

Chancellor's Report



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART SHREVEPORT (SUMAS) CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF CULTURE & CREATIVITY



PICTURED (L TO R): DR. VLADIMIR A. APPEANING, INTERIM CHANCELLOR, AWARDS PRESIDENT-CHANCELLOR, DR. RAY L. BELTON THE FOUNDING LEADER PLAQUE (LEFT), DR. APPEANING AWARDS MS. CAROLYN COATNEY WITH THE FOUNDING LEADER PLAQUE (TOP), NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY DANCE TROUPE PERFORMS FOR GUESTS (BOTTOM)

An event twenty years in the making was held for Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport's (SUMAS) 20th Anniversary on Thursday, February 24th at its facility on the Metro Campus in downtown Shreveport. "Celebrating the Vision, Creating the Future" was the theme that set the tone for an evening of reverence, reflection, and a resounding future. The 20th Anniversary Celebration honored SUMAS' visionary founder and founding leaders of North Louisiana's cultural gem--the only museum in North Louisiana dedicated solely to African and African American art and cultural heritage occupying two stories of the four-story historic Barrett Building, now the Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport located in the West Edge Arts District of Downtown Shreveport, Louisiana.

SUMAS' history began 20 years ago on February 21, 2002, when Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II serving as the Executive Administrator (retired) of the Center of Cultural Heritage and International Programs at Southern University and A & M College was the driving force and the visionary founder of the Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport. This museum is an integral part of the Southern University System as a sister-operation to the Baton Rouge and New Orleans campuses museums, first started on the SU Baton Rouge campus by Dr. Tarver in 2001 and is part of the rich cultural arts legacy of the nation's only HBCU system. Through his travels to Africa, Dr. Tarver "who sees the museum as a critical cultural link to the community" collected artifacts and his enthusiasm for the art of his ancestors grew into an extensive collection.

Since its founding, the Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport has played a profound and essential role in our state as the only museum in North Louisiana celebrating the visual and cultural arts heritage of the African Diaspora and connecting the distinct arts traditions from Africa to America across North Louisiana and the state of Louisiana designated as a destination of the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail. SUMAS' anniversary celebration heralded attendance from SUSLA and Southern University System leadership, SUSLA faculty, staff and student body leaders, community leaders, local and state legislators, dignitaries, and public officials that came to honor Dr. Tarver's landmark cultural arts vision. The event started with guests being greeted in the atrium by the Northside Elementary School Drumline. The beat of the drums ushered guests into the museum for the start of the program as hosts presented them with a commemorative lapel pin. Dr. Angelique Feaster Evans, SUMAS Museum Coordinator,

served as the mistress of ceremony for the evening guiding guests through the order of service in the spirit of a West African griot. The program officially kicked off with an invocation by Rev. Theron Jackson, Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church followed by a song of welcome entitled “Funga Alafia,” which means “with my words, I welcome you” performed by Northside Elementary School’s West African Dance Troupe. The audience chimed in on the second verse led by Dr. Feaster Evans.

Guests were then welcomed by Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning, SUSLA Interim Chancellor. Many of Shreveport’s public officials and community leaders were in attendance with opening remarks by the Honorable Mayor Adrian Perkins, followed by greetings from City Councilwoman, the Honorable Tabatha Taylor (District A) and Caddo Parish School Board Member and former SU Board of Supervisor Member, the Honorable Dottie Bell. The Southern University System, represented by the Honorable Sam Gilliam, SU Board of Supervisors and SUSLA student, faculty, and staff leaders, represented by SGA President JaQuan Davie, Miss SUSLA Jennifer Pickens, Staff Senate President Sandra Bigham, and Faculty Senate President Fred Moss offered greetings to our guests.

Internationally acclaimed Soprano vocalist and Miss SUSBO 1974-75, Brenda Wimberly led the audience in a rousing rendition of the Black National Anthem. Mr. Henry Price, Caddo Parish Public Schools Art Supervisor and member of the first class at SUSBO shared the importance and significance of SUMAS to the community and his personal connection to Dr. Tarver and Southern University from Shreveport to Baton Rouge. The historical perspective on the inception of SUMAS was presented virtually by Mrs. Vivian Kerr, Director of Southern University System Museums. Mrs. Kerr’s first-hand knowledge and up-close-and-personal experiences about the trips to Africa with Dr. Tarver and the critical need for cultural representation through the creation of SUMA in Baton Rouge and SUMAS in Shreveport provided the audience with a snapshot of the foundation of both cultural institutions.

