151

**Degree Seeking**  
Biology

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to be a research physician for infectious disease or immunology (or something similar). After undergraduate, I am currently planning on applying for a MD/PhD program.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Honors Student Association, Alpha Phi Omega, DnD Club, Bug Guts Lab



**Sydney Kesner**  
SI Leader for BIOL 240A

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing

**Past SI Courses Covered:** BIOL 240A, BIOL 240B

**Future Job Hopes:** Aspiring Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurse, or Emergency Room Nurse. Eventually, working as a scrub nurse in the Operating Room would be my dream.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** 2 years of SI experience, Student Nurses Association

# SI Biology-Nursing Leaders



**Kayla Mueller**  
SI Leader for BIOL 240A  
Biology-Nursing Team Leader

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing

**Past SI Courses Covered:** BIOL 240A

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to return to graduate school at SIUE and become either a nurse anesthetist or nurse practitioner.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Provost Scholar, Volunteer High School Basketball Coach, Volunteer Volleyball Camp Counselor, Volunteer at Westhaven Elementary in Speech



**Caitlyn Heller**  
SI Leader for BIOL 240B

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing

**Past SI Courses Covered:** BIOL 240B

**Future Job Hopes:** I plan on applying to SIUE's Doctorate or Nurse Practice program after completing my BSN here at SIUE. I hope to obtain my CRNA and plan on becoming a travel nurse anesthetist.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Sophomore rep for the School of Nursing.



**Jana Wollesen**  
SI Leader for BIOL 240B

**Degree Seeking**  
Integrative Biology,  
Minor in Chemistry

**Future Job Hopes:** Secondary or Post-Secondary Biology Education, or research in the field of Science Education

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am a High School Ministry Leader at Cornerstone Christian Church in Shiloh, IL, and I do research with Dr. Maurina Aranda.

# SI Biology-Nursing Leaders



**Georgia Graham**  
SI Leader for BIOL 250

**Degree Seeking**  
Biology (Concentration in  
Biomedical Sciences)

**Future Job Hopes:** I am planning on applying to medical schools in the next year to work toward my goal of becoming a physician. I am interested in plastic surgery, anesthesiology, & internal medicine, but excited to learn more about other specialties as well!

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am the Junior Representative for Phi Eta Sigma, and a PLTL leader for Chem 120A and 120B.



**Andrew Tresslar**  
SI Leader for BIOL 319

**Degree Seeking**  
Biological Sciences

**Future Job Hopes:** In the future I would like to attend medical school and hope to work in emergency medicine or psychiatry.



**Emily Broeker**  
SI Leader for NURS 240

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing

**Past SI Courses Covered:** NURS 240

**Future Job Hopes:** In the future I hope to work in the operating room as a nurse first assist.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am a member of Delta Phi Epsilon and I was a 10 year member of 4-H before aging out. I am a recipient of the Cougar Pride Scholarship and the Masonic Healthcare Scholarship. I enjoy volunteering with my sorority for many different organizations in the community.

# SI Biology-Nursing Leaders



**Courtney Fenelon**  
SI Leader for NURS 240  
Chemistry Team Leader

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing

**Past SI Courses Covered:** CHEM 120A, CHEM 120B, NURS 240

**Future Job Hopes:** Hope to become a cardiovascular nurse after graduation, will continue on in SIUE's DNP - Family Nurse Practitioner program after graduation.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Member of Student Nurses Association (SNA), senior fellowship at Belleville Memorial Hospital



**Hannah Sill**  
SI Leader for NURS 240

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing

**Future Job Hopes:** Once I graduate, I want to work as a Labor and Delivery Nurse for a few years. My ultimate goal is to be a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** St. Clair County Medical Society Alliance Scholarship Recipient, Cougar Pride Scholarship Recipient, Student Nursing Association, O'Fallon Dance Team Assistant Coach

## SI Team Leader Perspectives:

"SI has allowed me to apply myself in ways I never thought possible. With conquering my fear of public speaking, it has also promoted me to seek different ways in explaining material to students and critically think through problems that arise. The best thing about being a leader, though, is seeing the students finally understand the material they have been trying to understand forever."

