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800+ 7th graders from area schools took a first hand look on what Agriculture really is

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The SU Ag Center and the College of Ag welcomes Dr. M^cMeans

The faculty and staff of the Southern University Ag Center and the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences hosted a barbecue to welcome the new Chancellor-Dean, Dr. Orlando F. M^cMeans, to the campus.

The barbecue, which was held September 18 at the M. A. Edmond Livestock Arena's Multipurpose Building, provided an opportunity for Dr. M^cMeans to personally introduce himself to everyone in attendance.



MEAT gets a *Makeover*

Students conduct blind taste test of the 'Whopper' and the 'Impossible Whopper'. The Agricultural Sciences 472 class recently conducted a seminar discussion titled, "Meat Gets a Makeover."

The discussion stemmed from a Consumer Reports article by the same name. The article asked if meatless patties were safe, tasty, healthy and if they will save the environment. After the seminar, the students conducted a blind taste test comparison between Burger King's all-beef meat patty in the "Whopper" and the meatless "Impossible Whopper." Six out of 10 students chose burger B., the "Impossible Whopper" as their favorite tasting burger.

"The students were shocked when I told them they voted for the Impossible Whopper after the taste test," said Dr. Renita Marshall, Animal Science Professor and Chair of the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Southern University. The Impossible Whopper is an all-plant, gluten-free burger that gets its protein from soy and a mix of coconut and sunflower oils. "They had no idea that I was going to ask them to taste the two burgers," said Dr. Marshall. "I wanted the students to understand that agriculture is now high-tech and this technology may change the way we produce food," she added.



To read the Consumer Reports 'Meat Gets a Makeover,' article, visit <https://www.consumerreports.org/nutrition-healthy-eating/meat-gets-a-makeover/>.

College of Agriculture

IRENE

Lewis

appointed new
undergraduate

Nation President of

MANRRS



Southern University student Irene Lewis, a senior Agricultural Sciences major with a concentration in Plant and Soil Sciences, has been elected the national undergraduate president of the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) organization for the 2019-2020 year.

MANRRS provides leadership training and networking to positively promote the agricultural sciences and related fields among minorities.

Irene, who has been a member of Southern University's MANRRS Chapter since her freshman year, said she was extremely excited when she learned that she was elected to the post.

"To be able to give back to MANRRS and represent my university at a higher level was exciting for me," said Irene.

"Participating in MANRRS has afforded me countless opportunities so it only felt right to continue to serve the organization to the best of my ability," said Lewis when asked why she decided to run for the national position.

To qualify, Irene had to submit an application and an application video before being selected to move forward with an interview. Irene said she was interviewed by the then-President-Elect, Karl Binns. After passing the interview, she was informed that her name would be placed on the ballot.

As a national officer, Irene represents the agricultural students enrolled in dozens of universities across the nation. This is something she doesn't take lightly.

"MANRRS has an enormous student membership," she said. "These students are a force, working to develop agriculture, natural resources and related sciences. It's important that I use this position to continue to advocate for underrepresented students in agriculture, especially for students at 1890 Institutions and other HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). They are truly our next generation of academic and industry leaders," expressed Lewis.

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Irene said her goal as the Undergraduate National President is to be a supporter of the organization's fourteen student officers.

“I don't think people can truly understand the weight that these positions can hold until they are in one. Balancing your academics, pursuing Ph.Ds. (for some of our team), and serving in a national office requires a high level of discipline, collaboration, and accountability,” said Irene. “My ultimate goal is to help my team be the best they can be,” she added.

Prior to being elected to her current national position, Irene served as the Region IV Undergraduate Vice President for the 2018-2019 year, representing chapters in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Texas.

At Southern University's local chapter, Irene has held the positions of secretary and historian.

“This year I am in a student advisory role as I transition out of the university,” said Lewis.

She credits her national involvement in MANRRS to her participation in Southern University's local chapter.

“I don't think I would be able to serve in the way that I have if it had not been for participating in MANRRS at my chapter,” said Irene. “I gained countless mentors and a huge support system on campus. From our advisor, Dr. Janana Snowden, to the friends I met through MANRRS at SU, I really have had a tribe in these past two years of national service. Dr. Snowden literally gave me a pep talk minutes before I gave my campaign speech last year, and I am extremely grateful for that.”

MANRRS is a non-profit organization that promotes academic and professional advancement by empowering minorities in agriculture, natural resources and related sciences. It has more than 8,000 student and professional members within six regions and 55 collegiate chapters in 38 states and Puerto Rico.

Irene is a native of Baton Rouge by way of Central, La. She is the daughter of Eric and Maura Lewis and a 2016 graduate of Runnels High School.



The College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences holds an Ice Cream Social and Department Informational for its students

The College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences hosted an Ice Cream Social and Department Informational for its students on September 25 in Pinkie Thrift Hall.

Dr. Cheryl Atkinson, Chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences welcomed the students to the event and Dr. Orlando F. McMeans, Chancellor-Dean of the College spoke to the students.

Drs. Bernestine McGee, Samii Kennedy-Benson, Jung-Im Seo, Cheria Lane, Renita Marshall, and student Aravian Louis also provided remarks during the program.

At the conclusion on the event, the students were treated to ice cream with their choice of toppings.



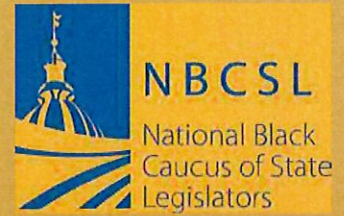
STUDENT TAILGATE

College of Agriculture Student Organizations host a Tailgate

The student organizations within the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences hosted an Organizational Tailgate on Sept. 12 on the lawn of Fisher Hall. The event was used as a recruitment tool to attract students to the College of Agriculture and its student organizations.



Dr. Andra Johnson serves as a panelist for



SU Ag Center's Vice Chancellor for Research Dr. Andra Johnson serves as a panelist during the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Conference

Dr. Andra Johnson, the Vice Chancellor for Research at the Southern University Ag Center, recently served as a panelist during the 2019 Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. held September 11-15.

Dr. Johnson spoke on the role of HBCU's, particularly 1890 Land-Grant Institutions conducting research, educating students, and training stakeholders in the growing, processing and marketing of Hemp/Cannabis, during the panel titled, "The Future of Cannabis-Hemp in the United States."

The panel, which was held on September 12, was hosted by Rep. Stacey Plaskett from the U.S. Virgin Islands and consisted of industry and policy advocates for Hemp/Cannabis.

Three additional panels on marijuana policy were also held during the conference.

SU Ag Center holds graduation ceremony for its Sustainable Urban Ag Certification Program in Baton Rouge

Fifteen individuals received certificates of completion from the Southern University Ag Center's Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certification Program on September 3.

The ceremony was held at BREC's Howell Community Park in Baton Rouge.

The Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certification Program teaches participants how to use sustainable agricultural practices in an urban environment; with hands-on experience.

Topics covered during the series included: Rainwater Harvesting; Rain Barrel Construction; Hydroponics Systems; Using drones in Agriculture; Permaculture and the Environment; Irrigation and Composting; Small Scale Agriculture; Animal Husbandry: Poultry, Bees and Worms; Vertical Farming; Maximizing the Use of Land Resources and Infrastructure; Working with City Governments within City Ordinances; Construction Techniques, Hoop Houses, Raised Beds; Organic and Sustainable Production and Combatting Diseases and Man-Made Threats.

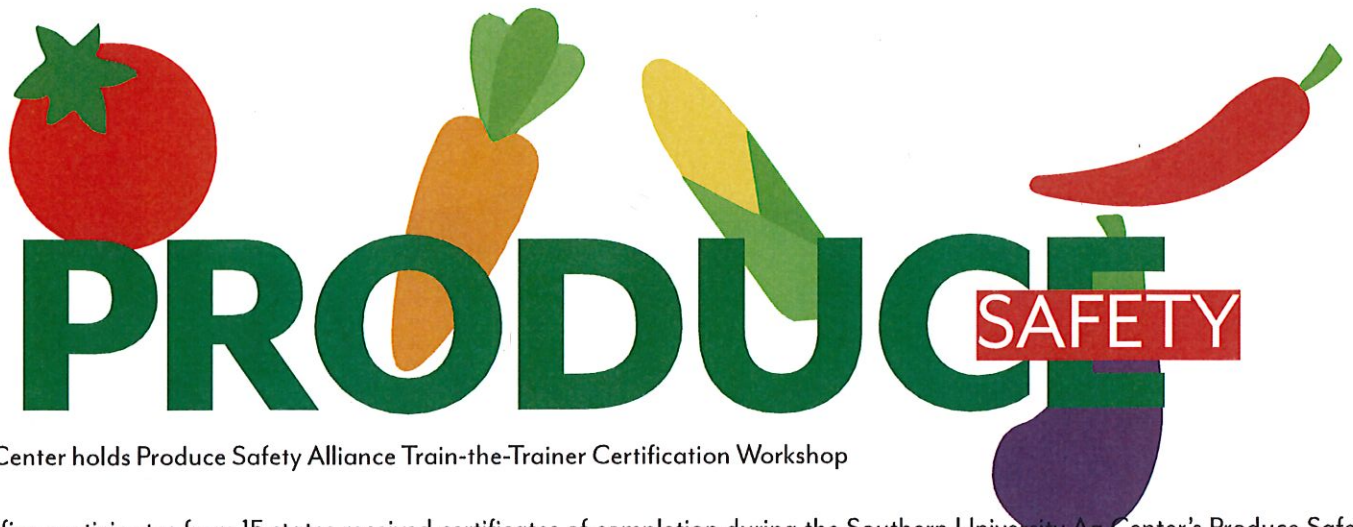
To date, the SU Ag Center has held Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certification programs in East Baton Rouge, St. Landry, Livingston, Rapides, Avoyelles, and Natchitoches Parishes.

