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MEMO TO: University Community

FROM: Nancy Belck

SUBJECT: 50th Anniversary of the United Nations

Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, will speak as part of the University’s tenth Arts & Issues series on Thursday, December 1. Let’s give him a warm welcome to our campus, where the United Nations is recognized in a significant way.

In 1974, the SIUE Senate adopted a resolution which designated SIUE as a "World University—one that recognizes it is part not only of a state community and a national community, but also of a global community." As a symbol of that declaration, the United Nations flag has flown for two decades on our campus, alongside the national and state flags. SIUE is one of the few universities in the United States to fly the U.N. flag at all times.

The U.N. flag is a reminder to everyone in the University community of our responsibility to be concerned about all people, of all lands. We truly must strive to be an inclusive University, where people from all cultures feel welcome and enrich our campus life.

Please join your colleagues as we initiate a year-long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations through this special Arts & Issues event. I look forward to seeing you at Mr. Young’s lecture.