- **Kayla Mueller**, [Biology-Nursing Team Leader](#)

# SI Chemistry Leaders



**Zeb Campbell**  
Chemistry Team Leader

**Degree Seeking**  
Biomedical Sciences,  
Minors in Chemistry & Psychology

**Past SI Courses Covered:** CHEM 241A, CHEM 241B

**Future Job Hopes:** Medical school to become a Pediatric Surgeon or Chemistry PhD to become an Organic Chemistry Professor

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Organic Chemistry URCA Associate



**Nicole Wolken**  
SI Leader for CHEM 113

**Degree Seeking**  
Biological Sciences  
(Medical Science)

**Past SI Courses Covered:** CHEM 113

**Future Job Hopes:** I plan to attend Physician Assistant school next fall!

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Kappa Kappa Gamma, Provost Scholarship, Honors Student, Research with Dr. Hubert, Big Creek Missions volunteer



**Kaylie Rhoades**  
SI Leader for CHEM 120A

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing

**Future Job Hopes:** I look forward to helping people in any way that I can and help them reach their full potential. I chose to be a nurse to help and care for anyone in need. I look forward to becoming a nurse in the future.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am part of the Student Nurses Association (SNA) and I have been on the Dean's list since I started college here in Fall 2018. I also was awarded the Cougar Pride Scholarship.

# SI Chemistry Leaders



**Stephanie Mullen**  
SI Leader for CHEM 120A

**Degree Seeking**  
Biology-Medical Science,  
Minors in Chemistry & Music  
Performance

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to attend medical school and eventually become a Physician and/or participate in Medical research.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Vice President of the Flute Club at SIUE, and I am also a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha- a service organization that volunteers hours primarily in support of St.Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Honors Student Association, as well as the Pre-Medical Student Association here on campus.



**Lydia Fulton**  
SI Leader for CHEM 120A

**Degree Seeking**  
Biological Sciences

**Past SI Courses Covered:** CHEM 120A

**Future Job Hopes:** I plan to attend medical school and expand upon my Medical Philosophy minor and Maternal and Child Health research with a dual degree in public health in hopes of someday working in global health from a clinical perspective.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Casa De Salud Communications Intern, Unity Hospice Volunteer, SIUE URCA Program Participant, SIUE Club Soccer, SIUE Honors Student Association, Meridian Scholar



**Noah Drewes**  
SI Leader for CHEM 120A

**Degree Seeking**  
Biological Sciences  
(Pre-Med)

**Future Job Hopes:** Becoming a physician and conducting research on advances with cancer or going into a specialty involving surgery.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** President of Phi Kappa Psi, as well as being an active member of the HSA, the treasurer of the Pre-Health Hub, and I am a tour ambassador. I have also been involved in research with Dr. Barry, Dr. Lee, and Dr. Esselman.

# SI Chemistry Leaders



**Ben Gallaher**  
SI Leader for CHEM 120A

**Degree Seeking**  
Biomedical Sciences

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to attend medical school in order to become a primary-care physician.



**Tina Duong**  
SI Leader for CHEM 120A

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing

**Future Job Hopes:** Aspiring to enter SIUE's AUGNO program and become a family nurse practitioner.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Johnetta Haley scholarship, Cougar Pride scholarship, SNA member, ESA member, PLTL leader



**Fatimot Onanusi**  
SI Leader for CHEM 120B

**Degree Seeking**  
Nursing Science

**Future Job Hopes:** I want to be a surgeon but with my Nursing degree, I would love to be a nursing practitioner.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Honors Student Association, Phi Eta Sigma, Muslim Student Association, Student Nursing Association

# SI Chemistry Leaders



**Kendra Selby**  
SI Leader for CHEM 121B

**Degree Seeking**  
Biochemistry,  
Minor in Biology

**Future Job Hopes:** I plan to attend medical school so that I can become a physician. Additionally, I would like to actively take part in research during and after medical school.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am the Vice President of Pre-Medical Association (PMA) and a member of Health Care Issues and Ethics Association. This semester, I am working as an URCA assistant for Dr. Tucker.



**Holly Brecht**  
SI Leader for CHEM 121B

**Degree Seeking**  
Chemistry Education,  
Minor in Math

**Past SI Courses Covered:** CHEM 121B

**Future Job Hopes:** High School Chemistry Teacher

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** On-campus Newman Center



**Eno Obong Blessing Udoh**  
SI Leader for CHEM 241A

**Degree Seeking**  
Biology  
(Medical Science)

**Future Job Hopes:** To become a medical doctor and/or physician scientist.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am currently on the student leadership council and I have been an URCA Assistant for 2 years. I am a member of AMSA, Biology Club, Health Care Ethics and Issues Club and the HSA.

