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A Springfield cardiothoracic surgeon will be honored this month as the 1995 distinguished alumnus at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Dr. Stephen R. Hazelrigg will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award during the School's 21th commencement Saturday, May 20, in Springfield.

The award recognizes the School's graduates for outstanding contributions to medicine and distinguished service to mankind. His nominator said that Hazelrigg was a top thoracic surgeon in Milwaukee and a regional expert in thoracoscopy before he joined SIU's faculty in 1993, adding that he is "a great addition to the School."

Hazelrigg is associate professor and chair of the School's new cardiothoracic division. He is working to perfect video-assisted surgical procedures for the chest using small incisions between the ribs, known as thoracoscopic surgery. He heads a national study to evaluate the effectiveness of thoracoscopic surgery, or thorascoscopy, for removal of parts of a lung damaged by emphysema. Over 250 patients have already been treated and 80 percent have had significant improvements.

In acknowledging the award, he said "To be recognized this way is a great honor. The accomplishments for which I have been fortunate enough to achieve were possible because of the educational foundation that I received here at SIU in medical school."

A native of Jacksonville, Hazelrigg earned his medical degree at SIU (1983) and received general surgery training at Yale University affiliated hospitals in Bridgeport, Conn., (1985) and at SIU in Springfield (1988). He completed cardiothoracic surgery training at the University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics in Columbia (1990). He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry at Knox College in Galesburg (1980).

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Hazelrigg is an associate member of the American College of Surgeons, a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and board certified in cardiothoracic surgery. He has been a visiting professor in the U.S. and six other countries.

Hazelrigg and his wife, Sharon, have three children, Andrew, Lindsey and Matthew. His parents are Donald Hazelrigg of Jacksonville and Mrs. Norma Lawley of Springfield.