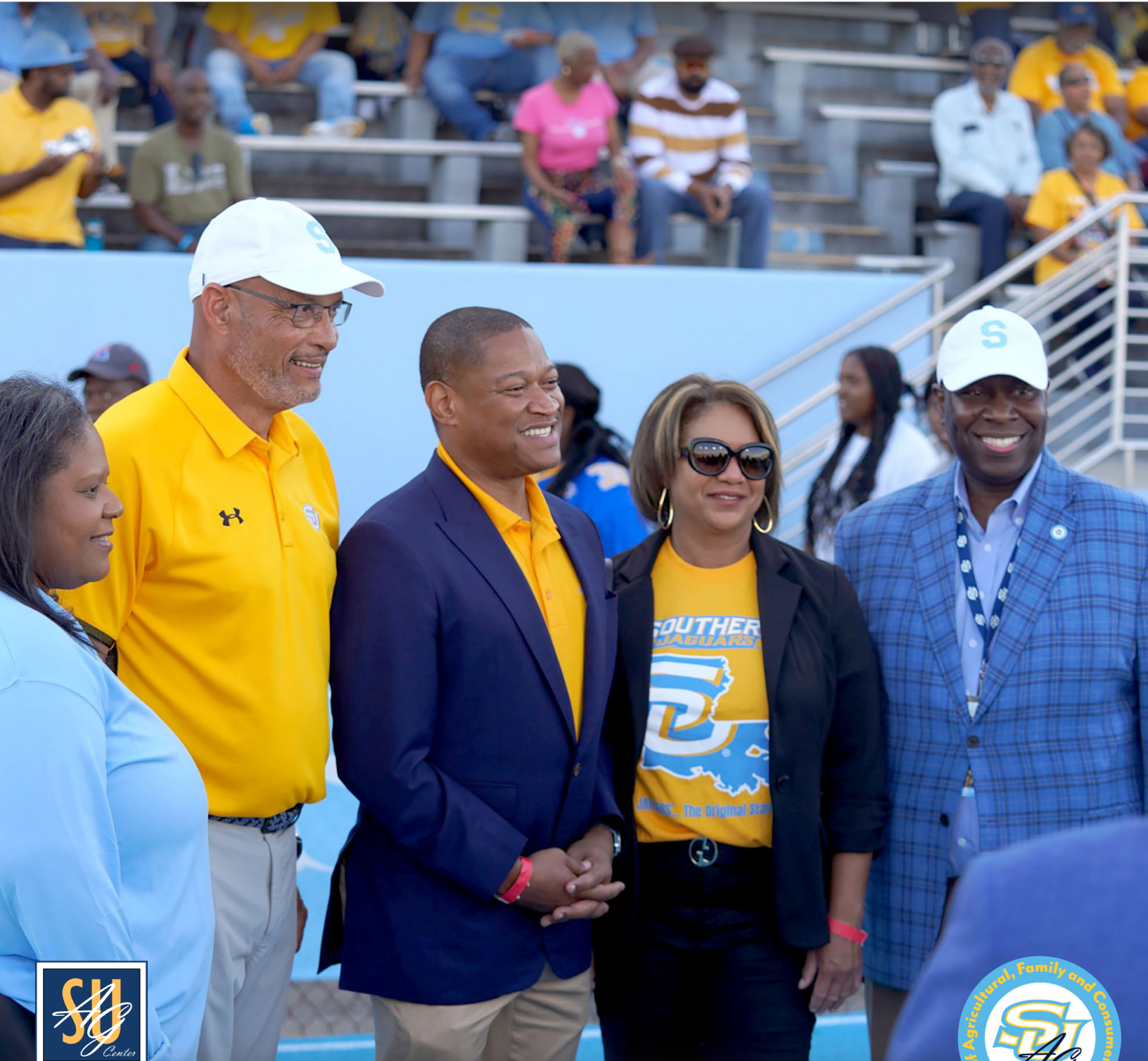


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GAME WEEKEND ON THE BLUFF

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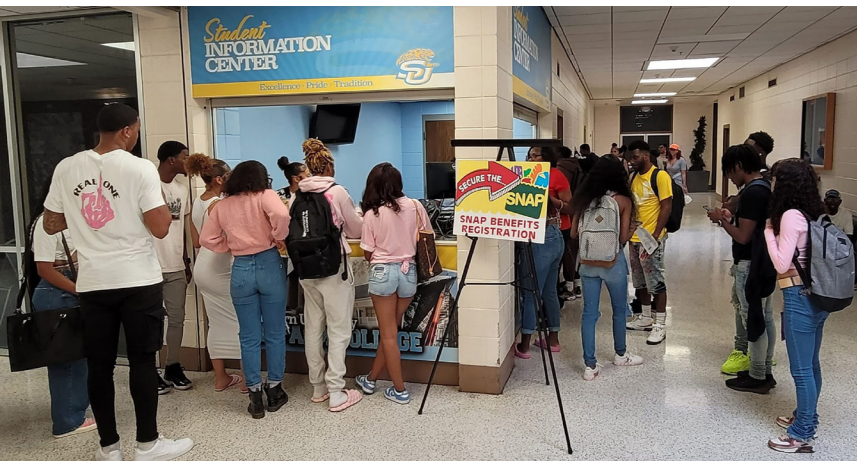
The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences celebrated the inaugural Southern University Agricultural Football Game on October 15.

The Ag Center and the College hosted several events leading up to the game and into Homecoming Week. Below is a recap of some of the events held during the two weeks.



GAME WEEKEND SNAP!

SECURE THE... SNAP! EVENT



The celebration began with the Secure the SNAP Student Benefit Enrollment event hosted by the Southern University Ag Center's Cooperative Extension Program, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, and the Southern University Police Department on October 12 in the Smith-Brown Memorial Union.

Ag Center Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program educators were on hand to assist Southern University students, who may be facing food insecurity, with completing the enrollment process.

THE BLUFF

AND *Homecoming Recap*



Overtime with Roman Banks



SU Ag Center Chancellor-Dean, Dr. Orlando F. McMeans, and Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and External Relations, Dr. Katara Williams were guests on the October 13 Southern University Athletics live taping of Overtime with Athletic Director, Coach Roman Banks. During the show, Drs. McMeans and Williams highlighted the increase in student enrollment numbers as well as the impactful and dynamic things happening through our agriculture program that are transforming the lives of both students and citizens.



GAME WEEKEND SOUTH ON



USDA Student Brunch and Learn

The Ag Center and the College of Ag held a Brunch and Learn for Ag students on October 14 at the Valdry Center for Philanthropy.

The event provided an opportunity for students to network and engage with Dr. McMeans and USDA officials.

