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to the

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Students to Commemorate Ghana's "Year of Return"

With this year being coined as the “Year of Return” by Ghana President Nana Akufo-Addo, many African-Americans are planning to travel to the West African country to commemorate the 400th year since transatlantic slave trade began. Joining in the number of celebrities and other tourists will be a group of Southern University students and faculty.

“I cannot think of a better way for our students to pay homage to the defiant and indomitable spirit of the ancestors and the legacy of strength, endurance, and self-love that we are called to build upon,” said Dr. Cynthia Bryant, dean of the College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies. “They will be able to fully engage in what I believe will surely be a memorable and transformative pilgrimage to the Motherland.”

The Southern delegation is participating in the African Diaspora Studies in New Orleans and Ghana program, along with participants from University of Oregon and Xavier University. This four-week program will explore the transformative journey of Africans living in America. Focusing on the broad spectrum of human experience related to the African diaspora, the program will examine the relationship between Louisiana, where the program begins, and West Africa, where it will conclude. For the first part of the program, participants will spend 11 days in New Orleans, which was the first port of entry for many Africans enslaved in America. The itinerary includes visits to historical and cultural sites, many of which are still in use today, and course lectures. The second part of the course will be spent in Ghana, where participants will be completely immersed in the country's culture while living with residents and going on excursion. Course lectures will continue to expand on the emotional, cultural, and socio-economic impact of forced migration and displacement of Africans in America.

The program starts July 7 and runs until Aug. 1.



Sciences and Engineering Update



New Advisory Board Appointed

The College of Sciences and Engineering appointed 12 members from industry, academia, and government to serve on the College Advisory Board for a three-year term. The selection of the members was based on executive level career status, having exceptional stature in the industrial, business, governmental, or educational community, and having a strong commitment to the College of Sciences and Engineering.

Community Engages in Curriculum Reform

The College of Sciences and Engineering conducted a Curriculum Reform Retreat on April 25-26, 2019. The purpose of the retreat was to address the concerns of employers, parents, and legislators regarding the proper knowledge and skills provided to be successful at work or wherever life may take them. Faculty, students, industry partners, and College Advisory Board members participated in this event.





Students Attend Leadership Institute

Southern University student leaders attended the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP) Student Leadership Institute. The Student Leadership Institute is an intensive and interactive six day program designed for newly elected HBCU student leaders (Student Government Associations, Class Officers, Greek Councils, Student Ambassadors and Programming Boards) to engage with other HBCU leaders in the discussion of leadership topics and workshops on defining leadership styles and managing roles and responsibilities.

Merrick Featured as one of the 2019 Women in Business

Robyn Merrick, vice president for External Affairs, was featured recently in the May edition of *Business Report* as one of ten 2019 Influential Women in Business in the Capital Region. The article chronicled her career path and included information about several of the initiatives she has launched at Southern, including, SU Smiles and SU Cares. In the article, Merrick was quoted as saying what fuels her success are the Southern students.

"It really is all about them," says Merrick. "It's a very emotional day when they graduate. Many of them are first-generation college students, and when

you see whole sections of their families cheering for them, it makes you tear up."

The article also highlighted Merrick's community service, noting that she donates her time to Girl Scouts of Louisiana East, volunteers in public schools and serves the community through Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, The Links and many other organizations.

For 22 years, *Business Report* has been honoring women in the Baton Rouge community who are making the Capital Region a better place to live, work and play.

Police Chief Honored

Southern University Police Department Chief Joycelyn Johnson was honored and recognized at the Outstanding Mature Girlz Conference for her exemplary service. The Outstanding Mature Girlz Conference is an educational, event held annually in honor of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.



Band Participate in Re-enactment



Memorial Day Weekend, a group of Southern University Marching Band members and alumni represented Southern University in New York by participating as a part of the 369 Experience Band, which is a re-enactment band of the 369th Infantry Regiment. Commonly referred to as the "Harlem Hellfighters", the infantry regiment, consisting of African and Puerto Rican Americans, was a part of the New York Army National Guard during World War I and World War II.



Robyn Merrick

Summer Programs at SU Provide Enriching Experiences

Southern University offers youths and perspective students numerous summer camps options that provide enriching activities ranging from robotics to creating healthy, enjoyable meals. Below is a listing of some of the camps offered.

Garrett A. Morgan Camp

Garrett A. Morgan Summer Business Institute (GAMSBI) starts June 3. GAMSBI is a Youth Entrepreneurship and Summer Enrichment camp designed to improve academic, professional, social, and life skills through entrepreneurship.

The program targets those who want to embrace the "entrepreneurial mind set" in addition to providing real-world experience through a unique entrepreneurship program that can help students understand how the business and marketing world operates.

Students in this program can develop a business idea and decide how to market and sell the idea.



C.H.E.F. Camp

The Southern University Agricultural Land-Grant Campus, in collaboration with the LSU AgCenter, will sponsor its "Creating Healthy Enjoyable Foods" (C.H.E.F.) Youth Cooking Camp for ages 9-11 on July 10-14 and for ages 12-15 on July 24-28.

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

Each day, participants will work



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, team building skills, planning and time management. Both sessions are scheduled on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus in Pinkie E. Thrift Hall from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Only 12-16 participants will be accepted for each session. Participants are required to bring a bag lunch and healthy snack each day.

CAMP CEES

The Center for Energy and Environmental Studies (CEES), a former division of the Office of Research and Strategic Initiatives at Southern University, will sponsor its 14th year Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Summer Camp on the campus of Southern University Baton Rouge.

Camp CEES is committed to fostering educational experiences in STEM areas

for early exposure in a college friendly environment. This year CEES will sponsor camps for upcoming Kindergarten through 8th grade students.

Band and Dance Camp

The Marching Band Program will continue its tradition of providing activities that will benefit campers and band directors/dance sponsors.

The camp will give high school students an opportunity to interact with students nationwide and be a part of the best marching band program. The camp gives band directors an opportunity to interact with other music educators, network, and gain professional development opportunities. All band directors/dance sponsors who have five students or more enrolled in the camp can reside on campus free of charge.

2019 Jaguar Kids

This is the 18th Year of the Annual College Summer Program sponsored

by Southern University Division of Continuing Education. It is for children ages 5-12. Among the core courses are history, math, English, and science. Extra Curricula activities include computer skills, swimming, field trips and foreign languages.

Summer Science Institute

The Summer Science Institute is hosted by the College of Sciences & Engineering. The four-week STEM program provides students with technical writing training and robotics for 7th to 10th graders.

Engineering Summer Institute

The Engineering Summer Institute at Southern University is sponsored by the College of Sciences and Engineering. It seeks to expose students to career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics through its four-week summer program. ESI is a long-standing summer program designed to create an awareness of opportunities which exist in engineering science — particularly civil, electrical and mechanical engineering — and to stimulate an interest more generally in the STEMs.

Robotics and Sensors Summer Camp

The Robotics and Sensors Academic Program was established in the Computer Science Department at Southern University with the expectation of attracting students to content domains

such as mechanics, electrical circuits, and applied mathematical reasoning that all too often are stumbling blocks for high school students.

Robotics engages students in complex, strategic problem-solving and higher-order thinking with a set of skills that is a high priority for 21st-century education.

This kind of problem-solving can be introduced in a gradual, self-motivated way, so high school students can experience satisfying achievements right away and can quickly move on to new challenges in a continuous progression toward greater levels of sophistication.

The summer program, for high school students only, will take place in the Department of Computer Science in Henry Thurman Hall. The program is from June 3 through June 14, 2019, consisting of students from the Baton Rouge and surrounding areas.

Athletics

Athletics is sponsoring a Women's Basketball Team Camp for high school varsity, junior varsity and travel/AAU teams. In addition, Athletics is sponsoring The Boot, a 2019 showcase camp for prospects entering grades 9-12. The Jaguar Basketball Team Camp is also sponsored by athletics.

Student Engagement



Donald Dunbar, SGA President and Alacia Brew, Miss Southern, serve as 2019 Governors Fellows. The Lamar Governor's Fellowship Program in Louisiana Government provides 13 college students with an opportunity for students to gain first-hand knowledge about the development and implementation of public policy as well as the state's rich history and current affairs of Louisiana government.

The students are either from Louisiana or are attending a Louisiana university or college. Each one has been assigned to work in a cabinet-level agency in Baton Rouge based on their interest of study. In addition to working within the state agencies, they will also participate in a weekly speaker series and field trips designed to enhance their overall experience and understanding of Louisiana government.

Robotics



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June 2019**



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L A W C E N T E R

Producing Lawyer Leaders

Events

2019 Commencement Exercises

The Southern University Law Center awarded degrees to 123 juris doctorate candidates during Commencement Exercises held Saturday, May 18, 2019 at F.G. Clark Activity Center. Civil Rights Attorney, Benjamin Lloyd Crump, (pictured below) delivered the commencement address. Crump is known for his representation of the parents of a teen, Trayvon Martin, who was unjustly murdered by an armed citizen in Florida.



