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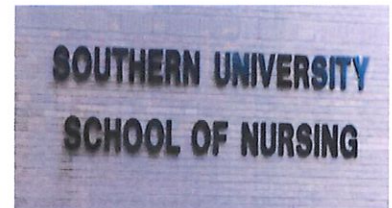
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### **SU Psychology Program Receives Top 10 Ranking**

Southern University's psychology program was recently ranked among the top 10 programs offered by the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities by PsychologyDegreeGuide.org, a leading higher education research and resource provider in the psychology field.

"Finding the top schools offering the highest quality psychology programs for undergraduate students required us to weigh a number of different factors," Jason Samarin, founder and CEO of PsychologyDegreeGuide.org said. "Our data experts spent months researching the psychology degree programs at the nation's top Historically Black Colleges and Universities to find those schools that truly stood out when it comes to academics, curriculum, affordability and student support."



### **Accreditation Visit**

Southern University School of Nursing will be hosting its upcoming Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Accreditation Site Visit for the reaccreditation of the Doctor of Nursing (DNP) Program. The visit will take place virtually March 3-5, 2021. In accordance with CCNE's procedures, the faculty, staff and administration are well prepared for this visit.



## Students Invited to Join a Dynamic Group of Snap Leaders

The Office of Mayor-President Broome has initiated an attempt to link Southern University with some leading tech companies. The coordinator of this initiative is Mr. Veneeth Iyengar, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer in the mayor-president Office. Mr. Iyengar made a presentation on establishing a relationship between Southern University and **Snap Chat** tech company at the Academic Deans' Council Meeting. Some deans and the Career Services director had a meeting to discuss a Career Panel that was scheduled for February 18, 2021, at 3:30-4:30 pm. Mayor Broom addressed the Panel, and all non-engineering students were invited to attend the virtual meeting. Topics of discussion included "What It Means to be in Human Resources", "Creative Marketing", "Legal and Sales Roles at a Tech Company", and "How to Prepare for a 2021 Summer Internship".

## ON CAMPUS...

### Public Administration Student Receives Award

A graduate from the Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences' MPA Program, Stacy Williams, was recently awarded an Outstanding Leadership Award by the State Equal Employment Opportunity department.

### College of Sciences and Engineering Receives Scholarships

Thanks to the collaborating efforts of Dr. Patrick Mensah and Dr. Francesca M. Williams, the College of Sciences and Engineering will continue to receive BoR SREB doctoral scholarships in the Department of Environmental Toxicology. This will be the third consecutive year that this award has been received and is being awarded to two doctoral students.

### Department of Languages and Literature Publishes Literary Magazine

The Department of Languages and Literature at Southern University Baton Rouge has published its inaugural issue of "*Sangam*", a national, online literary magazine. "*Sangam*" will publish one issue each fall and spring semester.

Assistant Professor, Ryan McGuckin, is the chief editor of the magazine which will include poetry and fiction. *Sangam*, a Sanskrit term for "joining together" aims to unite established and emerging literary voices from around the country and beyond.

### Southern University Laboratory School Unveils First Dedicated Esports Lab in Louisiana

Southern University Laboratory School held its ribbon-cutting for its state-of-the-art Esports and Media Lab. This particular lab is the first of its kind in Louisiana.

Founder, Christopher Turner, said, "We are providing inclusive competition, where skill is the great equalizer. This lab is not just for our competitive esports teams. The new space will offer all students the best in science, technology, entertainment, math, and esports education."

Southern Lab has been a leader in the state in regard to esports education with student Troy Murphy winning the High School Esports League's Spring Major National Championship in 2020.

### Southern Partners with HOPE Enterprise

Southern University has been chosen to partner with HOPE Enterprise Corporation, with a commitment from Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses of up to \$130 million, to launch the Deep South Economic Mobility Collaborative.

Southern joins seven cities and eight fellow Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the historic collaboration. President -Chancellor Ray Belton said, "Southern University is excited for the opportunity to partner with national leaders to advance small business opportunities for Black entrepreneurs in our community."

Through the collaborative, each partner brings unique capabilities and years of experience, and all are passionate about promoting economic opportunities in their communities.

### Launching Labster Landing Page – SUBR CSE Faculty

Labster/SUBR Faculty Landing Page has been launched for faculty rolling out the Labster Virtual Lab, simulations and animations and those who plan to make a gradual adoption of the learning tools and resources for their laboratory and lecture courses. This one-stop-shop provides SUBR faculty with resources needed to integrate Labster resources into Moodle LMS, best practices for successful integration in lectures and laboratory courses, continuous professional development opportunities, and recording of all the training conducted at Southern University Baton Rouge.