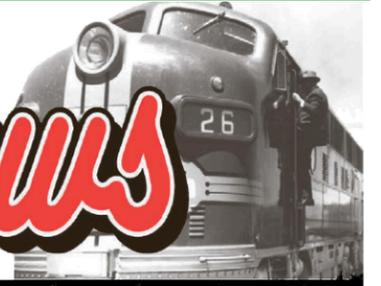


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Members of Saluki AdLab are (from front left, going clockwise) Samantha Corcoran, Samantha Oxford, Ryley Bisailon, Gannon McCarty, Peyton Cook, Mikaylan Roach, Chloe Schobert and Sophie Whitten. Not pictured: Jacob Boehme, Ryan Edwards, Rose Bundy, Peyton Cook, Monserrat Munoz, Tadzia Lee, Mallory Aukland, Paul Bucket, Kayla Rockhill, Kat McCauley and Nicole Grey. (Photo by Russell Bailey)

Urgent response lacking in outbreak at veterans home

By John O'Connor

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (AP) — Sluggishness, poor compliance with existing rules and little help from state public health officials crippled the response by Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration to a November 2020 COVID-19 outbreak at a northern Illinois veterans home that claimed 36 lives, according to a state audit released Thursday.

The review by Auditor General Frank Mautino contends the Illinois Department of Public Health "did not identify and respond to the seriousness of the outbreak." For nearly two weeks after the problem was identified Nov. 1 at the LaSalle Veterans Home, IDPH officials failed to visit the site and offered no assistance. LaSalle staff testing for the virus was slow and poorly coordinated, the review said.

In total, 85% of the home's 128 residents and 38% of its 231 staff members contracted the illness during the outbreak, which Mautino noted occurred when infections statewide were rising rapidly and there was yet no preventive vaccine.

Pritzker, a Democrat, blamed Republicans who opposed tactics to stop the spread of COVID-19, suggesting non-compliant visitors unwittingly carried the virus into the LaSalle home.

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SIU student advertising team places second in national competition

A team considered an underdog at the National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC), Southern Illinois University Carbondale advertising lab has proved to the American Advertising Federation and the other universities that it can consistently display award-winning work.

Saluki AdLab is building a history of wins: second in 2019, third in 2020, first in 2021, and now second in 2022.

Chloe Schobert, the creative director for the team both this year and last year said competing was a great opportunity for her.

"We are able to get real world experience and learn more in the advertising realm outside of the classroom," she said. "It can be stressful, but the payoff is always worth it."

Additionally, Schobert said being a part of Saluki AdLab and competing has given her skills she would've never received elsewhere. Serving as the creative director also increased her exposure to business opportunities after college.

"I cannot recommend Saluki AdLab enough," she said. "By working with AdLab, I have been

able to network with local businesses. This organization is a great way for students to apply their design skills in the real world. I have also learned a lot about advertising and marketing through AdLab that I would not have learned in my courses."

Schobert said winning second places reminds people of what SIU is capable of. Coming from a school with limited resources, Saluki AdLab still persevered.

"By winning second place, we are reminding people that SIU is a force to be reckoned with. We don't have as much resources as other schools, yet our talent and drive outshine other programs," she said. "I am so proud of the hard work our team put in, and I am looking forward to seeing where everyone goes."

SIU competed in District 6 of the competition, with 20 other schools. Some teams have 20-30 members while Saluki AdLab has about 10. The district is known as the mega district because of the high number of universities that compete such as Michigan State, University of Illinois, Ball State, DePaul, and University of Michigan.

AAF is the nation's largest and leading professional organization for advertising professionals. Competing in NSAC gives students exposure on a national level, allows them to network with students from across the country, meet and network with advertising professionals from leading brands and ad agencies.

The competition starts in the fall when the AAF announces the client along with the goal and objectives for the campaign. This year's client was Meta Quest 2, formerly Oculus. The company creates VR headsets that enable the wearer to interact in the metaverse and participate in various other games or activities.

Based on their interpretation of the results from their research, team members developed an overall strategy for the campaign. A plans book is submitted in March and given to three judges. The Saluki AdLab team members produced a plans book based on the client's branding guidelines as well as the campaign design and developed a 20-minute presentation to pitch their

campaign directly to the judges.

The students created a multiplatform campaign, with the judges commenting it was some of the best video work they had seen.

Founder of Saluki AdLab Bridget Lescelius said AdLab gives students hands-on opportunities.

"The Saluki AdLab also serves as a student run ad agency, and we have local and regional clients," she said. "The mission of AdLab is to give students a deep understanding of how the industry works by giving them real experience. You can't get a job in advertising without a substantial portfolio."

Presentation Team

Chloe Schobert, Belleville, Illinois, creative director

Samantha Corcoran, Mount Prospect, Illinois, media director

Jacob Boehme, Taylorville, Illinois, producer and director of video

Samantha Oxford, Elizabethtown, Illinois, research director

Mikaylan Roach, Herrin, Illinois, presentation team

Ryley Bisailon, Carterville, Illinois,

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Eating Well

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How to throw a graduation party

Graduation is a momentous occasion for students that marks an end to many years of dedication to studies. Most people look back fondly on the day they received their degrees and diplomas. But often what is remembered most when a person graduates is the party that commemorated the event.

For parents planning graduation parties for their children, graduation season may be filled with nostalgia about their own childhoods and experiences. While parents can borrow from what they learned along the way, graduation parties for their kids should definitely focus on the here and now — and what is important to the new grad. In fact, the guest of honor should be tapped to help create the party of his or her desires.

Book early

Most schools host commencement ceremonies in May or June. With so many people planning parties around the same time, venues and vendors will be snatched up quickly. As soon as you learn the graduation date, reserve a party space and contact caterers, florists, entertainment, or other vendors who will be used for the event.

Host an open house



party

An open house party enables guests to arrive and depart freely according to their schedules so graduates can hop from one party to the next. This occurs over a long period of time (four to five hours is a good window) and the party does not follow any strict schedule.

An open house party requires having food and beverages available at all times, so it's important to have an array of options that can be served room temperature or kept safe over ice or heat. Chips and dips, sliced vegetables and small sandwiches are good options. Crocks and chafing dishes can be used to keep foods warm.

