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Dean Hired to Lead College of Nursing and Allied Health



During the June Board meeting, Sandra Brown was approved by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors to serve as dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health.

Brown officially assumed the role on July 1, 2019. Her career in nursing spans more than 38 years.

In 1981, she served as a staff nurse at the Medical Surgical Unit of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette, LA. She quickly moved up the ranks in her profession, becoming director of Telemetry Unit in 1986 at the University Hospital in New Orleans. In 1987, she served as an instructor for the nursing program at Louisiana State University Medical Center. She was appointed as an associate professor at Southern University and A&M College, School of Nursing in 1995. She became a tenured faculty member at SU in 1999 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 2000. She has served as director of the DNP Program at Southern since 2011.

Dr. Bown has received numerous accolades and awards for her achievements in the field of nursing. Her alma mater, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, inducted her into its Hall of Fame in 2018, for her enduring contributions to advanced nursing practice and education. In 2018, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Black Nurses Association, Acadia Chapter for being an exceptional African-American role model in improving minority health.

In 2017, she was appointed a fellow by the American Academy of Nursing for her extraordinary contributions to nursing, healthcare, and society at the national and international levels.

Most recently, she was inducted as a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. It is the highest international honor bestowed to a nurse practitioner. The honor is awarded to practitioners whose scholarly and forward-thinking contributions have led to meaningful improvements to healthcare and the nurse practitioner role.

Dr. Brown has had several articles published in refereed journals, including *Geriatric Nursing*, *Journal of Doctoral Nursing Practice*, and *International Journal of Ethnic College Health*. She is a 1981 graduate of University of Southwestern Louisiana where she earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing. She received a master's in adult health nursing from Louisiana State University Medical Center in 1985 in adult health nursing and her doctorate in nursing from Louisiana State University in cardiovascular nursing.

SU Alumni Partners for Calling Campaign

Southern University and A&M College's Enrollment Management department implemented a calling campaign to contact applicants that are in an incomplete status due to missing documents. The Southern University Alumni Home Chapter volunteered to make and answer calls between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.. More than 420 outbound calls were made on day one to students that applied between May and June 2019 to encourage document submission. The initial day of calling yielded outstanding results with over 68% answer rate and 70% still interested in submitting documents. The calling bank will remain open and will continue calling the additional 3,093 applicants that applied since August 2018 who are also in an incomplete status due to missing documents. Applicants are being encouraged to submit their documents online or in-person at the Admissions Office. Late night document submission hours were set up for Thursdays from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. for those applicants and parents that need to drop documents off after hours.





Southern University Finalist for HBCU Digest Top Awards

Southern University and A&M College is a finalist in five categories for the 2019 Historically Black Colleges and Universities' Digest Awards. Nominations include:

Best Student Government
 Best Student Newspaper-Southern Digest
 Best Alumni Publication-Southernite
 Best Nursing Program
 Best Marching Band-The Human Jukebox

Winners will be announced during the ninth annual HBCU Awards ceremony. The ceremony will be held August 2nd at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in downtown Baltimore.

The HBCU Awards honors individual and institutional achievements at HBCU's across the country. Winners are selected by a panel of judges comprised of HBCU executives, students and alumni, and industry experts.

The HBCU Digest is the presenting organization of the original HBCU Awards, which annually recognizes the best in leadership, athletics, academics and student achievement from black colleges throughout the country. This program has helped several winning institutions to increase media visibility, private giving and branding.

Student Affairs Prepares for New Students

Student Affairs has enhanced its New Student Orientation sessions for the fall. The Orientation program is designed to welcome new students, parents and families to the Southern University community.

"We have carefully planned sessions to offer a range of perspectives on life at Southern University, in addition to providing resources and information that will be helpful to students, parents and families during the first few months of the university experience, said DeAndre Dearing, director of New Student Orientation.

The New Student Orientation sessions will include sessions on academic advising,

first year planning, and information on paying for school. There are sessions that provide an overview of academic policies, student support services, University rules, policies, and regulations. The sessions also provide insight on how students can build long lasting friendships.

For more information, please contact the Office of New Student Orientation (225) 771-3920.

Upcoming Sessions are:
 Monday, July 22- Tuesday, July 23
 Thursday, July 25-Friday, July 26
 Monday, August 12- Tuesday, August 13
 Welcome Week, August 12-18

Three SU Students Selected as White House Competitive Scholars

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities announced recently the names of 44 students from 34 historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) selected as 2019 HBCU Competitiveness Scholars – the Initiative's highest student recognition. Scholars were selected from among several highly distinguished

HBCU students chosen based on their academic achievement, campus and civic involvement and entrepreneurial spirit. Three of the four students selected from Louisiana are enrolled at Southern University and A&M College. They are: Morgan Mallory of Alexandria; Christian King of Baton Rouge and Trezell Raga of Marrero. Competitiveness Scholars

will receive their recognition at the HBCU week conference during the Initiative's Excellence in Innovation and Competitiveness Awards luncheon ceremony on Sept. 9.

\$1 million Awarded for Statewide Center

Southern University has just been awarded a 5-year, \$1 million contract from the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health to create the Statewide Center for Prevention Resources. The project is led by SU professors, Drs. Murelle Harrison and Jocelyn Freeman. The Statewide Center for Prevention Resources (CPR) will be established at Southern University and A&M College to provide training and technical assistance services to the Substance Abuse Prevention Workforce. These services will be available to youth, communities, professionals, and others in the prevention community. The CPR will work directly with the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health and other statewide entities aimed at improving implementation and delivery of effective substance abuse prevention interventions. It will provide prevention skills trainings and technical assistance based on prevention science; use evidence-based and promising practices; and leverage the expertise and resources available through new and existing alliances.

SU Professor Mixed Media Work Featured

A Southern University Professor art work is on display at the Baton Rouge Gallery. Randell Henry's mixed media collage paintings showcase his approach to making collages that involve the use of improvisational methods of playing with shape, color



and pattern. With influences from abstract expressionism, cubism and African and Asian art, Henry explores dreams through his collaged images.

“In my new collages I am exploring dreams through the use of textures and patterns. I find it to be more creative when I paint areas of color and patterns onto raw fabric that I can incorporate into the works in inventive ways to inspire imagery,” says Henry on his new body of work.

Henry, an associate professor of Art at Southern University, presently serves on the Board of Directors at Baton Rouge Gallery. He has been a BRG artist member since 1985. He received an undergraduate degree in Fine Arts from Southern University and the MFA from Louisiana State University.

Always seeking new influences through art, Henry has made seven trips to West Africa, looking at art and exploring the cultures. He has traveled to Mexico, Canada, China, Japan, Sicily, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Brazil to see historic art and cultural sites and important exhibitions of art. His exhibition was on display through June 27, 2019.

Top HBCUs That offer Healthcare

Murrieta, CA, June 19, 2019 --(PR.com)-- MedicalFieldCareers.com, a great online resource for all students that are training for a career in the healthcare field, has announced its list of the top historically black college and universities that offer healthcare programs, and a new scholarship program for students attending one of the colleges on the list.

The MedicalFieldCareers.com is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for any current, or future student at any of the featured schools. The student must submit a 500-word essay on why they are attending a historical black college and why they want to work in the healthcare industry.

Additional eligibility requirements for the award are that the applicant must be 1) at least 18 years of age, 2) have completed high school or the G.E.D., and 3) be enrolled in a healthcare program for the semester they apply for the scholarship at one of the schools featured on MedicalFieldCareers.com's list of the top historically black college and universities that offer healthcare programs. The ranking for Southern University System institutions is as follows:

Southern University at New Orleans (30)
 Southern University and A&M College (50)
 Southern University at Shreveport (51)

Chancellor's Report:
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SOUTHERN
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Events

Admitted Students Day



The Southern University Law Center held its annual Admitted Students Day on June 22, 2019. This introduction to the Law Center provided a glimpse of what students can expect upon arrival in the fall.

Students attended classes and heard targeted presentations. Administrators provided riveting presentations from their respective departments. This realistic appraisal of SULC without the Admissions filter is appreciated and a well-attended, voluntary program. All admitted students are required to attend 1L orientation prior to the start of the academic school year.

Partnerships & Collaborations



The Southern University Law Center hosted a Civil Rights Panel for the Governor's Fellows. The discussion centered around court restructuring and higher education desegregation.

