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**Executive Vice-Chancellor Speaks at Management Convention**

**Dr. Bijoy K Sahoo**, Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost, was invited to participate and offer remarks at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Management Education Convention held under the auspices of All India Management Society. He offered his remarks as part of the Director's Roundtable which focused on “Reassessing Governance, Ethics and Institutional Building in the New Age”. Dr. Sahoo focused on the need for management education being transformative, the need to go beyond a tools and skills-based education, and the need to be more impactful by developing and nurturing entrepreneurial mindsets. As per the feedback summarized by the President of AIMS his presentation was thought provoking and was very well received by a nationwide audience of educators, policymakers and practitioners. He mentioned his effort at Southern University which focuses on student success and how it impacts the lives of individual students, their families, and the state of Louisiana.

**SUBR ~ John B. Cade Library Annual Open House**

JOHN B CADE LIBRARY ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

FIRST FLOOR  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2021  
1:00PM-3:00PM.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
JOHN B. CADE LIBRARY  
DAWN KIGHT, DEAN OF LIBRARIES

## On Campus...

### *International Education*

Recently, a group of administrators and faculty members of the Southern University Baton Rouge campus met with **Dr. Kumar Annavarapu**, Advisor and Coordinator of Overseas Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh in India. **Dr. Barbara Carpenter**, SUBR Dean of International Education presided over the meeting. As a result of this meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding has been proposed and accepted. This is a good opportunity to increase the enrollment at the graduate school level. A sizable number of students are expected to register for the Spring 2022 semester in graduate studies.

### *College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies*

#### *Music Program*

- **Deterrius Johnson**, sophomore, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Art Song/Opera and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Hall Johnson Spiritual categories in last fall's Regional NATS conference. Consequently, he qualifies to compete in the National NATS Conference in North Carolina. **Sharon Weatherspoon**, graduate student, won 1<sup>st</sup> place in her category. **Richard Johnson** advanced to the finals!
- **Professor Charles Lloyd, Jr.**, who was recently recognized for thirty years of service to Southern University, is recipient of the **James Ronald Brothers Award for Collaborative Piano** – by the Southern Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing 2021.
- **Professor Herman C. Jackson** is the Recipient of the *Alvin Batiste Hall of Distinction Award*, Shaw Center for the Arts (see link)  
<https://www.brproud.com/news/percussionist-herman-jackson-to-receive-hall-of-distinction-award/>

### *Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences*

- The SUBR Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences has received **\$100,000, from the Milbank Memorial Fund** to establish a scholarship in honor of **Ms. Kathleen Anderson** who recently retired from the Organization.

### *College of Business*

#### *Dean Leads Accreditation Review Team*

Congratulations to **Dr. Donald Andrews**, Dean of the College of Business on his appointment as Chairman of an Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation Peer Review Team. The team visited North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Oct. 3-5.

The SUBR College of Business received a \$190,000 grant award on Sept, 30 from the U.S. Department of Education Business and St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT). The primary goal of the two-year project is to improve the international business education capabilities of SUBR COB and SAUT in preparing tomorrow's workforce that can compete and lead in a rapidly changing global business environment. The project also aims to enhance the export readiness understanding, information technology and entrepreneurial skills of small businesses in Louisiana and Tanzania.

## On Campus...

### *Department of Curriculum and Instruction*

- The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) released new teacher preparation program scores in the areas of clinical practice (including student teaching) and classroom management. Southern University and A&M College's undergraduate elementary teacher preparation program was recognized as being among only 33 of the 1184 traditional programs to receive an A in Clinical Practice.

### *The Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College*

- The Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College welcomed 79 new scholars in Fall 2021, including nine entering freshmen with ACT scores of 27 or higher (one with a 30) and three valedictorians/salutatorians. The Honors College New Student Orientation was held virtually on August 23. Due to Hurricane Ida, the Honors College Convocation, held at the outset of each semester, was postponed until September 17. In addition to the regular review of rules and policies, the virtual meeting hosted several "friends of the College" including **Mrs. Tamara Montgomery**, Director of the Office of Career Services; **Mrs. Heather Tanner** of DXC Technology; and **Attorney Michael Garrard**, visiting professor with the SU Law Center. These individuals shared information with students about opportunities in each of their respective divisions. **Dean Karen E. Crosby** delivered a motivational message titled, "Drink Deep," based on lines from the Alexander Pope poem, "An Essay on Criticism." The message encouraged the scholars to drink deeply from the fountain of knowledge to nurture their own creativity and likened them to "modern-day muses" with the power to inspire creativity in others.
- **Mrs. Deadra James Mackie**, an instructor and advisor in the Honors College, Fall 2020 Faculty Beacon of the Year for the National Association of African American Honors Programs (NAAHP), NAAHP National Treasurer, and National Executive Secretary for Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society, was selected as a Lead Vaccine Ambassador for the national organization - Interfaith Youth Core. She supervises 25 Southern University student vaccine ambassadors whose primary goal is to increase the number of vaccinated individuals nationally. Mackie wrote a proposal for a \$45,000 grant which supports the students in their efforts to ensure the mission of the cohort is met. The 25 students from various fields of study answer the call to end the global pandemic of Covid-19. Students hosted several vaccination drives in collaboration with Care South and the Louisiana Department of Health, intrastate Zoom Covid-19 Conversations, Back-to-School Drive Thru/Vaccination events and participated in disseminating information with Career Services during Southern University's Move-in Day. They continue to engage peers to increase the number of shots in arms. Mrs. Mackie is also coaching the **Honda All Star Challenge Quiz Bowl** team in preparation for their first competition of the 2021-2022 season.
- **Mr. Eric Pugh**, recruiter and program associate of the Honors College, worked with several students to help facilitate their attendance and participation in the Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute held in Washington, D.C. October 14 – 18.

