A number of Chinese scholars are visiting Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as part of an academic exchange program with higher education institutions in China. This is an opportunity to learn about Chinese culture and higher education systems. The students are from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and are here to learn about the educational environment and culture at SIUE. They are exploring the campus and engaging in various activities to enhance their understanding of American culture and education. One of the students, Zhe Zhang, commented on her experience at SIUE:

Zhe Zhang said, "I am very happy to be here at SIUE. The campus is beautiful, and I have learned a lot about American culture. I have met many interesting people, and I have made some friends. I hope we can continue to learn from each other and develop a lasting relationship."