Prevent the temptation

Even if the party will feature a mix of students, friends and adult family, it may be safer to avoid serving alcohol. This way you do not run the risk of an underage guest

sneaking an alcoholic beverage and leaving the party intoxicated. Remember, in some areas you can be legally prosecuted for permitting underage drinking to occur, so it's best to do whatever it takes to prevent such a scenario.

Pick a theme

A theme can make a graduation party even more enjoyable. Tie the theme into the grad's personality or future plans or go with a classic, such as a Hawaiian luau, which is fitting for outdoor events.

Hire a wait staff

One way to enjoy the graduation party is to free up time to mingle. Hiring a wait staff means drink and food service as well as clean-up can be handled by others.

Graduation parties soon will be in full swing. Parents can make their youngsters' graduation bash more memorable by getting a head start and incorporating a few useful strategies.

7 gift ideas for soon-to-be grads

It would be an understatement to say that it has been an interesting few years for the Class of 2022. Due to the pandemic, many soon-to-be grads spent a significant portion of their school years adapting to a changing landscape, both at school and at home. While it is an accomplishment to reach graduation in a "normal" situation, students who have succeeded and thrived in the face of pandemic-related adversity are worthy of extra celebration.

Graduation gifts are a great way to show grads how proud you are that they stayed the course in the face of significant challenges. Here are seven gift ideas for graduates.

1. Journal: Graduates are about to start new chapters in their lives. Either a blank journal or one with writing prompts can help grads get their thoughts on paper to document both the many moments that will shape the next few years.

2. Mascot- or school-themed offerings: If a high school graduate will be going on to higher education, then visit the college or university's spirit shop to purchase anything from sweatshirts to blankets to coffee mugs featuring a school logo or mascot. On the first day of classes, the new student will already feel part of the team.

3. New wardrobe: Graduating means



forging new paths, whether in a career or through additional schooling. Grads can look the part with several items from a favorite retailer. Those who are unsure of the graduate's style can purchase a gift card and let the grad go on a spending spree.

4. Framed school photo or map: A piece of artwork can evoke strong emotions of time spent on campus. Frame a black-and-white or sepia-tone print of the aerial view of campus, or opt for an official school tour map, which indicates buildings and other points of interest. This could become a cherished keepsake.

5. Bedside organizational pouch: Dorm life requires maximizing a small amount of space. An organizational pouch or pocket can keep essentials such as a tablet, book, reading glasses, and remote control close by and organized without taking up a lot of room. Some are designed to rest over a couch cushion or slide between a mattress and bed

frame.

6. Automotive essentials: Graduates will be facing all sorts of new expenses, so easing any sort of financial burden can help them in a big way. Vehicles tend to be major financial drains for teens and young adults. Prepaid cash cards, gas station gift cards, vouchers for car washes, and even gift cards to an automotive supply store can help graduates direct their funds elsewhere.

7. Personal coffeemaker: Many people feel coffee is essential to make it through the day. Graduates who will soon be studying for college exams or those waking up early for their first forays into the workforce may appreciate an on-demand pick-me-up. Coffeemakers are much more streamlined these days, and there are pots designed to use loose grounds or special pods to produce cups quickly. Shoppers can explore many interesting options to commemorate the accomplishments of the class of 2022.

Travel gifts for college grads

As COVID-19-inspired travel restrictions are loosened across the globe, many newly minted graduates are eager to travel the world. Graduates planning such excursions — whether large or small — will need essentials to help them make the most of their travels.

Wireless headphones/earbuds

Travelers can enjoy crisp, perfect sound while on the go without the need for wires. Wireless devices can be used on planes, buses and other forms of transportation to listen to music, movies, television shows, or podcasts.

Lightweight daypack

Space is a hot commodity while

traveling. Many airlines also charge fees for exceeding luggage weight limits or having extra baggage. A lightweight backpack that collapses is easily packed and also can be used for day trips, hikes and sightseeing expeditions.

Instant film camera

How often do people take pictures only for them to remain on a phone or locked in "cloud" limbo? Graduates can have fun with instant-film cameras that produce prints on the fly. They can double as postcards to send home to family eager for news. Options are available from both Polaroid and Fuji.

Scrapbooking supplies

While grads are

printing instant photos, they can begin planning memory books that catalogue their post-graduation adventures. Put together a selection of scrapbooking essentials, including colored papers, stickers, photo holders, and stencils, as a great scrapbooking starter.

Tags and holders

Graduates can travel in style with matching luggage tag and passport holder sets. Have them monogrammed for an even more personal touch.

Scratch off map

Every traveler needs a way to document where he or she has been. Gift a scratch-off map of North America or the entire world. Grads can scratch off the top layer of the

map to reveal a colorful under layer to highlight places they have been.

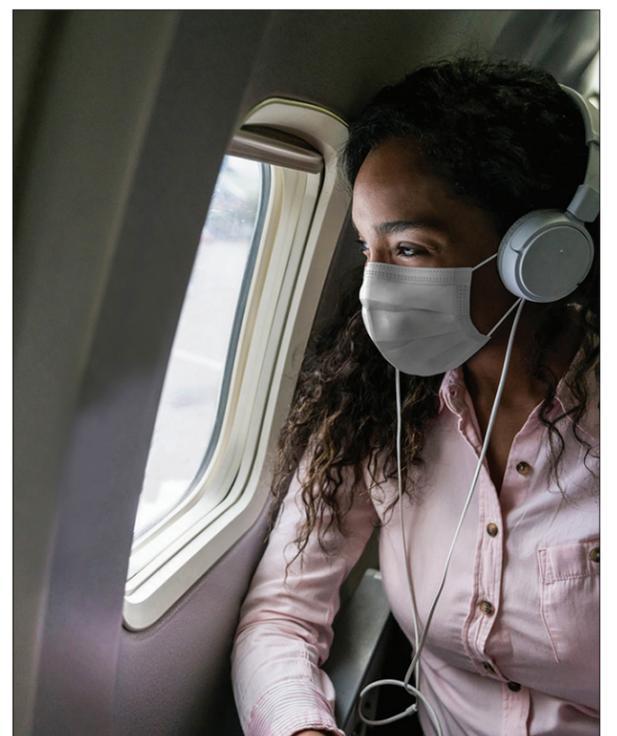
Personalized weekender

Not every trip a graduate takes has to be lengthy. An overnight stay or a trip of only a few days doesn't require a lot of luggage. A classic weekender bag monogrammed with the graduate's name will ensure he or she travels in style.