For additional information about the Sustainable Urban Agriculture Certification Program, contact Dr. Marlon Ford at marlin_ford@suagcenter.com.

Sustainable Urban Ag

CERTIFICATION graduation





PRODUCE SAFETY

SU Ag Center holds Produce Safety Alliance Train-the-Trainer Certification Workshop

Twenty-five participants from 15 states received certificates of completion during the Southern University Ag Center's Produce Safety Alliance Train-the-Trainer Certification Workshop.

The two-day workshop, which was held September 11 and 12 at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry in Baton Rouge, provided produce safety trainers with the certification needed to conduct trainings for farmers who are governed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Produce Safety Rule.

This rule sets standards for growing, harvesting, packing and storing fruits and vegetables to prevent foodborne illness. It addresses water quality, composting, farm personnel health and hygiene and equipment sanitation among other issues.

Kristin Woods, Produce Safety Alliance Southeast Regional Extension Associate in Alabama; Donna Pahl Clements, Produce Safety Alliance Extension Associate for the Midwest Regional of Riverside, CA; and Dr. Alejandro Castillo, Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University served as presenters for the workshop.

Dr. Fatemeh Malekian, Professor of Food Science and Nutrition at the SU Ag Center, is the project director of Center's Produce Safety Alliance Grower's Certification Program





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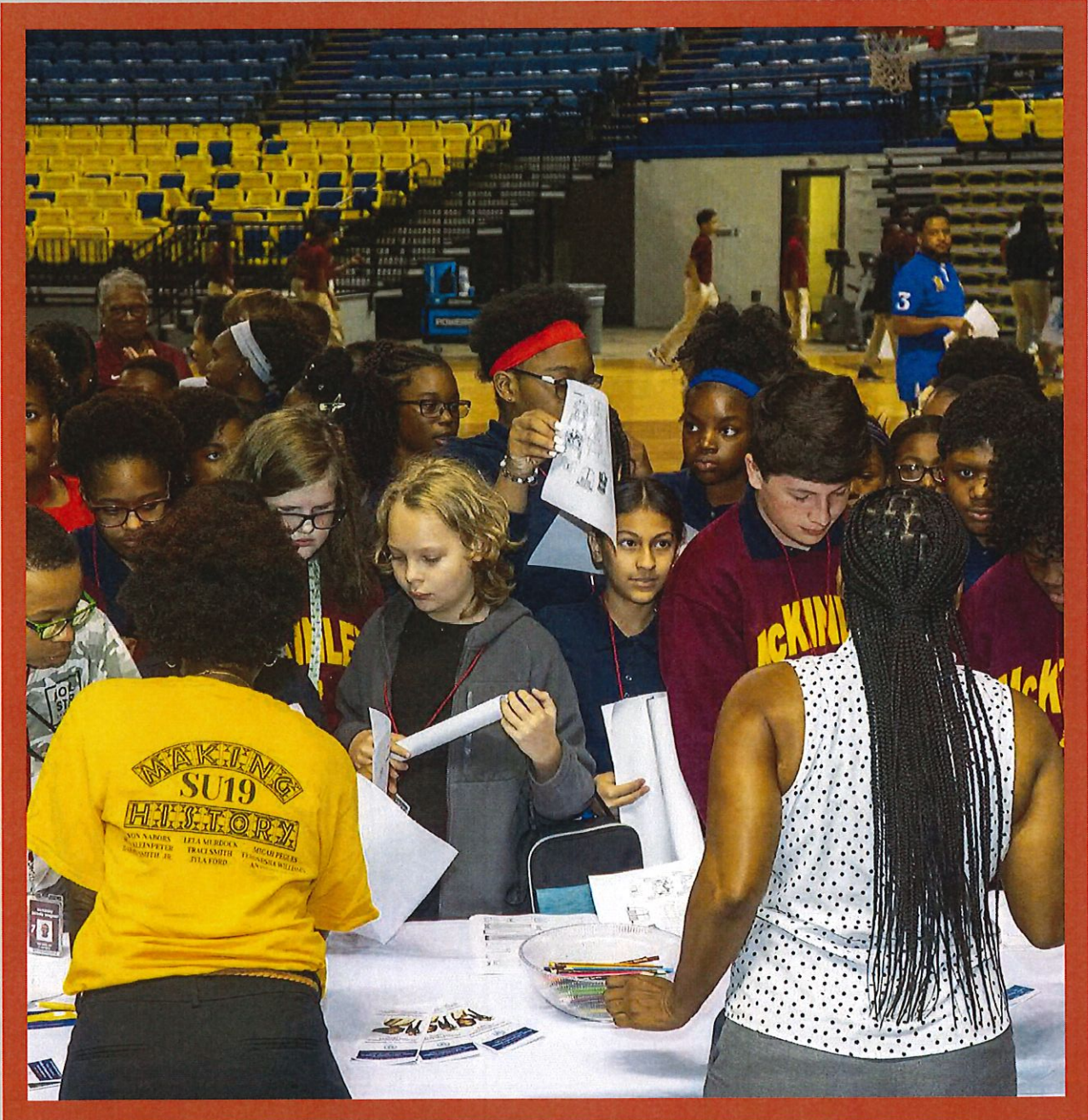
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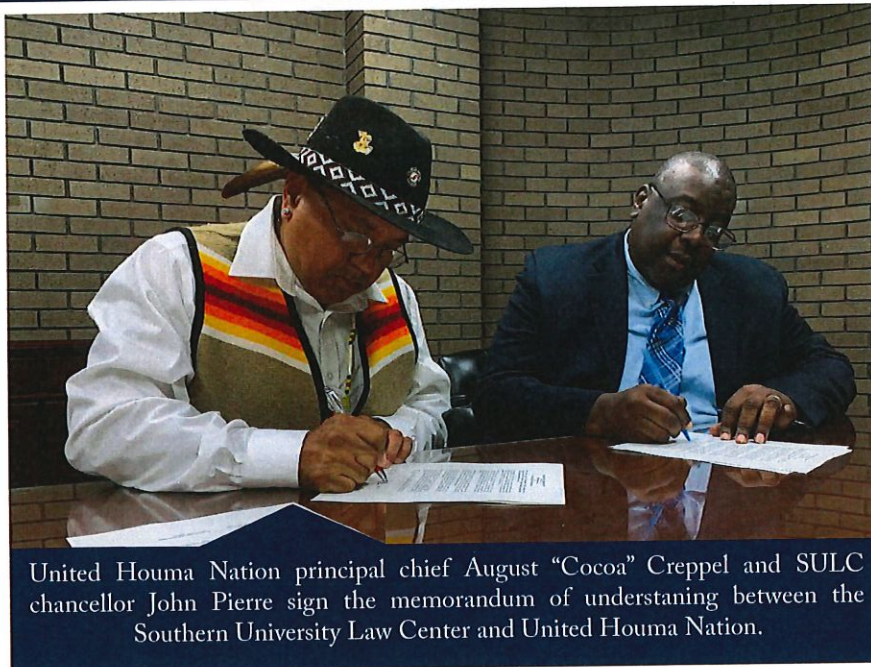


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United Houma Nation principal chief August "Cocoa" Creppel and SULC chancellor John Pierre sign the memorandum of understanding between the Southern University Law Center and United Houma Nation.

Southern University Law Center establishes partnerships, curriculum through Native American law institute

Since starting law school at Southern University Law Center, Adam Creppelle envisioned the campus adding Indian law courses to its curriculum. After Creppelle crossed paths with Ernest Sickey, former Chairman of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, who shared the same goal, a conversation began. The quest to learn how to aid and support an underrepresented community, led to the founding of the Native American Law and Policy Institute (NALPI).

"We, at the Southern University Law Center, are excited to offer this program because there is a shared history and connection between tribal peoples and other peoples of color that needs more attention," said Creppelle, managing fellow of the NALPI. "Moreover, the NALPI is the only Indian law program in the Southeastern United States. This will raise awareness of tribes in the region and their unique history."

Currently, the institute offers a Federal Indian law course and a host of seminars and conferences, including the Louisiana Rural Economic Development Summit, All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon, and the Tribal Courts and Tribal Sovereignty Symposium. Furthermore, the Law Center leads the charge as the first and only historically black college and university (HBCU) to have an institute of this magnitude.

"The Native American Law and Policy Institute was created as a catalyst to raise awareness about Native American tribes and provide an outlet where they can receive educational, advocacy, legal and policy assistance," said John Pierre, chancellor of the Southern University Law Center. "As the first HBCU with this type of institute, we have the opportunity to train our students in an important and developing field, which will increase our competitiveness."

With the creation of the institute, the Law Center has established partnerships with multiple tribes including the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. At its September meeting, the Southern University System Board of Supervisors approved the recent partnership between the United Houma Nation and Law Center to provide assistance in obtaining federal recognition.

“Our alliance goes beyond traditional professionalisms and crosses over the business of expectations,” said David Sickey, tribal chairman of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. “The common goals woven into the nature of our relationship are building a legacy of preservation and progress. Preserving the histories and ancestry of the tribes while progressing forward to open doors and afford new opportunities.”

In sustaining these relationships, the Law Center steadily acknowledges trailblazers that campaign for progressive action for Native American tribes, including honoring Ernest Sickey with a lifetime achievement award for his leadership on civil rights and tribal sovereignty issues. Previously, Sickey lobbied the Louisiana Legislature to form the present-day Office of Indian Affairs, where he served as the first executive director.

Governor John Bel Edwards, recently, announced a proclamation for the state of Louisiana to officially recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day in October. This year’s date, October 14, will precede the 2nd Annual Tribal Courts and Tribal Sovereignty Symposium taking place on October 24- 25 at the Valdry Center for Philanthropy at Southern University Baton Rouge.

“The purpose of Indigenous People’s Day is to shine a light upon the incredible legacy of the indigenous people of this land and of this beautiful idea we call America,” said David Sickey, tribal chairman of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and NALPI partner. “It is a celebratory moment not to imprison us but to inform us, to guide us and to educate us as to the contributions that the First Americans have made to our country. This is a humble moment for our community. One that constantly reminds us of good stewardship and faith passed down to us by our Elders.”