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- Several Honors College scholars are making significant achievements locally and nationally. Freshman Agricultural Sciences major, and USDA/1890 national scholar, **Kennedy Orr**, was selected to represent the 1890 land grant universities at the 2021 USDA National Scholars Panel, September 21, 2021. This event was hosted by the USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement. Computer Science majors, senior **Rason Irvin**, who previously won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) National Basketball Association Innovate the Future Pitch Competition, and sophomore **Nicolas Hardin** teamed up to win 1<sup>st</sup> place in the TMCF Chevron Energy Innovation Summit Case Competition.
- Thanks to a partnership and collaboration with **Mrs. Tamara Montgomery**, Director of the Office of Career Services, the Honors College will receive a \$45,000 grant from Baker Hughes Corporation. The funds will be used to cultivate leadership development activities for students of the D. M. R. Spikes Honors College.

### *College of Nursing and Allied Health*

#### *Faculty Accomplishments:*

- **Dr. Karen Clark's** abstract was accepted for the ATI 2021 National Nurse Educator Summit held October 18 – 20. She will be presenting a poster presentation titled “*Student Satisfaction and Self-Confidence Using QR Codes During Postpartum Hemorrhage Simulation.*”
- **Dr. Staci Taylor** is a Keynote Speaker at the Webinar of Nursing Virtual 2021 conference on November 1-2. The title of her presentation is “*Stressors Perceived by Recovering Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Patients in the Intensive Care Unit.*”

#### *Student Accomplishments:*

- Healthy Blue Louisiana has established a Healthy Blue Rural Medicine Scholarship in partnership with the Southern University System Foundation and awarded \$55,000 to the School of Nursing. This scholarship is dedicated to addressing access to care and improving health equity in Louisiana's rural areas. Three Nurse Practitioner (NP) students: **Jennifer Lewis, Marris Windon, and Paul Johnson** will be the first recipients of the scholarship. The recipients of the scholarship have committed to practicing in rural Louisiana post-graduation. Healthy Blue Louisiana's investment in the education of NP students at Southern University School of Nursing demonstrates their commitment to improving rural Louisiana communities' access to primary care services.

## On Campus...

### ***Rehabilitation and Disability Studies***

#### *Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling*

- The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met and reviewed the Interim Report submitted by the Department of Rehabilitation and Disability Studies at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. The report addressed standards related to the accreditation of the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (M.S. degree) specialty area. The Board accepted the report. The accreditation cycle end date for the specialty area is October 31, 2027.

*Congratulations on a job well done!*

#### ***Faculty Accomplishments:***

**Dr. Madan Kundu** participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Rehabilitation that was held virtually September 7-9 in Denmark. Dr. Kundu, Vice-Chair of the Work and Employment Commission and Executive Board Member of Rehabilitation International (RI), performed the following activities:

- Moderated a panel on *Transition Engagement of Youth with Disabilities*.
- Made two presentations based on his research and publications:
  - *Transition Engagement of Youth with Disabilities: A Serial Mediation Model.*
  - *Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Training Needs Assessment and Competence Measure; and*
- Co-Moderated a panel on Rehabilitation International Guidelines Concerning Accessibility in Private Enterprises I and II. Panel Members Represented: China, Germany, Israel, Russia, and the Netherlands.

**Dr. Roxanne Davidson** completed “*Cultural Responsiveness in Higher Education*” training through SU Online, Summer 2021.

#### ***Student Accomplishments:***

**Joy Duhon and Melissa Blackson** of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program received the *I Care Prevention Externship Award* for the Fall 2021 semester.

### ***Office of Research, Strategic Initiatives, and Economic Enhancement***

#### ▪ ***Program Open***

The Research & Enhancement Development (RED) Faculty Grant Program and the Broadening Life Experiences and Undergraduate Research (BLEU-R) Student Grant Program are accepting applications from qualified faculty members and students. The RED Program rewards high risk, high-return research from faculty surrounding COVID-19 relief, education and adaptation caused by Coronavirus. The BLEU-R Program focuses on the same objectives for undergraduate researchers.

## On Campus...

### *Student Recognitions and Awards*

- **Brandon Horne**, a history major received a scholarship from Louisiana State Legislators
- **Amisa Washington and Angel Bagent** were selected to receive the Dr. Julia B. Purnell Scholarship from the Baton Rouge Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

### *University College Initiatives*

- The University College has undertaken several initiatives established as an extension to the 7 Habits of Highly Effective College Students. **Led by Mr. Jourdan Hilaire, Mrs. Avis O'Bryant-Chaney and the University Ambassadors** the Keys to Success Workshop, the Real Talk Tuesdays Speaker Series and the University College Mentor Mixer are in full swing. The Keys to Success Workshops are hour-long presentations focused on informing and enhancing first year students with college preparatory skills. The Real Talk Tuesdays Speaker Series brings dynamic speakers on campus to share their experiences in support of Southern's first year students, while The Mentor Mixer provides an opportunity for first year students to become more acquainted with current student leaders.