The moment of honor and recognition of our visionary founding leaders was the highlight of the event as these key individuals led the charge in SUMAS becoming the leading cultural arts institution it is today. Dr. Damien D. Ejigiri, Dean of the Nelson Mandela College of Government & Social Sciences introduced his longtime friend, Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II-Founder of Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport, Member-At-Large, Southern University System Board of Supervisors. Dr. Tarver gave heartfelt remarks about his first experience to Africa which led to the collective journey of bringing SUMAS to fruition. He credited Dr. Ray L. Belton for his desire to bring SUMAS to life. Rev. Theron Jackson introduced his dear friend, Dr. Ray L. Belton-Former Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport, President-Chancellor Southern University and A&M College System. Dr. Belton shared what SUMAS meant to our community as well as his travels to Africa with Dr. Tarver.

Dr. Angelique Feaster Evans introduced Mrs. Vivian Lee Kerr-Director, Southern University System Museum of Art at Baton Rouge. The Honorable Sam Gilliam introduced his friend and colleague, Ms. Carolyn Coatney-Founding Coordinator (Retired) Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport. Ms. Coatney credited Dr. Tarver for his remarkable leadership and his faith in her to lead the museum operation. Dr. Appeaning presented each honoree with a plaque in honor of their service and visionary leadership in the founding of Southern University Museum of Art Shreveport.



PICTURED: SPECIAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO SUMAS ON BEHALF OF THE SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL BY COUNCILWOMAN THE HONORABLE LEVETTE FULLER (DISTRICT B) (TOP) AND THE OFFICE AND THE GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS BY MR. RICHARD HARTLEY (BOTTOM)



PICTURED: SENATOR GREG TARVER AND DR. LEON R. TARVER, II UNVEILED A SPECIAL DEDICATION PLAQUE IN HONOR OF THEIR MOTHER, THE LATE MRS. BALLISTINE WILLIAMS HOPKINS (TOP), MISS SUSLA JENNIFER PICKENS & SGA PRESIDENT JAQUAN DAVIE ARE ENJOYING THE CELEBRATION (BOTTOM)

SUSLA WELCOMES INCOMING SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE SYSTEM PRESIDENT-CHANCELLOR, MR. DENNIS SHIELDS



PICTURED (TOP L TO R): INTERIM CHANCELLOR, DR. VLADIMIR A. APPEANING, MR. DENNIS SHIELDS, AND THE HONORABLE MR. SAM GILLIAM, TRIO VETERANS UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS ARE ALL SMILES WITH MR. SHIELDS (BOTTOM LEFT), SUSLA STAFF COME TOGETHER TO MEET THE INCOMING PRESIDENT-CHANCELLOR (MIDDLE), MR. SHIELDS TALKS TO THE COMMUNITY AT THE EVENING RECEPTION IN THE JACKSON AUDITORIUM (RIGHT)

On March 16, 2022, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) welcomed Mr. Dennis Shields for his first visit to the SUSLA campus since being named the incoming Southern University System President and Chancellor of the SU Baton Rouge campus.

During his trip, Mr. Shields conducted a series of sessions designed to engage the student body, faculty, and staff at the Shreveport campus. The engagement included questions from all audiences ranging from his support for a new SUSLA gymnasium to Mr. Shields' take on supporting a level playing field for faculty and staff salaries across the Southern University System.

To close out the engagement sessions, SUSLA Interim Chancellor, Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning spoke on innovative strategies that are in the works for SUSLA. Mr. Shields' visit concluded with a reception hosted by Chancellor Appeaning and the SUSLA Family to introduce Mr. Shields and First Lady Shields to regional, community and business leaders and stakeholders.



J.S. CLARK ELEMENTARY “PRESIDENT’S LIST” STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN HEALTHY COOKING DEMO AT MS KICK



PICTURED: VEGANS ON THE RUN OWNER & COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSOR, DR. JOSLIN PICKENS AND PRINCIPAL DR. KENYA C. ROBERTS WITH HER J.S. CLARK ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

JS. Clark Elementary students who made the President’s List were rewarded by participating in a hands-on cooking class at MS KICK on January 14, 2022. The Principal’s list is a program conducted by the Caddo Parish Public Schools district, but Dr. Kenya Roberts, Principal, took it a step further by allowing the students to participate in a real-life experience. “I chose healthy eating because it is so important to start early with teaching children healthy eating habits and that healthy food can taste good,” Roberts replied when asked what compelled her to do a healthy cooking class as a reward. The students can take what is learned and teach their families to eat healthy as well. For a student to be eligible for the President’s list, they must have earned at least a 3.7 GPA with no discipline referrals for the school year. The participating students were from 1st to 5th grades.

