

A CONVERSATION OF UNDERSTANDING

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What We Heard.
What the Findings Reveal.
Where We Go from Here.
*From Findings to Action:
Building a Stronger SIU Community*

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VIRTUAL EVENT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

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The conversation will focus on findings from the 2026 SIU System Viewfinder Campus Climate Survey and what the experiences of our students, faculty, and staff can teach us about the climate of our university community.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Examine perceptions and lived experiences shared by members of the SIU community across Carbondale, Edwardsville, East St. Louis, and Springfield.
- Explore what students, faculty, and staff shared about belonging, inclusion, institutional climate, and their experiences learning and working within the SIU System.
- Move beyond reporting the data to consider what the findings reveal about our university community.
- Highlight areas of strength as well as opportunities for continued attention and improvement.
- Consider how the findings can inform our collective path forward across the SIU System.

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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, faculty, and staff 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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