Dr. Dionne Toombs, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Acting Director and Daniel Whitley, Foreign Agricultural Service Administrator, served as panelists for the event and shared their own experiences and provided advice to the students majoring in the broad fields of Agriculture.

Allison Johnson, USDA National Outreach Coordinator-East and Southern University's USDA Liaison, was also in attendance to provide guidance and assistance to students.





SU AG CENTER CAMPUS MARKET

The Southern University Ag Center hosted a Campus Market on October 19 at Southern University's Lee-Hines Baseball Stadium for residents of the community.



More than 100 individuals received free grocery bags consisting of ground beef, greens, eggs, and tomatoes.

“This event was held to give back to the community and students that have supported Southern University for so many years,” said L’Asia George, SU Ag Center Extension Associate for Southern University Cooperative Extension’s Agricultural and Natural Resources.

Participants were also able to visit vendor booths, view food demonstrations, and

purchase products from students in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Nutrition and Apparel Merchandise and Textile Clubs.

The Campus Market was sponsored by the Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation, the Southern University System Foundation, and the Louisiana Department of Health.

Another community food giveaway event will be held on November 19 at the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, 9700 Scenic Hwy. Baton Rouge, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For additional information on the CSA grocery giveaway, contact L’Asia George at lasia_george@suagcenter.com.

GAME WEEKEND

SOON



Agricultural Career Expo & Networking Mixer

Nearly 200 Southern University students participated in the College of Ag's Agricultural Career Expo (A.C.E.) and Networking Mixer on October 20.

The students were able to speak with representatives from 25 vendors including USDA agencies, private industries, and non-profit agencies.