# SI Chemistry Leaders



**Justin Rosales**  
SI Leader for CHEM 241A

## Degree Seeking

Biological Sciences - Medical Sciences;  
Minors in Chemistry, Psychology &  
Perspectives in Science, Technology  
and Medicine

**Past SI Courses Covered:** BIOL 151, CHEM 120B, CHEM 241A

**Future Job Hopes:** Physician specializing in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, or Family Medicine.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Current Member of Pre-Health Hub (President), Healthcare Issues and Ethics Club (President), Honors Student Association, Asian American Association. Serve as a Cougar Guide during the beginning of fall and spring semesters. NOYCE Intern during summer 2019. Meridian Scholarship Recipient. STELLAR International Travel Scholarship Recipient. Outstanding Student in Organic Chemistry recipient. BioFuels Research and BIO 150 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. Registered Behavior Technician at Hope Autism Clinic.



**Zachary Bennett**  
SI Leader for CHEM 241A

## Degree Seeking

Biological Sciences  
(Pre-Med)

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to go on to medical school and become an interventional radiologist in the United States Air Force.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** President of the Pre-Medicine Association and Member of Campus Outreach



**Andrew Franklin**  
SI Leader for CHEM 241A

## Degree Seeking

Integrative Biology

**Future Job Hopes:** I want to become a professor after I graduate.

# SI Chemistry Leaders

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**Nick DeGroot**  
SI Leader for CHEM 241B

**Degree Seeking**  
Environmental Science and  
Biochemistry

**Past SI Courses Covered:** CHEM 241A, CHEM 241B

**Future Job Hopes:** Research/Teaching Organic Chemistry

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Environmental Careers Club, Dr. Lu Lab

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## SI Team Leader Perspectives:

"SI has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and learn how to speak in front of people as well as gain knowledge in those content areas to help me toward my degree and career of nursing. SI also gives me the opportunity to help others succeed in those content areas."

- **Courtney Fenelon**, [Chemistry Team Leader](#)

"SI has given me so much. SI has taught me how to look at things from different perspectives and explain things in different ways, which has helped me in my classes tremendously. SI has also given me valuable public speaking experience, and significantly raised my confidence."

- **Zeb Campbell**, [Chemistry Team Leader](#)

# SI Math-Business Leaders



**Matt Gregor**  
SI Leader for FIN 320

**Degree Seeking**  
Finance

**Past SI Courses Covered:** FIN 320

**Future Job Hopes:** Securities analyst, CFA

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** URCA Participant



**Parul Sharma**  
SI Leader for MATH 152

**Degree Seeking**  
Computer Science

**Future Job Hopes:** I am interested in becoming a full stack developer. I want to be familiar with all the various stratum of computer software development from talking to clients about what would they like to see on their everyday screens (User-interface) to developing databases and servers along with coding.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** SIUE Honors Program, Provost Scholarship



**Faith Griffon**  
SI Leader for MATH 152

**Degree Seeking**  
Math - Secondary Education

**Past SI Courses Covered:** MATH 152

**Future Job Hopes:** After graduating, I hope to stay in the area and become a math or science teacher at a local high school.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am also an Enrichment Session leader for MATH 150 and a tutor in the Tutor Resource Center.

# SI Math-Business Leaders



**Scott DeLozier**  
SI Leader for MATH 152

**Degree Seeking**  
Computer Engineering,  
Minor in Music Performance

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to eventually land a job with Nasa, SpaceX, Boeing or a similar company that works with space! I'd like to teach by the end of my career as well.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Provost Scholar, Honors Program, Honors Student Association, Dean's List, Trumpet Studio



**Vy Truong**  
SI Leader for MS 250

**Degree Seeking**  
Business Administration,  
Concentration in Human Resources

**Past SI Courses Covered:** MS 250

**Future Job Hopes:** Area related to Human Resources

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** International ambassador, GEO Award



**Joe Guithues**  
SI Leader for MS 250

**Degree Seeking**  
Accounting

**Past SI Courses Covered:** MS 250

**Future Job Hopes:** I plan to work for a public accounting firm after attaining a Masters in Accountancy.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** SIUE Outstanding Senior Accounting Student Award (2020), BKD Accounting Scholarship (2019), Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society (Spring 2018-Present), Regional Business Council (Fall 2018- Present), Homer L Cox School of Business Scholarship (2017-Present), Freshman Select Business Scholar (Fall 2017-Present), professional business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi (Fall 2017-Present), Vice President of Pledge Education for the Delta Sigma Pi (Spring 2018). I have interned at various accounting firms including Cushman and Wakefield, Scheffel Boyle CPAs, and KPMG.

