

# **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

(Following the Recruiting and Admissions Committee)

**Friday, September 25, 2015**

Southern University Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, JS Clark Administration Building

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Action Items
  - A. Minutes of the August 25, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors
  - B. Committee Reports and Recommendations
    1. Academic Affairs Committee
    2. Facilities and Property Committee
    3. Finance Committee
    4. Personnel Affairs Committee
    5. Governance Committee
  - C. Resolutions
6. Informational Items
  - A. Medical Marijuana Update
  - B. System President's Report
  - C. Campus Reports
7. Other Business
  - A. Mini Retreat and Board Meeting, October 22-23, 2015
8. Adjournment

Academic Affairs Committee  
Friday, August 28, 2015  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A&M College

Minutes

Atty. DeCuir administered the oath of office to Mr. Darren G. Mire, representing the second Congressional District.

The meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mrs. Ann A. Smith. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Chairperson  
Dr. Curman L. Gaines – Vice Chairperson  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

**ABSENT**

Dr. Rani G. Whitfield

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton  
System Vice President Flandus McClinton, Jr.  
Chancellor Victor Ukpolo (SUNO)  
Interim Chancellors Adell Brown (SUAREC), John Pierre (SULC) and Sam Gilliam (SUSLA)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Rev. Gant, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approval of Endowed Professorship, SUBR

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board the following Endowed Professorship at Southern University – Baton Rouge for approval:

Alphonse Jackson-Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship

– Dr. Revathi Hines

Engineering/Contractor's Educational Trust Fund Endowed Professorship

– Dr. Gkuoqiang Li

Formosa Plastics Endowed Professorship in Mechanical Engineering

– Dr. Patrick Mensah

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval to offer a dual degree Juris Doctor/Masters of Business Administration Degree Program for three years (3), SULC

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Small, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board the approval to offer a dual degree Juris Doctor/Masters of Business Administration Degree Program for three years (3) at Southern University – Law Center.

Atty. Clayton suggested that the dual degree Juris Doctor/Masters of Business Administration Degree be offered at Southern University at New Orleans.

Responding, Interim Chancellor Pierre stated that he had discussed with Chancellor Ukpolo, regarding the 3+3 program.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Request approval to participate in the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI Grant Implementation), SULC

On motion of Mr. Small, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board the request for Southern University – Law Center to participate in the Byrne Criminal Justice (BCJI Grant Implementation).

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Request approval to participate in the Peggy Browning Fund (PBF) Southern Law Schools Collaborative Project, SULC

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Dr. Gaines, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board the request for Southern University – Law Center to participate in the Peggy Browning Fund (PBF) Collaborative Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Request to approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Acadiana Planning Commission (APA) and the Southern University Law Center (SULC), and the Southern Central Planning Commission and Development Commission (SCPDC), SULC

Mr. Kevin Belangera, CEO of Acadiana Planning Commission provided a summary of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Small, seconded by Dr. Gaines, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board the request to approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Acadiana Planning Commission (APA) and the Southern University Law Center (SULC), and the Southern Central Planning Commission and Development Commission (SCPDC).

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Request to establish a policy for the number of hours for full-time faculty, SULC

Several members of the Board expressed concerns regarding the request to establish a policy for the number of hours for full-time faculty at Southern University – Law Center.

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Atty. Clayton the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board the request to establish a policy for the number of hours for full-time faculty at Southern University – Law Center.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Grad Act Retention Targets Update , by campuses

Chancellor Ukpolo provided an oral report on the Grad Act Retention Targets at Southern University at New Orleans.

Interim Chancellor Gilliam provided an oral report on the Grad Act Retention Targets at Southern University – Shreveport.

Interim Chancellor Pierre provided an oral report on the Grad Act Retention Targets at Southern University – Law Center.

- B. Enrollment Updates, by campuses

Chancellor Ukpolo provided an update on the enrollment at Southern University at New Orleans. He stated that SUNO had a 6% increase in enrollment.

Interim Chancellor Gilliam provided an update on the enrollment at Southern University – Shreveport. He stated that SUSLA had a decrease in enrollment.

Interim Chancellor Pierre provided an update on the enrollment at Southern University – Law Center.

Dr. Brandon Dumas, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, provided an update on the enrollment at SUBR.

Mrs. Smith and Atty. Clayton gave accolades to Dr. Dumas and his staff for a job well done for the 2015 Fall semester.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Ann Smith introduced, Mr. Patrick Harrington, SBA President at Southern University – Law Center and the student member of the La. Board of Regents, representing the Southern University System.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Atty. Clayton the meeting was adjourned.

Athletics Committee  
Friday, August 28, 2015  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A&M College

Minutes

The meeting of the Athletics Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr. – Chairperson  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Rev. Donald R. Henry  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

**ABSENT**

Dr. Rani G. Whitfield-Vice Chairperson

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton  
System Vice President Flandus McClinton, Jr.  
Chancellor Victor Ukpole (SUNO)  
Interim Chancellors Adell Brown (SUAREC), John Pierre (SULC) and Sam Gilliam (SUSLA)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Small, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of Athletics Budget for FY 2015-2016, SUNO
- B. Approval of Athletics Budget for FY 2015-2016, SUBR
- C. Approval of Athletics Budget for FY 2015-2016, SUSLA

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by Mr. Lawson the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board, the Athletic Budgets for FY 2015-2016 for Southern University at New Orleans, Southern University – Baton Rouge and Southern University – Shreveport.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Update on NCAA Certification, SUBR

Mr. Roman Banks, Head Men's Basketball Coach and Interim Athletic Director at Southern University – Baton Rouge provided an update on the NCAA Certification.

B. Update on Game Start Times, SUBR

Mr. Roman Banks provided an oral update on the Game Start Times for the 2015 Football season at Southern University – Baton Rouge. Former Baton Rouge Police Chief Jeff LeDuff provided an update on the implementation of revised traffic and parking plan adopted in 2014. Chief LeDuff highlighted the following:

- Reduction in Staff
- Law Enforcement Orientation prior to game day
- Law and Policy
- Individuals having License to drive kids on four wheelers
- Public Relations Campaign

C. Update on Hall of Fame, SUBR

Mr. Charlie Granger, Chairman of the Southern University Hall of Fame, provided an update on the SU Hall of Fame Ceremony. Mr. Granger invited Board members and administrators to the SU Hall of Fame Ceremony on Friday, October 31 at the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino and Hotel.

Mr. Fondel recognized, Mr. Randall Menard, a student-athlete at SUBR for heroism in rescuing a family from a fire.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Atty. Clayton recognized Mr. Fondel, Dr. Belton and Coach Roman Banks for a job well done with the NCAA Certification review.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Mire the meeting was adjourned.



Facilities and Property Committee  
Friday, August 28, 2015  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A&M College

Minutes

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Rev. Donald R. Henry.

**PRESENT**

Rev. Donald R. Henry – Chairperson  
Mr. Richard T. Hilliard – Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton  
System Vice President Flandus McClinton, Jr.  
Chancellor Victor Ukpolo (SUNO)  
Interim Chancellors Adell Brown (SUAREC), John Pierre (SULC) and Sam Gilliam (SUSLA)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Magee, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Chester Mills, SUNO Faculty Senate President, requested funding for buildings at Southern University at New Orleans.

Mrs. Audrey Hampton, owner of Hamps Construction, in New Orleans, LA, requested that the Board consider minority businesses when allocating the \$82 million for construction for the new campus facilities at Southern University at New Orleans.

Mr. Louis Livious, a New Orleans building contractor, also encouraged the Board to consider minority-owned businesses when contracting for new buildings and renovations.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of Capital Outlay Request for FY 2016-2017, SUS
- B. Approval of Five Year Capital Outlay Plan, SUS

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board, the Capital Outlay Request for FY 2016-2017, and the Five Year Capital Outlay Plan for the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Priority Projects Updates, by Campuses

System Vice President for Finance and Administration, Flandus McClinton, provided an update on the Priority Projects for the Southern University System.

- B. Presentation on Construction of New Campus Facilities, SUNO

Chancellor Ukpolo introduced Mr. Eddie Williams, a FEMA representative and an alumnus of Southern University New Orleans.

Mrs. Ellen Jenkins, presented a video presentation on the construction of the new campus facilities at Southern University at New Orleans.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee approved and recommends to the Board, a resolution recommending that the State of Louisiana implement a minority and disadvantaged business program to be used in the administration of the construction projects and other rehabilitative projects at Southern University New Orleans and that such program be consistent with existing federal DBA programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Rev. Gant, the meeting was adjourned.

Finance Committee  
Friday, August 28, 2015  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A&M College

Minutes

The meeting of the Finance Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Tony M. Clayton.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Tony M. Clayton – Chairperson  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr. – Vice Chairperson  
Dr. Curman L. Gaines  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton  
System Vice President Flandus McClinton, Jr.  
Chancellor Victor Ukpole (SUNO)  
Interim Chancellors Adell Brown (SUAREC), John Pierre (SULC) and Sam Gilliam (SUSLA)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mr. Small, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Magee, the Committee approved and recommends to the Board the following action items:

- A. Request Approval of Operating Budgets, System-wide
- B. Request for approval of BA-7 No. 1, SUS, SUBR and SUSLA

- C. Request for approval of BA-7 No. 2, Mandated Budget Reduction, System-wide
- D. Approval of Athletics Budgets for FY 2015-2016, SUBR, SUNO & SUSLA

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, the meeting was adjourned.

Personnel Affairs Committee  
Friday, August 28, 2015  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room  
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Southern University and A&M College

Minutes

The meeting of the Personnel Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. Patrick D. Magee.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Patrick D. Magee – Chairperson  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith – Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.  
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton  
System Vice President Flandus McClinton, Jr.  
Chancellor Victor Ukpolo (SUNO)  
Interim Chancellors Adell Brown (SUAREC), John Pierre (SULC) and Sam Gilliam (SUSLA)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Thomas Miller, SUBR Faculty Senate President, spoke in regards to unbalanced salaries between faculty and administrators throughout the Southern University System.

Mr. Patrick Harrington, SBA President, SULC, spoke on behalf of students thanking the faculty and staff at Southern University – Law Center for their support and dedication.

Dr. Albert Samuels, SUBR Faculty Senate Vice President, spoke in opposition of Action Items 5A. Approval to waive the search and appoint Associate Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, SUS/SUBR and 5C. Approval to waive search and appoint Associate Vice President for Financial & Treasury Services, SUS.

Ms. Cynthia Ramirez, SUNO Faculty Senate Vice President, spoke in opposition of the unfairness of salaries between faculty and administrators.