Travel jewelry case

It's easy to misplace jewelry while on the go. A handy zippered pouch can keep earrings, necklaces and rings in one spot so they're easily packed away when needed.

Graduates planning on travel after graduation will appreciate travel-related gifts.



HOME & GARDEN

6 ways to make your garden more successful

Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals.

While growing a vegetable or flower garden can turn into a rewarding hobby, or even a passion, gardening also can be overwhelming — particularly when the results are less than stellar. Novice gardeners have scores of resources at their disposal, including the advice of gardeners who have made mistakes and learned from them. The following guidance can make home gardens that much more successful.

1. Start small.

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers. But it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden.

This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing



bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely fashion.

2. Assess the soil.

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants, according to the gardening resource GrowVeg. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost, shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly or

averse to plants at a local garden center.

3. Arm yourself with knowledge.

Do you know how deeply to plant seeds and how far apart to space plants? Are you aware of the sunlight needs of certain flowers or plants? If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not only sprouting, but also surviving. Many people prefer to start seedlings indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

4. Sit in your yard and observe.

Watch the way the sunlight dances over

areas of your landscape. Take note of which areas get the most sun and shade. This will help you plan what to plant and where to plant it. Vegetable gardens tend to need ample sunlight to bear pick-worthy produce. You can give plants a leg up by growing them in optimal conditions.

5. Choose hardy varieties.

Certain plants have been bred to thrive in your climate, including heat-tolerant plants for climates with sweltering summer sun. Consult with a local gardening center to figure out which plant zone you are in and which plants will do best within that zone.

6. Use rainwater.

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden.

Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.

How to pick the right trees for your property

Trees benefit a landscape by serving both aesthetic and utilitarian functions. A home surrounded by healthy green trees can be a sight to behold, and those same trees can benefit surrounding plants and wildlife at the same time.

As appealing as trees are, not all trees and landscapes make for the perfect match. The Arbor Day Foundation notes the importance of planning when designing a landscape. Planning ensures the trees homeowners ultimately choose for their properties will grow well in the soil and moisture present in their yards.

Careful consideration of a handful of variables can help homeowners determine which trees will make the best fit for their properties.

• Height:

Homeowners must consider the projected height of a tree before planting it. Avoid trees that will bump into anything when fully grown, as that can adversely

affect surrounding greenery and pose a safety hazard. The ADF's tree sizing guide can be accessed at <https://www.arborday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace/size.cfm> and serves as an invaluable resource for homeowners who want to plant new trees around their properties.

• Canopy spread:

Trees grow out as well as up, so it's important to consider their potential width at maturity as well. The ADF sizing guide can help homeowners get an idea of how wide a tree is likely to be at maturity. Trees that spread out quite a bit don't necessarily need to be avoided, but it's important that they're planted far enough apart so they don't adversely affect surrounding plants. In addition, wide trees that are planted too close together can make the landscape appear crowded, taking something away from its aesthetic appeal.

• Growth rate:

Growth rate is an important variable

because it can affect how quickly homeowners will see changes in their landscapes. Homeowners who want to plant for privacy can consider trees with quick growth rates or purchase more mature trees that are already near full growth. Those who are not in need of instant transformation can try trees with slower growth rates, which the ADF notes typically live longer than fast-growing species.

• Requirements:

Different trees require different amounts of sun and moisture and different soil components to thrive. Homeowners can have their soil tested to determine which trees will thrive in it. Local garden centers can be a great resource for homeowners who want insight as to which trees will thrive in their local climates.

Trees serve many functions on a property. Choosing the right trees for a landscape requires careful consideration of a host of variables.

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OUTBREAK

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“We were working against Republican elected officials who told people to defy mitigation efforts...,” Pritzker told reporters at the Capitol. “Republicans told them that they did not need to wear masks. They told people that they didn’t need to get vaccinated. They told people that COVID wasn’t serious. Those lies put people’s lives at risk, especially the most vulnerable.”

But an April 2021 report by the inspector general of the Department of Human Services reported that during an onsite visit, which didn’t occur until Nov. 12, officials discovered ineffective, alcohol-free hand sanitizer in abundant use and no one responsible for replacing it, staff members reporting for duty by taking their own temperatures and initialing results, and scant availability and use of personal protective

equipment such as face coverings.

Mautino reported that LaSalle administrators had reams of COVID-19-specific guidelines for stopping the spread available from both federal and state experts, as well as long-established pre-pandemic infection control policies.

Pritzker, who later acknowledged “some management faults” were to blame and said that as governor, “I understand that these agencies are my responsibility,” maintained that he held staff accountable, including firing LaSalle director Angela Mehlbrech in December 2020.

However, he said that to the extent that IDPH is at fault for not providing more assistance, the agency controlled the entire state response during the pandemic’s worst surge and was dealing with hot spots in every direction. But at no time during the fall

of 2020 or at any time during the pandemic did Pritzker or his team suggest IDPH couldn’t keep up.

IDPH couldn’t have been caught off-guard despite the precipitous statewide surge. The audit reports that the Pritzker administration was monitoring COVID-19 in 710 long-term care facilities across Illinois. The first week of November, 2020, only four of them reported more than 50 new cases

and LaSalle was the only facility with more than 100.

That was a red flag that should have generated an alert and immediate administration response, Mautino said in an interview.

Rep. Lance Yednock, an Ottawa Democrat who led the House call for Mautino’s audit, lamented a breakdown in inter-agency coordination which “very likely led

to more sickness and deaths.” However, he acknowledged that “the terrifying speed of infection” might have rendered the best preparation inadequate.

Mautino’s auditors found that last year’s inspector general’s report had wrongly tainted Anthony Kolbeck, then chief of staff for Veterans’ Affairs. Instead of tracking the outbreak, Mautino reviewed scores of emails and determined

that Kolbeck reported to IDPH regularly on the situation from its inception. When IDPH didn’t act, the audit said Kolbeck requested the agency make a site visit and sought information on rapid tests and antibody treatments.