Within the next few years, the NALPI plans to expand with a fully comprehensive tribal law curriculum and continue to build stronger relationships with tribes that translate into more learning and employment opportunities for students.



(l-r) Chancellor John Pierre, SU President Ray Belton, United Houma Nation principal chief August “Cocoa” Creppel, and Board of Supervisor Chariman Domoine D. Rutledge, Esq.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CONFERENCE

(l-r) Clarie Stevenson, Janna Rogers, Rachel Gentry, Johnathan White, and Adam Patrick



Southern University Law Center students traveled to Washington, DC for the Annual Legislative Conference for the Congressional Black Congress (CBCF). The conference was held from September 11 - 15. For four days, students networked with fellow black professionals and engaged with political figures and celebrities.

“The students who attended this year’s conference have an interest in public policy, and wanted to be a part of this national dialogue to effect change using their legal skills and knowledge” said John Pierre, chancellor of the Southern University Law Center.

The CBCF focused on leading a policy conference on issues impacting African Americans and global black communities. The conference’s theme “400 Years: Our Legacy, Our Possibilities...” commemorated the resilience and courage of African Americans and our African ancestors, and celebrated opportunities for global impact for generations to come. It featured over 100 public forum sessions revolving around the topics of education and labor, community and civic engagement, business, economic development and wealth creation.

Students reported that it was an enriching opportunity to meet and converse with political and influential figures.

“One high of the CBC Legislative Conference was being able to meet directly with such distinguished individuals of the community,” said Mikel Marish (3L), “In addition, being able to talk with those individuals and brainstorm solutions for everyday problems that affect our black communities.”

To learn more about the annual conference, visit www.cbcfinc.org/annual-legislative-conference.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

WHITE HOUSE COMPETITIVENESS SCHOLARS



Five students were selected as the Law Center's White House Competitiveness Scholars. The chosen students were Trezell Ragas, Rachel Gentry, Christian King and Morgan Mallory. They met fellow scholars and were honored in at the 2019 National HBCU Conference in Washington, D.C.



SELENA MARTINEZ

Selena Martinez was chosen to participate in the Taylor-Porter Fall Law Clerk Program. Martinez is a second-year student who was previously an Access for Justice intern for the Louisiana State Bar Association during this past summer.

MOOT COURT INDUCTION

Southern University Law Center held its latest Moot Court Board. They will promote the development of oral advocacy and legal writing skills through Moot Court competitions to represent the Law Center. The board has five returning members and 10 new inductees. The ceremony's guest speaker was Merrick Cosey, an employment law attorney in the Environmental Protection Agency.

Returning Members: Trey Batholomew, Hayden Carlos, Christian King, Cameron Pontiff, Katherine Read

New Inductees: Artay Abua-Barnes, Bakari Garvey, Jasmine Hassan, Taylor LeDuff, Kennedy LeJeune, Diana Marcantel, Ari Mwobi, Elijah Pipersberg, Christian Pryor and Anthony Smothers



(l-r) Professor Listach, Professor Burden, Professor Nash-Grant, Judge Welch, Professor Martin, Professor Cain with Moot Court members at the induction ceremony.

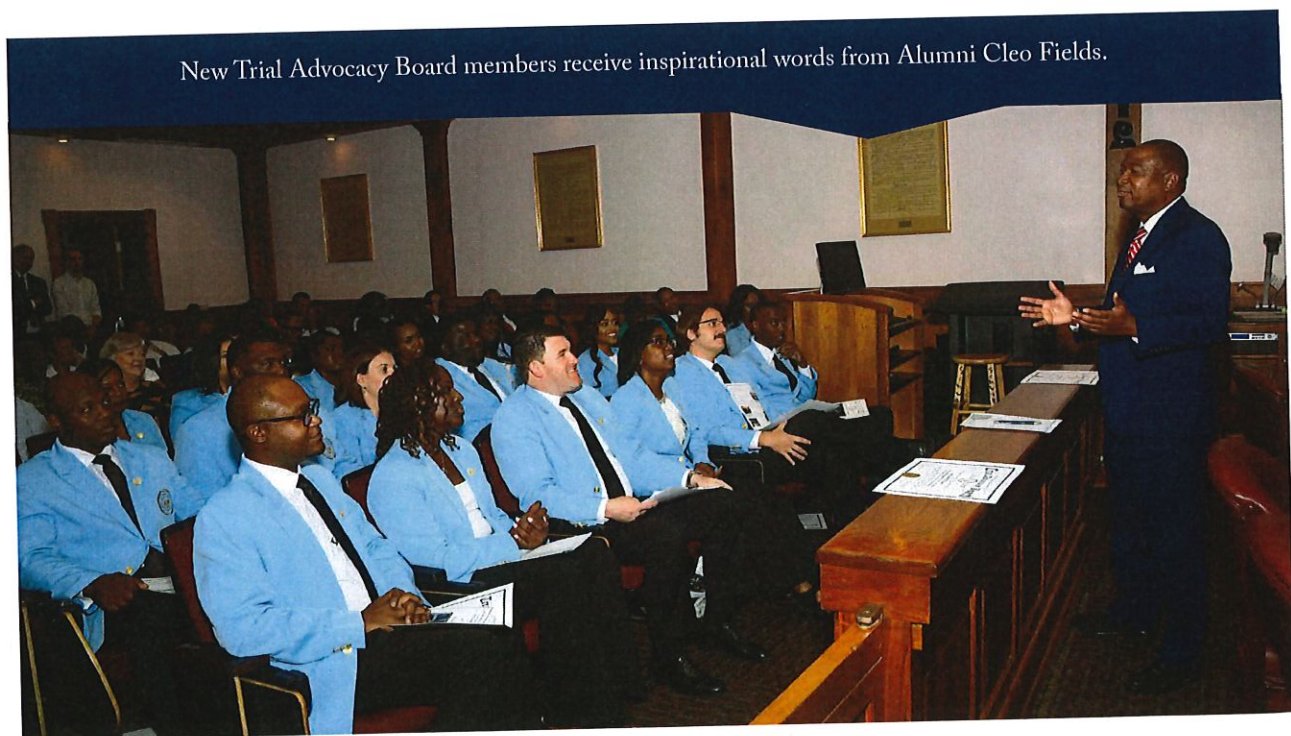
TRIAL ADVOCACY BOARD INDUCTION



Front Row: Rekiya Baker, Jennifer Cameron, Trezell Ragas, Wynnifred Sanders, Jessica Pendergrass, LaCrisha McCallister
Back Row: Warren Conway, Claudia Payne, Kevin Barnes, Ashley Marshall, Lakorde White, Bakari Garvey, Eric Hayes, Martina Holder,
Desni Scaife, Daniel Banguel, Antwone Cobbin

Members not present: Samantha Blount, Auriana Siplin, Stacy Porche and Shearil Matthews

Twenty-one students were inducted and pinned during September 14th ceremony. The board's mission is to help students develop and enhance their trial skills and promote excellency in advocacy. The board was established at the Law Center to provide a select group of qualified students to pursue litigation or advocacy-based careers. Former Congressman Cleo Fields served as the ceremony's guest speaker.



New Trial Advocacy Board members receive inspirational words from Alumni Cleo Fields.

SULC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The SULC Student Leadership Summit held its Fall Leadership Retreat. The summit includes all current presidents of SULC student organizations and classes. The year's theme was "G.O.A.L – Go Out and Lead!" The summit met with senior leadership, coordinated student organizational activities and reviewed Law Center policies and procedures.



Front Row (L to R): Alexis Doss, Kayla Dixon, and Nicole Okeke-Oraeki
Back Row (L to R): Brantley Russell, Brian Covington, Kennedy LeJuene, Terry George, Jr., Destyni Rogers, Kayla Watson, Bakari Garvey, April Love, Olivia Montgomery, Josef Ventulan, Brittany Self, Jasmine Hassan, Cynthia Gallardo, Peyton Hall, and Whitney Johnson

FACULTY NEWS



DELESO ALFORD

Alford presented a workshop titled, The Lens of Implicit Bias, at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center for the Faculty and Student Diversity & Professionalism Committee series. The workshop focused on how to best discuss implicit bias specifically in medical and legal education.



