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Honoring a Champion for African-American History

The Southern University System Board of Supervisors presented a resolution to the family of Sadie Roberts Joseph, an alumna of Southern University, who died tragically recently. Roberts-Joseph was founder of the Odell S. Williams Now & Then Museum of African-American History. Among the members of her family accepting the resolution was her sister Beatrice Armstrong-

Johnson, an employee of Southern University in the Division of Academic Affairs. Roberts-Johnson studied education and speech pathology at Southern. She grew up in Woodville, Mississippi and served as a member of countless local, state and national organizations. She was also founder of CADAV, (Community Against Drugs and Violence).

Boosting Enrollment for the 2019-2020 Academic Year



According to Dr. Kimberly Scott, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, her team is well on its way to reaching the goal of 7,000 students for fall 2019. The enrollment management team

scheduled nine Student Orientation Sessions this summer and are confident they will reach or exceed the goal of enrolling 1,400 freshmen.



SU Brings Back Summer Commencement Exercises

During the Summer Commencement Exercises, Southern University awarded 134 degrees, including three doctoral, 36 master's and 95 bachelor's degrees.

The keynote speaker for Commencement, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, encouraged graduates to pursue their goals, even in the face of adversities.

"Life ain't been no crystal staircase," Rutledge said quoting excerpts from "Mother to Son" by Langston Hughes. "Keep on climbing" with an immeasurable sense of pride and with renewed determination.

Railen Brionne Parker, a 21 year old native of New Orleans, Louisiana, was selected as the chief student marshal. She received her bachelor of science degree in speech language pathology from the College of Nursing and Allied health, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.86.

Parker says she wanted the HBCU experience and felt that Southern was the best place to receive it.



James E. Charles, former superintendent of the Terrebonne Parish School System, was awarded an honorary doctorate during the Summer 2019 Commencement Exercise. Charles is the first and only African American to serve in that post. Charles earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern University.

New Alumni Chapter Established in Arizona



Southern University has established a new chapter in Arizona. Members of the Southern University Alumni Federation — Arizona Chapter are already showing their commitment to recruiting students and spreading the word about the value of gaining an education at Southern University. During the visit, the university also worked to finalize an MOU with Maricopa County Community College.



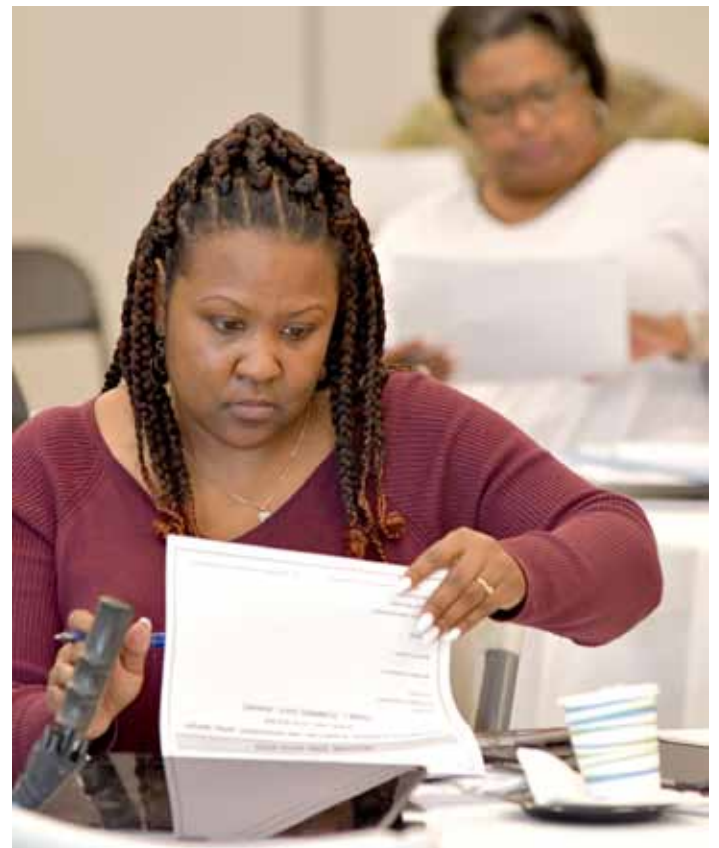
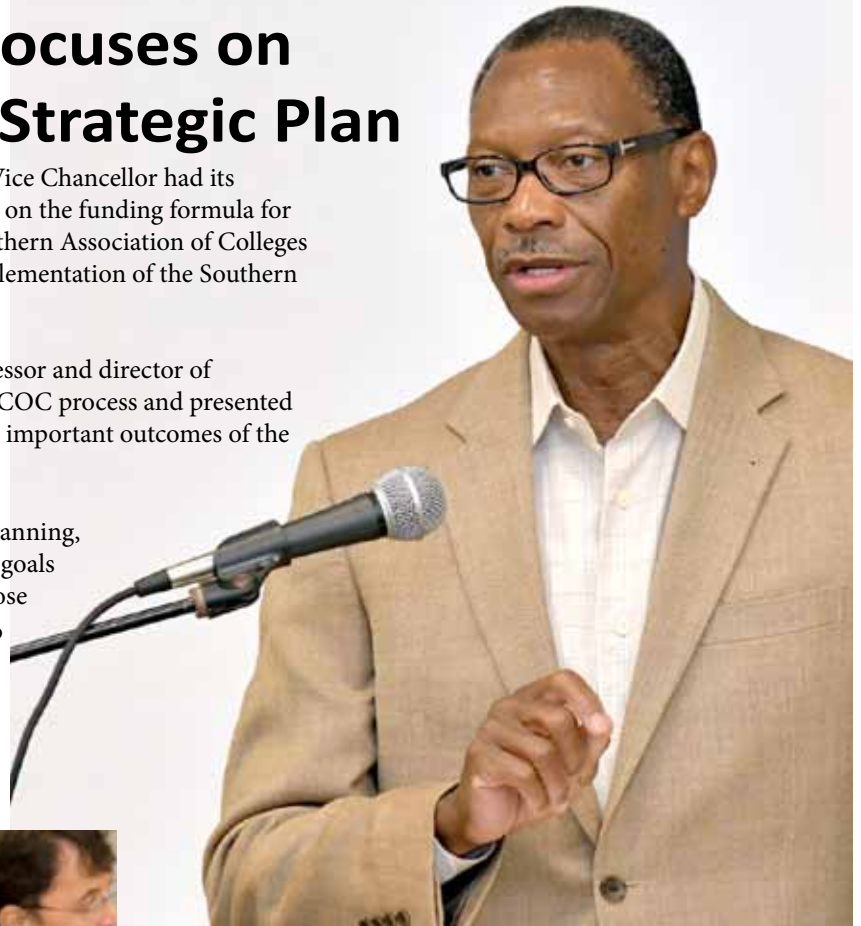
University Retreat Focuses on Implementing New Strategic Plan

The Office of the Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor had its Southern University Leadership Retreat which focused on the funding formula for higher education in Louisiana, preparation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaffirmation of accreditation and the implementation of the Southern University Strategic Plan.

During the Retreat, Dr. Eurmon Hervey, assistant professor and director of Accreditation, provided an update regarding the SACSCOC process and presented activities which helped the audience to define the most important outcomes of the SACSCOC process.

Dr. Vladimir Appeaning, vice president for Strategic Planning, Policy and Institutional Effectiveness, discussed the 10 goals in the SU Strategic Plan and shared with the groups those administrators responsible for providing the leadership for achieving the goals.

In addition, administrators from the Louisiana Board of Regents made a thorough presentation on the State's Funding Formula for higher education.



Southern Graduate Selected as New Commanding Officer of Army ROTC

Lieutenant Colonel David Marshall, Jr. has returned to Southern University as the new commanding officer for the University's Army ROTC Program.