Ms. Carolyn Wilson, Recording Secretary for the Faculty Senate at SUSLA, spoke in regards to equitable pay for faculty and staff.

Ms. Sonya Hester, SUSLA Faculty Senate President, read a resolution of the collective Faculty Senates of the campuses of the Southern University System regarding the unfairness of salaries between faculty and administrators.

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Mr. Lawson stated with urgency, he would like the President-Chancellor along with the administrators within the SU entities to submit a monthly report regarding the salary study and progress towards equity of salaries for faculty and staff.

Dr. Belton stated that a timeline has been established regarding the feasibility study for faculty and staff.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility study.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

On motion of Dr. Tarver, seconded by, Mr. Fondel, the Committee approved and so recommends to the Board the following action items:

A. Approval to waive search and appoint Associate Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, SUS/SUBR

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title/Campus</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Gabriel Fagbeyiro	Associate Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, New Appointment, SUS/SUBR	\$150,000

B. Request to establish Assistant Vice President for Online Enrollment Services, and authorization to appoint interim Assistant Vice President for Online Enrollment Services, SUS

C. Approval to waive search and appoint Associate Vice President for Financial & Treasury Services, SUS

Gwendolyn Bennett	Associate Vice President for Financial & Treasury Services Replacement/New Appointment, SUS	\$110,000
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D. Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title/Campus</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1. Michelle Hill	Interim Assistant Vice President for Online Enrollment Services New Appointment, SUS	\$94,500
2. William Broussard	Assistant to the President/Assistant Professor Cont./New Appointment, SUS & SUBR	\$70,000
3. Jourden Martin	Interim Director of Alumni Affairs New Appointment, SUS	\$60,000
4. Diola Bagayoko	Interim Dean Honors College/SUS Distinguished Professor of Physics & Chancellor's Fellow New Appointment, SUBR	\$125,051
5. James A. Taylor	Interim Dean College of Education Arts & Humanities New Appointment, SUBR	\$102,120
6. Lawrence Henry	Interim Dean College of Science & Agriculture New Appointment, SUBR	\$102,020
7. Roman Banks	Interim Athletic Director/Head Men's Basketball Coach Continuation, SUBR	\$197,500
8. Dana Carpenter	Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Director of Dual Enrollment, Trio Programs, COMPASS Testing New Appointment, SUBR	\$120,000
9. Luria Young	Professor in the Math and Science Education Doctoral Program Continuation, SUBR	\$80,000
10. Carolyn Miller	Interim Director of Information Technology New Appointment, SUSLA	\$78,795
11. Eileen Shanklin-Andrus	Director of Internal Audit New Appointment, SUNO	\$70,000
12. Tavares Walker	Interim Office of Career Services Director New Appointment, SULC	\$66,000
13. Michelle Jackson	Interim Exec. Asst. to the Chancellor and Campus Disability Coordinator New Appointment, SULC	\$84,000

14. Adrienne Shields	Interim Director of Library New Appointment, SULC	\$72,000
15. Angela Mason	Assistant Director of Public Services Replacement/New Appointment, SULC	\$66,950
16. Penny Harris	Assistant/Professor Accreditation Coordinator New Appointment, SUNO	\$80,000
17. Freddie Pitcher	Professor of Law New Appointment, SULC	\$179,866
18. Alfreda S. Diamond	Interim V/C for Institutional Accountability New Appointment, SULC	\$144,200
E. Medical Leave Request for Michelle Ghetti/Fall Semester 2015, SULC		
F. Sabbatical Leave Request for Dr. Okechwu Oko/2015-16 Academic Year, SULC		
G. Request to Modify the Tenured Professor Retirement Incentive Plan, SULC		
H. Medical Leave Request for Professor Maurice Franks/Fall Semester 2015, SULC		

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Magee, Smith, Braxton, Fondel, Lawson, and Tarver; 2 nays: Clayton and Tolbert; 0 abstentions.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **A. Update on Personnel Study, SUS**

Dr. Belton provided an update on Personnel Study for the Southern University System. He stated that the feasibility study will be completed by the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

##### **B. Organizational Chart, SUS/SUBR**

Dr. Belton provided an organizational chart of the Southern University System and Southern University – Baton Rouge.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Rev. Tolbert expressed concerns regarding the submission of Board items in a timely manner.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Fondel, the meeting was adjourned.



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Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II.

**PRESENT**

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, - Chair  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr. – Vice Chair  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Mr. Dominique Diamond  
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.  
Dr. Curman L. Gaines  
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.  
Rev. Donald R. Henry  
Mr. Richard T. Hilliard  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mr. Darren G. Mire  
Mr. Mike A. Small  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

**ABSENT**

Dr. Rani G. Whitfield

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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Thomas Miller, SUBR Faculty Senate President, spoke in opposition of Agenda Item 5B-5: Personnel Affairs Committee.

Mr. Brian Alexander, SUNO Student Government Association President, spoke in regards to several concerns of the students at SUNO.

Dr. Albert Samuels, SUBR Faculty Senate Vice President, spoke in support of Action Item 5E: Approval of filing of application to allow SUS to become a Local Charter Authorizer.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of the June 20, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Minutes of the July 10, 2015 special meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Rev. Gant seconded by Atty. Magee the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the minutes of the June 20, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors and minutes of the July 10, 2015, special meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and it is hereby approved.

- B. Committee Reports and Recommendation

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried.

#### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, that the Endowed Professorship named below at Southern University – Baton Rouge, be they are hereby approved.

Alphonse Jackson-Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship

**Dr. Revathi Hines**

Engineering/Contractor's Educational Trust Fund Endowed Professorship

**Dr. Gkuoqiang Li**

Formosa Plastics Endowed Professorship in Mechanical Engineering

**Dr. Patrick Mensah**

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that Southern University – Law Center is authorized to offer a dual degree Juris Doctor/Masters of Business Administration Degree program for three years (3) be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that Southern University – Law Center is authorized to participate in the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI Grant Implementation), be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that Southern University – Law Center is authorized to participate in the Peggy Browning Fund (PBF) Southern Law Schools Collaborative Project, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Acadiana Planning Commission (APA) and the Southern University Law Center (SULC), and the Southern Central Planning Commission and Development Commission (SCPDC), be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that the request to establish a policy for the number of hours for a full-time faculty at Southern University – Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

#### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee that the Athletics Budget for FY 2015-2016 at Southern University at New Orleans, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee that the Athletics Budget for FY 2015-2016 at Southern University – Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee that the Athletics Budget for FY 2015-2016 at Southern University – Shreveport, be and it is hereby approved.

#### **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee that the Capital Outlay Request for FY 2016-2017 for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee that the Five-year Capital Outlay Plan for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Operating Budgets for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the BA-7 No.1, Southern University System, Southern University – Baton Rouge and Southern University – Shreveport, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the BA-7 No. 2, Mandated Budget Reduction, System-wide, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Athletics Budgets for FY 2015-2016, for Southern University – Baton Rouge, Southern University at New Orleans and Southern University - Shreveport, be and it is hereby approved.

#### **PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Atty. Clayton and Rev. Tolbert voted nay.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee that the Administration's request to waive the search and appoint Mr. Gabriel Fagbeyiro as Associate Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer for the Southern University System and Southern University – Baton Rouge, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's request to establish an Assistant Vice President for Online Enrollment Services, and authorization to appoint an interim Assistant Vice President for Online Enrollment Services, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's request to waive the search and appoint Mrs. Gwendolyn Bennett as Associate Vice President for Financial and Treasury Services for the Southern University System, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation for approval of positions with salaries greater than \$60,000 be and they are hereby approved.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title/Campus</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1. Michelle Hill	Interim Assistant Vice President for Online Enrollment Services New Appointment, SUS	\$94,500
2. William Broussard	Assistant to the President/Assistant Professor Cont./New Appointment, SUS & SUBR	\$70,000
3. Jourden Martin	Interim Director of Alumni Affairs New Appointment, SUS	\$60,000
4. Diola Bagayoko	Interim Dean Honors College/SUS Distinguished Professor of Physics & Chancellor's Fellow New Appointment, SUBR	\$125,051
5. James A. Taylor	Interim Dean College of Education Arts & Humanities New Appointment, SUBR	\$102,120
6. Lawrence Henry	Interim Dean College of Science & Agriculture New Appointment, SUBR	\$102,020
7. Roman Banks	Interim Athletic Director/Head Men's Basketball Coach Continuation, SUBR	\$197,500
8. Dana Carpenter	Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Director of Dual Enrollment, Trio Programs, COMPASS Testing New Appointment, SUBR	\$120,000
9. Luria Young	Professor in the Math and Science Education Doctoral Program Continuation, SUBR	\$80,000
10. Carolyn Miller	Interim Director of Information Technology New Appointment, SUSLA	\$78,795

11. Eileen Shanklin-Andrus	Director of Internal Audit New Appointment, SUNO	\$70,000
12. Tavares Walker	Interim Office of Career Services Director New Appointment, SULC	\$66,000
13. Michelle Jackson	Interim Exec. Asst. to the Chancellor and Campus Disability Coordinator New Appointment, SULC	\$84,000
14. Adrienne Shields	Interim Director of Library New Appointment, SULC	\$72,000
15. Angela Mason	Assistant Director of Public Services Replacement/New Appointment, SULC	\$66,950
16. Penny Harris	Assistant/Professor Accreditation Coordinator New Appointment, SUNO	\$80,000
17. Freddie Pitcher	Professor of Law New Appointment, SULC	\$179,866
18. Alfreda S. Diamond	Interim V/C for Institutional Accountability New Appointment, SULC	\$144,200

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the medical leave request for Michelle Ghetti for the 2015 Fall Semester at Southern University – Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the sabbatical leave request for Dr. Okechwuku Oko for the 2015-2016 Academic Year at Southern University – Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the request to modify the Tenured Professor Retirement Incentive Plan at Southern University – Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the medical leave request for Professor Maurice Franks for the 2015 Fall Semester at Southern University – Law Center, be and it is hereby approved.

- C. Request for authorization to search for Chancellor, SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, authorized President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton to conduct a search for the Southern University – Shreveport campus, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Request for authorization to search for Chancellor, SULC

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Braxton the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, authorized President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton to conduct a search for the Southern University – Law Center Shreveport campus, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approval of filing of application to allow SUS to become a Local Charter Authorizer

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Rev. Gant, the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board for Southern University, authorized the Administrators to file an application to allow the Southern University System to become a Local Charter Authorizer, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Consideration of a resolution of the Southern University System to settle claims in RE: Oil spill by the Oil Rig Deep Water Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, MLD No. 2179 District U.S. Court, Eastern District of Louisiana (Executive session may be required)

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolution of the Southern University System to settle claims in Oil Spill by the Oil Rig Deep Water Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, MLD No. 2179 District U.S. Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Clayton recommended that the economic impact of the Southern University System to the State of Louisiana be presented to the Attorney General to get a fair share of the remainder of the settlement.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **A. System President's Report**

The System President's report provided an oral report that can be viewed on the Board's website.