Featured guests included Attorney Walter Dumas, SULC Chancellor Emeritus and Professor, B.K. Agnihotri, Attorney and NAACP Board of Directors Dr. Ernest Johnson Sr., and former Attorney General and current Commissioner of Natural Resources Richard Ieyoub with Chancellor John Pierre serving as moderator.

The fellows and panelists further engaged in a discussion about the need for reparations and how the federal government should follow Georgetown's effort to reconcile with the history of slavery.

Faculty Spotlight

Professor Marla Dickerson



Marla Dickerson, Director of Prelaw, Academic Counselor, Instructor of Law, and ADA Coordinator was appointed to the American Bar Association Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline. The mission of the ABA Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline is to increase diversity and inclusion in the educational pipeline to the legal profession.

Professor Angela Allen-Bell



Angela Allen-Bell, Associate Professor, Director of Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice was a recipient of the Civil Rights and Social Justice Award at the 2019 National Civil Rights Conference during the pre-conference event in Philadelphia, MS. The following day, she presented the keynote address in Birmingham, AL, where the conference was held.

Professor Adam Crepelle



Adam Crepelle, Instructor of Law, was appointed to the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence committee. The mission of the Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence is to increase access to justice for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking by mobilizing the legal profession.

Student Spotlight

Trezell Ragas



2L Trezell Ragas was the sole SULC representative invited to the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Scholars Summit in Atlanta, GA. The LCLD Scholars Program is designed to strengthen the legal pipeline by expanding the number of opportunities for diverse first-year law students. Ragas was able to hear from AmLaw 100 firms and Fortune 500 Corporations and attended a mock interview with attorneys from Jones Day and Holland & Knight LLP.

Samantha Henderson



Samantha Henderson was awarded the Louisiana State Bar Association Pro Bono award. This award recognizes a law student from an ABA-accredited law school in the state of Louisiana who has demonstrated a dedication to providing legal services to the poor.

Student Spotlight

White House Competitiveness Scholars



SULC standouts, Morgan Mallory, Rachel Gentry, Christian King, Trezell Raga, and Nicholas Caldwell (*pictured left to right*) have been selected as 2019 HBCU Competitiveness Scholars for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Forty-four students were selected from 34 historically black colleges and universities. Each was nominated and endorsed by their institution's President/Chancellor, which itself is an honorable mention.

They will participate in workshops designed to strengthen their leadership, and civic engagement and will be encouraged to seek out ongoing personal and professional development in the areas of innovation and entrepreneurship. Competitiveness Scholars will receive their recognition at the HBCU week conference during the Initiative's Excellence in Innovation and Competitiveness Awards luncheon ceremony on September 9.

Student Spotlight

Katherine Read & Saba Negatu



Through a spring 2019 Civil Rights Litigation project, Saba Negatu and Katherine Read achieved restorative justice for the late John Garner. Garner was a Southern University law student in 1960, whose aspirations were cut short after being arrested and convicted for participating in the sit-in protest of racial segregation at Sitman's Drugstore in downtown Baton Rouge. Negatu and Read drafted a proposed commendation and a proposed resolution for Garner's actions during the Civil

Rights era. Negatu and Read presented their requests to Governor John Bel Edwards and the legislature. Both the commendation and resolution were granted without any changes nor opposition and was presented to Joan Garner, John Garner's only child, May 15, 2019 (*pictured below*).



Remarkable Alumni

Tyler D. Bailey



Class of 2014 alumni **Tyler D. Bailey** of Bailey Law Firm was selected to participate in the American Association for Justice's 2019 Leadership Academy.

The American Association for Justice Leadership Academy is a profoundly selective program that selects only 16 plaintiff trial lawyers from various parts of the country for professional development sessions designed to give the participants skills and techniques to make them effective leaders in professional settings, within AAJ and in their communities.

THE chancellor's REPORT

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Dr. Kamran
Abdollahi
selected as the next
State Chair for the
Louisiana Society of
American Foresters



Dr. Kamran Abdollahi, Professor and Program Leader for Urban Forestry and Natural Resources in the Southern University College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences and the

Agricultural Research and Extension Center, has been selected as the next State Chair for the Louisiana Society of American Foresters (SAF). Last year, Dr. Abdollahi received the prestigious award by the SAF and was inducted into the Forestry Hall of Fame as a National Fellow.

The SAF is the national scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. The mission of SAF is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; establish professional excellence; and to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

The Society of American Foresters accredits 101 programs of study at 48 universities to offer specialized forestry education to their students. In addition, 26 programs of study at 25 institutions are recognized by SAF to offer two-year associates' degrees.

SU Ag Center & College of Ag
teaches youth agriculture
during S.U. Lab

S.W.A.G.
Summer Enrichment Camp

Youth in kindergarten through 6th grade learned the importance of Agriculture during the Southern University Lab School's Science, Writing, and Agriculture (SWAG) Summer Enrichment Program.

Faculty and staff from the Southern University Ag Center and College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences assisted with the development and implementation of the program, which was held June 3-28, 2019.

During the camp youth learned about irrigation, were able to see, touch and hold animals on Animal Science Day and make their own leaf collections.

Special thanks to Dr. Renita W. Marshall, Dr. Harold Mellieon, Dr. Yemane Ghebreyessus, Dr. Devaiah Kambiranda, Dr. Marlin Ford, Dr. Christopher Chappell, Mrs. Mila Berhane, Ms. Stephanie Elwood, and Ms. Keandrys Dalton for making the camp a success.





Dr. Renita Marshall and Student Kendrys Dalton participate in Pre-MAPP Workshop

Dr. Renita Marshall and Keandrys Dalton, a Senior Animal Science Major, attended the SHIP to SHORE 2019 Pre-Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnerships (MAPP) Workshop in Laplace, LA on June 20, 2019. The workshop was sponsored by Region 3 of the Louisiana Office of Public Health.

In this fast-paced training, participants experienced key elements of a local MAPP process. MAPP is intended for adaptation into various business, civic, and social sectors that influence our local culture of health.

The workshop was designed to benefit community influencers who interact with employees, clients, students, patients, volunteers, and citizen stakeholders. Attendees gained skills that engage local people in planning and action during the upcoming 2020-2025 state health improvement plan (SHIP).



The Southern University Ag Center and the Southern University Institute for One Health One Medicine are now Strategic Partners with the Louisiana Office of Public Health-Region 3.

SU AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES



participate in **NATIONAL Veterinarians Conference**

Baton Rouge, La. – Students from Southern University’s College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences along with students from across the United States participated in the Inaugural National Association for Black Veterinarians (NABV) Conference June 7-8, 2019.



The conference themed, "The State of Blacks in Veterinary Medicine," was held at the NOPSI Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

The mission of the national organization is to build a network of individuals and organizations that advocates for increasing the number of blacks in veterinary medicine at every level and profession.

The conference also provided sessions to support in-practice veterinarians with clinical businesses.

Dr. Renita Marshall, Director of the Southern University Institute for One Health One Medicine and Department Chair of Southern University’s Department of Agricultural Sciences is the 2019-2020 Charter President of the NABV.



SU Ag holds successful

BAYOU

summer program



Tayla was excited to explain the hands-on experience she gained during the program such as how to palpate a cow and figure out where the baby is inside the animal, draw blood from a goat out of its neck, and how to stop huff rot in a goat.

The Southern University College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences hosted 26 high school seniors and incoming college freshman for three weeks during the college's annual Beginning Agricultural Youth Opportunities Unlimited (BAYOU) Program.

The program provides an opportunity for students to gain first-hand knowledge about career opportunities in Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, Business or the natural sciences.

The students also participate in educational field trips during the program. One of those field trips was to the De Soto National Forest in Wiggins, MS, where the students were introduced to conservation efforts, wildfire work, and protection of endangered species. Calvin Adams, Felton

DeRouen and Drs. Harold Mellieon, Jr., Kamran Abdollahi, and Chris Chappell accompanied the students on the trip.

During the program's closing ceremony on June 21, every student presented their summer experience from the respective academic areas of Apparel Merchandising and Textiles, Agriculture Economics, Animal Science and Pre-Vet Medicine, Child Development, Human Nutrition and Food, Plant and Soil Sciences and Urban Forestry.

