

CAMPUS REPORTS

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2019



Miss SUNO Tyjah Greenup and SGA President Patrick Shaw welcome new students

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Fall Professional Conference Features Customer Service Training

Ingrid Williams (top photo) presented “Achieving Stellar Customer Service” during the Fall 2019 Professional Conference. She used volunteer staff members to illustrate the difference between good and poor customer service.

Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin (left photo) started the meeting by giving the State of the University Address. She summarized the University’s accomplishments and gave an update on the financial status.



New Students SOAR Into Life at SUNO

Members of the Class of 2023 arrived on campus for Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration (SOAR) Aug. 2 in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Auditorium.

During the first session, the new students learned the SUNO Shuffle, heard presentations from the SUNO Housing Staff (right) and other important departments before registration for the Fall semester.

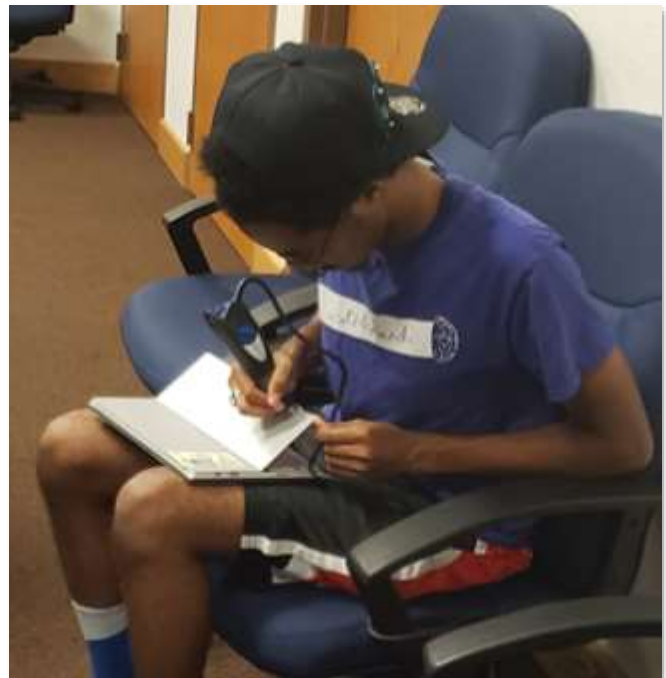




◀ The SUNO Police Department hosted its first Freshmen Move-In Meet and Greet in SUNO Housing Aug. 6. Officers welcomed incoming freshmen and returning students. Incoming freshmen were able to participate in a raffle for free giveaways. New and returning students were able to sign up for crime prevention programs and police services. They also received tips for staying safe on and off campus.

▶ The first student signed up to participate in SUNO Police Department's Operation ID Aug. 7. Operation ID is a nationwide program designed to discourage burglary and theft of valuables. It also provides a way for you to easily identify stolen property, and increases law enforcement's chances of recovery and conviction.

Most burglars steal valuables for resale, but if you mark all items permanently with name and/or numbers, the burglars may be unable to sell them so they are less likely to steal them.





◀ Deidrea Hazure, director of Graduate Studies, recruited at the New Orleans fire and police departments. In the left photo, members of the NOFD 2nd District Engine 7: Captain Mark Poche, Operator Jermaine Perry, Operator Ernie Morris, Firefighter Neil Patel and Firefighter Terrance Morris.

Above, Ms. Hazure stands with Sgt. Shadrell Privott, a future grad student in the Computer Information Systems Program, at the NOFD 1st District during the 10:30 p.m. roll call.

Student Support Services TRIO Summer Internships

Summer 2019 was a great time for many Student Support Services TRIO students to experience various internships. Andrew Robertson accepted an all-expense paid internship at Binghamton University in New York. Brian Bibbins had the opportunity to do research on scientific computing in Education. Reginell Meridy participated in SUNO's research program, "Student Opportunities in Aerospace Related Research." Here is what they had to say about their experiences.

Andrew Robertson



This summer I was given the opportunity to work as a research intern at Binghamton University. I worked in the College of Pharmacy in the office of Dr. Anthony DiPasqua, a cutting edge research scientist. Graduate Assistant Mengwei Sun was given the task of being my personal lab trainer. Mengwei taught me how to culture

and maintain cells, how to prepare liposomal nanoparticles for drug encapsulation and western blotting techniques. I had the privilege of being able to sit in on lab briefings and strategies to help further the labs' research. Dr. DiPasqua has offered to write a letter of recommendation for me and has advised me to consider pursuing my MD/PhD in Upstate New York. He also has invited me to continue to work in his lab in the future. This has truly been an amazing experience and I would recommend anyone in TRIO, Student Support Services to seek this opportunity and take advantage of it.