The class of 2019 represents 16 Louisiana parishes and 12 U.S. states. In addition to the 123 degrees conferred by Chancellor Pierre, the Southern University Law Center awarded five students earned Certificates in Tax Law, two students received dual Juris Doctor and Masters in Business Administration and a Posthumous degree was awarded to the late Brian E. Lloyd.



Events

2019 Commencement cont.



Graduates, Marissa Batiste and Heather Key were recognized as top performers of their respective day and evening divisions. *(left)*



After unveiling a photo that will hang in the alumni halls of the law center, the family of DeAngelo Frazier, Class of 2015, awarded graduate, Jimmie Herring, as its first scholarship recipient.



(left) Jimmie Herring accepts scholarship from family of the late, DeAngelo Frazier.

Partnerships & Collaborations



Louisiana Rural Economic Development Summit

July 7-9, 2019

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Community Development

SUNDAY, JULY 7

6PM-8PM Chairman's Reception (Tunica-Biloxi Reservation)

MONDAY, JULY 8

7:30AM-8:30AM Registration

8:30AM-9:30AM Welcome Breakfast

8:30AM-4:30PM Summit*

4:45PM-5:45PM Networking Reception

6PM-8PM Dinner

*Luncheon 11:45AM-1PM Monday & Tuesday

TUESDAY, JULY 9

8AM-9AM Breakfast

8AM-4PM Summit*

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Highlighted Speakers:

Dr. John Sibley Butler Management Professor
University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Ralph D. Christy Professor of Emerging Markets
Cornell University

Annetta Abbott VP of Business Development
We The People Consulting

Greg Clinton School of Law Director
North Carolina Central University

Randall Domingue Assistant Secretary
LA Workforce Commission

Leslie Durham Governor's Designee
Delta Regional Authority

Tony Gobert Horticulture Department
Gwinnett Technical College

Jason Green
SkillSmart

Ron Henderson Deputy Commissioner
LA Dept. of Insurance Office of Consumer Advocacy

Steven Horsford U.S. Representative
Nevada 4th Congressional District

Harold Langford Professor of Business Administration
LSU Alexandria

Jo Ann Lawrence LA District Deputy Director
U.S. Small Business Association

Dr. Louis Mancuso Managing Partner
The Q Marketing Group, LLC

Clair Marceaux Harbor and Terminal District Director
Cameron Parish Port

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Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

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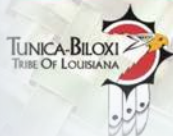
Rod Teamer Director, Diversity Programs & Bus. Dev.
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Faculty Spotlight

Professor Angela Allen-Bell, 2019 Woman of Distinction



Professor Angela A. Allen-Bell, Associate Professor and Director of Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice, and B.K. Agnihotri Endowed Professor was one of four women honored with the 2019 Women of Distinction award at the Girl Scouts of Louisiana East annual Women of Distinction luncheon held Wednesday, May 1 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel.

After a fittingly brilliant introduction by Chancellor Pierre, Allen-Bell delivered deeply moving acceptance remarks. Other honorees included: Beth Courtney, President and Chief Executive Officer,

LPB; Donna Edwards, First Lady of Louisiana; and Priscell Holman, Community Health Services Representative, Louisiana Health Connections.



Student Spotlight

2L Shanelle Staten



Rising 2L, Shanelle Staten, has been selected into the 2019 Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellowship Program. Each summer, Equal Justice Works partners with Legal Services Corporation to support 30 dedicated law students who want to serve rural and isolated communities across the U.S. and its territories.

Staten will be hosted at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, where she will be tasked with expanding library outreaches and clinics, developing and distributing information on how to access civil legal services, and starting new relationships with community partners in the area.

Peggy Browning Fund Fellows



SULC standouts, Alejandro Macias-Urias, Derrick West, Jonathon White, and Leontine Morgan-Poitier have been awarded 2019 Peggy Browning Fund Summer Fellowships.

Peggy Browning Fellows gain the practical skills required to represent workers. They enjoy opportunities to network with their peers and leaders in the field of public interest labor law; while mentor organizations and their clients benefit from the services provided by this talented and committed group.

Remarkable Alumni

SULC Celebrates the Life & Legacy of Alumnae, Attorney J. Ashley Mitchell Carter



To honor Attorney Jennifer Ashley Mitchell Carter, Class of 2011, and commemorate her life, work and service, her family is establishing a scholarship fund for deserving students of the Southern University Law Center. This scholarship will be awarded to law students who share and uphold the values that Ashley, a true lawyer leader, exhibited throughout her life and her work.

Through this memorial scholarship, the family of J. Ashley Mitchell Carter remembers the spirit of leadership, courage, and passion for her commitment to her community demonstrated by Ashley in a way that will promote the same qualities in others who will become attorneys of tomorrow.

SULC is committed to sustaining this effort and growing the scholarship in recognition of Mitchell-Carter's commitment to the body law and her alma mater, SULC.

To donate visit sulc.edu or mail to: Southern University Law Center, Post Office Box 9294, Baton Rouge, LA 70813.

Remarkable Alumni

Judge Sandra Jackson



Class of 1980 alum, Sandra Jackson, has been elected to the bench of the 302nd District Court, one of Dallas County's dedicated family courts. Judge Jackson was a seasoned attorney with experience in trial, mediation and administration. Most recently, she served as Assistant District Attorney in Juvenile Division after maintaining her own civil and family law practice for more than 20 years.

Lawrencia C. Pierce



Class of 1999 alum, Lawrencia C. Pierce, has been appointed to Randolph-Macon Academy's Board of Trustees.

Randolph-Macon Academy (R-MA) is a coeducational college preparatory school for students in grades 6-12 and postgraduates in Front Royal, Virginia, US.

THE chancellor's REPORT

JUNE 2019

Exciting Summer Camps
for Louisiana's youth.

Research Dept.
forges partnerships &
secures donations.

New Horizons.

for our 2019 grads!

C.Reuben Walker
Interim
Chancellor-Dean

Retia Walker
Vice Chancellor for
Academic & Student Support
Services/Associate Dean

Andra Johnson
Vice Chancellor for
Research & Technology
Development

Dawn Mellion-Patin
Vice Chancellor for
Extension & Outreach

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MESSAGE
from the
Interim
Chancellor
Dean

The spring season is winding down and summer is on the horizon. Congrats to the 31 students who graduated (undergraduate and graduates) during the May 10, 2019 Spring Commencement. A number of our students are doing internships across the country. Congrats to SU Animal Science alum, Dr. Henry J. Henderson, III, who is doing his postdoctoral studies at Vanderbilt University.

Our faculty and staff are gearing up for our free summer high school programs commencing on June 2, 2019. Our Beginning Agricultural Youth Opportunity Unit (BAYOU), BAYOU SARDI and the Cultivating Leadership Innovation by Motivating Agricultural Talents through Education (CLIMATE) programs will teach high school students about agriculture and family and consumer sciences (AFCS). We are anticipating to host approximately 90 youth from several parishes throughout the state as well as Texas, Georgia, Illinois, and Florida during the three programs. These students will gain valuable learning experiences in the preparation for ACT testing and AFCS.

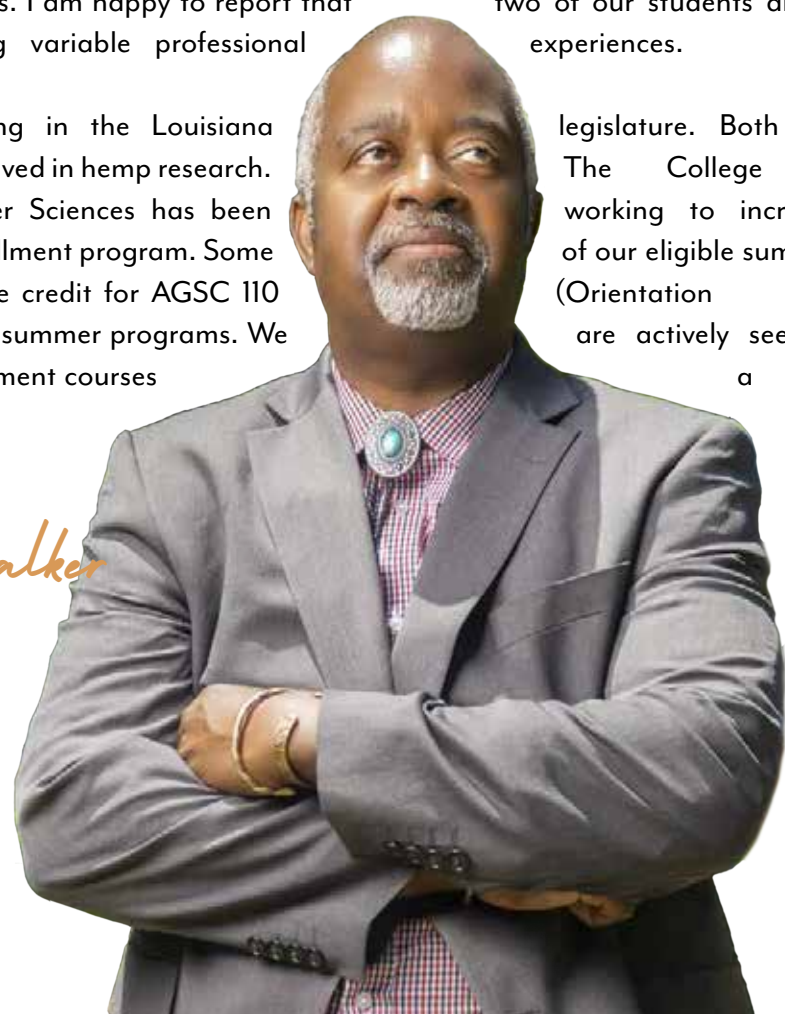
The summer is a good time for scientists to conduct their research, develop grant proposals, and inspire high schoolers on the scientific side of AFCS. We are making a concerted effort to increase our grant proposal output and hopefully, it will result in more proposals being funded for the SU Ag Center and the Southern University-Baton Rouge campus.

