



Dear Carbondale,

As we begin another month battling COVID-19, I ask all of you to continue persevering through these difficult times. Since March, I have watched as businesses and working families have quickly learned to adapt and overcome. The people of Carbondale and numerous community groups have rallied in support of local businesses and neighbors in need. These daily acts of kindness have been an encouragement during these unfamiliar times. Please know Carbondale City leaders have been in close communication with SIU leaders regarding efforts to reduce coronavirus spread on campus and within the community. Rest assured, health experts are providing guidance to help SIU, and the City do everything we can to keep Carbondale safe. Despite these unique circumstances, I am thrilled to welcome SIU students back to Carbondale! SIU recently released their plan for the fall semester, which offers a mix of in-person, online, and hybrid courses. I believe this school year, although untraditional, will still be an excellent experience for our Salukis. In closing, please support our businesses when you can, support each other every day, and support health professionals and the community by remaining diligent with wearing your mask and practicing social distancing.

Sincerely,

John "Mike" Henry
Mayor of Carbondale