Brian Bibbins

My research took place at Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York and it relates to scientific computing in education, using computer coding to assist in educational experiments. Science used to be experiments and theory, now it is experiments, theory and computations. The computational approach to understanding nature and technology currently is flowering in many fields, such as physics, geophysics, astrophysics, chemistry, biology and most engineering disciplines. I learned to use computer coding and then I had the opportunity to teach Long Island high school students computational methods where the techniques were explained through examples. My goal was to teach principles and ideas that carry over from field to field. The students learned basic methods and how to implement them. I also collected data on how well the students were able to process and effectively use coding in their experiments. With this data, I will be able to tell if scientific computing should be taught in high schools in America.



Reginell Meridy

This summer, I participated in SUNO's research program, "Student Opportunities in Aerospace Related Research," also known as SOARS. In this program, students worked on projects that pertained to aerospace topics. Several of the topics or projects dealt with Mars' soil/surface. My project was about determining if bacteria will interact negatively with Mars' soil. When researching, I like to discover or learn something new that could be beneficial to what I would need in my field of study. After graduation, I hope to become a doctor or nurse to help those around me. I have tried to get as much experience in laboratory work as possible to make myself more marketable in the real world. This research opportunity has allowed me to sharpen my research skills and gain an interest in bacteriology. I am grateful to learn amazing topics, be surrounded by amazing people, and to develop the skill of experimentation.





◀▲ Two Biology majors, Alexis Richardson (under the supervision of Dr. One Pagon) and Raquel Scott (under the supervision of Dr. Sullivan-Brown), successfully completed summer research internships in the Department of Biology at West Chester University, Pennsylvania. These two interns were sponsored by SUNO's Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program - Capacity Competitiveness Enhancement Model (MSEIP-CCEM) grant.

In addition, Briante Brumfield successfully completed her summer research internship at Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) under the supervision of Dr. Abigail Bockus, assistant professor of Biology at LUMCON. The internship was sponsored by SUNO MSEIP-CCEM and Sea Grants.



◀ Dr. Murty S. Kambhampati, Dr. Phyllis Okwan and Dr. Yi Zhen, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program - Capacity Competitiveness Enhancement Model (MSEIP-CCEM), successfully completed summer research at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). Seven undergraduate research interns (Brian Bibbins, Shona Machona, Kimberly Nguyen, Rolanda Warren, Maya Brooks, Shayne Boykin and Abreione Walker) also successfully completed their internships. They all participated and gave poster presentations at the closing ceremony of 2019 Summer Symposium Aug. 8. Abreione Walker and Kimberly Nguyen) were selected for oral presentations in life sciences.



▲ The Title IV-E Alliance for the State of Louisiana had its annual meeting of new scholars and supervisors in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work Building Aug. 2. The alliance is comprised of representatives from Grambling State University, Southern University at New Orleans, Louisiana State University, Northwestern University, Southern University Baton Rouge, Southeastern University and the University of Louisiana-Monroe. The training provided new students with an overview of the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) and their operations. DCFS supervisors took part in a separate training session focused on customer care as well as supervision techniques to use while training the Title IV-E scholars. SUNO welcomed 11 new scholars into the program: Shelly Fairbanks, Kristy Bookhart, Shane Boyington, Jeanine Jackson, Megan Perkins, Arielle Joseph, Timara Sylve, Brianna John, Rachel Derouen, Myoshia Robinson and Keechann Smith.



◀ The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) started its 2019-2020 programming by showcasing award-winning, local and internationally known Art Educator Sheleen Jones. Ms. Jones' exhibition titled, *A Retrospect-Unity & Advancement Through The Eyes of Source*, was at The Building, 1427 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd in New Orleans, which is owned by Christian and Connie Labat. Pictured top left are CAAAS Curator Linda Hill, Director Clyde Robertson, Administrative Assistant Darlene Holmes and Artist Sheleen Jones.