Dr. Retia Walker, our Vice Chancellor for Student Support Services/ Associate Dean will be retiring on May 31, 2019. We appreciate her service and she will be missed. Dr. Walker is currently leading our strategic plan efforting. We will seek her input as we continuously upgrade our strategic plan.

Globally speaking, we are moving forward on our global engagements. We are actively working on our Uganda and South Africa Initiatives. I am happy to report that two of our students are in Belize for a few weeks gaining variable professional experiences.

Hemp legislation is moving along in the Louisiana legislature. Both the SU and LSU Ag Centers will be involved in hemp research. The College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences has been working to increase our focus on developing a dual enrollment program. Some of our eligible summer high schoolers will be given college credit for AGSC 110 (Orientation to Agriculture) to are actively seeking We are actively seeking schools to participate in dual enrollment courses a t Southern University – Baton Rouge.

All the very best,
Dr. C. Reuben Walker
C. Reuben Walker, Ph.D.
Interim Chancellor-Dean



MESSAGE from the

Vice Chancellor

I am very proud of the many successes experienced by our dedicated faculty and talented students in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) during the 2018-2019 Academic Year. Student accomplishments were highlighted during the annual Awards Banquet in March. An impressive number (17 %) of CAFCS students received \$69,587 in scholarships from external sources such as USDA, US Forestry Services, The 1890 Foundation, The George Washington Carver Foundation, National Organization of Blacks in Dietetic and Nutrition, Women in Agribusiness, Rockefeller State Wildlife, and Louisiana Farm Credit Bank to name a few. We traveled with 18 students to participate in the 1890 Association of Research Directors (ARD) Conference in Jacksonville, FL in March. They presented research papers and posters, competing with students from the other 1890 Land Grant Institutions.

The Department Chairs will share a few successes in their respective units: Dr. Renita Marshall, Dept. of Agricultural Sciences, Dr. Cheryl Atkinson, Dept. Family and Consumer Sciences, and Dr. Yadong Qi, Dept. of Urban Forestry. I am happy to have served in my role as Vice Chancellor for Academics and Associate Dean -CAFCS for the past 19 months. I have worked with dedicated colleagues who value their roles and do their best to prepare students for future careers. I leave Southern University on May 31st and I wish my colleagues and students the very best!

Dr. Retia Walker

Retia Scott Walker
Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Support
Associate Dean





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ALUMNI AWARD to

Vice Chancellor

Dr. Retia Walker

Retia Scott Walker, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academics and Student Services/ Associate Dean of Southern University's College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, has been named the 2019 Alumni Achievement Award recipient by the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University (ISU).

According to the ISU website, the award recognizes alumni who have accomplished meritorious service and/or distinguished achievements in business and industry, education, family and consumer sciences and health.

"I am excited about this recognition and look forward to returning to Iowa State University this fall to participate in the celebration honoring graduates of the college," said Walker. "I had a great experience there and developed lasting relationships with classmates and professors, some of whom I am still in touch with annually," she added.

Retia has been an educator for more than 50 years. She has served as the Vice Chancellor for Academics and Student Services/ Associate Dean in the SU College of Agriculture since November 2017. Prior to coming to Southern University Walker has served as an Interim Provost, an Executive Assistant to the President and as a Department Chair in Human Ecology, all at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Walker has also held the position of Vice President of Academic Outreach and Public Services, Dean and Professor in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, both at the University of Kentucky and Assistant Professor in the College of Education Graduate Program at Texas Woman's University.

Walker earned a B.S. in Home Economics Education and a Minor in Foods and Nutrition from Tuskegee University; an M.S. with a concentration in Family Studies from Hunter College; an M.S. ED in Education Administration and Supervision from Pace University (NYC) and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Iowa State University. Retia also completed her post-doctoral studies in Gerontology at the University of Maryland-College Park and Baltimore, and the Executive Education Program from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

This award will be the third time Retia has been recognized by Iowa State University. In 1983 she was honored as an Outstanding Ph.D. Graduate and in 2003 she received the Virgil Lagomarcino Laureate Alumni Award from the College of Education.

Retia will receive the 2019 Alumni Achievement Award in October during Iowa State's Homecoming.



25th Annual Graduation for SU Dietetic Internship Program



Southern University's College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences' (CAFCS) held a graduation ceremony for students enrolled in its Dietetic Internship Program on May 22.

The event was held in the Royal Cotillion Ballroom of the Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union on Southern University's campus.

The 2018-2019 Dietetic Interns were: Aquierra Anderson from Greenwood, MS; Adrienne Johnson from Marion Junction, AL; N'Keyma Lee from East Point, GA; Ellen McKnight from Baton Rouge, LA; Hannah Onnebane from Baton Rouge, LA; Gabrean Stansbury from Franklin, LA; and Fatrice Williams from Zachary, LA.

Cheryl Atkinson, Ph.D., Director of the Dietetic Internship Program, presided over the ceremony and C. Reuben Walker, Ph.D., served as the keynote speaker.

The program's former director, Bernestine McGee, Ph.D., was honored during the event for her years of service to the program.

The ten-month dietetic internship program is a post-baccalaureate supervised practice program in dietetics. Its curriculum is designed to educate students to function as entry-level registered dietitians after successfully completing the Registered Dietitian Exam.

Since the program's inception 25 years ago, it has remained accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND). To date, 200 individuals have graduated from this program and its students have a 92% pass rate on the Registered Dietitian Exam.

Southern University is one of eight historically black colleges and universities that offers a supervised practice program in dietetics.

For additional information on the SU College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences' Dietetic Internship Program, contact Cheryl Atkinson, Ph.D., at 225-771-3168.

S.H.A.R.E

HELPS STUDENTS DESTRESS

The Department of Agricultural Sciences in Conjunction with the Southern University Institute for One Health One Medicine started the SHARE program on the Baton Rouge campus.

S.H.A.R.E. stands for Southern Human-Animal Relationship Experiences. S.H.A.R.E. is composed of representatives from the Southern University Agricultural Research & Extension Center, Southern University Baton Rouge, students, volunteers from the community, and veterinary practitioners. S.H.A.R.E brings animal-assisted therapy and visitation programs to a wide range of facilities and areas. Pet visitation is being made available to our Southern University faculty, staff and students on a weekly basis.

SU College of Ag partners with



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**for first Summer
Enrichment Program**

Faculty and staff from the Agricultural Sciences department assisted with the development of Southern University Laboratory School's first Summer Enrichment Camp. The 4-week camp is titled SWAG Camp for Science, Writing, and Agriculture. Faculty and staff from the department will be assisting with the summer camp starting June 3 - 28, 2019.

Contact the Laboratory School at 225-771-3490 for additional information about the camp.

AMTX 2nd Annual Fashion Week

The 2nd Annual Apparel Merchandising and Textiles (AMTX) Fashion Week was held May 22-26, 2019. The theme for the 2019 AMTX Fashion Week was Neo Futurism. The Week kicked off on Monday, May 22 with exhibits in the lobby of Pinkie Thrift Hall. The exhibit featured the work of AMTX students.

The Fashion Week Fashion Show was held Tuesday evening in the Event Center on the campus of Southern University and was coordinated by the AMTX students. The designs were created by AMTX and other Southern University faculty and students, as well as guest designers and stylists from Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Models for the Show were also Southern University faculty and students.

Urban Forestry **graduates recognized by**

Three SU urban forestry graduating seniors, D'Michael Lucas, Cornelius Jackson, and Chyanna McGee, were recognized by the Louisiana Society of American Foresters (LA-SAF) for their active participation in the SU SAF student chapter and for being an active student member of SAF at the national and state levels.