"I didn't know what to expect from the program in the beginning, but when I moved into the dorm and met my suit mates, it felt like a home away from home," said Tayla Williams, a BAYOU participant from New Orleans, LA and an incoming freshman at Southern University. "I really enjoyed visiting the different departments in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences and I was glad that I was able to clarify exactly what I want to do in the Department of Animal Sciences," she added.

To qualify for the BAYOU program, students had to have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and complete 11th grade. The students live in the dormitories on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus and are permitted to go home on the weekends.

The 2019 BAYOU coordinators were Allison Johnson, the United States Department of Agriculture's 1890 Program Liaison; Harold Mellieon, Jr., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Agricultural Science and Program Leader of Animal Science, and Tiffany Wilkerson-Franklin, Ph.D., Associate Youth Specialist at the SU Ag Center.

Sponsors for this year's program included the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Forest Service (FS) the Louisiana Chapter of Professional Black NRCS Employees, LA STEAM, and Southern University's TrueBlue.

For additional information about the BAYOU Program, visit <https://bit.ly/2RmLdQo>.





Urban Forestry Students receive scholarships from the Louisiana Forestry Foundation

The following College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Science students were awarded scholarships from the Louisiana Forestry Foundation: Tess Brown, Ke'Shae Brumfield, Kyla Bryant, Lajarious, Terrel Lewis, Nicholaus Pryor, Rodney Purdy, Asija Rice, and Tywin Tate.



Six SU College of Ag Students and Alumni accepted into Purdue University's Summer Scholars Program

Five Southern University students majoring in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences and an alumnus have been accepted into the Mentoring at Purdue Summer Scholars Program.

The program, which began in 2013, has a mission of increasing the number of women and underrepresented minorities pursuing post-secondary STEM-based agricultural and life science degrees in the College of Agriculture at Purdue University.

During the program, students will be able to visit the graduate departments in the College of Agriculture, engage with future faculty mentors and students, and explore research opportunities.

The program is open to college sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are interested in pursuing a master's or doctoral level degree in Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Agricultural Economics, Agronomy, Animal Sciences, Biochemistry, Botany and Plant Pathology, Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE), Entomology, Food Science, Forestry and Natural Resources, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Natural Resources Environmental Science (NRES), the Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Science Ph.D. (PULSe), and Youth Development and Agricultural Education.

The scholars are Abigail Manual, an Agricultural Sciences major with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine; Amin Washington, an Agricultural Sciences major with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine; De'Shonna Jones, an Agricultural Sciences major with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine; Jasmine Fontenot, an Agricultural Sciences major with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine; Kaia South, an Agricultural Sciences major with a concentration in Animal Science, and Agricultural Sciences alumni Jennifer Brown, which is currently attending Alcorn State University pursuing a Master's in Animal Science.

Shonna Smith, a Biochemistry major at Southern University, was also accepted into the program. This is the largest number of students from one institution that have been accepted into the program this year.

Dr. Andra Johnson serves as a Panelist for

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**



Dr. Andra Johnson, Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Development at the SU Ag Center, participated in a panel discussion along with Drs. Deacue Fields, who is a graduate of the SU College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences and Dean of Dale Bumper College's Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas, and Bill Richardson, the Vice President for Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture at Louisiana State University, at

the 2019 National Agricultural Alumni & Development Association (NAADA) Conference held in Baton Rouge, La. on June 13, 2019.

The panelists discussed strategies and ideas for diversifying revenue streams and keeping the land-grant mission relevant in the midst of budget cuts, enrollment challenges, and stakeholder needs.

NAADA's mission is to provide education, support, and recognition for professionals and volunteers dedicated to expanding resources for advancing agriculture and related disciplines through land-grant and other colleges of agricultural sciences and partner programs.





9 Marksville Residents Receive Urban Agriculture Certifications

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center held a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certification Program in Marksville, LA at the St. John Community Baptist Church from May 7 – June 4, 2019.

The program taught Participants how to use sustainable agricultural practices in an urban environment with hands-on experience. Topics covered during the series included: Permaculture and the Environment; Water Harvesting, Irrigation and Composting; Small Scale Agriculture; Urban Animal Husbandry with Poultry; Bees and Worms; Vertical Farming, Hydroponics, and Aquaponics; Maximizing the Use of Land Resources and Infrastructure; Community and School-Based Gardening; Communicating with the Public and Being Accountable; Marketing; Working with City Government within City Ordinances; Construction Techniques for Hoop Houses and Raised Beds; Organic and Sustainable Production and Combatting Diseases and Man-Made Threats.

The participants received certificates of completion on the last night of the course. Marlin Ford, Ph.D. is the Program's Leader/ Instructor and William Augustine is the Project Coordinator. For additional information about the SU Ag Center's Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certification Program or to schedule a training in your area, email marlin_ford@suagcenter.com or call 225-771-5164.

De'Shoin York to present at National USDA \ NIFA Conference



Dr. De'Shoin A. York, Associate Specialist of Nutrition, Health, and Wellness at the SU Ag Center, will present along with Dr. Helen Chipman, the National Program Leader of Food and Nutrition Education at the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), at the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior Conference. The presentation, entitled "From Roots to Branches: Growth of National Nutrition Education over 50 years" will be given on July 30 during the conference in Orlando, FL.

SU Ag Center's Mobile Technology Education Center Visits New Orleans area



The Southern University Ag Center's Mobile Technology Education Center (M-TEC) participated in a Health Fair hosted by the churches in the 5th District of the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA on June 8. The event was held in the parking lot of the New Life Church on 5918 Babylon St. in New Orleans, La. The 45-foot mobile classroom is retrofitted to facilitate the Ag Center's four certification programs in the areas of: Small Business Development; Small Ruminant

Production; Food Safety and Sustainable Urban Agriculture.

William Augustine, the certification program's project coordinator and Eual Hall, Interim Director/ Business Development Specialist of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development at the SU Ag Center, provided individuals with a tour of the mobile unit and information on the Ag Center's certification programs. Individuals who visited the mobile unit were excited to hear about the free certification programs that can be held in their areas.

For additional information about the SU Ag Center's M-TEC or to schedule a certification program in your area, contact William Augustine at 225-771-2561 or email him at william_augustine@suagcenter.com.



Dr. Kit Chin, a professor for the SU Ag Center and Agricultural Sciences Department in the College of Ag, served as a proposal panel reviewer for the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) Beginning Farmer And Rancher Development. The panel convened June 17-21, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. De'Shoin A. York will be participating as a panel reviewer for the USDA NIFA's Community Food Program Request for Proposals (RFP). The Panel will convene in Washington, D.C. July 22 – 26, 2019..

SU Ag Center's Produce Safety Program holds a Farm Produce Safety Assessment

Staff members of the Southern University Ag Center's Produce Safety Program led a Farm Produce Safety Assessment at Warner Hall's vegetable farm in Greensburg, LA on Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

The program focuses on reducing the likelihood of foodborne illnesses caused by contamination of produce by human pathogens occurring at the farm level. Mr. Hall, who has attended two produce safety trainings, has a number of practices in place to reduce the risk of contamination on his farm. For instance, those working in the field wash their hands before harvesting produce. Vegetable bins are also washed and sanitized daily.

Six farmers in addition to Mr. Hall were present. There was a discussion on the subjects of proper handwashing, use of food-grade sanitizers, and traceability of vegetables sold. The group went out to the field and observed produce in varying stages of growth. Mr. Hall told the group about his crops and pointed out the electric fence wires that kept out unwanted wildlife. The animals not only eat the produce, but they also carry human pathogens.

Produce Safety team members Emily King, L'Asia George and Chelsea Triche participated in the event. Marty Pousson and Kelly Hughes from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and

Forestry (LDAF) contributed to the assessment as well. Fatemeh Malekian is the project director for the SU Ag Center's Produce Safety Program.

SU Ag Center holds produce safety and GAP trainings

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center is participating in a \$3.6 million grant awarded to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to assist produce growers in improving their safety practices ahead of the implementation of a new federal rule under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

The Southern University and LSU Ag Centers have been collaborators on the grant, with the Southern University Ag Center receiving about \$500,536.

"The funds have been helping to educate farmers, especially small and underserved produce growers, about the Produce Safety Rule that is part of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)," said Fatemeh Malekian, Project Director.