NADIA NEDZEL

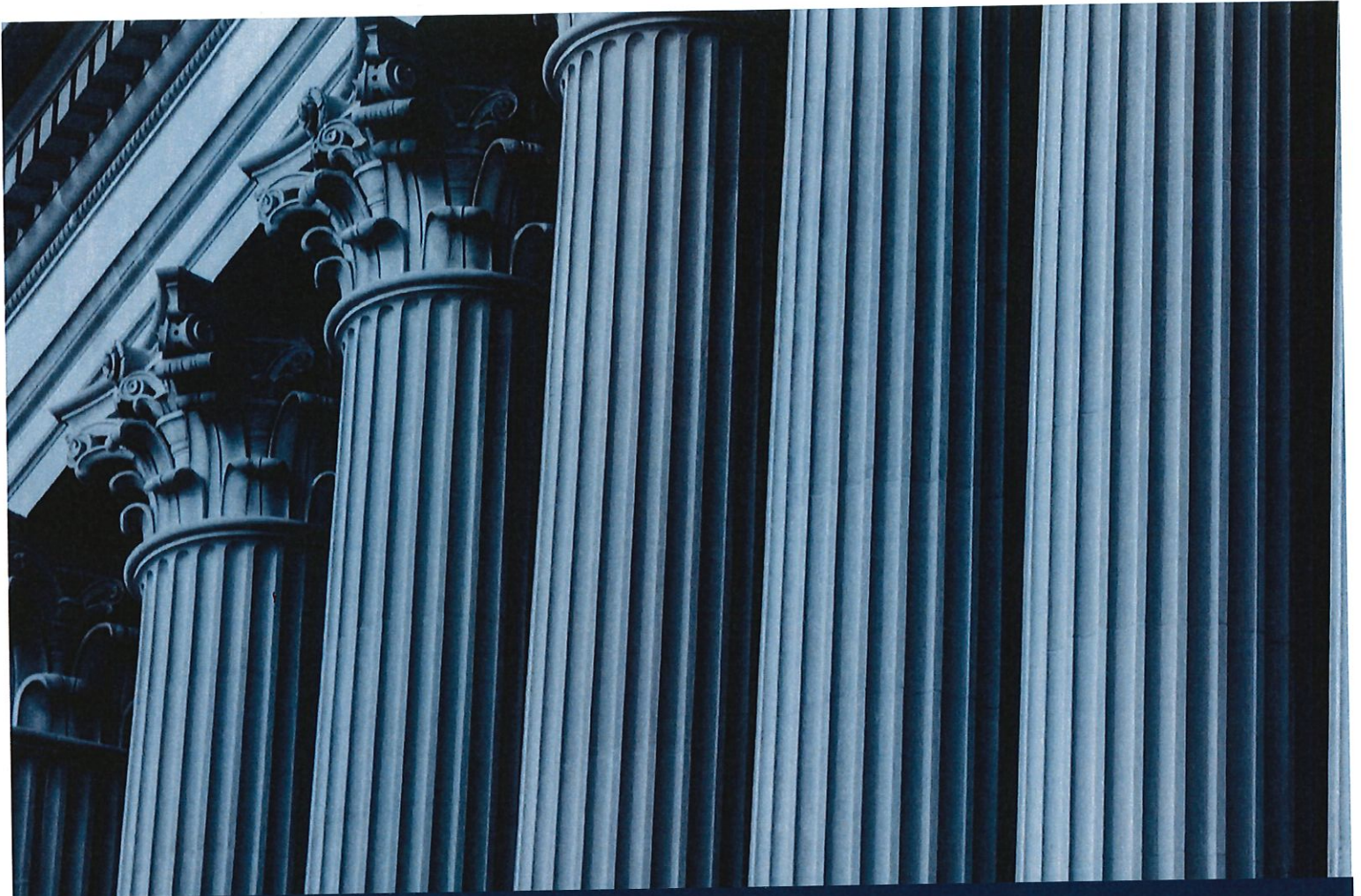
Recently, Nedzel and co-author, Nicholas Capaldi, published a book titled, “The Anglo-American Conception of the Rule of Law”. In the book, Nedzel and Nicholas Capaldi, her co-author, analyze the original meaning of ‘rule of law’

ALUMNI NEWS

JARED EVANS



Alumnus Jared Evans recently accepted a position as policy counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF). This position will allow him to focus on civil and human rights legislation and public policy.



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NATIONAL HBCU WEEK



The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Conference took place in Washington, DC September 8, 2019. The focus was enhancing HBCU competitiveness: student achievement, quality partnerships and institutions perfor-

mance. "Since HBCU's are an integral part of the black higher education, to experience events like this are highly important. It gives people an opportunity to learn about the past, and the present, plus see where HBCU's are headed", stated, Chancellor Rodney Ellis.

Attendees participated in numerous workshops like tracking federal investments, quality partnerships, executive leadership, and more. HBCU week provided a forum to exchange information and share innovations among and between institutions.



SUSLA, CITY OF SHREVEPORT CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF THE MILAM STREET KITCHEN INCUBATOR & COMMUNITY KITCHEN (MSKICK)

Southern University at Shreveport, La (SUSLA) in cooperation with the City of Shreveport, HUD and the Shreveport Housing Authority celebrated the grand opening of the Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen (MSKICK). The event took place Tuesday, August 27, 2019. MSKICK is the result of a \$1 million Choice Neighborhood Planning and Action Activity grant that will help revitalize the Allendale and Ledbetter Heights Community.

The MSKICK project is managed by SUSLA CDC, Mr. Willie White, Chairman and Darrin Dixon, Executive Director. The CDC operates in cooperation with SUSLA's Community and Workforce Development under the leadership of Janice B. Sneed, Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development.





FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

SUSLA CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION DAY

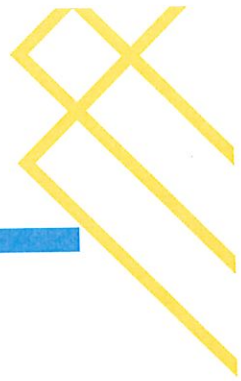
SUSLA'S Student Government Association along with Zeta Iota Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta held a voter's informational forum on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. Students were educated on the importance of voting and encouraged to register to vote. The Constitution Day: Keep Calm & Vote encouraged students to allow their voice to be heard.



MOTIVATIONAL SEMINAR INSPIRES STUDENTS



Trio Student Support Services held a motivational seminar that focused on excellence and student success Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Students were given an opportunity to learn strategies to develop academic skills, and personal attributes needed to be successful at the college level. The seminar also offered students an opportunity to interact, and ask questions related to their concerns.



DEALING WITH COLLEGE STRESS WORKSHOP



On Monday, September 16, 2019 the TRIO Support Services held a college stress workshop. Linda Robinson, Tutorial Coordinator/Counselor spoke with students on the affects of time management stress and health. Additionally, students were given survival tips such as: learning to work together and learning to break assignments down into manageable tasks. Students received guidance on

prioritizing time and using positive self-talk as a tool for encouragement in completing task. The importance of a healthy diet was also a topic of discussion. Great detail was provided in the connection between proper nourishment and how it helps students overcome stress. Students left the workshop feeling positive and equipped with the right tools to help them deal with the day to day stresses of college.

STUDENTS SPEAK CANDIDLY DURING JAG REAL TALK



On Tuesday, September 24, 2019, The Title IX Living and Learning Project: "Jag Real Talk" kicked off their Tuesday night series. The topic of discussion was *Pop Out of Mess and Into College Success*.

"Jag Real Talk" allows students to have open dialogue about real life issues. Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, Assistant Vice Chancellor and SUSLA Title IX Coordinator, is the sponsor of the series.

Dr. Tuesday Mahone, Assistant Vice Chancellor and SUSLA Title IX Coordinator



HBCU Block Party

Sigma Rho Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., hosted the HBCU Block Party Saturday, September 21, 2019 at SUSLA, celebrating National HBCU Week.





FLY TOUR VISITS SUSLA

Financial Literacy for You (FLY) visited Southern University at Shreveport to inspire young people with lessons on finance and discipline that can help them see their dreams as possibilities. On Wednesday, September 18, 2019 students from across Northwest Louisiana learned about identifying needs vs. wants. FLY representatives informed students about spending habits, checking and savings accounts, creating a budget and savings plan, and credit.

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance hosts the tour yearly. As they inform students about their finances, they also give students information about how the college application works. Staff performed skits to empower middle and high school students on the importance of higher education. Early awareness, particularly for low income and first-generation students, helps them understand that education beyond high school is an option.



FROM E-LEARNING

STUDENTS GAIN KNOWLEDGE AT TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

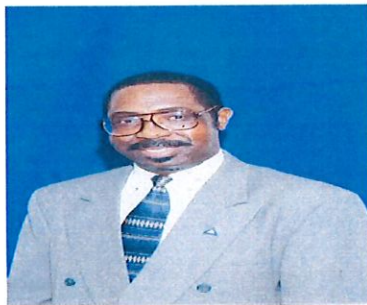
Mrs. Gwendolyn Tennell, LMS Administrator organized a fantastic E-Learning Technology Showcase on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Vendors from across the state were present to showcase their emerging technology equipment. Dual Enrollment Students, College Success Students, along with faculty and staff, were technically inspired by presentations from: Mr. Harold Spradlin of ProctorU, Mr. Marcus Stein of AXI, Mr. Alex Convery of Tutor Me, and Mr. Daryl Bragg of Go Media.

The audience was captivated and mesmerized with a HBCU C2 presentation by Dr. Sharron-Herron Williams, Dr. Veronica McEachin, Dr. Terence Vinson, Mrs. Gwendolyn Tennell, and Mrs. Marci Collins. These individuals attended the HBCU C2 Boot Camp at Tennessee State University, becoming Apple Certified Teachers.





Four Institutions in Nigeria Benefit from Southern University at Shreveport U.S. Fulbright Scholar



**Dr. Joseph Orban, SUSLA
U.S. Fulbright Scholar**

Dr. Joseph Orban, a Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Sciences at SUSLA has served as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar to Nigeria from September 3, 2018 to September 3, 2019. During this period, Dr. Orban provided services to three Universities and a Scientific Equipment Development Institute. Among the Universities served by Dr. Orban were Benue State University (BSU) Makurdi, Federal University of Agriculture Makurdi and University of Mkar all in Benue State

and the University of Abuja Nigeria. At the Benue State University which was the host institution, Dr. Orban provided instructional lectures to medical students at BSU and nursing students at the Benue State School of Nursing in the areas of Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Pharmacology and Nutrition. He also provided lectures, trained and mentored volunteer students, trained BSU faculty and staff on Grant Writing. Dr. Orban also presented seminars on the Role of Nutrition in Medicine and How to Become a Fulbright Scholar. He served as a board member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Research in Basic and Clinical Sciences published by the BSU College of Health Sciences. He mentored faculty in the Department of Language and Linguistics yielding a research publication on Lexical Borrowing and Language Endangerment: A Case of the Tiv Language. Dr. Orban also participated in two community radio programs which were aired on Radio Benue to Benue citizens. The first program was to explain the Fulbright Program to the citizens of Benue State and the second one was the "Incorporation of Mobile Devices into Teaching and Learning and On-line Classes".