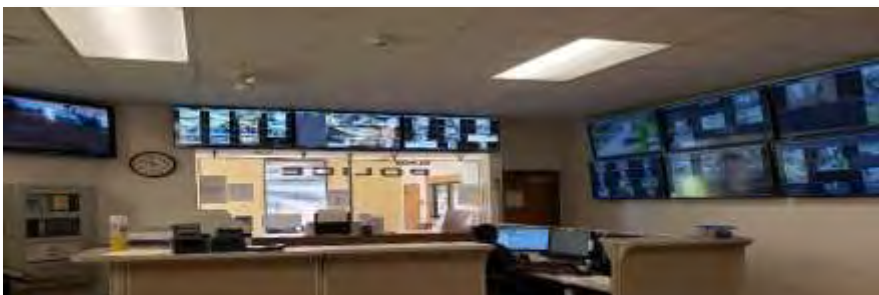


◀ Track Coach Younne Reid received the 2018-2019 Eddie Robinson Award at Allstate Sugar Bowl Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame Banquet Aug. 10. The award is presented annually to an athlete, coach, team or athletic administrator in Louisiana who has demonstrated the qualities most closely associated with Grambling football legend Coach Eddie Robinson: outstanding achievement in athletics, academics, sportsmanship and citizenship by maximizing limited resources.

▶ Cynthia Beaulieu, director of the Small Business Development & Management Institute conducted a City of New Orleans Business Information Session at the Office of Community and Economic Development, District C on Aug. 21 in the Treme Recreation Center.



▲ On August 20, 2019, SUNO Campus Police hosted the first Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class for women Aug. 20. The course provides participants realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. It is designed to help women overcome the effects of sexual violence by teaching assertiveness, awareness, risk reduction and avoidance.



◀ The SUNO Police Department, in collaboration with Title III and Information Technology Center, began installing a new Video Surveillance Wall Aug. 12.

The SUNO School of Social Work is one among 10 institutions across the country to receive the five-year Social Work Health Care Education and Leadership Scholars (HEALS) grant from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the New York Community Trust. The Social Work HEALS grant aims to develop the next generation of healthcare social work who will lead efforts to address system-level changes, heighten awareness of prevention and wellness, and discuss the issues of structural racism that are embedded in social institutions.

This program, directed by Dr. Derrick Freeman, assistant professor of Social Work, will support two students in the bachelor's program and two students in the master's program for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. Each student will commit to focused health-care social work education, a health-care field placement and travel to a 1.5-day health-care social work education and policy event in Washington, D.C. In addition, the program will support the SUNO School of Social Work HEALS field instructors to attend the national conference of the annual Society for Social Work Leadership in Healthcare.

The following students were selected as HEALS Scholars for the 2019-2020 academic school year and will receive a \$4,000 scholarship: Trinette Bolding (MSW student); Tremeka Coleman (MSW student); Amy H. Flesh (BSW student); and Tiawana Jones (BSW student).

MSW student Maya Edwards served as moderator of the first Youth Crime Summit hosted by Einstein Charter School Aug. 24. This was the first time that Maya served her community in this capacity. The summit included panelists radio personality Oliver Thomas, New Orleans Councilwoman Cyndi Nguyen and distinguished Einstein High School students.



Due to the recent mass shooting at the Walmart in El Paso, TX, SUNO Campus Police began offering active shooter training to the community. Campus Police trainers gave an Active Shooter Presentation at the Walmart on Chef Menteur Highway Aug. 20. Presentations are scheduled in September for the Pontchartrain Park Neighborhood Association. These presentations are a component of the SUNO Campus Police Community Policing Program and are designed to prevent panic and better prepare individuals in the event of an active shooter incident.



Dr. Murty S. Kambhampati, Biology professor, has secured the \$14,000 Virginia Ponds grant from Noel Blackburn, University Relations Program Manager, Office of Educational Programs (OEP) at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY. The funds are being used to support Maya Brooks, Biology senior, for Fall 2019. This semester-long internship will allow Maya to continue her research on 4-Poster Tick Management Project under the supervision and mentoring of Dr. Tim Green. BNL will cover Maya's stipends, travel and housing for the entire fall semester. Maya started her Co-Op Internship Aug. 25 at BNL. The internship will end in December.

The stagnant water located under the train trestle at Press and Leon C. Simon Drives has been responsible for many automobile accidents, slips and falls. On Aug. 26, SUNO Campus Police worked out an agreement with the New Orleans Department of Public Works to begin repairing the leak that is causing the water to pool beneath the trestle.

On Aug. 12, Dr. Illya Tietzel (principal investigator) and Drs. Mostafa Elaasar, Rachid Belmasrou and Yi Zhen (co-investigators) received the \$20,000 NASA LaSPACE HBCU Institutional Scholars (HIS) award, "Student Opportunities in Aerospace Related Research at SUNO (SOARS)" to lead undergraduate research related to Mars soil, 3-D printing, microfluidics, and tissue lab chips.

Three research mentees of Drs. Mostafa Elaasar, Rachid Belmasrou and Illya Tietzel submitted research abstracts to the 2019 Annual Biomedical Research Conferences of Minority Students (ABRCMS). The students are Roshawn Mitchell-Cleveland, Soriah Cleveand and Reginell Meridy.