##### **B. Campus Reports**

The monthly campus reports can be viewed on the Board's website.

Atty. Clayton requested that a study be done regarding merging the SU Agricultural Research and Extension Center with SUBR.

Atty. Clayton encouraged SUS to take the lead in the implementation of the legislation regarding the production of medical marijuana.

##### **C. Update on Search for Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost**

Dr. William Moore, Chair of the Search Committee for the Executive Vice President for Academic and Provost provided an update.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board approved the following resolution.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions of condolences to the families named below be and they are hereby approved:

Elizabeth A. Johnson Sorrell  
Kimberly Louise McCoy  
David M. Chretien, Sr.  
Herbert R. Metoyer, Jr.  
Alfred William  
Earl Taylor, Sr.  
Lena Katherine William Lockhart  
Willie McKinley Martin  
George Arthur Brown, Sr.  
Officer Henry Nelson, Sunset Police Department  
Trooper Steven Vincent, Louisiana State Police  
Officer Thomas LaValley, Shreveport Police Department



Mrs. Smith on behalf of the Board of Supervisors thanked Marcus Brown and Mrs. Alice Douizer for their technical support and assistance during Board meetings.

Mrs. Smith on behalf of the Board of Supervisors thanked and presented Mrs. Lisa T. Green, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Supervisors, a card for her diligent dedication and hard work for the Board of Supervisors.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Atty. Magee, the meeting was adjourned.

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## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

**Dr. Adell Brown, Jr.**

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**Board of Supervisors**

**Southern University and A & M College System**

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## Interim Chancellor featured on 'This Week in Louisiana Agriculture'



Southern University Ag Center's Interim Chancellor Dr. Adell Brown was featured on the television program

'This Week in Louisiana Agriculture,' (TWILA). The show aired on Cox channel 4 at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 29 and on Sunday, August 30, 2015. A clip of the video is available at <https://youtu.be/FS90x8IbLBw>.

## All time high attendance at 15th annual Back-to-School Summit

Almost 1,300 eighth graders from middle schools in Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Evangeline, St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes attend the 2015 Back-to-School Summit at the Blackham Coliseum on Thursday, September 3 in Lafayette.

The event, which was hosted by the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives – the Southern University Ag Center's satellite campus in Opelousas, was held to encourage students to make better life choices, build character, think before becoming sexually active and abstain from drug use.

This year's theme was, "Are you A S.T.A.R.? Do you...Stop Think Act Review. The event featured a panel discussion which provided students with the opportunity to ask questions to a set of panelist. The panel included SU alum and District Attorney Steven Sumbler, Outstanding Mature Girlz Organization Founder and AIDS HEALTHCARE Foundation representative Sashika Baunchand, entrepreneur Shanna Dorion, and SU alum and Fitness Instructor Tanesha Craig.

challenged both the male and female students to grow up to be strong respectable men and women.



Beau Dore' speaks to middle school students during the 15th annual Back-to-School Summit in Lafayette

Telling them they can overcome whatever obstacles they are facing and those obstacles don't have to define who they will become. He also shared an emotional testimony of how he was faced with raising his special needs daughter as a

single parent after his wife decided she didn't want to be married and moved out of town with their other two children.

Other speakers included SU Ag Center interim Chancellor Dr. Adell Brown, Senator Elbert Guillory, Crossroads Church Student Ministries Director Beau Dore' and Southern University Admissions Recruiter Dr. Robert Rene.

The students also received door prizes, were able to visit vendor displays and take pictures in a photo booth during the summit.

An article on the Back-to-School Summit appeared in the Acadiana Bureau of The Advocate Newspaper on Sept. 4. The article is available at <http://theadvocate.com/news/acadiana/13348899-123/rural-acadiana-eighth-graders-get>.

Lafayette TV news station KADN FOX 15 also posted a story on their website about the event at <http://www.cajunfirst.com/news/local-news/studnets-attend-back-to-school-summit>.

## Forest Service Scientists Discuss Oak Tree Infestations with SU Ag Center Researchers

Scientists from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service visited the Southern University Ag Center on Thursday, September 3 to discuss the emerging issue of live oak midge gall infestations and damage to live oak trees in the Baton Rouge area.



L-r: Stacy Blomquist from Southern Research Station SRS-4552 and Dr. Brian Strom, Research Entomologist, pose with Dr. Yadong Qi, SU Ag Center

Research Entomologist Dr. Brian Strom and Biological Science Technician Stacy Blomquist from the USDA's Southern Research Station 4552 in Pineville, LA met with interim Chancellor Dr. Adell Brown, Urban Forestry Program Leader Dr. Kamran Abdollahi, Professor of Urban Forestry Dr. Yadong Qi, and Postdoctoral Researcher Dr. Vanessa Ferchaud.

The infections are caused by a tiny insect called a "gall midge." These winged pests were discovered

in Texas in 1999. The gall midge lay eggs in massive budlike cluster rosette galls on the branches of live oak trees. The cluster competes with the tree's branches for water and nutrients, adding weight to the trees and eventually causes die-back of the branches and decline in the tree's vigor.

Dr. Qi believes a lack of natural predators has aided in the species becoming so invasive.

Drs. Qi, Ferchaud and other SU Ag Center researchers first noticed the gall on the Southern University campus in February 2009 and began collecting data on the species.

During the meeting, Dr. Qi gave a presentation detailing the current progress made by the SU Ag Center towards understanding the biology, gall formation, behavior and impact of this new pest on oak trees.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the SU Ag Center to build a joint effort with the USDA to explore effective control strategies to reduce damage caused by this invasive species on our precious southern live oak tree population.

For additional information on live oak midge gall, contact Professor of Urban Forestry Dr. Yadong Qi at, 225-771-4408 or via e-mail at [yadong\\_qi@suagcenter.com](mailto:yadong_qi@suagcenter.com).

## Youth at SU Ag Center's C.H.E.F. Camp featured in the *Advocate*

The article that featured summer campers learning the basics of healthy cooking on August 9<sup>th</sup> was entitled "Young cooks at Southern's Chef Camp learn that healthy food can be enjoyable food -- fruit pizza, for example."

The Creating Healthy Enjoyable Foods (CHEF) camp taught healthy alternatives to cooking, for example baking French fries instead of frying. "These are going to be tasty," said 12-year-old Essynce Thomas, smiling as she slid the pan of potatoes into the oven.

Thomas and other young cooks at Southern University Ag Center's C.H.E.F. cooking school had whipped up the dish, learning the right techniques for cutting potatoes, measuring oil and getting just the right amount of basil in a measuring spoon.

The camp teaches children ages 9 to 14 the basics of nutrition and cooking, just enough to make them feel at ease in the kitchen. During the inaugural camp, the students made pizzas, guacamole, ice cream and quesadillas with minimal assistance from adults while working in the kitchens at Pinkie E. Thrift Hall on the Southern campus.

"A lot of times, parents are at work, kids come home and they want to put a frozen meal in the microwave, or parents get home and take them to McDonald's," said Marquetta Anderson, who teaches nutrition at the Ag Center.

"This camp teaches kids know how to create healthy, enjoyable foods."

Learning good habits early is important, said Kiyana Kelly, who also teaches nutrition and was one of the camp's instructors. In Louisiana, about a third of children and adults are overweight or obese, according to the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

Those convenience foods that are easy to pop into the microwave can easily contain a day's worth of sodium, fat or sugar, Kelly said. Although the meals at the C.H.E.F. camp were healthy, the recipes weren't elaborate or overly complex.

A link to the article is provided below:  
<http://theadvocate.com/features/13092529-123/creating-healthy-enjoyable-foods>

## During the past month, the Center for Rural and Small Business Development:

### Partnered with SU College of Business to Improve Economic Conditions on August 4<sup>th</sup>

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development staff at SU Ag Center is partnering with SU College of Business professor, and St. Helena Police Juror representative to discuss poverty and poor economic conditions with the Mayor of Kentwood, Irma Gordon.

CRSBD staff Eual Hall, and College of Business Professor Sung No, participated in a meeting with Irma Thompson Gordon, Mayor of Kentwood, and Virginia Bell, Police Juror representative.



The purpose of the meeting was to analyze the underserved and disadvantaged sections of

Tangipahoa Parish.

Community and economic development issues have plagued the northern section of Tangipahoa Parish for decades. This area has experienced slow growth for more than forty years. The towns and areas include Kentwood, Roseland, Tangipahoa Village, Fluker,

Arcola, and several rural communities. Discussions and planning to alleviate the issues are on-going.

## **Partnered with USDA Rural Development Single Family Housing on August 5**

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development at Southern University Ag Center is partnering with USDA Rural Development Single Family Housing program to educate New Roads citizens about loan and grant qualification.



Office Director presented various USDA, Rural Development programs to participants. Several participants were interested in applying for grants and wanted information concerning USDA, Rural Development Single Family Housing loans/grants qualifications.

CSRBD staff participated in a USDA 502/504 Single Family Housing program workshop in New Roads. Area Manager Mack McCraney, Amite

The Center staff have been requested to return for additional meetings to assist with the application process.

## **Implemented ‘Starting or Maximizing a Small Business’ training on August 6**

Staff from the Center for Rural and Small Business Development provided a “Starting or Maximizing a Small Business” training for citizens in the southeast portion of St. Helena Parish known as 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, within one mile of Tangipahoa Parish line. Several of the participants were doing business, but not legally. They gained knowledge on the registration process, and forms required, business structure, requesting assistance, loan packaging, record keeping, business planning, USDA, Rural Development Single Family home repair and purchase, and other aspects of starting and operating a successful business venture. Some participants had completed the SS4-employers ID and

proceeded to do business without completing Louisiana Department of Revenue registration, Secretary of State registration of business name, or parish tax registration. The group coordinator and participants requested a series of training on such topics as asset accumulation and perseverations, basic computer training, starting and operating a business. The sessions would include: starting a business, marketing a business, loan packaging preparation, business planning, accumulation and understanding business financial statements, registration with Dun and Bradstreet, and other issues which negatively affect economic and community development.

## Attended Louisiana Black Caucus Conference on August 31

The Center for Rural and Small Business Development staff accepted an invitation from local governing leaders to participate in a Louisiana Black Caucus conference in Lafayette. The staff members presented a list of services and benefits that they provide within the contract coverage area to conference attendees.