The featured Chef for the “President’s List” healthy cooking demo was Chef Joslin Pickens of Vegans on the Run, an MS KICK tenant. The students worked side by side with Chef Joslin and prepared Vegan tacos two ways, Vegans Meat Tacos, and Vegans Strawberry Tacos. “Children are the heart of trust of our community. It is so important to teach them how to eat to live and Vegan eating can be enjoyable and not boring!,” responded Chef Joslin when asked what she expects the students to get out of her healthy cooking demo.

“Educational workshops, training, and demonstrations around food and healthy eating are priorities for the MS KICK program. This class represents the third group that Principal Roberts has hosted at our facility and we are grateful that JS. Clark Elementary, located in MS KICK’s target community shares our goal of creating a healthier community, one child, one family, and one community at a time,” said Janice Sneed, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development. Along the same lines and addressing the same goal of nutritional education, MS KICK offered cooking classes for youth with the Summer Camp, “Kids Kooking in the Kitchen.” Interim Executive Director, Monique Armand stated, “With the success and enthusiasm that we received from the participating campers, we knew this was a great aspect of our Culinary program that we wanted to expand as we strive to meet our nutritional educational goals around health and nutrition.” Kids Kooking in the Kitchen summer camp consisted of 4 sessions that featured local Chefs that provided hands-on cooking demonstrations with healthy ingredients for tasty meals. Plans are underway for “Kids Kooking in the Kitchen 2.0-Summer 2022.”

We look forward to our next Principal’s List group of students from JS. Clark Elementary. We utilize the facility culinary team members/tenants and partners to provide these training sessions to our community members and we thank Vegans on the Run for their participation with our most recent group of young people.

CALUMET LUBRICANTS AND REFINERY COMPLETES SECOND COHORT OF PROCESS OPERATOR TRAINING



On Friday, February 4, 2022, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA) and Calumet Lubricants and Refinery celebrated the end of the second Process Operators Training program. This training program consists of 2.5 weeks Basic Process Operations training and 1.5 weeks Operations Safety training. The operator and safety training program started on Monday, January 10, 2022 and ended on Friday, February 4, 2022.

SUSLA and Calumet Lubricants partnership initially began on August 24, 2021, concluding on September 19, 2021, when the Workforce Development Unit within the Division of Community and Workforce Development launched the first training services to nine newly hired Calumet Lubricants Process Operators. Dr. John Galiotos stated, "According to Calumet Lubricants Leadership (Plant Manager, Safety Manager, and Operations Manager) and first-level supervisors, the program was very successful. The program trainees are performing excellently at their various plant units-hydrotreating, isomerization, alkylation, reformers, distillation, and crackers units." Due to the success of the first cohort, Calumet asked Southern University to offer a 2nd training. There were eight graduate Process Operators in the second training. Each one of these Process Operators received a Southern University at Shreveport Continuing Education (9.6 CEUs) Certificate of Completion in Process Operations and a Continuing Education Certificate of Completion (5.6 CEUs) in Operations Safety.

At the second graduation, Calumet Lubricants was represented by Operations Manager Mr. Jim Davis, Safety Manager Mr. Chet Yeo, and Safety Officer Mr. Houston Pardee. Representing Southern University at Shreveport were Associate Vice Chancellor for Academics and Workforce Development, Ms. Janice Sneed, Program Instructor Mr. Sajjad Khan, and the Dean of Workforce Development and Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. John K. Galiotos. Currently, Southern University at Shreveport is in discussions to offer a third training program, which will be a new training in Process Instrumentation (1 week), and wastewater treatment (3 days) training. Training participants also expressed interest in pursuing career pathways in Process Technology and other related fields that would lead to additional industry-based certifications (IBCs), certificates and/or associate degrees.

Ms. Janice Sneed, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, states, "Southern University at Shreveport has a long history of providing training solutions for Calumet Lubricants. The current training agreements incorporates a partnership with the National Institute for Uniform Licensed Power Engineers (NIULPE). As a result, all Calumet Lubricants graduates at the end of each training (1st and 2nd cohorts) took the NIULPE Certification Examination with 100% success. This is a first for Southern University, the Gulf Coast (5 states) Refinery and Chemical Plants industry, and certainly the State of Louisiana. Our Dean of Workforce, Dr. Galiotos initiated the relationship with NIULPE and has led this training partnership from inception in 2021." Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. is a public U.S.-based company, incorporated in 1916, which specializes in the manufacturing of naphthenic and paraffinic oils as well as aliphatic solvents and paraffin waxes (en.wikipedia.org).