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center has been collaborating with other entities in conducting farm inventory (especially small farmers), On Farm Readiness Review (OFRR), evaluating existing statutory and/or regulatory authority related to produce safety, conducting trainings and determining the changes to establish, operate and maintain a Produce Safety Program that is supportive of the requirements in the FDA's Produce Safety Regulation.

The Produce Safety Rule was finalized in November 2015 and sets standards for growing, harvesting, packing and storing fruits and vegetables. It addresses water quality, composting, farm personnel health and hygiene and equipment sanitation among other issues. Large farms must comply with the rule by January 2019. Smaller farms have more time to comply.

Several trainings have been conducted since 2016. Growers can learn how the new regulations will affect their farm and what steps they must take to get in compliance.

The Southern University Ag Center team has also received funding from the USDA in 2018 to provide training for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). The two programs can assist the farmers to reduce the risk of microbial contamination of fruits and vegetables during production, harvest, and packaging. These trainings have been offered in a two-day event in Louisiana. Reducing foodborne illness will be most successful if all farmers who grow and sell fruits and vegetables learn basic produce safety.

On June 12-13, 2019, Fatemeh Malekian (Lead Trainer), Emily King, L'Asia George and Chelsea Triche conducted produce safety and Good Agricultural and Good Handling Practices (GAP and GHP) trainings, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry personnel, Allison Dumas, Marty Pousson and Audrey Carrier (state GAP auditor), and Bahia Nightengale from the Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance (CLEDA) in Alexandria. The farmers who attended these two trainings received a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for completing the produce safety training and will receive financial assistance for their GAP certification/audit if qualified.





Tevin HAMILTON

This article and photo appeared in The Forestry Source, News for forest resource professionals published by the Society of American Foresters in June 2019. The Future of SAF, Tevin Hamilton: Finding a Path in Forestry By Tevin Hamilton

The Forestry Source Editor's note: Continuing with our profiles of up-and-coming SAF members who will continue managing our nation's natural resources in the coming decades, this month we feature Tevin Hamilton. He is a graduate of Southern University and A&M College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in urban forestry. Since joining SAF in 2017, Hamilton has participated in several community-service projects that involve the rehabilitation of greenspaces within underdeveloped communities and instructing the youth of the benefit of the environmental services. He was selected as an SAF Diversity Scholar in 2018 (for information on the scholarship, see tinyurl.com/yy7g4rvj).

Hamilton currently works on San Bernardino National Forest. Starting this fall, he will attend Yale University to earn a Master of Environmental Management.

In his own words, Hamilton describes his path toward a career in forestry.

How he became interested in forestry

Originally, I started in forestry for the wrong reasons. I was introduced to forestry in the summer of 2013 just before I began my freshman year of college. As a young adolescent from St. Louis learning about forestry for the first time, all I heard was how much money I could make within the profession. I didn't have a real passion for forestry or truly understand what it was. I was lost and didn't know my purpose. I continually prayed in search of a path for my career and life. I

had to ask myself some important questions: why did I want to continue with forestry and natural resources in the first place; why does the environment matter; and why is it so important to properly manage it? I knew I had to figure out what it is I truly wanted.

My first internship answered those questions. Researching urban wetlands in Louisiana gave me an opportunity to learn how the environment is directly affected by human activity, and my perspective on the environment drastically changed. Wetland loss is a critical concern because wetlands are threatened ecosystems due to urban development and land-use change. I wanted to look at how further wetland loss can be mitigated. I knew I wanted to continue my education and profession within forestry to learn more of the issues facing the environment.

The summer after my junior year in college was my first time working with the US Forest Service. After attending a MANRRS conference, I became a Forest Service Pathways student. The Pathways program offers students internships that eventually lead to jobs after graduation. My first internship with the agency was in the state of Tennessee, where I was exposed to different areas of forestry, such as soil conservation and water preservation. I mainly worked on inventories, but I also learned how employees interact with the people who use

and live on the land.

[MANRRS is a nonprofit whose mission is to “promote academic and professional advancement by empowering minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences.”]

How service projects and research supplemented his education

Since joining SAF, I’ve participated in several community-service projects that involve the rehabilitation of greenspaces within older communities and teaching youth about the benefits of natural resources. I worked with a nonprofit organization called Baton Rouge Green that works to maintain the trees and green spaces in the city in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I assisted with conducting an inventory of street trees that were under the care of the city and state. When inventorying, I used my mensuration skills to measure the DBH, height, and identify the species of the trees to determine the ecological benefit of each tree. I also participated in numerous tree plantings at local elementary schools and underdeveloped communities to aesthetically enhance these areas and increase environmental benefits. I believe volunteering is an important role of SAF to help the environment and various communities.

While working for the Forest Service as an undergraduate, I was privileged to work on a research project that examined the concentration of pollutants in urban soils in Atlanta, Georgia. The two locations included a middle class, gentrified, predominantly white neighborhood and a lower class, predominantly black neighborhood. These areas were selected to determine if race and social class affect how a community is environmentally managed. Through this research, we concluded that both locations had high levels of hazardous metals due to ineffective regulations. Having an active role in these research projects inspired my passion for research, and I want to continue working toward preserving the limited land on the planet.

The hidden challenges of attending college

During my time in academia, I faced situations that challenged my commitment to my education. I was accumulating a significant amount of debt from student loans, which resulted in so much

stress that I considered dropping out of school. I was losing focus and didn’t really know what I wanted anymore, but then the unlikely happened. I was nominated for a scholarship

that I didn’t even apply for. I was selected to become a USDA 1890 scholar, which is funded in full by the Forest Service. The scholarship includes full tuition, full housing coverage, and an internship each summer with the Forest Service. Having this opportunity was amazing. During this time of my life, I realized how truly blessed I am, because it’s as if overnight all the answers came at once. After deep reflection, I realized that the path I was on was the right one.

What he’s learned from forestry coursework


While studying urban forestry, I learned the importance of proper natural-resource management and the benefits it provides for the environment and the people who utilize the resources. I believe the preservation and management of natural resources are vital to the sustainability of our planet, so I’m interested in researching different ways to effectively manage these resources.


Starting this fall, I will attend Yale University to obtain a Master of Environmental Management. I want to work toward finding solutions to some of the world’s essential problems, such as water conservation and land sustainability. Through my experience, I learned that having a bachelor’s degree is helpful, but there are more opportunities for advancement for those with advanced degrees.


Attending graduate school will provide me the opportunity to fully immerse myself in the subject matter, work on advanced projects and research, and become informed of the latest advancements in the natural resource field. I hope to gain mentorship from experienced professionals who can provide me career insight and guide my future endeavors. There is a crucial need for students or individuals of diverse backgrounds in the natural resource and environmental science disciplines, because diversity and inclusion are fundamental to effectively managing our natural resources for the benefit of all people.

To connect with Tevin Hamilton, he can be reached at tevindyrell@yahoo.com.