Kolbeck nonetheless resigned in the weeks following the outbreak’s fallout. So did then-Veterans Affairs Director Linda Chapa LaVia, whom Pritzker replaced in spring 2021 with Terry Prince, a 31-year Navy veteran and former senior adviser to the U.S. Surgeon General.

Steve Levin, a Chicago attorney representing 27 families who filed a lawsuit against the state for the loss of loved ones at LaSalle, said the audit’s finding of “extreme negligence is another painful reminder to the families that this was a preventable tragedy.” He demanded Pritzker negotiate a settlement to avoid a lengthy court battle.

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SALUKI PRIDE:

Artist and professor Jiyong Lee uplifts his students to excel in life after college

Artist and professor Jiyong Lee spends his days in the School of Art and Design assisting students with glass sculptures. While teaching at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, he has been asked to be a visiting artist at several institutions across the world where he taught workshops, including the University of South Australia, Domaine de Boisbuchet in France, Fire Station Artists’ Studios in Ireland, and more.

Lee has participated in

eight solo exhibitions and over 70 group exhibitions around the world. He has received the Bavarian State Prize from International Trade Fair in Munich and was select for the Loewe Foundation Craft Prize Finalist Exhibition in Paris.

Lee’s works are currently showing at Duane Reed Gallery in St. Louis and Gallery Sklo in Seoul.

Get to know JIYONG LEE

Name: Jiyong Lee
Department/Title: School of Art and Design, professor

Years at SIU Carbondale: 17

Give us the elevator pitch for your job.

I am a studio artist and professor heading the glass program in School of Art and Design in the College of Arts and Media. Our glass studio is in Pulliam Industrial Wing with blacksmith/metalsmith and ceramics studios. We have broadened the curriculum in the glass program the last 16 years, and our glass program is one of the 18 such programs in the U.S.



teaching comprehensive studio glass art with both Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees. Since 2005, we invited over 60 guest glass artists from around the world, and our alumni are working as professional artists internationally and coast to coast in the States. Upcoming international teaching and exhibition include teaching the Masterclass Workshop and “Expanding Horizon” exhibition of the International Festival of Glass in the United Kingdom in August 2022.

What is the favorite part of your job?

Working with the graduate students and seeing their work developing during the school and the continuation and success of their professional artist careers after their graduation is my favorite part of my work.

Why did you choose SIU?

I chose SIU because SIU Art and Design had a great creative research studio environment in advanced level among

faculty and graduate students. SIU is one of the few universities that provide the individual studio space for the art faculty’s creative research, and that was one of the important factors as a junior faculty and young artist at the time.

What was the largest sculpture you made from glass? What was the title, how long did it take you, and what did you do with it?

My works are not big, but because they are made with solid glass blocks, they are heavy. The work needs to be handled very carefully because of the highly delicate surface of the work and that make it feel heavier. The work “Mitosis” is 8.6 inches high and 14.5 inches wide. It weighs around 133 pounds; it is probably the heaviest work that I made. There are two parts in the work, and I can lift only one part at a time. The work took about six months to create from sketch to finish. I created the work to submit to the Loewe Foundation’s Craft Prize 2020 competition around the end of 2019. “The Mitosis” was selected as one of the 30 finalists for the exhibition at the Museum of Decorative Arts in Paris, France, but due to the pandemic, the physical exhibition was postponed from 2020 to 2021, and then finally canceled and replaced with a virtual exhibition. You can see the virtual

exhibition here: <https://craftprize.loewe.com/en/craftprize2020#archive>.

What is the wildest or craziest thing you accomplished when traveling? How do you plan to top that?

I have a few not-usual travel stories, but a workshop teaching in Dublin, Ireland, is the one I would like to share with you. In 2012, I was invited to teach weeklong workshop at the Fire Station Artists’ Studios in Dublin. SIU glass program and the glass program at the National College of Art and Design had a memorandum of understanding for a student exchange program. We had about 12 NCAD glass major students who visited the SIU glass program for a semester to work with our faculty and students. With the connection, the Fire Station Artists’ Studio invited me to teach a glass workshop, but its multipurpose studio did not have the specialized glass equipment that I usually need for teaching. But some of the artists in the course were professional artists with their own studio equipment, and they brought their equipment, and we made waterproof aprons out of large garbage bags. Everyone worked hard and creatively with many improvisations, and, in the end, we made similar quality works that I see at other workshops with well-equipped studios. That was great fun.

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INGREDIENTS

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- 1/4 c. milk
- 8 slices bacon
- salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped chived
- 10 mini bagels, halved
- 4 tbsp. cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3 tbsp. butter, melted
- 2 tsp. dried onion
- 2 tsp. granulated garlic
- 2 tsp. sesame seeds
- 2 tsp. poppy seeds

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350° and grease a large baking dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl, beat eggs and milk until light and frothy. Set aside.

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy. Remove slices from pan to drain on paper towels. Pour out most of bacon fat but leave about 1 tablespoon in the skillet.

Pour egg mixture in skillet then immediately turn down heat to medium-low. Stir occasionally with a spatula or wooden spoon. When the eggs are nearly set, season with salt and pepper and stir in chives. Remove from heat.

Spread cream cheese onto the bottom halves of the bagels then place in greased baking dish, side by side. Spread egg mixture over bagels then crumble cooked bacon on top. Sprinkle with cheddar then add the bagel tops. Brush with bagel tops with melted butter and sprinkle with dried onion, granulated garlic, sesame seeds, and poppy seeds.

Bake until the bagels are toasty and the cheese has melted, about 10 minutes. Serve warm.

Easy Philly Cheesesteak Sliders

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. shaved Roast Beef
- 2 Tablespoons Olive Oil
- 9 slices provolone cheese
- 1 large bell pepper- chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 4 Tablespoons butter, divided in half
- 2 Tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 dozen dinner rolls
- 2 Tablespoons Everything Bagel Topping
- Everything Bagel Topping
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds
- 1/4 cup poppy seeds
- 1/4 cup dried onion flakes
- 1/4 cup black sesame seeds (optional)
- 1 Tablespoon Garlic Salt

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°

In a small bowl mix together all “Everything Bagel Mix” ingredients. Store in an airtight container.