"It is quite an honor and pleasure to return home and serve as the SU AROTC Professor of Military Science," said LTC Marshall, a native of Zachary, La. "I consider myself fortunate to have this opportunity. My success as an Army officer is contributed to the military skills, leader attributes, and core competencies learned as a cadet in the SU Jaguar Battalion."

Beginning his military endeavor in 1992, Marshall became a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Clinton High School, Clinton, LA. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1996 and continued pursuing his military career at the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. Marshall has a bachelor's degree in animal science from Southern University and a master's degree in procurement and acquisition management from Webster University, Webster Groves, MO.

In 2001, LTC Marshall was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army as an Ordnance Corps Officer.

LTC Marshall's military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, the Army Logistics Management College, the Command and General Staff Officer College, the Support Operations Course, Joint Logistics Course, Military Transition Team Course, Maintenance Leaders Course, Action Officers Development Course, Manager Leaders Course, and the First Army Observer Coach/Trainer Course. Lieutenant Colonel Marshall also has a Project Development Skill Identifier in the area of Defense



Support of Civil Authorities.

His previous assignments are 125th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division Fort Riley, KS (2002-2005); 3rd Brigade; 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS, (2006-2008); 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk (JROTC), LA (2008-2012, 2018-2019); and 177th Armored Brigade, Camp Shelby, MS (2014-2016).

LTC Marshall's deployments are Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003-2004, Operation Iraqi Freedom 2007-2008, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan 2011-2012, Task Force Sinai, Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai Egypt (2013-2014), and the United States Training Mission, Riyadh Saudi Arabia (2016-2018).

"I have had multiple military assignments, traveled to many countries, and worked for Army Generals of the highest caliber. But, there is no greater love, passion, and

appreciation than to be the PMS at the world's greatest HBCU - my alma mater!

LTC Marshall's service awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal – three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal – one oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 4), NATO Medal, Multinational Force and Observers Medal (Numeral 2), and Combat Action Badge. Unit awards include the Joint Meritorious Unit and Valorous Unit Awards. LTC Marshall is an Order of Samuel Sharpe award recipient. He received the award for demonstrating integrity, moral character, and professional competence over a sustained period, and for his selfless contributions to the United States Army Ordnance Corps.

"As the PMS, I plan to lead with passion and competence, be a mentor, set the standard, and most of all build resilient and authentic leaders to become the future of our United States Army," he said. "Since its inception, our Jaguar Battalion has produced a great number of proud, successful officers, and deserves to be recognized for blazing a trail other cadets can follow. During my tenure, some focus areas are program exposure, retention, recruitment, partnership, and overall readiness."

LTC Marshall is married to Dr. Renita Marshall of Mansfield, LA and has two daughters, Sydney (14) and Karsyn (10).

ON CAMPUS...



E-Bikes Available to Students

Gotcha, a mobility company offering e-bikes, launched its services on the Baton Rouge campus. Bike racks are located in various places around campus. Gotcha Bikes, an app-based electric bicycle rental company, now has 500 GPS-enabled e-bikes and 50 mobility hubs across downtown Baton Rouge, LSU and Southern University.



Camps Enrich Experiences

Southern University Summer Camps, which catered to youths from elementary to high schoolers, came to an end recently. Among the camps were Band/Doll, Baseball, B.A.Y.O.U., Basketball, C.H.E.F., Computer Science, Engineering, JagKids, Garrett Morgan, S.T.E.M. and Upward Bond, to name a few. Southern University was a resource for students to gain valuable experiences. Participants in the Garrett A. Morgan Summer Business Institute had the opportunity to not only make, but sell their own products on campus through a market place created by the program.



Preparing for Game Day

The Baton Rouge Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority scheduled its sixth annual Ladies on the Bluff Football Clinic, which is like a football 101 of sorts where ladies received hands-on lessons about the sport. Head coach Dawson Odums and his assistants taught the ladies a few techniques. About 250 women participated in the event. Southern University will open the season at McNeese on August 31.



Southern Graduate One of the First African-American Engineers at NASA

Growing up picking cotton in St. Joseph, Louisiana, Morgan Watson never in his wildest dreams envisioned that he, along with six other men, would become the first black engineers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, or NASA, and participate in sending the first man to the moon.

During his administration, President John F. Kennedy pledged that before his tenure ended, man would successfully land on the moon. A group of black engineering students from Southern University in Baton Rouge were chosen to become interns at NASA. The young men moved

to Hunstville, Alabama, to work at the Marshall Space Flight Center. Watson worked on several missions, including the Saturn Rocket Missions where he worked testing rocket components. After success with the mission and his exceptional work ethic, Watson graduated and was immediately hired to work for NASA on the thermodynamics of the Saturn V in New Orleans. In 1968, he returned to Southern to work as a faculty member in the engineering department. Upon retirement, he established an engineering consultancy firm where he assists local and state agencies on community projects. At the 2016 Founders' Day ceremonies, Southern awarded Watson and his fellow classmates with the President's Medal of Honor. Recently, NASA celebrated the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon.



Miss Southern Packs the Bus

Miss Southern Alacia Brew, a speech-language pathology major, packed a school bus with supplies as one of her community service projects during her reign.

"My focus is on serving my university and the community surrounding our beloved institution," she said. "There are many students within the community as well as the university that may be facing hardships, that make purchasing school supplies a difficult task. According to Ms. Brew, Southern raised \$3,000 for the project.

"I'm excited for this school year, and we look forward to the next project," she said.

College of Business Providing New Opportunities for Faculty and Students

College of Business students were invited to attend a working dinner in honor of Ms. Chris Carosella, CEO of Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society. Carosella Talked to the students about their overall experience as BGS members and how becoming a member of the honor society helped them to grow their professional career and leadership skills.

Leadership Summit in Ohio

A Southern University team led by Donald R. Andrews, dean of the College of Business, and Chancellor John Pierre of the SU the Law Center, along with six faculty, participated in the Nationwide College and University Leadership Summit in Columbus, Ohio. Representatives of other universities were also present at the College Summit.

The summit was designed to provide more information about Nationwide's structure, operation and talent needs. Two SU MBA graduates are already working for Nationwide and one is completing his internship and preparing to become a full-time employee. The company is interested in hiring more of Southern business, computer science, and law majors.

The Nationwide Team led by Mr. Trenton Manning will visit the SU campus on October 21 - 23, 2019 to meet with SU leadership; visit the College of Business, Computer Science and the Law Center; and speak to and interview students. The College of Business is coordinating the visit.

First Economic Summit with Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

In partnership with the SU Law Center, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, and the College of Business, through its University Center for Economic Development, has participated in organizing the first Louisiana Rural Economic Development Summit.



HBCU Send-Off Lands New Freshmen

The Southwest Louisiana HBCU Send Off Celebration on August 1, 2019 at Greater Saint Mary Baptist Church, Hope Center in Lake Charles resulted in new students for Southern University..

There were 45 students accepted at Dillard University, Grambling University, Xavier University, and Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College. Twenty of the 45 students are slated to attend Southern University in fall 2019.

Students and their families were able to meet presidents and administrators from all universities, in addition to making connections to alumni and fraternities and sorority chapters.

Each student received a trunk with school supplies and paraphernalia from HBCU institutions.



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How We Spent the **SUMMER**



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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY *at* NEW ORLEANS



STEAM Summer Camp

STEM THROUGH ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

The Natural Sciences Department hosted its first STEAM (STEM Through Advanced Manufacturing) Camp this summer for 22 high school students. The four-week camp featured ACT prep, CAD designing, 3D printing, robotics and science activities.

Natural Sciences faculty members (Drs. Rachid Belmasrou, Mostafa Elaasar, Heon Kim, Christian Clement and Zheng Chen) taught during the camp. Sherron Bates served as the camp coordinator, and SUNO students Theo Edwards, Ian Marts, Zharrison Nedd and Jasmine Thomas served as camp staff members.