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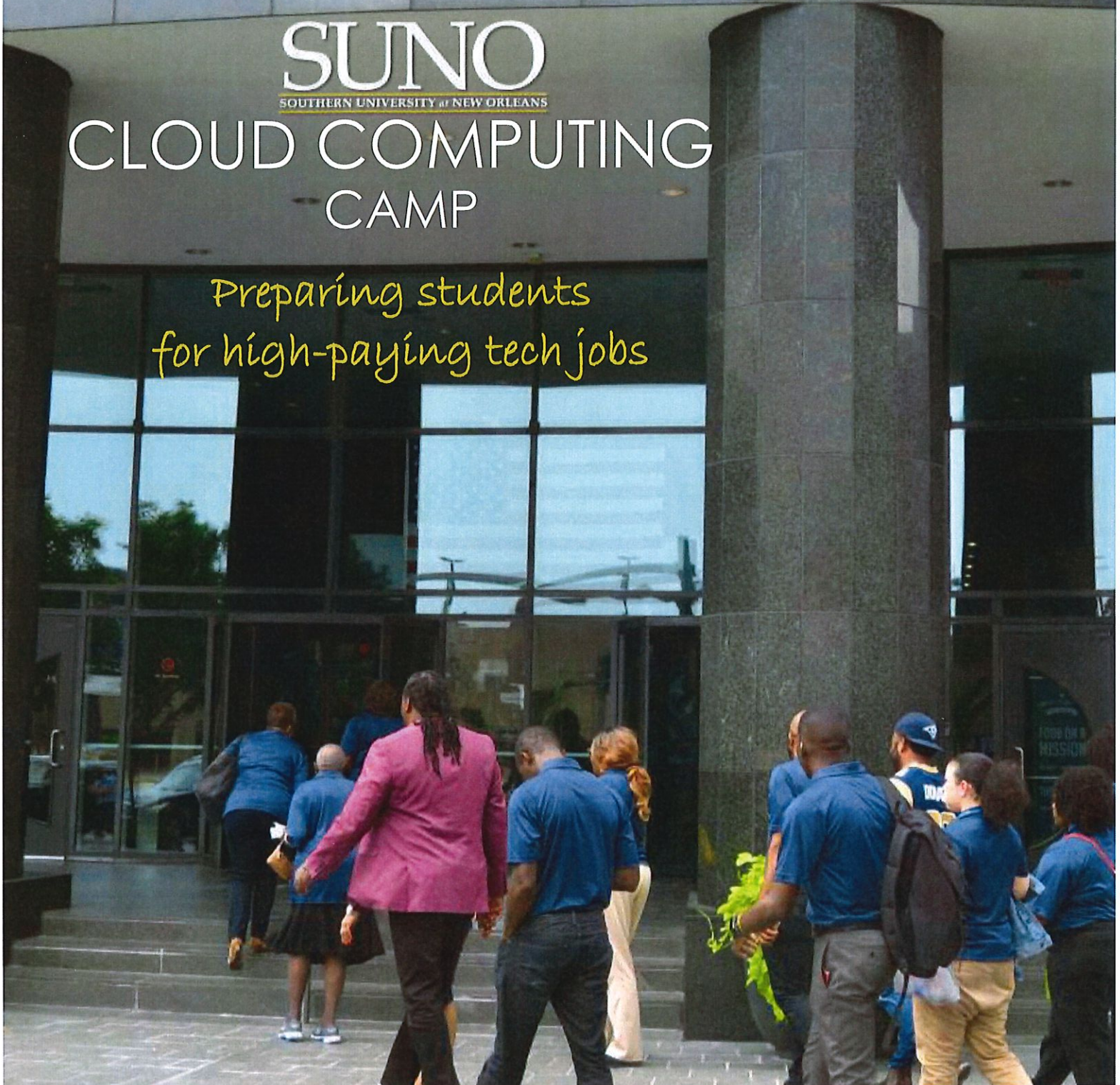
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CLOUD COMPUTING CAMP

*Preparing students
for high-paying tech jobs*



SUNO Students Find The Key To Tech Jobs In The Cloud



This summer, 20 students participated in the first Cloud Computing Camp, presented by DXC Technology and Southern University at New Orleans. During the free camp, Instructor Keff Johnson taught the students about the following skills: cloud formation, cloud automation, App development, block storage, computing, network, database, cloud security, Azure/AWS networking, public cloud and Github. The students also visited the DXC Technology headquarters in New Orleans, had a case competition and awards ceremony. Other group activities included a bowling/pizza party, a movie night and a trip to Dave & Busters Arcade in downtown New Orleans.

The DXC Camp SUNO Leadership Team members are Yolander Smith (project manager), Timotea Bailey (recruiting manager), Eric Williams (recruiting coordinator) and Constance Woods (student success specialist).



FROM PAGE 2

Keff Johnson, in far right photo, teaches campers about Cloud Computing. In the bottom photo, Travis Chase, who leads DXC's University Partnership Talent Acquisition office, takes the campers on a tour of the DXC Technology headquarters in downtown New Orleans.



Southern University Alumni Federation Meets at SUNO

The Southern University Alumni Federation gathered in the SUNO Conference Center June 28-29 for its Leadership Summit. The meeting opened with a presentation on the "State of Southern University at New Orleans" by Chancellor Lisa M. Devezin. SUNO alumnus Dr. Michael Robinson (1996) also talked about what being a SUNO grad means to him.

"The professors here cared about us as an individual, not just as a students," he said. "They treated you like you were their own children. We were family. It was what they instilled on us.

"That is why today, I stand proud as a Southern University at New Orleans graduate."



CHANCELLOR
LISA MIMS-DEVEZIN



DR. MICHAEL ROBINSON

GLORIA B. MOULTRIE



President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton, above from left, and Southern University System Board of Supervisors Chair Domoine D. Rutledge at the Board's June meeting at Southern University at New Orleans. In the right photo, SUNO Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin gives a presentation.



Coach Rowley Recognized During SUS Board Meeting

James Rowley, assistant SUNO Housing director, received the "Above and Beyond" Award during the Southern University System Board of Supervisors meeting June 21 on SUNO's Campus. The award, presented by the SUS Board, honors outstanding achievements in the workplace, exceptional contributions toward efficiency and effectiveness of operations, special efforts in promoting workforce excellence, or outstanding service to the University community and constituents.

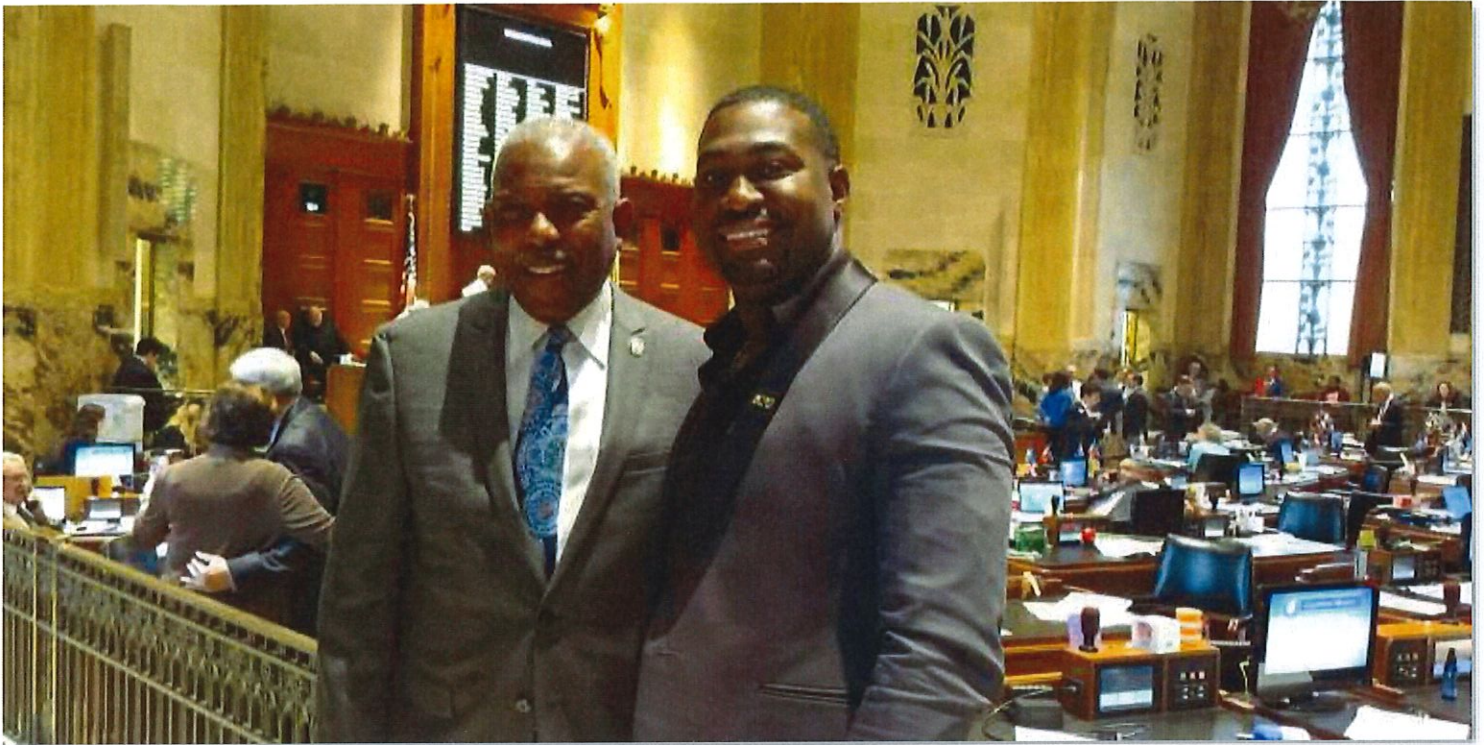
Coach Rowley was recognized for helping Dr. Donna Grant during a recent illness. She passed away June 10, 2019. "Dr. Grant always looked out for me," Coach Rowley said. "I just took care of her like I would want someone to take care of my mother in a time of need."