PICTURED: MR. KAYLAN WORLEY RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR SUSLA'S DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION. (BOTTOM)

SUSLA STAFF SENATE CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH “EMBRACING OUR ROOTS: A CULTURAL EXPERIENCE” EVENT



PICTURED (L TO R TOP): STAFF SENATE PRESIDENT MS. SAUNDRA BIGHAM AND STAFF SENATE BOARD MEMBER DR. ANGELIQUE FEASTER EVANS AS THEY SHOWCASE THEIR AFRICAN ATTIRE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH (TOP), DR. CALVIN LESTER, DIRECTOR OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS, ROCKS HIS AFRICAN ATTIRE AT THE EVENT (BOTTOM LEFT), MRS. YUVETTE ALLEN HAS HER ALL OF US RESEARCH GIVEAWAYS TO HAND OUT FOR EACH ATTENDEE (RIGHT)

The SUSLA Staff Senate played host to “Embracing Our Roots: A Cultural Experience” in celebration of Black History Month on February 17th. Employees were asked to wear African attire to embrace the beauty of our culture.

The program included special guest, Caddo-Parish poet-laureate, Poetic X, who discussed on the spoken word and performed an original poem. Dr. Sharron Herron-Williams discussed the role that African spices have played in the evolution of food in America and facilitated the blessing and affirmation of the food prior to lunch being served.

Authentic African dishes was prepared by Niematulai Longstratt from her food truck café, RNL Cookery Corner. Special thanks were extended to the Office of the Chancellor, Student Activities, and the All of Us Research Program for the giveaways and their assistance in, making Black History Month a great success.

BLACK HISTORY VETERANS PROGRAM, “FOREVER BRAVE: A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MILITARY”



PICTURED (L TO R): TRIO VETERANS UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM DIRECTOR & PARTICIPANTS, SUSLA ADMINISTRATORS AND STUDENT LEADERS , AND DR. MILTON, GUEST SPEAKER & AUTHOR, CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN MILITARY DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH (LEFT), DR. MILTON GIVES A SPEECH ON BLACK HISTORY (TOP), DR. VLADIMIR A. APPEANING SPEAKS ABOUT DR. MILTON'S SUCCESS AS AN AUTHOR

Black History Veterans Program - “Forever Brave,” was a Community Celebration of the African American soldiers that previously served and those that are currently serving. The program was held Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Alphonse Jackson Building on the campus of Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA). The program was attended by students, faculty, staff and campus administrators. The audience was enthusiastic in welcoming the keynote speaker, Dr. Walter Milton, Jr. He discussed the long legacy of Black Soldiers, past and present who have risked their lives to ensure that this great nation is safe. Attendees embraced and connected with mantras that Dr. Milton spoke about throughout his presentation.

Dr. Milton quoted, Alexandre Dumas, “One’s work may be finished someday, but one’s education never.” He continued by stating, “Therefore, we have the propensity to distinguish Schooling from Education.” Dr. Milton became Superintendent of Flint Community Schools in 2005; Flint, Michigan where he designed and implemented district wide education reform that has been recognized throughout the State of Michigan and other parts of the country. He is the former superintendent in Springfield, Illinois, where he served as superintendent for almost eight years. Dr. Milton is also a published author of several books to include, *Why Black Men Must Save Black Boys in America’s Public Schools* (2014), *Truth Be Told-Narratives from The Souls of Black Women* (2018) and *Black History 365-An Inclusive Account of American History* (2020). He is currently CEO of Black History 365 (BH365 LLC) and From the Heart International Educational Services (FTH).

Dorsey Summerfield, Jr., SUSLA Associate Professor of Music, provided entertainment for the celebration. The saxophonist filled the auditorium with a jazzy ambience with his performance of “My Funny Valentine”, “The World is A Ghetto”, and “Lift Every Voice and Sing”. At the closing of the “Forever Brave” Program, Interim Chancellor, Dr. Vladimir A. Appeaning led the recital of the Alma Mater as the audience stood and sang “O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy praises we shall sing ... “

The purpose of the Veterans Upward Bound Program is designed to provide academic, educational, and Veterans Affairs support services to eligible Veterans. These services are provided to assist Veterans in reaching their academic goals; Free Educational & Counseling Services; Academic Enrollment Assistance; Career Exploration Financial Aid Advising; and Enrollment Counseling. Urina F. Holt, the Director along with the dynamic team of Veterans Upward Bound are truly grateful for the successful participation from the community. Much thought, planning and preparation was given into ensuring that this wonderful event was successful. Stay tuned, bigger things are only forthcoming for SUSLA Veterans Upward Bond Program.