Mayors and their staff, potential and existing political candidates, and local government representatives indicated that the Center's services of providing economic and community development assistance to rural citizens and towns were desperately needed in their areas.

## Southern University Ag Center kicks off Club Recruitment Day

The SU Ag Center kicked off "Club Recruitment Day" on August 7, at St. Helena College & Career Academy in Greensburg, Louisiana. At the event, Youth Development Agent Nicolette Gordon said, "There are two awesome clubs that we have implemented at St. Helena College & Career Academy, and we can't wait to get the third club underway!" The three clubs are iLead (Interactive Leaders Engaging & Advancing Democracy), Outstanding Mature Girlz (OMG), and Jag Leaders that will also serve as Ambassadors for Healthy Living in the Greensburg community.

Students stopped by the SU Ag Center's information table during their lunch shifts and registered to join the clubs.



Gordon also stated that she is working with school board members and Police Jurors to get the Youth Educational Support (Y.E.S.) after school Program underway. The YES Program is scheduled to kick-off in September at the Multi-Purpose Center in St. Helena's Fifth District.

## Club Election Day Off to a Great Start

A kicked-off for the “Club Election Day,” was held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Kentwood Magnet High School in Kentwood, Louisiana. Students nominated their peers for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, iReporter and Chairman. Hopefuls were allowed to make campaign signs and give brief campaign speeches explaining why he/she is the best person for the job.



Candidate for President of the Jag Leaders Club -  
Shvheim Carter Sr

Southern University Ag Center Youth Development Agent Nicolette Gordon said, “This is great public speaking practice, and gives every club member a sense of belonging to partake in the election process.”

Candidates waited anxiously as all ballots were tallied to see who would lead the Outstanding Mature Girlz Club, and Jag Leaders Club during the 2015-2016 school year. “There will definitely be leadership training for all newly elected officers, said Gordon.” Under the direction of Dr. Wanda Burke, Youth Development

Agents are currently organizing a spring “Leadership Retreat” for all newly elected Club Officers in Opelousas, Orleans, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa Parishes.

## Select 4-H Youth Ambassadors Travel to the Nation’s Capital

The Southern University Agricultural Research & Extension Center selected 4-H’ers Kevelyn Brown of St. Helena Parish, and Jon’Terrinee Lewis of St. Landry Parish as healthy living youth ambassadors to Washington, DC. In this new role, Brown and Lewis will help to guide their peers and communities into living healthier lifestyles through nutrition, and physical fitness.

Brown and Lewis were chosen from hundreds of youth that Cooperative Extension Agents

Goldie Jordan and Nicolette Gordon had previously worked with during the 2014-2015 school year. They were ultimately chosen based on their commitment and dedication to leadership, and

willingness to make moderate changes to their daily eating habits.

“I liked it, I enjoyed it...it was fun, said Lewis while speaking of her three-day Walmart - 4-H Youth Voice: Youth Choice Training. The training



4-H youth ambassadors practice exercise moves

was held at the National 4-H Council in Chevy Chase, Maryland from August 23 – 26.



Participants attended workshops on Youth Yoga, Poverty Simulations, Sustainable Gardens, and attended a talk about "Hunger Luncheon."

In transit to the Nation's Capital, both Brown and Lewis had the pleasure of meeting Civil Rights Pioneer and Congressman John Lewis. He encouraged them to continue to travel and make their mark in this world.

While attending the training, youth were able to tour the World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and the Martin Luther King Jr.

Memorial. Youth enjoyed commentary and history about these memorials and had 20-30 minutes to explore each site on their own.

## From the Ag Fields to the Air Waves

Assistant County Agent in St. Martin and Iberia Parishes DeLane Ross utilizes every avenue to educate the general public about agriculture. Once per month, DeLane speaks Live on the AM station K.A.N.E in New Iberia, LA. Each month a different topic is presented ranging from best crop varieties for Southern Louisiana, to adjusting gardens to accommodate seasonal changes. During the last broadcast in the month, Ross discussed Fall & Winter soil preparation for the spring growing season. In this broadcast he presented information on soil sampling, correctly reading soil recommendations, correcting pH levels, and signs of soil health. In addition he addressed the concerns many onion gardeners had complaints about regarding variety availability in certain parts of Southern Louisiana. Many establishments only carried long day onion varieties while short day onions grow best in Southern Louisiana. When most

producers think of the names long day and short day they immediately associate the name with the length of the growing season. In actuality, the name long day and short day refer to day length and light intensity which affect temperatures. In Louisiana, short day varieties such as Red Creole and Crystal wax are recommended because they develop their bulbs faster than long day varieties.



Ross on the air

Each month, Ross presents a new topic to help educate farmers, home owners, and land owners in St. Martin & Iberia Parishes. The K.A.N.E radio broadcast targets an audience of over 5,000 listeners from New Iberia to Lafayette. Listeners are able to interact with the county agent by calling in during the live broadcast and asking him to address specific concerns that they have. The next radio broadcast aired on September 15 and was accessible at <http://www.kane1240.com/>

## West Carroll starts 'Healthy Communities' Community Garden Initiative

This past summer, SU Ag Center Parish Extension Agent Thomas Nyatta Legiandenyi, East/West Carroll; and LSU AgCenter county agents Donna Lee, East Carroll; Bruce Garner and Monica Stewart, West Carroll; and Tera Lane, SU Intern joined with community volunteers to launch a community garden initiative. The team set up community gardens at Oak Grove Elementary School, Life Church in Goodwill, and the Oak Grove Town Hall. These community gardens will be more than just a set of raised vegetable beds.



Cultivating Community Garden at Oak Grove downtown

They will serve as open and welcoming spaces that encourage community to sow the seeds of herbs and vegetables, as well as the seeds of healthy living and eating habits by producing fresh food through creativity. By having gardens in different areas, more groups of volunteers were involved in community gardens and their maintenance.

The "Healthy Community" program could not have come at a better time because West Carroll sits in Louisiana's Delta region where the incidence of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and obesity are higher than in other areas of the state.

"The community gardening initiative is aimed at demonstrating to the community that it is not that difficult to grow one's own fresh produce for healthy eating," said Legiandenyi.

## FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Faculty Publications:

SU Ag Center scientists Dr. Yadong Qi, professor of urban forestry; Dr. Kit L. Chin, professor of horticulture, and Dr. Vanessa Ferchaud, postdoctoral research scientist have co-authored some outstanding peer-reviewed publications within the past year. These publications are the products of the USDA-NIFA-Capacity Building Grant Program funded Hibiscus research projects, multi-institutional collaboration/partnership, and international scientific and technical exchange in urban forestry.

1. Jin Wang, Xianshuang Cao, **Yadong Qi\***, **Vanessa Ferchaud**, **Kit L. Chin**, Fen Tang. 2015. High-Performance Thin-layer Chromatographic Method for Screening Antioxidant Compounds and Discrimination of *Hibiscus Sabdariffa* L. by Principal Component Analysis. *JPC - Journal of Planar Chromatography - Modern TLC* 07/2015; 28(4):274-279.  
[DOI:10.1556/1006.2015.28.4.2](https://doi.org/10.1556/1006.2015.28.4.2) · 0.67  
Impact Factor (\*corresponding author)

2. Jing Zhen, Thomas Villani, **Yadong Qi**, **Kit Chin**, Min-Hsiung Pan, Chi-Tang Ho, James Simon, and Qing-Li Wu. 2016. Phytochemistry, antioxidant capacity, total phenolic content and anti-inflammatory activity of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* leaves. *Food Chemistry* 06/2015; 190(2016):673–680.  
[DOI:10.1016/j.foodchem.2015.06.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2015.06.006) · 3.26  
Impact Factor

3. Lan Gong, Bin Ma, **Yadong Qi**, Chengyang Xu. 2015. A Satisfaction Analysis of the Infrastructure of Country Parks in Beijing. *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening* 04/2015; 14(3):480–489.  
[DOI:10.1016/j.ufug.2015.04.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ufug.2015.04.013) · 2.13  
Impact Factor
4. Wang, J, X. Cao, H. Jiang, **Y. Qi\***, **K. L. Chin**, Y. Yue. 2014. Antioxidant Activity of Leaf Extracts from Different *Hibiscus Sabdariffa* Accessions and Simultaneous Determination Five Major Antioxidant Compounds by LC-Q-TOF-MS. *Molecules* 12/2014; 19(12):21226-21238.  
[DOI:10.3390/molecules191221226](https://doi.org/10.3390/molecules191221226) · 2.42  
Impact Factor (\*corresponding author)



Qi runs antioxidant analysis in the lab

5. Chang, X., **Y. Qi**, Z. Zhang, L. Wang, Y. He, and J. Sai. 2014. Comparative study of graduate education system between China and USA. *Higher Agricultural Education* 8:119-124. (In Chinese) The paper was awarded an excellent research prize by Agriculture and Forestry Chapter of Chinese Society of Academic Degrees and Graduate Education.

## EBR Parish County Agent participates in NACAA Conference

East Baton Rouge Parish County Agent Terrence Marshall, Past President of the Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association, represented Louisiana at the National Association County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) and served as a voting delegate at the conference. The event took place at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



L-r: Mike Hogan, President and Cynthia Gregg, President-Elect at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference in Sioux Falls

## Upcoming Events

**September 18:** Small Farmer Ag Leadership Institute Graduation Ceremony, SU Ag Center, Baton Rouge. Dr. Joe Leonard, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights will serve as keynote speaker. For more information, contact Dawn Mellion-Patin or Zanetta Augustine at 225-771-2242.

**September 26:** BOLD Class Completion Ceremony in Baton Rouge at the SU Ag Center. Contact Kenyetta Smith at 225-771-2242.

**October 7:** 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD), young people will take part in experiments to learn about physics, speed and safety! For more information, contact Tiffany Franklin at 225-771-2775.

**December 17:** Southern University Agricultural Research & Extension Center's 1<sup>st</sup> Scholarship Gala themed, "Sowing Seeds for Future 1890 Scholars: Growing the Next Generation." The gala will be held at L'Auberge Baton Rouge at 8 p.m. for more information, contact Alice Dyson at 225-771-2143.



## FALL 2015 FIRST YEAR STUDENT ORIENTATION

During the opening session of the 2015 First-Year Student Orientation, members of the entering class were told that they will succeed at SULC because of their passion, integrity, and perseverance.

Members of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the SULC family, as well as an Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court weighed in on the discussion of how to succeed in law studies in their welcome remarks during LSBA's Student Orientation on Professionalism, held August 13.