The ceremony was hosted on May 6, 2019 by the Urban Forestry Department. Buck Vandersteen, the executive director of the Louisiana Forestry Association, presented the special LA-SAF edition field backpacks to the three graduating seniors. The ceremony was attended by the SU-SAF Student Chapter President Asija Rice, the chapter's faculty advisor Kamran Abdollahi, Ph.D., Interim Chancellor-Dean Calvin Walker, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean Retia Walker, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Research Andra Johnson, Ph.D., and Yadong Qi, Ph.D., the Department Chair of Urban Forestry and Natural Resource.

Congratulations to these outstanding graduates on their successful journey into the urban forestry profession! D'Michael Lucas and Cornelius Jackson both will join the Davey Tree Expert Company after graduation and Chyanna McGee will pursue a Master's Degree in Plant Pathology at Penn State University in the Fall.

SU Urban Forestry and Natural Resources co-host

FORESTRY TRAINING

Southern University Department of Urban Forestry and Natural Resource, in collaboration with the USDA-Forest Service National Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Society of Municipal Arborists, has successfully co-hosted the 1st special edition of the Diversity in Municipal Forestry Institute (Diversity in MFI), a national leadership training in urban and community forestry.

The training was held from Feb. 24 - March 1, 2019 at the Oregon Garden Resort in Silverton, Oregon.

Sixty-four participants including all ethnic origins, races (African Americans, Asian or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Hispanics and White) and genders with careers in urban and community forestry were recruited to the MFI for leadership training and professional development throughout the nation. Attendees included city foresters, the staff of non-profit

urban forestry organizations, state urban forestry coordinators, private sector urban foresters, and faculty from universities that offer urban forestry programs. Among them, thirty participants were sponsored by Southern University through the USDA-Forest Service funded project entitled "Enhancing National Minority Leadership Training in Urban & Community Forestry."

The project is directed by Yadong Qi, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Urban Forestry and Natural Resources at SU.

The contributions made by Southern University and its Urban Forestry Program were fully recognized in a recent article entitled "MFI 2019: Most Diverse Class to Date!" in the May/June Issue of the "City Trees Journal" pages 16-19, published by the Society of Municipal Arborists.

AMTX PRESENTS RESEARCH PAPER student DURING NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Recently, Autumn Hamilton, who is majoring in Apparel Merchandising and Textiles (AMTX) in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, attended the 76th Joint Annual Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society and the National Institute of Science Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The theme for this conference was “Implementing STEM Technology to Aspire and Engage Society.”

Hamilton presented the AMTX research which has been worked on with her research advisor, Jung-Im Seo, Ph.D., in the Undergraduate Oral Presentation. Her research title was “African American Female Consumers' Perceived Body Shapes and Its Effect on Ready-To-Wear Clothing Fit.” In her presentation under the category of Psychology, she expressed how important this research is. African American women have their unique body shapes compared to other ethnic groups and these body types must be studied. Despite the African American clothing market being one of the largest in the United States, there is still very little research on African American consumers body shapes. She will continue to work on the AMTX research paper. Hamilton also plans to present the AMTX research to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference and Expo.

Best Wishes & Congratulations





A.N.S.W.E.R.S. Institute RECEIVES \$50,000 DONATION &

Conducts Research to Eliminate Pollution

The Southern University Ag Center's Air, Nutrient, Soils, Water, Ecosystem and Remote Sensing (SU-ANSWERS) Institute was presented with a \$50,000 check by an anonymous donor to support student training and research on water pollution.

The check was presented to Andra Johnson, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Research at the SU Ag Center, on the morning of May 15, 2019, during a reception in the Chancellor's Conference Room of Fisher Hall.

The reception followed a laboratory demonstration on new clean water technologies conducted by scientists from SU-ANSWERS and Apollo Water, Inc., Clifton Roe and Linda Schweitzer, Ph.D. The Apollo Water, Inc. is one of the Institute's partners.

The demonstration was attended by local citizens, students from the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFSC), representatives from Shell Global Industries and other donor organizations.

During the evening of May 15, Micheal Orr with the Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN) and Keandrys Dalton, a SU Animal Science student, were busy installing an air monitor near

the Southern University Ag Center's greenhouses. The monitor, which is designed to monitor air quality in specific areas, was donated to the SU-ANSWERS Institute by Southern University CAFCS alumnus (Ret.) Gen. Russell Honore' in January of 2019. The Institute purchased eight additional monitors that will be linked into a statewide monitoring system.

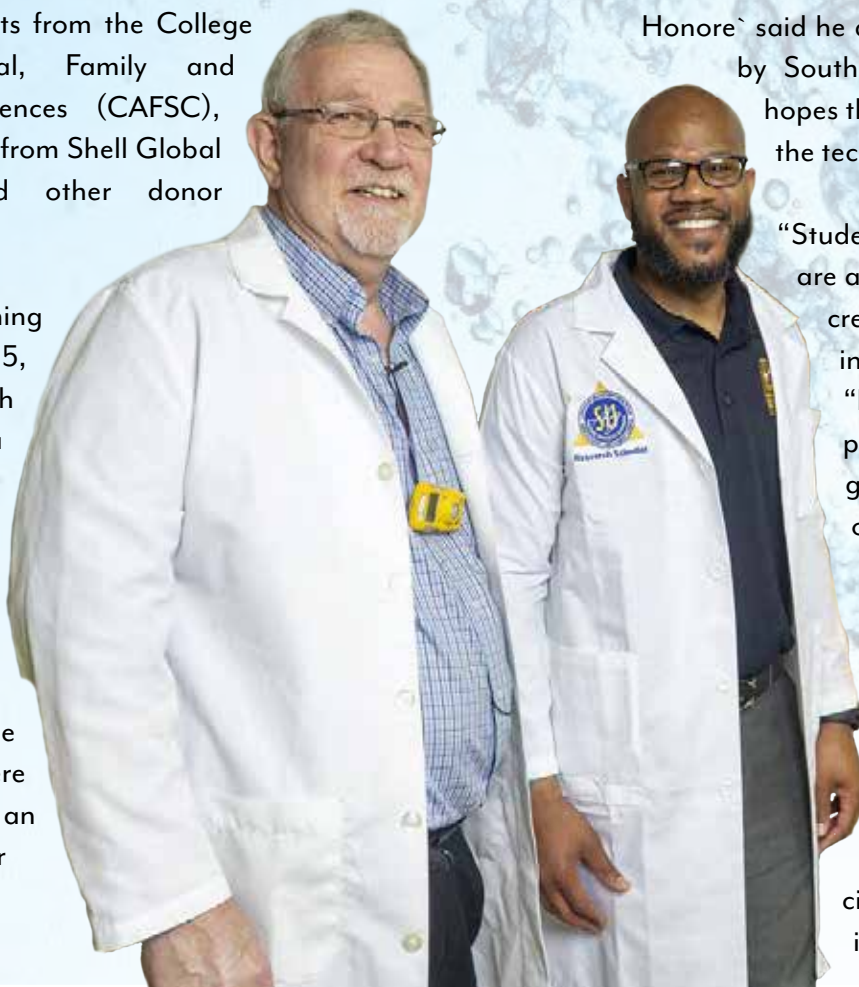
"The monitors will be strategically located around the Southern University campus and in various other locations around the state," said Johnson. "This will provide our stakeholders with access to air quality data in their areas, as well as allow our researchers to conduct studies to determine the impact of air pollution and examine ways to mitigate these pollutants," expressed Johnson.

Honore' said he donated the equipment to be used by Southern University students with the hopes that they will find ways of improving the technology.

"Students can take the air monitors that are already made and enhance them or create a new one. That's called intellectual property," said Honore'. "From that, the student; the professor or the department can get grants as well as share in the bounty of success," he added.

The additional eight monitors will be installed around the state in the coming months.

The monitoring system will be open to the public, which will allow citizens to access air quality readings in their communities.