"The goal of the Ag Expo was to provide exposure and career opportunities for our students," said Dr. Hariold Mellieon, Chair of the Department of Agricultural Sciences. "Half of our vendors are offering summer internships or full-time employment. The other half are offering exposure to their companies and additional areas that students in agriculture and family and consumer sciences may fit," added Mellieon.

One of the students' who took advantage of this opportunity was senior Family and Consumer Sciences major, Elisheba Clay.

"I came the expo to explore all of the opportunities that Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences has to offer within the career expo," said Clay, who is studying concentrations in plant and soil sciences and culinary management. "I was able to secure some leads for internships. They had so many opportunities. One, in particular, was the farmers market. The representative was very informative and nice. I was able to email my resume and she gave us a website to visit. It was very informative and gave us many opportunities," she added.

This year's title sponsor was Zen-Noh Grain Corporation and its subsidiary CBG. The corporation is looking to recruit more of Southern's students and hire students upon graduation.

The College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences plans to continue to host programs, events, and workshops to assist students in obtaining employment upon graduation.

THE BLUFF

AND Homecoming Recap



Vivo on the Bluff Scholarship Fundraiser

The Southern University Ag Center and the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) hosted the Vivo on the Bluff Wine Tasting Fundraiser on October 21 at the Valdry Center for Philanthropy.

The sold-out event raised \$5,000 for the Darjean Jones Wines Continuing Education Scholarship Fund for students in the Southern University College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences.

Darjean Jones Wines is owned by Louisiana native, first-generation African-American winemaker, and Southern



University CAFCS alums, Dawna Darjean Jones, Ph.D. and her husband Chauncey. Dawna's early winemaking journey began in Napa Valley where she was working as a plant pathologist studying the diseases of wine grapes.

"Experiencing Napa Valley first as a research scientist helped to formulate my deep

respect and appreciation for vineyards and the abundant wealth of grape varieties sown on those diverse soils," said Dawna. "Although my focus in the early years was on the plant diseases that affected wine grapes, I later developed a new kinship with winemaking," she added.

The award-winning wine is available online at www.darjeanjones.com.

Donates to the scholarship fund are still being accepted. For information on how to make a donation contact Robert Easley at, robert_easley@suagcenter.com.



From left to right: Quin Holifield, Heaven Britton, Zhu Ning, Taylor St.Vilus, Kollin Killebrew, Jan Thompson, and Jason Henning.

Urban Forestry Students gain national exposure at the SAF National Convention

Southern University Urban Forestry students Taylor St. Vilus, Kollin Killebrew, Deron Isom, and Heaven Britton attended the Society of American Foresters (SAF) National Convention held September 19-24, 2022. Representing the SAF SU Chapter, the four students from the Department of Urban Forestry, Environment, and Natural Resources in the SU College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, gained national exposure at the convention.

While at the convention, Kollin Killebrew visited the booths of Yale and Duke University. He plans to attend graduate school at Yale University after graduating from SU. Taylor St. Vilus networked with multiple companies and agencies. She is interested in learning more about wildfire management and applied to become a trainee of the 1890 Wildfire Consortium. Deron Isom was selected as one of the SAF 2022 Diversity Scholars and was honored at the convention's closing award ceremony.

In addition to attending the convention's job fairs, technical sessions, and student organization meetings, all four students were introduced during the "Urban Forest Equity (UFE) Planning and Community Engagement" session. The session's speakers included Dr. Zhu Ning, Southern University, Sherry Fountain and Quin Holifield with the USDA Forest Service, and Jason Henning with the Davey Trees. Each speaker shared current information on national UFE initiatives, tree canopy equity mapping

and assessment, as well as UFE planning. The students learned strategies for urban forestry managers and practitioners to remedy disparities in canopy cover maintenance by investing in underserved communities, especially those that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The students were also highlighted at the “Collaborative Engagement in Education and Extension to Achieve Excellence in Urban Forestry” session that addressed the challenges at various universities represented by speakers Dr. Ning, Jason Gordon from the University of Georgia, and Jan Thompson from Iowa State University. The session exchanged knowledge and delivered the latest science, practice, and policy on urban forestry and the environment, as well as innovative approaches to applying research findings in education and extension to serve communities across the country.