In a separate small bowl, mix 2 Tablespoons melted butter with 2 Tablespoons Everything Bagel Mix. Set aside while making sandwiches

In a medium skillet over a medium-high skillet melt 2 Tablespoons butter. Add chopped vegetables and saute until tender and slightly golden around the edges. Set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat add 2 Tablespoons of Olive Oil and 1 lb. of shaved Roast Beef. Cook until heated through and slightly grilled.

Carefully cut dinner rolls in half, being careful to keep them together. creating a top and bottom.

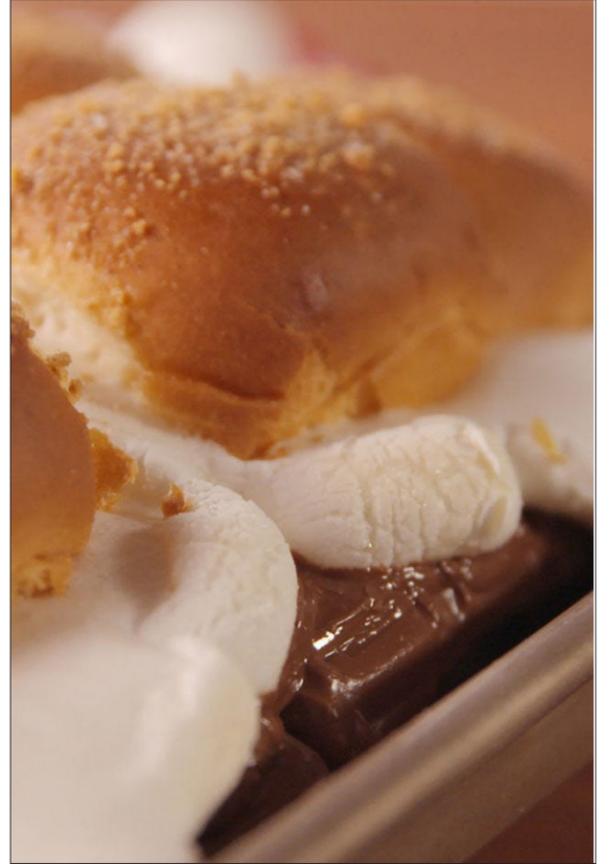
Place the bottom of the rolls in a 9 x 13 baking pan. Spread mayonnaise over the bottom of rolls.

Top rolls with heated beef spread evenly over buns. Layer Provolone cheese over top of the meat.

Sprinkle sauteed vegetables over cheese. Place in preheated oven for 8-10 minutes until cheese is melted.

Remove from oven, add bun tops, brush with everything bagel butter. Return to oven for additional 5 minutes.

Remove sliders from the oven. Cut into individual sandwiches. Serve.



S'mores Sliders

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 c. crushed graham crackers
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 12 Slider buns
- 2 large Hershey's bars (or 4 small)
- 2 c. marshmallows
- 2 tbsp. butter, melted

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°.

In a medium bowl, combine graham crackers, cinnamon, and sugar.

Halve slider buns. On the bottom buns, layer Hershey's chocolate sheets. Next, place a layer of marshmallows, then top with slider bun tops.

Brush the top of the buns with melted butter and sprinkle with the graham mixture.

Bake for 15 minutes. Serve.

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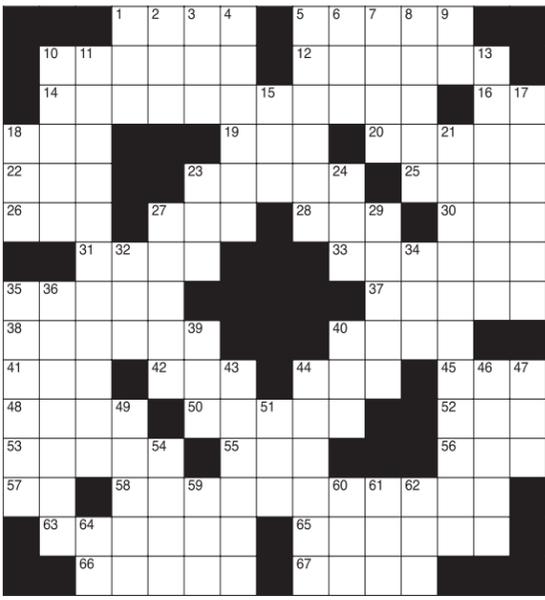


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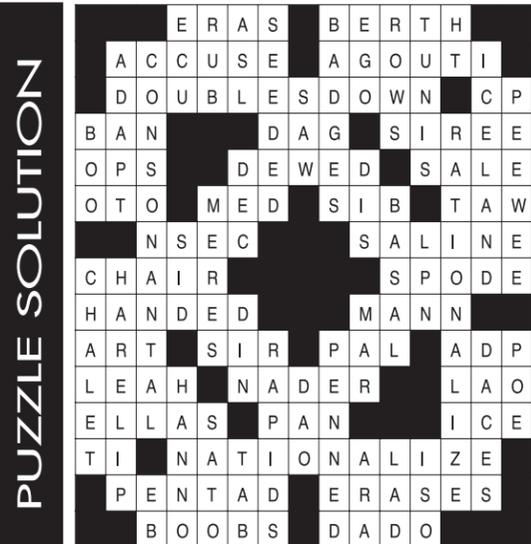


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Amounts of time
- 5. A ship's place at a wharf
- 10 Point a finger at
- 12 Large, burrowing rodent
- 14. Raises the stakes
- 16. Measure of illumination
- 18. Cast out
- 19. One who is staid
- 20. A word used for emphasis
- 22. Military missions
- 23. Wet with rain
- 25. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 26. Word element meaning ear
- 27. ___ student,
- 28. Blood relation
- 30. Make into leather
- 31. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 33. Containing salt
- 35. A seat
- 37. A type of fine pottery
- 38. You're caught red-__!
- 40. "Heat" director Michael
- 41. Expression of creative skill
- 42. Title of respect
- 44. Crony
- 45. Payroll experts
- 48. Actress Remini
- 50. Famed consumer advocate
- 52. Indigenous Thai person
- 53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- 55. Cooking tool
- 56. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 57. The seventh note of a major scale
- 58. Transfer from private to state ownership
- 63. A set of five
- 65. Removes
- 66. Foolish persons
- 67. Lower parts of a wall