Interim Chancellor John K. Pierre introduced as the class motto: "From Enrollment to Employment," declaring to the incoming law students that "we want you to become professionals who will be leaders."

Student Bar Association President Patrick Harrington expressed his excitement that these students chose SULC and that SULC chose them. Harrington assured them of a "great" legal education if they put in the work and added "It will be one hell of a ride."

LSBA Committee on the Profession Chairman Barry Grodsky noted that the Student Orientation on Professionalism program is in its 16th years. He acknowledged the former LSBA President E. Phelps Gay, who initiated the program in Louisiana in 2009, as well as the bar and bench volunteers present to conduct the 2015 sessions.



*From left: Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones, Academic Affairs; Barry Grodsky, Chairman of the LSBA Committee on the Profession; Mark Cunningham, LSBA President; Interim Chancellor John K. Pierre; Associate Justice John L. Weimer, Louisiana Supreme Court; Patrick Harrington, SULC SBA President; and Vice Chancellor Roederick White, Student Affairs.*

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Administration & Staff News
- Alumni News

## SUPREME COURT ARGUMENTS

Student attorneys in the SULC Clinical Education Program conducted oral arguments on August 31 in a pro se case assigned by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Charletta Anderson, John Blanchard, and Christine Wells were chosen by Prof. Virginia Listach, Director of Clinical Education, to represent the appellant in *State of Louisiana, Appellee v. Gerald W. Dahlem, Appellant*, Docket number 2014-KO-1555. Oral arguments in New Orleans also were available for viewing via live stream on the Louisiana Supreme Court's website.

"The students did an outstanding job during oral arguments and handled themselves as well as any seasoned attorneys," according to Prof. Dorothy F. Jackson. "They represented SULC well. Kudos to them and Prof. Listach for a job well done!"



*Pictured from left are Charletta Anderson, Prof. Virginia Listach, Christine Wells, and John Blanchard.*

*Prof. Angela Allen-Bell is quoted extensively in The Huffington Post recent article, "Surveillance of Black Lives Matter movement Recalls COINTELPRO Tactics," by reporter Julia Craven. See what Prof. Allen-Bell has to say at: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/surveillance-black-lives-matter-cointelpro\\_55d49dc6e4b055a6dab24008?sjpgmn29](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/surveillance-black-lives-matter-cointelpro_55d49dc6e4b055a6dab24008?sjpgmn29)*

## FACULTY NEWS

Prof. Chris Odinet's article, "Banks, Break-ins, and Bad Actors in Mortgage Foreclosure" was recently listed as one of the top 10 most downloaded property law articles on the Social Science Research Network which is ranked as one of the top open-access research repositories in the world.

Adj. Prof. Michael Garrard spoke at a freshman orientation event held by the Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College on August 12, 2015, and at the 2015 Fall Honors College Convocation on August 28, 2015.

Prof. Chris Odinet's article, "Banks, Break-ins, and Bad Actors in Mortgage Foreclosure" was recently listed as one of the top 10 most downloaded property law articles on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN): <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/property/2015/08/top.html>. SSRN is ranked as one of the top open-access research repositories in the world.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM SERVICE RECOGNITION RECEPTION—AUGUST 14, 2015



*Interim Chancellor Pierre and retired Executive Assistant to the Chancellor Ruth Bailey Wesley.*



*Gail Stephenson, director of legal analysis and writing; retired Prof. Linda Fowler, and Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones.*



*Retired Prof. Arthur Stallworth and Vice Chancellor Jones.*



*Gregory Lewis, husband of the late Ollie Lewis and the Rev. Charles Peter, husband of the late Ruth J. Hill attended the reception and made remarks about their spouses' reflections of SULC.*



*Images from Federal Government 101 Career Fair*

## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 101**

The SULC Office of Career Services, in collaboration with the SUBR Office of Career Services, hosted “Federal Government 101,” a federal employment career fair, in the Law Center’s atrium, on Thursday, September 10, 2015. The event presented a great opportunity for Southern University students to highlight their knowledge, skills, and abilities to over 20 federal agencies. This is the first time that such an event has ever been held at SULC.

The event was open to law students, undergraduate students and graduate students. The participation of the federal agencies was spearheaded by Kathy Barre, executive director of the Federal Executive Board in New Orleans, LA.

The agencies included were: Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM); Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement (BSEE); Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA); Department of Homeland Security - Homeland Security Investigations; Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Enforcement and Removal Operations; National Finance Center (NFC); Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System (SLVHS); Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR); Transportation Security Administration (TSA); US Postal Service (USPS)-Alabama District; US Coast Guard (USCG); US Probation Office, Eastern District of Louisiana (USPO); and US Department of State, New Orleans Passport Agency.

## **ADMINISTRATION & STAFF NEWS**

**Prof. Gail Stephenson**, director of legal analysis and writing, was interviewed on BuzzFeed about FEMA’s response after Hurricane Katrina. The link to the article: <http://www.buzzfeed.com/petermoskowitz/how-one-of-katrin-as-feel-good-stories-turned-bad#.rsz6LpEMz>

**Vice Chancellor Russell Jones** has been appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana to co-chair the merit selection panel for the appointment of the magistrate judge that will replace Judge Stephen C. Redlinger.

**Vice Chancellor Russell Jones** received a grant in the amount of \$5,588 from the Louisiana Bar Foundation for the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project. The grant will be used to enhance the services provided to the project’s high school partners: Scotlandville Magnet High School, Glen Oaks High School, and Southern University Laboratory School.

**Pamela Anderson**, administrative assistant in Academic Support Programs and Counseling; and **Claudette Smith-Brown**, administrative assistant in the Law Library, completed the Southern University System Administrative Professional Certificate Program, August 14, 2015.

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Eric Claville, '06**, assistant dean of the School of Liberal Arts, assistant professor of political science and history, and director of the Pre-Law Institute at Hampton University, has been invited to be the keynote speaker for the Dr. Joseph Windham Lecture Series on Race Relations hosted by the Diversity Committee at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria campus, on October 1, 2015.

**Van Freeman, '12**, has been promoted to senior adviser to the national director in the Minority Business Development Agency-U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington D.C. Freeman was formerly deputy director of the Office of the Executive to the Secretariat, U.S. Department of Commerce, an appointment by President Barack Obama in 2013.

**Vanessa L. Griddine Jones, '14**, has been awarded the LL.M. in International Law from the University of Houston.

**Benjamin R. LaBranche, '04**, was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association's 58th annual meeting in Denver, Colorado, on July 26.

**Ephraim Lucas, '13**, has accepted a position as tax consultant for Strategic Tax Advisors based in Illinois, effective August 31.

**Cleveland Patterson III, '12**, prosecutor with the Mobile County District Attorney's Office in Alabama, moderated a panel discussion regarding the topic of domestic violence in professional sports and the future of professional athletes that are charged with domestic abuse at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

**Ashley E. Philen, '07**, of Simien & Simien Law Firm, New Iberia, Louisiana, office, has been recognized as one of the "Top 40 Under 40" attorneys by the National Trial Lawyers Association, for a third time.

## VOTING RIGHTS ACT—ELECTION PROTECTION

Convincing arguments on continuing importance of Voting Rights Act presented by panelists with logistical, faith-based, anecdotal, historical, and empirical data.



**SPONSORS OF THE SEPTEMBER 2 VOTING RIGHTS PANEL DISCUSSION**--From left: *Dorian L. Spence, Associate Counsel, Voting Rights Project; Interim Chancellor John K. Pierre; SBA President Patrick J. Harrington; Trupania "Trap" Bonner, Founder, Crescent City Media Group; Prof. Albert Samuels, Chair, SUBR Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice; Ernest L. Johnson, President, NAACP Louisiana State Conference; Tracie L. Washington, President & CEO, The Louisiana Justice Institute; Rev. Jonathan "Jay" C. Augustine, Senior Pastor, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church; Chief Judge Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux, Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal; SBA Diversity Committee Chair Cassandre Michel; SBA Diversity Committee Co-Chair Dax Ramsey; and Trevor Ostbye, National Coordinator, Legal Mobilization Project. Not pictured is Interim Dean Diola Bagayoko, of the SUBR Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College*

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP DONATION



*Members of the Northeast Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Society's contribution of \$10,000 to the SULC Scholarship Fund was a highlight of the Friday, September 4, President's Reception hosted by the Southern University System. Some 300 alumni gathered at the Eddie G. Robinson Museum in Grambling, Louisiana, on the Jaguars' opening football game weekend against the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs in Ruston. Pictured from left are Bobby Manning, '97; Carol Powell-Lexing, '88; President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton; Interim Chancellor John K. Pierre; James Ross, Jr., '80; Louis Scott, '78; and George Britton III, '89, Martinet Society Chapter President.*



## **BLACK LIVES MATTER SUMMIT**



*From left: Erika Green, Dr. Carey Yazeed, Judge Lisa Woodruff White, Dr. Walter Tillman,*

Judge Pamela Taylor Johnson, '76; Judge Lisa Woodruff White, '89; Ron Gathe Jr., '00; Charles "Chuck" Toney Jr., '11; and Yolanda Martin Singleton, '91, joined program participants for "2015 Black Lives Matter Summit," Saturday, August 22, at the Southern University Law Center.

The event, presented by Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter, Baton Rouge Delta Development Corporation, Planned Parenthood, and SULC, addressed issues affecting the Black community, including "Education the Black Child: Procedures, Practices, Struggles, and Community Involvement;" "Family Matters: How to Mend Broken Pieces," and "The Judicial System and Black America." Erika Green, '10; and Kimberly Hardy-Lamotte, '12, were event co-chairs.



*From left: Ron Gathe, Green, Judge Pamela Taylor Johnson, Sergeant Daryl Honore, Chuck Toney Jr., Sergeant Riley Harbour, and Davis.*

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM FALL ORIENTATION: PROFESSIONALISM SPEAKERS**



*From left: Cynthia N. Reed, Director of CLE and Alumni Affairs; Robert C. Lehman; Raushanah Hunter; Jennifer Ashley Mitchell; Judge Roxie F. Goynes; Rashida Danielle Barringer; Michael E. Holloway, and Martin Maley.*



*From left: Moniquie M. Edwards, Lisa A. Freeman, Harley Mark Brown, Marsha Wade, and Raushanah Hunter.*



*From left: E. Phelps Gay, Alfreda Bester Tillman, LaKoshia Roberts, Judge Trudy White, and Eugene G. Gouaux, III.*



*From left: Malinda Hills Holmes, Virginia G. Benoist, Elisa Stephens Randall, and Commissioner Quintillis Lawrence.*

**Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge**  
**Chancellor's Report**



*to the*

**Southern University Board of Supervisors**

**September 25, 2015**  
**J. S. Clark Adm. Bldg.**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70813**

# Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



### SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### **Dr. Stephen C. McGuire Receives Prestigious Appointment from the LIGO Scientific Collaboration**



Southern University physics professor, Dr. Stephen C. McGuire was recently selected to be one of 10 inaugural Fellows of a prestigious international group of scientists.