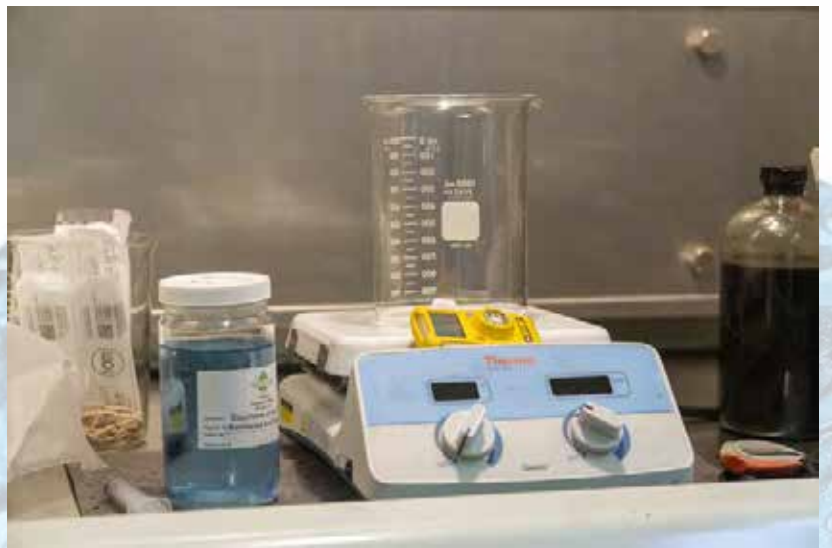
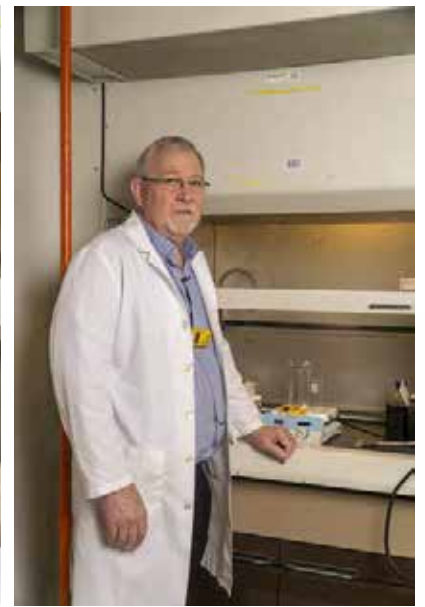
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The mission of the SU-ANSWERS Institute is to promote natural and biological resources conservation through research, education, and service to communities both in urban and rural settings. The mission is achieved by conducting cutting edge research focusing on natural and biological resources, providing hands-on research training and experiential learning to the next

generation of leaders in natural resources, utilizing research results and analytical laboratories to provide technical services to the communities, and promoting scientific collaboration and partnership building at state, regional, national, and international levels.

The SU-ANSWERS Institute is led by Johnson and the Institute's Director Zhu Ning, Ph.D.





HYDROPONICS



The SU Ag Center is using a new hydroponic growing system to teach students and urban entrepreneurs how to grow crops with limited growing space

Andra Johnson, Ph.D., the Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Development at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, along with a team of SU Ag Center scientists, have partnered with Tera Vega to conduct research on a new Hydroponic Growing System.

Hydroponics is a process of growing plants without soil in either sand, gravel or liquid.

Through this research, students are being trained on new technologies that will maximize crop production with limited space.

Professor of Urban Forestry Yemane Ghebreyessus, Ph.D., and Senior Research Associate Milagro Berhane are working to perfect the system with aspirations of teaching potential urban entrepreneurs how to effectively grow crops in areas with limited space and generate personal and community wealth opportunities.

For additional information about this research project, contact Andra Johnson, Ph.D., at andra_johnson@subr.edu.



C.H.E.F.

CAMP 2019

SU Ag Center to teach youth healthy cooking skills during summer camp. The Southern University Ag Center is now accepting applications for its “Creating Healthy Enjoyable Foods” (C.H.E.F.) youth cooking camps in parishes around the state.

The C.H.E.F. camps are 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 will work 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.

Camps will be held in the following parishes and locations:

East Baton Rouge Parish

July 15 – 19, 2019 (Ages 9 – 11), July 22 – 26, 2019 (Ages 12 – 15), Registration fee: \$35.00 (Same fee for both camps.)

Camp Location: Pinkie E. Thrift Hall on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus

Contact: Marquetta Anderson at 225-389-3056.

SARDI (St. Landry Parish)

Healthy Living Summer Academy, *Cooking Camp is free and will be incorporated into this academy


June 3 – 28, 2019

Contact Angell Jordan at 337-943-2410.

Morehouse Parish

July 22 – 26, 2019, Registration Fee: \$20.00

Contact Marianna Langston at 318-368-9935.

A young child with curly hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a white shirt with a pink heart on it. The child is holding a large peach with both hands and taking a bite. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

East Carroll Parish
June 17 – 21, 2019
Contact Carolyn Robinson at 318-559-0060.

West Carroll Parish
June 24 – 28, 2019
Contact Carolyn Robinson at 318-428-3571.


DeSoto Parish
June 17 - 21, 2019
Contact Patricia Lee at 318-872-0533.


St. James Parish
July 15 – 19, 2019, Registration Fee: \$30.00
Camp Location: Housing Learning Center, 8234 Mills Street,
St. James, La 70086
Contact Lisa Weber at 225-562-2320, 225-445-7719
or lisa_weber@suagcenter.com.


Madison Parish
June 18-21, 2019
Camp Location: Madison/ Tallulah Charter
June 24-28, 2019
Camp Location: Madison High School Family consumer Lab.
Contact Sarah Sims at 318-574-2465.



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Join forces to help students



Delgado Interim Chancellor William Wainwright

SUNO Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin

Two SUNO Students Receive Associate Degrees from Delgado



Photo by Tammy C. Barney

DCC Interim Vice Chancellor & Provost Mostofa Sarwar (from left), DCC Interim Chancellor William Wainwright, SUNO Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin and SUNO Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs David Adegboye sign the Universal Transfer Agreement. SUS Board Member Arlanda Williams looks on.

SUNO & Delgado Sign Universal Transfer Agreement

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) and Delgado Community College (DCC) entered into a general articulation agreement during a signing ceremony Thursday, May 30, 2019 on SUNO’s Park Campus.

The new agreement allows SUNO students to transfer credits back to DCC to attain a degree, diploma or certification, and SUNO to guarantee placement at the junior level, as well as college credit, for all DCC students transferring to accepted programs.

SUNO Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin and DCC Interim Chancellor William Wainwright signed the agreement, along with SUNO Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs David Adegboye and DCC Interim Vice Chancellor & Provost Mostofa Sarwar, in SUNO’s Bashful Administration Building.

DCC Interim Chancellor Wainwright also presented and conferred Associate Degrees retroactively to SUNO students Yashica Martin and Mariah Murray, the first beneficiaries of the new agreement.

According to administrators, cooperation between the two institutions will underscore the importance of interactions between community colleges and universities in the state.

“This agreement represents a significant recommitment by Delgado and SUNO to share our combined educational resources with the goal of increasing higher education opportunities for residents of our city, region and state,” said DCC Interim Chancellor Wainwright. “It is the framework for the many close partnerships that will be nurtured between both institutions to provide the very best experiences for our students.”

As part of the agreement, both institutions will review their academic programs to determine which programs could lead to associate degrees at DCC and baccalaureate degrees at SUNO. The institutions will form a committee to promote new cooperative academic programs.

In addition, selected faculty from both institutions will

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have joint meetings at least once a year, and appropriate students organizations from both campuses will do the same. Finally, the two student newspapers will be encouraged to publish a joint issue at least once a year.

SUNO Chancellor Mims-Devezin said SUNO has been admitting transfer students from Delgado over the years based largely on the transfer student's own initiative. The Universal Transfer Agreement will improve publicity of the unique contributions of both institutions to higher education in Louisiana.

"The agreement signed today is a win-win for both institutions regarding potential reward of increased enrollment and yearly degree completions on both campuses," she said. "We congratulate the first students to benefit from this great educational strategy."



Photo by Tammy C. Barney

SUNO students Yashica Marjole and Mariah Murray, are the first beneficiaries of the new Universal Transfer Agreement between SUNO & Delgado.

Campus Police Participates in 'Click It or Ticket' Campaign



SUNO Campus Police conducted seatbelt checkpoints at various locations near the University during May. The annual Click It or Ticket campaign aims at enforcing seat belt use to help keep travelers safe as they drive to their summer destinations.

Campus police urges all citizens to always wear seat belts when driving or riding on the roadways.

SUNO Conferred More than 460 Degrees

Southern University at New Orleans conferred close to 470 degrees the May 11 Commencement at the Lakefront Arena. Dr. Carmen J. Walters, who recently was selected as the 14th president of Tougaloo College, was the Commencement speaker.

The class of 2019 consists of 70 honor graduates: three Suma Cum Laude, 15 Magna Cum Laude, 41 Cum Laude and 11 Honors. Psychology major Nina Nguyen is the Spring 2019 graduate with the highest grade point average of 3.897. Hannah Jimenez is the Fall 2018 graduate with the highest grade point average of 4.0. In addition, more than 170 graduates received Master's degrees.

During her speech, Dr. Walters told the graduates that she came to push them. "I'm pushing you to have big

ideas and to keep educating yourself," she said. "I want to push you to do more for whatever cause you have. Square your shoulders and say: 'I can do more.' "

With more than 24 years of experience in community college leadership, Dr. Walters currently serves as the executive vice president of Enrollment Management, Student Success and Institutional Relations at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District in Perkinston, MS. She takes over at Tougaloo July 1.

Dr. Walters earned her bachelor's degree in Accounting & Business Administration at SUNO; a Masters of Arts + 30 in Post-Secondary Counseling from Xavier University; and the Doctor of Philosophy in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University.



Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin and Commencement Speaker Carmen J. Walters



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Commencement 2019



Success

A Knight of...

On May 7, the SUNO Drama Club performed three short plays in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work Auditorium during a production led, "A Knight Of..."

This event was the first major project since the SUNO Drama Club was re-established by faculty advisor and assistant professor of English Adam Falik. Mr. Falik dedicated the performances to the memory of Professor Norbert Davidson, former chair of the Arts and Humanities Department.

