**Dreams**

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Through the Dreams Fagans Program, participants have the opportunity to participate in many community activities such as the Maryville Homecoming, the Missouri College-Fox the Town Homecoming Parade, Walnut Dog Days and the last day of August.

One Passionful Dreams in particular, 24-year-old Megan Fos, took advantage of last year’s awarded title in order to set up a meeting with Glen Carlson Mayor Bob Jackson last Tuesday.

As a devoted and informed voter, Fos confidently discussed her ideas on the betterment of the social aspects of the community with Jackson. Swapping stories about the roles of their positions (mayor and Dreams Fagans Queen) quickly followed.

Megan’s next endeavor is to meet with the Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, while the Dreams Fagans Committee working hard to make happen.

With a successful first season of their program, the Dreams Fagans Committee hopes to continue this pageant program in hopes of helping the different kinds of people to get involved in the community along with helping the participants to achieve their educational and personal goals.

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**SIUE School of Nursing receive grant for diversity**

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Nursing received a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. The grant’s $972,270 (to support the School of Nursing Academic Achievement Program (SNAP). SNAP is a meritocratic, initiative that addresses the critical shortage of diverse professional nurses in the workforce by recruiting and retaining students from racially, ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds.

The grant provides the students’ overall achievement and career success of students, as well as provide resources to ensure students to successfully complete their academic intervention to address social determinants through tutoring, mentoring, study tables and networking. These evidence-based interventions and individual-level strategies are implemented to help students successfully complete the SIUE School of Nursing program, graduate, obtain RNs and enter the workforce as professional registered nurses in their community.

Laura Alexander, Department of Primary Care and Health Systems Nursing and SNAP lead, believes that this funding will allow the School of Nursing to build upon the University’s mission of diversity and commitment to mentorship.

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“I am grateful to HRSA and my colleagues in the School of Nursing for their support and collaboration,” said Aliisa Alexander, the SIUE School of Nursing Dean.

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