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The SIU System Invites Input from Alumni & the Community to Help Shape Next Strategic Plan

In addition to a survey being conducted on campus, the Southern Illinois University System is inviting alumni and community members to fill out a brief survey that will help shape the next chapter of its strategic plan, which will guide the university system through 2031. **The 10-minute online survey is open for responses now until March 2, 2026.** [Participants can access it at this link.](https://tinyurl.com/4kpzs37k) (<https://tinyurl.com/4kpzs37k>)

“Over the past several years, the SIU System has made significant progress through our current strategic plan by strengthening collaboration among our campuses, expanding student access and deepening our commitment to inclusion and innovation,” said SIU System President Dan Mahony. “Now we’re asking our communities to help us look forward. The world of higher education is changing rapidly, and this is our opportunity to ensure the SIU System remains strong and deeply connected to the people we serve.”

Since launching its strategic plan in 2022, the SIU System has made significant progress across its six goal areas (<https://siusystem.edu/about/strategic-plan/index.shtml>). For example, we have expanded academic innovation through the SIU System Course Exchange, giving students across campuses access to a broader range of online courses and accelerating progress toward graduation. SIU has also strengthened community impact through initiatives such as the Office of Community Engagement, Institute of Rural Health and regional broadband expansion partnerships, connecting education and workforce development to local needs.

“These accomplishments reflect what’s possible when our campuses work together,” said Gireesh Gupchup, Vice President for Academic Innovation, Planning, and Partnerships. “As we look to the next five years, we’re focused on meeting the evolving needs of students, employers and communities across Illinois and preparing for new technologies, workforce demands and ways of learning that continue to transform higher education.”