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**SUBR Honors Pinning Ceremony**

On Friday, March 17 at 6 p.m., the **Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College** held its first in-person Pinning Ceremony since before the pandemic. The Pinning Ceremony is a tradition that celebrates incoming Honors Scholars, including first-year students, transfers, and campus recruits entering the **Honors College**. **Louisiana State Commissioner of Education and Southern University Alumna, Dr. Kim Hunter Reed**, delivered the keynote address to nearly 150 inductees, campus faculty and staff, and community supporters. Dr. Reed told the honorees that they were building on the “Talented Tenth” espoused by W.E.B. Dubois, and that through their dedication to scholarship, they would lead the world as exceptional men and women. She inspired them to pay it forward, stating that “education and excellence go hand-in-hand and excellence is about service to your community.”



## On Campus...



A highlight of the program included a final performance intended to showcase that the scholars don't just keep their heads in the books, but they also know how to have good clean fun. An example was the performance of the Southern Shuffle culminating with an energetic dance (as shown above) by **Keith Jackson, Jr.** a freshman finance major.



## On Campus...

### Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society



**Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society, the National Institute of Science, and Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society** inducted 18, 22 and 6 scholars, respectively on March 24, 2023 at the DMRS Honors College Building. The scientific honor societies consist of students with a 3.00 and above GPA categorized as scholars in support of STEM and Applied Sciences. Approximately 75 persons including family members and friends of the inductees were in attendance. The 78<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi and the National Institute of Science took place March 29 – April 2, 2023 in Charlotte, North Carolina with 24 undergraduate and graduate Honors College students delivering presentations.



## On Campus...

### *College of Sciences & Engineering*

More than 700 students were exposed to the Computer-Aided Virtual Environment (CAVE) at the College of Sciences & Engineering during 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Day on March 24, 2023. The importance of the CAVE and how it can benefit students in different departments was explained by the research team. The CAVE is a walk-in 3D virtual reality center. It is the only Windows XP CAVE in the State of Louisiana and one of only four in the United States.



## On Campus...

As part of the College of Sciences and Engineering Cooperate & Student Engagement Initiatives, the CSE and the Office of Career Services facilitated the Dow Student Leadership Conference, designed to enhance the leadership and professional development skills of our students majoring in the College of Sciences and Engineering and Business disciplines. The two-day conference took place March 7-8, 2023 at the Valdry Center on campus.



## On Campus...

On March 18, 2023, **Mr. Nathaniel “Coach” Denu**, a faculty member in the College of Sciences & Engineering, was selected as the East Baton Rouge Parish Chapter's Alumnus of the Year. Coach Denu received the award at the East Baton Rouge Parish Chapter, Southern University Alumni Federation, Annual Alumni Breakfast at the Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union.



### *College of Nursing and Allied Health*

**The Southern University School of Nursing** Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Site Visit for the re-accreditation of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing Programs took place on March 29-31, 2023. The School of Nursing met all standards and there were no compliance issues. The final accreditation decision will be made by the CCNE Board at its meeting October 3-6, 2023.