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SUSLA PREPARES FOR THE BAYOU CLASSIC 2021 THE BIG GAME DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH



SUSLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BAYOU CLASSIC 2021 SCHEDULE

APRIL 16, 2021

SUSLAA INAUGURAL ALUMNI DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

8 AM | The Club at Huntington Park Golf Course

JAG WALK-A-THON (WALK AROUND THE CAMPUS)

9 AM | SUSLA's Main Campus

CAR SHOW

12 PM | SUSLA Park's Parking Lot (Across from the Gym)

PINNING CEREMONY & RECEPTION

9 PM | SUSLA Metro Center

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

All Day Long

*** MUSIC BY DJ LUVE ***

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SUSLA AND AVANCE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ENTER INTO HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP



Shreveport, La (February 25, 2021) – Southern University at Shreveport, LA (SUSLA) to solidify historic partnership with Uganda in a Virtual MOU Signing event on Monday, March 1, 2021.

Southern University at Shreveport will add a new, exciting chapter in the University's history on Monday, when it announces an agreement with its new educational partners, Advance International University of Uganda. University officials representing both institutions will share details of the program and services that will be offered in a virtual signing ceremony. SUSLA's Chancellor, Dr. Rodney Ellis, states that he is pleased at the "opportunity and for what this partnership will do to help expand SUSLA's international footprint, while increasing educational opportunities to citizens of Uganda.

Participants on the Program will include: SUSLA Chancellor Dr. Rodney Ellis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development Dr. Terry Kidd and other members of the SUSLA Academic team. Representatives from Advance International University will include: Dr. Samuel Majwega, President Advance International University and James Brian Ntwatwa, Founder and President Incredible Youth International, Business Development & Workforce Leader.

The virtual signing event will take place at 9:00am on Monday, March 1, 2021 at Jackson Hall on the main campus at 3050 MLK Drive in Shreveport. The public is invited to join the virtual signing ceremony via the Zoom log-in information listed below.

For further information or to arrange interviews, contact:

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SUSLA FACULTY & STAFF ATTENDED THE HBCU AFFORDABLE LEARNING SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE

Join the HBCU Affordable Learning Solutions CONFERENCE

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- GET BETTER STUDENT OUTCOMES
- LISTEN TO SENIOR FACULTY GIVING THEIR EXPERT EXPERIENCES
- GET ADVICE ON HOW TO ADVANCE YOUR CURRICULUM
- AND MORE...

HBCU Summit

A virtual event focusing on strategies, actions and outcomes for HBCUs providing quality online education that prioritizes student success. This summit is open to all registered conference participants at any of the HBCUs in the United States.

Friday, March 12 and Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Learn how to design Affordable Learning Solutions programs at your HBCU:

March 12th from 9 am -4 pm CT

Dr. Robbie Melton of Tennessee State University welcomed SUSLA faculty and staff to join the HBCU Affordable Learning Solutions Conference, held on Friday, March 12th. The event was FREE for faculty and staff to participate.

The HBCU Summit's purpose is to create exceptional networking opportunities for educators from HBCUs across the nation. Presenters for the event included Dr. Robbie Melton of Tennessee State University, President Leslie Pollard of Oakwood University, Dr. Prudence Pollard, and Ms. Cheri Wilson of Oakwood University.

For more information, please contact Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams at shwilliams@susla.edu.

SUMAS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TRAVELING EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY MARCH 1-12 'MUSEUM HOSTS CENTENNIAL WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE EXHIBIT'

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CENTENNIAL WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

SUMAS Southern University Museum of Art
Determined to Rise: The Woman's Suffrage Movement in Louisiana
Traveling Exhibit on Display March 1-12, 2021
610 Texas St., Ste. 110 ~ Mon-Thurs. 9AM-5PM