JAMES ROWLEY



Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning, vice president of Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness, presents the Southern System Strategic Plan 2018-2025.



Track Coach Younne Reid, at right standing with State Rep. Joe Bouie, was recognized by the Louisiana State Legislature June 5 for the success that he has had with the SUNO Track Team. The Women's Track Team brought home four national championships from the 2019 NAIA Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships this year. The SUNO team came in second for the overall championship, missing the crown by only two points.

Child & Youth Development Conference Draws More Than 100



The Title IV-E Program in the School of Social Work sponsored a Child and Youth Development Conference: *Diverse Perspectives on Children and Family Services and the Technological Age* June 13-14. More than 100 social work and mental health professionals attended the conference.

Award-winning author, journalist and child advocate, Dr Stacey Patton, gave the opening keynote speech.

A former foster child, Dr. Patton is an expert on issues of child welfare, race relations and higher education. She has written several books, including "That Mean Old Yesterday -- A Memoir" and "Spare the Kids: Why Whipping Children Won't Save Black America." Her new book "Strung up: The Lynching of Black Children and Teenagers in America 1180-1968" is set to be released.

Lawyer Stacie Leblanc gave a presentation on "Painless Parenting and the Cultural Context of Corporal Punishment in the African-American Community." In addition, Dr. Marva Lewis's work on the relationship

between hair combing interactions and the mother-daughter bond in African American Families, and Dr. Samuel Bradley's work with LGBTQ children and youth and technology were presented. Other presentations focused on ethics and technology and the relationship between maternal and infant mental health.

The Field Placement Process has begun in the School of Social Work. At right, Field Education Director Catherine Kalob assists MSW students Peter Klingelhofer and Kelvanisha Williams with their placements. The Field Unit announced new partnerships with three organizations: Crescent Care, Operation Restoration and the City of New Orleans Office of Youth and Families.

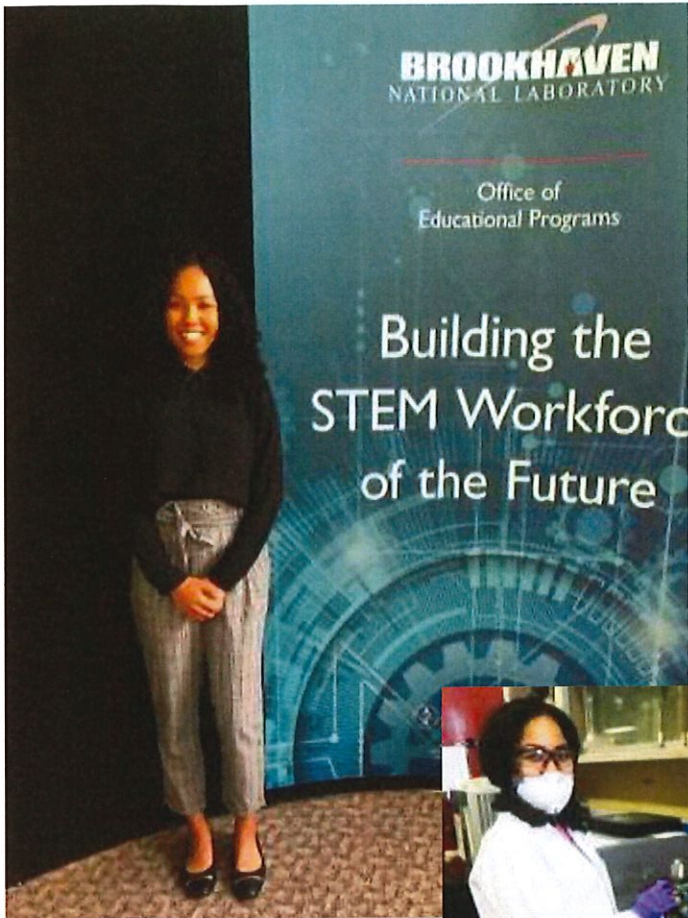


SUNO Health Information Management Systems faculty participated in the quarterly meeting of the Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA). Laura Douresseaux-Collins serves as president and John Barrilleaux is secretary/treasurer. Both are delegates to the national association. Sharon McGee is a district representative of the local Greater New Orleans Health Information Management Association (GNOHIMA). On June 22, GNOHIMA celebrated its 70th anniversary. Mrs. Douresseaux-Collins was the guest speaker.

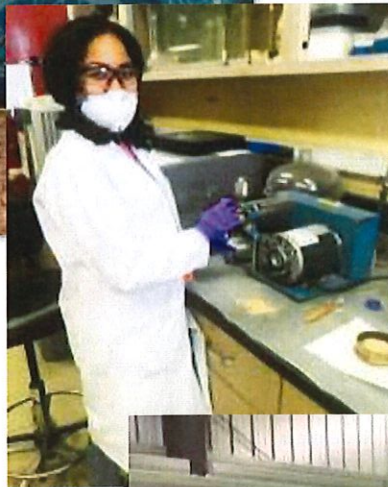
Forensic Science Students Spend Summer Conducting Research

Several SUNO students majoring in forensic science are conducting research and serving as interns at various institutions this summer:

- ▶ Mike Tran has a summer internship at the new St. Tammany Crime Laboratory in Slidell. He is the first forensic science to intern at this new crime laboratory.
- ▶ Arthur Lee is conducting summer research at Alabama A & M University for five weeks, and at Tennessee State University for another five weeks. He the first forensic science student to be accepted into these summer research programs.
- ▶ Jacy Haynes is working at LSU for summer research.
- ▶ Bree'Ann Brent is participating in a summer internship at Abbott Toxicology Laboratory.
- ▶ Kimberly Nguyen is conducting summer research at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) in New York, NY, under the supervision of Dr. Murty Kambhampati, SUNO biology professor. She is the first forensic science student to work at BNL.



Kimberly Nguyen conducts research at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL).



Arthur Lee conducts research at Alabama A&M University.



CBA Employees Participate in 2019 HBCU Business Deans Summit



CBA Dean Igwe Udeh, from left, and Dr. David Alijani, chair of the Computer Information Systems program, attend the HBCU Deans Summit in New Orleans.

Reginald Harley, an executive with the U.S. Small Business Administration Agency and a key member of the College of Business & Public Administration, participated in a panel discussion titled "Working with Your Business Advisory Board." Mr. Harley laid out the role the CBA Business Advisory Board members played before, during and since the SUNO College of Business earned accreditation by AACSB International. He emphasized the need for a close working relationship with the college dean, department chairs, student leaders and faculty as a way to feel the pulse of the college and gain a deeper understanding of the needs and how to lend a hand.

Mr. Harley provided several examples of on- and off-campus CBA events that the Advisory Board participated in and how those helped to crystalize their support for curricula improvement, internship opportunities, funding, classroom lectures and career counseling. Other panel members were Dr. Vann Sapp (St. Augustine University), Attorney John Pierre (Chancellor of the Southern University Law Center); and Mike Scott (Senior VP of Regional Bank).

The 2019 National HBCU Business Deans Roundtable Summit was hosted by Xavier University of Louisiana May 30-June 2 in New Orleans. The conference theme was "Building and Strengthening Relationships."

The annual event brings together HBCU business schools and program deans to discuss curricular, recruitment, retention, placement, outreach and financial challenges. The summit also provides opportunities for networking, especially among colleagues from institutions facing similar challenges. Corporate executives and key public sectors utilize the summit as a convenient avenue for invaluable face-time with deans and program directors of a broad spectrum of HBCU business schools.

Topics addressed during the sessions included "How to Build Relationships with Alumni and Donors," "360 Degree Expectations," "Engaging Black Philanthropists," "Using Social Media (LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, etc.)," "A New Pathway into the Accounting Profession" and "Navigating the Graduate Program

Admission Process."

Presenters included vendors of higher education tools, such as GMAC, Kaplan and ETS. Others were employers, such as Deloitte, KPMG Foundation, FINRA and College Diversity Network.