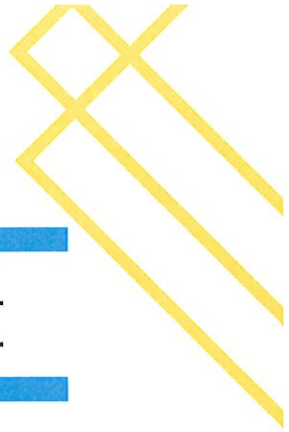


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He also participated in the graduation ceremony of Medical Students who completed their medical degree program during his Fulbright period at BSU. At the end of the Fulbright Program, Dr. Orban donated books, equipment and other training aides to BSU. At a farewell gathering held in his honor prior to his return to U.S. Dr. Orban was presented with a gift and awarded a Meritorious Award by the BSU College of Health Sciences for the services he rendered to the University.

Dr. Orban's work span multiple institutions and impacted scores of students, faculty, and fellow scholars. For his work, he was recognized by dignitaries and leadership at the respective institutions.





JAGUAR EMPLOYEE of the MONTH



Sophia Lee will assist anyone. She always has a positive attitude and a strong work ethic. Sophia performs her job to the highest standards and keeps the university in compliance with purchasing regulations.

Congrats!

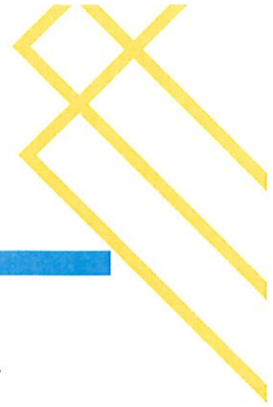
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, SOPHIA LEE! JAGUAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

JAGUAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Isabella Desselle was born in Ecuador, South America. At the age of two, she was adopted and brought to The United States. Growing up in Louisiana she relocated from Baton Rouge to Shreveport overcoming many economic adversities. Isabella is Residential Adviser at the Jaguar Courtyard, and plans to graduate this spring with a degree in Computer Science. Her aspiration is to become a Software Developer for Google.



CONGRATULATIONS! ISABELLA DESSELLE STUDENT JAG OF THE MONTH



FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

NEW HIRE

Welcome!

Alexus-Ann Singletary, Social Media Recruitment Specialist

Legacy Builders

SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

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Southern Enters into Agreement with CIA



The Southern University System and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) entered into an unprecedented partnership to benefit students and faculty. President-Chancellor Ray Belton, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor James Ammons, and

representatives from the CIA signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will serve as the foundational framework for the university system's participation in the CIA's recruitment and workforce development initiative, which is part of the White House Initiative on Historically

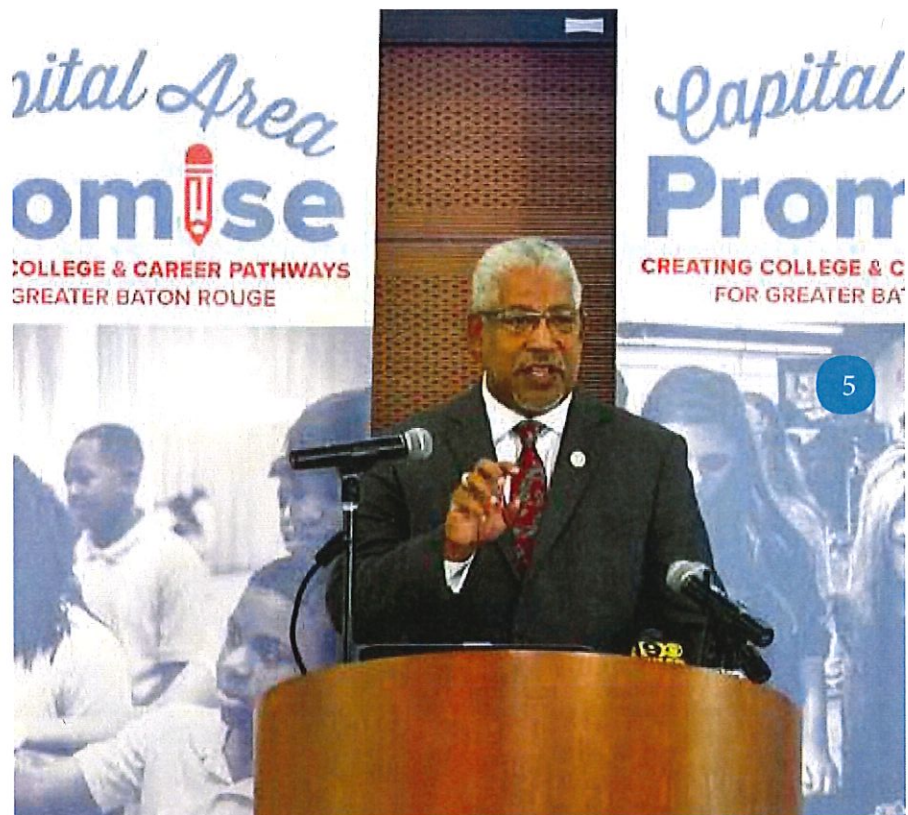
Black Colleges and Universities. The Southern University System Board of Supervisors ratified the agreement at its September board meeting. According to the MOU, the CIA chose Southern as the first participant based on the university system's accredited programs, the graduation rate of its students, and the CIA's track record of onboarding highly skilled and well-qualified talent.

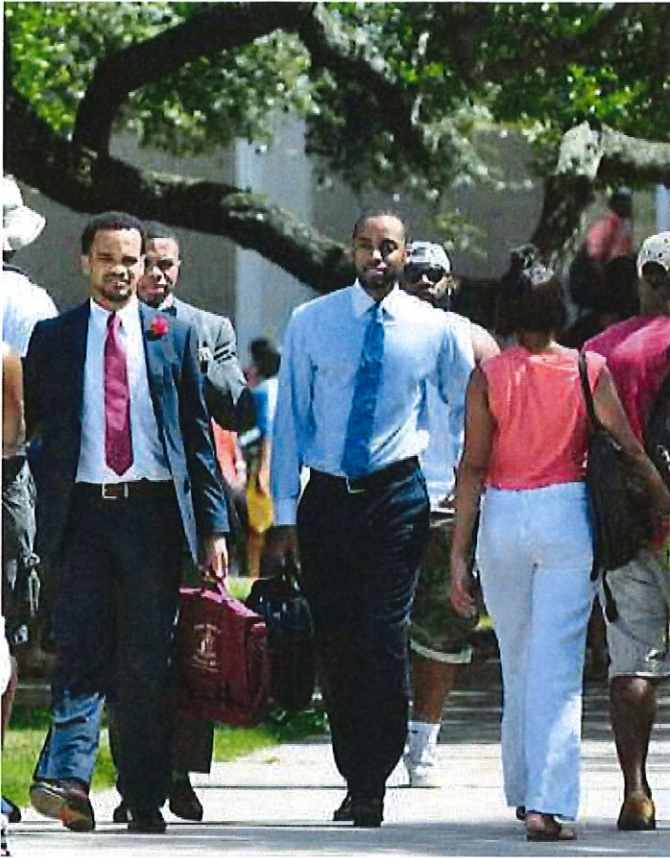
"Southern University is honored to have been chosen as the first institution to partner with the CIA for this initiative," Belton said. "The reputable stature of the CIA alone is an asset to the university, students and faculty, and we believe that the outcomes will be mutually beneficial for all involved. For nearly 140 years, Southern has been a leader in innovation and scholarship. This opportunity with the CIA adds to our extensive portfolio of public and private partnerships that allow our students and faculty to expand their knowledge and to enhance their technical skills."

Southern, LSU, BRCC Create Opportunities for Youth

Southern University President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton joined colleagues from Louisiana State University and Baton Rouge Community College to update the community on the first year of the Capital Area Promise. The joint initiative was launched last year to create more opportunities for students in the Greater Baton Rouge area.

The "Progress on the Promise" featured key data points from the higher education institutions, as well as the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, the Office of Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome, and other agencies partnering with the Promise.





Southern Enrollment Surpasses 7,000

Southern University Baton Rouge fall 2019 preliminary enrollment report indicates significant enrollment gains over the last few years at the institution. This year, Southern will host 7,031 students, representing a 5.1 percent increase in enrollment over the 6,693 students enrolled in the fall 2018 semester. Since the fall 2016 semester, when 6,357 students were enrolled, Southern has grown its enrollment by 10.6 percent over that time span.

The increase can be attributed to aggressive recruitment strategies, retention and intrusive advisement initiatives, and additional wrap-around services for students who may need increased assistance.

The new enrollment numbers offer even more great news for Dr. Ray L. Belton's recently released strategic plan for the Baton Rouge campus, "Imagine 20K." Recently released scorecard updates compiled by the Office of Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness show that the Baton Rouge campus met or exceeded 89 percent of its expected outcomes for fall 2019 that included increases in dual enrollment, online enrollment, transfer enrollment, degrees awarded, grants awarded and number of financial gifts donated.

Timbuktu Academy Receives \$40,000 Grant

The Timbuktu Academy at Southern University recently received a \$40,000 grant from the Louisiana Space Consortium (LaSPACE) to provide scholarships for students majoring in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The funding was secured by Terrence Reese, project director at the Academy and Diola Bagayoko, former dean of the Delores M.R. Spikes Honors College and co-investigator at the Academy.

Entitled "2019 Space and Planetary Science at the Timbuktu Academy (2019 SPS-TA)," this funding project conducted by the Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-LAMP), will allow STEM students to participate in NASA-related educational and research activities. This award is the 10th consecutive one of its kind to the Timbuktu Academy.

Established in 1991, LaSPACE is the Louisiana chapter of NASA's National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program. This consortium consists of 27 members, including 19 affiliate universities and colleges as well as partners from nonprofit organizations, business and industry, state and local government, and state education boards. Louisiana State University is the lead institution. The objectives of LaSPACE are to enhance education and workforce development, to develop research and research infrastructure, and to promote public understanding and participation in aerospace programs. Since the inception of LaSPACE, Bagayoko has served as its associate director.