The plays were written, acted and directed by SUNO students, faculty and staff. Two of the plays were written by English majors, Mylise Givens and Kenyona Alexander, who each graduated from SUNO this spring. The third play was written by Dr. Tanisca M. Wilson, Praxis coordinator in the College of Education. Actors were Dr. Deneen Lewis, director of General Studies; and students, Kennedy Williams, Jessica Eugene, Geraldneka Biagas, Sydnee Jackson, Deja Smith Dejon Smith and Helen Francis. The directors were Erika Alexander and Mr. Falik.





The members of the championship-winning SUNO Women's Track Team are, standing from Shantae Green, Kimone Hinds, Kimona Smikle, Argyana Bolton, Sasha Newman, O'Shalia Johnson, Kerry Ann Scot and Kadeja Campbell; kneeling from Xuxa Peart and Jezelle Shaw.

Lady Knights Win National Outdoor Track Championships Team Misses the Overall Championship by 2 Points

The Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) Women's Track Team brought home four national championships over competing in the 2019 NAIA Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Gulf Shores, AL May 23-25. The SUNO team came in second to University of British Columbia for the overall championship, missing the crown by only two points.

The 4x100m relay team of Kerry Ann Scot (sophomore), Stacey Ann Williams (freshman), Kimone Hinds (sophomore) and Argyana Bolton (junior) claimed the University's fourth title in the event with a time of 45.46. SUNO last won the event in 1998.

Kimona Smikle (senior) has won back-to-back titles in the 400m hurdles with a time of 59.27. While Stacey Ann Williams won her first 400m title with a time of 52.00. This is SUNO's fourth consecutive title in this event.

The 4x400m team of Argyana Bolton, Kimona Smikle, Xuxa Peart

(sophomore) and Stacey Ann Williams captured the University's fourth consecutive title with a time of 3:38.22. The University has won a total of eight titles in the event.

SUNO Track Coach Younne Reid said he is extremely proud of the both the men's and women's track teams because they represented the University well.

"When you look at how small our team is compared to the other teams, it is a wonderful feeling," he said. "I also want to make special mention of my assistant coaches (Sanja Powell, Andre Gordon and Lynika Collins). Without having them by my side, none of this would have been possible."

What is the secret to the Track Team's success? "I don't have any secret," Coach Reid said. "My mindset towards winning is what drives me and the team. Hard work, determination and excellence is the key to success. I believe they (the track athletes) buy into how I want to win and they put in the hours of work that it takes to win."



College of Business Pinning Ceremony & Awards Banquet

The College of Business & Public Administration honored 64 undergraduate and 15 graduate students during the 2019 Graduating Seniors Pinning Ceremony and Awards Banquet May 3.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Terrell Boynton, director & general manager of New Orleans Digital Transformation Center DXC Technology. Mr. Boynton is responsible for establishing and managing operations in New Orleans, services development, delivery to clients; and engagement with local government, business, education and community constituencies. Mr. Boynton charged the students to embrace technology and to become savvy in the digital age in order to thrive in this knowledge economy.

Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin, several CBA Business Advisory Board members and supporters attended the event, including Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Harley, Mr. Gregory DeBose, Mrs. Mary Adams Thomas, Mr. Idowu Koyenikan and Ms. Joaneane Smith.



CBA Dean Igwe Udeh, Guest Speaker Terrell Boynton and Chancellor Lisa Mims-Devezin



Student Services Director Timotea Bailey pins a student during the ceremony. Students received a CBA pin and certificates

School of Social Work Recognition & Awards Celebration

Student scholars and leaders, alumni, community leaders, faculty and staff were honored at the annual School of Social Work Recognition and Awards Celebration on May 9 in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work Building:

- Eloise D. Dixon, a long-standing member of the New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers, mentor to many Social Workers, and an active member of the New Orleans social work community, received the Millie M. Charles Professional Leadership Award.
- SUNO Library Director Shaquana Mosby-Wilson received the Advocacy, Empowerment and Transformation Award for ongoing contributions to the School of Social Work faculty and students.
- Friends of SSW awards were given to Attorney Ron McClain, SUNO Executive Assistant to the Chancellor Harry Doughty and State Rep. Joseph Bouie.



Founding Dean Millie M. Charles and Eloise D. Dixon

LEFT PHOTO: Dr. Torin Sanders, SUNO Library Director Shaquana Mosby-Wilson and SSW Dean Rebecca Chaisson



RIGHT PHOTO: Executive Assistant to the Chancellor Harry Doughty and Dr. Hyacinth McKee



onal School of Social Work Honorees



Pictured from State Rep. Joseph Bouie, SSW Dean Rebecca Chaisson, Alumni Service Award Recipient Leonna Terrell, Dr. Gail Wise, Alumni Service Award Recipient Karen Martin, Daniel Finckler Field Award Recipient Kawana Ripoll and Catherin Kalob.



MSW students who earned a 4.0 GPA



BSW Students who received awards for Academic Excellence

SUNO Helps to Revitalize the National Conference of Arts



Dr. David Driskell

Several people at SUNO rolled up their sleeves several months ago and went to work helping the National Conference of Arts Inc. revitalize and celebrate its 60th anniversary in New Orleans March 28 - 30 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome. The conference theme was "Standing in Times of Challenge and Change."

Dr. David Driskell, the last surviving founding member of the conference, was honored and served at the keynote speaker. He also was the featured speaker at the Student Art Summit. In addition, conference organizers also paid homage another founder, the late Dr. Eddie Jack Jordan Sr., who founded the SUNO Art Department and worked at University of Illinois until his death.

SUNO Teacher Education Professor Charlie T. Johnson, a protégé of Dr. Jordan, helped to charter the New Orleans Chapter of NCA in 1991. Professor Johnson from the Teacher Education Department served as the NCA conference national coordinator. He solicited the aid of individuals from the College of Education & Human Development,



St. Mary's Academy students

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and the School of Social Work. The current and former SUNO faculty, students, or alumni who helped plan the conference were Connie Dorsey Abdul Salaam, Dr. Sherry Bachus, Ron Bechet, Willie Birch, Bamidele Demerson, Dr. Haitham Eid, Kissy Epps, Dwight Harris, Isis Johnson, Louise Mouton Johnson, Sheleen Jones, Dr. Stella Jones, Dr. Louise Kaltenbaugh, Luchana Keller-Evans, Ira Neighbors, Samuel Odom, Vanessa Perkins, Antoine Prince, Dr. Clyde Robertson and Dr. Gail Wise.

A feature of the Conference was the Student Art Summit, where more than 100 people attended—50 students from St. Mary's Academy (SUNO



John Ehret High School students

alumni and art teacher Luchana Keller-Evans) and 17 students from John Ehret High school (SUNO alumni and art teacher Antoine Prince). The summit exposed students to local and visiting artists, museum operators and scholars.

Drs. Haitham Eid and Sara Hollis, and Ms. Linda Hill gave presentations March 29-30. Several people also exhibited artwork: Ron Bechet, Charlie T. Johnson, Louise Mouton Johnson, Sheleen Jones, Ira Neighbors, Antoine Prince and Dr. Roscoe Reddix. SUNO's former Associate Vice Chancellor, Dr. Roscoe Reddix, received an Outstanding Achievement Award for his service and commitment to students and the New Orleans art community. Herreast Harrison, who recently received a Masters in Museum Studies, accepted an Outstanding Achievement Award from an art organization for the Donald Harrison Mardi Gras Indian Museum. Dr. Driskell and NCA Board

Co-chairman Willis Bing Davis received lifetime achievement honors for distinguished artistic creativity and service.

Founded in 1959, the National Conference of Arts is the oldest African American visual arts advocacy organization in the U.S. It is devoted to the preservation, promotion and furtherance of African and African American culture, and the creative forces of the arts that emanate from the African World experience.



Dr. Walter T. Tillman Jr., guest speaker, and Morkeith Phillips, Honoré Center director

HONORÉ CENTER Senior Award Ceremony

The Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement recognized its 2019 graduates Kerry Mckinney III, Denzel Roberts and John Brown during the Center's Senior Awards Ceremony.

Kerry and Denzel will teach at KIPP Elementary School in the fall. Kerry will teach Social Studies, while Denzel will teach History. John, who expects to graduate this summer, also will work at KIPP.

Dr. Walter T. Tillman Jr., a Public Policy professor of the Nelson Mandela School of Government & Social Science at Southern University in Baton Rouge, was the guest speaker.



▲ More than 700 professional and international museum professionals and academics attended the Museum Innovation Forum and MCNx New Orleans, which was organized by Museum Studies Director Haitham Eid and a group of cultural heritage experts. The organizing committee included Museum Studies Faculty members: Dr. Sara Hollis, Mr. Greg Lambousy and Dr. Ndubuisi Ezeluomba. The Forum was on May 18, International Museum Day. Selected papers will be compiled in an edited book and published by Routledge. Picture above from left, Dr. Ross Parry, professor of Museum Studies at University of Leicester, UK; Heidi Lowther, editor at Routledge in London; Dr. Haitham Eid, director of Museum Studies at SUNO; and Dr. Petrina Foster, adjunct professor at Rochester Institute of Technology.