The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) Scientific Collaboration is a group of more than 900 scientists worldwide who have joined together in the search for the elusive gravity waves predicted by Dr. Albert Einstein in

his general theory of relativity, a LIGO press release said.

LIGO is a national facility for gravitational-wave research, providing opportunities for the broader scientific community to participate in detector development, observations and data analysis. The National Science Foundation is funding the project that is managed by the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. McGuire stated, "It is both an honor to be appointed an LSC Fellow and a privilege to represent Southern University in this world-class physics experiment, especially at such an exciting time in the evolution of the field of gravitational-wave

astronomy. The recognition given to our university and opportunities for our students and faculty have been, and continue to be, truly exceptional."

Dr. McGuire has been active in LIGO, working in the areas of optical materials research and science education outreach since 1999. He serves as the Southern University principal investigator for the LSC and Director of the Southern University Advanced Optical Materials Laboratory. Prior to joining the SU faculty, McGuire was an associate professor of nuclear science and engineering at Cornell University.

Dr. McGuire is also a Fellow of the American Physical Society. He received his B.S. in physics with honors from Southern University, a master's degree in nuclear physics from the University of Rochester and a Ph.D. in nuclear science from Cornell University.

### **The BASF Corporation Donates \$25K to Southern University's Career Services Center**

The BASF Corporation (BASF) donated \$25,000 to Southern University's Career Services Center to sponsor a professional media center for students. The donation funded a multi-purpose technology computer-based resource center and virtual interviewing equipment for Southern students majoring in engineering and business.

Tamara Montgomery, Director of the Career Services Center, stated, "The Multi-Purpose Technology Center supports and improves existing career development workshops, internship programs, leadership seminars, professional development courses, student employment sessions, networking events, mock interviews and group training sessions conducted by our business and industry partners." Mrs. Montgomery designed Southern's media center's layout with BASF's slogan in mind, "We Create Chemistry." Her vision was to create an interactive learning environment where students feel motivated and excited to prepare for success.

BASF and SUBR developed a partnership to give students a chance to "engage with corporate entities" everywhere, President/Chancellor Ray Belton said at the ceremony opening the center. The partnership is part of the continued effort to "improve the diversity and make-up of the company," said Patricia Rossman, BASF's Chief Diversity Officer. She said BASF wants to "improve its professional development and career development" with Southern University.

With a surround sound system, wireless microphone, Blue-ray and video capabilities, students will also have the opportunity to practice their public speaking

and presentation skills. Along with funding the media center, BASF will provide additional resources and scholarships for engineering and business students.

"We are excited about the new media center which has the latest technology to prepare our students for the workforce," Mrs. Montgomery said. "BASF is a wonderful partner and they are definitely making a difference in the lives of our students. BASF is not just another company. We consider them to be a part of the SU Family."

The multi-purpose technology computer-based resource center and virtual interviewing equipment is located in Harris Hall, room 2064.

### **SUBR Staff Member Appointed Commissioner for Volunteer Louisiana Commission**



Southern University's Kristan Gordon was recently nominated to serve as commissioner for the Volunteer Louisiana Commission.

Ms. Gordon, Assistant to the Dean of International Education and Coordinator of Service Learning, was selected and appointed by Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor, Jay Dardenne, to help promote community involvement.

"As a commissioner, I, and my fellow commissioners will encourage community service and state problem solving, promote and support citizen involvement in government and private programs throughout the state, and develop a long-term, comprehensive vision and plan for action for community service initiatives in Louisiana," said Ms. Gordon. She said she will also "act as the state's policy making body for the Corporation for National and Community Service, and serve as the state's liaison to other national and state organizations which support its mission."

Candidates, who were heavily involved in the community and repeatedly sought ways to positively impact youth, were selected amongst local educators to serve as commissioner for the Volunteer Louisiana Commission.

"The feeling is incomparable," said Ms. Gordon. "To have someone outside of the university recognize your hard work and reward you for it, makes me feel like all the hard work and dedication is paying off."

### **SUBR Senior Selected as HBCU All-Star by the White House Initiative on HBCUs**

Southern University student, Sally Ross, was selected as a 2015 HBCU All-Star by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Ms. Ross is a proud native of Baton Rouge and was one of 83 students out of 450 that applied for selection. "Being selected as the 2015 HBCU All-Star to represent Southern University is a tremendous honor and one that I am proud to hold," Ms. Ross said. "As an HBCU All-Star, I will be able to showcase the advantages of an HBCU education, represent the interests of HBCU students and encourage other students nationwide to lead, serve and strive for success and academic excellence."



Students were required to submit a transcript, resume, two essays and an endorsement letter from a campus mentor. The White House Initiative on HBCUs was looking for students that demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership and civic engagement.

Ms. Ross is excited to work with SUBR's Student Government Association and the Agricultural Research and Extension Center to organize events for students this fall. "I look forward to serving my fellow students and representing my university to the best of my ability during my year of service and beyond," she said.

Ms. Ross will graduate this fall with a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Forestry. She plans to immediately pursue the master's degree in Public Administration at SUBR.

### **SUBR Campus Police Launches Jags Safe App**

Southern University's Campus Police Department launched its official Jags Safe app for students, faculty and staff on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 to bring an added degree of safety on campus and its surrounding areas.



The free Jags Safe app will "increase the level of safety, security and integrate technology on Southern University's campus," according to Southern University's Interim Chief of Police, Joycelyn Johnson. It is designed to "have a closer connection to students, faculty and staff in regards to safety, give an extra sense of security, and to create a safety net that students can use to take ownership in their own safety," she said.

According to Southern University's Dean of Students, Marcus Coleman, "The Jags Safe app is a necessary addition to the campus community. It gives students, faculty, and staff much needed instant access to campus authorities when they are in distress."

With anonymous photo and video submissions, mass text and email notifications, real time indoor positioning, and emergency weather alerts, students, faculty and staff can stay informed, protected, and in control of suspicious activity on campus. The Jags Safe app also offers extra security features such as prompt bus and police escort services for students, faculty and staff.



"It will help students locate our campus shuttle at night, whether they have a late class or are just out late studying, to ensure that they make it to their destination safely," Dean Coleman stated.

After researching over 70 companies, Southern's campus police department is excited to be the first HBCU to have teamed up with 911 Cellular to have students instantly and conveniently report crimes, at the touch of a button.

"The app is great news for us because it pushes Southern as the leader in campus safety for HBCUs," Dean Coleman said. "This is also another reason for parents to feel excited about sending their students to Southern because we can ensure them that it's a safe campus environment."

For more information on Jags Safe, visit Southern police department website or email Officer Ashley Hurst at [Ashley\\_hurst@subr.edu](mailto:Ashley_hurst@subr.edu).

### **New Uniforms for Southern University's Police Department**



(Left to Right: Lieutenant Floyd Williams, Lieutenant Eddie Mitchell, Chief Joycelyn Johnson, and Lieutenant Byron Cage)

The top brass at Southern University's Police Department now have new crisp uniforms to show off for special occasions and details.

Interim Police Chief, Joycelyn Johnson, and her command staff showed off the new uniforms at a recent photo shoot. It is the first time that the entire group will have the special occasion uniforms.

In the past, only the police chief would have special uniforms that were worn to events such as law

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enforcement training institutes, funerals and at major programs on the Baton Rouge campus and the community.

"I decided to get the uniforms for all of the decision-making staff," Chief Johnson said. "This is about all of the team because we all work together to make this department better."

### **Southern University Program Commemorates 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina**

Approximately 500 Southern University students took part in a discussion on the impact that the death and destruction of Hurricane Katrina had on law enforcement, demographics, sociology and the economy of New Orleans.

The program, "Remembering Katrina: A Symposium Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina," included a panel discussion along with testimonials from survivors of the storm. The program was held in the Cotillion



Ballroom of the Smith-Brown Memorial Union and was sponsored by the faculty of the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

### **SUBR 2015 Organizational Fair**

More than 300 students participated in "The Real Organization of Southern University's 2015 Organizational Fair" in Seymour Gymnasium.

The Office of Student Organizations sponsored the event that included numerous organizations for students to choose from, free music, food and t-shirts.

Ja'el Gordon, Coordinator of Student Organizations, said she was pleased with the turnout, the participation and the theme.



### **Fall 2015 Environmental Toxicology Seminar Series**



Dr. Francesca M. Mellieon-Williams, Academic Technology/Innovation Coordinator in Division of Information Technology (DoIT) presented her research, **“Educational Technology Pedagogy = theory behind teaching with technology”** as a part of the Fall 2015 Environmental Toxicology Seminar Series. The presentation was held on September 11, 2015 in Lee Hall.

### **HBCU Sports Ranks ‘Human Jukebox’ Preseason #1 HBCU Band**



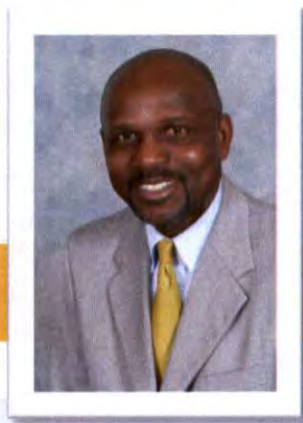
The Human Jukebox continues to shine and bring notoriety to the campus of Southern University. Recently, HBCU Sports named the Human Jukebox as the best HBCU band.

The inaugural preseason top 15 HBCU band poll for 2015 also included the following: North Carolina A&T, Bethune-Cookman, Jackson State, Tennessee State, Texas Southern, South Carolina State, Alabama A&M, Florida A&M, Alabama State, Grambling, Alcorn State, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Miles College, and Talladega College.



# Moving Ahead

## A Message from the Chancellor



Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, in left photo, opens the "Katrina 10, SUNO 59" commemoration Aug. 17. In the right photo, Ms. Josephine Okoronkwo sounds the bell during the closing ceremony on Aug. 28.

### SUNO Commemorates Hurricane Katrina's 10th Anniversary

At 10:58 Monday, Aug. 17, Chancellor Victor Ukpolo rang the bell signifying the start of "Katrina 10, SUNO 59," the University's commemoration of Hurricane Katrina's 10th Anniversary.