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Old EU money
- 2. Some put it on steak
- 3. Sign language
- 4. Sowed on the ground
- 5. Tags
- 6. Everyone has one
- 7. Arguments
- 8. N. African capital
- 9. Midgame (abbr.)
- 10. Change as needed
- 11. Functioning as a consonant
- 13. An island in the north Atlantic
- 15. Carpenter's tool
- 17. Small football player
- 18. Ghosts say it
- 21. Explain through logic
- 23. Having ten
- 24. Criticize
- 27. Arms of the sea
- 29. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 32. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 34. Licensed health care pro (abbr.)
- 35. Swiss cottage
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 40. Disfigure
- 43. Kayakers traverse them
- 44. Authored
- 46. Small freshwater fishes
- 47. Macabre poet
- 49. Carthaginian statesman
- 51. Principle underlying the universe
- 54. Common Japanese surname
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Small constellation
- 61. Chap
- 62. Equal
- 64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)



GREAT GARDEN WORD SEARCH

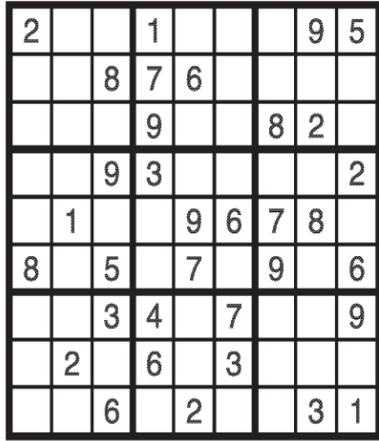


Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ANNUAL
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- CLIMBING
- COMPOST
- CONTAINER
- DAPPLED
- DECIDUOUS
- DROUGHT
- FERTILIZER
- FILLER
- HARDINESS
- HOSE
- HOUSEPLANT
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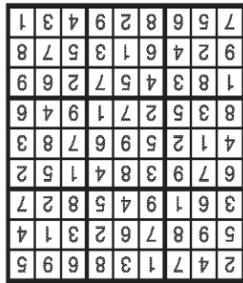
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ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to gardens. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = L)

A. 26 18 5 10 8 11

Clue: Living organisms

B. 11 25 6 18

Clue: Upper layer of Earth

C. 8 6 18 18 6 10 22

Clue: Cultivating land

D. 5 20 12 10 9

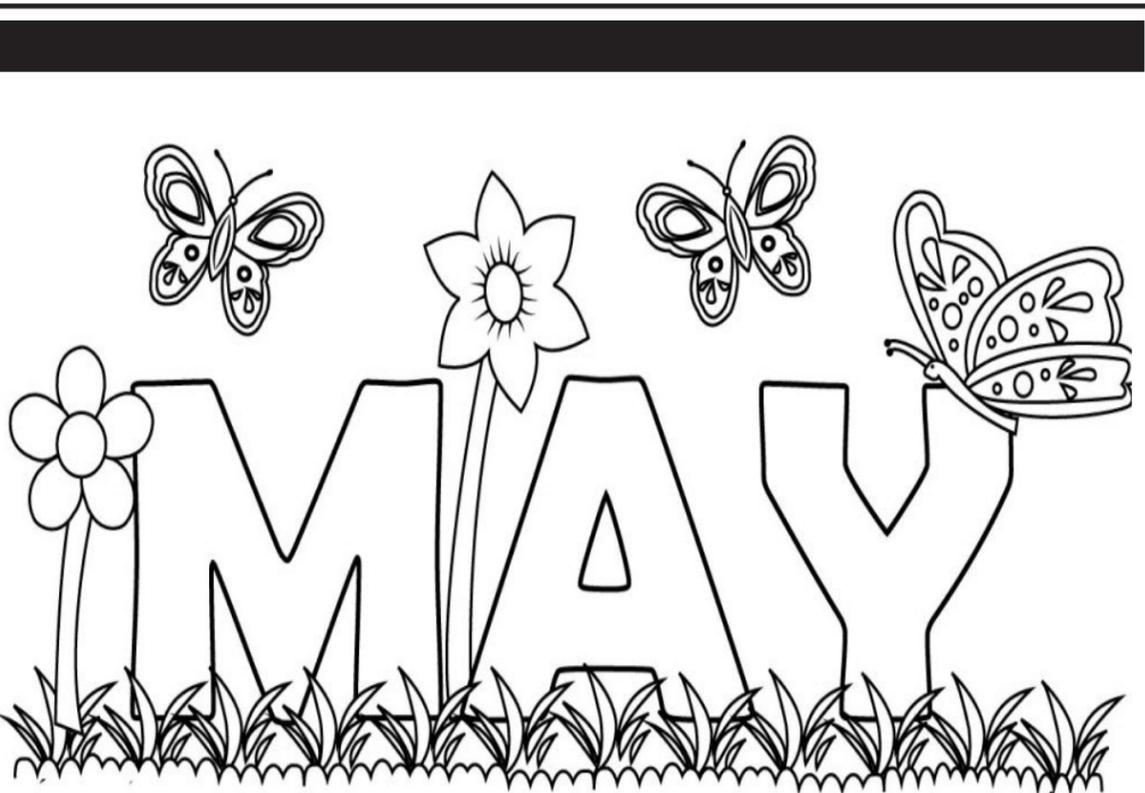
Clue: Modify

Answers: A. plants B. soil C. tilling D. amend

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on May 12, 1981. I had minor roles before landing a role in a popular TV series about a shy computer hacker. In 2019, I won an Academy Award for playing a world famous rock singer.

Answer: Rami Malek



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in a troubled world

Make the dark smaller

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In Dean Koontz book, *Brother Odd*, Odd Thomas says, “This is the best of all things we can do for one another: Make the dark small.” I can’t help but relate to that quote. I have a friend who is very, very sick. I have another person in my life whose spiritual well-being is tittering on dangerous. I’ve had a recent death in the family. With this, and so much more going on, Odd Thomas’ quote reminds me that there is always someone who is bleeding. They may be bleeding physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually, or all of these at once. One thing is sure Christian’s bleed, too.

It’s hard to know what to say when a friend is going through difficult times. It’s hard to know how to help a bleeding person. How do you help someone whose making terrible choices; opening doors that may lead to a downward spiral? When someone is hurting, the best we can do is try to make the dark smaller. Try to ease their pain and lessen the darkness.

