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HISTORY AND LOCATION

The University was established by statute in 1873 as the "Third District Normal School" with a mission of educating teachers for the public schools of the region from St. Louis to the Bootheel of Missouri. By legislative enactment in 1919, the institution became "Southeast Missouri State Teachers' College" and was authorized to grant degrees. The name "Southeast Missouri State College" was adopted on September 21, 1946, by permission of the General Assembly. The expanding educational mission of the school was reflected in the latest name change on August 24, 1972, when the Board of Regents, acting under authority from the legislature, approved the name "Southeast Missouri State University."

Cape Girardeau, the home of Southeast Missouri State University, is situated on the Mississippi River and is one of the most historic cities in Missouri. The earliest European settlement dates to about 1733, and the town of Cape Girardeau was incorporated in 1808. The city offers a variety of cultural, recreational, educational, and health facilities to its nearly 40,000 residents and serves as the principal commercial center for a wide area with a population of over 250,000, providing numerous employment opportunities for students.

The University's main campus of over 300 acres includes the 100-year-old landmark building, Academic Hall, situated on a hill overlooking the city and the river. A second campus, located on the river south of Cape Girardeau's historic downtown area, is being constructed to house a new School of Visual and Performing Arts, a regional museum, and state-affiliated welcome center starting in 2007. The University is developing a new, 252-acre demonstration farm west of Cape Girardeau and is in the process of converting an existing 400-acre farm on Interstate 55 north of Cape Girardeau into an applied research and technology park. In addition, the University has three regional campuses south of Cape Girardeau - at Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston - and it administers the Perryville Area Higher Education Center where classes are taught by faculty from both Southeast and Mineral Area College.

MISSION, ROLE AND SCOPE

Southeast Missouri State University provides professional education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences and in practical experience.

The University, through teaching and scholarship, challenges students to extend their intellectual capacities, interests, and creative abilities; develop their talents; and acquire a lifelong enthusiasm for learning. Students benefit from a relevant, extensive, and thorough general education; professional and liberal arts and sciences curricula; co-curricular opportunities; and real-world experiences. By emphasizing student-centered and experiential learning, the University prepares individuals to participate responsibly in a diverse and technologically-advanced world and in this and other ways contributes to the development of the social, cultural, and economic life of the region, state and nation.

ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Southeast Missouri State University is fully accredited by:

- NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602-2504
PHONE (312) 263-0456; (800) 621-7440
FAX (312) 263-7462
- NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION

The University holds specific program accreditations from:

- AACSB - THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MANAGEMENT EDUCATION
- ACCREDITING COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION
- AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY
- AMERICAN PARKS AND RECREATION SOCIETY
- AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION

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- COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR DIETETICS EDUCATION
- COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION
- COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION
- COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF COUNSELING AND RELATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- ENGINEERING ACCREDITATION COMMISSION OF THE ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF MUSIC
- NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION/AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR LEISURE AND RECREATION

The institution is a member of:

- AMERICAN ALUMNI COUNCIL
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE REGISTRARS AND ADMISSIONS OFFICERS
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
- AMERICAN COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION
- COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATORS
- NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
- NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

BOARD OF REGENTS, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

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Ex Officio

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni and former students show pride for their alma mater through membership in the Southeast Missouri State Alumni Association. The 50,000-person alumni network remains strong because of Alumni Association members worldwide.

The Alumni Association serves as the advocate for all Southeast alumni as it strives to perpetuate the spirit and customs of the University, build strong alumni fellowship, and support the high-quality Southeast education.

Alumni Association members receive benefits including discounts on goods and services from local and national vendors, special campus privileges, and invitations to Association and University events. Membership in the Association

is available to all graduates and former students. Alumni can join online and find more information about the Alumni Association at www.semoalumni.com.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

A state-assisted institution, Southeast Missouri State University receives only a portion of its funding from state revenue, tuition and auxiliaries. The remainder is raised by the Southeast Missouri University Foundation in the form of private gifts by alumni and friends who believe in bringing students a high-quality education that ensures students experience success in our global society.

Since its founding in 1983, the University Foundation has worked diligently to raise and manage funds for the betterment of Southeast Missouri State University and its students that support:

- Scholarships and financial aid that help make a Southeast education even more affordable for future leaders;
- Faculty advancement, including continuing education funds, endowed faculty chairs and classroom resources;
- Technology upgrades that bring the newest technology to students in all disciplines; and
- Facilities improvements that guarantee students and faculty will have the best environment in which to learn and grow.

Thanks to students, faculty and staff, alumni, and friends, the Foundation raised more than \$3.8 million in 2005. This generous support makes a real difference in the lives of students. For more information on the Foundation and ways to support Southeast, visit www.semofoundation.org.

