



Chancellor's Report



To the Southern University Board of Supervisors

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"We Are Southern"

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Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society



On March 21, 2024, Southern University and A&M College celebrated a milestone event with the chartering of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. This esteemed society is dedicated to celebrating and encouraging first-year academic success, requiring a remarkable standard of excellence with eligibility contingent upon achieving a 3.5 GPA or above.

The inaugural induction ceremony was a testament to the academic dedication of our students, with 193 remarkable students being inducted alongside 7 staff members who were honored as honorary members. These individuals have now become the proud charter members of a society that stands as a beacon of academic achievement on our campus.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of over 150 parents, family members, and friends, all of whom bore witness to the academic triumphs of our students. The sense of community and collective pride was truly heartwarming and served as an affirmation of the supportive environment that our university cultivates.

With eligibility for this honor society being a 3.5 GPA or above, the induction of these students and staff members not only celebrates their current accomplishments but also sets an aspirational standard for all our students. It is a clear message that our institution values and upholds the highest standards of scholastic excellence. We are thankful to all who played a role in making the event a resounding success and look forward to the continued impact of Alpha Lambda Delta in enhancing the scholarly and leadership qualities of our students.



Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (Continued)

Parents, Family, and Friends

Dr. Jovan Thomas, Founding Advisor



Honorary Inductees

Keynote Speaker,
Chancellor John K. Pierre, Esq.





Southern University Laboratory School (SULS) Newsletter

April 2024



Important Dates and Events

Graduation for Southern University Laboratory School and Southern University Laboratory Virtual School is scheduled for May 15, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the F.G. Clark Activity Center. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors.

LEAP 2025 testing for students in Grades 3-8 as well as select high school courses will commence on April 29, providing our students with the opportunity to demonstrate their academic proficiency in core content areas.

On April 26, 2024, at 1:30 pm in the Laboratory School Gymnasium, SULS will host its annual Academic Signing Day. This is an event where our seniors will announce where they will be continuing their educational or career journey.

The SULS Law Study Students and Mock Trial participants will visit the Louisiana State Capitol on April 24, 2024, for Youth Day at the Capitol. Our students will be immersed in the legislative process and how laws directly impact young adults.

Southern University Laboratory School (SULS) Newsletter

Dear Members of the Board,

We are thrilled to share the latest updates and achievements from Southern University Laboratory School (SULS) as we continue to make strides in providing quality education and opportunities for our students.

Academic Achievements

In our statewide Virtual School, 12 students recently qualified for TOPS, while 13 are members of the Green Club (Composite 18-20) and 16 are part of the Gold Club (Composite 21+). The Virtual School had 5 students score 25 or higher on the recent March test.

In the past month, SULS welcomed 26 new students to the Green Club and 12 new students to the Gold Club, showcasing their commitment to academic excellence.

We are proud to announce that 6 of our students have shown significant improvement, increasing their scores by more than three points. Additionally, 20 students have qualified for the TOPS program, a testament to their academic excellence and dedication.

Celebrations

We are proud to announce that our 10th grade student Sami Abdelhak placed third in the Government category at the Louisiana High School State Rally. Sami competed against high-achieving students across the state.

We celebrated the achievements of our student athletes and teams with the walk of champions at Tony Clayton Championship Plaza on March 28, 2024, in partnership with the SUBR Athletic Department and the Human Jukebox. Thank you, Dr. Kedric Taylor and Athletic Director Roman Banks, for their support of the Laboratory School. The teams included Football, 5th, 7th, 8th, and Girls Basketball. Congratulations to each team on winning their prospective championships.

Community Engagement

SULS has partnered with the YMCA to offer water safety and swim lessons for students in grades K-8, ensuring their well-being and promoting aquatic skills.

In collaboration with the Southern University Ag Center, over 300 students engaged in educational activities focused on plants, horticulture, animals, wellness, drones, and hydroponics, fostering a deeper understanding of agriculture and sustainability.

These achievements underscore our commitment to academic excellence, student success, and community engagement. We appreciate your continued support as we strive to empower our students and foster a culture of learning and growth.



Southern University and A&M College Career Services Center



Career Fair

The 2024 Spring Career Fair was held on the campus of Southern University and A&M College on February 21, 2024. The event was a resounding success, bringing together students, employers, and academic departments in a dynamic and engaging environment aimed at facilitating career opportunities and professional growth. This report aims to provide an overview of the event, including key highlights from special activities and meetings. This year was special - a record-breaking 119 companies participated and the day was filled with opportunities for the ambitious students and scholars.

2024 Spring Career Fair Overview

The Career Fair took place in the F.G. Clark Activity Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and attracted 119 companies from various industries, including technology, finance, healthcare, business, law enforcement, engineering, and others. The event featured booths where company representatives interacted with students, shared information about job opportunities, internships, and career development programs. Additionally, workshops and panel discussions were held throughout the week, covering topics such as resume writing, interview skills, dress attire and professional networking. The students also attended the JCPenney Suit-Up event on February 18th at the Mall of Louisiana. Students received an extra 50% -70% off men's and women's career dress apparel, accessories, and shoes.