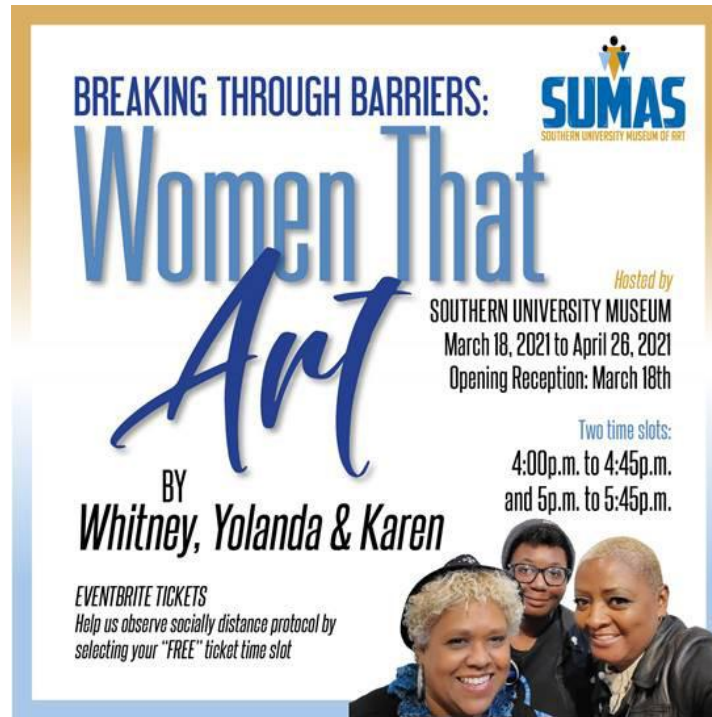
LOUISIANA ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES
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Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) hosted a traveling exhibit, *Determined to Rise: The Woman's Suffrage Movement in Louisiana*, celebrates the challenges and triumphs of the women's suffrage movement in Louisiana in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. This exhibition was on display March 1-12, 2021 at the Downtown Metro Center campus located at 610 Texas Street, Ste. 110, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Developed by the Centennial Woman's Suffrage Project (CWSP) at Southeastern Louisiana University and with grant support from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) Rebirth grant program the exhibit consists of eight panels depicting photos of Louisiana suffragists, a timeline of significant events, the movement from the African American woman's perspective, laws that have changed since women gained the vote, and Louisiana women who have made their mark on history.

"SUMAS was honored to be included in this landmark traveling exhibition highlighting this national centennial milestone during Women's History Month" said Angelique Feaster Evans, Museum Coordinator.

SUMAS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT 'BREAKING BARRIERS: WOMEN THAT ART-WHITNEY, YOLANDA, & KAREN' OPENS MARCH 18-APRIL 30



Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport (SUMAS) will host 'Breaking Barriers: Women That Art' exhibit opening reception, featuring the artworks of artists, Whitney Tate, Yolanda Barnes, and Karen La Beau. This trio exhibition will be on display March 18-April 30, 2021. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. In consideration of safety protocols limited tickets are available for two time slots—4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. AND 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. This event will be held at the Downtown Metro Center campus located at 610 Texas Street, Ste. 110, Shreveport, Louisiana.

"In honor of National Women's History Month, SUMAS is excited to highlight the dynamic artworks of three dynamic Louisiana women artists. We are honored to showcase Whitney, Yolanda, and Karen's artwork while paying tribute to the spirit of sisterhood and collaboration among women" said Angelique Feaster Evans, Museum Coordinator.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Karen T. La Beau is a self-taught, third generation artist, New Orleans, La. native who now resides in Shreveport, La. La Beau began drawing at the age of six and began painting professionally in 2007. In 2012, La Beau was honored at the North Louisiana-Multicultural Center as a woman artist in NWLA; in 2015 she was selected by International Artist; Nick Cave to be one of six artists who were awarded an artist residency for his 2015-2016 project, "As Is" in Shreveport, LA.

In 2017, she was awarded the "Cultural Preservation Heritage Award" in New Orleans; and the "Artist Fellowship Award" by the Shreveport Regional Arts Council. Karen was highlighted in a news segment for Black History Month titled, "Standing on the Shoulders of Legends."

Whitney Tate is a Shreveport based artist and muralist. Her work is inspired by nature, space, and mental health awareness. Whitney has created multiple murals in Dallas and Shreveport/Bossier and has shown her work across Louisiana. She is a juried roster artist and collectible artist of the Northwest Louisiana. Whitney holds a BA in Studio Art from Centenary College of Louisiana.

Yolanda Barnes is a native of Chicago Heights, Illinois. A self-proclaimed evolving artist, she has always loved different forms of art—acrylics, pencil, watercolors, and mixed media. In recent years, art has been the catalyst for her healing through intense personal challenges and losses. As a result, she has been able to channel feelings and various experiences through her art. Yolanda loves to depict her subjects in bold colors or themes that express her cultural heritage as an African American woman. Bold colors exemplify her work whether subjects or abstract. Her work has been exhibited at artspace in 2020, during the 2020 Black Out Exhibition, and R.W. Norton Art Gallery in 2019. Her desire is to inspire others to step into their creative callings, whatever it may be.

SUSLA CONTINUING EDUCATION IS SHAKING & BAKING



There was much excitement around “The Basics of Cake Decorating” class offered through Continuing Education at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA). The first class took place on Saturday, March 6th at the Milam Street Kitchen Incubator Community Kitchen (MS KICK). The student roll consists of eight (8) students eager to learn from seasoned cake decorator and instructor, Melanie Albarado.