▲ A HBCU-CDAC Clean Energy Grant Demonstration was in May 17 in the New Natural Science Building. It featured a presentation on an experiment to turn algae into clean energy. Student Raquel Scott, Dr. Murty Kambhampati, Ms. Thien-Nhi Tran, Ms. Diana Thomas and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu and invited guests attended.



▲ The School of Social Work welcomed 16 new MSW students. The students will begin taking courses this summer under the advanced standing plan. MSW Program Director Harry Russell discussed the history, goals and policies of the School of Social Work. Students from several University departments presented information and answered questions.



◀ Ms. Tia Sorapuru (pictured right) received a Future Educator Honor Roll Certificate from John White, Louisiana Department of Education Superintendent. The Louisiana Board of Regents recognizes top candidates for the teaching profession from teacher preparation units from around the state each year.



Director of Museum Studies Haitham Eid and student Lyndell Davis appeared on “Great Day Louisiana” on WWL-TV May 8. In addition, Dr. Eid and Dr. Samuel Odom, a Social Work professor, were interviewed May 12 on WYLD 98.5 Radio about the Museum Inn on Forum and MCNx. Finally, Dr. Eid had a book signing for his book, Museum Inn and Social Entrepreneurship: A New Model for a Challenging Era, at the American Alliance of Museums Conference May 21.



More than 120 donors helped to make Give NOLA Day 2019 a success for Southern University at New Orleans. Their combined gift yielded \$11,574. These funds will be used for student scholarships and University enhancements.

Dr. Diane Bordenave, associate professor of Child Development & Family Studies, submitted an article for review, titled, “Natural Vocal Responses in Children with Disabilities: Variation in Relation to Cognition and Language,” to the Journal of Development and Physical Disabilities (Manuscript # JOOD-D-18-0027R1).

Dr. Clyde C. Robertson, director of the Center for African and African American Studies, served on the Judging Panel for the Senior Capstone Projects at George Washington Carver High School in New Orleans. Dr. Robertson also chaired the Papers and Presentations Session at The Museum Inn Forum May 18.

Dr. Travis Johnson, associate professor of Addictive Behaviors Counseling and Prevention, participated in the Bridge City Center for Youth’s Annual Family Day program May 4. The Center houses male juvenile offenders who have been ordered into secure custody by the Juvenile Justice System. Dr. Johnson’s presentation titled “The Fundamentals of Family Support.” The facility’s administrator, staff, several parents and the detainees received information from his research on juvenile offenders and recidivism reduction.

John Barrilleaux was selected for the second year by the AHIMA FY 2020 ICD-10 Webinar Workgroup for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) coding updates. In this workgroup, he will work to create the IRF presentation for a peer-reviewed collection of presentations disseminated to AHIMA members. Mr. Barrilleaux also will be listed as a technical reviewer in the acknowledgements of the AHIMA text, Calculated Reporting Healthcare Statistics, 6th Edition by Susan White. This text is an important fixture in HIMSS programs across the country. The new text has been updated to include hands-on exercises using current technology and current information on health care statistics that are being used today in health care facilities, government organizations and health research.



Small Business Development & Management Institute Director Cynthia Beaulieu attended the Grand Opening of the PJ’s Coffee Shop, 5733 Read Blvd. in New Orleans East May 19. The PJ’s Coffee franchise is owned by Ms. Stephanie Chambliss and Mr. Elwood McCoy. Ms. Chambliss is a graduate of SBDMI’s NxLEVEL entrepreneurship training program.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PUBLICATIONS

- Dr. Patricia Guillory published “Impending Job Loss and Behavioral Health: Downward Social Mobility. Race, Gender, and Class” 25: 166-189
- Dr. Ben Robertson published “Spirit Man” Brand New Story Volume 2.



Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Aurellia Whitmore obtained her Bachelor's degree as a magna Cum laude graduate of Southern University at New Orleans. In pursuit of her undergraduate degree, she was recognized in local newspapers and throughout the University for her enthusiastic endeavors and achievements in the scientific community.

Dr. Whitmore continued her education in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Florida A&M University, obtaining her Ph.D. in Pharmacology/Toxicology with a research focus on molecular targets in cancer.

While in pursuit of her doctorate, she received travel awards to national and international scientific meetings where she was recognized for her presentations. Dr. Whitmore received three Pre-Doctoral Fellowships that enabled her to pursue doctorate training. As a result, she had 14 abstracts accepted, six publications and more than six nationally recognized honors.

She serves on the Hormone Health Network (HHN) Committee through the Endocrine Society, where she speaks with clinicians and researchers, organizing and promoting the committee's agenda. Dr. Whitmore also is a research assistant for Florida State University, where she reviews and develops data for increasing the knowledge of prostate cancer in the African American community.

Dr. Whitmore recently moved to New York City to pursue post-doctorate training at Omnicom Health Group. She has used her scientific background in an unconventional way in marketing and medical communications. After eight months of re-branding major drugs for Big Pharma, and even preparing an interactive booth for ASH 2018, Dr. Whitmore decided to take a leave of absence from Stemcell Technologies.

She now serves as a consultant and scientific sales representative for pharmaceutical companies and academic institutions for the entire state of New Jersey.



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CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES!

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



It is with honor and distinction that I acknowledge and congratulate the Spring 2019 Graduating Class. This year's commencement is a manifestation of their personal triumphs and ambition. This age-old ritual culminates their perseverance and academic achievements at Southern University at Shreveport. It is also an indicator of the support provided by close family and friends.


For our graduates, this moment signifies new opportunities as they enter another phase of their lifelong journey. We are confident, the Southern University at Shreveport experience has prepared them to be successful members of the broader community. As part of this educational enterprise, our graduates have invested in themselves and their future with countless hours of rigorous studying, discipline and have overcome barriers which could have threatened completion of their journey. These character-building moments lend themselves to good citizenship, personal and professional success.

Now, as they create new beginnings, it is with great joy and pride that the Southern University at Shreveport family salutes our graduates on this most notable accomplishment. The power of education and knowledge is a power that is now theirs and one that can never be taken away.



TO OUR GRADUATES,

Welcome to the mighty "*Jaguar Nation!*" You now stand on the shoulders of faculty, staff, and alumni of this great institution who have blazed the trails on which you travel, and we are so proud of you!


Dr. Rodney A. Ellis, Chancellor



Dr. Lalita Rogers, University Registrar excited to award graduates their degrees

EXCITEMENT AND ANTICIPATION IS IN THE AIR!

“THIS IS THE MOMENT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR...WHAT WE’VE WORKED SO HARD FOR” - expressed one of the graduates as she waited anxiously in the line-up preparing for the processional! On May 20, 2019 SUSLA’s Spring Commencement was celebrated at the Shreveport Convention Center. Over 5,000 family members and well-wishers filled the Convention Center to help celebrate the graduates’ achievements.