Since 1995, the LS-LAMP has worked with the Timbuktu Academy to support undergraduate STEM students. LS-LAMP is a statewide comprehensive, systemic mentoring and institutional transformation program. Its central objectives, which directly align with those of the Academy, are to increase substantially the number and quality of minority students enrolling in and completing baccalaureate degrees in STEM, and subsequently going on to pursue graduate studies in STEM disciplines. LS-LAMP is comprised of 12 Louisiana institutions of higher education and the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, a research facility. Southern serves as the lead institution for LS-LAMP. Patrick Mensah, associate dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Sciences and Engineering, serves as the project director at Southern and statewide.

For almost 30 years, the Timbuktu Academy, along with the collaborative efforts of LS-LAMP, has made its mark on STEM education, both nationally and internationally, by immersing its scholars in the U.S. Presidential Award-winning Ten-Strand Systemic Mentoring Model. Financial support assures students have access to the university and the time available to devote to study and research full-time.

Southern Hosts First Seventh Grade Day

The Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management hosted its inaugural 7th Grade Day on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 with just over 800 students from East Baton Rouge School District as part of the Capital Area Promise with LSU, Baton Rouge Community College, East Baton Rouge School System, and the Mayor's office.

Over the course of three days, there will be approximately 2500 students welcomed to the Southern University and A&M College campus. The students had the opportunity to engage and interact with the College of Nursing and Allied Health, Undergraduate Nursing Program, Southern University Agricultural Center, College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, College of Sciences and Engineering, Southern University Army ROTC, College of Business, Southern University Navy ROTC, College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies, athletic programs, cheerleaders, and the Human Jukebox.



Additionally, Chancellor-President Belton, Dr. Kimberly Scott and Dr. Manicia Finch greeted the students with tips on preparing for college acceptance.

The purpose of the Capital Area Promise

program is for students to be exposed to the local college options at an early age. As part of the commitment, the students will visit LSU in 6th Grade, Southern University in 7th Grade and BRCC in 8th Grade annually.



Army ROTC Building Community One Step at a Time



between the Junior ROTC programs and Senior ROTC programs. Traveling with him was LTC David Marshall. It was Marshall's first official visit to Tara High School. It was significant because the Senior Army Instructor (SAI), COL (R) Johnson, was LTC Marshall's professor of military science while he was a Cadet at Southern University. Additionally, the other Army Instructor, MSG (R) Boyd, was LTC Marshall's recruiter. MSG (R) Boyd enlisted LTC Marshall in the National Guard to become a Simultaneous Membership Program Cadet during his SU tenure.

Partnership with BRCC

The ROTC Department has re-established its working relationship with Baton Rouge Community College. Beginning in Spring 2020, BRCC students will be able to cross enroll into the Beginner's Course of ROTC at Southern University. Once the student starts the junior year, the student can transfer to become a student at Southern and continue onto the Advanced Course. This initiative will expand the ROTC Department's talent pool, vastly improve recruiting/retention initiatives.

For the first time in just over ten years, the Army ROTC department celebrated each touchdown during a home football game with the ceremonial M116 75mm Pack Howitzer. Originally developed for Airborne units in WWII, the Pack Howitzer is a lethal cannon that provided a decisive advantage for Allied Forces due to its mobility in difficult terrain. Beginning in June 2019, the ROTC department tirelessly collaborated with the SU Athletic Department, local Army Reserve units, and various other organizations to re-establish the rich tradition of the ceremonial cannon fire. With the help of each of those organizations, the cannon fire is here to stay and sure to excite the home crowd for years to come.

Alzheimer's. The Cadets were honored to be a part of such a humbling event.

Visit to Tara High School

Sixth Brigade Commander, Colonel Joseph Vongs, traveled to Tara High School during his visit on September 18, 2019 to reinforce the strategic bond

Walk to End Alzheimer's

On September 21, 2019, the Jaguar Battalion presented the National and State Colors for the opening ceremony of the 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's. The walk occurred at Highland Park in Baton Rouge. The walks are the world's largest events to raise awareness, support, and a cure for Alzheimer's. After presenting the colors, Cadets and Cadre walked the two miles to support and commemorate the families of those who are currently battling, or have lost their battle against



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SUNO 60 Strides Run/Walk Marks 60th Anniversary

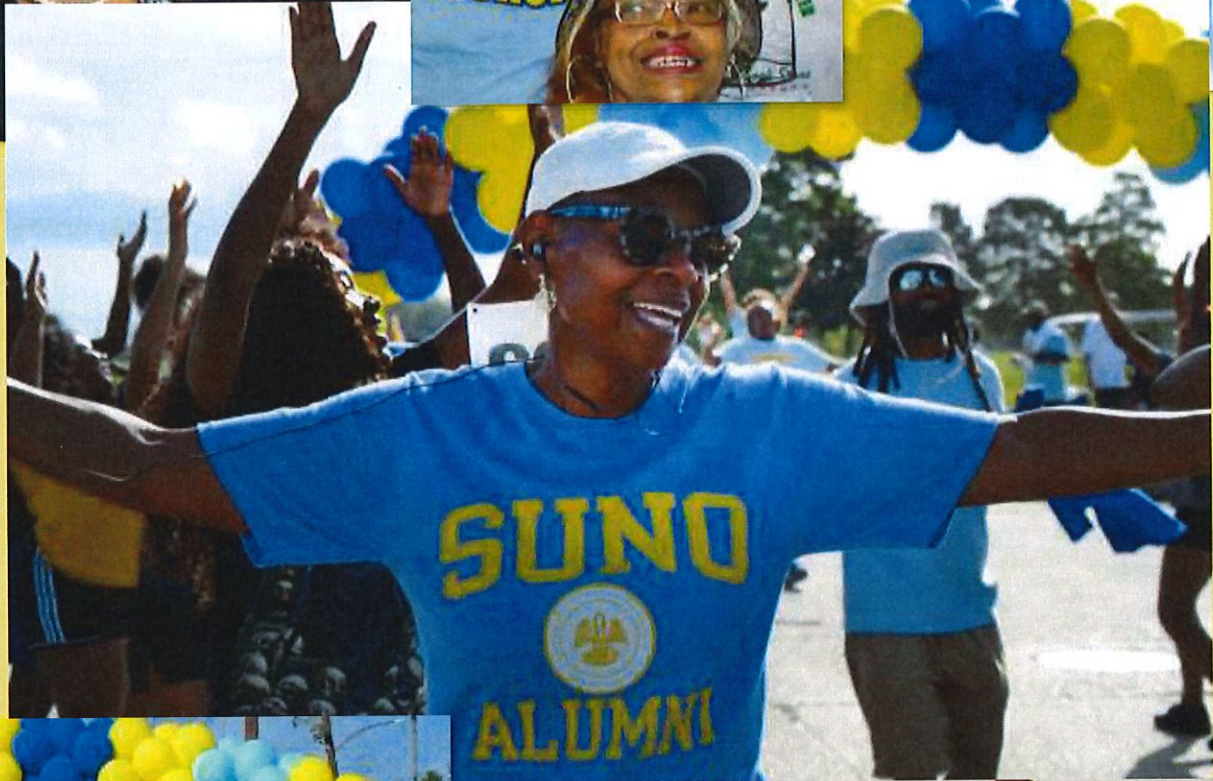
The 60th anniversary of the opening of Southern University at New Orleans was Sept. 21. The weeklong celebration culminated with the SUNO 60 Strides Run/Walk at the corner of Press Drive and Bashful Boulevard.

One hundred students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends registered for the 5K, and followed the route down Press Drive to Chef Menteur Highway and back.

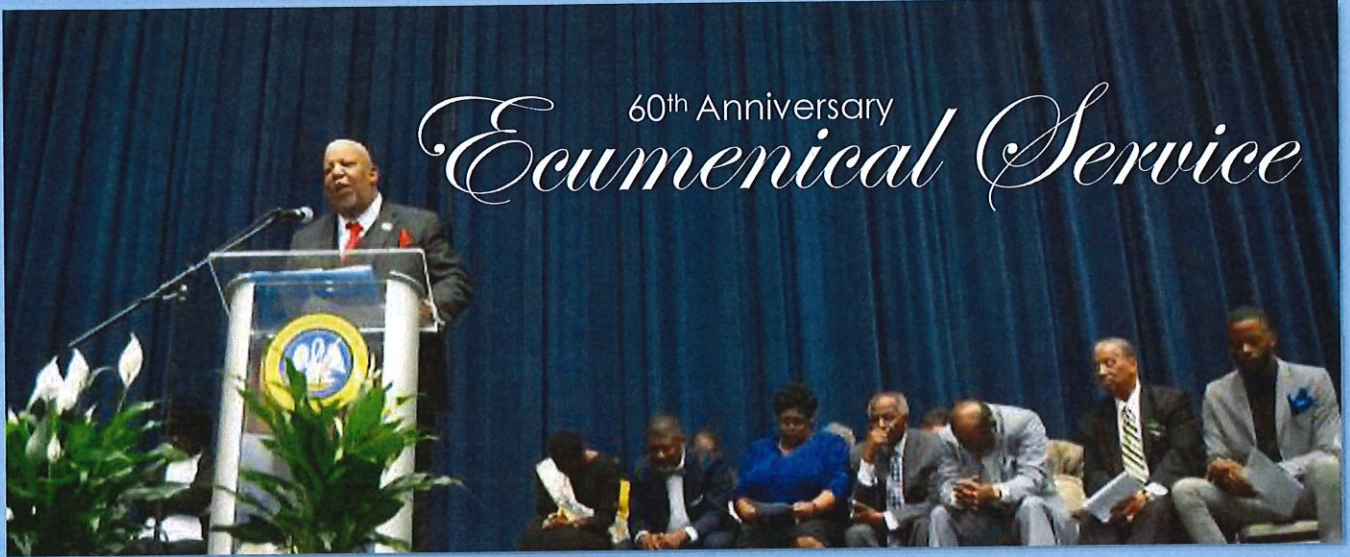
Afterward, participants gathered in the SUNO Conference Center for refreshments, to give blood, get a flu shot, check blood pressure or interact with other vendors.