The camp was funded by a \$445,293 three-year grant from the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) of the U.S. Department Energy.



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CAMP COORDINATOR SHERRON BATES

DR. CHRISTIAN CLEMENT

DR. RACHID BELMASROUR

DR. EVELYN HARRELL

DR. MOSTAFA ELAA-

DR. ZHENG CHEN





CAAAS Summer Camp Focuses on African Culture

The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) collaborated with the Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Institute (HMHB) to sponsor the CAAAS Cultural Summer Camp June 3-July 12. The 120 campers, ages 5-12, participated in classes taught by local experts in areas of African Dance, African Musicology (Drumming) and African Visual Arts. The camp is a Title III initiative.

Faculty and Students Participate in Family Fun Events

SUNO faculty and undergraduate research interns at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) participated and volunteered community service for a couple of Summer Sundays' Family Fun Events. The events involved innovative and interactive science projects for K-12 students. Approximately, 2,000 children and their parents visited the lab July 14-21.

These projects also provided professional development opportunities for STEM faculty and undergraduate students.





◀ Dr. Murty S. Kambhampati (pictured third from left) brought four SUNO STEM majors to Stony Brook University, NY July 22 for a campus visit. While there, they learned about the STEM advanced degree programs and available opportunities in MS/Ph.D. and/or MD/Ph.D. programs. Faculty and students met with the director of Inclusion and Diversity Programs and the School of Ocean and Marine Sciences research scientist to learn more about the available scholarships, fellowships and graduate school admission criteria for the MS and Ph.D. programs.



▶ On July 15, Dr. Douglas Marshall's (pictured far left) COMM 311: Career & Community Speaking Skills class gave presentations that explored how SUNO students could create strong relationships with non-profit community organizations. Ms. Connie Smith (second from right), director of the New Orleans Boys & Girls Club and a graduate of Southern University at New Orleans, attended the presentations as special guest and gave remarks.



◀ Tyjah Greenup, the 60th Miss Southern University at New Orleans, and Patrick Shaw, Student Government Association president, received the 2019 Newcomer Award at the 18th Annual HBCU Kings and Queens Leadership Conference in New Orleans July 25-28. This was the first time SUNO was represented at the conference.



CBA Employees Attend Rural Economic Development Summit

Three College of Business employees (CBA Dean Igwe E. Udeh, from left in right photo, SBDMI Director Cynthia Beaulieu and Computer Information Systems Chair David Alijani,) participated in the 2019 Louisiana Rural Economic Development Summit July 7-9 in Marksville, LA. The summit was hosted by a partnership between the Southern University Law Center, the EDA University Center for Economic Development at Southern University Baton Rouge, the

Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Paragon Casino & Resort and the Pierite Group. The theme was “Improving Life in Rural Louisiana While Building the Next Generation Entrepreneurial Ecosystem by Connecting and Creating Strategic Partnerships.”

The summit addressed a variety of issues germane to successful rural economic development, including developments in financial services; the role of 5G expansion and broadband opportunities; healthcare access; workforce development; small business opportunities; new market opportunities

in agriculture; creating/improving economic and business relationships with tribal governments; and community development.

Speakers included Gov. John Bel Edwards; Marshall Pierite, chairman of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana and CEO/Owner of the Pierite Group; U.S. Congressman Ralph Abraham; Dr. John Butler, management professor and J. Marion West Chair in Constructive Capitalism, University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Alijani served as a panelist. Other panelists were Dr. Louis Mancuso,

managing partner, The Q Marketing Group; Randall Dominique, assistant secretary, Louisiana Workforce Commission; Dr. Ralph Christy, professor of Emerging Markets, Cornell University; Congressman Steven Horsford, U.S. House of Representatives for the 4th District of Nevada; Lee Jones, deputy state director of Rural Development, USDA; and James Mayo, mayor of Monroe, LA.

The CBA team learned about emerging trends in economic development for areas with adverse socioeconomic conditions.

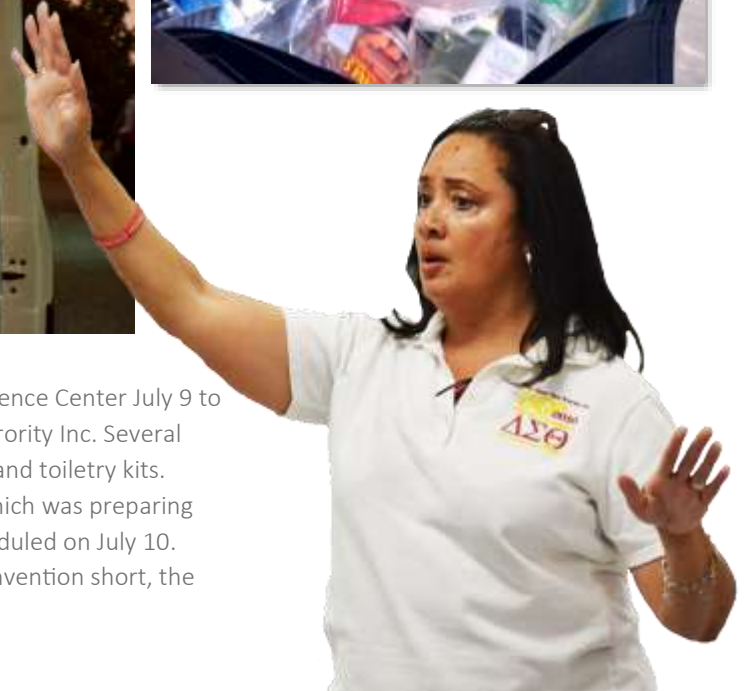
School of Social Work Welcomes New Students



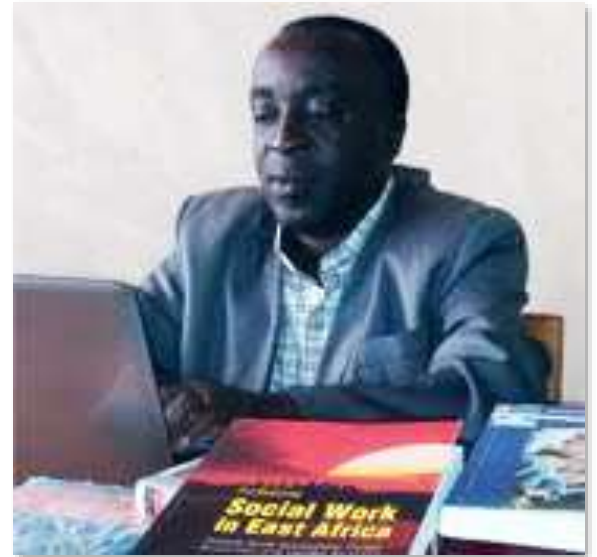
SUSAN EDGERSON

TINA SMITH

School of Social Work Dean Rebecca Chaisson and Budget Manager Camille Alexander welcomed approximately 70 full- and part-time students to the School of Social Work July 26. Students of Social Work (SOS) and Professor Claude Montegut greeted the students. Sonita Boyd and Joyce Clips from the Financial Aid office, Marietta Johnson and Grady Patterson from the Comptroller’s office, Retention Counselor Tina Smith, and Title IV-E Director Susan Edgerson presented valuable information to the students.



Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. gathered in the SUNO Conference Center July 9 to pack kits as part of the 54th National Convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Several Deltas gathered in the SUNO Conference Center to pack snacks, clothing and toiletry kits. SUNO Project Manager Tracey Webster (pictured right) led the group, which was preparing for “Impact Day 2019: Honoring Our Commitment to Public Service” scheduled on July 10. Although Tropical Storm Barry forced the Delta Sigma Theta to cut its convention short, the Sorority still managed to deliver the kits to people in need.



