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Points of Pride

- » SIU Carbondale is a doctoral research university enrolling students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. We offer more than 200 undergraduate degrees, more than 80 master's degrees and more than 30 doctoral degrees, in addition to professional degrees in law and medicine.
- » The university supports several externally funded interdisciplinary initiatives for student research training and education, including from the highly competitive National Science Foundation-funded [Research Experiences for Undergraduates](#). In 2018, SIU received funding for another three years through that program.
- » For a sixth straight year SIU earned a spot in The Princeton Review's "Guide to 399 Green Colleges: 2018 Edition." SIU has received national recognition seven of the last eight years. The honor is based on the university's sustainability-related policies, practices and programs.
- » SIU students are very involved in campus life and the community, donating thousands of service hours each year to various organizations, programs and activities through the Center for Service-Learning and Volunteerism, spring break trips, and the massive "Big Event," held for the second time in 2018.
- » SIU Carbondale is ranked in the top 20 percent of Illinois colleges and universities offering online degree programs by BestColleges.com.
- » SIU Carbondale is 27th among the nation's 50 most entrepreneurial research universities – the number of alumni and students who identify themselves as founders and business owners on LinkedIn – in the 2015 Forbes magazine list of "America's Most Entrepreneurial Universities."
- » The university is among the top 5 percent of all U.S. higher education institutions for research.
- » SIU Carbondale is one of 54 colleges and universities to earn national recognition for its economic development work in the region from The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. The designation as an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University, awarded in 2015, is valid for 10 years.
- » SIU Carbondale received the 2015 Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in January 2015; one of just 361 colleges and universities among more than 4,000 nationwide to earn the recognition for its commitment to service and outreach.
- » The university is the "Eclipse Crossroads of America." A total solar eclipse took place on Aug. 21, 2017, and will again on April 8, 2024.
- » The university's Bachelor of Science degree program in fermentation science is one of only a handful in the nation and the only one in Illinois. The interdisciplinary program prepares students for careers in fields ranging from production and quality control for alcoholic beverage manufacturers to fermented foods, such as cheese, sauerkraut and bread. The program is housed at the Fermentation Science Institute, a teaching, testing and research space at McLafferty Annex on the campus' far west side.

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