

## Dan Callahan

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► **Hometown:**  
Springfield, Ill.

► **Position:**  
Head Coach

► **Birthdate:**  
09/11/1958

► **Experience:**  
16th Year

► **Alma Mater:**  
Quincy College (1981)



Southern Illinois University head baseball coach Dan Callahan died Monday, Nov. 15 at his home in Carterville, Ill.

Callahan, 52, lost a courageous battle with neurotropic melanoma, a rare form of skin cancer. He is survived by his wife, Stacy, daughters, Alexa (19) and Carly (14), and parents Ann and Gene.

Funeral arrangements are pending and the University will announce its plans to pay tribute to Callahan's life at a later date.

"This is a tremendous loss and very sad day not only for the baseball program, its alumni, athletic department, but the entire community," Southern Illinois Athletics Director Mario Moccia said. "He was loved and respected by so many people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Stacy, his girls, family and friends."

Callahan, the second-winningest coach in Saluki history, compiled a 442-447-1 record in 16 seasons as head coach at Southern Illinois. Prior to his hiring at SIU on July 6, 1994, Callahan spent five seasons as the head coach at Eastern Illinois, where he went 153-158-1.

In 22 seasons as a head collegiate coach, Callahan amassed a 595-605-2 record. He is one of just five coaches in Missouri Valley Conference history to win over 200 league games.

The fall prior to the 2010 season, Callahan received the MVC Most Courageous Award, which is presented to a student-athlete, coach or university administrator who demonstrates unusual courage in the face of personal illness, adversity or tragedy and whose behavior reflects honor on the institution or the conference.

In his time in Carbondale, Callahan produced 23 Major League draft picks and 19 First-Team All-MVC selections. Four of his

student-athletes won either the league's "Player," "Freshman" or "Newcomer of the Year Awards."

Callahan was born in Springfield, Ill. As an athlete, he pitched for two seasons at the University of New Orleans and two at Quincy College. He graduated from Quincy in 1981 and went on to pitch in both the San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners' organizations.

He started his coaching career at Springfield Lanphier High School before accepting the head coaching position at his alma mater, Springfield High School, in 1984. Before taking over the Eastern Illinois program, Callahan served as graduate assistant at SIU in 1986-87 and an assistant coach/academic coordinator in 1988 under then-head coach Richard "Itchy" Jones.

In lieu of flowers, the Callahan family requests memorials be made to the Coach Kill Cancer Fund and/or to the Dan Callahan Memorial Fund that will soon be set up through the SIU Foundation to benefit the Saluki Baseball program.

For more information on the Dan Callahan Memorial Fund, please contact Kevin Ginther in the SIU Athletic Department at 618-453-5408.

#### Dan Callahan Year-by-Year

School	Year	Overall	Conference	Finish	Tourn. Finish
Eastern Illinois	1989	31-19	6-2	2nd	2nd
Eastern Illinois	1990	24-30	4-7	2nd	3rd
Eastern Illinois	1991	27-32	9-2	1st	T3rd
Eastern Illinois	1992	24-30	13-7	1st	3rd
Eastern Illinois	1993	23-23-1	9-6-1	N/A	T3rd
Eastern Illinois	1994	24-24	14-8	2nd	N/A
<b>EIU Totals</b>	--	<b>153-158-1</b>	<b>45-33-1</b>	--	--
Southern Illinois	1995	21-30	8-21	8th	--
Southern Illinois	1996	29-26	18-12	3rd	T6th
Southern Illinois	1997	23-32	13-15	5th	T3rd
Southern Illinois	1998	19-35	11-21	8th	--
Southern Illinois	1999	25-29	9-22	8th	--
Southern Illinois	2000	26-30	15-17	T5th	6th
Southern Illinois	2001	19-36	10-21	8th	--
Southern Illinois	2002	32-24	17-15	4th	T6th
Southern Illinois	2003	30-25	17-13	3rd	2nd
Southern Illinois	2004	27-32-1	15-16-1	4th	2nd
Southern Illinois	2005	38-21	15-9	3rd	4th
Southern Illinois	2006	33-25	12-12	5th	6th
Southern Illinois	2007	34-22	13-11	t3rd	6th
Southern Illinois	2008	34-23	12-12	5th	3rd
Southern Illinois	2009	24-28	12-10	5th	3rd
<b>Southern Illinois</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>28-29</b>	<b>10-10</b>	<b>t3rd</b>	<b>t5th</b>
<b>SIU Totals</b>	--	<b>442-447-1</b>	<b>197-227-1</b>	--	--
<b>All-Time Record</b>	--	<b>595-605-2</b>	<b>242-260-2</b>	--	--