

A Day at the Bronx Zoo

October 4, 2008



Alumni will be treated to a day at the Bronx Zoo, Saturday,



October 4. The \$20 per person group rate includes tickets to the zoo and its attractions as well as a special luncheon barbeque just for SCSU alumni and their families. The barbeque will be served in the Pavilion from 12:30pm—2:30 pm.



Please Call Charlie Davison to reserve your tickets now! 203-392-6500.

Calling all Championship Men's Soccer Players!

The alumni office is trying to locate the members of the national championship soccer teams from the years 1987, 1990, 1992, 1995, 1998, and 1999 to invite them to a special President's Breakfast on November 1st. If you are one of those men or if you know where they are, please email us the information: davison1@southernct.edu

Fighting Owls Football!

Meet your alumni friends and family at the first home football game of the year.

September 12, 2008

SCSU vs. American International

7:00pm

Jess Dow Field

October 10, 2008

SCSU vs. Bentley College

7:00 pm

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The Alumni Association will be there to greet you with refreshments and "clappers" to cheer on our boys in blue!

Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Luncheon

**October 31, 2008
12:00 noon**

Michael J. Adanti Student Center Grand Ballroom

**Distinguished Alumnus
Paul A. Kobasa, MLS '77**

Outstanding Alumni

School of Education

Dr. Karen L. Mapp, MS '81, 6th Year '82

School of Arts and Sciences

Richard T. Illingworth '71

School of Comm., Information, and Library Science

Leslie Burger, '73

School of Health and Human Services

Dr. Leslie D. Mancuso, '78

School of Graduate Studies

Dr. Barbara B. Shadden, MS '73

School of Business

William J. Grize, '74

Charlie Davison for details and reservations. 203-392-6500

Homecoming Goes Green!

November 1, 2008

Southern's Homecoming is going green this year.

Please join us as we celebrate our alumni, students, faculty and friends with:

* 5K road race, "Green" parade, SCSU vs. Assumption football game, Alumni Tent with lots of refreshments, Children's tent with lots of activities, and a shuttle bus to the Ethnic Heritage Center.

Join us to greet old friends and make new ones!



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Haunted Illusions

**Sunday, November 2, 2008
Lyman Center, 3 pm**



The fun continues on Homecoming Weekend when Haunted Illusions delights the entire family in this show—a spooky, magical treat.

Call Lyman Center for tickets: 203-392-6161

Boys and Girls Choir of Harlem Alumni Ensemble

**December 5, 2008
Lyman Center of
Performing Arts**



Join us for this fabulous concert featuring the former members of the Boys and Girls Choir of Harlem. This holiday concert will feature some of your favorite music. Join us for an alumni reception following the show in the Lyman Center Lobby. This is sure to be a highlight of the holiday season. For tickets, call the Box Office 203-392-6161.

More Dates to Save

March 13, 2009—Alumni Awards

March 29, 2009—Scholarship Brunch

May 16, 2009—A Celebration of Health and Human Services and A Celebration of Business—School Reunions

June 10, 2009—"The Color Purple" at The Bushnell with alumni reception.

More details on these events to follow!

**Send us your alumni news:
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Online Community

Stay connected by logging onto our alumni online community :

<http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/onlinealumnicommunity>

Southern Now

Connecticut State University

An e-communication for Southern's alumni community

Southern Alumnus Participates in Ironman Fundraiser

In his quest to become a Navy SEAL, Kevin Kirk, '05, an assistant personal trainer at Crunch Gym in NYC, is participating in the Great Illinois Triathlon (Ironman distance - 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and a 26.2-mile run performed non-stop) on September 6th to help raise money for the Naval Special Warfare Foundation. The NSWF raises money for the families of Navy SEALs killed in action since September 11, 2001.



A sponsor may access the NSW Foundation website, www.nswfoundation.org, and click on the button to make an online donation (in the comments section, the sponsor would type "Kevin Kirk," and the race name, Great Illinois Ironman). Kevin's story will be featured in the New York Daily News.

Radio and Rugby Alumni Gather to Reminisce in New Haven

A group of Southern Alumni from both the Radio Station (WSCB) and the Rugby Team of the 1980s and 90s gathered at The Playwright in New Haven for a night of fun and reminiscing. The evening was coordinated by **Dan Santoro, '81** and proved to be a great night for all those involved. Pictured are some of the alumni who attended, including Dan Santoro (top right).



Southern Alumnae at the 2008 Beijing Olympics

Two of Southern's alumnae took prominent roles in the 2008 Beijing Olympics last month. Our 2007 Outstanding Alumna from the School of Communications, Information and Library Sciences, **Krista Brunson, '93**, produced a number of stories for NBC News' Olympic coverage. Krista is seen above in front of the "Bird's Nest" in Beijing. Brunson first entered the communication field as a Southern student, working as a news intern at NBC affiliate WVIT in West Hartford. "The (SCSU) professors provided a wealth of knowledge that really prepared me for a career in television news," she says. When not covering major world events, Brunson is Senior News Editor of "Today Show" and "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams



Krista Brunson preparing for the Beijing Olympics

During a distinguished career as a competitor, coach, administrator and judge, 2007 Athletic Hall of Famer, **Pat Panichas, '74, MS, 78, 6th Year '84**, has had an association with the sport of gymnastics that has allowed her to travel around the globe. As a competitor in the late 1960s and 70s, she won national titles and qualified for the 1972 Olympic Trials. In addition to coaching Southern's women's gymnastic teams from 1977 to 2004, she has extensive international experience in judging gymnastic competitions.

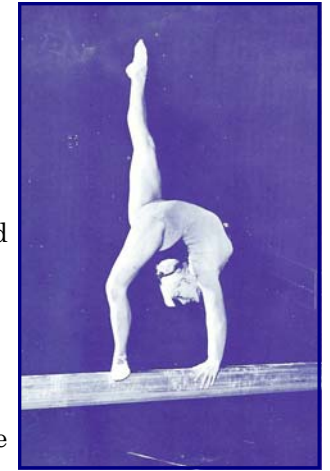


Pat Panichas—international gymnastics judge

In August, she had an opportunity to be involved in a judging capacity on the sport's biggest stage - the Olympic Games. Panichas was

the only U.S. judge selected to participate at the Beijing Games. Her efforts as a judge during the last four decades have earned the admiration of the global community, and ultimately, selection for such prestigious classification.

Panichas departed for the games on Aug. 4 and spent nearly three weeks in China. Once the Games began, she was responsible for determining the content of the routines. Her role was more behind-the-scenes than in front of the camera. Another group of judges was responsible for the on-floor execution of routines. But it's a combination of scores from both on- and off-floor judges that determined a gymnast's final score.



Pat Panichas—competing on balance beam at age 20

Alumni Association Membership

Why not give the gift of an education to a deserving student? Did you know that 80% of our SCSU students work more than 30 hours per week to help finance their educations?

Did you know that with any gift over \$35 made by an alumnus/a to SCSU Foundation (for the university's highest priorities or a gift designated for a particular use), you automatically become a member of the Alumni Association for one calendar year?

Begin enjoying great benefits today by becoming a member of the SCSU Alumni Association! Join online today at:

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