

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ANALYTICS

Business student organizations are an important part of the college and provide valuable interaction, knowledge and experience for those who participate. The networking opportunities provided to members have proven year after year to be one of the best sources of job opportunities upon graduation. Students in the college are encouraged to survey the available organizations and to join at least one student group.

**Accounting Society** is an organization for students who are interested in business, with an emphasis on accounting. This organization allows its members the opportunity to gain practical experience and enhance their leadership and communication skills through their participation. [rso.business.siu.edu/acctsoc](https://rso.business.siu.edu/acctsoc)

**American Marketing Association** is a national organization. An understanding of marketing concepts is stressed along with social interaction and community service. [rso.business.siu.edu/ama](https://rso.business.siu.edu/ama)

**American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS)** is the premier professional association for supply chain and operations management. (Department of Management)

**ASCEND** is open to all undergraduate and graduate students from all majors who seek to focus exclusively on the business leadership potential of pan-Asian professionals. Programs include mentorship programs, leadership training, ongoing résumé and interview critiques, company visits, networking events and professional/technical development. [ascendleadership.org](https://ascendleadership.org)

**Beta Alpha Psi** is a business fraternity for accounting majors. To be eligible for membership, one must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and have an interest in the field of accounting. The organization's goals include encouraging scholastic and professional excellence, providing opportunities for association with practicing accountants and promoting participation with the College of Business and Analytics. [rso.business.siu.edu/bap](https://rso.business.siu.edu/bap)

**Blockchain Economics Club** is for students interested the blockchain principle and its application to markets & information exchange. Applications include digital currencies like Bitcoin, international trade, and business-to-business transactions. All students are welcome. Events include invited speakers, fun projects, and networking with blockchain enthusiasts at other schools and in industry.

**Business Leadership Council** is the coordinating organization for the College of Business and Analytics student body. The council provides its constituents with a vital link between the administration, faculty and students, and provides substantive input for the policies and planning of the college. The council provides students with a variety of activities and service opportunities throughout the year. For more information, contact Dennis Nasco at [dnasco@business.siu.edu](mailto:dnasco@business.siu.edu). [rso.business.siu.edu/blc](http://rso.business.siu.edu/blc)

**Eta Sigma Delta (ESD)** is a hospitality honor society for students with a 3.00 GPA or above enrolled in hospitality programs which are institutional members of the International Council of Hotel, Restaurants, and Institutional Education (ICHRIE). Members are dedicated to Excellence, Leadership, Creativity, Service, and Ethics.

**The Financial Management Association** is for students interested in finance and investments. It provides its members with investment knowledge, social activities and awareness of employment opportunities. [rso.business.siu.edu/fma](http://rso.business.siu.edu/fma)

**National Association of Black Accountants** is the leader in expanding the influence of minority professionals in the fields of accounting and finance. Established in 1969, the association strives to promote and develop the professional skills of its members, to encourage and assist minority students in entering the accounting profession and, among other goals, to represent the interests of current and prospective minority accounting professionals. [rso.business.siu.edu/naba](http://rso.business.siu.edu/naba)

**Collegiate Future Business Leaders of America (Phi Beta Lambda)** is a student organization, open to any major, that helps build leadership, competitiveness and social skills needed in today's business world. It is a national organization associated with Future Business Leaders of America. [rso.business.siu.edu/pbl](http://rso.business.siu.edu/pbl)

**Pi Sigma Epsilon** is recognized nationwide as one of the most esteemed professional fraternities available. It concentrates on improving student skills in sales and marketing and is open to all majors. All members of the organization work together as a team to help each other with academic and professional enhancement. It offers optional social activities and conducts fundraisers for charitable causes, as well as for travel to regional and national conventions. The organization has excellent alumni contacts and corporate sponsors. Joining this organization will assist students in becoming more knowledgeable about the business community, the marketing profession, SIU life in general and much more. New members are recruited at the start of each semester. [rso.business.siu.edu/pse](http://rso.business.siu.edu/pse)

**Saluki Entrepreneur Corps** works with the Center for Innovation, Small Business Development Center and the Southern Illinois Entrepreneurship Center "to inform, support and inspire college students to be entrepreneurial and seek opportunity through enterprise creation." The organization is open to all majors. [rso.business.siu.edu/salukiceo](http://rso.business.siu.edu/salukiceo)

**Saluki Event Planners (MPI Student Chapter)** is affiliated with Meeting Professionals International and is open to students in any SIU major. Members participate in professional development opportunities and work with local clients to plan events. Our networking opportunities include attending educational seminars and monthly meetings with the MPI St. Louis Chapter. MPI St. Louis offers access to many internship and job opportunities. We also focus on improving our own networking, interviewing, and professional skills as a group. SIU MPI is a way to make connections that will lead to amazing experiences and opportunities to enhance your future career goals.

**Saluki Student Investment Fund** provides students at SIU with hands-on experience in portfolio management and investment research. This includes managing a portion of the SIU Foundation portfolio with a midcap core strategy, as well as investing to maximize long-term capital appreciation. [rso.business.siu.edu/ssif](https://rso.business.siu.edu/ssif)

**Smokin' Dawgs** is led by the students and barbeque lovers of the Southern Illinois University community. Students work to perfect their BBQ and meat smoking skills and work with various SIU departments to cater events.

**Southern Illinois Culinary Club** is to promote interest in food, wine, local agriculture, exposure to different cuisines, networking, volunteering, education about food origins, culinary skills, and food preparation as well as nutrition.

**Southern Illinois Economics Association** is to promote interest in food, wine, local agriculture, exposure to different cuisines, networking, volunteering, education about food origins, culinary skills, and food preparation as well as nutrition.

**Women's Business Association (WBA)** is a student organization devoted to encouraging the success of women in business. This organization is open to men and women of all majors. WBA wants to inform, connect and prepare individuals for the corporate world by providing them with advancement opportunities through leading organization initiatives. WBA provides students an opportunity to network with professionals, local entrepreneurs and corporate recruiters to gain insights into different careers and industries. [rso.business.siu.edu/wba](https://rso.business.siu.edu/wba)