SUSLA SGA CELEBRATES WOMEN FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH THE THEME — “DON'T BE A LADY, BE A LEGEND”

The 54th Miss Southern University at Shreveport Jennifer Pickens, Student Government Association and the Lyceum Committee celebrated Women's History Month by honoring three powerful women who are making history. The honorees were Dottie Bell (Local Honoree), Tammy Phelps (State Honoree) and Omari J. Ho-Sang (National Honoree). The guest speaker for the Women's History Month Celebration was Dr. Lisa L. Tropez-Arceneaux, Psy.D., MSCP.

The theme for the event was “Celebrating Her-Story,” Dr. Tropez-Arceneaux touched on numerous topics related to her personal struggles along with challenges her mother and son had to face. She spoke on issues ranging from women's rights to powerful women that paved the way for her and others to come. Dr. Tropez-Arceneaux challenged the women in the audience to, “Just don't be a lady, be a legend.”



ALL OF US RESEARCH HOSTS “JAGFIT: DANCING RELIEVES STRESS” PROGRAM

On Friday, March 4, 2022, at 11:00 AM the All of Us Research Team: Yvette Allen and Johnetta Rhone presented how dancing relieves stress to the senior citizens line dancing class at Hattie Perry Recreational Center at 4300 Ledbetter Street, Shreveport, LA 71108. The line dance class is taught by Mr. Olden Wright who is also a Math Instructor at Southern University at Shreveport and Line Dance Instructor: Connie Linear. Patricia Flanagan, an English instructor at SUSLA is a member of the line dancing class (see picture).

Yvette Allen discussed the purpose of the All of Us Research Program and how dancing relieves stress. and Johnetta Rhone taught the class a simple line dance to improve physical and mental health. The key points were:

- When the body feels good, the mind feels good.
- Dancing improves the heart and lungs
- Dancing increases muscular strength
- Dancing improves muscle tone and strength
- Dancing helps with weight management
- Dancing helps produce strong bones to reduce the risk of osteoporosis
- Dancing improves coordination, agility, and flexibility
- Dancing improves mental functioning
- Dancing improves general and psychological well being
- Dancing improves self-confidence and self-esteem
- Dancing improves social skills

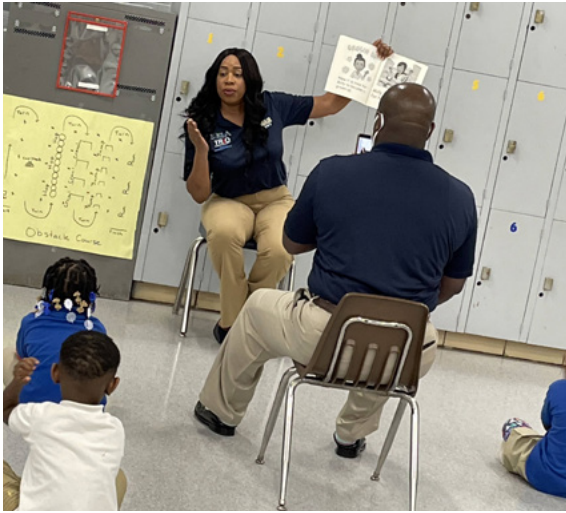
Attendees were given All of Us Research literature, water bottles, yoga mats, portion plates, face masks, hand sanitizer, and salad shakers to encourage living a healthy lifestyle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JAGUAR OF THE MONTH: DR. TUESDAY MAHONEY

Dr. Tuesday Mahoney is the Southern University at Shreveport Assistant Vice Chancellor for College Access. She is an accomplished educator, author, and motivational speaker. Dr. Mahoney is a dedicated student centered administrator committed to education and community service. She enjoys enlightening her community through her service. Dr. Mahoney began her academic career at SUSLA before earning a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Clark Atlanta University, a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

Dr. Mahoney belongs to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the National Association of University Women, the Southern Association of Colleges and Employers, and the National Association of Colleges and Employers. She is a member of the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Louisiana's Board of Directors. Dr. Tuesday Mahoney takes pride in offering superior service in the Jaguar tradition.