# SI Math-Business Leaders



**Colin Boysen**  
SI Leader for MS 251

**Degree Seeking**  
Business/Economics,  
Minors in Criminal Justice & Pre-Law

**Past SI Courses Covered:** MS 251

**Future Job Hopes:** My goal is to become a prosecuting attorney in a major city. I hope to be able to help protect the public and assist in correcting many of the flaws in our criminal justice system.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I am the president of the Honors Student Association, the treasurer of the Spikeball Club, and a member of APO, the Pre-law Association, and the Criminal Justice Club. In addition to my extra-curriculars I also work in the Business Student Services office.



**Bianca Vozenilek**  
SI Leader for MS 251

**Degree Seeking**  
Economics

**Past SI Courses Covered:** MS 251

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I play softball for SIUE. I am on the OVC Commissioner's honor, received the OVC Academic Medal of Honor in 2019 and 2020, have been on the Dean's list since I transferred here in Spring 2018, and I am an Academic All-American presented by National Fast Pitch Coaches Association.

## SI Team Leader Perspectives:

"SI has helped me in many ways. I first learned about SI in one of my freshman classes. SI helped me, as a student, be successful in that course. Now as an SI leader, I get to help other students and have that same impact on their studies."

- **Brett Woodard**, [Math-Business Team Leader](#)

# SI Engineering-Physics Leaders



**Dexter Elmendorf**  
SI Leader for ECE 210

**Degree Seeking**  
Electrical Engineering

**Past SI Courses Covered:** ECE 210

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to work in academia while also working on my own research in the electrical engineering field. For the most part I understand that I will be in school for a long time and I'm excited for it.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Outstanding Junior in Electrical Engineering



**Jerome Ukah**  
SI Leader for ECE 210

**Degree Seeking**  
Electrical Engineering

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to work at a job where I am able to use Engineering principles to solve medical problems.



**Younghye Heo**  
SI Leader for PHYS 131

**Degree Seeking**  
Biology,  
Minors in Chemistry, Math, & Physics

**Past SI Courses Covered:** PHYS 152

**Future Job Hopes:** I'd like to become a dentist that helps people. And possibly collaborate with engineers to develop better dental/medical equipment.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** I used to be in a jujitsu club teaching but because of the pandemic, I lost the opportunity. I worked with Dr. Yoon in his toxicology lab for a year.

# SI Engineering-Physics Leaders



**Rachel Sneed**  
SI Leader for PHYS 131

**Degree Seeking**  
Genetic & Cellular Biology,  
Minor in Chemistry

**Past SI Courses Covered:** PHYS 132

**Future Job Hopes:** Plant Biology Research, Biotechnology Rep

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Environmental Scientist Intern at AVESI, Marched with the Blue Stars Drum & Bugle Corps, Member of Alpha Xi Delta, Member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha (Service Organization), Research under Dr. Darron Luesse



**Landon Sagez**  
SI Leader for PHYS 131

**Degree Seeking**  
Applied Mathematics

**Past SI Courses Covered:** MATH 152, PHYS 131, PHYS 132, Former SI Team Leader

**Future Job Hopes:** Software Development, Financial Analyst, Math/Science Teacher



**Luis Lamas**  
SI Leader for PHYS 141

**Degree Seeking**  
Mechanical Engineering

**Past SI Courses Covered:** PHYS 141

**Future Job Hopes:** Working in the Aerospace or HVAC field.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Formula SAE, Students for the Exploration and Development of Space

# SI Engineering-Physics Leaders



**Ethan Boulanger**  
SI Leader for PHYS 141  
Engineering-Physics  
Team Leader

**Degree Seeking**  
Computer Science,  
Minors in Computer Engineering  
& Math

**Past SI Courses Covered:** PHYS 131, PHYS 141

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to work in the industry as a software engineer upon graduation. Fields such as web-development or data science currently interest me the most.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Software Engineering Intern through Cardinal Health (Summer 2020), Research Assistant through Dr. Klingensmith (Fall 2020), SIUE Drumline President