The 10-day commemoration featured open and closing bell-ringing ceremonies, oral reflections, a thanksgiving and praise service and a behavioral health roundtable.

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### More than 100 Gather to Remember Davon Leggett

Students, faculty and staff gathered in the Quad Wednesday, Sept. 2 to remember SUNO student Davon Leggett, who was shot and killed Saturday, Aug. 29..

Davon's family, friends and professors described him as an aspiring teacher who loved the Lord and had turned his life around. "He didn't just want to be a teacher, he *was* a teacher," said Ms. Celina Carson, assistant professor of Health, Nutrition and Physical Education. She

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## Vigil continued

said Davon taught small children who attended her summer program.

Davon, 21, was entering his fourth year as an education major. He also was an original member of the Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement, named for retired Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré. Center Director Warren Bell announced that the Southern University System Foundation Inc. and Honoré are establishing the Davon L. Leggett-Honoré Center Memorial Fund to support future Honoré Center students.



Davon Leggett

## Commemoration continued

On Saturday, Aug. 29, many SUNO students, faculty and staff participated in the Citywide Day of Service, sponsored by the city of New Orleans. The official University team worked with the Pontchartrain Park Neighborhood Association to clean a church, cut down a tree in an elderly person's yard and cleared part of a vacant. The School of Social Work and SUNO athletes worked in other areas of the city.



*Top left photo: Deidrea Hazure, administrative specialist/admissions coordinator in Graduate Studies, introduced graduate students who gave oral reflections Thursday, Aug. 27 in the Conference Center. Top right photo: Team SUNO met in front of the Conference Center before joining the Pontchartrain Park Neighborhood Association for the Citywide Day of Service on Aug. 29. Bottom left photo: Team SUNO cleans Bethany United Methodist Church on Aug. 29. Bottom right photo: The Lady Knights Basketball Team paints in Pierre A. Capdau Charter School, 4621 Canal St.*



## Dr. Martin Receives \$10,000 Grant to Fund Minimum Wage Debate

Dr. Frank Martin, the Delores M.R. Spikes Endowed Professor of Business Entrepreneurship and chair of the Business Administration Department, has received a \$10,100 grant from the Charles Koch Foundation to fund a Minimum Wage Debate this fall.



*Dr. Frank Martin*

"There is a big push by President Obama to substantially increase the minimum wage. For many college students, increasing the minimum wage is considered "a good thing" that does not need to be debated," Dr. Martin said. "However, there is a creditable opposing position on this issue. Therefore, the main purpose of this debate is to expose students to both the pro and con viewpoints."

To assess the impact of the debate on the opinions of the participating audience, a survey of opinion will be given before and after the final debate, Dr. Martin added.

The debate is scheduled during College of Business Week, which will be the first week of November. Students across the University will be encouraged to participate. The debate question will be: "Should the U.S. Congress increase the minimum wage?" The winners of the three debate rounds will receive cash awards.

Founded in 1980, the Charles Koch Foundation gives to higher education, research and professional education programs to further a free society.

### Suno Receives \$2.4 million Federal Grant

SUNO has received a five-year U.S. Department of Education grant totaling \$2.4 million to fund the Student Support Services TRiO Program.

The Student Support Services Program is designed to increase academic performance, retention, and graduation rates of eligible SUNO students. The students are selected for the program based on certain federal guidelines regarding family income, parents' educational background, disability, and/or need for academic support.

Director of Student Support Services Linda D. Frederick wrote the grant and serves as the principal investigator.



*2015 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team*

### Honda Awards SUNO a \$4,000 Grant

The American Honda Motor Company awarded a \$4,000 grant to SUNO to support the University's Honda Campus All-Star team.

During the annual national championship challenge in Torrance, Calif., various teams comprised of students from several historically black colleges and universities participate in academic competitions. SUNO's team won two awards at the 2015 event. Coach Amelia Sellers was named Coach of the Year, and senior Jonah Leavell earned honors as the top scorer in the Louis Armstrong Division.

## SUNO Receives Funding to Replace Air-Handling Units

The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget has approved funding for SUNO to replace the air-handling units on the second and third floors of the University Center.

The project, which has an estimated cost of \$179,025, will include the demolition and replacement of chilled water air-conditioning/heating units on the second and third floor as well as the replacement of a direct expansion unit on the second floor.

The units on the second and third floor were not part of the first floor renovation project funded by FEMA.

Upon completion, this project will allow all student services offices to move into the University Center.



## Miss SUNO Named Official Host Ambassador for Katrina10 Art Exhibit



Myeisha Keith, Miss SUNO 2015-2016, was named the official host ambassador for one of the city's official Hurricane Katrina 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration events.

*"THE MEDIA IGNORES US: A Human Art Exhibit"*

was Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Crescent City Boxing Club, 3101 Erato St., New Orleans, LA 70125. The event honored African American youth who have accomplished outstanding achievements since Hurricane Katrina.

The art exhibit explored the media's reporting on African American youth and how it affected the renewal of the Greater New Orleans community.

The event highlighted African American youth who have made stellar accomplishments in business, community, sports, entertainment, the sciences, as well as those who have excelled academically and have overcome terminal illness.

## Preliminary Fall Enrollment Shows a 6 Percent Increase

Preliminary enrollment figures indicate that 2,836 students have enrolled for the 2015 fall semester. This represents a 6 percent increase from the 2,674 students who enrolled in fall 2014. Final enrollment figures will be released later this month.

The 2,836 students include 215 new freshmen, a 48 percent increase from the fall 2014 figure of 145. With the addition of 206 students enrolled at SUNO in a joint-program with Southern University at Shreveport, more than 3,000 students are currently taking classes on both SUNO's Park and Lake campuses.

"The current number of students enrolled bodes well for us to surpass last year's overall total," said Leatrice Latimore, SUNO's assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management.





**SEPTEMBER 2015 BOARD PACKAGE ITEM**



Chancellor's Report

**Message from the Chancellor**

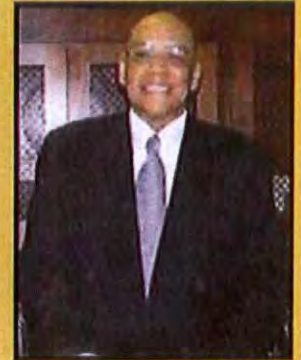
It is always exciting to experience the beginning of a new academic year. The energy that exudes from all the possibilities that await us and the anticipation of experiencing new ventures and the unknown is contagious! It has been most encouraging for me to observe students, faculty and staff arrive for the 2015-2016 academic year. It reminds us of the hopes we all share for the future of our community, University and the students we serve.

We're asking everyone in the SUSLA community to concentrate on making this academic year the most wholesome, prosperous and productive year possible for our students. Specifically, we're asking everyone at the University to proclaim a mission of student success and accomplishment that sets us apart from our peers. That mission should extend from a student's first contact with the University, to their advisement and registration processes all the way to exemplary instruction in the classroom that rivals that of any institution in the country. Our fine faculty is to be commended for leading the charge providing academic advisement to new and continuing students. They have made sure that our students get proper instruction in their pursuit of academic programs that enhance their chances for success. Further, members of our faculty have joined ranks with our counselors and Student Success staff to ensure that we have an effective early intervention program and accompanying strategies to make sure that our students get a good start.

These moving parts can work well together if we all share the same mindset. It is now imperative that we follow the mandates of student survival and persistence demanded of us by our governing entities and legislative bodies. Simply put: this is not discretionary any longer. We must now, more than ever, be wholly committed to putting students first.

It is also the time of year when we chart a course of action regarding our customer service initiatives and community service involvement. Since we are an educational enterprise charged with providing a service to the Shreveport - Bossier City community, we must constantly remain customer oriented. We charge every sector of the University to develop and implement a plan of customer service that reaffirms we are a warm, inviting and responsive community of professionals. Further, we are asking that our cadre of professionals at the University share their gifts, talents and resources with the greater community that we live in and serve. This effort will greatly extend the influence and stature of the University if each of us will offer ourselves to volunteer our service, whether it is through non-profit work or service on applicable boards, commissions and councils as the opportunities arise.

As always, if there is anything we might do to assist you, please let us know. My hope is that you have a prosperous and productive academic year!



**CHANCELLOR'S  
2015 CABINET MEMBERS**

- Dr. Melva Williams
- Dr. Rosetta Jones
- Dr. Regina Robinson
- Janice Sneed
- Dr. Terence Vinson
- Fatima Elliott
- Krystle B. Grindley
- JoAnn Warren-Brown
- Major Brock
- Sonya Hester
- Darrin Dixon
- Dr. Gabriel Fagbeyiro
- Dr. Barry Hester
- Dr. Regina Webb
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- Brandy Jacobsen
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- Chief Marshall Nelson
- Levi Brown
- Richard Haley
- Tiffany Varner
- Dr. Wanda Waller
- Frank Williams Jr.
- Linzola Winzer

# FACULTY / STAFF INSTITUTE "A Way Forward"

## SUSLA BEGINS "A WAY FORWARD" AT ANNUAL FACULTY AND STAFF INSTITUTE

Faculty and staff converged on the SUSLA main campus to kick off the new school year at the annual Faculty and Staff Institute held on August 10. Themed "A Way Forward", this year's Institute focused on galvanizing faculty and staff support around another great year at SUSLA.

Institute topics included updates on campus wide projects, the campus Strategic Plan, as well as informative presentations on customer service, policies and procedures, evaluations, and "Passing the Baton" to ensure student success, which also included an interactive Jeopardy game.

Lunch was provided by the Southern University Credit Union.

Chancellor S. Albert Gilliam also addressed the University, and encouraged the body to "Find their source of joy". Gilliam also had the opportunity to recognize August's "Jaguar of the Month", Ms. Tilisha Bryant.

Immediately following the morning session and lunch at the Institute, participants attended training sessions on new campus software and completed state mandated training.

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*"The Institute has always given me the opportunity to see all of my colleagues under the same roof before the new year begins and to get some insight of what we are working towards at the University,"* noted one participant.