Albarado brings a wealth of knowledge and accomplishments to the class, with over 16 years in the profession of baking. She was voted SB Magazine’s Best of 2020 in the Bakery Division, and mentored and taught bakers and treat makers, that now have their own thriving businesses.

“The amount of effort and dedication they put into the first session was enlightening,” stated Albarado. “This group truly left me inspired to continue doing what I do.” The participants will continue to receive the skills needed to decorate a cake like a pro, while receiving hands on experience, tips, techniques and recipes. The class continues on March 20, April 10 & 24.

For more information about classes offered through Continuing Education and registration, contact Shannon Levingston at (318) 670-9470 or John Galiotos at (318) 670-9571. You can also visit our website at Continuing Education | Southern University Shreveport Louisiana at www.susla.edu.

 A promotional graphic for the "The Basics of Cake Decorating" class. It features a small inset photo of the instructor, Melanie Albarado, next to a large, light blue cake decorated with pink frosting swirls and a colorful sprinkled border. The price "\$180" is displayed in a pink circle. The text "THE BASICS OF Cake Decorating" is written in a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts. Below the title, it states: "Participants of this course will partake in group instruction from a skilled and seasoned cake decorator and instructor. They will have the opportunity to ask questions and get hands on assistance. Participants will receive a folder filled with tips, techniques and recipes, as well as a certificate of completion." The dates "Saturday, March 6 & 20 | Saturday, April 10 & 24" and "Location: TBA" are listed. At the bottom, the URL "https://www.susla.edu/page/continuing-education" is provided.

Instructor: Melanie Albarado

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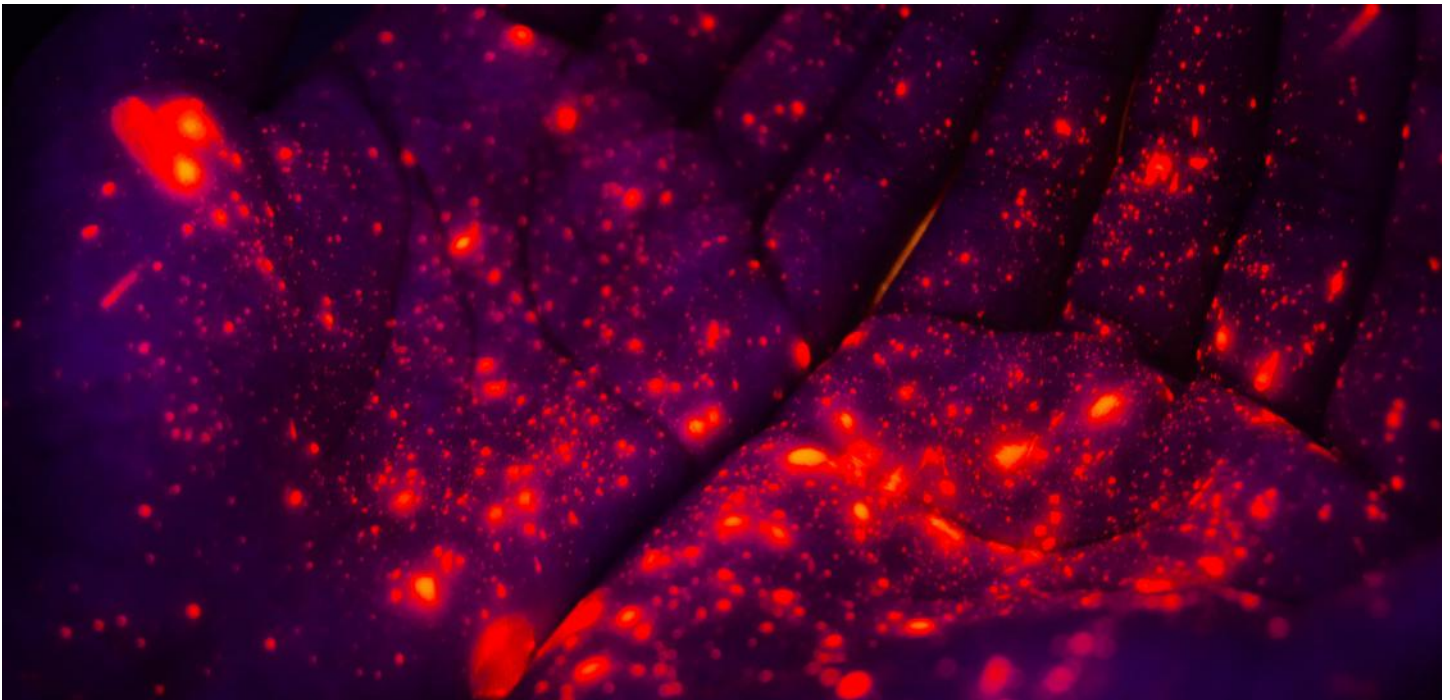
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DR. GALIOTOS RECEIVES INVITATION TO SPEAK AT THE 2ND GLOBAL SUMMIT ON LASER, OPTICS, AND PHOTONICS



Dr. John Galiotos, Dean of Workforce Development and Associate Professor of Chemistry is invited to speak at the 2nd Global Summit on Laser, Optics, and Photonics, November 25-27, 2021, Dubai, UAE. He will discuss various aspects of research in Laser Optics.