Dr. Murty S. Kambhampati served as a panelist on the "BNL Collaboration Workshop," moderated by Dr. Ken White, Office of Educational Programs on Aug. 6. The theme was threefold: "How to be successful at BNL," "Factors Affecting Performances by Females in Graduate Schools" and "BNL's Policy on Minority Serving Institutions.



GREATER NEW ORLEANS INC REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean and Alvin James Lawson Endowed Professor of Business, and Cynthia Beaulieu, director of the Small Business Development & Management Institute (SBDMI) participated in a regional economic development focus group at the Greater New Orleans (GNO) Inc. office Aug.13. This focus group was part of the first phase of due diligence and research for a Web site project that GNO Inc. is embarking upon with *Development Counsellors International (DCI)* – the leader in economic development talent strategy and marketing of places.

The goal was to gain insight from the participants about the region's best talent and relocatable talent pool, quality of life assets, opportunities and challenges. The focus group will help inform the *Development Counsellors International* strategy for a new GNO Inc. Web site, the goal of which is to create a digital space that better serves the Greater New Orleans region's relocating and prospective talent, investor companies and regional corporate decision makers from human resource directors to chief executive officers.

MyLise Givens, who graduated from Southern University at New Orleans in May 2019, has been accepted into the Master of Arts program at Savannah College of Art and Design. She will study television writing and production. MyLise graduated Cum Laude with an Bachelor's degree in English. Besides academic excellence, MyLise wrote one of the plays performed during the SUNO Drama Club's "A Knight Of ..." production in May. Her one-act play was titled "What's Done in the Dark."

Linda Hill, curator/archivist for the Center for African and African American Studies, and Erica Witt, professional curatorial liaison and interim circulation librarian, were featured in an Aug. 29 "News With A Twist" segment by WGNO reporter Christopher Leech. The segment commemorated and reflected on the impact that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita had on the Campus and the University's African Art Collection. During segment, Ms. Witt, who also is Museum Studies Graduate, and Ms. Hill described how the collection was saved after spending weeks submerged in flood water.

On Aug. 29, Dr. Louis C. Mancuso, a marketing professor, brought students Michael Sentino, Business Administration junior; Kristian Mabens, Business Administration junior; and Brandon Mar, Computer Information Systems senior), Computer Information Systems Chair Dr. David Alijani to the August Metairie Rotary Club Meeting. The main speaker at the meeting was NASA Safety Manager Miguel De Jesus, who spoke about the United States' new moon rocket launch vehicle project. He also spoke on how the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans East has played an integral role in America's space efforts. The students talked with the Club members before and after the meeting and discussed various opportunities, including internships and full-time employment after graduation.

Dr. Sherry Bachus attended the Gulf Coast Teacher Training Academy at Educare of New Orleans, Aug. 17. She also presented "Concerns in Higher Education: Rise in Mental Health Among College Students" the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences AAFCS 110th Annual Conference & Expo, St. Lewis, MO, June 22-26.



Dr. Samuel Eweni, associate professor of Computer Information Systems, attended a conference on Blockchain Technology and its implications for the future, hosted by the FinTech Center at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD in May. The Summit had seven sessions, including a blockchain primer and a panel discussion. The keynote speaker was Kevin Werbach, professor of Legal Studies and Business Ethics at Wharton. He is the author of "The Blockchain and the New Architecture of Trust." Companies with business models based on blockchain technology discussed various use cases.

The Morgan State University Fintech Center is calling for proposals from faculty to include Blockchain content into an existing course or to design a new course. The Fintech Center is providing financial incentives to faculty to develop new courses or to modify existing courses. The Fintech Center will host a **Blockchain Curriculum Development Institute** in New Orleans Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2019. Dr. Eweni is helping to coordinate activities for this program.



Alumni Spotlight



MaryMac's Doggie Retreat was founded by Courtney McWilliams in Fall of 2015. She needed a pet sitter for her dog, who suffered with severe separation anxiety. Courtney knew that she could not be the only one in the area who had a difficult time finding a trusted dog sitter who understood pet anxiety and depression.

As a Social Worker and recent graduate of Southern University at New Orleans MSW Program, Courtney understood how separation anxiety and depression could play a major role in the lives of children; she found this also to be true with dogs. Courtney combined her years of experience as a Social Worker with her passion for dogs to create a fun and fear-free environment for overly anxious dogs.

