

KUDOS & CELEBRATIONS

Let us gather as a community to celebrate our hardwork and achievements



Student speakers from left: Elwood Sheflin, Libby Brandon, Angelina Fremault, Makayla Dawn Learned and Emily Yaboro

WHAT TO EXPECT

Celebrating our speakers

Publication alert : Kaleidoscope

NCA Top paper Award

Performance submission acceptance

Alum Visit

And many more!

Celebrating Big Ideas, Brave Voices

A huge **congratulations** to everyone, especially our student speakers, who brought this year’s event, themed “**24/7: Navigating Time in a Fast-Paced World,**” to life! The forum provided a platform for students to dive into how we manage time in our always-on society and its impact on our lives.

A heartfelt thank-you to the **school of communication, the Society of Civil Discourse, and the incredible volunteers and organizers** for their hard work and dedication. Your efforts created an inspiring and thought-provoking event that will resonate for years to come!

Kudos to **Sean Maulding**, the editor of Kaleidoscope, for publishing the latest volume, **Kaleidoscope Volume 23**. This edition continues the tradition of showcasing thoughtful and impactful scholarship with contributions that inspire and challenge us.

At this year's National Communication Association (NCA) conference, Sean received the **Top Paper Award** from the Caucus on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns. This well-deserved recognition speaks to Sean's dedication to advancing meaningful and inclusive research in our field.

We had the pleasure of hosting alum and scholarship donor **Grant Deady and his spouse, Mary Beth Deady**, back to our school. During their visit, Grant engaged in meaningful conversations with students and members of PRSSA, sharing his insights and experiences. It was an inspiring opportunity to connect and learn from one of our distinguished alumni!

Juno Blue's spring production, *A Martian Odyssey*, has been selected for presentation at the upcoming Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) conference

Congratulations to our community members!

Kudos to **Dr. Ivey and Frankie Kimmel** for organizing the Fall 2024 Speakers Forum! Special thanks to **Dr. Rebecca Walker** and the Society for Civil Discourse for their support and sponsorship. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to **India Hagen-Gates** on the publication of her article, "What Kind of Teacher Are You?": Critical Communication Pedagogy in Abbott Elementary, in the latest volume of Kaleidoscope. India's thoughtful exploration of how popular media shapes and challenges our understanding of education is both timely and impactful.

Kudos to **Justin Young** and **Mario Sanders** for organizing the Playing for Pets event. This 16-hour livestream of SIU students, faculty, and staff playing video games to support St. Francis CARE, a no-kill animal shelter in Murphysboro, IL, was a tremendous success!

Four of our PR student leaders—**Mary D'Haeze, Hailey Eifert, Steven Flower, and Ava Steffens** attended the Plank DEI Summit in Chicago on Nov. 7. The Summit is organized by the Plank Center for Leadership in Public Relations. CMST faculty member **Dr. Nilanjana Bardhan**, who serves on the board of the Center, plays a lead role in organizing this annual Summit. Our students had an excellent experience and the opportunity to network and connect with peers and industry professionals from around the country.

Highlights of the month's events



Undergraduates at the Plank Center Summit in Chicago

Steven Flowers—back row, left. Mary D'Haeze, back row, third from left. Hailey Eifert, back row, fifth from left. Ava Steffens, second row, third from left.



CMST Alum and Scholarship Donor Grant Deady visit

From left to right: Grant Deady, Khalil Johnson (Grants Mentee), Mary Beth Deady (spouse of Grant Deady), Sakshi Bhati (faculty member), and Rebecca Walker (faculty member).



Playing for Pets

Students, including Alicia Utecht and Mario Sanders, enjoying a gaming session