All four students serve in leadership positions in the SAF SU student chapter, with Taylor being the president. Dr. Ning, the Urban Forestry Department Chair, is the SAF SU Chapter faculty advisor. Funding to attend the conference was provided by the USDA NIFA McIntire Stennis forestry research project at the SU Ag Center.



From left to right: SAF President Chris Maisch, Southern University Urban Forestry Department Chair Zhu Ning, SAF 2022 Diversity Scholar SU Urban Forestry Student Deron Isom, and SAF CEO Terry Baker.

Agribusiness Major Kennedy Orr selected as one of the 2022 Glamour College Women of the Year: HBCU Edition

Kennedy Orr, a sophomore majoring in Agricultural Business in the Southern University College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS), was selected amongst seven other college students as one of the 2022 Glamour College Women of the Year: HBCU Edition.

Orr is the sophomore class president for the 2022–2023 SGA administration, a member of the national organization Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences, and an intern for Southern University's athletic department. She is also a USDA/1890 National Scholar, a coveted honor that promises full tuition, books, and room and board to HBCU students for up to four years.

As an honoree, Orr was spotlighted in Glamour Magazine and has the opportunity to be paired with a high-profile mentor. On November 1st, she traveled to New York to accept her award at the 2022 Glamour Women of the Year Awards.

For more than 60 years, Glamour has recognized outstanding college women for their contributions to a broad spectrum of industries with the annual College Women of the Year Awards, but this year's edition recognized greatness being done by women who attend historically Black colleges and universities. The honorees selected were from programs such as chemistry and chemical engineering, agricultural business, political



KENNEDY ORR

science, journalism, computer science, fashion design, experimental nutrition, and health administration.

Read the Glamour article at <https://www.glamour.com/story/hbcu-college-woman-of-the-year-kennedy-orr>.

SU College of Ag Dietetic Internship Director Alexis Motley was featured in USA Today

Alexis Motley, Dietetic Internship Director in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences and a registered dietitian, was featured in USA Today in the story, “Is milk still considered healthy? How much do we need? ‘It really depends on the person.’

The article discusses whether or not milk should be consumed as part of a healthy diet. Experts say milk is healthy for those who choose to consume it because it provides the body with potassium, calcium, and other nutrients.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, each person's recommended dairy intake depends on age, sex, height, and other factors, said Motley.

Read the full USA Today article at, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2022/10/18/is-milk-healthy-how-much-per-day/8237477001/>.



ALEXIS MOTLEY



Dietetic Internship Students are creating recipes and learning cutting-edge nutrition research

The Southern University Dietetic Internship Program in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences is a post-baccalaureate supervised practice program in dietetics. The 2022-2023 interns include Latoyia Beard, L'Asia George, and Mariah Williams. The interns recently participated in a recipe development competition with BeBOLD Energy Bar company.

BeBOLD bars are healthy energy bars made with nutritious nut butters, oats, chocolate chips, chia, Brazil nuts, walnuts, dark maple syrup, and wildflower honey. Simple ingredients make them delicious.

The interns were asked to create three different recipes and submit them to BeBOLD for evaluation. Latoyia Beard's Sweet Potato Casserole with BeBOLD Streusel recipe was selected to be featured on the BeBOLD Energy Bar website.

Beard was also selected as the 2022 BRAND FNCE Scholarship recipient by the Baton Rouge Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics.

The internship traveled to Orlando, FL to attend the Food & Nutrition Conference and Expo, which was held October 8-11, 2022. Interns were



From left to right: Mariah Williams, Latoyia Beard, and L'Asia George

able to learn about new cutting-edge nutrition research, interact with other interns, and learn about potential jobs after graduation.

Alexis Motley, MS, RDN, LDN, the SU Dietetic Internship Director was selected to speak at the Learning Lounge during the conference. Motley's topic was Our Plate is Our Garden: Starting and Maintaining a Community Garden. During the learning lounge participants learned about the benefit of community gardens, the areas and partners to target, and the methods to make the garden thrive.

For additional information about the CAFCS Dietetic Internship Program contact Alexis Motley at alexis.motley@sus.edu.





SU Child Development Laboratory's Trunk or Treat

The students in the Southern University Child Development held their “Trunk or Treat” event on October 28. The students and staff were allowed to dress in costumes and visit trunks decorated by parents.