I know many of you readers are also experiencing bleeding

in your lives. If not in your lives, it’s in the lives of people you know. We want to fix it for everyone, but somehow, we can’t. People going through a difficult time due to spiritual, emotional, physical or mental anguish are rarely clearheaded so reasoning is not normally going to be the answer. What is?

Years from now, it’s not our words that will be remembered, it’s our kindness and genuine concern. We can be kind and we can pray. The world may never know the hours you’ve prayed or the tears you’ve shed, but God knows. Remember there is a ledger kept in heaven and even though the person on earth may never know, God knows how much you’ve prayed.

“When I woke up and the dark wasn’t gone yet, and the dark seemed so big, then she sang soft and made the dark small again.”

That is the best of all things we can do for one another: Make the dark small.

*Dean Koontz,
Brother Odd*

The Bible says our tears are bottled up. God doesn’t forget your acts of love and kindness or the prayers you pray for people you love.

Kindness goes a long way. Check on them. Call, text or visit. Listen if they want to talk and let them cry if they want to cry. Stay in touch – don’t ignore them or the trouble they’re in. I’m reminded of the Samaritan on the road to Jerico. Everyone walked by and ignored the bleeding man except the Samaritan. Jesus had nothing but praise for the one who stopped to help the bleeding man. He was the one person who tried to make the dark smaller. We can never get rid of all problems, but we can make the dark smaller. Jesus said, “What you’ve done to the least of these, you’ve done it unto me”.

Are we making the dark smaller or are we heaping on the darkness? Start where you are. Make the dark smaller for the ones in your household. Jesus said he was sent to heal the broken hearted.

To set the captive free and to set at liberty those who are bound. What can we do? I agree with Odd Thomas: Make the dark smaller.

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“Is it wrong to be angry with God?”

Answer: Being angry at God is something that many people, both believers and unbelievers, have wrestled with throughout time. When something tragic happens in our lives, we ask God the question, “Why?” because it is our natural response. What we are really asking Him, though, is not so much “Why, God?” as “Why me, God?” This response indicates two flaws in our thinking. First, as believers we operate under the impression that life should be easy, and that God should prevent tragedy from happening to us. When He does not, we get angry with Him. Second, when we do not understand the extent of God’s sovereignty, we lose confidence in His ability to control circumstances, other people, and the way they affect us. Then we get angry with God because He seems to have lost control of the universe and especially control of our lives. When we lose faith in God’s sovereignty, it is because our frail human flesh is grappling with our own frustration and our lack of control over events. When good things happen, we all too often attribute it to our own achievements and success. When bad things happen, however, we are quick to blame God, and we get angry with Him for not preventing it, which indicates the first flaw in our thinking—that we deserve to be immune to unpleasant circumstances.

Tragedies bring home the awful truth that we are not in charge. All of us think at one time or another that we can control the outcomes of situations, but in reality it is God who is in charge of all of His creation. Everything that happens is either caused by or allowed by God. Not a sparrow falls to the ground nor a hair from our head without God knowing about it (Matthew 10:29-31). We can complain, get angry, and blame God for what is happening. Yet if we will trust Him and yield our bitterness and pain to Him, acknowledging the prideful sin of trying to force our own will over His, He can and will grant us His peace and strength to get us through any difficult

situation (1 Corinthians 10:13). Many believers in Jesus Christ can testify to that very fact. We can be angry with God for many reasons, so we all have to accept at some point that there are things we cannot control or even understand with our finite minds.

Our understanding of the sovereignty of God in all circumstances must be accompanied by our understanding of His other attributes: love, mercy, kindness, goodness, righteousness, justice, and holiness. When we see our difficulties through the truth of God’s Word—which tells us that our loving and holy God works all things together for our good (Romans 8:28), and that He has a perfect plan and purpose for us which cannot be thwarted (Isaiah 14:24, 46:9-10)—we begin to see our problems in a different light. We also know from Scripture that this life will never be one of continual joy and happiness. Rather, Job reminds us that “man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward” (Job 5:7), and that life is short and “full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Just because we come to Christ for salvation from sin does not mean we are guaranteed a life free from problems. In fact, Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble,” but that He has “overcome the world” (John 16:33), enabling us to have peace within, in spite of the storms that rage around us (John 14:27).

One thing is certain: inappropriate anger is sin (Galatians 5:20; Ephesians 4:26-27, 31; Colossians 3:8). Ungodly anger is self-defeating, gives the devil a foothold in our lives, and can destroy our joy and peace if we hang on to it. Holding on to our anger will allow bitterness and resentment to spring up in our hearts. We must confess it to the Lord, and then in His forgiveness, we can release those feelings to Him. We must go before the Lord in prayer often in our grief, anger, and pain. The Bible tells us in 2 Samuel 12:15-23 that David went before the throne of grace on behalf of his sick baby, fasting, weeping, and praying for him to survive. When the baby passed away, David got up and worshiped the Lord and

then told his servants that he knew where his baby was and that he would someday be with him in God’s presence. David cried out to God during the baby’s illness, and afterward he bowed before Him in worship. That is a wonderful testimony. God knows our hearts, and it is pointless to try to hide how we really feel, so talking to Him about it is one of the best ways to handle our grief. If we do so humbly, pouring out our hearts to Him, He will work through us, and in the process, will make us more like Him.

The bottom line is can we trust God with everything, our very lives and the lives of our loved ones? Of course we can! Our God is compassionate, full of grace and love, and as disciples of Christ we can trust Him with all things. When tragedies happen to us, we know God can use them to bring us closer to Him and to strengthen our faith, bringing us to maturity and completeness (Psalm 34:18; James 1:2-4). Then, we can be a comforting testimony to others (2 Corinthians 1:3-5). That is easier said than done, however. It requires a daily surrendering of our own will to His, a faithful study of His attributes as seen in God’s Word, much prayer, and then applying what we learn to our own situation. By doing so, our faith will progressively grow and mature, making it easier to trust Him to get us through the next tragedy that most certainly will take place.