SUSLA PARTICIPATES IN NFL STAR TRE'DAVIOUS WHITE'S FOOD GIVEAWAY

It was all hands on deck Saturday morning March 12th at Southern University at Shreveport's parking lot where a second mobile food giveaway took place courtesy of Shreveport native and NFL star Tre'Davious White, who grew up in the MLK area.

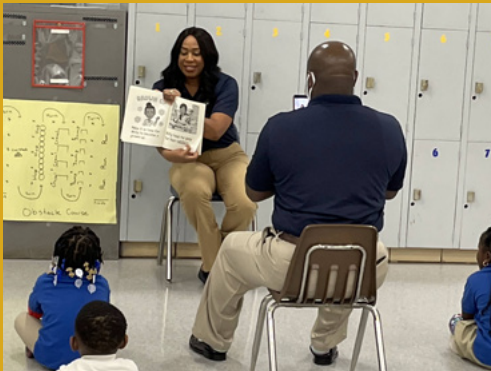
White, a 2013 Green Oaks High School graduate, 2016 LSU All-American cornerback, and Buffalo Bills 2017 first-round draft pick, continues to give back to the city, and neighborhood, that he says gave him so much.

Hundreds of people took home groceries. With food prices increasing and inflation in Louisiana rising at its highest rate in 40 years, and now gas topping \$4 per gallon, the giveaway couldn't have come at a better time.



SUSLA COLLEGE ACCESS PARTICIPATES IN READ ACROSS AMERICA 2022

The SUSLA Department of College Access Team supported "Read Across America" at our neighborhood elementary school Northside Elementary. Dr. Cindy Frazier, Principal allowed our staff to read books to the students. "Read Across America" is a reading program designed to engage kids in reading books, which plays a role in sculpting who they are as a person. Dr. Tuesday Mahoney and Mr. Jacoby Tubbs read a few books written by Dr. Mahoney, herself - *The Milly Book Series*.



UNIVERSITY POLICE AND THE ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM HOST “COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING: PROMOTING POSITIVE INTERACTIONS ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING”



PICTURED: MR. BOBBY EDWARDS, 2ND DEGREE BLACKBELT & GUEST SPEAKER, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSOR MR. FRED JACKSON DEMONSTRATE SELF-DEFENSE MOVES

On Friday, March 18, 2022, at 10:00 AM. on the main campus of Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), the University Police Department and the All of Us Research Program hosted the “Community-Oriented Policing: Promote Positive Interactions Across the Spectrum” event in the Jesse Stone Lecture Hall. Presenters were Yvette Allen, All of Us Coordinator, Johnetta Rhone, All of Us Coordinator, Lt. Jeffery Ivey, University Police, and Captain Marshall Nelson, University Police. The special guest speaker was Mr. Bobby Edwards, 2nd Degree Blackbelt of the National Black Belt Association.

Yvette Allen opened the event with a welcome greeting. She also gave a brief introduction on the overall purpose of the All Of Us Research Program. Its focal point is to educate the African Americans communities and other communities of color on the importance of living healthy lifestyles through precision medicine and health and safety initiatives.

Lt. Jeff Ivey announced that SUSLA is 11th in the nation and #1 in the state of Louisiana for being the safest college and university campus. Ivey also gave insightful awareness on the increase in workplace violence in the United States. He applauded SUSLA’s employees indicating that their great community-oriented interactions on all of the university’s campuses. They play an important role in preventive measures in the workplace, keeping the institution safe.

Captain Marshall Nelson discussed continuous interactive strategies to prevent any type of hostile or physical violence on campus. He also gave pointers on intervention to not only keep the students, administrators, faculty, staff, and visitors but the attackers safe as well. He advised that the ultimate goal is to make every effort to prevent anyone from being violently harmed.

Mr. Bobby Edwards demonstrated martial arts self-defense techniques to attendees to help fight off violent attackers. Special thanks to participants: Frederick Jackson, SUSLA’s Criminal Justice Professor, Tremendous “Amanda” Baker, SUSLA’s Entry Clerk, and LaKeia Skinner and Sha’Ronica Brown, SUSLA’s Graphic Services’ Work-Study Students for actively engaging in the training exercises. Johnetta Rhone, closed with remarks, reiterating the importance of the All Of Us Research Program and thanking Stephanie Graham, Director for Office of Grants & Sponsored Programs and Sophia Lee, Director of Purchasing, for granting SUSLA the opportunity to host health and safety events.



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