



RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY CLASS OF 2023

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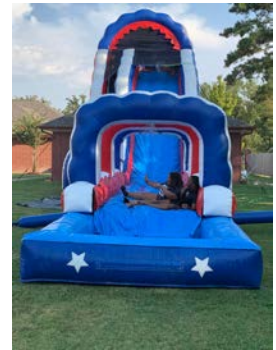
## WELLNESS DURING WELCOME WEEK



The SUSLA Student Affairs team set up wellness stations around the campus during welcome week and the first week of classes. The wellness stations were stocked with healthy snacks and water to help students beat the heat as they made their way back to school. Volunteers from Mt. Canaan Baptist Church assisted with these efforts.



# WELCOME WEEK STUDENT ACTIVITIES



## DONUTS AND COFFEE WITH WILLIS KNIGHTON

Allied Health and Nursing Students, Faculty and Staff at the Metro Center Campus were welcomed back for the Fall 2023 semester with a 'Donuts and Coffee' reception provided by Willis Knighton Health System. It was a great opportunity for students to meet members of the WK staff and ask questions.



## MOVE IN DAY AT JAGUAR COURTYARD



# SUSLA LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE

SUSLA APPEARED LIVE ON THREE DIFFERENT TV STATIONS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY SUCCESS

The Surgical Technology Program had six summer completers. The Pinning Ceremony was hosted by Department Chair Didaciane Keys with active support from Dean JoAnn Brown and Allied Health Program Coordinator Ms. Cynthia Jenkins. Mr. Brandon Lacey was the guest speaker who mesmerized the audience with words of wisdom and encouragement. Mr. Lacey is the Academic Advisor for the Division of Business, Science, Engineering, and Math (BSTEM) and Project Manager for the Department of Engineering and Technology.

Five of the six students have already secured employment. The sixth graduate is intentionally delaying their application until September 2023.



## THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM HOSTS ANNUAL PINNING CEREMONY



The Radiologic Technology Program hosted its annual Pinning Ceremony on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, in the Alphonse Jackson Building. The program pinned nine (9) honorees as they actively prepare to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists National Board Exam.

The speaker for the evening was a Southern University Radiologic Technology class of 2003 alumnus, Mr. Lane Kidd. Mr. Kidd is a United States Navy Veteran who continued his education by earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Midwestern University, where he now serves as an adjunct professor. Mr. Kidd is in the process of completing a Master of Science Degree in December 2023.

Mr. Kidd delivered a motivational message to the graduates encouraging them to persevere in their educational endeavors. The ceremony ended with an inspirational address from our very own Chancellor, Dr. Aubra Gantt, who encouraged the students to believe in the power of their purpose.



Shelia Swift, Program Director, and Program Faculty pinned the honorees who adorned white lab coats. Courtney Gernon, a 2023 honoree, received the Leadership and Student of the Year Awards. The program faculty and guest offered a moment of silence for one of SUSLA's deceased Radiologic Technologist and 2004 alumnus, Mr. Ansell Walker Jr., to honor his commitment and dedication to the program.



## SUSLA'S DENTAL HYGIENE GRADS EARNED PERFECT SCORES

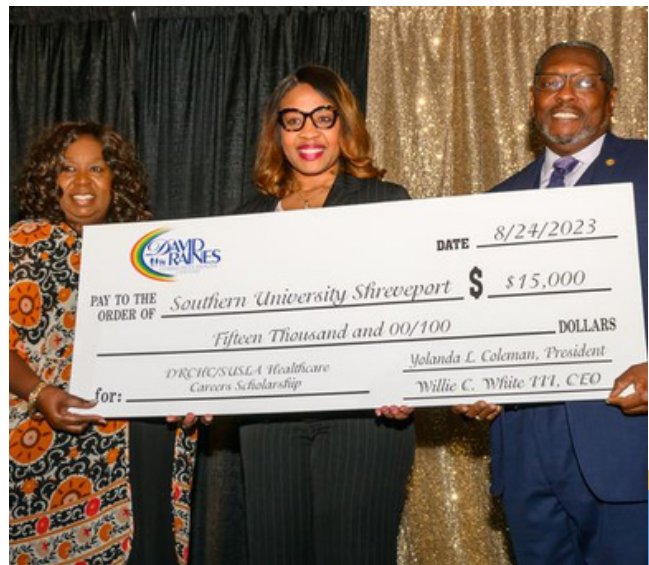


The Southern University at Shreveport May 2023 Dental Hygiene graduates achieved a 100% pass rate on their national and regional examinations.

## SUSLA STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Ke'Anjavius Hamilton, LaNyla Thomas, Markeycia Rogers, and Alexis Hicks received the David Raines Community Health Centers Careers Scholarship on Thursday, August 24th at their annual banquet. All students are Allied Health and Nursing majors and will receive \$ 1,000 per semester for the 2023-2024 academic year. Martin Luther King, III was the guest speaker at the annual banquet and joined in awarding the scholarships.

CEO Willie White also surprised Chancellor Aubra Gantt with a check for \$15,000 to go toward scholarships for students engaged in Allied Health programs at Southern University at Shreveport.





# SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT JAGUAR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Jaguar Scholars is a Department of Labor-funded program that launched here at Southern University at Shreveport. The Jaguar Scholars program was a Job Corp pilot program that was implemented on campus in June 2020. With our community in mind, the program provided youth and young adults options relating to education. The Jaguar Scholars program was intentional in providing youth and young adults the opportunity to attain a certification in twelve months or less in a high-demand field. The Jaguar Scholars program offered a plethora of certifications ranging from computer networking to phlebotomy. In addition, the Jaguar Scholars program was a pathway for students who attended the HiSET program housed at the Metro campus location. Once students completed their HiSET exams, they were given the option to apply for the Jaguar Scholars program to pursue a certification in a desired field.



**Currently works for  
Acadian Ambulance Services**

Xondria Sullivan completed the Jaguar Scholars program in 2022 and received a certification in Emergency Medical Technician-Basic.



**Currently works for  
Willis Knight Medical Hospital**

Kelsey Ware completed the Jaguar Scholars program in 2021.



**Currently works for  
Xfinity (Comcast)**

JaQorious Dixon completed the Jaguar Scholars program in 2023 and received a certification in Computer Networking.



**Currently works for  
The Bradford Nursing Home**

Tomekia Abercombia completed the Jaguar Scholars program in 2023 and received a certification in the Certified Nursing Assistant program.

Twenty-five HiSET students were co-applicants with the Jaguar Scholars program with hopes of completing their HiSET and immediately transitioning into taking college courses. As the Jaguar Scholar program approaches grant performance closeout, Yolanda Scott, the Senior Personal and Career Counselor, and Dr. Rhonda Preston, the Employment Counselor supervisor, worked diligently to ensure that students were provided appropriate academic support, to ensure each student's overall success in working towards completing their certifications. Many of the students faced life challenges but with encouragement, motivation, and determination, a large percentage of students completed the Jaguar Scholars program and received their certifications. Therefore, it is important that the accomplishments of the Jaguar Scholars participants are acknowledged and celebrated. Many students have completed the Southern University Jaguar Scholars program and have gone on to receive their certifications. Some have already become productive working citizens in our communities, and others have returned to further their education at Southern University. Many Jaguar Scholar participants have expressed how thankful and grateful they were for the opportunity and the support that they received. The Jaguar Scholars staff would like to personally thank all faculty, administrative staff, and members of the Jaguar Scholars Youth Advisory Board for their graceful support.



# FALL 2023 FACULTY & STAFF INSTITUTE

Some of the brightest minds in Northwest Louisiana came together to prepare for the new school year during SUSLA's Faculty & Staff Institute.

Southern University at Shreveport Chancellor, Dr. Aubra J. Gantt, revealed her vision and priorities for the school and recognized several employees for 40 or more years of service to Southern University at Shreveport. Among the presentations for the day was a wellness check.



*Let Today Be  
The Start of Something New*

## Chancellor Gantt Recognizes Employees With 40+ Years of Service



Dr. Sharon Green



Mr. Jimmy Daniel



Ms. Florese Hunt

*Not pictured Ms. Patricia Flanagan*

## RINGING THE BELL FOR EDUCATION

Southern University at Shreveport Chancellor, Dr. Aubra J. Gantt celebrated the start of the new school year in the Land of the Giants with the annual Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy Ring the Bell ceremony!

Dr. Gantt is a Green Oaks graduate and delivered an inspirational message to the student body on this occasion.



## SUSLA AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER RECEIVES ZERO FINDINGS ON FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

On August 8, 2023, a routine surveillance was scheduled to ensure SUSLA's Aerospace Center is operating in compliance with 14 CFR Part 147 AMTS Regulations. The report included the following areas:

- Aircraft Maintenance Technical Schools Curriculum
- Facilities
- Equipment
- Materials
- Recordkeeping



The FAA stated, "We appreciate SUSLA complying with AMTS Regulations and maintaining high aviation standards, as an important aviation maintenance training organization for the state of Louisiana."



Aerospace Technology Faculty/Staff: Mr. Buddy Anderson-Instructor, Mr. Timothy Banks-Director, Ms. Glenda Allums-Program Office Coordinator, Mr. Everett Spells-Instructor, Mr. Timothy Kaylor-Instructor

# SUSLA TEAM ATTENDS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION HI-TEC CONFERENCE

The Department Head of Engineering & Technology, Dr. Kenie Moses, and Director of Sponsored Programs, Ms. Stephanie Graham, traveled to Atlanta GA and participated in the first, in-person, week-long National Science Foundation (NSF) High Impact Technology Exchange Conference (HI-TEC) since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, SUSLA submitted an NSF proposal titled, "Building a Career Pathway from High School into the Workforce for Skilled Technicians in Electrical, Industrial, and Process Engineering Technology " which was awarded in 2021 for \$299, 800. The grant award has helped to facilitate the development and implementation of SUSLA's Engineering Technology A.A.S. degree program as well as provided funding for marketing and recruitment of the program.