Professor Charles Kalinganire (pictured above in right photo), a doctoral candidate of Social Work from Rwanda, visited the School of Social Work July 1. He spoke about his experiences with Social Work in Rwanda and his dissertation research on HIV, community associations' impact on HIV, and poverty outcomes for affected populations in Rwanda. He wrote a chapter, "Social Work Practice in Rwanda: the challenge of adapting Western Models to fit local contexts" in [The Handbook of Social Work and Social Development in Africa](#). The classes of Drs. Derrick Freeman, Patricia Guillory, Holly McKenney and Ben Robertson attended Professor Kalinganire's presentation. Dr. Hyacinth McKee coordinated the visit with Dr. Sonia Gilkey, associate professor in Texas A&M Kingsville School of Social Work. **LEFT PHOTO FROM LEFT:** Dr. Hyacinth McKee, Dr. Derrick Freeman, Dr. Holly McKenney, Professor Charles Kalinganire, Dr. Sonia Gilkey, Dr. Pat Guillory and Dr. Ben Robertson.



AARP New Orleans and the Prostate Health Education Network presented the stage play, "Garrett Davis' Daddy's Boys" June 29 in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Auditorium. The play tells the story of a widowed father and his sons who come together despite fractured relationships when faced with prostate cancer.



The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS), and the Pontchartrain Park Association (PPA), launched its Oral History Project, **Pontchartrain Park Pioneers**. This project explores the history and experiences of Pontchartrain Park's initial homeowners from 1955-1965.



CAAAS also released its annual journal publication, *African Studies Review* (Volume 6 Number 1, Spring 2019) this summer.

Dr. Haitham Eid, director of Museum Studies, was invited to attend the Museum Digital Literacy Forum July 10-11 at the American Alliance of Museums headquarters in Washington, D.C. About 27 museum leaders and academicians from the United States and the United Kingdom met to discuss a national professional training scheme for museum workers.

In addition, Dr. Eid was selected to serve on the Scientific Committee for RISE IMET International Conference on Emerging Technologies and the Digital Transformation of Museums and Heritage Sites. The conference will be in Nicosia, Cyprus June 3-5, 2020.

Several SUNO police officers and supervisors trained with the New Orleans Police Department in the following areas: legal aspects, professionalism/courtesy, weapon retention, physical fitness, less lethal methods, sexual abuse and dating violence. Two supervisors took advanced training in the Clery Act and the Violence Against Women Act.

Dr. Sara Hollis, a Museum Studies professor, has six drawings in the 2nd Story Gallery Group Exhibition on display until Aug. 10, 2019.

Dr. Murty Kambhampati served on the Brookhaven National Laboratory Summer 2019 Interns' Research Abstract Review Selection Committee for Oral Presentations at the Closing Ceremony scheduled Aug. 8. Office of Educational Programs (OEP) at He also conducted a workshop on writing grant proposals to help the 2019 Summer Visiting Faculty participants at Brookhaven National Laboratory (July 2) to submit their grant proposals to the U.S. Department of Education Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP).

Drs. Harry Russell and Ben Robertson presented "Transitional Aged Foster Children" July 25 for the Louisiana Child Welfare Supervisors Association Conference. The information is relevant to new legislation that allows foster children to remain in the system beyond the age of 18 as they transition into young adulthood. Hosted by Louisiana Child Welfare Supervisors Association, the conference was at the La Maison St. Charles in New Orleans.



John Barrilleaux, interim director of Health Information Management Systems (HIMS), and Laura Douresseaux-Collins, HIMS assistant professor, attended the American Health Information Management Association Leadership Symposium July 12-13 in Chicago, IL. State leaders from across the country convened to discuss the strategic planning of the association, current trends in the industry and association leadership issues.

In addition, Mr. Barrilleaux and HIMS Assistant Professor Sharon McGee attended the AHIMA Faculty Development Institute and Assembly on Education July 27-July 31 in Atlanta. With the theme, "Building Pathways through Education," the conference covered current trends in HIM education and included presentations from credentialing and accrediting organizations.



Alumni Spotlight

"Born and raised in New Orleans, Korianne Juluke was born into the struggle. Although life was never easy, determination lead her to become a first generation college graduate with a Master's degree in Educational Technology. Korianne's passion for advancing and promoting quality education has taken her to great heights. Through her work and entrepreneurial acts, Korianne has been able to create scholarship opportunities for those in pursuit of a higher education. The success, in spite of the struggle along the way, made Korianne feel it was necessary to share her story in the book, I Paint My Own Reality.



"I know many people face difficulties they must overcome on a daily basis," she said. "In I Paint My Own Reality, I am sharing the ups and downs of my life in hopes of motivating others to keep striving."

Korianne strongly believes everyone's life is valuable, and she knows her story will help others embrace their own unique journey.

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Events

Pre-Law Day



Over 150 incoming students participated in the Southern University Law Center's 2019 Pre-Law Program, according to the program director, Marla Dickerson. The Summer Pre-Law program is an annual event for incoming first-year law students. The students are introduced to the environment through doctrinal and skills course.

Partnerships & Collaborations



The Southern University Law Center partnered with the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe to organize the first Louisiana Rural Economic Development Summit. The summit was a success with over 20 media mentions. State leaders and CEO's came from across the country. Chancellor Pierre highlighted the importance of integrating tribal communities into the future of Louisiana during the summit's welcome reception.

SULC was commended for its efforts in economic development by the North Carolina Central University's Law School for partnering

in it's Virtual Justice Program and the Louisiana Governor, John Bel Edwards assisting with criminal justice reform.



Student Spotlight

Jasmine Cooper



Jasmine Cooper is a 3L SULC student and a summer intern for the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office. She received the internship through a recommendation by Shreveport City Court Judge Sheva Sims. In the future, she wants to be a prosecutor for the Caddo Parish District Attorney.

Rashid Young



Rashid Young was a summer intern for technology company NetApp. He and other interns were over programming for NetApp's annual Legal Panel and Networking Event. The event was held on Thursday, July 11th and the Young was a moderator for one of the panels. The law center was represented well through Young's professional performance and the other students' participation that evening.

Student Spotlight

Hayden Carlos & Cameron Pontiff



Hayden Carlos and Cameron Pontiff co-authored “Trick or Treatment”. This is one of two articles written by SULC students that were recently published in the ABA’s “Diversity & Inclusion” Section. The article confronts the intersection of race, mental health, poverty and incarceration in Louisiana. Hayden Carlos is a 2020 candidate in the SULC Juris Doctorate program and Cameron Pontiff is an SULC student and a law clerk for Cleary | Suba | Neal. The piece was for a project in Professor Angela Allen-Bell’s Civil Rights Litigation class.

Student Spotlight

Meghan Matt & Chelsea Hale



Meghan Matt and Chelsea Hale co-authored "The Intersection of Race and Rape Viewed through the Prism of a Modern-Day Emmett Till." This is one of two articles written by SULC students that were recently published in the ABA's "Diversity & Inclusion" Section. The article explores historical. Practice of exploiting and violating the bodies of African American women with impunity. Meghan Matt and Chelsea Hale are both second year law students. The piece was also for a project in Professor Angela Allen-Bell's Civil Rights Litigation class.

