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SIU Carbondale Alum Roger Tedrick Retires from SIU Board of Trustees After Decades of Distinguished Service

Springfield, Ill.— Roger B. Tedrick is retiring from the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, marking the conclusion of a remarkable era of leadership and dedication to the university system.

A 1970 graduate of SIU Carbondale and a native of Carbondale, Tedrick's association with SIU spans several decades. He was first appointed to the SIU Board of Trustees in 2004 by former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and served until 2011, including six years as chairman. In 2019, Tedrick was again appointed to the board by Gov. J.B. Pritzker on March 22, 2019. Tedrick is proud of having helped hire two system presidents, helping all campuses in the SIU System excel and instilling a sense of unity between the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses.

“I’ve enjoyed my time on the board through the years,” said Tedrick. “My fellow board members are dedicated members who work to strengthen the SIU System. The leadership, starting with SIU System President Dan Mahony, including SIUC Chancellor Austin Lane, SIUE Chancellor James T. Minor and SIU Medicine Dean and CEO Dr. Jerry Kruse, all create a bright future for SIU. After 14 years as a trustee, I feel it is time to step away, but I hope to find a way to stay engaged.”

Tedrick's commitment to SIU has extended beyond governance. He served on the SIU Foundation Board and the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. In 2018, he and his wife, Sally, endowed the Tedrick Undergraduate Research Fellowship, expanding opportunities for SIU students to engage in research and creative activities. The Tedricks also made a historic \$6 million donation in 2023, leading to the naming of the SIU Tedrick Welcome Center in their honor. The center is expected to be completed in May 2026 and will provide students, faculty and staff with a place to gather and celebrate what it means to be a Saluki.

“Roger Tedrick's leadership and generosity have left an indelible mark on the SIU System,” said SIU System President Dan Mahony. “His vision and dedication have significantly advanced our mission and enriched the lives of countless students.”

The SIU community extends its deepest gratitude for his years of service and wishes Tedrick well in his future endeavors.

“Roger Tedrick and I have been lifelong friends, and his contributions to not only the university but to the entire Southern Illinois community have been immeasurable,” said SIU Board of Trustees Chairman J. Phil Gilbert. “Roger’s time and experience as a student and graduate of SIU, 14 years as trustee, including being chairman, and a lifelong supporter as helped shape this university for decades to come. I am grateful for his counsel and advice to me over the years.”

The Tedricks’ generous contributions have also included creating an endowed fund to enhance university excellence, making a major donation toward the construction of the Saluki Alumni Plaza, sponsoring the inaugural Saluki Ball and supporting numerous causes across campus.

Tedrick is the president of the Tedrick Group Risk Management Solutions, a risk management and commercial insurance firm based in Mount Vernon. He founded the firm with his wife in 1984. The Tedricks have two grown daughters, Lori and Sarah, and five grandchildren.

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The SIU System employs more than 7,000 faculty, staff and administrators who serve approximately 23,500 students through our campuses in Carbondale, Edwardsville and Springfield. The SIU System Office and SIU Medical School are in Springfield, Illinois as well as SIU Medicine clinics that serve thousands of patients.



Photo: Roger Tedrick