Realizing that each dog is different, MaryMac's Doggie Retreat does not utilize the one-size fits all approach. It focuses on reducing anxiety and depression through specialized enrichment activities that include keeping the dogs in smaller group settings, maintaining a 1 to 5 ratio, structured play time with best friends, individualized attention, and tailored activities designed to stimulate the mind while increasing confidence and self-control.

Courtney started her career in Decatur, GA, working in Child Protection Services after she completed her undergraduate degree from Kennesaw State University. In 2015, she returned to New Orleans to work as a substance abuse agency administrator before she decided to step out of her comfort zone and create her own career lane.

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Seven senior leaders invested as Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army



PICTURED WITH DR. ELLIS, DR. JERALINE M. JOHNSON, DR. MARK W. JOHNSON, BABEJOHN 'BABE' KWASNIAK, LANCE IZUMI, CHARLES "CHUCK" PATTILLO, AND TAY YOSHITANI.

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army appointed seven new Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army during an Aug. 12 investiture ceremony here in the Pentagon.

The Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy, Acting Secretary of the Army, selected Dr. Rodney A. Ellis to represent Louisiana (North); Dr. Jeraline M. Johnson to represent Florida (South); Dr. Mark W. Johnson to represent Wyoming; Babejohn 'Babe' Kwasniak to represent Ohio (North); Lance Izumi and Charles "Chuck" Pattillo to represent California (Sacramento); and Tay Yoshitani to represent the State of Washington (West).

"As I looked over your biographies and resumes, I am happy to welcome the best of the best educators and men and women in business to serve on my behalf in your community," McCarthy said. "I am pleased to have each of you help me connect the Army to your community. The Army is a huge organization which means I need a lot of good communicators to tell the Army story. I ask that you visit every corner of your community to support recruiting efforts and help diversify and build the force of the future."

CASAs are a vital part of the Army, promoting good relations between the Army and the public and advising the Secretary about regional issues.

Each state, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories have one or more CASAs appointed to provide a vital link between the Army and the communities for which they serve. CASAs are usually business or civic leaders who possess a keen interest in the welfare of the Army and their communities.

CASAs serve a two-year term without compensation. Terms may be extended to a total of 10 years of service. The secretary may recognize a civilian aide as a CASA Emeritus after 10 years of service with distinguished service.

(CONTINUED) DR. RODNEY A. ELLIS

"This opportunity to serve as a CASA, with so many other incredible leaders throughout the nation, provides another avenue in not only supporting my community, but my country," Ellis said. "I am so honored to be selected as a CASA for Northern Louisiana and help the soldiers and families of our proud United States military."

Ellis earned an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Alabama; a master's degree in judicial administration from Auburn University at Montgomery; and a doctorate degree in higher education administration from the University of Georgia.

Ellis has a distinguished career in the higher education community college sector where he served students he believes come from the most disadvantaged backgrounds but contribute significantly to the growth of this great nation. As chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport – a SUSLA – Ellis said he strives each day to make a specific impact in the African-American and minority communities. SUSLA is one of three campuses of the Southern University System, the only historically black college and university – HBCUs – system in the country. Ellis was also appointed to President Trump's Board of Advisors on HBCUs.

Southern University at Shreveport Radiologic Technology Students win 2nd Place in the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technology (LSRT) Quiz Bowl

The SUSLA Radiologic Technology Program are the 2nd place winners of the 62nd Annual Student Prep Quiz Bowl Competition hosted by the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologist (LSRT) in Shreveport, Louisiana on July 18, 2019. Each year, accredited Radiologic Technology programs from across the state of Louisiana, form competition teams of six that vie for accolades, a trophy and the coveted Quiz Bowl Championship title for their institution. The purpose of this competition is to encourage student membership in LSRT, to provide healthy competition among student technologists and to recognize those students who demonstrate expertise in radiologic technology theory. Competing Institutions included Northwestern State University, Baton Rouge General, the University of Louisiana at Monroe, McNeese State University, Fran U, Holy Cross, Delgado Community College and Southern University at Shreveport.

To compete on a team, students can only have been enrolled in a program for 14 months or less. Adding more of a challenge for the beginning quiz bowlers, material from all levels of the radiology curriculum is covered during the quiz bowl. To ensure SUSLA students were introduced to and master subjects not yet covered in the classroom, a volunteer coaching staff was developed. Radiology Instructors Benita Lawrence, Toni Moore, Daphne Thibeaux, Yvonne Williams along with Director Shelia Swift, spent well over 200 hours of inside and outside classroom time helping the students prepare for this challenge.