Remarkable Alumni

Endya Delpit



Endya Delpit was one of two Entergy employees named as “Nation’s Best” in the Southwest Region. The Nation’s Best list recognizes lawyers for their accomplishments and commitments to advancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

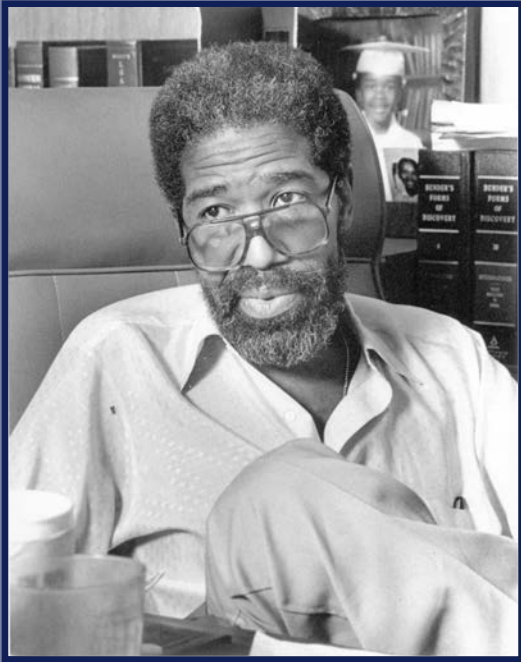
Robin Winn



Robin Winn, Class of 2017, was recently appointed to the Missouri Bar Leadership Academy. The Academy seeks diversity in gender, race, area of practice, and region of practice, in order to broaden and strengthen the leadership of The Missouri Bar. Winn stood out from 30,000 attorneys in the state of Missouri and plans to use this position to apply for more leadership positions in the future.

Remarkable Alumni

Robert C. Williams



Robert C. Williams was the sole graduate of the Southern University Law Center class of 1967. Williams was the leading attorney in *Davis v. East Baton Rouge*, where he argued the desegregation of Baton Rouge public schools. The case was one of the longest-running school desegregation lawsuits in the country. He passed away on Monday, July 15th, 2019.

Marion O. White



Marion Overton White passed away on July 5, 2019. White was a Hall of Fame graduate whose contributions to secure justice and dignity for people of color in St. Landry parish and throughout Louisiana were noteworthy. White was also the mentor to Thurgood Marshall and was another leader in the effort to desegregate schools in Southwest Louisiana.

Faculty Spotlight

Professor Angela Allen-Bell



Angela Allen-Bell, Associate Professor, Director of Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice was honored by the Urban League of Louisiana at the 2019 Urban League Gala. She was honored alongside members of the Unanimous Jury Coalition. The gala took place on June 29th, at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER MEETS WITH INDUSTRY PARTNERS



The future of the aviation maintenance program was thoroughly discussed on July 26th, at SUSLA's Aerospace Technology Center. The meeting allowed open dialogue between industry partners on how to improve the program, and produce graduates that are ready to enter the workforce. The soldier for life transition assistance program, a military partnership was also a hot topic. Attendees walked away feeling excited about the future of the program, and optimistic about partnerships.

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The Urban League of Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus held "Listen and Learn Shreveport," on July 9th at SUSLA. The community listening session was conducted by Representative Cedric B. Glover, Representative Barbara Norton, Representative Sam Jenkins, Senator Greg Tarver as well as additional LLBC members. The listening tour is part of a state-wide initiative to hear views on critical issues affecting African American youth and families.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY at SHREVEPORT APPROVAL AS OFFICIAL FAA TESTING SITE

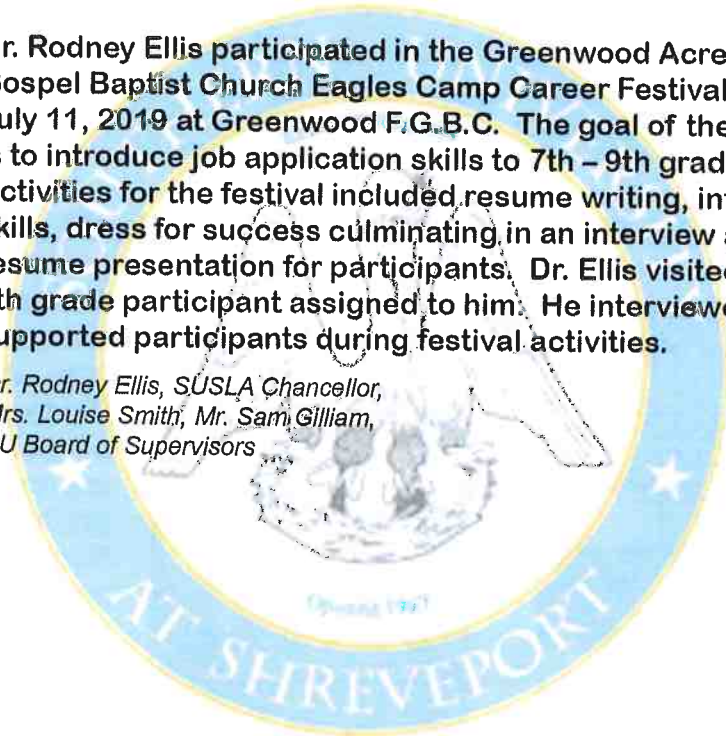
SUSLA's Aerospace Technology Center opens certified testing facility. The testing center allows Aerospace students to test in-house without having to travel out-of-state. SUSLA is the only university in North Louisiana to have a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved testing center. The center is also available to aviation maintenance veterans at Barksdale Air Force Base looking to get their Airframe & Powerplant certification, and the testing facility is open to technicians at Westin Global Airlines (WGA) at Shreveport that do not have a license, but are pursuing one. Aerospace is putting Southern University at Shreveport at the center of the aviation needs of the future for Northern Louisiana.

Greenwood Acres F.G.B.C. Eagles Camp 2019 Career Festival



Dr. Rodney Ellis participated in the Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church Eagles Camp Career Festival held July 11, 2019 at Greenwood F.G.B.C. The goal of the festival is to introduce job application skills to 7th – 9th graders. Activities for the festival included resume writing, interview skills, dress for success culminating in an interview and resume presentation for participants. Dr. Ellis visited with an 8th grade participant assigned to him. He interviewed and supported participants during festival activities.

*Dr. Rodney Ellis, SUSLA Chancellor,
 Mrs. Louise Smith, Mr. Sam Gilliam,
 SU Board of Supervisors*



FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT HOSTS
 DR. LANE ROLLING, M.D.;D.P.M**

On June 26th, 2019 SUSLA hosted Dr. Lane Rolling, Medical Director for Tropical Pathology and Infectious Disease Association, Inc., based out of Peru. Dr. Rolling gave an informative lecture on the treatment of tropical infectious diseases and science. He also informed students about the opportunities in Peru, where education is moved from the classroom to a Peruvian hospital. Dr. Rolling hopes that SUSLA's future medical leaders can take advantage of this once in a lifetime experience by coming to Peru and studying abroad.



(CONT) FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Students Learn What to Expect at SUSLA During New Student Orientation



The new student orientation took place on July 17th. The professional staff and student leaders provided incoming students with an exciting experience to learn all about SUSLA. Nearly 200 students attended the orientation ready to get started on their college careers. Parents also learned about how their child will transition into a new academic community, and what SUSLA has to offer. Students left orientation feeling very optimistic, informed, and eagerly excited about attending Southern University at Shreveport.

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



The grand opening for the Milam Street Kitchen Incubator & Community Kitchen (MSKICK) will be Tuesday, August 27th. The new kitchen incubator will provide education, training, and community engagement opportunities for those interested in the culinary field. The facility will have a community kitchen for job training, along with a community café focused on healthy meals. The culinary medicine center will teach doctors and health professionals cooking and nutrition basics, which they can pass on to patients. MSKICK will also have a coffee café operated by youth between the ages of 16-20 years old, allowing them to receive hard and soft job skills.

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Capital One Awards \$15,000 to the Milam Street Kitchen Incubator and Community Kitchen (MSKICK)

Kitchen (MSKICK). Including this award of \$15,000, Capital One has contributed a total of \$50,000 to support the development and operations of a Choice Neighborhood demonstration project located in the Allendale, Ledbetter Heights and West Edge communities. Choice Neighborhoods programs across the country leverages significant public and private dollars to support locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation.

Capital One has partnered with Southern University for over fifteen years in the areas of workforce development, small business services, financial literacy, and other areas. Janice Sneed, Vice Chancellor for Community and Workforce Development, states, "the community and economic initiatives supported by Capital have accounted for many services, and resources afforded the underserved and distressed communities. Their understanding of the need and continued support is greatly appreciated."

FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

Welcome New Jaguars!

Coordinator of Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant Programs – Melanie Scott (promotion)
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Jaguars of the Month

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Jaguar of the Month:



Elijah Teh-Teh
 NETWORK MANAGER

"Mr. Teh-Teh is the epitome of positivity. On any given day, you will see him with a smile on his face and something kind to say. He is always helpful."

Thank you for your service, Elijah Teh-Teh!
 SUSLA's Jaguar Employee of the Month!

JAGUAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**Congratulations! Detrius Adams
 Student Jaguar of the Month**



Student Government Association President 2019-2020 is Detrius Adams; he is a sophomore nursing major with a 3.1 GPA. He was born and raised in Shreveport, La. Since birth, he has faced many medical obstacles. At two years old, he had his first kidney transplant, at the age of twelve, his second kidney transplant. Just when he thought things were going well, he had his third transplant at the age of eighteen; his donor was no stranger to him. John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. This friend was his mother. Yes, he was amazed, yet thankful for the gift of life. His mother and grandmother have both taught him "not to give up and be persistent, in whatever you do".

He is a member of the Williams Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement and TRIO Student Support Services.

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MESSAGE from the *Interim Chancellor*

Congratulations to our incoming Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC) and Dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS), Dr. Orlando F. McMeans. I, the SUAREC, and CAFCS will extend our full support to him.

In the interim, we will continue to serve our myriad of stakeholders. The initiatives listed below will be continued.

1. Seeking a USDA appropriation for teaching for the 1890 agricultural land-grants for \$10,000,000/year called the Justin Morrill and Sonny Perdue Teaching Act.
2. Continuing to develop a policy for SUAREC Extension personnel for travel and payment for all mileage when using their personal vehicle beyond the cap of 99 miles/day. If approved the travel policy for both SU and LSU Extension personnel will be the same.
3. Seeking to double the CAFCS enrollment in the next two to three years.
4. Seeking to secure a state visit by the Honorable Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to visit SU, LSU, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and rural Louisiana.
5. Continuing the work on the \$15 million "Train-the-Trainer" Ugandan project.
6. Developing a dual enrollment program,
7. Involvement in the Fall 2019 academic semester.
8. Getting ready for the Fall Academic Year commencing August 2
9. Continuing to work on our South Africa initiative.
10. A. O. Williams Building & Grounds and Mega Disaster Center matters

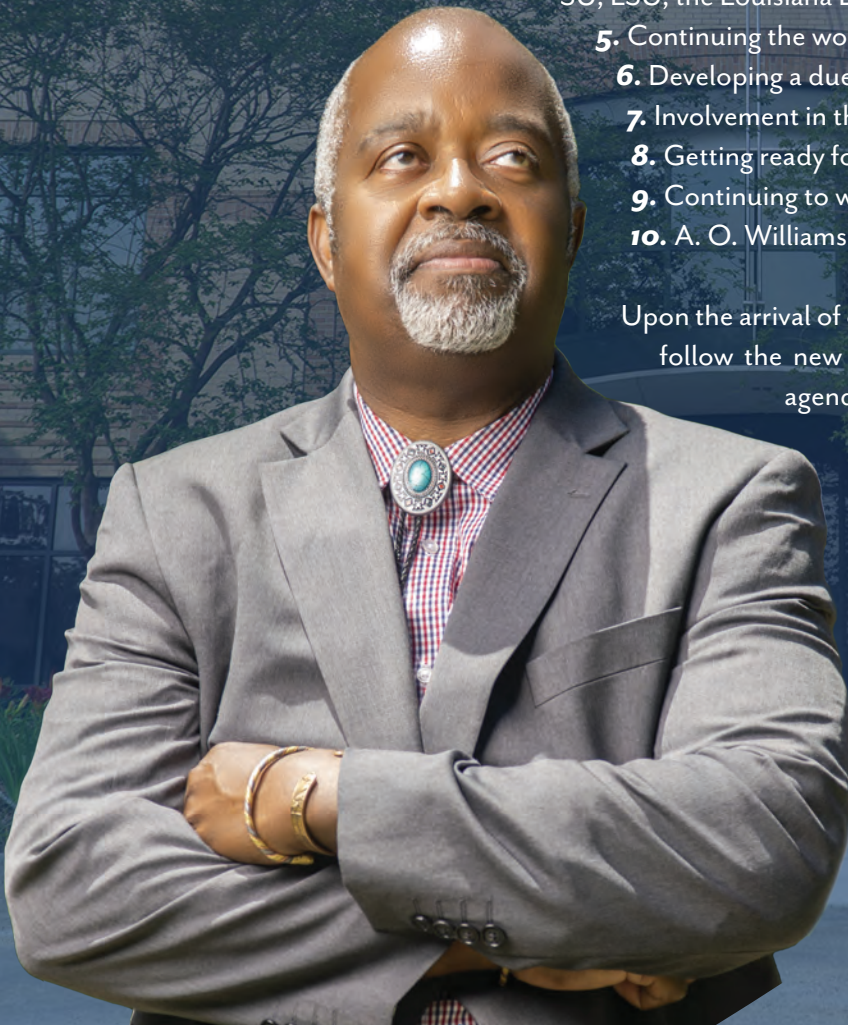
Upon the arrival of our next Chancellor-Dean Dr. Orlando F. McMeans, let us all follow the new leader of the SUAREC and the CAFCS. We'll support his agenda.

All the very best,

Dr. C. Reuben Walker

Calvin Reuben Walker, Ph.D.

Interim Chancellor-Dean



Dr. Orlando F. McMeans selected as the new Chancellor-Dean of the SU Ag Center and College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences

The Southern University Board of Supervisor named Dr. Orlando F. McMeans as the Chancellor of the Southern University Ag Center and the Dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences during its monthly board meeting on July 19.

“I am extremely honored and beyond humbled to have an opportunity to serve as an integral part of the Southern University System, the world’s only HBCU system, as both Chancellor of the Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Dean of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences,” said McMeans.

He went on to express his appreciation and gratitude to Southern University System President-Chancellor Dr. Ray L. Belton, the Southern University Board of Supervisors and the SU Ag Center Chancellor-Dean Search Committee for their belief and confidence in his ability to lead and inspire future generations of students in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences.

“I look forward with great enthusiasm to meeting those who work diligently to advance the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, as well as the talented students, outstanding faculty, dedicated staff, proud alumni, loyal friends and generous supporters of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences,” he added.

McMeans currently services as Vice President for Research and Public Service at West Virginia State University (WVSU), the Executive Director of the WVSU Research and Development Corporation, Dean and Director of the WVSU Gus R. Douglass Land-Grant Institute. He is also a full tenured Research Professor of Biology. He has been employed with WVSU, which was then called West Virginia State College, since November 1998.