The Run/Walk was sponsored by the SUNO Foundation, Aramark, Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, Walmart, New Orleans East Hospital, the SUNO Alumni Association, the SUNO Student Government Association and the Blood Center.





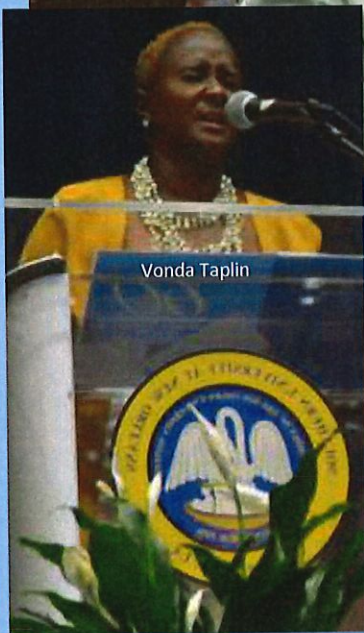
60th Anniversary *Ecumenical Service*



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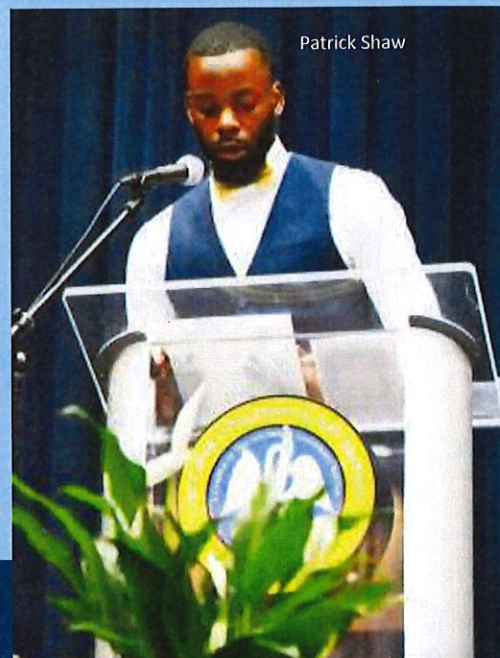
An Ecumenical Service on Sept. 15 kicked off a week of the University's 60th Anniversary events. The following clergy participated in service: Pastor Corey Watson, Watson Memorial Teaching Ministries (Westbank Location); Associate Pastor John Penny, New Light Baptist Church; Pastor Kenneth Foy, New Light Baptist Church; Pastor Aubrey Watson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church; Pastor Vonda Taplin, Come Into The Light Ministries; Pastor Cory Sparks, St. Mark's United Methodist Church; Pastor Joe Connelly, Bethany United Methodist Church; Pastor Marvin Hudson, Morning Star Baptist Church; and Pastor Michael Raymond, Shiloh Christian Fellowship.

Other participants included Ella Bush Bogan, a member of the University's first graduating class; Miss SJNO Tyjah Greenup and SGA President Patrick Shaw. Music was provided by the New Orleans Recreation Department Commission (NORDC) Senior Choir, under the direction of Elton Blunt.

Student Convocation

Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin gave the keynote address at the Student Convocation on Sept. 16 as part of the 60th anniversary celebration. She was introduced by Student Government Association President Patrick Shaw, following a solo by Brittany Jefferson, a junior Biology major.

In addition, Miss SUNO Tyjah Greenup read the Litany and Elder Ramon A. Carter of New Home Family Worship Center opened the convocation with a prayer. Chief Administrative Officer Gloria B. Moultrie, presided over the event.



Patrick Shaw



Brittany Jefferson



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Alumni Reception

SUNO Alumni gathered in the new College of Education Building Sept. 17 for a reception as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration. During the event, Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin took alumni on a tour of the building.

A Knight with the Chancellor



Eight \$400 scholarships were presented to students during the A Knight with the Chancellor Scholarship Fundraiser Banquet Sept. 20. Warren Thompson, former SGA president and current president of the First Fifty Knights, started the fundraiser two years ago.

The keynote speaker was Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, a retired SUNO Biology professor and a licensed associate broker. Vice Chancellor Brenda Jackson introduced the speaker and Shawn Charles, assistant vice president for Financial Services, served as the mistress of ceremony.





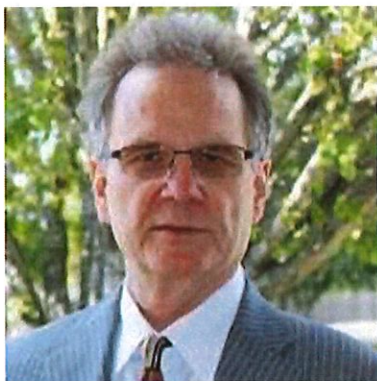
Samuel Johnson, SAAD Keynote Speaker (third from right); Dr. Evelyn Harrell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (second from right); Dr. Travis Johnson, SPESA Club advisor (third from left); Dr. John Penny, Social Sciences Department chair (far right), and Jacqueline Hurst, SPESA president (second from left); and members of the Cure Violence organization.

◀ The Addictive Behaviors Counseling and Prevention (ABCP) Program and the Students for the Prevention and Education of Substance Abuse hosted Substance Abuse Awareness Week Sept. 23-27. The theme was “Voices of Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Recovery, and Community.” This annual event featured 2016 graduate and keynote speaker Samuel Johnson, president of the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers. He focused on hindsight, insight and foresight as factors that influence our choices for change as we confront the impact addiction has on our health, home, recovery and community. Eight students completed the Certificate Program. They are Debra Ann Blackwell, Cafie Doucette-Marks, Jacqueline Freeman-Hurst, Chandra Grayson, Melanie Lewis, Deondra McGraw, Rayonia Scieneaux and Kevin Webster. Sept. 25 was Red Ribbon Day. Through the week, Dr. Kenneth Foy, Mr. Leon Jackson, Ms. Sanquinnette Haynes and Dr. Bashir Atteia gave guest lectures in classes.

▶ The Students of Social Work (SOS) organization hosted a voter registration drive Sept. 24 in the University Center. Led by SOS student Latoya Johnson, the group registered a total of 15 students, the average for a one-day drive. A few women volunteered from the A.V. Williams #178, Order of the Eastern Stars Latoya Johnson, Eileen Jackson, Sandra Jackson, Charlene Parker, Kathleen McKinney Franks and Barbara Anderson. The SOS organization received guidance and support SOS advisors Claude Montegut and Holly McKenney, along with Camille Alexander, admissions coordinator.



SOS Voter Registration Drive volunteers from the A.V. Williams #178, Order of the Eastern Stars.



◀ Mr. Deryle Bougeois, title officer of Southern Title Inc., was a guest lecturer in the Real Estate Principles (BADM 324) class. Sept. 9. Mr. Bougeois was invited by the course instructor, Rodney D. Greenup, a licensed Louisiana realtor and principal of Greenup & Associates, to address the topic “Successions in Real Estate.” The single most valuable asset that most Americans have is their home, a type of real estate. Although the Real Estate Principles class provides a comprehensive survey of the real estate field, including contracts, deeds, leases and strategies for purchasing and owning real estate, not enough emphasis is paid to what happens to the property if the owner dies or is incapacitated. Mr. Bougeois explained the importance of having a succession plan. He explained what a succession plan is; the costs and benefits of succession planning; and the consequences of ignoring the process.



◀ LaSPACE HIS SOARS principal investigator Dr. Illya Tietzel and co-investigators Dr. Rachid Belmasrou and Dr. Mostafa Elaasar mentored SUNO SOARS students' summer research, which was submitted and accepted as abstracts to the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) of 2019. The abstract of Ms. Roshawn Mitchell-Cleveland, entitled "Using *Caenorhabditis elegans* as a Bio-detector for Radiation on Microfluidic Chip," was accepted as oral presentation. The abstract of Ms. Soriah Cleveland, entitled "The Effectiveness and Benefits of Mars Regolith for Plant and Crop Production," was accepted for a poster presentation. The abstract of Ms. Reginell Meridy, entitled "Interaction of Mars Soil and *Escherichia coli*," was accepted as a poster presentation. The abstract of Ms. Bianchi Hughes, entitled "Implementations of Three Dimensional Printing with Antimicrobial Properties" was accepted for a poster presentation. These students' summer research projects also were submitted as abstracts to the Louisiana Space Consortium (LaSPACE) 2019 Fall meeting.



▲ The project personnel of Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) successfully completed the third annual MSEIP and the first annual Capacity Competitiveness Enhancement Model (CCEM) grant evaluations. 2019 MSEIP External Evaluators met with STEM majors and project personnel Sept. 20 (pictured above). The U.S. Department of Education awarded these grants. A total of 21 academic stipends, sponsored by MSEIP grant, in the amount of \$52,200 were recommended for qualified STEM majors. Fourteen STEM majors and faculty who participated in MSEIP-CCEM sponsored research in summer 2019 have registered to participate and present their research experiences at the first MSEIP-CCEM conference in Washington, D.C. Oct. 27-28. The abstracts of Brianté Brumfield and Alexis Richardson (2019 MSEIP-CCEM Biology research interns) were accepted to present at the 2019 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) Nov. 13-16 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA.

The Lady Knights Volleyball Team recently served seniors of The Lower 9th ward Senior Center breakfast along with Governor Jon Bel Edwards.



HIMS Interim Director John Barrilleaux represented SUNO at Career and College Day at East St. John High School Sept. 23. The juniors and seniors spent time with college representatives to gather information about various university programs.

Dr. Kelly Nash, associate professor of Physics at The University of Texas at San Antonio, conducted a workshop on "Communication and Negotiating Skills for Women" for STEM majors Sept. 23. SUNO's NIS/BBB/BKX Chapters in the Department of Natural Sciences sponsored this event.

