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## **BANTERRA HONORS BANTERRA-SIU SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS WITH CHECK PRESENTATION**

Carbondale, IL – *Banterra Bank* conducted a check presentation recently at Banterra Center to honor the Banterra-SIU Scholarship Fund academic recipients for the 2023-2024 school year. As part of Banterra Bank's naming rights agreement with SIU for Banterra Center, a minimum \$50,000 contribution from Banterra-SIU Saluki Visa® Debit Card transaction revenue is given to a Banterra-SIU Scholarship Fund. Each year, this contribution is split and awarded to ten current SIU students in the Banterra footprint who have a GPA of 3.25 or above; five are strictly academic and five are for student athletes.

This year's Banterra-SIU Scholarship Fund academic recipients are Emily Gladser, Michael Hammen, Prisha Kittu, Truth Marsh, and Howard Woodard. Hammen and Marsh are from Carbondale; Kittu is from Herrin and Gladser and Woodard are from St. Louis, Missouri. The five additional student-athlete scholarship winners will be announced later this year.

"We're honored to be able to provide scholarships to Southern Illinois students attending SIU," said Jeff May, President & CEO of Banterra Bank. "Supporting higher-education needs within our region simply supports the growth of these young adults and the growth of Southern Illinois."

Banterra became the first corporate naming-rights partner for a SIU athletic facility in 2019, entering a multi-million dollar agreement to rebrand SIU Arena to Banterra Center. As part of that agreement, Banterra offers two Saluki accounts, Banterra Saluki Student Checking and Banterra Saluki Interest Checking, along with a Banterra Saluki Visa® Debit Card which has no Banterra ATM fees at more than 35 Banterra ATMs and 55,000 ATMs in the AllPoint network. Banterra also has an on-campus ATM located in the SIU Student Center.

While Banterra serves customers nationwide and has facilities in metropolitan cities such as St. Louis, Scottsdale and Salt Lake City, the company is proudly founded and based in Southern Illinois with administrative offices and multiple branches in the region. Banterra is also one of Southern Illinois's largest employers, with more than 500 team members. In addition to personal service, the bank offers technology conveniences including online account openings, digital banking, mobile app features like Mobile Check Deposit, Bill Pay, and P2P Pay, as well as live tellers and extended hours with ITM locations. To learn more about these services, go to [Banterra.bank](https://www.banterra.bank).

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