He currently serves in leadership roles within the Association of Public Land-Grant Universities (APLU) and other national associations. He serves as a member of the board of directors for the APLU; chair of the Board on Agriculture, Research, Extension and Teaching; and Steering Committee Co-Chair of the Association of 1890 Research Directors 2019 Biennial Research Symposium. McMeans has served on the West Virginia Science and Research Council since 2011 and has held leadership positions or a membership in the following organizations: Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (past national president); USDA/1890 Executive Team (past chair); Association of 1890 Extension

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Chancellor
SU Ag DEAN

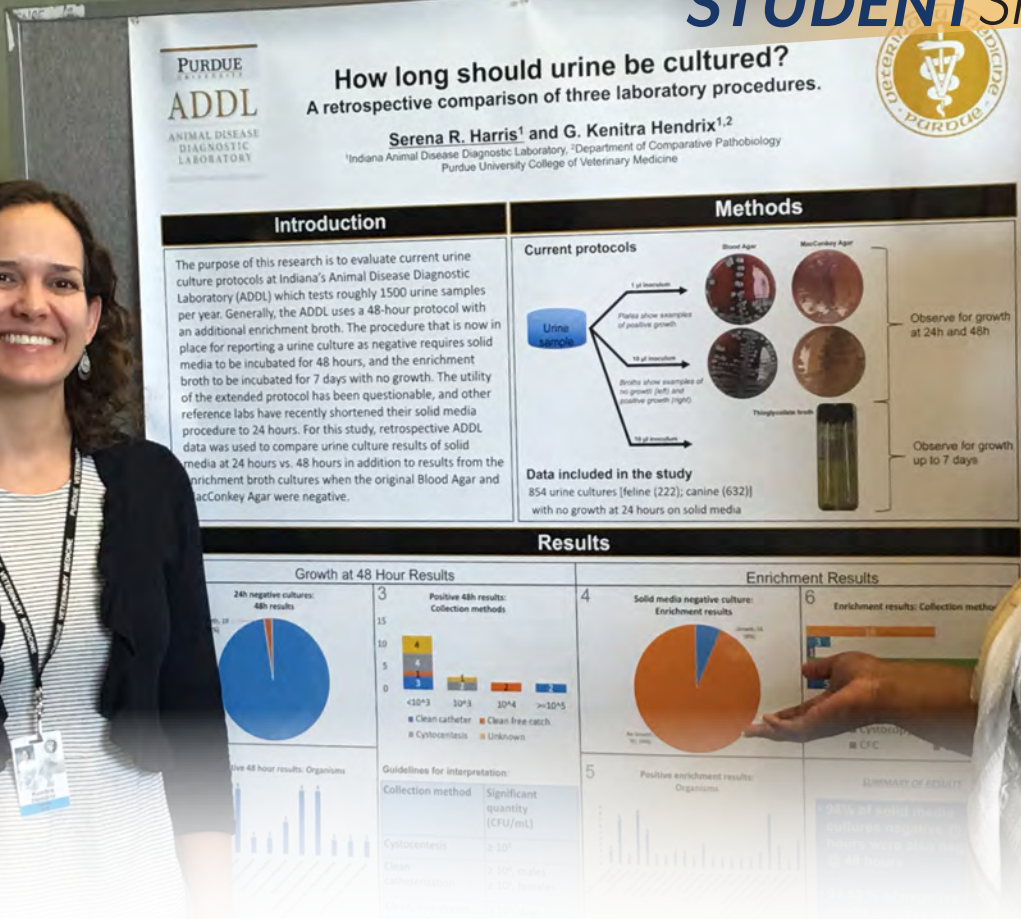
Administrators (member), 1890 Deans Council (member), and the American Society for Horticultural Sciences (member).



McMeans earned a Bachelor of Science in horticulture from Alabama A&M University, a Master of Science in horticulture, and a Ph.D. in horticulture both from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, McMeans went on to do postdoctoral studies in the area of genetic engineering at Virginia Tech.

Dr. Orlando McMEANS

The Southern University System established the Agricultural Research and Extension Center as its fifth campus in 2001. The Southern University Board of Supervisors voted to merge the Southern University College of Agriculture with the Ag Center on July 1, 2016.



Agricultural Sciences/ Pre-Vet Student Serena Harris participants in Purdue University's Veterinary Medicine's Summer Research Program

Serena
HARRIS

Serena Harris, a senior Agricultural Sciences/ Pre-Veterinary Medicine student in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences participated in Purdue University's Veterinary Medicine's Summer Research Program (PVM) from May – July.

The 11-week program paired students with PVM faculty members and allowed the students to conduct independent research projects and explore non-practice careers.

Serena presented her research during a Research Poster Presentation on July 24 in the Purdue Veterinary Medical Library. She is now working on a publication of her findings.

Harris was the only student from an HBCU accepted in this year's program. The other five undergraduate students participating in the program were from Purdue University, Case Western Reserve University, Liberty University, and Rutgers University.



Cross stitching, threading a needle, using a sewing machine and designing a dress out of newspaper were some of the skills that 20 budding designers learned during the 2nd annual Fashion Design Camp held July 15-19 in Pinkie E. Thrift Hall.

The free camp was hosted by the Nu Gamma Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in conjunction with the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Apparel Merchandising and Textiles program.

“We are working with Southern University’s College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences as a partnership to help support the community with our “The Arts Target,” which focuses on bringing more education about the Harlem Renaissance as well as the Black Arts Movement,”

said Danielle Staten, a member of Nu Gamma Omega Chapter, “We have been reaching out to local girls and working with seamstresses in the community to give them a valuable skill that they can use,” she added.



2nd Annual

fashion CAMP

Eleven-year-old Navira Robinson said the skills she learned during the camp will help her to reach one of her future goals. “During the fashion camp, I learned how to be independent while sewing and how to use a sewing machine. One of my future goals is to make clothes when I get older and this camp has given me the skills to accomplish this goal,” said Robinson.

“We want to continue to have outreach into the community with young girls and young boys to develop them and assist them in making a graceful approach to adulthood”, said Jacqueline Nash Grant, President of the Nu Gamma Omega Chapter.

During the week-long camp, the youth learned to make combination quilts out of their own t-shirts and designed ball gowns out of newspapers. The participants displayed their gowns and presented their

quilts to their parents and the other chapter members during a fashion show held on the last day of the camp.

Cox Communications presented Chromebook computers to five camp participants for their hold work and skills gained during the camp.

Drs. Jung-Im Seo and Samii Kennedy Benson, professors in the Apparel Merchandising and Textiles program facilitated the camp and were assisted by Carlton Knighten, a current AMTX student and Jordan Johnson, a recent AMTX graduate.



SU AG attends 105th



Department of Family and Consumer Sciences students and faculty present at a National Conference

Faculty and students from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences attended the 105th American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Annual Conference and Expo held June 23 – June 26, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Arch located in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Samii Kennedy Benson, Assistant Professor of Apparel Merchandising and Textiles (AMTX) traveled to the national conference with four members from Southern University's collegiate chapter of the Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (SAFCS) which included: Kendall Hall, a junior, Human Nutrition and Food major; Aravian Louis, a Senior, Child Development major; Patricia Mitchell, a Sophomore Apparel Merchandising and Textiles major; and Lynette Weems, a Senior Apparel Merchandising and Textiles major.

Dr. Kennedy Benson and the students participated in “i3: Inspiration – Innovation – Impact,” a fast-paced session designed to share high impact ideas for 25 minutes at a round table, while others present simultaneously. The group presented their collaborative research project, Vision Boarding in the Classroom: Incorporating Vision Boards into the FCS Curriculum, complete with lively anecdotes, examples of vision board's created by FACS students and handouts to share with participants.

Dr. Kennedy Benson also presented her research, FACS @ HBCUs: An Overview of Family and Consumer Sciences Programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, during the Oral Research Session sponsored by the Community of Colleges, Universities and Research (CUR) and the Assembly of Higher Education (AHE).

Drs. Cheryl Atkinson, Chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and Jung-Im Seo, AMTX Assistant Professor, also attended the conference. Dr. Seo presented research conducted in collaboration with Senior AMTX student, Autumn Hamilton titled, Ready-To-Wear Clothing Fit Satisfaction Based on Body-Shape Perception, during the Poster Session. Autumn and Dr. Seo explained that each person's perception of their body shape has different locations of ready-to-wear clothing fit issues. The research found that young consumers preferred to wear tight clothing in the current fashion trend.





SU Ag Center Medical Marijuana Vendor “Ilera Holistic Healthcare” plants its first medical marijuana seeds

On Tuesday, July 23, 2019 Southern University System (SUS) partner (Ilera Healthcare) planted its first medical marijuana seeds at 12:01 p.m. by Brandon DeVers of Ilera Healthcare. The day prior, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry gave an approval to operate. President-Chancellor Dr. Ray L. Belton was on hand for the “historic event.” Also, present were Dr. Janana Snowden, Director of Southern Institute of Medicinal Plant Institute (SIMP) and the Interim Chancellor-Dean, Dr. C. Reuben Walker of the SU Ag Center and College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS). Other in attendance were Dr. Katara Williams, Graylin Hammond, Sr., Williams, and Attorney Travares Walker.