National Access, Equity, and Belonging Committee hosts quarterly meeting on Southern University's campus

On November 1st, Dr. Tiffany Franklin, Associate Specialist and Youth Program Leader for 4-H and Youth Development at the SU Ag Center, hosted members of the Access, Equity, and Belonging Committee (AEBC) on campus as one of their quarterly meetings. Prior to the meeting, each champion group/ partner (i.e National 4-H Council, CYFAR, NIFA) identified their accomplishments, priorities, and learnings in the area of 4-H and youth development. The purpose of this meeting was to examine and evaluate the work that has already been done for marginalized communities and identify the priorities for the



next three years through action plans for 4-H and youth development.

This Committee aims to contribute to an inclusive organizational culture and to increase the capacity of 4-H and the Cooperative Extension System to meet this opportunity. The Committee also serves as the coordinating body among national efforts in support of the national goals that include equity, access and belonging.

"The work of the AEBC is essential to the future growth of 4-H and youth development. The representatives in this group are committed to seeing positive change in the lives of our youth across the world," said Dr. Franklin.

During the meeting, AEBC members were taken on a tour of Southern University's campus and gained knowledge about the 1890 institution.

"Not only are we meeting here to continue our strategic visioning for the future of AEBC and what our priorities will be for our national 4-H organization but we also took time to learn about the history of the campus and the 4-H program that is supported through Southern University," said Dr. Nia Imani Fields, University of Maryland Extension Assistant Director and 4-H Program Leader.

While on the tour, shuttle bus driver, Raymond Johnson shared his experience as a 4-H member



and how it changed his life.

"I was a part of the junior leadership 4-H club ever since I was in elementary school. I won a trip for two weeks to Niagara Falls and New York. For me coming from West Baton Rouge, 4-H junior leadership was life-changing," said Johnson.

Organizations that were represented at the meeting were from Missouri, Alaska, Iowa, Pennsylvania, California, Florida, and Maryland.

"As a committee, we are charged with increasing the capacity of our 4-H professionals and volunteers across the country and reaching diverse audiences through accessible and equitable programs," added Dr. Fields.

The mission of 4-H is to provide meaningful opportunities for all youth and adults to work together to create sustainable community change.



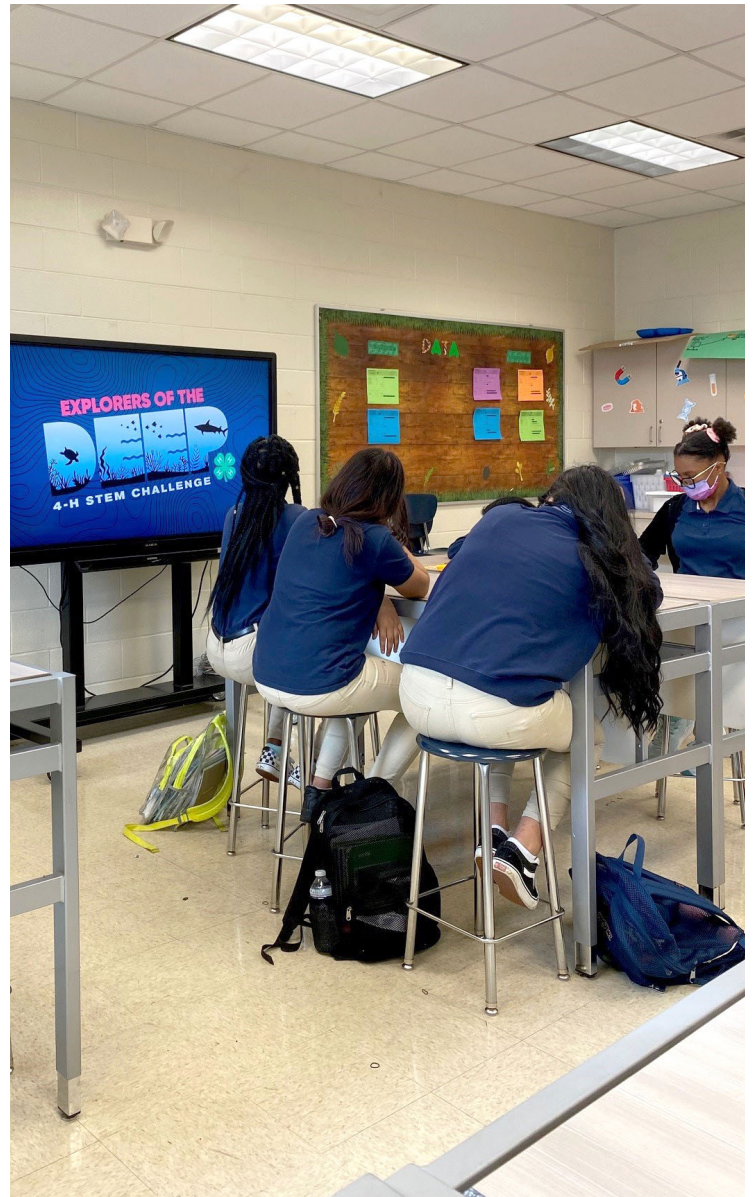
Park Forest Middle Explores the Deep Ocean through the 4-H STEM Challenge

