

## Math and Science Majors Excel at Honors Night

Southeastern Illinois College conducted its annual Honors Night on April 28, 2009 in the George T. Dennis Theater of the Visual and Performance Arts Center. During the night, many math and science majors - most of whom are members of the Math and Science Club - were honored for their academic achievement.



Jared Mitchell - mathematics, Breck Jones - chemistry, Laurie Schou - chemistry and biology, Kim Martin - mathematics instructor, and Sarah Bond - Dean

The June Rice Malan Memorial Mathematics Award was presented to Jared Mitchell of Eldorado, Illinois. The award is presented to the outstanding mathematics student in the major's course sequence. Jared is majoring in mathematics and plans to attend medical school afterwards. He is transferring to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Jared was also honored as the President of the Student Government, was included in the Honors List, and was nominated for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Jared is the son of Jerry and Brenda Mitchell.

The Eva O. Gershbacher Memorial Biology Award was presented to Laurie Schou of Shawneetown, Illinois. The award is presented to the outstanding biology student in the major's course sequence. Laurie was also the recipient of the Sam Porter Freshman Chemistry Award. The award is presented to the outstanding chemistry student in the freshman year of the major's course sequence. Laurie is majoring in pre-pharmacy. She will be returning to Southeastern for her sophomore year. Laurie is the daughter of Sharon & Joey Porter and David & Becky Schou.

The Sam Porter Sophomore Chemistry Award was presented to Breck Jones of Harrisburg, Illinois. The award is presented to the outstanding chemistry student in the sophomore year of the major's course sequence. Breck is majoring in biological sciences. He is transferring to Illinois State University. Breck was also the recipient of the Catherine Oldham Memorial Award for his work on the Forensic Falcons and was nominated for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Breck is the son of John Jones and Tammy Henson.

The Mary Jo Oldham Male Student-Athlete Award was presented to Travis Cripps of Herrin, Illinois. The award is presented to the male athlete with the highest overall grade point average after three (or more) semesters of college. Travis, a member of the Falcon baseball team, earned a GPA of 3.92 as a biology and pre-dentistry major. He plans to earn his bachelor's in biology before attending a dental school to work on a DMD or DDS degree. Travis was also included in the Honor's List and was nominated for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Travis is the son of Dennis and Denise Cripps.



Travis Cripps - male student athlete, Megan Harbison - female student athlete, Jack Mummert - mathematics instructor, Sarah Bond - Dean

Other math and science majors who were honored during the ceremony include: Kyle Alexander (engineering) - Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Cody Cusic (mathematics) - Student Government Vice President, Honors List, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and Hamilton County Scholarship; Logan McNear (engineering) - Honors List; Nathaniel Mitchell (engineering) - Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Melissa Ruether (engineering) - Student Ambassador, Honors List, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Josh Waddle (occupational therapy) - Student Ambassador.