Thank you all for a fantastic spring semester! This semester, the Center for International Education (CIE) has welcomed many new scholars from countries including China, Russia, Pakistan, and Italy! Scholars help to lead the way for SIU's mission in innovation, in research, and creativity.

A highlight from this past semester was karaoke at International Family Game Night. The night kicked off with everyone enjoying pizza for dinner. Students, scholars, and their families then moved into the lobby area of the CIE office which had been transformed into a karaoke lounge. Kids and adults signed up for their turn at the microphone to sing songs from their home country and popular American songs.

Another highlight from the semester was hearing about the cultural opportunities by our visiting scholars. Many visitors share photos that show them doing things like standing in front of the St. Louis Arch and the Chicago Bean. Others talk about having dinner with a local American family.

The CIE office looks forward to seeing scholars in town and on-campus during the summer. Please stop into the CIE to say 'hello' if you are in Carbondale over the summer! Our office remains open.

Sincerely Yours,
International Student and Scholars
SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT
DR. LUIZ GUSTAVO GOMES
ANIMAL SCIENCE RESEARCHER

I am so glad in share with Center for International Education (CIE) my experience in Carbondale, IL as a Visiting Scholar at Department of Animal Science Food and Nutrition, Southern Illinois University (SIU).

Experience in Dr. Gastal’s Lab has been amazing regarding my development in research such as scientific writing with the goal to publish two papers in impact journal, and I have learned and improved my English very well. These project will be very important for my professional enhance.

My two kids, Sophia (11 years old) and Pedro (3 years old) have attended Unit Point Elementary School and CDL (Children Development Lab), respectively, and they have learned English very well and other important skills that will be amazing for their future. I am so glad for them.

Ana, my wife, has fun our time in Carbondale and she has learned about American architecture and designing with her friend Anna Davis. Anna Davis and Bill Davis, our American friends, have been amazing with us and they have helped us during papers works, trips, etc. At this time, I and my family have known how important was this Welcome American Family.

Thank you and Salukis family so much for supporting my family in Southern Illinois.

HOMEMADE LEMONADE

INGREDIENTS
1 3/4 cups white sugar
8 cups water
1 1/2 lemon juice

DIRECTIONS
In a small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 cup water. Bring to boil and stir to dissolve sugar. Allow to cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate until chilled. Remove seeds from lemon juice, but leave pulp. In pitcher, stir together chilled syrup, lemon juice and remaining 7 cups water.
SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN CARBONDALE

With most of the students gone for the summer, Carbondale seems to slow down and become quiet. However, there are many activities to do for individuals and families! SIU hosts many youth activities and camps throughout the summer, ranging from math camps to art camps. If you have children and are interested, please see the attached flyer for more information.

Other activities for families include free summer concerts. A Carbondale tradition, the Sunset Concerts, begin June 13 outside SIU's Shryock's Auditorium. The concerts take place every Thursday in June and July. See attached flyer for more information.

Another popular activity in Southern Illinois during the summer months is hiking! There are many beautiful hiking trails within an hour of Carbondale. Giant City State Park is located in Makanda, Illinois and has a variety of trails ranging in views and skill level. There are rocks for kids to climb on and many different plant species to admire. We have trail maps at the office. Stop in to pick one up!

IMMIGRATION REMINDER

Travel Signature

If you are planning on traveling outside of the United States over break, please remember to email jvisas@siu.edu to schedule an appointment to get your DS-2019 signed for travel.