On Tuesday, October 17th students at Park Forest Middle Creative Science and Arts Magnet School in East Baton Rouge Parish joined hundreds of thousands of youths across the world in the 4-H STEM Challenge, which encompasses science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

This year's experiment was titled 'Explorers of the Deep' and focused on a journey in the ocean with the use of robots. Regardless of where the students reside, this challenge encouraged youth to learn observational and analytical skills while studying the relationship between the water and people. They also gained knowledge of the connection between Earth's oceans and climate.

SU Ag Center Associate Agent, Kiyana Kelly, and Park Forest Middle School Science Content Leader, Krishena Weathersby, discussed the importance of robots and their contribution to everyday life. They referenced hurricanes as an example because the state of Louisiana has experienced its share. Robots help detect weather predictions based on sea temperatures, precipitation, or wind speed.

About 40 students from Park Forest Middle participated in the challenge. Students conducted the Ocean Robot Tank Test experiment. This activity allowed students to learn about density and buoyancy by adding weight to their ocean robot to make it sink and float, like a real ocean robot. The students viewed various videos, participated in in-depth discussions, and explored career paths in marine sciences. This challenge also includes



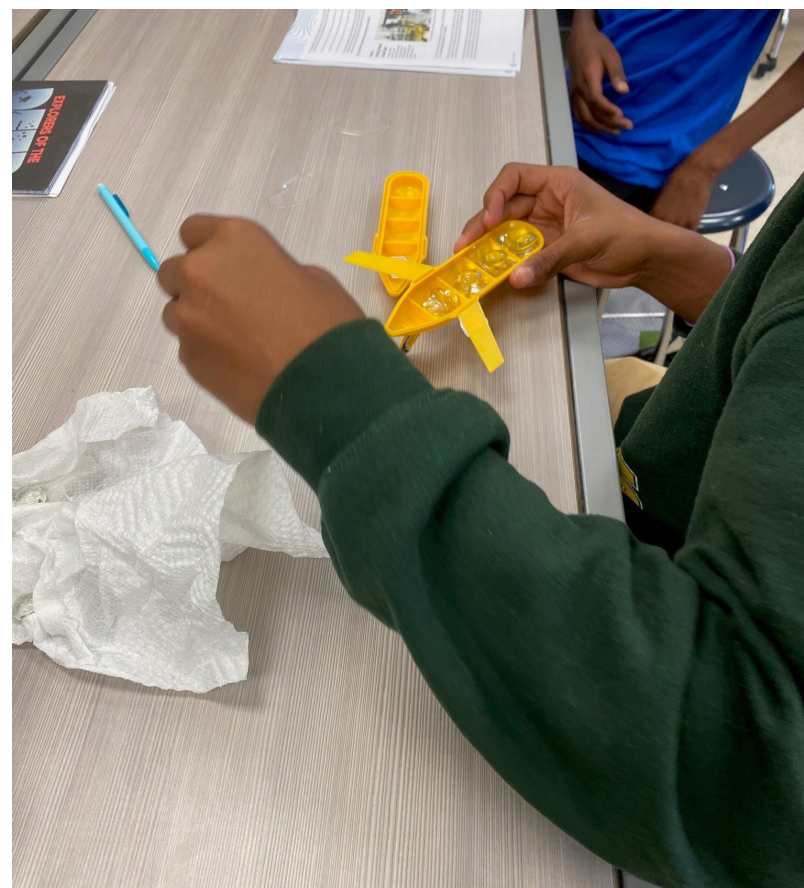
two additional activities: Ocean Expedition and Ocean Communicator.