The conference was graced with many panel discussions on topics relevant to the changing higher education market. Dr. David Alijani, professor and chair of the Computer Information Systems program, participated in a panel discussion entitled "360 Degree Expectations (Part 1) for Department Chairs and Faculty." He discussed his role managing a department with AACSB-accredited undergraduate and graduate programs. He also explained some of the strategies employed in ensuring a smooth relationship between his office, the dean, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the faculty and the community. The other panelists were Dr. Derrick Collins (Chicago State University), Dr. Debbie Williams (West Virginia State University) and Dr. Katherine Causey (Lemoyne-Owens College).



Dr. Vann Sapp, from left, Attorney John Pierre, Mr. Mike Scott and Dr. Igwe Udeh

Mikella Womack: The Serial Entrepreneur and Business Major



The College of Business & Public Administration continues to attract, retain and graduate current and budding entrepreneurs, who are leaving big profitable footprints in the community. One such student is Mikella Womack, a senior Business Administration major, concentrating in Accounting.

The Board of

Directors of Ernest N. Morial Convention Center - New Orleans, recognized Ms. Womack as a leading Small & Emerging Business Vendor May 29. She is the Chief Executive Officer of two successful businesses -- My Dream Team and Changers Staffing & Janitorial Services.

My Dream Team was established in May 2014 to make kids' dreams into reality. It offers the best entertainment mascot characters (e.g. Santa, Easter Egg Bunny, Big Bird, Elmo, Cookie Monster, Spongebob, Dora, Doc Mac Stuffin, Hello Kitty, Mouse Boy, Mouse Girl, Gingerbread Man, Gingerbread Granny, Chase, Marshall and Skye); princesses (e.g. Cinderella, Frog Princess, Snow Queen Princess, Snow Princess, Belle, Wayfinder, Rapunzel, Little

Mermaid, Aladdin's Princess, Snow White and Mulan); super-heroes (e.g. Panther Hero, Spider Hero, Wonder Hero, Wonder Woman, American Hero, Red, Blue, Yellow, Green Rangers, Bat Hero, Bat Woman, Super Hero, and Super Woman); obstacle courses (e.g. Sack Racing, Ladder Run, Hulu Hoop Jump and Tire Pop); and portable soft play playgrounds.

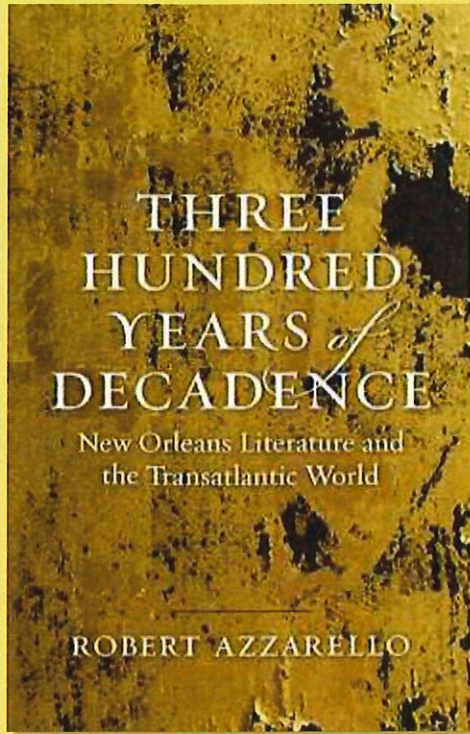
The flagship of Mikella's growing empire under the My Dream Team brand is the Portable Rock Climbing Wall machine. In fact, Ms. Womack is the first and only woman in Louisiana to own a Rock Climbing Wall business.

The company provides a portable 24-foot rock wall for festivals, private parties, carnivals, church functions and promotional events. The Wall, designed for amusement, entertainment and fitness, is equipped with a dual auto-delay system and meets the ASTM standard of safety as set by amusement park industry.

My Dream Team uses its years of entertainment experience to create amazing memories, to turn dreams into reality with pixie dust, and to give 5-star-quality service to families, businesses, schools and corporate clients.

In addition, Ms. Womack is the CEO of Changers Staffing & Janitorial Services, which provides janitorial services for big commercial and/or public buildings, as well as private residences, using trained professionals. Changers Staffing provides clients with staffing services needed for commercial or private projects.

Ms. Womack plans to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Spring 2020. Her career goal is to grow her business, create a lot of jobs, and mentor others to become financially independent.



Dr. Robert Azzarello was interviewed by Susan Larson on her show, "The Reading Life" about his book Three Hundred Years of Decadence: New Orleans Literature and the Transatlantic World. The full interview can be heard at www.wwno.org

Dr. Douglas Marshall managed and completed the 2019 National Communication Association Affiliate Reapplication progress on behalf of the National States Advisory Council (NSAC). Dr. Marshall is the immediate past president of NSAC, which is dedicated to the health of state-level professional communication associations.

The Small Business and Management Institute hosted the New Orleans Real Estate Brokers Association Homebuyers Workshop June 22 in the College of Business Building. The workshop featured home buyer counselors and mortgage loan experts with steps on the home buying process.

The American Health Information Management Association House of Delegates met June 12. Laura Douresseaux-Collins and John Barrilleaux served as delegates from the Louisiana Health Information Management Association. The meeting focused on elections for an open position in the national association and preparation for the July meeting in Chicago.

On June 5, John Barrilleaux participated in the webinar "Post-Acute Care QRPs: Reporting Requirements and Resources Call" hosted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The discussion was about the requirements and resources needed for accurate reporting.

DXC Technology Team exceeded its goal of providing qualified leads to DXC. So far, several SUNO alums are working at DXC. They are: Hasan Aquil, Brandon Bailey, Rondale Beckwith, Tharuni Boyapally, Travis Chase, Chukwunonso Eweni, Brandi Grimaldi Stampley, Stanley Ikegwuonu, Venkata Kiran Karanam and Sai Vivek Kodeboyina.



John Barrilleaux met with Latanya Brittentine from Southern University Shreveport Louisiana to make final edits on the 2+2 agreement between SUNO and SUSLA. Under the agreement, SUNO will be able to seamlessly accept students from the SUSLA program with a planned two-year completion.

Mr. Barrilleaux also was selected to work on the Fiscal year 2020 ICD-10 Code Update Webinar. The creation of this webinar will be conducted by American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) members with expertise in each area. Mr. Barrilleaux will partner with Pat Trela to create the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Coding Update Webinar. It will be published and available through the AHIMA Web site in September.



Alumni Spotlight



Kimberly Stanley, who received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 2017, completed her Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a Reading Specialist endorsement in May from the University of New Orleans. She completed her program with a 3.8 GPA.

Mrs. Stanley currently is a Lead Math and Technology teacher for Ralph J. Bunche Elementary School in Metairie. Her future goal is to pursue a Ph.D. in School Psychology.



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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Message from the Chancellor

As we conclude another successful academic year and prepare for a new one, we take time to reflect on our achievements and how Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) and our graduates are impacting the community, state, nation and the world in which we live.

While we cannot tell the entire story, [this video](#) provides a brief overview of those major accomplishments we could have only achieved with support from stalwart partners like you. SUSLA's commitment to excellence and service is clearly exhibited through our world class faculty and staff who are valued partners with you and our students. These partnerships insure the progression of the SUSLA vision through those who are championing our charge.

I consider it an honor and privilege to lead this great institution. For those who join us on this journey, we thank you and look forward to continuing to blaze new trails with you by our side. To that end, we invite you to go to www.susla.edu and "[Give to SUSLA](#)" online so that we can continue to impact the lives of students and the community. We also ask that you share this message with your friends and partners on your social media pages.

THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES... OUR OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIMITLESS!

Rodney A. Ellis, Ed.D.

Chancellor

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ELLIS APPOINTED TO HBCU BOARD OF ADVISORS

Dr. Ellis was recently appointed by President Donald J Trump to be a member of the Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. On June 13th, 2019 he was sworn in during a ceremony held in Washington DC. The purpose of this particular board of advisors is to advise the President, through the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Initiative), on all matters about strengthening the institutional capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).



Dr. Ellis also serves on the Louisiana Advisory Board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Louisiana's Advisory Board is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents. This Board focuses on ways to strengthen the capacity of HBCUs to provide the highest quality education, increase opportunities for HBCUs to participate in and benefit from state programs, and ensure that Louisiana has the highest proportion of college graduates from HBCUs in the country.



