Two well-deserving Sullivan students were recently honored.

Free money! Sullivan paralegal students receive scholarships!

Carrie Davis, an evening division student in the Paralegal Studies associate degree program, was recently awarded a scholarship by the Louisville Association of Paralegals (LAP). Carrie chose Sullivan “because of the convenience – it’s less than 10 minutes from my home. I liked the way the program was laid out, and the feeling of the school. The professors care about you and your career goals, and they care about you personally.” Carrie has set both short- and long-term goals for her education and career. Discussing her plans, Carrie stated, “Short-term I’m planning on plugging away at school, keeping my family relatively sane and partially clean, and beginning the job hunt for a paralegal position. By the way, that’s another thing about Sullivan; I’ve heard great things about the job placement program! Long-term, I want to have a fulfilling career and life. My biggest goal right now is to be a research paralegal, probably in the criminal prosecution realm. The research aspect is my favorite part of my new profession!”

Elissa Miller, a day division Sullivan student in the Paralegal Studies post-baccalaureate certificate program, was pleased to have also been awarded a scholarship by the LAP.

Elissa’s believes her decision to choose Sullivan was the right one and will aid in achieving her educational and career goals. “I am a full-time student at Sullivan and when I’m not at school I am taking care of my 19-month-old son. I decided to attend Sullivan because I knew I wanted a change from the job I had been doing. I am still not sure whether I would have taken an emotional toll. I had thought about going to law school, but with my son being so young, I thought Sullivan would be a better fit for my life right now. Also, because Sullivan offers a post-baccalaureate paralegal certificate, it gave me the chance to get into the legal profession and see for myself if I want to go to law school later on. Also, once I saw the excellent job placement statistics for the paralegal program, I knew that my Sullivan education would help me get a good job after graduation,” Elissa said.

Elissa and Carrie, along with Nick Riggs, Director of The Institute for Legal Studies, were guests at Sullivan University’s luncheon meeting at which both students were given their scholarship prizes. Held at the The Jefferson Club in downtown Louisville, the luncheon gave Elissa and Carrie a chance to network with LAP officers and take up paralegalism from the local area.

“It’s great to see our students honored in such a special way,” Riggs said. “Many LAP members and officers are graduates of The Institute for Legal Studies.” He added, “LAP President Pam Byers, also serves as a member of Sullivan’s Legal Studies Advisory Board.”

International Center for Collaborative Solutions

Sullivan University’s International Center for Collaborative Solutions (CICS) is in high gear in the European nations. Recently, Executive Director, Tony Belak and Sullivan’s Vice President of Legal Affairs, Bob Metz travelled to Ireland and participated in a Master Mediator & Facilitator seminar, conducted mediation training, and met with government and trade union officials to introduce Sullivan’s Collaborative Workplace Initiative, to the Mediation Institute of Ireland, government agencies, and business leaders. Tony and Bob also made a side trip to Birmingham, England, where they were introduced to academic programs pertaining to dispute resolution. Their interview will broadcast this fall on the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) in England, Ireland, Canada, and Australia. They were also guests on a live local television program and discussed several current legal topics.

Master’s program eagerly sought

Sullivan University’s Master of Science in Dispute Resolution is of particular interest in Ireland and Europe because no other graduate level program is offered in the EU (EU) has a focus on the workplace, where anti-bullying and harassment legislation is very prevalent. Inequity and bullying cause great financial harm to businesses and people.

Ireland is the economic engine of the EU and has a particular interest in maintaining workplace harmony. Sullivan University’s innovative program is recognized as important to a healthy workplace. As a result a group of governmental and labor leaders will come to the United States next spring to meet with Sullivan University’s CICS to discuss ways we can work together.

This fall, Dr. A.R. Sullivan, Chancellor of Sullivan University will be in Dublin with a delegation of Louisville business leaders to learn how Ireland has emerged as Europe’s economic engine and to discuss how Sullivan University can further contribute to assist their economic recovery.

Baccalaureate scholarships awarded

The Board of Directors of Sullivan University annually awards two full-time baccalaureate scholarships; one for a female student and one for a male student, who are graduates of Sullivan’s associate degree programs and who plan to continue their education toward a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration at Sullivan. Each scholarship will have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and submit an application stating why the scholarship should be awarded to him/her. Finalists are selected and interviewed by a faculty committee.

This year’s recipients are Sara Abshire and James Geary. Sara will pursue her Bachelor’s of Science in Business Administration with a Finance Concentration, and James will pursue his Bachelor’s with a Management Concentration. Congratulations and best wishes for your future success!

“Spaciousness is the only word that can describe how I feel about getting this scholarship. It seems that my life is falling into place and I am thrilled to have received this scholarship and I am sure that I will be able to put it to good use.”

SARA ABSHIRE

“I was excited, relieved, and thankful at all once. I have some really exciting plans for the future, so this scholarship definitively helps my cause. Also, going through the Master’s program later much easier. Mostly, I’m just thankful to Sullivan University that I had the opportunity and was chosen.”

JAMES GEARY

Survey results: Sullivan Library receives high marks

Each year, the Sullivan University Library conducts an annual library-specific Student Satisfaction Survey. Through the heroic efforts of its staff in cooperation with the faculty, the University’s Library gathered data from 364 participants. Data in, a culinary student, was the winner for the Sullivan Louisville 17 new PCs, 15 new thin clients, 32 new flat panel TVs, raised in last year’s survey, the Library received feedback on survey topics, from this year’s survey:

- “The new computers in the Library are wonderful – it’s less than 10 minutes from my home. The staff always greet you with a smile and go out of their way to help you.”
- “This is one of the best libraries I’ve ever been to. The staff are always helpful and the resources available are outstanding.”
- “This library is my home away from home. Thank you!”
- “Paralegal student Linda Carlson said, “The staff in the Library are fantastic! Not only do they take up less space and provide more work area, but they make it easier to use flash drives and CDs and, they are pretty!”
- “The new computers in the Library have put into my studies . . . I am honored to have been selected to receive it.”

Carrie Davis

Elissa Miller

Elisea’s Baccalaureate scholarship was also awarded for LAP Today Show segment in Sullivan’s Library.

Sullivan director chosen for Today Show segment

Angela Riggs, Director of Sullivan’s Early Childhood Education (ECE) program, was recently contacted by a NBC producer regarding a “Nanny Nabbing” segment to air on the Today Show. Sullivan is only one of six schools nationwide that prepare Professional Nanny Students and the only school at the University level. The Professional Nanny career choice has received much more respect and interest with the advent of several television shows like “Super Nanny” and “Nanny 911.” And, additional interest was generated when fans learned that Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt were looking for a nanny and interested in one employed by another family. A television camera crew spent the day with Mrs. Riggs and ECE students. The morning the segment was to air, the news media was on a tragic detour following the Virginia Tech shooting. The piece was aired a later date, and viewers received practical advice on how to keep their nanny happy.

Read more about Sullivan’s Early Childhood Education program on page 10.