The 4-H STEM Challenge, formally known as the 4-H National Youth Science Day, has been held since 2008. This initiative is dedicated to engaging

youth with science through real-world issues, hands-on, and interactive learning experiences that get youth enthused about STEM.

The 2022 4-H STEM Challenge was designed by Rutgers University Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences and brought to you by the National 4-H Council, Bayer, Corteva Agriscience, Lights on Afterschool, and Nickelodeon.

For more information about the Southern University Ag Center's Youth Development Department, contact Dr. Tiffany Franklin at tiffany_franklin@suagcenter or 225-771-2775.





SU Ag Center hosts a regional meeting on Louisiana’s Statewide Digital Equity Plan

The Southern University Ag Center (SU Ag Center), in partnership with the Capital Region Planning Commission, the University of Louisiana Lafayette’s Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center, the Louisiana Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity, and the Louisiana Board of Regents, hosted a regional meeting series to allow stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback on the development of Louisiana’s Statewide Digital Equity Plan.

The meeting was held at 10 a.m. on November 1st at the SU Ag Center’s Multipurpose Building, 14600 Scenic Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA, 70807.

Individuals were able to participate in the meeting

by attending in person, or virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live.

The series, which was a part of a statewide tour, allowed residents of the Capital Area to share their thoughts on important issues surrounding digital equity within this region and our state. The feedback was collected for input into the Statewide Digital Equity Plan which aims to close the gap between those with affordable access, skills, and support to effectively engage online and those who do not.

For additional information about this meeting, contact Krystle Allen at krystle_washington@suagcenter.com.



The SU Ag Center held an Information Day at its Beef Research Institute

Nearly 40 people attended an Information Day hosted by the SU Ag Center's Beef Research Institute on October 18, 2022. The primary focus of the event was the introduction of a new "rapid-test" for pregnant beef animals that are reported to be 96% accurate, one of the highest accuracy rates in all procedures.

Producers were also interested and informed about Body Condition Scoring (BCS) and its critical requirement in cows, just before calving. Cows with a good BCS (> 5) milk better, have heavier weaning calves, and have higher re-breeding rates than cows with $BCS < 4$.

Local producers were also shown how to take hay and discussed improved feeds for supplementing hay. Producers were informed as to which supplement was best to feed to cows based on where a cow is in her production cycle (pre-calving or post-calving).

For additional information about the SU Ag Center's Beef Research Institute, contact Clyde Bagley at clyde_bagley@suagcenter.com.



HIGHLIGHTS

FACULTY & STAFF

Dr. Tiffany Franklin has been inducted as a member of the World Food Prize Foundation Global Guides Cohort 4

A portrait of Dr. Tiffany Franklin, a Black woman with a short haircut, wearing red-rimmed glasses, a black top, and a silver necklace. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right.

Dr. Tiffany Franklin, Associate Specialist and Youth Program Leader for 4-H and Youth Development at the SU Ag Center, has been selected as a member of the World Food Prize Foundation Global Guides Program's Cohort 4. It is a 9-month professional development program for educators focused on food security education.

The program includes virtual sessions and a face-to-face immersion at the Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue which was held in Des Moines, Iowa on October 16-21, 2022.

“Within this cohort, I am fortunate to be working with colleagues from across the world, all from various backgrounds which provide unique knowledge about global competence,” said Franklin. “It is my hope to influence youth in our community to want to learn more about today’s global issues and become passionate and vigilant about finding viable solutions to address those issues! Their voice is important and we as adult mentors need to allow them to be creative in their own unique ways to solve global challenges that affect us all,” she expressed.

The Global Guides Program is one of the professional learning programs offered by the Global Teach Ag Network, which has a mission of empowering educators through quality professional development in global agriculture and food security.

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