Dr. Haitham Eid attended the Museum Digital Literacy Forum July 10 – 11 at the American Alliance of Museums headquarters in Washington, D.C. The forum brought together about 27 museum leaders and academics from the United States and the United Kingdom to discuss a national professional training scheme for museum workers. Dr. Eid also was selected to serve on the Scientific Committee for RISE IMET International Conference on Emerging Technologies and the Digital Transformation of Museums and Heritage Sites. The conference will be in Nicosia, Cyprus June 3 - 5, 2020.



Dr. Christian Clement, from left, summer interns Zharrison Nedd and Ian Marts, Dr. Rachid Belmasrou and Dr. Mostafa Elaasar attended the annual Pipeline Development of Skilled Workforce in Stem through Advanced Manufacturing (STEAM) workshop at Y-12 National Security Complex, New Hope Center, Oak Ridge, TN Sept. 9-10.



School of Social Work students and professors served as the continuing education approval authority for a Human Trafficking Symposium Sept. 21 at Asbury United Methodist Church in New Orleans. The symposium, provided in collaboration with State Sen. Troy Carter, the Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Louisiana Department of Health, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Covenant House, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., gave information on the effects of human trafficking and strategies on how the community can be more involved in the fight to against this epidemic. Pictured from left are: Tarralyn Webster, ATC; Sheri Lochridge, Covenant House; Commissioner Juana Marine, Lombard-ATC; Diane Amos, Free NOLA; Dr. Hyacinth McKee, SUNO School of Social Work; Sen. Troy Carter, Selika Corley-Funchess, Survivor's Parent; and Nelson Roman-Rodriguez, FBI.

Dr. Hyacinth McKee, a professor in the School of Social Work, gave a presentation at the Louisiana Department of Health Opioid Action Summit Sept. 4-6. Dr. McKee presented an Overview of the Screening, Brief, Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) model. SBIRT is an evidenced based model that is used to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse and addictive behaviors. The three-day summit included national presenters on social determinants of addiction, building community coalitions, interventions with first responders, and addressing the stigma and shame of addictive behaviors.



Dr. Patrice Sentino, seated second from left, has been selected to provide mentorship in the field of education for Mayor Latoya Cantrell's Women4Climate Mentorship Program. This program pairs New Orleans women mentees with mentors in the fields of energy, transportation, waste & culture to tackle climate change.

School of Social Work Dean Rebecca Chaisson presented a workshop "Children, Youth and technology and Ethical Standards" Sept. 20 to the local chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers.

The School of Social Work Field Department conducted a Field Agency Supervisor Training Sept. 6. More than 55 supervisors participated.

On Sept. 7, Sherron Bates conducted a Praxis II Mathematics workshop for Elementary and Secondary candidates.



On Sept. 12, Dr. Haitham Eid's Museum Education class hosted Abbie Edens, director of Education at the National WWII Museum. Ms. Edens provided an overview of the educational programs at the museum and shared opportunities for the students.



Zharrison Nedd, biology major, presented his STEAM summer research entitled "3-D Micro-stabilized Surfaces, the case for high performance rail-track surfaces" at the 1st STEAM workshop at Y-12 Sept. 9. His research mentor is Dr. Christian Clement.



Ian Marts, a math major, presented his STEAM summer research entitled "Sodium Iodide Scintillation Radiation Detectors" at the 1st STEAM Workshop at Y-12, Sept. 9. His research mentor is Dr. Mostafa Elaasar.

Dr. John-Clifford Obih, assistant professor in the Natural Sciences Department, hosted the LSUHSC-NO Tiger Scholars Undergraduate Summer Enrichment and Competitive Academic Portfolio Development Program on campus Sept. 18. The free, five-week program teaches students key concepts in pre-med courses and preparatory exercises for MCAT examination. It comes with a \$1,000 stipend. The program was presented by Dr. Augustus-Wallace, director of Undergraduate Academic Pipeline Programs for Diversity at LSUHSC in New Orleans.

Dr. Haitham Eid and two of his students, Alaina Carter and Taneka Jones, participated in a panel discussion, "Interns 101: Blueprint for a Successful Internship Program" at the Louisiana Association of Museums (LAM) Conference in Natchitoches, LA Sept. 8-10. The panel included Caroline Kennedy, educator, Old State Capitol, and Nita Cole, curator and archivist, Louisiana State Exhibit presented at the Louisiana Museum.



Dr. G. Carey-Palmer, Information Literacy & Research Instructor at Dillard University, will add five copies of the "Africana Studies Review Journal" to the Will W. Alexander Library Collection. Additionally, Erica Witt, interim circulation librarian, and Laurie Gaillard, catalog librarian, will place on journal in the Leonard S. Washington Memorial Library Reference Collection.

Dr. Biruk Alemayehu's proposal for Blockchain Technology Course Modification was accepted. The proposed changes are designed to enhance the course with knowledge of Blockchain and Financial Technology that could improve local government services. Dr. Alemayehu, associate professor of Public Administration, will participate in the HBCU Blockchain Curriculum Development Institute, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.





The "Utilizing Entrepreneurship Training and Psychoeducational Support to Reduce Recidivism in Louisiana" Program, awarded to the College of Business's Small Business Development & Management Institute (SBDMI), started Sept. 16 with six participants. The recidivism rate reduction program is funded with a \$97,569 Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections contract, and provides entrepreneurship education, startup assistance and psychoeducational services to ex-offenders, mostly from the Metro New Orleans Area, to reduce the possibility of re-offending within six months of the program's ending. Services for program participants will be provided by Angela Fassitt, (QuickBooks & Accounting); Angel Von Der Pool (Professional and Business Plan Development); Ira Thomas (Recruitment and Logistics); and Restoring Hope Behavioral Health Services' Jacqueline Baham (Assessment). Other team members are Cynthia Beaulieu (SBDMI Director), Dr. Patricia Robertson (associate professor of Public Administration); Thien Nhi Tran administrative assistant); Ria Brown (administrative assistant) and Dr. Igwe E. Udeh (dean of College of Business & Public Administration).

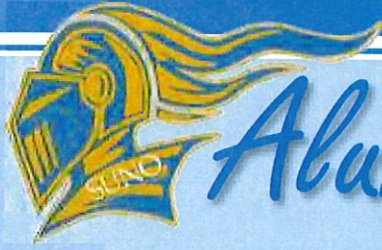
Dr. Simeon Okpechi, professor of Accounting; Dr. Patricia Robertson, associate professor of Public Administration; and Public Administration senior Dianna Denny and Business Administration senior Deante Taylor participated in the New Orleans Chapter of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) meeting Sept. 18. The mission of the AFWA is to enable women in all accounting and finance fields to achieve their full potential and to contribute to their profession. Founded in 1938, AFWA promotes the professional growth of women in all facets of accounting and finance. Members increase their career potential by connecting with colleagues, receiving education and mentorship to advance their careers, and developing leadership skills. Following presentations and Q&A by professional female accountants and chief financial officers, the students mingled with participants to explore career choices and internship opportunities.

Dr. Biruk Alemayehu, associate professor of Public Administration, invited Rocsean Spencer (pictured right), director of Small Business Development at Ernest Morial Convention Center to speak to her class about her roles and responsibilities, and her trajectory from SUNO Public Administration (PADM) program student to PADM intern at the New Orleans Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) to her current position. Mrs. Spencer was accompanied by Mrs. Camille Hazeur, the current Director of OSD, to share thoughts on some of the service and opportunities at her unit. Mrs. Spencer graduated from PADM program in Spring 2013 and was hired immediately after her internship. She quickly moved up from the certification office to become interim director. Mrs. Spencer is the first director of Minority Small Business, a position created to enhance the participation of minority business at the Convention Center. After sharing stories about their unique paths to leadership in their respective organizations, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Hazeur fielded questions from students.



Anjali Lalani (pictured right), administrator of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Fund Interns and Fellows Program, visited Dr. Biruk Alemayehu's class on Sept. 25 to introduce the PADM students to opportunities for paid internships and fellowships at the Smithsonian. These internship opportunities are designed to enhance the HBCU students' participation in the Public History Internship and Fellowship Program for the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The Small Business Development and Management Institute hosted the "How to Build Wealth Through Real Estate, Stocks and Business Ownership" seminar Sept. 3. The 50 participants heard from the following speakers Eugene Green, Real Estate; Stephen Daste; Stocks & Investments; Dorien Nuez, Business Ownership; and Felton Walter, Insurance.



Alumni Spotlight



Elise Bellard-Russell poses with one of her paintings, "We All Pray Together." Her paintings were on display on campus during the 60th Anniversary Ecumenical Service and the Alumni Reception. Her paintings stem from different designs created over 20 years.

A New Orleans native, Elise Bellard-Russell was educated in the Orleans Parish Schools system and earned a B.A. in Fine Arts from Southern University at New Orleans. This former Physical Education teacher began hand-painting T-shirts after she was seriously injured in an automobile accident in 1989. She utilized her artistic talent to help cope with the pain from her injuries

When people saw her T-shirts, they instantly wanted one of their own, because they were works of art. The demand was so high that she decided to create a small business.

Ms. Bellard-Russell's artwork was so unique that the *Times-Picayune* newspaper published an article about her May 16, 1989, titled "Artist Is Ready to Sell You The T- shirt Off Her Rack."

After Hurricane Katrina, she used her old T-shirt designs as inspiration and started to create large paintings on canvas. Her artistic style is reflective of the Ndebele Women of South Africa. These women use geometric patterns and shapes to communicate their culture and traditions.

Ms. Bellard-Russell is not just a visual artist. She also enjoys interior design, ceramics, silk screening and baking. At 58, she decided to take her skills back to where it all began and became a Certified Talent Visual Arts Teacher. She hopes to inspire a student like she was inspired by a teacher to pursue the arts.

She has a son, Ramon; a daughter, A'Driane; and two granddaughters, Sagan and Zoe.