Rachel Martin, Program Director, said this of Dr. Galiotos, “You are well known for your expertise in this area, and we hope that your suggestions and co-operation will make a huge difference to the outcome of this promising event and will guide young researchers in the right direction.”

Janice Sneed, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, stated, “Presenting at regional, national, and global events positively enhances the branding of Southern University at Shreveport as a quality education and training institution.”

For more information about the program, click on the link: <https://www.medwideconferences.com/laser-optics/>.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT & LOUISIANA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER OPEN SERVICE CENTER



SHREVEPORT - The Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC) and Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA) have joined forces in a venture that will significantly add to the support effort for consulting and training small businesses and entrepreneurs in Northwest Louisiana.

Housed at SUSLA's Small Business Center in Shreveport, this regional LSBDC will offer high-quality technical assistance to existing and start-up small businesses at no cost to the client.

Southern University at Shreveport's Chancellor Dr. Rodney Ellis states, "this is very much a move in the right direction... The Center will serve as a hub of restoration by providing support, access to resources, training and advocacy. It will help existing businesses thrive again and assist new businesses to launch with foundational support needed to grow and sustain."

LSBDC State Director Carla Holland explained this opening of an SBDC service center is a very much anticipated and positive move for increased support of Northwest Louisiana small businesses and entrepreneurs, and added that... I look forward to the working with SUSLA and this collaboration becoming the spark of a great economic development push,"

For additional information or to request a consultation, please go to www.louisianasbdc.org or contact:

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MS KICK TENANTS PARTICIPATE IN 318 RESTAURANT WEEK MARCH 15-20



318 Restaurant Week is a week-long culinary project of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau and has returned for the dates of March 15TH -20TH. This event consists of six days of deals at Shreveport-Bossier eateries, offering dining patrons \$10 lunch specials, \$20 dinner specials, and various dining experiences at participating restaurants. This year, dining patrons were able to download a free 318 Restaurant Week app that lists all the participating restaurants and their specials.

The MS KICK tenants participating in the 318 Restaurant Week are Taylor'd EatZ, that specializes in Authentic Jamaican cuisine, Vegans on the Run, a family owned business that offers Southern Comfort Vegan food, and Big Nate's BBQ, home of the "Big Nasty", which is a quarter pound of hamburger meat, pulled pork, sausage topped with coleslaw and barbecue sauce on a bun. This is the first year for these businesses to participate and they have pulled out the stops to attract new customers and keep their loyal fans coming back for more.

There's never been a more critical time for our community to support restaurants hit by COVID-19 and Winter Storm Uri than during 318 Restaurant Week," said Brandy Evans, vice president of communications at the Tourist Bureau. "March 15-20 is the best week for foodies to discover their new favorite dish while supporting homegrown restaurants."

Tenant, Robyne Moore-Taylor was interviewed by KTBS and asked how will this week benefit her and other local eateries to which she responded, "318 Restaurant Week is important because it allows our businesses to be showcased on a larger scale and the exposure can do wonders for other small businesses like mine."

The 318 Restaurant Week app, website, Facebook and Instagram are the main channels for updates and information about 318 Restaurant Week. 318 Restaurant Week would not be possible without local sponsors; ANECA Federal Credit Union, LSU Health Shreveport, KSLA News 12, 101.1 KRMD, 99.7 KMJJ, Q97.3, Glow Alchemy Kitchen and Colossal Cove.



SUSLA JAGUARS FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. VAHID ATASHBARI — COORDINATOR OF PROCESS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (PTEC)



“Dr. Vahid Atashbari is a petroleum engineering professional with 13 years of combined industrial and academic experience. He obtained a PhD degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Adelaide, Australia, and has been a faculty member at various institutions such as Palo Alto College, University of Detroit Mercy, and University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has taught various petroleum engineering and process technology courses at undergraduate and graduate level. Dr. Atashbari is an active professional member of Society of Petroleum Engineers and has worked in both upstream and downstream sectors of the oil and gas industry. He is a reviewer of several scientific journals and has advised undergraduate and graduate students as well as coordinating several grants and funded projects. Dr. Atashbari’s research is focused on reservoir characterization, geomechanics, and sustainability in oil and gas industry. He joined SUSLA in Feb. 2021 as the coordinator of Process Engineering Technology program.”

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