SUSLA Team members included Tia Gage, Marquette Howard, Malory Samuels, Candice Slater, Jeff Yeager, and Moneat Washington. "The students deserve all the credit. Not only did they spend 200 hours or more in a group practice time, but they also diligently studied countless hours on their own just to prepare for our group sessions," says Coaches Lawrence and Thibeaux. SUSLA team member Jeff Yeager credits the teams' success to the commitment of the program instructors. "I just want to say I love each and every one of the Radiologic Technology Program faculty members. Our success at the quiz bowl is because of all the instructors. The hard work of the faculty was a direct reflection on what was accomplished." Shelia S. Swift, Radiologic Technology Program Director also states, "All students enrolled in SUSLA's program assisted in the teams' training by participating in the mock classroom and quiz bowl style trials."



2019 Fall Faculty/Staff Institute



On August 15th, SUSLA held the 2019 Fall Faculty/Staff Institute in the Alphonse Jackson, Jr. Lecture Hall. The theme for this year was Exceeding Expectations. This forum allows faculty, staff, and administrators the opportunity to learn and discuss new ideas, as well as become energized.

The Keynote Speaker for this year was Dhanfu E. Elston, PH.D. He serves as Complete College America's (CCA) Vice President for Strategy where he utilizes his national and campus expertise for practical application, implementation, and scaling of CCA strategies at institutions throughout the United States. Elston provided valuable information about community colleges and steps that could be used to retain students successfully.

Robert Payne from House of Payne Enterprises gave pointers on customer service. Showing empathy, resolving validated issues, and considering the enterprise are just some of the things Payne discussed. He also explained how faculty and staff could move SUSLA customer service from routine to radical.

The faculty and staff were also briefed on the state of the university by the Chancellor Dr. Rodney Ellis. The itinerary also included topics on the family campaign, safety, Title IX, and more. First-time attendee Jasmine Horton stated, "The Faculty/Staff Institute afforded me with the opportunity to meet and engage with other members of the SUSLA family that I typically wouldn't have the opportunity to on a day-to-day basis." I also received a greater understanding of where we are as an institution and the direction we are aiming to take SUSLA in the near future."

FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT NAMED AMONG THE BEST COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN LOUISIANA!

EDsmart, an independent monitoring agency on colleges and universities, has ranked Southern University at Shreveport, LA (SUSLA) among the best colleges and universities in Louisiana for 2019!

The Best Colleges in Louisiana ranking aims to provide a solid starting point for students deciding on which college to attend. To accomplish this, EDsmart has ranked colleges in Louisiana according to four main factors including cost, academic quality, student satisfaction, and future salary potential.

Out of a combined list of 75 colleges and universities, SUSLA rounded out the top 21 best colleges and universities in the state! According to the National Center for Education Statistics, Louisiana is home to 37 two-year and 38 four-year colleges and universities. Louisiana offers higher education at a variety of institution types including large research universities, small liberal arts colleges, and private and public universities. This ranking aims to help students assess the affordability and value of top colleges in Louisiana so they can make informed decisions about which college to attend.

All data was gathered from the U.S. Dept of Education websites College Scorecard and College Navigator.



SUSLA Leaders Complete State Workforce Development Certification Program

On August 14, Janice Sneed, Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development and Stephanie Rogers, Chief Advancement Officer received state credentials as certified Workforce Development Professionals from LED & LCTCS. With nearly 30 participants representing two-year institutions from throughout the state, the class had a diverse make up of chancellors, administrators and college leaders representing credit and non-credit units. The course consisted of six months of training designed to enhance participants' ability to strengthen economic opportunities their respective communities



SHREVEPORT EDITION OF OVERTIME WITH ROMAN BANKS

Overtime with Athletic Director Roman Banks of SUBR brought out Southern University's alumni and fans Friday, August 23rd to Allure Ultra Lounge at Eldorado Casino. "We started this when I took over here last year, overtime is a fundraiser not only to generate dollars, but to bring our fan base together so they can hear the mission of our university and our athletic department," stated Roman Banks. President-Chancellor Dr. Ray Belton said, "This event provides you an opportunity to invest in Southern University and provide assistance to student athletes who are ambassadors for the university. They are not only required to be competitive in the classroom, but also as young men and women they stand as models in terms of representing the values of Southern University whether it be on the field or on the court".



SUSLA's Own Recognized as Above & Beyond Recipient

Congratulation to SUSLA's own Dameoyn Woodley! Mr. Woodley was presented as the Above & Beyond Recipient by Chairman Domoine Rutledge and President Dr. Ray L. Belton at the August Board of Supervisors Meeting in Alexandria, LA. While Mr. Woodley was introduced to other members of the SU System family, he is no stranger to his team at SUSLA. As the Assistant Registrar, Mr. Woodley can always be found going above and beyond for his students. Whether enrolling, seeking additional information about the school, or finding their way around campus, Mr. Woodley takes pride in ensuring all students have a pleasant experience at Southern University at Shreveport. Congrats, Dameoyn Woodley on a well-deserved recognition!