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***Thanks to the Faculty and Staff Institute Committee for another great convening, and a great start to the new academic year!***

# Welcome Back!



(Pictured l to r:  
Ms. Talisha Bryant and Chancellor Gilliam  
during certificate presentation)

Ensure Quality  
and Accountability

Cultivate a Culture of  
Academic Excellence

Provide an Outstanding  
Campus Climate to  
All Stakeholders

Connect with  
and Engage  
the Community

Strengthen the Academic  
and Co-Curricular Experience

Ensure Short and  
Long-Term  
Financial Sustainability

Ensure Safety and  
Improve Resources,  
Infrastructure, and Facilities



**Dr. Joseph Orban**  
Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Sciences

**A Collaboration Between SUSLA and Winrock International's Volunteer Technical Assistance Program.**

**SUSLA PROFESSOR SELECTED TO CREATE NEW POULTRY PROGRAM IN SENEGAL, AFRICA**

*Dr. Joseph Orban, Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Shreveport (SUSLA) was selected to create curriculum and train staff on the development of a Practical Training Module on Poultry Production for the Horticultural Initiation Center of Saint Louis Senegal, located in Saint Louis, Senegal, Africa.*



The project was a collaboration between SUSLA and Winrock International's Volunteer Technical Assistance Program. Through this initiative, experts in various fields are encouraged to volunteer in developing countries. Dr. Orban was chosen from a group of other experts in the fields of science, technology and mathematics. During the 14-day project, Orban was charged with the establishment of a poultry production syllabus and curriculum and the creation of a poultry farm to be used to train and prepare students in the poultry sector after completion of the program. Dr. Orban also led training workshops for the new staff that will be running the poultry program.

The need for programs such as the one created by Orban is great in areas such as Senegal. Over 65 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, and unemployment is at 60 percent. Many jobs remain unfilled due to the lack of a qualified workforce with sufficient technical skills. The establishment of the (9) nine month Practical Training Module for Poultry Production is set to enhance food security and safety, and provide jobs in the poultry sector.

Dr. Orban, who is originally from Nigeria, finds his work with developing countries to be very rewarding. *"Anytime that I have the opportunity to go and assist, I feel like I have contributed back to the African community,"* says Orban. He also notes that it allows him to be an ambassador for SUSLA. *"SUSLA and the Southern University System have always been involved internationally. These opportunities allow me to showcase our campus and contributions to global economic development to the outside world,"* says Orban.



The Senegal trip will mark Dr. Orban's 8th development project. Other projects have included visits to Bangladesh, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Mali. Orban is also a (3) three time recipient of the President's Service Award from Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama for his global contributions in developing countries.

## ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS KICK OFF SCHOOL YEAR AT ANNUAL HEALTH SCIENCES MIXER



The Division of Allied Health convened SUSLA students for a day of education, information and fun at the Annual Health Sciences Mixer. This year's theme was "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future".

The event was moderated by Krystle Grindley, Director of University Relations, and kicked off with inspiring words of welcome from several campus administrators and department chairs. Dr. Melva K. Williams, Executive Associate to the Chancellor encouraged the students to "Keep the end in mind." "While others are warm and asleep in their beds, you'll be burning the midnight oil—but keep in mind your end goal and what that determination will mean for your future," remarked Williams.

The event's keynote speaker was Mrs. Inolia Johnson, a local evangelist and entrepreneur, who encouraged the attendees to look forward to their futures. "The future is waiting," she remarked. "Embrace it, be hungry for it, be excited about it, and be motivated to make it something wonderful."

Students also had the opportunity to engage in fun activities, including icebreaker activities, line dancing exercising and door prizes. The Mixer provided a chance to for students to meet their fellow program participants and connect with faculty on a closer level. Special thanks to the Division of Allied Health and the Health Sciences Mixer Committee: Reva Whitaker, Chairperson; Patricia Brown, Daphne Thibeaux, LaChandra Wells, Katrina Harris and Terry Johnson.



## VINSON ADDRESSED SHREVEPORT JOB CORP STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

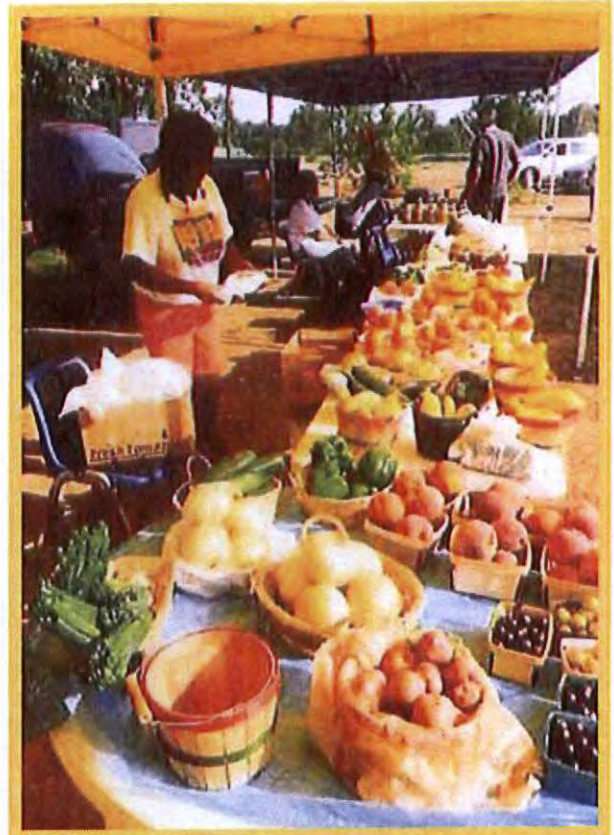
The Shreveport Job Corps Center Student Government Association (SGA) Monthly Leadership Dinner was held in the SUSLA Gymnasium with Dr. Terence Vinson, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management for Southern University at Shreveport, as guest speaker. He congratulated, encouraged, and inspired the new leaders for completing this very important phase in their leadership training.

## SUSLA FARMERS' MARKET OPENS TO SERVE MLK NEIGHBORHOOD

The SUSLA MLK Farmers' Market opened to a number of patrons excited at the access to healthy food options. The Market, located at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr Drive and David Raines Road, celebrated its "Soft" opening on Friday, August 14 from 8am-12 noon.

Customers had the opportunity to purchase home grown goods from a variety of vendors whose wares included fresh organic farm eggs, tomatoes, squash, peas, watermelon, okra and more. "It's great to have this option so close to my home," noted one customer. "I just walked down the street and it would have taken me longer to go to the grocery store."

The Market's official grand opening is forthcoming, but will be open every Friday from 8am - 12 noon, and additional projects are already in progress. The Market hopes to expand to a twelve (12) stall pavilion, a 4,000 square foot enclosed building, an information kiosk and 40 parking spaces. "We hope to bring a whole new face to the MLK community,"



said Von Jennings, Executive Director of the SUSLA Community Development Cooperation (CDC).

Focused studies on the benefit of farmers' markets in urban areas reveal that there are many benefits, including greater variety and availability of local food products with higher nutritional value, superior freshness and flavor, new sales avenues for farmers, opportunities for food education and awareness, support for small- to medium-sized farms and other businesses, opportunities for business incubation, creation of vibrant community space for social interaction and cultural events and reduced travel for neighborhood residents.

Several key partners have teamed with the SUSLA Community Development Corporation, including the City of Shreveport, Capital One, MLK Neighborhood Association, MLK Community Development Corporation, Image Changers, LSU Ag Center and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**MLK FARMERS MARKET**

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Southern University at Shreveport Foundation (SUSF) is pleased to present the return of the much anticipated Port City Classic Golf Tournament!

**Monday, October 12, 2015**  
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Each year, your tax-deductible donation of fees and registration for this event help fund scholarships for Southern University at Shreveport students who would otherwise find a college education beyond their financial reach. We invite you to join us again this year, and make a difference in the lives of our students.

The event's format will be a four-man scramble with a **shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.** **Early Bird Team Registration** is taking place **September 14th through October 5th.** Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the hole, and through a drawing of numbered tickets for door prizes.

This year's tournament is sure to be a sell-out.

**REGISTER your team TODAY!**

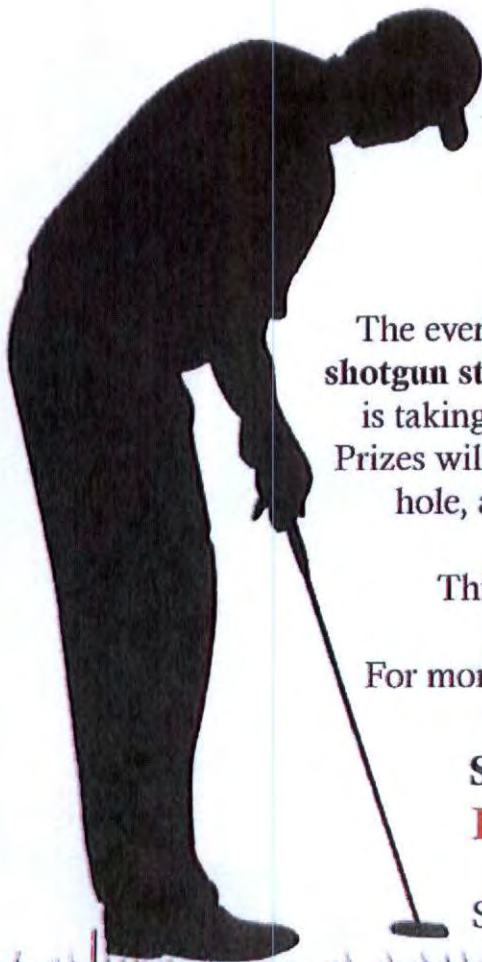
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# On the **CAMPUS SCENE**



**CHANCELLOR SAM GILLIAM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE MS. DEVONYE BROWN AS THE "JAGUAR OF THE MONTH" FOR SEPTEMBER**

## **JAGUAR OF THE MONTH**

Ms. Brown currently serves as Coordinator of Outcomes Assessment, and plays a critical role in the Institutional Effectiveness process on campus by working with faculty and staff across multiple divisions to train assessors, and to assist in evaluating programs. She is no stranger to the SUSLA community, having served in numerous roles on campus, including Retention Coordinator and Program Coordinator

for the Hospitality Program.

*"I have received great assistance in my IE process from Ms. Brown,"* noted a survey participant. *"She was very patient and explained the process in an easy to understand way."*

*"We are thankful for Ms. Brown's service and her commitment to providing excellent customer service to all members of the SUSLA community,"* said Chancellor Gilliam.

*Congratulations, Ms. Brown!*



Midway Elementary third-grade students had the opportunity to have class outside of their normal classroom. The students got a glimpse of the college registration process, experienced a college classroom setting, and took a tour of SUSLA's science labs where they were treated to chemistry "Magic" by Dr. Barry Hester.



## SGA PERFORMS COMMUNITY SERVICE



SUSLA students participated in meaningful community service at the Arc Caddo-Bossier. Miss SUSLA-Elect and the SGA joined other community leaders in a day of service.



Faculty and staff serenaded students at the Annual Health Sciences Mixer

Faculty and students participate in line dancing exercising facilitated by the SB Steppers Group.





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