Key Highlights

- ▶ *Diverse Range of Employers: The Career Fair featured a diverse range of employers, from multinational corporations to local businesses, providing students with a wide array of potential career paths.*
- ▶ *Engaging Workshops: The workshops and panel discussions were well-received by attendees, offering valuable insights and practical tips for navigating the job market.*
- ▶ *Networking Opportunities: Students had the chance to network with industry professionals, build connections, and gain valuable contacts for future career opportunities.*
- ▶ *Positive Atmosphere: The event had a positive and energetic atmosphere, with students actively engaging with employers and taking advantage of the resources available.*



Business and Industry Cluster

The Southern University's Business and Industry Cluster is a dynamic student-oriented organization that, since 1950, has promoted active dialogue between businesses and the University, helping identify, develop, and implement programs that facilitate students' transition from academia into professional communities. Cluster members voluntarily serve as change agents on issues of mutual concern and benefit to industry and education. The Business and Industry Cluster held its 1st Quarter Meeting on Tuesday, February 20th in the Valdry Center for Philanthropy. The organization also held a Relaunch Celebration to inform the faculty and staff about the organization's strategic plan to advance the institution, support special projects, and increase funding.

The cluster at Southern University is coordinated by two chairpersons, one representing the University and another representing business and industry. The chairpersons oversee four committees concerned with student recruitment and retention; program development; human resources; and Cluster membership. The two chairpersons assist a co-chairperson from the University and a co-chairperson from business and industry on each committee. Cluster meets Quarterly 4 times a year, with a fall meeting held in September and a spring meeting in February. Two of these meetings are held in conjunction with the University's Career Exploration Days/Career Fair. The additional meetings will be held virtually and in person throughout the year.



Pierre named Chancellor of Southern University and A&M College



The Southern University System Board of Supervisors named John K. Pierre as the chancellor of Southern University and A&M College.

“As a higher education advocate, I am honored that the SUS Board of Supervisors and search committee are confident in my ability to champion and lead the Southern University and A&M University College,” said John Pierre, who is currently chancellor of the Southern University Law Center and SU System interim executive vice president. “I am committed to advancing the university’s mission and fostering partnerships that will position our students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni to serve as transformational change agents.”

The Board’s approval comes at the recommendation of Southern University System President Dennis J. Shields, who appointed a search committee composed of Southern alumni, students, faculty and staff, and community leaders. The committee received applications from a national search firm.

Pierre has devoted his career to molding leaders and championing innovation. Since 1990, he has served in faculty and administrative roles at Southern University Law Center. In 2016, he was chosen to serve as the chancellor of the Law Center. Under his tutelage, the Southern University Law Center has thrived as a global legal institution. Year after year, it is recognized for its diversity, world-class faculty, and racial justice efforts. As a progressive leader and visionary, he advocates for technology advancements, community outreach initiatives, and strategic partnerships that ensure access and opportunity are provided to all.

In 2023, the Southern University System Board of Supervisors tapped Pierre to serve as the interim executive vice president for the Southern’s Baton Rouge campus.

“Chancellor Pierre will be a transformational leader that will guide us beyond our expectations,” said Myron K. Lawson, chairman of the Board.

Pierre consistently inspires legal professionals and thought leaders around the globe. He has earned numerous awards for his leadership, innovative strategy, and tireless efforts within the legal and professional realm, including Educator of the Year from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and Top 10 Most Dominant HBCU Leaders from The HBCU Campaign Fund. Hampton University, the Baton Rouge Bar Association, and the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus are just a few of the organizations that have bestowed honors upon Pierre throughout his career. Also, his alma mater, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, has named him a Distinguished Alumni. Pierre has served as a contributing panelist during national discussions with the Peggy Browning Fund, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the National Pre-Law Summit, and more.

Pierre will begin his term as chancellor of Southern University and A&M College once a contract is approved by the Southern University System Board of Supervisors. His official start date is forthcoming.



Southern University Music Students Perform at SCRTEC Regional Music Conference



The Southern University Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble and Dr. Chasse Duplantis were invited to perform at the South Central Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference (SCRTEC) at the University of Memphis. This SCRTEC conference is a biennial conference hosted by the International Tuba and Euphonium Association (ITEA). This was a historic accomplishment for the Southern University Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble as this marked the first time this ensemble performed at an ITEA Conference. Southern University was one of seven universities represented as a performing ensemble at this conference along with Louisiana State University, the University of Alabama, Stephen F. Austin State University, the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of Memphis, and the University of Central Arkansas.

Campus News & Events



SU DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Research in the Rotunda
 Research and innovation throughout the SU System will be on display during "Research in the Rotunda" as part of SU Day at the Capitol. Faculty and students will share exceptional work and discovery that is transformative and meaningful for teaching and learning, and for the advancement of society.
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Louisiana State Capitol Rotunda

Legislative Reception
 Noon
 Senate Garden Plaza

Chamber Presentations
 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.
 Louisiana State Capitol
 House of Representatives and Senate

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Discover Your ROAR at Jaguar Preview SPRING 2024

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment will be hosting our annual Spring Jaguar Preview on April 26, 2024. Future Jaguars will be able to meet & chat with current students, faculty, staff, campus administrators, and alumni. Registrants will be immersed in Jaguar Pride through a spirit session, academic programs fair, and an engaging campus tour.

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, April 26, 2024
On-site Check-In ~ 7:30am-8:45 am
Jaguar Preview Program ~ 9:00 am-1:00 pm