MSKICK Grand Opening

Over 100 people attended the MSKICK grand opening on August 27th. MSKICK partners, along with elected officials, legislators, and members of the community showed their support for the kitchen incubator. Mayor Adrian Perkins stated, "This is a critical part of the future of Shreveport. It is a reinvestment into a neighborhood that we love so much."

"I'm excited about the kitchen! I'm here to find out everything they will be doing in my neighborhood", stated community member Susan Williams. After standing on the land nearly two years ago, the facility has officially opened the doors. Dr. Ellis said, "MSKICK will allow people to impact the lives of individuals and the community."



Centered Left to right
Mayor Adrian Perkins, City of Shreveport
Dr. Rodney Ellis, Chancellor Southern University at Shreveport
Bobby Collins, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Authority City of Shreveport
Bonnie Moore, Director City of Shreveport, Community Development

Community Members from left to right
Jessie Broken, Susan Williams
Dominique Williams

Left to Right
Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
Janice Sneed, Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs & Vice Chancellor Community Workforce

From Veterans Upward Bound

Round Table Meeting with Louisiana Senator John N. Kennedy



Urina F. Holt, Director of SUSLA's Veterans Upward Bound Program meets with Louisiana Senator John N. Kennedy along with Louisiana AARP Veterans Representatives in a round-table meeting to discuss prescription drugs; its high costs and to share stories regarding those matters.

AARP Advisory Board Members

Welcome Week



New Jaguars celebrated Welcome Week August 26th-29th. Students celebrated the week with by attending various workshops like making life a success, and goal setting. This celebratory and informative event gave new students, including both first year and transfer students an opportunity to meet faculty and staff.

EMS Training Program

SUSLA Paramedic Training Program has been issued a Letter of Review by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) Executive Office.

Letter of Review is recognized by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for eligibility to take the NREMT's Paramedic credentialing examination(s).

Many have worked hard to accomplish this goal and we should be proud as we prepare for the final CAAHEP accreditation review which will occur in early 2021.



FROM SUMAS

Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) will honor SU Alum, Wendell Wilson, Master Folk Art with a reception and pop-up exhibit to celebrate his recognition of being selected as a 2019 Louisianian of the Year by Louisiana Life Magazine. The reception will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 5PM-8PM at SUMAS, 610 Texas Street, Ste. 110 in the WestEdge Arts District of downtown Shreveport. This event is held in partnership with the monthly Downtown Shreveport Artwalk presented by the Downtown Development Authority.

JAGUAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor is pleased to announce Anthony Coutee as Jaguar of the month for September 2019. Anthony is available to assist in any or and in all maintenance issues. He has demonstrated that no job is to small while maintaining a pleasant demeanor.



JAGUAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Rosilyn Williams is an accounting major here at Southern University Shreveport, and a native of Natchitoches, La. Rosilyn is the youngest of five children, and attending college has been a lifelong goal. After graduating from the great C.E Byrd, Rosilyn enrolled at SUSLA. Although she has encountered bumps in the road, her faith in God has allowed her to continue. When obstacles come her way, Rosilyn is reminded of a quote by Winston Churchill, which states, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts. Rosilyn plans to attend Southern University in Baton Rouge in the fall of 2020.

FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hires

- Cytwelia Tobin – Practical Nursing Instructor (Nursing & Allied Health)
- Katriona McFarland – PT Ambassador for the Welcome Center (University Advancement)
- Dr. Kenie Moses-Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Engineering
- Angelica Hart- Instructor for College Success

Promotions

- Melanie Scott – Coordinator of Practical Nursing & Nursing Assistant Programs (Nursing & Allied Health)
- Jalisa Thomas – Grant Accountant (Finance)
- Lorie Patterson – Accounts Payable Coordinator (Finance)

Congratulations Rosilyn Willams!



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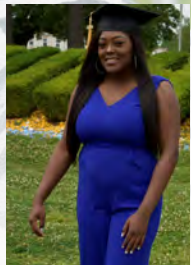
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She said her experiences at Southern will enable her to excel at Penn State.

"I had the opportunity to learn alongside bright young leader and even travel to conferences to meet industry leaders which lead me to internships and other opportunities." she said. I established a home at Southern University and was able to be a part of the "Ag Family," which opened the doors to graduate school visits and is solely the reason that I decided to continue my education. Southern University's College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences has molded me into the student, leader, and scholar I am today," Chyanna said proudly.