The "Building a Career Pathway from High School into the Workforce for Skilled Technicians in Electrical, Industrial, and Process Engineering Technology " is a project whose overarching goal is to advance technician education by developing and implementing a three-pronged Associate of Applied Science degree in Engineering Technology that can strengthen the workforce pipeline of diverse, skilled graduates to meet Northwest Louisiana's workforce needs.



### Providing Equitable Access to Technician Education Through The 2+2+2 Matriculation Model

Southern University at Shreveport  
Dr. Kenie Moses, Department Head of Engineering & Technology

#### SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S MISSION

Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) is committed to providing students with the highest quality education, preparing them for successful careers and leadership roles in the workforce.

#### METHODOLOGY

#### WAGE ANALYSIS

#### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of the 2+2+2 matriculation model in providing students with a pathway to a career in the workforce. The study will focus on the impact of the model on student retention, graduation rates, and employment outcomes.

#### DEGREE PROGRAM

#### PURPOSE

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#### CONCLUSION

The study concludes that the 2+2+2 matriculation model is an effective pathway for students to gain a degree and enter the workforce. The model provides a clear and structured path for students, reducing the time and cost of education.

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

- Enrollment increased 3000 students per academic year
- Student population has consistently been 50% minority
- 80% of students are from the Parishes
- Students under the age of 24 make up 81% of the population

#### DUAL-ENROLLMENT

- Increased enrollment
- Increased retention and graduation rates
- Increased high school graduation rates
- Increased post-secondary enrollment rates
- Increased employment rates
- Increased student satisfaction
- Increased student success

Additionally, Dr. Moses presented a poster session at HI-TEC titled "Providing Equitable Access to Technician Education Through The 2+2+2 Matriculation Model." The poster session detailed SUSLA's Engineering Technology degree program, as well as the methodology for high school student, dual-enrollment into the certificate of technical studies in Engineering.

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## SUSLA PARTNERS WITH JARVIS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD



Jarvis Christian University and Southern University at Shreveport was recently awarded a National Science Foundation, (NSF) Historically Black College and University Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP) grant in the amount of \$2,249,695 for a period of five years beginning 2023. The grant focuses on the establishment of an interdisciplinary STEM research and education center at Jarvis for biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and engineering focusing on interdisciplinary research and education in physical (mathematics and chemistry) and life sciences (biology and health sciences). Creation of the ISREC will promote and enhance interdisciplinary research opportunities for STEM students and faculty from Jarvis and partner institutions, promoting collaboration and advancing STEM knowledge.

In promoting collaboration, Jarvis and SUSLA will create a Summer STEM Bridge program that will allow students from SUSLA to participate in research at Jarvis. There are two plans of operation for the Summer STEM Program between SUSLA and Jarvis Christian University. 1) Jarvis Christian University High School Bridge Program will host a total of (50) fifty high school students to their Summer Bridge program for a duration of (4) weeks with a stipend of \$500 per week provided to the students. In addition, Room and Board will be provided by Jarvis Christian University on their campus site. Up to (20) twenty of the (50) high school students chosen for the Summer program will be students from SUSLA's service area.



During the 4-week Summer program, Dr. Kenie Moses will travel to Jarvis to host an "Engineering Week" during the Summer program. Potential topics of the "Engineering Week" can include: Engineering and Technology Careers of the Future, Electronics and Solar Photovoltaic (Renewable Energy), Fly Like a Drone and Master Aerial Videography, Exploring Robotics and Drone Programming. 2) Jarvis Christian University Undergraduate Research Program will host a total of (10) post-secondary students for an 8-week research internship with a stipend of \$1000 per week provided to the students. In addition, Room and Board will be provided by Jarvis Christian University on their campus site. Up to (2) two of SUSLA's undergraduate students will be chosen to participate in the 8-week research internship that can cover research topics such as: Mathematical modeling for cancer growth and treatments, Nanotechnology, Inhibitory effects of bioactive compounds or nanoparticles on cancer development and treatment, investigatory impact of students who participated in research and other STEM opportunities, and students' test anxiety and mitigation. The program will accept all STEM disciplines and anticipate that students participating in the program will enroll at Jarvis Christian University for undergraduate studies or transfer from SUSLA to continue their pursuit of their 4-year degree.

## LSBDC Offers Training During Black Music Month

August was Black Business Month! During this month, Southern University at Shreveport's Small Business Development Center (SUSLA SBDC) partnered with the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce to host a training entitled "Marketing Your Business To Government Agencies and Prime Contractors." The event was held on August 24 at the Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen (MS KICK) in Shreveport from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The event targeted to small business owners seeking vending opportunities. Over thirty (30) people were in attendance.



During the event, representatives from the Fair Share program was on hand to talk about bid processes and opportunities. The facilitator for the training was Jennifer Whittington, Contract Specialist with NWLA APEX. The participants were given information on government purchasing guidelines, proven marketing strategies, optimizing profiles, market research, capabilities statements and more. This event was catered by SBDC client and MS KICK vendor, Chris Holden with So Goody Good Meals.



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