So, to answer the question directly, yes, it is wrong to be angry at God. Anger at God is a result of an inability or unwillingness to trust God even when we do not understand what He is doing. Anger at God is essentially telling God that He has done something wrong, which He never does. Does God understand when we are angry, frustrated, or disappointed with Him? Yes, He knows our hearts, and He knows how difficult and painful life in this world can be. Does that make it right to be angry with God? Absolutely not. Instead of being angry with God, we should pour out our hearts to Him in prayer, and trust that He is in control of His perfect plan.



Encouraging Words BY NISHA BURKHART

There is Hope

I have a question for you: What are you hoping for? What are you expecting in life? Are you looking for something good to happen or are you expecting to be disappointed?

So many people are feeling hopeless these days. However, Jesus did not die for us to be hopeless. He died so that we could be full of hope.

The devil wants to

steal your hope and he will lie to you. He’ll tell you that nothing good can happen in your life or that the things you care about won’t last. If you’re struggling with a difficult situation, he’ll tell you it will never end. But you have to stay full of hope and remember that the devil is a liar. God can change everything!

Our Father is good, and He has good plans for your life. If you

will maintain your hope, especially in the midst of troubled and uncertain times, He has promised you “double for your trouble”. So refuse to give up hope. Start expecting God to do something, something good!

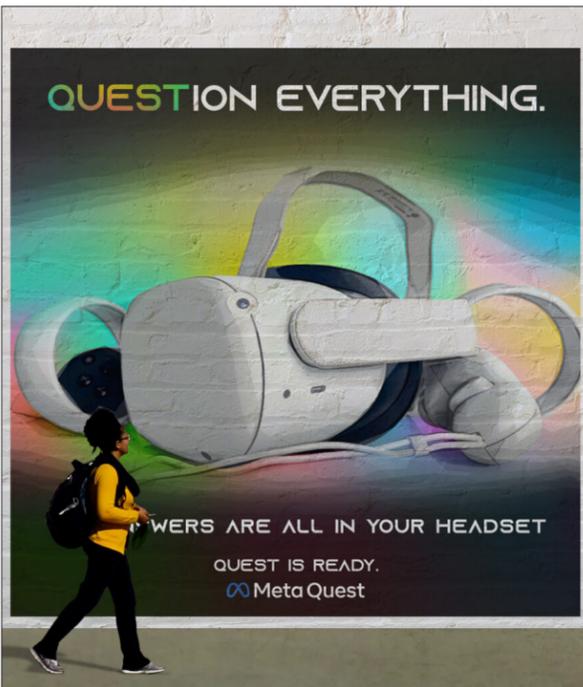
Prayer: Lord, my hope is in You. Satan is a liar and I will not listen to him and lose hope. I expect You to do good things in my life.

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Taylor Hartke is SIU's 2022 Student Employee of the Year

Taylor Hartke, a senior from Teutopolis, Illinois, is the 2022 Southern Illinois University Carbondale Student Employee of the Year. She is working toward her bachelor's in agricultural systems and education while minoring in communication studies and agribusiness economics.

"It was extra special to be recognized for this award while two of my supervisors, Brandon Macier and Malea Bailey, were also getting recognized for their outstanding work as student supervisors," Hartke said. "I've truly been provided with opportunities where I feel valued, find joy and gain knowledge. I feel so very lucky to have landed where I am surrounded by so many exceptional people and peers!"

High-level dual position
Hartke currently works in the Student Center marketing office, where she is the face of a lot of the social media channels. She is also an office assistant in the College of Agricultural, Life, and Physical Sciences dean's office spending her days assisting with social media and doing clerical work.

"My on-campus employment has provided me with so many valuable opportunities to challenge myself, gather new perspectives, explore career potentials, and grow as a student and young professional," Hartke said. "I am truly grateful to work alongside so many great mentors and peers." Hartke is goal-



Brandon Macier (left), the 2022 Supervisor of the Year, and Taylor Hartke, the 2022 Student Employee of the Year, show off their awards.

(Photo provided)

oriented, according to Malea Bailey, the media coordinator for the Student Center. Hartke's motivation and drive at her current job will set her up for success after graduation, and she can also stay level-headed and maintain her professionalism in any environment, Bailey said. "Her current role in social media management is a perfect tie into her future career," Bailey said. "Taylor has been able to successfully bridge two industries to create a useful experience for herself. She will thrive in whatever position she fills."

Strong leadership skills
Hartke is also a Saluki Ambassador, Agbassador, 2021 Sigma Alpha sorority president, serves on the collegiate farm bureau and much more.

Hartke leads by example, according to her co-workers; she is a natural leader.

"Taylor is very mindful of making sure all different facets of SIU

are visually represented on our media channel," said Bailey. "When we have our Saluki Meetup events, Taylor is the first person to walk up to students with an inviting smile."

Hartke has increased the attendance to those events, Bailey said.

Also nominated in 2022

Hannah Binnion and Zakk Welsh, both seniors majoring in human nutrition and dietetics and both minoring in psychology, were runners-up. Binnion works in food service and as an office assistant for University Housing. Welsh is the departmental manager for University Housing.

The other students nominated for this year's Student Employee of the Year award are:

Natalie Daniel, senior, Cooperative Wildlife Research Lab

Lauren Wells, senior, Registrar's Office

Caitlin Kochan, senior, Dean of Students

Kaylee Anderson, senior, University Housing

Malissa Huddleston, senior, Registrar's Office

Savannah Valerius, senior, School of Medicine

Clay Sanford, senior, University Communications and Marketing

SIU Supervisor of the Year award

Brandon Macier, assistant director of marketing in the SIU Student Center, received the 2022 Supervisor of the Year award. Macier has been a very inviting supervisor, said his staff. He doesn't exclude them

based on their major but rather gives them a space to excel, learn and improve for the real world.

Macier is a very productive and caring supervisor, according to Hartke; he goes above and beyond for his staff enthusiastically. Additionally, Hartke said, Macier helps his staff to be better students, employees, and people.

"Regardless of what is on his plate, he takes time for the students. In fact, he is constantly asking how we're doing and making sure that we are each doing well," Hartke said. "He kindly uses his own funds to even stock a snack shelf. He helped one of the students, Brittany, when she was experiencing car issues, and he worked to create a fun sign to use when attending our team member Laura's dive meet. In short, he cares. He cares a lot about his students and staff."

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