

A CONVERSATION OF UNDERSTANDING

“From SIU to the World: Insights from the Class of 2025”

Greetings SIU Community:

Join us as we host members of SIU's 2025 graduating classes, as the student panelists share unique experiences involving their challenges, successes, and future plans post-graduation. The panelists will shed light on the multifaceted aspects surrounding student success and the tangible benefits it provides for individuals and the broader educational communities across SIU campuses. SIU has a history of engaging our students emphasizing the significance of including student perspectives in decision making that directly impacts their educational journey and beyond.

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members from across the SIU System are invited to join this live, virtual discussion focusing on augmenting our students' success as they navigate SIU programs, policies, and environment from their first encounter on an SIU campus, up to, and through graduation. We will listen as they convey their thoughtful reflections with the goal of aiding the success of future SIU students.

Following the dialogue, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts. This Q&A session will allow for a deeper dive into how we, as an institution, can provide students from diverse backgrounds and experiences with the tools and support needed to be a successful citizen. Questions can be submitted during the virtual session as well as prior to the event by emailing doris.williams@siu.edu.

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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

<https://youtube.com/live/tTIZYpXF3oc>

Conversations of Understanding have become a fixture across the SIU System and on our individual campuses. They are a series of exchanges where students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the broader SIU communities can share their experiences and thoughts on a variety of themes related to antiracism, diversity, equity, and inclusion. We want to be a model for others in higher education and be recognized as a leader in our region and beyond for our work in fostering understanding of relevant contemporary issues.

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members from across the SIU System are invited to join a live discussion focusing on critical issues regarding equity and justice in our country and what we can and must do to address those issues within the SIU System and beyond. A question-and-answer session will follow where audience participants can participate.

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