CONGRATULATIONS DR. ELLIS!

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT FOUNDATION 20th ANNUAL GENTLEMEN'S COOKING CLASSIC

Southern University Shreveport Foundation hosted the 20th Annual Gentlemen's Cooking Classic on Saturday, June 8th.



More than 2,200 attendees enjoyed traditional and non-traditional southern style dishes. Participants prepared meals like Gumbo, crawfish, ribs, shrimp, and so much more!



Dr. E's Mini Bourbon Pecan Pies were a delicious sweet treat from the Chancellor Dr. Rodney Ellis!

Attendee Dottie Bell stated, *"It is great! I've been with them for 20*



years, and every year it gets better and better! "I think it's critically important. I've done it every year since it has started, because it raises money for scholarships for kids that might not be able to afford it, certainly afford the opportunity.

It's defiantly worth it," said former Shreveport Mayor and participant Keith Hightower.



The 2019 Inductees filled the stage and were shown much appreciation. *"Twenty years is a long time. I think its systematic of how the Foundation is really extending leadership in such a way as to bring the whole community together, bringing about needed resources for the matriculation of students. So from that standpoint, any opportunity that we have to embrace this community, and for them to see the value of Southern University at Shreveport, I think goes a long way,"* says SU System President Ray L Belton.



A QUICK Snapshot



Dr. Ellis with SUSF President Wendell Piper check presentation (\$32,000)



Sen. Tarver placed 3rd in side dishes



SUSLA's Port City Jags and Lady Jaguars received a \$5,000 scholarship award.



Shreveport Bossier Tourism



2019 Culinary Judges



Chef J.T. Smith



BOOTH DECORATION Farmer's Seafood Market

2019 COOKING CLASSIC WINNERS

APPETIZER

Davis Ditt
Shreveport Job Corp
Robert Huston

SIDE DISHES

Northwest Technical College
Shreveport Job Corp
Senator Gregory Tarver

DESSERTS

Courtney Harrison
Beauregard - Tourist
Elbert Hill

LITTLE CHEF WINNERS

Addison Stevenson
Derrick Kitchen
Noah McClain

ENTREES

Henry Rodriguez
Monique Armann
Toya Milton

LITTLE CHEFS BOOTH DECORATIONS

Pappa Frank
Addison Stevenson
Noah McClain



Shreveport Job Corps



SAMS TOWN



CO-CHAIRS: John Hubbard and E. Jean Ware



EVENT COORDINATORS: Emily Owens
Frank Williams, Jr., SUSF Executive Director



EVENT EMCEES: KTBS NEW TALENTS
Alliya Sims and Rick Rowe

FROM THE DIVISION OF ADVANCEMENT BAPTIST MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS THANK YOU LUNCHEON



(Pictured left to right) Participants during luncheon, Pastor Jeffery Marshall of Love Fellowship Church, Director of Marketing & University Relations , Rasheeda Simmons, Stephanie Rogers, Chief Advancement Officer Pastor Charles Edward Johnson

Last winter, SUSLA's Office of Institutional Advancement partnered with the Baptist Ministers Fellowship to support the state-wide convention. On Tuesday, June 11th at the Petroleum Club in downtown Shreveport, leaders of the Conference held a Thank You Luncheon for its partners and sponsors. Southern University at Shreveport was recognized, along with a well-attended room of other supporters and community leaders representing businesses and organizations from throughout the city. Outgoing Chairman Pastor Theron Jackson thanked SUSLA for their support of the Annual Conference that was held last winter. As they look forward to their next citywide revival, new Convention Chair, Pastor Jeffrey Marshall expressed the need for the community's continued support and partnerships in filling various areas of needs of the event. Long-time Pastor of Mt. Canaan B.C. (retired) and Civil Rights Icon Dr. Harry Blake stressed the importance of the Baptist Ministers Convention and its value in educating pastors of tomorrow through practical teaching sessions and through mentoring opportunities with experienced ministers. The Luncheon was organized by Sponsorship Chair, Charles "C.J." Johnson.

COMMUNITY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



SUSLA'S YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM PARTICIPATES IN PAINT YOUR HEART OUT

Southern University at Shreveport's YouthBuild Program participants participate annually in the "Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport" initiative. This year was no exception as the students and staff partnered with volunteers from David Raines Community Health Center and Barksdale Air Force Base Contracting Squadron to paint a home in the MLK community on June 1.

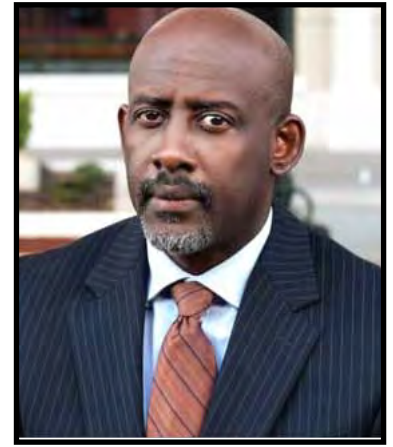
The event was an excellent opportunity for YouthBuild staff and students to render service in the MLK community, and it also left the owners extremely satisfied with the work. Volunteers were grateful for a monetary donation from Seedlinks Behavioral Management that was used for hot dogs, burgers, water, and Gatorade.

NEWS FROM SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

ROUND TABLE OFFERS SPACE FOR SHARED IDEAS AND GROWTH

Southern University at Shreveport's Center for Business and Community Development, through the LED Small and Emerging Business Development program, completed its 2018-2019 SEBD Peer Roundtable. The Roundtable is a program that uses the ED Lowe Foundation's PeerSpectives model for peer learning.

PeerSpectives is a unique Peer roundtable methodology designed especially for leaders of second-stage growth companies. It provides a confidential environment for discussing sensitive issues-both in their business and personal lives. Darrin Dixon, Executive Director of Small Business Development, says "Roundtables participants receive new ideas on everything from marketing strategy and financial issues to dealing with difficult personnel problems. What's more, the round tables also spark accountability and strong bonds among members."



Darrin Dixon
Director, Small Business Development

Twelve businesses enrolled for the table, and ten enterprises completed the program. The companies that participated were: Talent Life Management, Cropprue Rental Properties, Lion's Arrow, Azalea Cleaners, Insurance Masters Advisors, Chef Services, Dental Ink Job Placement, Plush Noir, and Millennia Digital Sound.

The Roundtable program is a partnership with CoHab. We partner with CoHab in the delivery of technical assistance programming, resource solicitation, and resource sharing.

Plans are underway for the next Roundtable. Orientation will start on July 18th.

Welcome

FROM HUMAN RESOURCES (JUNE 2019 NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS)

NEW HIRES

Jasmine Horton, Coordinator of Continuing Education

Victor Thomas, Recruiter Support Advocate

Rasheeda Simmons, Director of Marketing and University Relations

New Employees

PROMOTIONS

Tonja Prudhomme, Director of Educational Talent Search



JAGUAR EMPLOYEE of the MONTH

**DR. RODNEY A. ELLIS, CHANCELLOR IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
PHILLIPPA GEORGE
AS JAGUAR OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2019**

Phillipa George has been an employee with SUSLA since January 2007. She started in the Finance & Administration department, and in October 2017, Phillipa transferred to the Financial Aid Department as an Advisor. Phillipa enjoys helping the students to achieve their goals while attending SUSLA because the ultimate goal is for them to graduate and receive their degree.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, PHILLIPA GEORGE!
CONGRATULATIONS SUSLA'S JAGUAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!**

JAGUAR STUDENT of the MONTH



JOSEPH TERRANCE is from Arlington Texas. He is a legacy student at Southern University. Joseph's parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and sister all attended and graduated from the Southern University System. Joseph stated, *"It has always been a dream of mine to attend Southern University and I am pleased to be currently fulfilling my dream."*

Joseph Terrence is majoring in Computer Science Technology with a 3.4 GPA. He added, "My interests in this field is a result of how the world is consistently progressing toward a more advanced digital age. I what to ensure that I can contribute to the ever-growing era." He is an active member of the Williams Center of Undergraduate Student Achievement at Southern University at Shreveport.



Creativity. Innovation. Technology.

ROBOTICS

SUMMER CAMP (GRADES 9-12)

Looking for a youth program that
is fun, yet educational?

Students will have the opportunity to work
with robots during a hands-on interactive camp.
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