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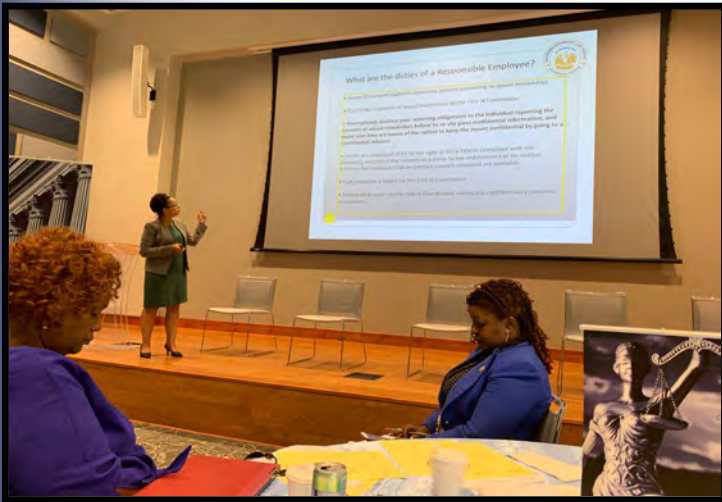


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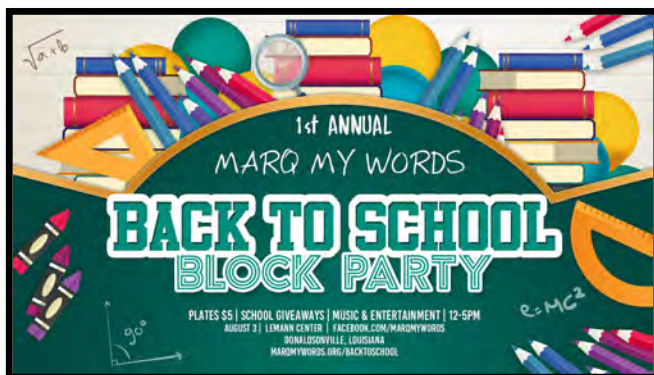
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Partnerships & Collaborations

MARQ My Words Foundation

The Law Center partnered with the MARQ My Words Foundation during their 'Back To School Block Party' on Aug. 3.



Through their partnership, the Law Center established the MARQ My Words scholarship for current 2L and 3L students to be awarded each November.

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Mentorship STEAM Academy Senior Center



Vice Chancellor Shawn Vance represented the Law Center at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Mentorship STEAM Academy Senior Center on Aug. 23. For the past three years, the Law Center has partnered with the Mentorship Academy by offering law courses downtown at its downtown Baton Rouge location.

Faculty Spotlight



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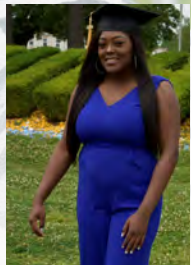
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McGee said she decided to come to Southern University and major in Urban Forestry as a trial and error decision she made with her dad.

"My dad graduated from Southern University many years ago with a degree in Agricultural Economics. I wanted to be a teacher, but he insisted that I did Urban Forestry and if I didn't like it after my first year that I could change my major," said Chyanna. "He then took me to meet Dr. Zhu Ning, my departmental advisor, who then promised that I could be a member of her research team my first summer researching in Shenyang, China. I, of course, accepted the invitation and by the end of my freshman year I grew to love the Urban Forestry Department and also "The Ag Family," she added.

During her time at Southern, Chyanna has held numerous leadership positions ranging from serving as president of the Urban Forestry Club, to president of Southern University's Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Chapter, as well as Vice-President of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. Along with the listed leadership roles she is also one of the founding members of Southern University's Society of American Foresters (SAF) Chapter. All of this was done while maintaining a 3.3 grade point average by the time she graduated.

She said her experiences at Southern will enable her to excel at Penn State.

"I had the opportunity to learn alongside bright young leader and even travel to conferences to meet industry leaders which lead me to internships and other opportunities." she said. I established a home at Southern University and was able to be a part of the "Ag Family," which opened the doors to graduate school visits and is solely the reason that I decided to continue my education. Southern University's College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences has molded me into the student, leader, and scholar I am today," Chyanna said proudly.


After receiving her master's, McGee plans to continue her education by working on a Ph.D. in Botany either at Penn State or another accredited university. She said her goal is to use her advanced degree to help sustain crop production and find ways to use medicinal plants, starting with a health/beauty line to add to her business, "The GirlZ CloZet."


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