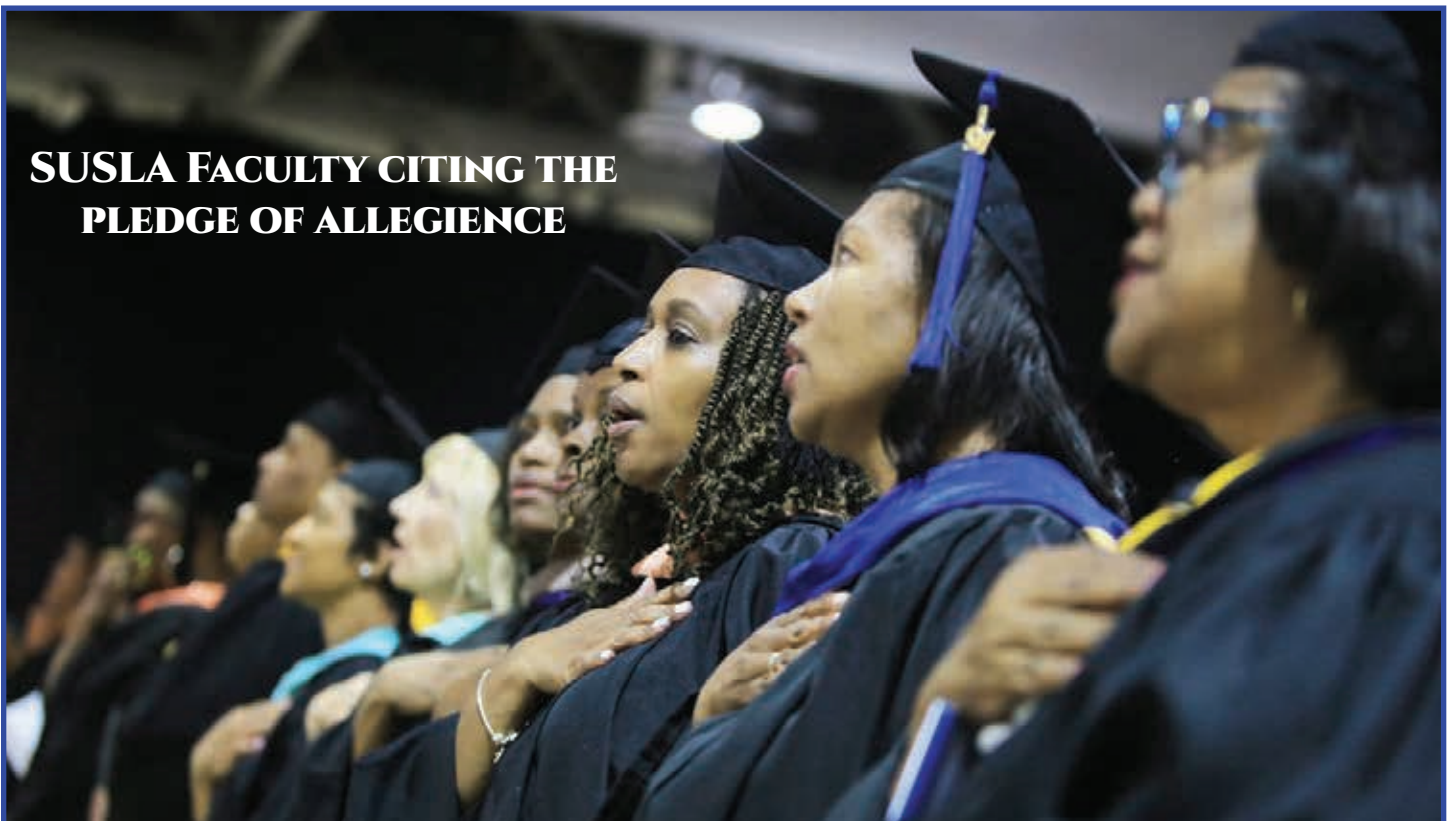


Grand Marshall, Florese Hunt leads processional during commencement ceremony



Chief Student Marshall, Antonia Wright leads her fellow graduates in the procession

SUSLA FACULTY CITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE



REVEREND DR. SAMUEL C. TOLBERT, JR. DELIVERS THE INVOCATION

Commencement program participants included: SUSLA Chancellor Dr. Rodney A. Ellis; SU System President Dr. Ray L. Belton; SU System Board of Supervisors S. Albert Gilliam and Rev., Dr. Sam C. Tolbert, Jr.; Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins; Voices of Unity Choral Dir. Jerry L. Maiden Jr.; VC of Community and Workforce Development Janice Sneed; VC for Academic Affairs Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams; VC for Student Affairs & Enrollment Dr. Melva Williams; CELT Director Rhonda Young and SUSLA Alumni Assoc. VP Charles Johnson. Additional guests joining Dr. Ellis on the podium were Caddo Parish Schools Superintendent Dr. Lamar Goree; CPSB Board Member Dottie Bell; Booker T. Washington High School Principal and members of SUSLA Administration.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S HONORABLE MAYOR ADRIAN PERKINS



Janice Sneed, VC of Community & Workforce Development

Introduced by Janice Sneed, VC of Community and Workforce Development, Mayor Perkins not only encourages the graduates with his Keynote Address, he inspires the audience with memories of being raised by a single mother. The Mayor shared how his modest upbringing fueled his desire to succeed and served as motivation to not allow his dreams to be deterred by his surroundings of poverty and “*nay-sayers*”.



Dr. Ellis thanked Mayor Perkins and presented him with a token of appreciation from SUSLA.

SUSLA RECOGNIZES REVEREND, DR. JOE R. GANT, JR. FOR HIS LEGACY OF SERVICE

Special moments were captured when Dr. Ellis along with System President, Dr. Ray L. Belton recognized former SU System Board Member Rev., Dr. Joe R. Gant, Jr. for his legacy of nearly four decades of service to SUSLA students, employees, and citizens of NW Louisiana through his work on the Board. Gant accepted his award by thanking his wife and family for supporting him over the years and, by thanking the Board and citizens for allowing him the privilege of representing SUSLA.



BTW STUDENTS MAKE HISTORY- GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL/SUSLA DUAL ENROLLMENT WITH INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS



During the ceremony, Dr. Ellis, along with Caddo Schools Superintendent Dr. Lamar Goree and Booker T. Washington High School Principal Kristy Young recognized five BTW students for completing a pilot dual enrollment program at SUSLA with industry certifications.

Graduating with Certificates of Technical Studies in Child Development were: Makayla C. Davis, Ayjah J. Jones, Makayla D. Lampkin, Rory A. Tyler, and Domo'Nesha L. Washington. The program is a first in SUSLA history.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOR LIFE TRANSITIONS (CELT) SPECIAL NEEDS GRADUATES CAPTURE HEARTS OF ALL!



Presented diplomas by Program Director Rhonda Young, CELT students capture the hearts of the audience as some are so eager to receive their diplomas, they sprint across the stage with joy. Special needs students overcome odds and complete the program proving that SUSLA is a place where all can achieve their dreams and obtain marketable skills to become employable and self-sufficient.

GRADUATES RECEIVE MORE THAN CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES - PRIDE IN FINISHING WHAT THEY STARTED!

One-by-one, nearly 300 graduates made their way across the stage to accept degrees and certificates in various disciplines representing the manifestation of their accomplishments. Graduates were recognized with academic degrees, Certificates and Diplomas for Technical Studies, and for some, the document that has long eluded them – their GED High School Diploma.



GRADUATES CONFERRED!

“And now, by the power vested in me... You May Now Turn Your Tassels...” As Dr. Ellis spoke the words and conferred the graduates, emotions overflowed as the Convention Center erupted with cheers, swells of pride and a mighty roar for and from the 2019 Class of Jaguars!



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LIST OF 2019 CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES CONFERRED

DIVISION OF ALLIED HEALTH & NURSING

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Nursing, 71

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
Dental Hygiene, 12
Health Information Technology*, 4
Medical Lab Technician*, 6
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Respiratory Therapy, 6
Surgical Technology, 6

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Medical Coding Specialist*, 4

CERTIFICATE OF TECHNICAL STUDIES
Dialysis Technician, 4
Emergency Medical Technology, 13
Healthcare Access Associate*, 2
Phlebotomy*, 23
Sterile Processing Technician, 7

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Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic, 16

DIVISION OF BUSINESS, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH- EMATICS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Accounting*, 7
Biology, 3
Business Management*, 14
Computer Science*, 4
Louisiana Transfer – Biological Science*, 1

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES
Business Administration, 4
Computer Information Systems, 1
Science, 5
Science/Pre-Allied Health*, 2

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
Accounting Technology Clerk, 1
Computer Networking Technology, 5
Web Development*, 3

DIPLOMA OF TECHNICAL STUDIES
Airframe and PowerPlant maintenance Technology, 11

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DIVISION OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Human Services, 9

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General Education*, 40
Health and Physical Education, 2
Psychology*, 9
Associate of Applied Science
Criminal Justice Administration, 27

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JAGUAR EMPLOYEE of the MONTH

DR. RODNEY A. ELLIS, CHANCELLOR IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE SIR' MARQUIS HALL AS JAGUAR OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2019

SIR' MARQUIS HALL epitomizes the spirit of teamwork. Even though the testing center publishes its testing dates and times, he never turns down a student that needs testing in order for them to enroll in the necessary classes even at the expense of delaying his personal obligations.

In addition, he makes the testing center available for academic programs as well as those that require testing for professional license. He has worked diligently to make SUSLA the only testing site for aviation professionals in north Louisiana.

He has taken on the additional responsibility to have SUSLA's testing certified for Aerospace – (CATS); ACT; ACCUPLACER and HESIT.

Affectionately known as “Mark” also serves as recruiter for the Office of Enrollment Management and coaches the SUSLA cheer and dance. His attitude is “Students First”

Marquis maintains a positive attitude and an inspiring personality. Mr. Hall is one of SUSLA's unsung hero's.



ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT BODY CONGRATULATIONS MR. HALL - EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

JAGUAR STUDENT of the MONTH



ANTONIA WRIGHT is a 53 years old who received an Associate Degree in Business. Ms. Wright graduated with an overall average GPA of 3.7. She is a proud mother of two daughters. Antonio stated “I was motivated and decided to go back to school after both of my girls graduated from college. They are a true motivating force in my life”.

Antonia is the proud owner and curator of Studio Toni Hair Salon. Ms. Wright has worked hard knew it would be challenge to obtain her degree while working full-time and being a full-time student at SUSLA

Her future plans are to continue her education and further her studies at Wiley College where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. Her plan is to use that degree to elevate and expand my business.

Ms. Wright had the distinct honor of representing the 2019 graduating class at SUSLA as Chief Student Marshall.

SUSLA PROUDLY SALUTES ANTONIA. WRIGHT AS “JAGUAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH”.

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