**Brett Woodard**  
SI Leader for PHYS 141  
Math-Business Team Leader

**Degree Seeking**  
Mechatronics & Robotics Engineering

**Past SI Courses Covered:** PHYS 142, PHYS 151, PHYS 152

**Future Job Hopes:** One day I hope to run and manage my own engineering firm.



**Jillian Freeman**  
SI Leader for PHYS 142

**Degree Seeking**  
Physics,  
Minor in Math

**Past SI Courses Covered:** PHYS 131

**Future Job Hopes:** Conduct research pertaining to my field for a company or lab.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** Physics Department Merit Scholarship, Physics Upperclassmen Award, and Cougar Pride Scholarship

# SI Engineering-Physics Leaders

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**Austen Embrich**  
SI Leader for PHYS 151

**Degree Seeking**  
Mechanical Engineering

**Past SI Courses Covered:** MATH 152, PHYS 131

**Future Job Hopes:** Maybe something in the aerospace or motor vehicle field.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** President of the SIUE Paintball Club



**Christine Alex**  
SI Leader for PHYS 152

**Degree Seeking**  
Physics

**Future Job Hopes:** I hope to maybe become an engineer.

**Awards, Organizations, Extracurriculars:** URCA, Honors Student Association

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## SI Team Leader Perspectives:

"Being an SI leader has been an absolute win-win situation in my book. Not only have I had the pleasure of instructing students and watching them have that spectacular "light bulb" moment that all teachers strive for, but I have also inherited many valuable academic and personal skills that I will carry on with me well beyond my time at this institution."

- **Ethan Boulanger**, [Engineering-Physics Team Leader](#)

# Meet the SI Staff



**RHONDA VONNAHMEN**  
Coordinator of  
Supplemental Instruction

Rhonda's belief in providing educational support to ALL students led her to become the Coordinator of Supplemental Instruction (SI), a peer-led group study program. Previously she taught Basic Writing for almost 30 years. In addition, she has team taught in Learning Communities and the Freshman Experience class (Univ.112).

Her service to SIUE has included being secretary for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for eight years. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature with a minor in Linguistics and a Master of Arts in English Language and Literature, Linguistics with a focus on Teaching English to Students of Other Languages (TESOL).

She is always looking for motivated students, ones with good communication and organizational skills and a willingness to share their knowledge and learning experiences with others, to become SI leaders.

Rachel Garrett is the Program Supervisor for the Supplemental Instruction program. She received her Bachelor of Arts in English from Greenville College in 2006. Throughout her career in education, Rachel has been a Teaching Assistant, a tutor for Project VITAL (Volunteers In Teaching Adult Literacy), and contributed to diversity and inclusion work as a member of the Intercultural Affairs Board at Greenville College, and also as a former employee in the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion at SIUE.

Rachel manages the SI Program's website, Blackboard, marketing, and day-to-day operations. One of her passions is always finding ways to improve existing practices, so she loves the growth and ever-changing nature of the SI Program, because there is always room for innovation.

Rachel has been at SIUE for over nine years in a variety of positions at the Alton and Edwardsville campuses.



**RACHEL GARRETT**  
Program Supervisor for  
Supplemental Instruction

# Meet the SI Staff



**ALY SIGLOCK**  
SI Graduate Assistant

Aly is a graduate assistant for the Supplemental Instruction Program. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from SIUE in May of 2018 and is now working toward a Master's of Public Health at SIUE with an expected graduation date of Spring 2021. Her future job hopes/prospects include continuing her thesis research on understanding suicide in our community, with an ultimate goal of creating programs and initiatives to prevent suicide.

Notable organizations, clubs, research, and other work important to Aly include: President of Eta Sigma Gamma (public health honorary student organization); Planning committee member of Impact Suicide: Resources & Conversations for Change virtual suicide prevention conference; and involvement with the Madison County Mental Health Alliance.

Aly assists with the SI Program's day-to-day tasks. She was previously an SI leader for Human Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 240A and BIOL 240B).

Ash is a graduate assistant for the Supplemental Instruction program. She received her Bachelor of Science in ACS Chemistry from SIUE in December 2019 and is now working toward her Master's of Science in Chemistry at SIUE with an expected graduation date of Summer 2021. Her future job hopes/prospects include finding a job working on inorganic complexes with medicinal applications, or applications towards renewable fuel sources.

Notable awards, research, and other work important to Ash include awards for inorganic and organic chemistry; and master's research on an inorganic complex with anticancer activity.

Ash assists with the program's day-to-day tasks. She was previously an SI leader for Organic Chemistry (CHEM 241A and CHEM 241B) and Intro to Biological Sciences (BIOL 151).



**ASH WINKLER**  
SI Graduate Assistant

# SI Program Info

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