“The security protocols are strict, sound, and sensible. The SUS, SU Ag Center, and CAFCS look forward to the benefits of numerous partnership opportunities with Ilera Healthcare. Conversely, we are optimistic that we are now on a good path and in a good place toward the production of quality medical marijuana for patients in Louisiana,” extolled Dr. C. Reuben Walker. Our vendor (Ilera Holistic Healthcare) hope to have medicine on the market before the end of the year.

The partnership with Ilera Holistic will also provide academic and research opportunities for the campus with it being slated to receive more than \$6 million over the next five years from the vendor.

SU Ag Center and the College of Ag set to conduct research on Industrial Hemp

Industrial hemp is here. Over 500 products can be derived from hemp. Hemp became legal in the nation when President Donald J. Trump signed the 2018-2023 Farm Bill. Hemp is now an agronomic crop. However, to grow hemp one must have a license. Currently, SU Ag Center and LSU Ag Center will be permitted to do research on hemp. The first known legal hemp seeds were brought to Southern University on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at the Valdery Center on the Southern University- Baton Rouge Main Campus Board Room, by Dr. C. Reuben Walker and Mr. Art Walker.

Photo #1 show members attending the exploratory hemp partnership meeting with Mr. Nam Nguyen on Thursday, July 25, 2019. President-Chancellor Dr. Belton and Dr. Ammons are looking for developing a partnership with Nam Nguyen with SU AG Center and CAFCS, inclusive. Our incoming Chancellor Dean Dr. Orlando McMeans will provide leadership to golden opportunity. The partnership with Nam Nguyen and his company with SU Ag Center and SUS will enhance our hemp (1) research, (2) hemp outreach, and (3) hemp education. With SU Ag Center and College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) developing of varieties for licensing, it partners should result in an additional revenue stream.



See Photo 1 (l-r: Dr. Donald C. Andrews, Dean of the College of Business; Dr. C. Reuben Walker, SU Ag Center, Mr. Art Walker, President of the Louisiana Hemp Alliance; Mr. Nam Nguyen, Founder and President of Hydor Health; President-Chancellor Dr. Ray L. Belton; Mr. Alfred E. Harrell, III, Chief Executive Officer of the Southern University Foundation(SUF); Dr. James Ammons, Executive Vice President/Executive Vice Chancellor; and Mr. James Brown (SUF Board member).



East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome visit CHEF Camp

East Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome was the guest speaker for the first session on the SU Ag Center's "Creating Healthy Enjoyable Foods" (C.H.E.F.) youth cooking camp. Mayor Broome visited the camp on July 19 and encouraged the participants to continue to make healthy cooking and eating a staple in their lives.

The C.H.E.F. camp is designed to teach youth basic cooking principles and nutrition education based on the USDA's, "MyPlate" food guidance system and Dietary Guidelines.

Each day, participants worked together to create an entire meal while learning healthy eating and physical activity principles, food preparation, kitchen and food safety, common cooking terms, proper food handling, measuring techniques, critical thinking and team building skills, planning and time management.



CHEF
CAMP

The text 'CHEF' is written in large, bold, green letters with a white outline. A white chef's hat is positioned to the left of the letter 'C'. Below 'CHEF', the word 'CAMP' is written in white letters inside a green rounded rectangular box.

SARDI Summer Healthy Living Academy Summary



On June 3, 2019, 35 students entered The Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Institute (SARDI) to begin a four-week healthy living themed summer program. The goal of the program is to improve the health, safety, development, and well-being of adolescents and young adults within the community. One of the main highlights of the program was the four-week-long Food Truck Challenge that was designed to encourage the students to prepare their own healthy meals while learning about entrepreneurial skills in the process. The Food Truck Challenge required the groups of students to create themes, marketing plans, menus, and designs with a healthy twist in mind. Each group was also tasked with preparing and serving different types of foods from their menus to their peers to enhance their knowledge of kitchen etiquette and safety, teamwork, and customer service. Some of the other highlights of the program included activities that were based on the MyPlate food guide, gardening, physical activity, and recreational/discretionary time.

The BAYOU II: SARDI Program helps students increase their ACT scores

The Bayou II-SARDI summer program was held June 2 – 21, 2019 on the Southern University campus. The program was developed as a recruiting tool to introduce high school students to the many facets of agriculture and the department. Additionally, we developed a primary focus on ACT enrichments and preparations to help students increase their performance on the most widely used precollege standardized test. The Bayou II-SARDI programs goal is to strengthen student's skills in math, science, grammar, writing, English, and test-taking strategies.

Thirty students were selected from an applicant pool of 60 students to participate in the BAYOU II: SARDI program, twenty-one (21) students accepted the invitation and completed the summer program. Of the twenty-one students, five (5) met the university's standards for dual-enrollment.

At the conclusion of the program, the SARDI Class' post-test average was 2.4 points above the national average for all students and 6 points above the national average for Black/African American Students and 4.4 points above the Louisiana Average in the math section.

The students also noticed a drastic increase in their scores on the English section of their post-test, ranging from a 16 % to 85% increase in their actual scores. Overall, the average score for the ACT English Test increased by 11 points.

Through a partnership with STAR (Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response), students were educated on the importance of setting boundaries, being aware of their surroundings to prevent sex trafficking, recognizing and reporting signs of abuse, etc.

Additionally, BAYOU II: SARDI partnered with each department in the College of Agriculture (Animal Science, Urban Forestry, Apparel, Merchandising and Textiles), Food and

Nutrition; and with Burnell Muse, SU Ag Center Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, on Ag Related activities, farm tours, and demonstrations.

SU Ag Center's CLIMATE Program helps students qualify for the TOPS Award

The SU Ag Center held a closing ceremony for the first class of its Cultivating Leadership Innovation by Motivating Agricultural Talents through Education (CLIMATE) program on June 28 in T.T. Allain Hall.

Sixteen high school juniors participated in the two-year summer program designed to provide supplemental instruction in assisting participants in qualifying for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award.

During the first year of the program, students spent four weeks on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus attending English, Math, Sciences, and Leadership Development classes, preparing for the ACT test, and participating in field trips.

In the second year of the program, the participants will further gain pre-collegiate work experience by working a paid internship with either a state or local government agencies or community organization for eight weeks. Each internship will be in the participant's home town or a neighboring parish.

For additional information about the CLIMATE Program, contact Zanetta Augustine at 225-771-2591 or Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at 225-771-3532





SU Ag builds **PARTNERSHIP WITH** **LED** | **LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

SU Ag Center Builds a Partnership with LED, the Small Business Service and other Community Organizations

Gerald Williams, the SU Ag Center’s Community and Economic Development Associate Specialist, met with the Small Business Services, Community Competitiveness, members from the board of directors, and staff members from Louisiana’s Economic Development Department on July 30 in the hopes of developing collaborations and partnerships for the SU Ag Center’s Extension Program.

Williams is a recent new hire at the SU Ag Center. He is a two-time alum of SU where he received his B.S. in Mathematics and a Master’s degree in Public Administration. He is also a graduate of the Community Development Institute at the University of Central Arkansas and received a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Columbia Southern University. Many may know him as former mayor of the City of White Castle, Louisiana where he served in that capacity for eight years and as a councilman for four years.

Gerald plans to continue to develop partners and collaborations with local, state and community organizations to better assist the citizens of Louisiana through the SU Ag Center’s Cooperative Extension Program.



WELCOME to the Ag Center!

Kiyana E. Kelly

Associate Family and Consumer Sciences Agent with Family and Human Development Program/Department.

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